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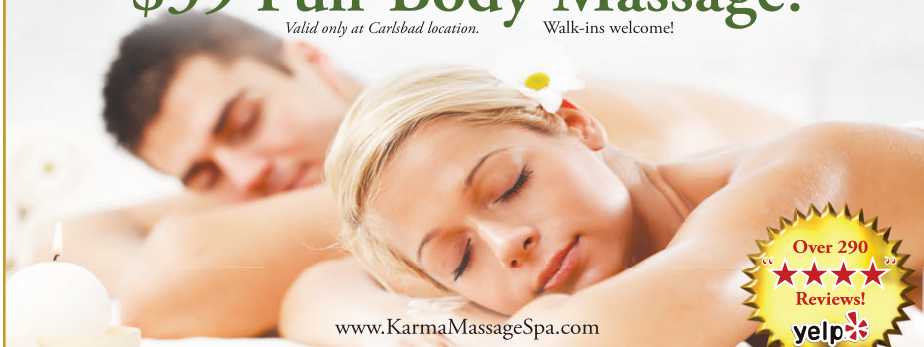
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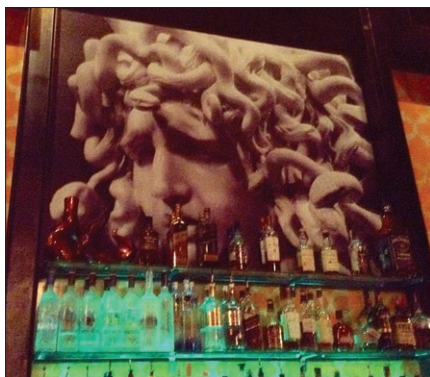
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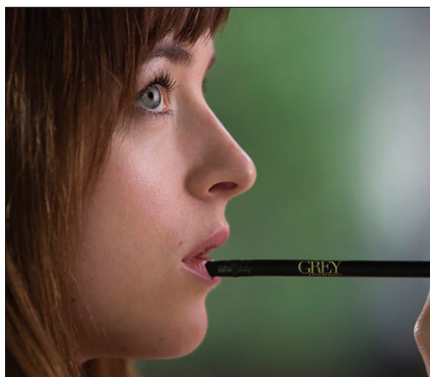
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NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Edison screws employees, too

Tech press and politicians complain of H-1B abuses

Politicians in both houses of Congress, along with technology publications and academics, are strongly criticizing Southern California Edison for abusing the H-1B program, in which mainly mid-level foreign technologists come to the United States each year to take tech jobs. The plurality of these jobs go to workers from India.

According to Patrick Thibodeau, senior editor of *Computerworld*, Edison is cutting 500 information technology workers, 100 of them through voluntary departures and others through layoffs that have been taking place in phases since August.

San Diego County congressman Darrell Issa, who co-sponsored the so-called "Skills Act" that increased the number of foreign workers who can come in to take American jobs, put out a statement on February 6:

"Reports that Southern California Edison used the H-1B visa program to replace part of the company's current [information technology] workforce are deeply disturbing. Based on the information currently available, this appears to be an example of precisely what the H-1B visa is NOT intended to be: a program to simply replace American workers *en masse* with cheap labor from overseas. Indeed, current law requires that an employer certify that the hiring of an H-1B applicant 'will not adversely affect the working conditions of workers similarly employed.'"

Don Bauder

Shut up! Shut up!

Edison admits secret huddle with Michael Peevey on San Onofre

On February 9, Southern California Edison belatedly filed a document with the California Public Utilities Commission, admitting that the company met secretly with former commission president Michael Peevey.

At the secret meeting, Peevey suggested the framework for the San Onofre settlement that will cost ratepayers \$5 billion as a result of the closing of the San Onofre nuclear power plant.

Edison said it "respectfully submits this late-filed Notice of Ex Parte Communications." How late? The secret meeting was on March 26, 2013, at the Bristol Hotel in Warsaw, Poland. Peevey met with Edison's executive vice president of external relations, Stephen Pickett.

Many months after the secret conclave, San Diego attorney Mike Aguirre asked Peevey at a public meeting if he had played any role in the decision-reaching process over San Onofre. Peevey blew up, denied that

he had, and told Aguirre to "Shut up! Shut up!" Peevey growled that he didn't have to "answer your goddamned questions!"

It is important that, as president of the CPUC, Peevey has been caught telling a falsehood about his role in the deal that — unless it is reversed — will pinch ratepayers for mistakes that were made by Edison's management. Aguirre and others argue that shareholders, not ratepayers, should pay for management mistakes.



Former California Public Utilities Commission president Peevey put the \$5 billion San Onofre bill on ratepayers.

Edison argued in its confession that "an ex parte notice was not filed at that time because it was believed that (a) Mr. Pickett's update on [San Onofre] restart efforts was permissible and not reportable, and (b)...the substantive communications on a framework of the [San Onofre situation] was made by Mr. Peevey to Mr. Pickett, and not from Mr. Pickett to Mr. Peevey."

By this admission, Edison is hanging its former president, Peevey, who had no business as a regulator dictating terms of an action that he later voted on.

"This vindicates opponents of the so-called settlement in which ratepayers will be forced to pay up to \$5 billion for the San Onofre closing," says Aguirre. The settlement will have to be reconsidered, he says.

Don Bauder

Holy Ram nation, Mr. Spanos

Chargers' L.A. option may vanish if Inglewood council okays Kroenke stadium

According to two stories (February 9 and February 12) in the *Los Angeles Times*, the Inglewood City Council could vote as early as February 24 on developer Stan Kroenke's plan to build a \$1.5 billion football stadium with a retractable roof at the former Hollywood Park racetrack. The developers have cooked up ways to bypass environmental reviews. There are more than enough signatures to put the matter on the June ballot, but it's likely the council will approve the plan for the 80,000-seat stadium outright. The stadium seems to have overwhelming public backing.

Kroenke owns the St. Louis Rams, and commentators think he will try to move the team to Los Angeles.

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Cops and hops

Will police target beer aficionados along Highway 78?

By Moss Gropen

It's not like we're going to camp out in the parking lot of an establishment." Lt. Eric Skaja, spokesman for the Escondido Police Department, maintains that the "Avoid the Eight on the 78" campaign isn't targeting beer connoisseurs who frequent the "Hops Highway." But 78 corridor brewers aren't so sure.

In late November, representatives from eight San Diego area law-enforcement agencies held a press conference trumpeting the campaign, styled as a cooperative

venture aimed at busting the cops' perpetual bogeyman, the drunk driver. Presided over by Escondido

police chief Craig Carter, the rollout was an archetypal dog-and-pony show featuring a weepy testimonial from a woman whose



Police see breweries along the 78, "Hops Highway," as allies in deterring drunk drivers, not targets. So, why the increased numbers there from eight area agencies?

besotted son and brother died after running their car (displayed before the news corps in twisted glory, driv-

ers' ed style) off Bear Valley Road in October.

Bear Valley Road isn't Highway 78. And the victims hadn't been tasting pale ales prior to their demise. Nonetheless, when Carter vowed to track down the source of booze linked to (alleged) DUI incidents, it sounded an alarm among some corridor brewmasters.

Over at the Oceanside office of the California Highway Patrol, officer Jim Bettencourt downplays the role that local breweries might have in spurring the campaign.

"I don't think there's an issue with those businesses; we're just making sure we get the information out to the public.... Drinking and driving is a personal decision, sometimes a choice good people make.

But you'll never hear law-enforcement officers say, 'Don't drive drunk' rather than 'Don't drink and drive.'"

PHOTOGRAPH BY HOWIE ROSEN

Neal Obermeyer

Bettencourt believes that driving “under the influence” is no more prevalent on the 78 than it is anywhere else. As far as tracking down the source of the offending ethanol, he says, “I can’t speak for other agencies. We try to get a totality of info. ‘Where were you drinking?’ is one of 20-plus standard questions.”

I query, “Is there any reason to believe that Highway 78 breweries are linked to traffic accidents?”

“I don’t think that there are any statistics kept, and if someone is over 21, he won’t be interviewed any further unless there’s a fatality.” In that event, he adds, “Irrespective of alcohol, we conduct a complete 24-hour profile to learn what the driver did during the last day....

“The breweries aren’t in the business of killing people; they provide a service, and I’m sure that they want everyone to get home safely. They’re our best partners. We don’t do the kind of thing you see on TV where officers park outside a bar waiting for patrons to leave and get in their cars; there has to be a vehicle-code violation to stop someone. I don’t see that happening; we’re not going to sit in the hospital parking lot across from Stone Brewing.”

Eric Skaja echoes this assurance. “Sure, if someone calls us and says, ‘There’s a drunk guy driving away here,’ we’ll send someone over. But it’s not necessary or effective to station a unit in front of a brewery. We have a great working relationship with Stone.”

For their part, most of the suds sellers on the 78 are taciturn when it comes to their reactions to the prospect of increased heat.

When asked for comment, Stone is nearly as silent as Pliny the Elder.

“We don’t have any perspectives so we will decline to participate,” demurs spokesperson Sabrina Lopiccolo.



Jim Bettencourt

Adam Martinez of Port Brewing is fractionally more voluble. “As a business along the 78, we’re very cognizant of this aspect along the freeway. Anything that can ensure a safer ride for our patrons and employees is something we’ll stand behind.”

The gendarmes can’t legally force an allegedly impaired driver to divulge where he procured their liquor, concedes Skaja. “We use a pre-printed form, and we take down information from statements by the suspect or witnesses.” It’s all rather perfunctory. “If we see a pattern, and we haven’t so far — let’s say there are six DUI arrests where the motorist obtained alcohol from a certain establishment — we’d forward that to the ABC [California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control] who’d conduct their own investigation and impose sanctions.”

Is the campaign just old wine in a new bottle, or does it pose an imminent threat to North County beer quaffers? The Escondido Police Department states that — breezy “Avoid the Eight” moniker aside — the multi-agency effort is no more than the traditional weekend/holiday “saturation” patrol, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. But will drivers tooling along the 78, whether or not headed

for malted barley, notice the increased police presence? “Oh yeah, definitely,” says Skaja.

Sgt. Mark Foster of the San Diego Sheriff’s Department predicts that Highway 78 motorists might say, “Wow, I see a lot of Carlsbad PD officers in Escondido,” or, “I see a lot of sheriffs in Oceanside.” The sheriff’s department, contracted to provide service to Carlsbad, San Marcos, and Vista, admits to a more aggressive stance. Foster states, “We always try to find out where people are drinking. We’ll send an officer there to talk to the owner in a semi-formal contact, tell them to monitor their bartenders. If it becomes a problem, units will work the area near a bar. If there’s an establishment that serves till closing, we’ll patrol the area if we have the opportunity. Let’s say you get multiple reports of people getting intoxicated at a cer-



Eric Skaja

tain establishment; you can get city code enforcement involved or notify the ABC.”

Anonymously, other brewery proprietors tell a different story than the “no comment” or corporate-speak voiced in public by some of their peers. One brewery owner frets, “I’m afraid that if I use my name, the cops will be all over us.”

He believes that the DUI laws are draconian. “My concern is that people are under the misimpression that a DUI is .08, but the blood alcohol limit is really [a de facto] .04. I know someone who went to court here in North County, and the judge threw the book at him. He said, ‘If you blow .04 with any sort of traffic infraction, I’m giving you a DUI.’ And that’s only two beers. I actually have a Breathalyzer in

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UNDER THE RADAR

Publicity planner The long hunt for a new San Diego planning director may finally be nearing an end. When **Bill Fulton**, who had been hired by then-mayor **Bob Filner**, stepped away from the job last August, **David Graham**, a deputy chief operating officer for neighborhood services, dispatched a memo saying the new administration of **Kevin Faulconer** would launch a national search for a replacement. Nothing materialized until months later when a help-wanted ad for the position appeared on the city job web page. “The ideal candidate will be

an experienced planning professional who is a visionary and inspirational leader with...an ability to manage a department with 75 employees,” said the notice, which initially bore no closing date. Last month, a February 6 deadline for applications was posted; the announcement of the job opportunity is no longer online. What kind of hired hand may be expected? “The Planning Director must be capable of managing the department’s programs, efficiently managing the update of Community Plans, deploying the department’s resources in innovative ways to maximize effectiveness, and raising the City’s national and international profile,” the job announcement said.

Applicants with special PR skills are likely to find favor with Faulconer, the former public relations operative with eyes on higher office who has been diligently spinning himself and the city in repeated promotional trips to the East Coast. ...

Ex-*U-T San Diego* reporter **Elizabeth Fitzsimons** has become the new director of marketing and events at the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. She replaces **Melissa Bonney Ratcliff**, who was killed last October by an out-of-control car driven by a 91-year-old woman on La Jolla’s Girard Avenue. The onetime aide to vice president **Al Gore** and press secretary for the Democratic National Committee, Ratcliff had worked at the chamber for only six months before her death. After the tragedy, *U-T* columnist **Diane Bell** wrote, “A colleague mentioned that a 92-year-old family friend living in Massachusetts just renewed her driver’s license for its standard five-year period. That means she’ll have

a valid license with no interim testing until age 97. Scary, huh?” Fitzsimons moves over to the chamber from Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego, where she was the senior director of marketing and communications. “An accomplished communications professional, Fitzsimons is a strategic leader, marketer, and storyteller,” says a chamber news release.



Melissa Bonney Ratcliff was the victim of a tragic car accident last October.

Pavement lobby As first reported here last month, GOP assemblyman **Joel Anderson** filed a December 23 declaration saying he intended to run

for county supervisor in 2020 for the seat now held by fellow Republican **Dianne Jacob**. That revelation was shortly followed by the February 4 announcement of Anderson’s switch to run next year, pitting him against Jacob, who is expected to seek a final four years on the board before she is termed out. Anderson’s 2020 — now 2016 — campaign committee spent the final week of last

year raising \$33,975 from an array of the assemblyman’s East County pro-

development faithful, a recent disclosure shows. East County developer **Greg Lansing** and wife

Laine each gave \$700, as did Santee’s

Jeep Tharp, vice president of equipment operations at TC Construction. Other \$700 donors included

Carolyn Sandoval, a “construction clerical” for general contractor Ennis, Inc., and **Russell Rodvold**, a truck

driver at Alpine Rock and Block. **Robert Segni** of Segni Construction came up with \$500, as did **Jim and Laura Nelson** at Cass Construction.

Charged Semptra Energy gave GOP assemblyman **Brian Jones** an undisclosed number of tickets to the Poinsettia Bowl on December 23 to watch Navy beat San Diego State, according to the utility’s lobbying report. The package was worth \$220. Jones also picked up a \$63 meal from Semptra at the Andaz Maui on November 18, coinciding with ex-Democratic state senator **Steve Peace’s** annual post-session Hawaiian blowout for legislators. ... Citizens for

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The 2016 contest between Joel Anderson and Dianne Jacob has begun.

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Pun-apping

Re: Diary of a Diva, "Ground-Frog Day," February 12

Shouldn't it have been: "that she *croakcheted* the night before"? :-)

W. Kang
Austin, Texas

Stop for a Cold One

Re: Gather No Moss: "Off the Beaten Path in Leuven, Belgium," February 12

Kudos to Els Hekkenberg for highlighting the delights of the town of Leuven in Flemish-speaking Belgium (also known as Lovain in French). Stunning architecture, easily walkable, and only a 30-minute train ride directly from the Brussels airport. When visiting Belgium, of course don't miss Brussels, Ghent, and Brugges, but for a twist add Leuven to your itinerary.

For those into the beer culture, though, there was one tiny oversight in the article. While craft beers are fine and all that, it would be sinful for anyone to visit Leuven without stopping in at the Stella Artois flagship brewery. You can smell the aroma from a kilometer away, so you might as well tour the facility and drink a

cold one. Bottoms up!

Karl Lawson
Oxnard, CA

Give Us Back Our Movie Times

I'm calling to support the guy from La Mesa who wrote about you guys no longer publishing movie times (Letters, February 5). I don't know why you guys did that. Not everyone wants to do everything online these days. We pick up your magazine because we want to read articles on paper. We also want to see movie times!

Are you guys trying to make room for more advertisements or something? I tell you what: I'm not going to go online to *your* site for movie times. If I'm looking to see what's going on in San Diego, whether it's food, or culture, or art, or music, movies — what was it, like half a page? Put the movie times back in, for Christ's sake! It really doesn't make any sense. I'm not going to go online for showtimes; I want to read it in the paper. I wonder how many other people support being able to look at movie times on paper somewhere.

Considering that you put all this other stuff going on in San Diego on paper, give us back our movie times! It's the least you can do. It's half a page — come on!

Otherwise, in your paper, I think you guys could use more syndicated columns like Savage Love and Free Will Astrology — things like that, instead of all the breast augmentation and plastic surgery ads. If you could maybe devote a page to syndicated columns and the movie times, that would

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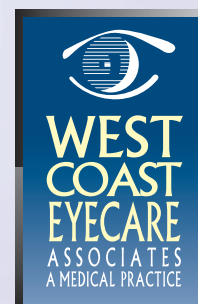
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By Reader stringers

GRANTVILLE

Who crashed up the multi-thousand-dollar sign?

Investigation of December 15 hit-and-run incident continues

During the first week of February, more details emerged from the San Diego Police Department about the December 15 hit-and-run incident involving a driver who struck and demolished the cobblestone-and-



Grantville sign before and after the hit-and-run — no witnesses, no arrests, no recourse

mortar Grantville/Mission Valley community sign and abandoned a 1999 red Dodge station wagon at the scene.

Replacing the sign could cost “anywhere from \$20,000 to \$30,000, depending on the design and permits,” according to Liz Saidkhanian, a staffer in councilman Scott Sherman’s office.

Officer Ashkan Roshanzaer said in an email that “the driver stated he left the scene because he did not have a driver’s license or auto insurance. There weren’t any witnesses

to the collision, therefore charges have not been filed. No one can identify the driver.”

More was known about the fate of the red station wagon. The registered owner paid for “towing and other fees.” The owner never picked up the vehicle, but did sign and release the title to the towing company. The company sold the 1999 Dodge to a junkyard.

LIZ SWAIN

OCEANSIDE

Beware: Publishers Clearing House scam

Lt. Aaron Doyle of the Oceanside PD has nothing to do with it

There seem to be a lot of Publishers Clearing House \$100,000 Sweepstakes winners in Oceanside.

According to the Oceanside Police Department, elderly or live-alone residents have been receiving calls from a “Lieutenant Aaron Doyle,” claiming they had won the \$100,000 prize. “It is a scam,” said department spokesperson Lt. Cosby.

The problem is, Lt. Doyle is really an Oceanside police lieutenant. His picture is on the department’s website.

All one needed to do to claim the prize is to send the scammers, via Western Union, a \$1000 processing fee to allow the check to be cleared in Mexico.

As of February 9, none of the callers reporting the scam to the police department had been duped, according to Lt. Cosby.

KEN HARRISON

HILLCREST

He said, they said

Nonprofit Desert AIDS Project thrift shop in Hillcrest shuttering

Revivals, the nonprofit thrift store in Hillcrest, will close down on February 28. It will not be relocating. Opened February 7, 2011, by Desert AIDS Project in Palm Springs, Revivals is currently selling off store merchandise at a discount.



No revival for Revivals, the Hillcrest outpost of Palm Springs-based thrift merchants Desert AIDS Project. Everything is priced to sell.

San Diego County records show the property owner as Normal Hillcrest, LLC. That LLC is owned by architect Michael Burnett of FoundationForForm Architecture & Development, a well-known San Diego firm. His projects include the You Got Mail mixed-use project at the former North Park post office.

Barry Dayton, communications director at the Desert AIDS Project, said February 10 that Revivals lost its lease. This was part of a news release sent out by Dayton later in the day, quoting Mike Scarff, Desert AIDS Project’s director of retail who manages operations for Revivals stores: “We’ve loved working with the great group of employees and volunteers at the Hillcrest store, but sadly we’ve lost our lease on the property.”

However, according to Burnett, “Revivals decided not to extend their lease. We offered to reduce their rent in half to help them out so they could stay,” he said, “but they chose to move out. Their board decided to close up shop.”

Burnett stressed, “We are very supportive of them and their organization.”

DAVID BATTERSON

LA MESA

Begging’s a bloody business

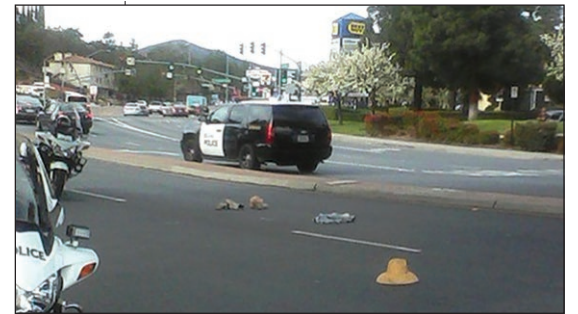
Panhandler struck stepping off median

On February 11 at about 2:45 p.m., a car hit a panhandler at the Jackson Avenue and Fletcher Parkway intersection in La Mesa.

The La Mesa Police Department responded with three motorcycle cops, a police van, and a Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol car.

A man or woman holding a begging sign usually occupies this intersection (as they do at almost every major intersection in La Mesa). According to police, the male beggar wandered off the median and was struck by a woman driver.

Police stayed at the scene, talked to witnesses, and examined the car involved for about two hours. There was a straw hat and some clothes left in the middle of the intersection on the west side of the median. A woman was crying and another woman said we should pray for the man who was hit. The ambulance immediately took him away.



Jackson Avenue and Fletcher Parkway, where a panhandler was struck by a car

A local businessman at the scene said he wished that it would be illegal to stand in the middle of the street. According to La Mesa police, it is not illegal as long as the person stands on the median — but begging on the street is illegal.

By 5 p.m., a young man of about 20 years of age was occupying the corner.

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by Dave Rice

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spa," and "two pavilions housing a fitness center and loggia," for a total of 16,500 square feet of living space.

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six bedrooms and seven baths, along with a kitchen that opens to a courtyard-view breakfast room, several living/entertaining areas, a 13-seat private

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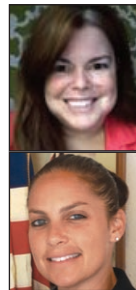
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Dear Hipster:

My sister and I went to Luigi's Pizza on a recent Friday night. And as you can imagine, the place was packed with hipsters galore and their hipster tots in-tow. We ordered, ate, bused our tray, and left. Later that evening, as my sister was boarding the bus, she realized her wallet was missing. The last place she remembers having it was at the packed pizzeria. Her mind raced: Could the wallet still be there? The place was packed. Could the hipsters be trusted with an unaccompanied wallet full of cash? Fear not, the wallet was found and happily returned to her; cash and all. Are all hipsters trustworthy folk?

— GRATEFUL IN GOLDEN HILL

Truth be told, hipsters aren't known for unscrupulousness, nor are they known for great stores of personal honesty. It's not a defining facet of their character, one way or the other. If there were some prevailing stereotype about the trustworthiness of hipsterkind, I'd have something to support or debunk.

In my experience, hipsters tend to be the kind of people who list "try to be a better person" among their personal goals. That kind of attitude lends itself to the occasional bit of do-goodery. On the flip side, it also contributes to the general sense of smugness that some people perceive lurking around their hipster friends. Incidentally, one Urban Dictionary user suggests a smug as a collective noun for a group of hipsters, which I kind of like.

A smug of hipsters, like a murder of crows, has a certain ring to it. Haters



could use it condescendingly, and hipsters could embrace it ironically!

I think your personal experience indicates that, for the most part, if you lose your wallet, you want a hipster to find it.

Hey Hipster:

Give us some hipster-approved Oscar picks!

— Devon

Hipsters the world over will be pulling for Wes Anderson to win Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Original Screenplay for *The Grand Budapest Hotel*. It's just a pity that our cinematic

hero can't be nominated for every category. If it were up to us, there wouldn't be a nomination process for years with a Wes Anderson movie. Just hand the man all the awards and be done with it.

Dear Hipster:

Am I uncool for not wanting a smartphone? My friends tease me, but I enjoy a \$20/month phone bill and a 72-hour battery life.

— ANNIE

Good news, Annie. You may actually fall on the upside of cool for this one. The niche market for retro mobile phones

has grown steadily in recent years, fueled in part by hipsters looking to resurrect the look and feel of cutting-edge 1990s technology. People cite the same advantages as you do, as well as the legendary durability of older phones. French company Vintage Mobile gets over \$1300 for

super rare phones, like the Nokia 8800 Arte editions, which used ringtones composed by Brian Eno. They also sell the Nokia 3310 — widely regarded as the Incredible Hulk of cell phones — for about \$40, depending on the strength of the Euro on any given day.

Even so, there's just no way retro mobile phones will replace smartphones. Barring an apocalypse, people will opt for the convenience of Google Maps over vintage Nokias, no matter how fun the snake game is.

— DJ Stevens

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"This one? It's sort of like the one you get for bird-watching..."

Merit Bulge?

Boy Scout hike winds up at clothing-optional Black's Beach

On January 24, San Diego-based Boy Scout Troop 766 took a hike through Torrey Pines, a hike that led them directly through the region's final remaining nude beach. Pack-master Ben Looker has been under fire ever since, despite the fact that there are no scout policies forbidding visits to such beaches...and despite the fact that none of the elementary school-age boys have filed a complaint. Now, in an *SDQT* exclusive, Looker gives his side of the story.

"The scouts are hurting," Looker says, "there's no two ways about it. Membership is down across the country, and especially here in California, where whittling and semaphore are not generally looked upon as necessary social skills. And our public image is in the toilet. Between the controversy over gay scout leaders and the controversy over sexually abusive scout leaders, I figured it couldn't hurt to let our boys get in a little bit of old-fashioned, red-blooded gawking at naked ladies. You know: the kind of healthy, normal perversion that drives the American advertising industry and, therefore, the largest economy in the world. And, I thought, *Who knows? Maybe the news of my little excursion will raise the interest of some young*

men out there who otherwise wouldn't have dreamed of joining our organization."

Looker stressed that the hike was not simply a matter of staring. "The scouts are, first and foremost, an educational organization. There's very little we do that doesn't involve learning or the development of some useful skill. The fact is, spotting an actual hot chick at Black's Beach is extremely difficult. First of all, they're extremely rare. For reasons that are not entirely clear, their numbers have been declining since the they peaked in the mid '70s. Some people fear they may already be extinct, but others continue to hold out hope. Second, they tend to be hard to spot amid all the sags and bags of the surrounding fauna. It requires focus and concentration, attention to detail, and a willingness to take in some pretty unpleasant vistas. I'm sorry to say that our initial efforts most likely proved fruitless. I mean, Harvey Glickman said he saw this one girl out in the water who was both totally naked and totally fine. But he's been known to exaggerate, and no one can corroborate his story. Another important lesson learned: always have a wingman who can back your play, especially when photography is out of the question."

Coming and Going

San Diego unveils new tourism campaign for 2015

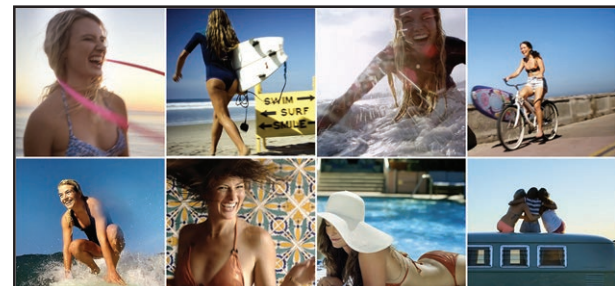
Yesterday, Mayor Faulconer addressed the leaders of the city's Hospitality Union and gave them a sneak peak at his plan for attracting visitors to America's Finest City in the upcoming year. The campaign, he said, was built to both attract and repel fans of San Diego's many virtues.

"San Diego has a lot of things that a lot of other cities would love to have," said Faulconer. "The beaches, the zoo, the theme parks, the beaches... But what we don't have is affordable housing. *Interest.com* just names us the second least-affordable housing market in the country, after San Francisco. The last thing we need is a bunch of tourists to just show up and stick around. You know how it is: you go on vacation, everything is great, the weather's nice, there's no stress, and you look around and think, *I could live here. Life is just better here.* Next thing you know, you've put in for a transfer, your tarpaper shack in Kentucky is on the market, and you're buying flip-flops and learning to eat sushi. And without even meaning to, you've just made it that much harder to buy a home in San Diego — not only for yourself, but for the people who were here before you. So we needed to make it clear: we love your tourist dollars, but we don't need your property tax dollars."

Faulconer said that the city's initial idea was a *Wizard of Oz*-based campaign built around the slogan, "There's no place like home." Explained the mayor, "Dorothy had an exciting, colorful adventure in Oz, but at the end of the Yellow Brick Road, she didn't want to stay in Emerald City — which, by the way, served as the inspiration for downtown's Emerald Plaza. No, Dorothy wanted to go home to Kansas, to the people and places she knew and loved, even if it was drab and awful by comparison. We thought it would make a swell ad campaign: San Diego may be exciting like Oz, but after seven to ten days, it's time to



This ad theme (above) was deemed too subtle.



Screenshots taken from San Diego's new "Happiness is Calling" campaign. Are you sensing a theme?

click your ruby red slippers and head on back to where you came from. Unfortunately, we couldn't swing the rights. Still, I'm excited about what we did here."

Faulconer did admit that the new campaign contained an element of risk. "It's a little edgy, I know. Some people might even find it aggressive. Personally, I think modern people today will appreciate the honesty. But just in case, we did come up with a backup idea: 'Happiness is Calling.' We even made a bunch of videos, which we'll run as commercials and push out across the internet. I don't want

to give too much away, but let's just say they play to our strengths."

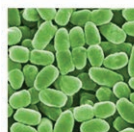
"Yessir," concluded Faulconer, "the message is clear: whether you're a pretty white girl in a bathing suit, or you enjoy looking at a pretty white girl in a bathing suit, or you just wish you looked like a pretty white girl in a bathing suit, San Diego is the place for you!"

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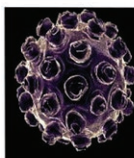
This year's flu vaccine reduces your risk of flu by only 23%. But the virus remains just as lethal!



Most people getting whooping cough these days HAVE been vaccinated. The really effective vaccine caused seizures. Drat.



We still don't have anything close to an ebola vaccine, so keep praying we don't need one.



But measles we think we have a handle on. So get that shot! Or go away! Whichever!

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UNREAL ESTATE

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dog-grooming station.

Tax records show the estate's owner is B. Edward Ewing, chairman and chief executive of Key Automotive



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Group, a Michigan-based automotive-parts manufacturer and a former managing director of the Carlyle Group, a massive private equity firm. Records list a Dallas, Texas, mailing address for the property.

Casa del Sol was last sold in 1998, and

though no price is listed, the estate is currently valued on tax rolls at just under \$2.9 million (local multiple-listing-service data suggests the sale price was \$650,000 for a then-unimproved lot). It's been offered for sale numerous times since,

with listings for \$36.5 million attracting no offers in 2006 and 2007, listings in 2007 and 2008 expired with a \$29.9 million list price. Listings between 2009 and 2013

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Going legit



NBA commissioner Silver suggests legalizing sports betting; \$400 billion is too much money to ignore.

You can feel the tipping point. It happened with gay marriage in June 2013, when the Supreme Court struck down the law banning federal benefits for married same-sex couples. From that point on, state-sanctioned same-sex marriage was inevitable. You can feel it coming with legalized marijuana. Penalties for simple possession have gone from life imprisonment to — in California and 17 other states — a parking ticket, to outright legal in four states with many more to come. And now you can see the tipping point coming with sports betting.

Last November, NBA commissioner Adam Silver wrote an op-ed in the *New York Times*, the heart of which was, “...the laws on sports betting should be changed. Congress should adopt a federal framework that allows states to authorize betting on professional sports, subject to strict regulatory requirements and technological safeguards.”

Earlier in the piece, Silver dropped the reason for this change of heart, “...some estimate that nearly \$400 billion is illegally wagered on sports each year.” Whatever the true figure, it’s too much money to ignore.

Still, it was just one rookie commissioner calling for legalized sports betting and it was a commissioner of the NBA, which is regarded as junior to the NFL and baseball’s major leagues. But, it’s another thing entirely when baseball commissioner Rob Manfred comes alongside, if not onboard. Manfred, interviewed on *Outside the Lines*, said, “Gambling in terms of our society has changed its presence on legalization. I think it’s important for there to be a conversation between me and the owners about what our institutional position will be.” Okay, that was a wandering, mealy-mouthed statement, but for a baseball commissioner, whose job was created as a result of a gambling scandal, this is a huge step.

We have already come a long way. Only six months ago the NFL, Major League Baseball, NBA, NHL, and NCAA, the United Front of

Big-Time Sports, sued the governor of New Jersey, demanding he stop attempting to institute legal sports betting. Christie had issued a directive declaring sports betting in casinos and race tracks no longer illegal. The United Front said the notice was “astounding,” “specious,” and a “blatant violation” of a previous court order.

Six months pass and the NBA endorses sports betting, the baseball league wants to talk about it. The United Front doesn’t seem so united anymore.

Where we are now: the controlling statute is the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992, which prohibits states from regulating sports betting unless they already have sports betting. Nevada was grandfathered in with full sportsbooks. Oregon, Montana, and Delaware were allowed to keep limited sports betting.

Silver, and to a lesser extent Manfred, have begun to turn the argument from “No way!” to “How?” Once that argument is turned, it’s only a matter of time.

It took the slow, incremental creep of society to get here. Like Prohibition and marijuana, people stopped obeying the law (see if it takes more than two minutes to establish an account with *Bovada*, *BetOnline*, *topbet*, *CarbonSports*, or *SportsBetting.ag*). Then, authorities quit applying the law (when was the last time you heard of a citizen being arrested for placing a bet with a bookie?), and finally, bringing up the rear, new laws are passed legalizing sports betting in one form or another.

The big dog in the room is the NFL who remains adamantly opposed to sports betting, even though the NFL is already associated with gambling. NFL teams have had licensing deals with state-sponsored lotteries since 2009. According to a 2014 *Sporting News* report, “Two years ago, the NFL approved limited casino advertising for teams. That’s right, although the league’s official list of prohibited advertising categories includes ‘gambling-related advertising,’ the league allowed individual clubs to accept casino ads in game programs, on limited signs at stadiums, and on local radio stations,” and, “Meanwhile, the league continues to charge Vegas casinos to carry the live feed of games in their sports books.”

The NFL/Goodell party line is that the league must produce honest games that are seen to be honest by the public. Let in gamblers and the whole damn thing falls apart.

Which is funny, since the NFL would love to put a team in London and has been playing regular season games there since 2007. According to Campaign for Fairer Gambling, a non-profit campaigning against Fixed Odds Betting Terminals — think roulette, bingo, horseracing, greyhound racing — there are 1836 betting shops in Greater London. That city is a cesspool of gambling vice.

Vegas.com lists 63 sportsbooks in Greater Las Vegas. Commissioner Goodell should reflect upon the integrity of the shield, forget London, and place the next NFL franchise in a town with American values.

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BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

My hair is on strike. It’s done working for me. I don’t know if it’s the weather or if I’m doing something wrong, but the more I mess with my mane, the more frizzy and unmanageable it gets. I knew it was bad when my hubby Patrick said, “Would you please give your hair a little love? My fingers miss your luxurious curls.”

“I miss them, too,” I replied, “but I can’t seem to get them back. I’ve spent more of your money on the effort than I care to admit. Now I think maybe the chemicals in these products are killing my hair. Maybe I’ll try some natural solutions.”

With only a vague notion of natural hair remedies, I called on some friends who have beautiful locks.

Janice suggested coconut oil. “Coconut oil is great for dry scalp,” she offered (Trader Joe’s Organic Virgin Coconut Oil, \$5.99 for 16 ounces). “When your scalp is moisturized, it helps the hair follicle stay healthy and strong. Another great product is extra virgin olive oil. Depending on how dry and damaged your hair is, drench your hair and scalp with the oil, leave it on for three to four hours, preferably with a hair-cap, and then wash it out. In two to three weeks your hair will be growing healthy. It’s great for shine, frizz, and damage.”

“If I have an itchy scalp,” said Deirdre, “I massage apple cider vinegar onto it and let it sit for ten minutes, then I wash it as usual. I have on several occasions worked olive oil into my hair then put on a shower cap and let it sit in my hair overnight as I slept. I washed it out the next day. Never has my hair felt softer.”

“The Mehandi shampoo is the best natural shampoo I’ve used,” touted Cherie (Ancient Sunrise Lavender Liquid Shampoo, 8 ounces for \$12.50 at mehandi.com). “I have tried their shampoo bars, though, and I didn’t care for them [Ancient Sunrise Shampoo Bar, \$12.50 for 4 ounces].”

“Original Sprout,” said Kelly, “their products are great. My hair is so much nicer using them. They are not heavy. You can even leave in the conditioner and it is not greasy, just nourishing [Original Sprout Natural Shampoo, \$19.50 for 12 ounces at Sprouts].”

Margaret offered a few different oils for



“Beer makes your hair shiny and milk moisturizes it.”

hair treatment. “Argan oil, coconut oil, or kukui nut oil — just a few drops and leave it in for a few minutes.” She added, “The natural oils the scalp produces are best. Use a natural boar bristle brush to distribute them and try not to wash your hair every day

if you can avoid it [Argan Oil Certified Organic Aura Cacia, \$11.54 for one ounce at Walmart.com; Organic Kukui Nut Oil Cold Pressed 100% Pure, \$11.99 for 4 ounces on Amazon.com].”

“I love Healthy Times Pansy Flower Baby Shampoo,” offered Erica. “Love it for its lovely, unique scent and it makes the hair feel so soft. It’s expensive, but you just need a little for each wash.

I use it for the body as well [on [Amazon](http://Amazon.com), \$10.57 for 8 ounces].”

“We also use Jason Kids Only Extra Gentle Shampoo,” she added (\$6.87 for 17.5 ounces on [Amazon](http://Amazon.com)). “It’s tear-free with no parabens or phthalates, and I like the light fruity scent.”

“Beer and milk,” suggested Ma’May. “Not together at the same time. Beer makes your hair shiny and milk moisturizes it.

With the beer, you use it as a rinse after you shampoo and condition your hair. If you don’t want your hair to smell like beer you can rinse it out after you make sure you get your hair completely saturated. Milk you leave in for a few minutes and then wash it out with cold water.”

“Eggs!” smiled Nancy.

“Work a whole egg into clean damp hair and leave it there for about 15 minutes and then wash it out with cool water. The egg yolk will moisturize dry hair. Honey also works well to help hair with moisture. Work it into damp hair and let it sit for 15 minutes and then rinse it out.”

“Add lemon to gel your ponytails and for highlights in your hair,” said Mariana.

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It was during one of my forays down the YouTube rabbit hole that I happened upon a “parahawking” video. In the two-minute clip, a hawk soars alongside a man as he paraglides over the oceanfront cliffs of Torrey Pines. The bird lands on the man’s outstretched, gloved arm, then takes off again to ride the same thermals as the parasail. I watched with fascination as the wild bird repeatedly landed on the moving perch — several cameras affixed to the parasail offered tight shots of the hawk in action.

After seeing this marvel of human/bird collaboration, I took notice of a red-tailed hawk I’d seen drifting around my neighborhood. My living-room window is eye-level with the tops of a few trees and telephone

poles upon which the bird likes to perch. One day, I paused from my work to watch a nature show-like scene play out — two crows harassed and dive-bombed the hawk until it flew away. Curious about this behavior, I returned to the internet for answers — the term falconry kept cropping up.

Falconry, or “taking wild quarry in its natural state with a trained raptor,” is an ancient practice. Evidence of using trained birds of prey to hunt can be found dating back 5000 years in China and (according to a few historians) up to 12,000 years

in what is now the Middle East. But the prestige of the practice peaked in the Middle Ages, when laws surrounding which stations of the nobility could own certain birds led to its being referred to as “the sport of kings.”

Despite an abundance of native North American raptors, Native Americans did not practice any sort of falconry. Colonizing Europeans in the New World did very little. But the sport has quietly grown in popularity over the past century, and San Diego is one of its hot spots.

One of four falconry

schools in the United States, San Diego's Sky Falconry was founded by Kirk Sellinger and Denise Disharoon in May 2013 as a satellite school of West Coast Falconry near Sacramento. Sellinger was the man I'd seen in the parhawk-ing video. Prior to creating the video (which is now approaching 6.5 million views), Sellinger had been a videographer for *National Geographic*. After growing up in Seattle, where the urban-dwelling birds are wary of humans, he went to work filming in the Galapagos, where indigenous creatures are not instinctually averse to people, or as he puts it, "are right in your face." Sellinger estimates his total Galapagos filming time to be around two years spread over many visits. In that time he developed a fascination with birds. It was after he saw a video of a man parhawk-ing in Nepal that he decided to take up falconry.

On the way to Sky Falconry's remote setting, I swerved around house-sized rocks and chasm-like rifts in the steep and winding dirt road, and then breathed a sigh of relief when, after nearly two miles, we finally reached the flat parking area.

"Probably not the best idea to have gotten the car washed yesterday," I quipped to my husband, David. We shrugged at the layer of dust obscuring my Mini's red paint and walked around a rocky hill to join the growing crowd of people in a nearby clearing.

It was a cool and breezy morning, but plenty warm in the sun, which wasn't hard to find on this hillside in Alpine, where low-lying chapar-

al reigns. Approximately a dozen people had converged here to see a hawk up close.

Sellinger and Disharoon were easy to pick out from the small crowd of falconry fledglings, both because of their lithe and fit, I-chase-after-birds-for-a-living physiques, and their falconry-appropriate attire (brimmed hats, sunglasses, and multi-pocketed vests). It was 9:45 a.m., and they were wrapping up the early morning Hawk Walk (\$140 per participant, \$70 per observer), which is a more in-depth version of the Basic Falconry Lesson (\$70 per participant, \$35 per observer) that was set to begin at 10 a.m.

As we waited for our class to begin, a handful of us killed time by repeatedly commenting on the pastoral view. "Yes, it is breathtaking," I agreed more than once. At least four newbie falconers were cashing in on gifts. For two 20-something brothers, this was a "random, unexpected" gift from their parents. From their demeanor, I surmised the brothers shared an ironic amusement at their parents' idiosyncratic present, but their girlfriends appeared excited to be there. One man, who had attended before, was returning with his 12-year-old grandson. Then there was Gary, for whom this class was a birthday gift.

Gary — a stocky man with a snowy white goatee and shiny bald head — wore a U.S. Navy warship ball cap, orange Harley-Davidson shirt, khaki shorts, and white sneakers. Gary's wife, Nancy, explained how her husband had been reluctant to come.

"I found out about the class online and

thought it would be a cool gift," she said. Because he was "iffy" about attending, Nancy had offered Gary's ticket to their 18-year-old granddaughter. But in the end, Gary ended up wanting it back. "The more I thought about it, the cooler it got," he said, and then went on to reminisce about his close encounter with an eagle during a recent cruise to Anchorage, Alaska.

"He loves eagles," Nancy said, which came as no surprise: loving eagles was as American as everything else about this charming couple, down to the collection of "God and Country" bumper stickers coating the back of their truck, which I'd followed up the twisty road.

Disharoon, a willowy woman with shoulder-length blond hair, greeted everyone and determined who was there to participate and who was there to observe. While she checked off names and collected payments, Sellinger — a sporty outdoorsman type whose prominent nose is reminiscent of his feathered friends — retrieved two birds from their "giant hoods," or the individual boxes in which they travel.

He introduced us to the birds: a Lanner falcon named Habibi (which means "friend and beloved" in Arabic); and a Harris's hawk named Shanti Maria. Shanti means "peace" in Hindi, and Maria was for his late stepmother Mary. Sellinger and Disharoon currently keep six birds — three Harris's hawks, the Lanner falcon, a yellow-headed vulture, and a red-tailed hawk: all their names have been appropriated from foreign languages, most of

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them evocative of peace, love, and energy.

I wondered if all falconers had significant and worldly names for their birds, but Sellinger says this isn't the case. "I know one guy who names every bird Fred. We [chose these names] because we have fun with it, and these birds are extremely meaningful to us; they need to have meaningful names."

By trade, Disharoon is an artist and metal-smith whose custom-designed jewelry can be found in around 80 boutique stores around the country. Her latest collection, inspired by her "deep passion for feathered creatures and falconry," is called Take Flight. But it wasn't until she met Sellinger that she adopted falconry.

"I went with my girlfriend to share a glass of wine and watch the sun-



Denise Disharoon "wasn't into birds of prey, per se," she says. "I was just into anything animal."

set, and Kirk was there, flying with Shanti," Disharoon remembers.

"And of course, I'm a yoga teacher and yoga practitioner, so when he

called out, 'Om, Shanti!' and this hawk came soaring out and lands on his glove, I'm, like, 'Oh, who's that guy?'" Shortly after they met, Disharoon accompanied Sellinger on a hunting excursion. That was the day Shanti caught her first rabbit and the day Sellinger graduated to become a general falconer. It takes at least seven years to become a

master falconer, which is the top tier of falconry's three ranks. Sellinger is still a general, and Disharoon is an apprentice.

Falconry is the most highly regulated hunting sport in the United States, and all native raptors are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. By law, all falconry apprentices must work with a spon-

sor, or someone who is willing to teach the art of falconry, free of charge, for two years.

"It can be hard to find somebody that will sponsor you," says master falconer Kim Caldwell. "Many falconers have little time to do what they do, and for some people, that's their time alone." Caldwell — an athletic, fresh-faced blonde with the sort of perma-tan one can only get from years spent outdoors — has been an animal training supervisor at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park since 2002. Before that, she trained and managed the free-flight bird show at SeaWorld. As a young girl, she volunteered at a pet store near her Northern California home. "If I cleaned the cages, they let me play with the puppies," she remembers. "By the time I was nine, I was helping to run the store."

Caldwell's father, who worked for IBM at the time, recognized his daughter's dedication to animals and helped her obtain a volunteer gig at a bird show.

"I wasn't into birds of prey, per se, I was just into anything animal. I

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remember the first day I walked in and looked at the turkey vulture and golden eagle. It was not what I was expecting and I just fell in love with raptors." It was then, at 12 years of age, that Caldwell first learned about falconry.

"To see these animals hunt and do what they do — the physical nature of it — is just beautiful," she says. "To see a peregrine falcon chase and catch a duck, it's amazing; and to see it up close, it's like extreme bird-watching."

There are 32 pages of federal regulations specific to falconry. Among them are stipulations regarding educational programs. The laws serve to protect the birds and prevent unethical practices. When changes are made, it is usually after rounds of consulting with practicing falconers.

Caldwell says it's because of amendments to the act in 2008 that schools such as Sky Falconry can exist, and mentions a similar new program at the park, called Birds of Prey. "It includes a Harris's hawk, a milky eagle owl, a Lan-

Falconers can make money with their sport, within a strict set of rule. "We can't just do picture time; we have to have a minimum of 30 to 35 minutes of educational program," Sellinger explains. Without

"I had a talon in one cheek — he grabbed me like he'd grab a rabbit and held on."

ner falcon, and an East African crowned crane," she explains. "People can go off into a quiet corner and interact with the birds and watch them fly, throw food up in the air and watch them catch it." The two-hour program costs \$80, not including admission to the park.

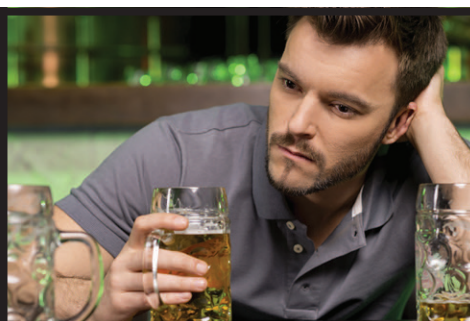
rules, he adds, "A lot of people would be, 'Hey, I'll charge five dollars for a picture.'"

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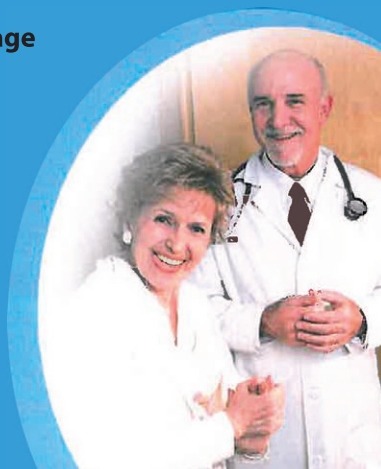
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a team of sometimes up to 20 raptors, and rotate the birds all day long.” Daunting as it may seem, she adds, “It’s a great thing for a falconer to be able to do — to make a living flying his birds.”

But, as I witnessed from my living room, raptors aren’t the only aggressors in the air. Crows and hawks dislike each other a great deal. This is especially true during mating season, when there are nests to protect.

Sellinger remembers one summer when he was parahawking with Shanti near Torrey Pines. “She got chased, no joke, by 100 crows and gulls; they chased her back to

UCSD, and I had to land to go back and get her,” he says. “Even when I had her on the glove, 50 crows escorted us off campus. They went from rooftop to rooftop, it was very Hitchcock — pretty crazy.”

Sellinger was able to locate Shanti thanks to the transmitter around her leg (some transmitters have a range of up to 40 miles). For those times when Shanti is nearby, she can also be located by the sound of a bell she wears attached to her other leg by a strip of leather.

The first half of Sky Falconry’s class was a lecture, during which Sellinger and Disharoon



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Kirk Sellinger says, “A lot of people think that we starve our birds to motivate them to hunt. No, we treat them like athletes.”

shared falconry history, biology and behavior, and raptor facts. They

took turns speaking, switching back and forth with the ease of longtime

collaborators.

As a word-lover, I was most interested to learn that William Shakespeare was a falconer and that we have him to thank for appropriating what were previously only falconry-specific words, such as “taming, haggard, bated,” and “gentleman.” Sellinger explains, “Gentleman means a man that can handle a female falcon. Why? Because these birds do not need you. They know how to fly, they know how to hunt; if you do not have a good working relationship with them, it’s *hasta*

luego, buddy.”

“Fed up” is another expression derived from the sport. “Once a hawk’s ‘fed up,’” meaning she’s had enough to eat, “she doesn’t want to have anything to do with you.”

After, we learned about the major differences between falcons and hawks. Falcons fly higher, and instead of a brow ridge to shield the sun, they have dark feathers beneath their eyes that help deflect the light. Habibi was then put back in his box, leaving Shanti the hawk to star in the interactive portion of the class.

All of the birds at Sky Falconry were captive-bred. “Most sponsors require you to trap a bird in the wild,” Sellinger says. “That bird can be released back into the wild at any time. When we harvest a bird from the wild, it does not have a negative impact on the population.”

As with every aspect of falconry, the number of birds that can be trapped is regulated. Because all her time is spent with birds in captivity at the Safari Park, Caldwell keeps no birds of her own, but she is

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They'd spend a week feeding the bird, cleaning it, using mite spray." Worst-case scenario, she continues, is that the bird flies off during training and ends up back in the wild, but much healthier.

Sellinger and Dis-

When I first saw the mews, I made a comment about the "bird cages," which seemed to ruffle some feathers.

"People say, 'Oh, they're tethered, that's mean,'" Sellinger tells me. "A lot of people

Hawks have a hilariously silly gait on the ground; like a toddler striding across a room, with arms stretched out.

haroon live together in a house that is just a short walk from the outdoor instructional arena they fashioned. The birdhouses, or mews, are located outside near the back entrance. U.S. Fish and Wildlife regulates the kind of falconry equipment each bird handler must have. Items such as perches, leashes, bells, hoods, gloves, jesses, lures, telemetry, and housing must meet certain size and quality requirements. Sellinger estimates the initial investment per bird to be around \$2000, but some falconers spend up to \$9000 to set up each bird.

think that we starve our birds to motivate them to hunt. No, we treat them like athletes."

Sellinger and Disharoon weigh their birds every morning. "We want them to be on top of their game," he says. "So that they're not too fat to fly and not too hungry where they don't have the energy reserves to go out to fly."

Disharoon says they catch some flak when flying Shanti at Torrey Pines. People will say something like, "'Oh, that's so mean, you have a raptor tethered.' I really think the biggest misconception is that people

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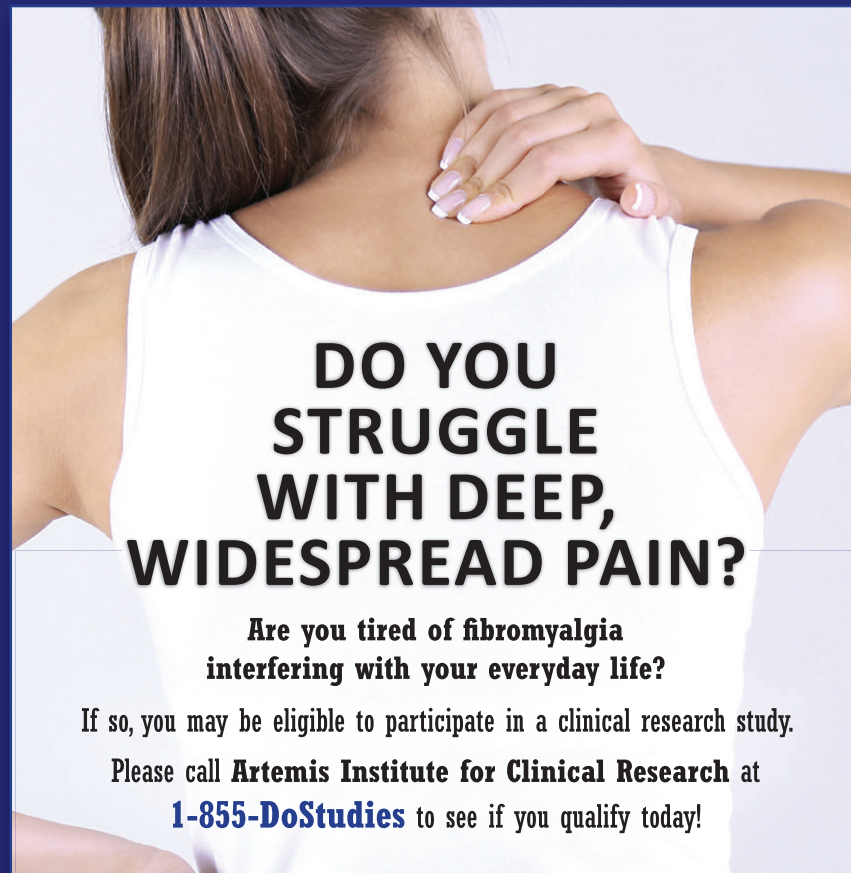
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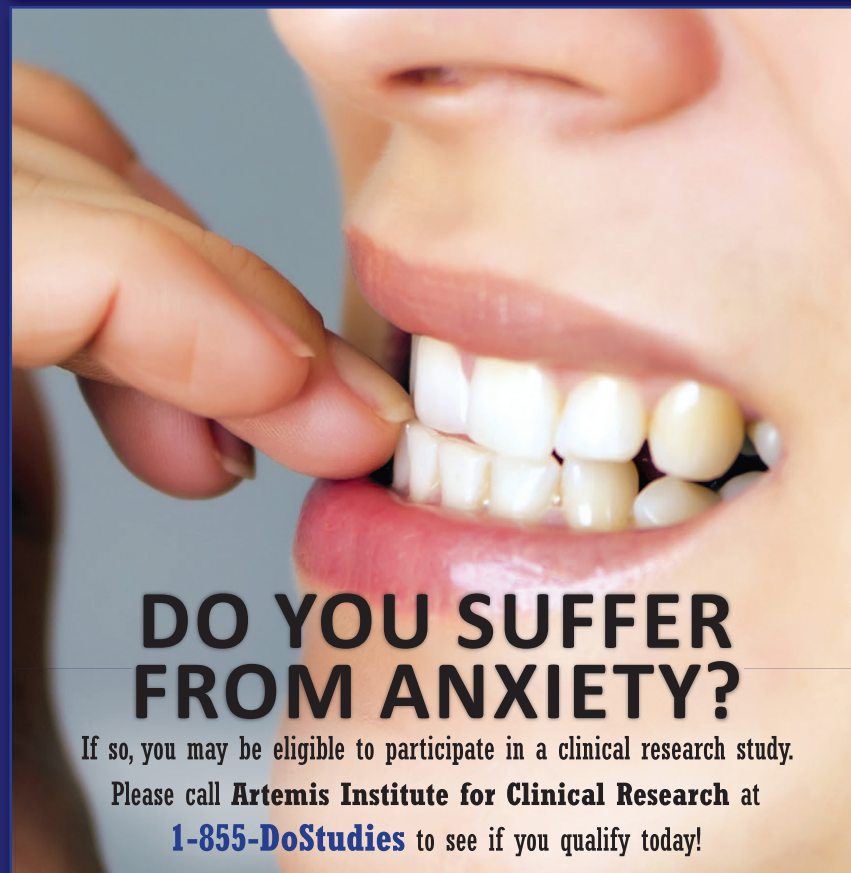


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may interpret it as cruelty to keep a live bird in captivity, but what they don't understand is that for us as falconers, and how falconry is practiced, is it's your bird's choice to continue the relationship. If they want to leave you, they're going to."

When it was time for Shanti to fly for us, Disharoon handed a glove to each participant. The thick leather coverings were more like gauntlets, as their primary function was to protect the hand and arm from a raptor's sharp and strong talons (hawks have up to 500 pounds per square inch gripping power). "Not muscle power," Sellinger clarifies. "These are ratcheting tendons, operating like zip-ties — when they land on their prey, they ratchet into them, and this will suffocate their prey as well.



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Hayduke and Shanti, both Harris Hawks, are going after a piece of meat that has been tossed in the air

Sometimes the prey just simply dies out of shock."

As with anyone who works with wild animals (or even domestic ones), all falconers suffer scratches or worse. Caldwell says injuries are

rarely a direct aggressive move on the bird's part. "If a bird is off balance, if they slip and start to fall off the glove, I might take my bare hand to help them back up again, like a reflex." Once, a golden

eagle landed on the back of her pants, where she'd tucked her glove. "At times," she jokes, "I was like a cartoon where if I drank some water you'd see it coming out of my arm."

Caldwell's "funniest" injury story had to do with a peregrine falcon. She begins by telling me that scientists claim most animals can't comprehend two-dimensional imagery. "I find that to be incorrect," she says. "Some don't fall for it, but plenty of animals react to pictures." Her proof seems indisputable. One day, while flying a golden eagle, Caldwell happened to be wearing a T-shirt sporting a photo of a peregrine falcon. "[The eagle] looked at my chest, and his hackles went up and he footed the peregrine picture — he grabbed my chest right on the face of the falcon." Fortunately, it wasn't a very serious grab. "It was sort of a, 'What's that stupid bird doing on your T-shirt?'" Caldwell remembers. "He clearly looked at it and

reacted to it reflexively. I have scars in interesting places."

Caldwell blames her most horrific injury on her novice carelessness. While working at the British School of Falconry in the early '90s, she and her fellow staff were preparing to have their pictures taken. Rushing to get to the photo shoot on time, Caldwell scrambled to help put away birds. "I had my hair down, I wanted to look all pretty for the picture," she recalls. When she went to tie up a golden eagle, her hair fell down over her shoulders. "The next thing I knew, he grabbed my face." As with the bird that had grabbed at the peregrine photo, Caldwell believes this one was reacting reflexively. "All he saw was blond hair — he'd never

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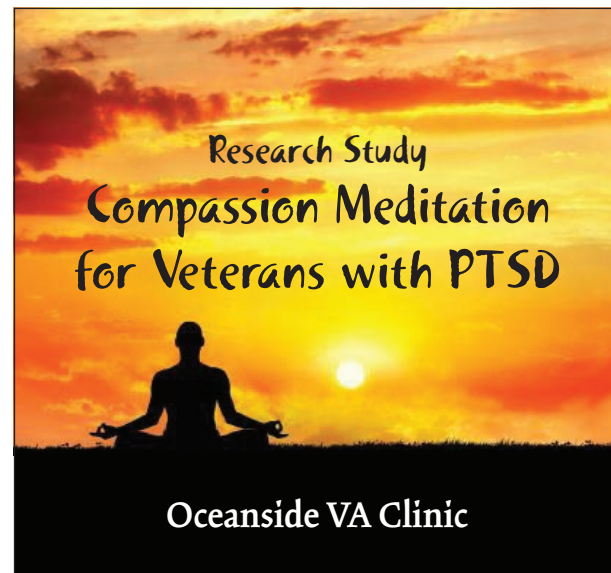
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seen that before, maybe it looked like a rabbit — and he footed me in the face. I had a talon in one cheek — he grabbed me like you'd grab a rabbit and held on. At that point, he was just stuck on my face."

Caldwell says she remained calm throughout the ordeal. "I called for my friend Stuart and he came around the corner."

When hunting with birds, falconers train them to step off their kill, such as a jackrabbit, by offering something more appealing and easier to eat, such as a mouse, in exchange. Otherwise, the birds would never give up their prey without a fight. Stuart proffered a replacement for Caldwell's face, and the eagle released its grip. "It was my most serious injury. That back talon was as long as a [human] pinky, and it was all the way in my cheek. I looked like I got punched in the face by Mike Tyson."

With our gloves down by our sides, participants formed a large circle. Disharoon and Sellinger took positions at opposite sides and worked their way around the ring so that one of them would always be beside the glove the hawk was leaving from or arriving to. The person whose turn it was had to call out, "Om, Shanti!" As Shanti flew from one glove to another across the circle, gliding low to the ground with nary a flap, I was reminded of playing catch as a child.

The hawk was hesitant at times. She'd remain on a glove, bobbing her head, looking everywhere except toward the person who was calling her. If at first the bird ignored, Disharoon would make the

call herself. If that didn't work, she'd whistle and say, "Om, Shanti! Right here, love." And if that failed, Sellinger would walk across the circle to the target glove, make a clicking noise, and say, "Om, Shanti, come on," and Shanti would glide once again across the center of the circle and onto the next glove. It was clear that Shanti responds to only one human.

Shanti may be Sellinger's ladyhawk, but Disharoon has recently begun to train a young red-tailed hawk she's named Anandamaya, which in yoga philosophy means the "center sheath of spiritual bliss."

At one point, Shanti took off skyward and landed atop a nearby telephone pole. When this happened, Disharoon said, "You can't

make a bird do anything; it's their choice." She then referred to Sky Falconry's terms and conditions, which state, "Birds are not machines. Like humans, they have their 'off' days. While every effort is made to have the birds fit and ready to fly, we cannot guarantee the quality of flights as all birds fly and hunt as they would do in the wild."

Shanti hung out on the pole for a minute or so, and then, when Sellinger called her down to the next glove, she made her longest, most impressive jaunt of the day. I heard *ooohs* and *aaahs* all around when, with wings spread wide, the hawk slowly drifted down toward us from so high and far away.

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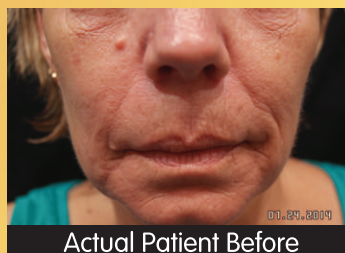
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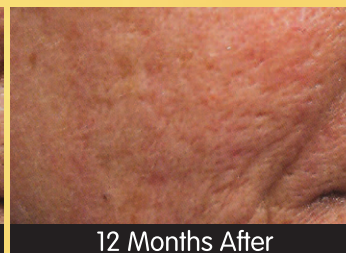
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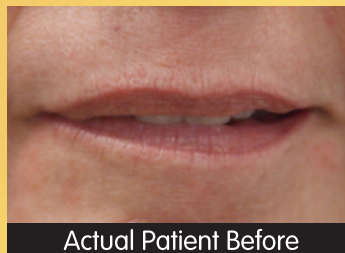


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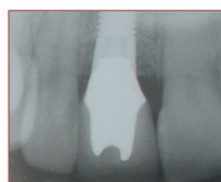
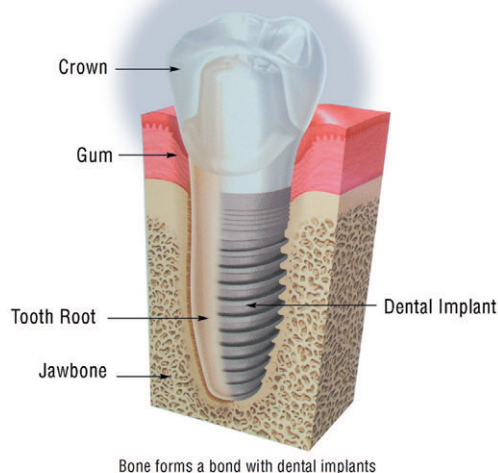
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roon placed a bit of raw chicken on the topside of the fist she'd instructed me to make. When given the go-ahead, I shouted, "Om, Shanti," and, as with a handful of others before me, waited awkwardly as the hawk remained on the previous glove. Again, Disharoon whistled and made the call herself. "Om, Shanti, right here, love," she said, in the tone of a doting dog-owner. Shanti fluttered her wings as if she were considering using them but then settled back down. Sellinger crossed the circle to us. Once he reached my side, he said, "Om, Shanti, come on," and the hawk immediately took flight.

Shanti swooped low, gliding close to the ground across the circle, the bell on her leg ringing louder as she approached,

and then she rose up and landed on my glove. It was five seconds from glove to glove. Sellinger asked me to swing my arm sideways so the bird would feel more com-

fortable facing into the wind. "It's always easier to take off and land into the wind," he said. I had been downwind from the previous participant, which was the primary

reason for the hawk's extended hesitation. But now this enormous bird was barely an arm's length from my face.

For a glorious minute before Sellinger called

her away, I stood there and stared at the hawk — all two and a quarter pounds of her, comprising giant eyes, curved beak, tri-colored feathers, and yellow reptile-like feet with long, sharp talons I could barely feel through the glove.

And then she was off again, back to the perch Sellinger held, which looked like an upside-down push broom.

Next, six volunteers (one person from each group) were chosen to take part in a game called "Upsies," which involved tossing food into the air for Shanti to catch. I kept my hand down; this was an activity I was more comfortable watching than participating in, for two reasons: one, it involved handling raw meat; and, two, it required throwing said raw meat high

into the air, and knowing my throwing abilities, it would probably end up landing on my face.

The meat being used for Upsies was day-old chick. "They exterminate the male chicks in the egg industry," Sellinger explains. "We're recycling them."

Disharoon was a vegetarian for 20 years; she began eating meat again after going through a nutritional program prior to her interest in falconry. "I grew up in a household of hunters and fishermen, so it's not like I'm not accustomed to being around that," she says. "For me, it's just a little tough to kill the bunny, to peel the skin off — personally, I have a lot more respect for people who hunt their food instead of going and buying it at a grocery



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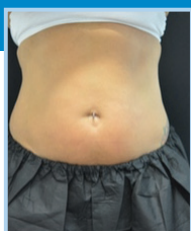
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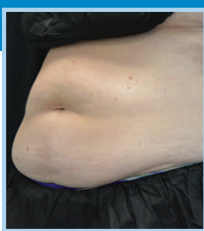
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store.”

Sellinger, who handles most of the meat, agrees. “It’s definitely more eco-friendly to go hunting,” he says. “But it did take me a little while to get used to dispatching bunnies and cutting them up, and gutting them.” Among the many laws surrounding falconry is one that specifies that the birds must primarily be used for hunting, which means both Sellinger and Disharoon have had to develop a taste for game such as jackrabbit and pheasant.

To prepare for Upsies, Sellinger knelt beside his broom-like perch, with Shanti still resting on it, as Disharoon demonstrated for the first thrower. She called, “Shanti, one, two, three,” and then lobbed the meat skyward. Aware of what was to come, Shanti was in the air before Disharoon reached “two.”

The higher someone could throw, the more impressive it was to see the food being caught. My only experience playing catch with animals had been with dogs, which use their mouths to catch frisbees, balls, or treats. Because of this, I expected the bird to use her beak to grasp the food. But instead, Shanti launched from her perch toward the tidbit — like a cartoon character, she leaned back and screeched to a halt in mid-air, with wings widespread, her talons up in front of her body, and snatched the flesh, which she then carried to a nearby boulder. Only then did the morsel find her beak.

Disharoon had instructed everyone to throw the raw chicken forward, rather than straight up, because no

one wanted the meat to land on their head before the hawk found it. Things got tense when, as one man attempted to toss it, the wet meat clung to his hand. Fortunately, he managed to shake the stuff off before the hawk had the chance to reach it. Altering her course mid-flight, Shanti swept down to collect her

op; their accompanying observer (or fellow participant, depending on how they signed up) would operate the camera.

“When you come up, you’re going to call the bird to your glove, turn and pose for your static safety shot, and then turn again for the hero shot of the bird flying

Smiling up at his hawk, he said, “Any day you get your bird back in falconry is a good day.”

reward from the dirt.

Everything we did in class contributed to the further training of the four-and-a-half-year-old Harris’s hawk. “Throwing Upsies helps her with coordination,” Sellinger says. When some bits of meat were placed atop the toes of a few pairs of shoes for Shanti to collect, he explained that this helped make her more comfortable in situations when she’s in the field holding down large prey and a human must loom over her to help. When going from foot to foot, Shanti did not fly, she walked. I giggled at the sight: I had no idea hawks had such a hilariously silly gait on the ground; it was like a waddle-jog, reminiscent of a toddler striding across a room with arms stretched out on either side.

After Upsies, we were led to another clearing that was referred to as the “picture window,” which boasted a gorgeous backdrop for photos. We lined up, shoulder to shoulder, facing the view. One at a time, participants were invited forward for their photo

off the glove,” Sellinger instructed. After the first photo was taken, Shanti flew right over Sellinger’s proffered perch and back up to the high telephone pole in the distance. This time, even her trusted human couldn’t get her down, no matter how many times he called. Sellinger seemed perplexed at Shanti’s reluctance.

After a few minutes, he shouted, “Oh, look, a wild red-tailed hawk!” A dozen heads tipped back in unison. We watched as the wild hawk soared around the area, just a little lower than Shanti’s perch on the pole. “No wonder she doesn’t want to fly,” Sellinger said. “She spotted that. I don’t blame her.”

Once the wild hawk was out of sight, Shanti, in what was her second impressive display of prolonged flight that morning, descended toward us and landed on the perch in Sellinger’s hand.

Smiling up at his hawk, he said, “Any day you get your bird back in falconry is a good day.” ■

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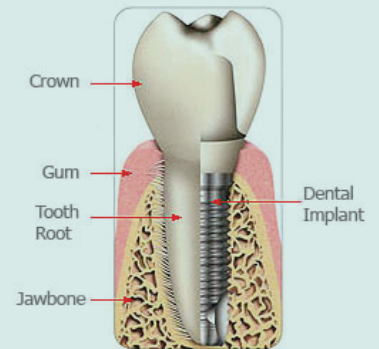


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Cops and hops

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my office that I'm going to try out. Now, we certainly don't want patrons drinking and driving, getting in harm's way; if one of our bartenders thinks you've had too much, he'll offer to call a cab and we'll pay for it. We're also putting up Uber posters."

But he echoes the widespread sentiment that drunken driving "crack-downs" where cops bootstrap trivial infractions into costly DUI cases, are no more than shakedowns designed to raise revenue. "We're in a commercial area and the cops are looking for expired registrations, equipment violations like burned-out tail lights, speeders when there are no other cars around. In the news, I saw a story in which a local real estate broker was hit with a DUI after two glasses of

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wine and a California stop. Instead of these harsh new enforcement campaigns, why not devote the funds to public transportation?" ■

Under the radar

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Patient Rights, a political committee backed by the local medical marijuana industry, had a solid 2014, according to its February 9 disclosure filing with the county. The group came up with \$58,088 in contributions from a variety of pot advocates, including the \$22,000 from the United Patients Alliance of National City, \$9750 from San Diego's Cannabis Education Project, and \$6000 from Highland Medical Packing of Vista. Despite its money, the two causes backed by the committee, La Mesa's Measure J and Encinitas's Measure F, went down to defeat. Each would have repealed bans on the sale of medical marijuana. The treasurer of the group is listed as **James Schmachtenberger**, whose LinkedIn page says

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he is about to release a new movie, *The Science of Weed*, which will be "the most authoritative documentary ever made on medicinal marijuana use, with a gross-budget of over \$1 million dollars."

— Matt Potter
(@sdmattpotter)

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NEWS TICKER

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The Chargers' management claims the team gets 30 percent of its revenue from the Orange County and Los Angeles areas. Thus, if the estimate is true, the existence of one or two teams in L.A. would almost force the Chargers to move.

Don Bauder

Sucker puncher

Paramedics haven't been sleeping since incident with parking cop

Two emergency medical technicians are suing the City of San Diego for negligently hiring parking-enforcement officer Anibal Solis, who on April 13, 2014, entered a Golden Hill convenience store and punched the paramedics with no provocation.

The complaint, filed by Derek Shubin and Steven Cogle, says the paramedics parked outside of the 7-Eleven store on 25th and Broadway while on duty, in uniform, for some cold refreshments. While stand-

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ing at the coolers, Officer Solis, according to the complaint, approached Shubin.

"I will f*** you up," said the officer to Shubin.

Solis then punched Shubin on the right side of his face with his left hand.

Now, the paramedics are seeking punitive damages from the city and from Officer Solis.

The complaint says the paramedics have since suffered "severe mental anguish, and emotional distress, pain and suffering, physical injuries, sleeplessness, anxiety, migraine headaches, flashbacks, nightmares, post-traumatic stress syndrome, fear of uniformed officers..." among other issues.

Dorian Hargrove

Jet ski entrance

Tank of meth intercepted, four people apprehended

A Lemon Grove man was caught on February 8 attempting to cross the border into the U.S. with a gas tank full of liquid methamphetamine, Border Patrol officials are reporting.

The unnamed 39-year-old was stopped for questioning at the Calexico port of entry, southeast of El Centro. Upon noticing "anomalies with the undercarriage of the vehicle," the man was referred to secondary, where his vehicle was searched using a narcotics-sniffing dog and a digital imaging system.

The search turned up a hidden 15-gallon compartment inside the gas tank of the Ford F-250 pickup, which held an estimated \$750,000 worth of narcotics.

Also, on February 8, agents in San Diego intercepted three women and one male juvenile attempting to enter the country illegally via jet ski.

Border Patrol agents observed two jet skis traveling from Mexican waters into the U.S. shortly after 10 p.m., and tracked them to Coronado's Silver Strand beach. A Coast Guard cutter attempted to pursue the

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jet ski operators, who fled back to Mexico after dropping their four passengers on the beach.

Dave Rice

South Korea is investigating Qualcomm

Antitrust the topic, as it was in China

The publication *android-headlines.com* is reporting that, according to an unnamed source in South Korea's Trade Commission, Qualcomm is under investigation by that country. This was first reported by *Maeil Business Newspaper* of South Korea. The investigation is reportedly about Qualcomm's potential abuse of its dominant position as the top mobile chip maker.

On February 10, Qualcomm agreed to pay China \$975 million, the largest fine in China's history, over antitrust issues related to China's 2008 anti-monopoly law. The fine ended a 14-month-long investigation, and Qualcomm's stock rose as the uncertainty evaporated. The agreement also required Qualcomm to lower its royalty rates on patents used in China, according to Reuters.

One of the risks of settling an antitrust matter with one country is that another country will follow suit.

Don Bauder

This park is your park

City to repo a parcel of Bankers Hill parkland

A parcel of land on Olive Street in Bankers Hill will be made into a city park just as a local family intended it to be when they granted the land to the City of San Diego in 1909.

On February 10, the city notified the public that certain non-permitted uses will be removed from the 80-by-120-foot piece of terrain overlooking Maple Canyon.

The non-permitted uses have been at the center of controversy since 1963, when the city granted an adjacent property owner,

Dr. Milan Brandon, use of the property in exchange for a promise to maintain the small plot. In the decades that followed, the doctor's office expanded and what was meant to be a park soon became a parking lot.

In 2004, members of the Uptown Planners began to notice trees were being cut down on the canyon slope. Soon after, a group of citizens — including descendants of one of the three families who gave the city

the land — began to lobby the city and city councilmembers. Among them was then-councilmember, current mayor Kevin Faulconer.

In a 2008 statement to the *Reader*, Faulconer supported the effort to turn the

land into a small community park as the owners of the land had intended.

Despite the support at city hall, the plot of land remained a parking lot for the medical office building. In 2013, Dr. Brandon and

his family sued the city in hopes of keeping rights to use the land for ingress and egress. In November 2014, a judge denied the Brandons' complaint. The case is now being appealed.

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The Johnny Knoxville of the Vegan Community

I'm writing to express my sincere thanks for your Blog Diego article titled "Vegan in the Steakhouse" (January 29). Man, what a conversation starter! My friends and I have been obsessing for a full week over this piece.

This author is quite a find for your publication. I mean, who on earth goes into a great steak house like Donovan's armed with gift cards, homemade tofu sour cream, and fake butter, and orders steamed vegetables? She's a complete kook! The Johnny Knoxville of the vegan community.

She initially earned my attention from her repeated use of the word *servant* in reference to her wait staff. Excerpt from the article: "I raved to the servant that my potato was really good with my tofu sour cream!" Servant? Seriously? Yes, she was serious; she was not attempting to be funny or ironic. LOL! Unbelievable.

So, I immediately posted a link to your site on

Facebook, and the hilarity ensued. Many of your readers may not realize this, but vegans already have quite a reputation for being incredibly picky, fussy, demanding, and annoying dining partners. This was the focus of over 50 posts. One of my favorites: "How do you know you are sitting down to eat with a vegan? They've already told you five times." And "Did you know vegans don't have a word for 'menu'?"

Initially I was puzzled by the posts from my friends who are vegetarians. I expected admonishment for the miles and miles of anti-author diatribes ("Leave her alone, just because she's a vegan doesn't mean she's some lonely cat lady!"). But I received none. In fact, the vegetarians piled on. And hard! They made sure to describe the hard line that separates their tribe from that "annoying vegan" community. (Suggestion for an article: Does the SD social hierarchy resemble the food chain?)

In the end we all agreed on one thing. There is one quote that proved to us all beyond a shadow of a doubt that the author is, in fact, a complete douche nozzle: "I was impressed that a fat girl sitting behind me had ordered the same exact lunch." What a disgusting

and disgraceful thing to say!

This author may be a horrible person but she's a highly amusing author. We give her an A+.

Unrepentant Carnivore
and Former Servant,
Chris Comorat
Encinitas

The Nouveau Rich

Regarding the January 8 cover story, "Thank You, Matthew McConaughey," about that character who made the sunglasses and became a multimillionaire, and all those goodies.

Not to take away from him, or his efforts, or his success, but now that he has become a success, he doesn't want to talk to the smaller people who have suggestions, or may have the next multimillionaire suggestion for his company. There are people I know whom are very versatile, very eloquent, and very smart in what they do. They don't have ulterior motives other than to get a few dollars for themselves for the sale.

I feel that these knock-around people — Adam Moyer, in particular — have gotten to a place where their heads are big and their egos are bigger, and now they would much rather sit around acting like the nouveau rich — the new guys on the block sitting around with their dark glasses on,

playing pinball. They don't have a clue as to what real life might be.

Harold
National City

Unresolved Real Estate

Your news team reported that all the legal issues were resolved with the mobile home park ("City to Retake De Anza Cove Real Estate," News Ticker, December 10). This is far from the truth.

If you go to californiamobilehomeattorneys.com/Our-Work.shtml, you will see that there is still an open legal part of the park not resolved for residents to move out and get proper compensation. The city of San Diego has the case on stay and it is not resolved. They are hiding this from the public for some reason. Thought your news reporters would like to update the story.

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Under the Radar "Fifteen Seconds of Politics"

Go retire Greg we are tired of you.

By AlexClarke, February 5

@ 5:32 a.m.

Feature

"I think Garrison Keillor Is a Genius"

Posted February 4

I have listened to Garrison since Jim Ed Poole did the sports on his early morning show. It was classic Midwest understatement, and left me howling many times. Some people get it, some people don't!!

By eastlaker, February 4 @ 11:55 a.m.

I've been listening to A Prairie Home Companion since the mid-80's. I always felt I was eavesdropping through a time machine. What a great show.

By Javajoe25, February 4 @ 8:55 p.m.

Theater

"Swallow What You Mind"

Posted February 4

Great to know Alice Childress's terrific work is being appreciated today -as relevant as in 1955.

By Elizabeth Smith, February 6 @ 2:54 a.m.

Just saw Trouble in Mind last night. It is not to be missed! Monique Gaffney's lead is powerfully played, and I left trying to count the layers of personalities in this play-within-a-play. It tells a truth that still resonates today in many aspects.

Bravo! to Delicia Turner Sonnenberg for another great production at this best-kept-secret theatre in San Diego.

By mawickline, February 7 @ 7:41 a.m.

Unreal Estate

"Buy This Mansion from Jenny Craig"

Posted February 4

There's one thing it doesn't have: star power. If you want to rub shoulders with movie stars and famous billionaires (like Larry Ellison), you'll have to buy a beach home in Malibu. Del Mar is just not their kind of place, regardless of the beach quality.

By dwbat, February 4 @ 12:14 p.m.

City Lights

"Cell-Phone Companies Are Stealing San Diego Parkland"

Posted February 4

Remember the good old days of spotty coverage and roaming charges? About 20 yrs ago, when we moved from Encinitas to Calabasas, when coming down to visit my wife's aunt in La Jolla, we must have gone thru at least 3 or 4 maybe even a half dozen coverage areas and at least a couple of area with no service. If we went over the hill and down to Malibu, no coverage. Sometimes, coming over the Sepulveda Pass of all places, we would

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drop calls. And of course, we always seemed to have problems between San Clemente and O'side, more so at night for some reason. And driving from SoCal over to Arizona to visit family? Forget about it. And now? Where don't you have coverage. The same people who seemingly can't live without their smart phones, some of whom seem to have traded brain function for apps, complain about having cell towers on public land, taking up approx a 15' x 15' space with a 30-50 foot tower disguised as something else, bringing in 3-4K per month to which ever public entity owns the space AND providing more capacity/coverage. Some things just make you want to shake your head and go WTF!!

By danfogel, February 4 @ 9:16 a.m.

Under the Radar

"Last of the Red Hat Ladies" Published February 5

Fox was serving on quite a number of boards of directors while she was also the chancellor of UCSD. Many questioned her ability to meet the demands of her "day job" on campus while she was heading off to many meetings in far-off cities. Can we say "avarice" boys and girls?

By Visduh, February 5 @ 9:01 a.m.

There are very few university leaders that have any experience in business. Yet that is exactly what a university is. UCSD has a different mission than

does Apple but none-the-less has a budget, a payroll, and there is a constant weighing of demands for funding. Academia selects university presidents (chancellors) from the ranks of faculty most of whom have no training or experience in running a day-to-day business. Indeed, the very nature of a not-for-profit university is that there is no bottom line. As a result, universities tend to over spend, resulting in the huge increase in university budgets over time. Fox learned how to manage a very large operation from service on corporate boards. In her eight years as chancellor of UCSD, all of her time on corporate boards came from vacation time. Enough said, Ladies and Gentlemen?

By jkw, February 5 @ 4:47 p.m.

I worked with Fox for several years and she is a brilliant selfless leader. Leaders who work to earn "accolades and awards" are not typically very effective leaders. The lack of accolades and awards speaks volumes about her quiet competence.

By Machinecollector, February 5 @ 6:04 p.m.

Utah's WKRB News reported that Fox sold 8,000 shares in late January for \$530,000. It says she still "owns 33,126 shares in the company, valued at approximately \$2,194,928.76." So why did she resign (or was she fired?). The "spend more

time with the family" statement is obvious BS put out by PR people. It's bogus.

By dwbat, February 5 @ 6:09 p.m.

Sporting Box

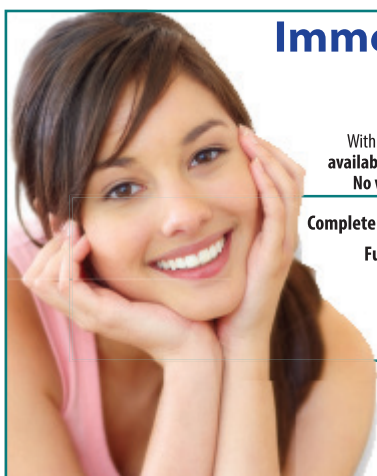
"MLB: How They Got There"

Posted February 4

There is a valid reason that Joan Kroc couldn't "gift" the Padres to the City (citizens, if you will) of San Diego. Unlike the NFL, MLB is a "for profit". At one time, they were a not-for-profit (501 c 6), but the owners decided to go in the other direction because it enabled them to not have to report how much money they made and paid out privy to public scrutiny. While this happened several years after Kroc offered up the Padres to the City of San Diego, MLB knew which direction they were going to go years prior. There was a lot of behind-the-scenes lawyering and attempts at negotiating going on for two decades, but the writing was on the wall and MLB felt it would be in THEIR best interest (the owners, obviously) to protect their business interests. Otherwise, it's open for public scrutiny, sort of like online pictures of Kim Kardashian's rear end. Embarrassing, to say the least. The community of Green Bay owns the NFL Packers, but that wouldn't likely have happened if the NFL wasn't a not-for-profit. And the NFL, like Kim Kardashian, is often shameless.

By David Dodd, February 5 @ 5:08 p.m.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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The Vista Hi-Noon Rotary Club recently broke ground to build a memorial wall that pays homage to all branches of the military.

Mary Ann Pinamonti is spearheading the building of another memorial, Ernie's Place, in honor of her 19-year-old brother, Ernie Pinamonti, who died in 1969 while serving as a soldier in Vietnam.

"The Rotary Veterans' Memorial Wall is on a pathway near Vista Village Drive," said Andrea McCullough, a spokesperson for the City of Vista.

"The Vietnam Memorial, known as Ernie's Place, is located within Paseo Pointe, on South Santa Fe Avenue."

Why have the two military memorials developed at the same time, within one block of each other, both in downtown Vista?

The Vietnam Memorial had been languishing in the planning stages for over 20 years. John Meyer, Vista's director of redevelopment and housing, recently suggested a compromise location to the delight of the collaborative efforts of the Pinamonti family.

A new Vista housing project needed open-air green space. The original land that the elder Pinamontis had donated for their son's

memorial was swapped for the public parkland incorporated into the housing project.

"We are excited to see our dream finally come to fruition," stated Mary Ann Pinamonti, representing her deceased parents and her surviving siblings. "There is no competition between the complementary projects, by the way. There can never be too many parks or places of beauty in our community."

HEATHER SIEGEL

ENCINITAS

California gnatcatchers should be worried

Removal of birds from endangered list to be seriously considered soon

The California gnatcatcher, the little blue-gray songbird that sounds like a kitten, may come off the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's list of threatened and endangered species — a result of a series of DNA tests found that American birds have the same DNA as the abundant Baja California gnatcatcher.

The Pacific Legal Foundation, which represents two groups of property owners, submitted a petition last June to delist the birds to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

"Tens of thousands of acres of land have been designated as critical habitat in California," said legal foundation attorney Tony Francois. "The [federal] service itself estimates

that by 2025 steps taken to protect the bird will have cost Californians \$1 billion in land-use decisions."

At the heart of the decision is the question: what defines a subspecies? The arguments will focus on some combination of genetics, how the birds appear (morphology),



IMAGE FROM SANIELLO.ORG

Baja California gnatcatcher's genes not so rare, says U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service study

and the geographic separateness of the various gnatcatchers.

Francois says the petitioners are guardedly optimistic they will be able to bump the bird off its costly perch.

Meanwhile, the Audubon Society (a non-profit dedicated to bird conservation) says that the science can't be trusted, since it was purchased with building-industry money.

MARTY GRAHAM

BALBOA PARK

Fungi wanted

To contribute specimens to the herbarium isn't all fun and foraging

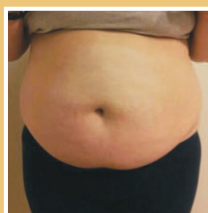
No one knows how many kinds of mushrooms there are in San Diego, what medicinal or other properties they may have, or how they're doing in a changing climate. It's not just chefs who want to know.

"It is clearly a scientific question that needs answering — and one I've been enjoying trying to help answer," says Dr. Mary Ann Hawke, a UCSD plant ecologist at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Hawke is working on a project to document the county's mushrooms — part of an international effort to "barcode" species by sequencing their DNA.

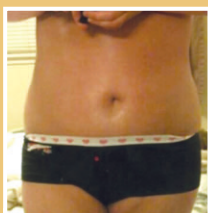
San Diego may be a "biodiversity hotspot" but it has fewer kinds than elsewhere in North America due to the climate. Despite the fact that the county yields fewer examples for the fungal library, Hawke says our unique habitats, especially arid lands, may support "some interesting or endemic species."

Contributed specimens found in San Diego will be entered in the International Barcode of Life database, which researchers say will revamp the field of conservation.

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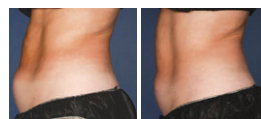
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AND WHAT TO DO

Thursday | 19

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The event includes a lion dance, lamp offerings, first incense offering for the new year, homage to thousand Buddhas service, and you can make a wish for the new year.

WHEN: 6 a.m. to midnight

WHERE: San Diego Buddhist Association, 4536 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-298-2800; hsifangtemple.org



WHERE: Lemon Grove Library, 3001 School Lane, Lemon Grove. 619-463-9819; sdcl.org/locations_lg.html

Sunday | 22

COOKING ANCIENT GRAINS

Have you heard of quinoa, amaranth, or fava beans? Join us in the nursery kitchen to learn new uses of ancient grains and beans. Recipes include using these ingredients in salads, baked goods, and breakfast meals. Vegan and gluten-free recipes included. \$10.

WHEN: 1:30 to 3 p.m.

WHERE: City Farmers Nursery,

Friday | 20

WINTER BREW FEST

Enjoy craft beverages from California and beyond with live music, food, and vendors. Sample 125 brews from over 40 breweries. \$40–\$50.

WHEN: 6 to 10 p.m. Also on Saturday.

WHERE: San Diego Hall of Champions, 2131 Pan American Plaza, Balboa Park. 619-234-2544; sandieobrewfest.com

Saturday | 21

LANDSCAPES OF BALBOA PARK

Helen Ofield of the Lemon Grove Historical Society and artist Ed Roxburgh present a discussion on the current exhibit *Landscapes of Balboa Park* and the role of art in the cultural evolution of the park.

WHEN: 2 p.m.



4832 Home Avenue, City Heights. 619-284-6358; cityfarmersnursery.com

Monday | 23

PUBLIC ART AT THE LIBRARY

The new Central Library is recognized as a civic center for art. Join Kara West, library arts and culture exhibitions manager, as she shares collection highlights and discusses the importance of public art at your library. Hosted by the San Diego Museum of Art. \$5.

WHEN: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 334 14th Street, Del Mar. 619-232-7931; bit.ly/1IPgrbj

Tuesday | 24

BLIND BURRO TACO FIGHT

Each week, six chefs are required to use an ingredient voted on by the public. Attendees can try each of the chefs' prepared tacos (\$9 for both) and cast a vote for whose taco is best. Round 3: Mikel Anthony (Ronin) vs. Christine Rivera (Galaxy Tacos). Final round next Tuesday.



WHEN: 7 to 9 p.m.

WHERE: The Blind Burro, 639 J Street, downtown San Diego. 619-795-7880; theblindburro.com

Wednesday | 25

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: VAREKAI

Varekai has been seen by over eight million people since it premiered in Montreal in 2002. The production has since visited more than 72 cities around the world. The show features

a cast of 50 performers and musicians from 18 countries.

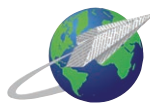
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

Runs through March 1.

WHERE: Valley

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Snorkelers observe docile stingrays in the Caymans' Stingray City

Cayman Islands: stingrays and tax shelters

By Karin Leperi

Coral outcrops surrounded by coral reefs, the Cayman Islands are three tiny islands (Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac, Little Cayman) comprising the British Overseas Territory of the Cayman Islands in the western Caribbean. Just south of Cuba and northwest of Jamaica, the islands attract divers from around the world.

With swimming suit and suntan lotion packed, I hopped on a plane to immerse myself in island time. Though most visitors come to dive, snorkel, or simply swim in the sparkling turquoise waters, I found opportunities that were singularly Cayman experiences.

Here are a few that shouldn't be missed in my book:

Stingray City is considered to be one of the best shallow dives and snorkeling spots in the world. Since I don't dive, I was relieved to find that the three feet of water suited non-swimmers as well. As many organized tours ferry their passengers the short distance to the stretch of sandy seafloor at the North Sound, be prepared to have plenty of human company in addition to the dozens of southern stingrays that will be gliding freely around you.

These docile creatures are quite graceful underwater, and seem to move effortlessly with their wing-like fins. The gray skin on top is very rough with a texture of sandpaper, so I was surprised to discover that their underbelly is as smooth as a baby's bottom.

Years ago, Grand Cayman's popular North Sound had a cut in the reef which was a popular route for fishermen to enter and then sit in calm water while

cleaning the day's catch. As they threw the bones and guts overboard, rays would come and feed on the discarded fish parts. These days, the fishermen have long been gone but the stingrays remain, flashing their brilliant white undersides as they soar across the reef.

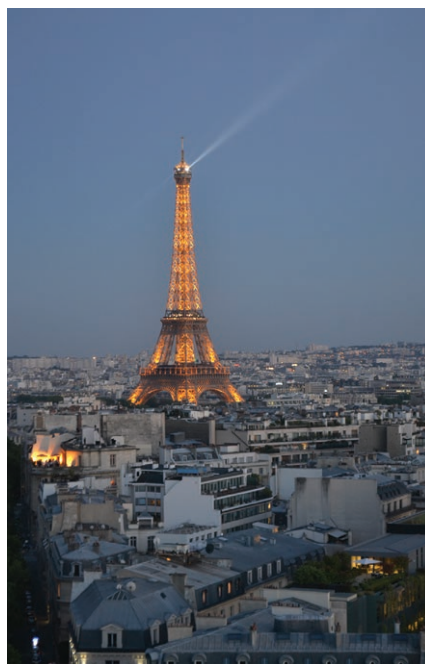
Be sure to bring a waterproof camera to capture this unique event. Also, if you decide to join the stingrays for a swim, remember, they have long, whip-like tails with razor-sharp serrated barbs, so you should never swim directly over a stingray — which is how Steven Irwin was fatally injured.

And if you're diving or snorkeling on your own, avoid close encounters with the rays.

The Botanic Park is home to blooming orchids, squawking parrots, songbirds, and nature trails that give you a sense of the flora and fauna in the Caymans. It's here you'll also find the famous blue iguana — the only place in the world where the blue dragon, a relic of the dinosaur age, lives in the wild. It was less than ten years ago that there were only 10 to 25 blue iguanas remaining. Once a critically endangered species, breeding efforts have managed to raise the population to about 750, resulting in the International Union for

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Other Adventures



addisonsimon: A summer sunset overlooking Paris, France and the lovely Eiffel Tower... amazing view and trip overall!

ROAM-O-RAMA

San Diego Outdoors with the Museum Canyoneers

FAMOSA SLOUGH

Visit the last remnant of the Mission Bay wetlands

Distance from downtown San Diego: 6 miles. Allow 10 minutes driving time (Point Loma). From I-5N, merge onto I-8W, then take W. Mission Bay Dr./Sports Arena Blvd. Go west on W. Point Loma Blvd. for just over 0.5 mile, then south on Famosa Blvd. and continue following the road to where it becomes Camulos St. At the bend, turn southeast (left) onto Valeta St. and then left into a parking lot where Famosa Blvd. starts again. There are also entrances on the north side of W. Point Loma Blvd. and along Famosa Blvd. Any parking spot necessitates walking across W. Point Loma Blvd. to experience both sides of the slough. **Hiking length:** 2 miles out-and-back. **Difficulty:** Easy, with less than 50 feet elevation loss/gain. No facilities. Bring binoculars.



A shaded section of the trail is near W. Point Loma Blvd.



Interlocking blocks are seen in the sediment pool

The Famosa Slough State Marine Conservation Area is a 25-acre wetland that connects to the San Diego River Estuary via a 12-acre natural channel. The slough includes fresh water, brackish, and salt-marsh habitats. It is a "go to" spot for birders, neighbors, and those interested in what is the remnant of the San Diego river delta at the south end of False Bay or Mission Bay wetlands.

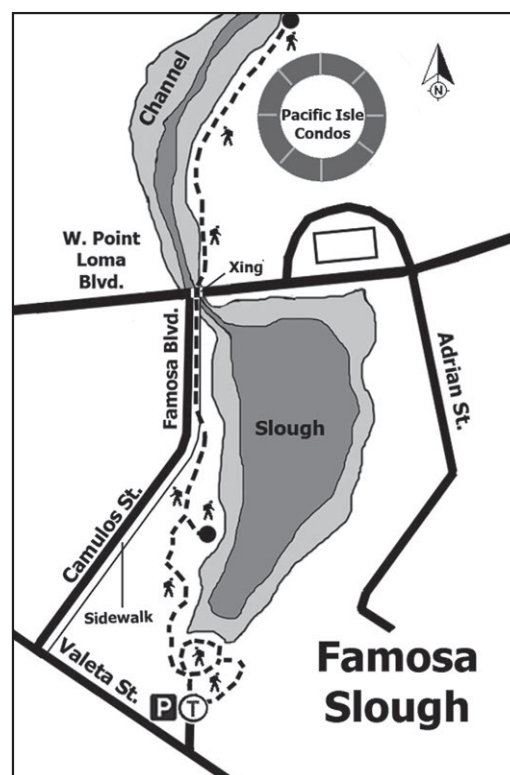
"Puerto Falso" (False Bay) was the name given

by early Spanish explorers in 1542 to Mission Bay by some of Juan Cabrillo's men who went ashore to search for fresh water. When they came to Mission Bay and did not see the ship, they thought at first that Cabrillo had sailed away without them. They named it False Bay to distinguish it from the larger San Diego Bay to the south. It continued to be called False Bay until officially changed to Mission Bay in 1915 by the U.S. Geographic Board.

To start the Famosa Slough portion of the walk, park in the dirt then walk north through the yellow posts. To the right there is a short distance along a fence where the trail circles around one of the three sediment depressions. These have plants growing near and between concrete jacks and interlocking blocks to slow down runoff from the surrounding area. Water will collect and enter into black catchment basins with rocks at the base to help defuse the water so that it soaks into the soil, or if there is a high volume of water, it will divert the surface water to the slough.

Circle the sediment depressions and then turn south for a short distance until crossing the concrete walkway to the end of Montalvo St. Just beyond the fence, turn north and cross the end of Mentone St. Follow the trail along the west side of the slough. Make a short detour to the right that is closer to the water to look for birds such as egrets, herons, ducks, and coots. Return to the main trail where it then rises up along Famosa Blvd., turning again to the right when the path leads close to the water. Return to the main trail and continue to the corner of Famosa Blvd.

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ART

Artist Market The San Diego Artist Market is an outdoor event hosted by Border X Brewing. Sunday, February 22, 12pm; **free**. Border X Brewing Logan Tasting Room, 2196 Logan Avenue. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Deron Cohen: Art Universe Deron Cohen makes stories about love, war, peace, spirit, nature, Earth, life, death, mind, and the Universe. Cohen is well known artist from San Diego who has exhibited throughout the United States. Saturday, February 21, 7pm; Dolphin and Hawk Fine Art Gallery, 7742-M Herschel Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Drawing in the Galleries: Developing a Personal Form 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: *European Art Before 1600*. Friday, February 20, 2pm; \$12-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Messages from India Artist Payson R. Stevens's 2013 trip to the spectacular Ajanta and Ellora caves in Maharashtra, India, catalyzed a new body of work called Video Tone Poems/VTPs. These VTPs focus on spiritual (Indian spiritual and cultural sites), natural (the environment), and afflicted messages (the human condition). In this program, Stevens will show some of the VTPs of both ancient and modern India. He will share his experiences in India and discuss the

enormous changes that globalization has brought, especially in the remote Himalayan Valley where he lives and works. Sponsored by the Committee for the Arts of the Indian Subcontinent. Saturday, February 21, 3pm; **free**-\$20. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

BEER

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Fall Brewing Co. Green Hat IPA Fall's newest IPA featuring Simcoe, Citra, Centennial, and Crystal hops served from the beer engine for the ultimate fresh beer sensation. Thursday, February 19, 12pm; Small Bar, 4628 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Juliana Maio Author Juliana Maio will speak about her new book *City of the Sun: a Novel* in the Astor Judaica Library. *City of the Sun* is set in Cairo, Egypt 1941. Espionage, love, and power play upon the shifting sands of wartime Cairo. As the second world war rages, the city known as "Paris on the Nile" plays host to an international set who seem more interested in polo matches and swanky nightclubs than the Germans' unrelenting advance across North Africa. RSVP: 858-362-1150 or susanh@

lfjcc.org. Thursday, February 19, 7pm; \$8-\$10. 18 and up. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Marjorie Cohn: Drones and Targeted Killing Marjorie Cohn of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law will discuss the book *Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral, and Geopolitical Issues*. Cohn teaches criminal law and procedure, evidence, and international human rights law and lectures throughout the world on human rights and U.S. foreign policy. Info: 619-263-9301. Sunday, February 22, 3pm; **free**. San Diego Friends Center, 3850 Westgate Place. (OAK PARK)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Art Night: Full Moon Over Tahiti Sip on margaritas while learning how to paint "Full Moon Over Tahiti" in acrylic. Great for beginners. All materials and instruction provided. Sunday, February 22, 5pm; \$35. Fred's Mexican Cafe Old Town, 2470 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

New Moon Circle Workshop Partially spiritual, partially expressive arts, and partially therapeutic. All materials provided. Saturday, February 21, 1pm; \$35. 21 and up. Inspire SD Studio, 7332 University Avenue. (LA MESA)

Photo 101 Workshop In this intensive one-day workshop, professional photographer Daniel Solomon will teach you the ins and outs of your DSLR camera. Venture off of "Program" mode and into the wild and wonderful world of manual settings to have full control of your photography and get the most out of your camera. Saturday, February 21, 10am; \$39. NTC at Liberty Station, Barracks 15, Studio 103, 2750 Historic Decatur Road. (LIBERTY STATION)



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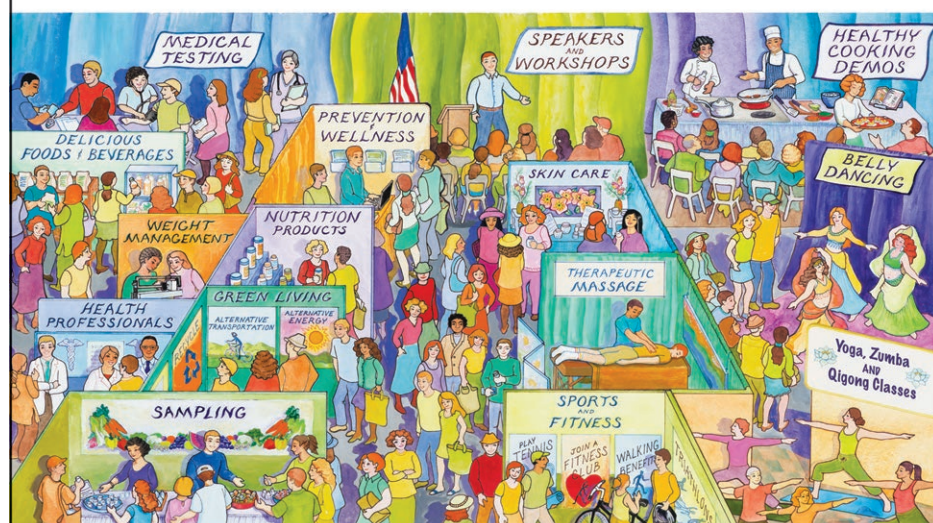
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COMEDY

Jose Barrientos The I.B. Comedy Club presents San Diego's own Jose Barrientos from ABC's *20/20* segment on pranks. Live music afterwards from Turtle Click. Saturday, February 21, 8pm; **free**. 21 and up. Salty Frog, 992 Palm Avenue. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

San Diego Improv Festival Some of the best improvisational comedy talent from Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, and more. Second annual event, with shows, workshops, and parties. Thursday, February 19, 8pm; Friday, February 20, 8pm; Saturday, February 21, 8pm; Sunday, February 22, 8pm; \$12. 18 and up. Finest City Improv, 4250 Louisiana Street. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Trevor Moore Trevor Paul Moore is an American actor, comedian, writer, director, producer, and musician, best known as the founding member of the New York City-based comedy troupe The Whitest Kids U' Know, who had their own sketch comedy series on IFC for five seasons. He has appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and Comedy Central's *This Is Not Happening*. Thursday, February 19, 8pm; Friday, February 20, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, February 21, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Sunday, February 22, 8pm; \$18. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DANCE

Argentine Tango with Colette Learn tango now! If you have ever been curious about tango and want to try it, this is the time. Take a first free class Monday, February 23 at 7pm or Wednesday, February 25, 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. tangowithcolette.com; 514-726-

5567. Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio #106. (POINT LOMA)

Bellydance Showcase San Diego Bellydance Co. featuring Rachel George performs, with live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble. Thursday, February 19, 8pm; \$10. Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Pag-ibig, Awit at Sayaw The San Diego-based Samahan Filipino-American Performing Arts presents "Pag-ibig, Awit at Sayaw" (Love, Song, and Dance), a cultural extravaganza of Philippine dances and ethnic music. Sunday, February 22, 2pm; \$15-\$30. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Shen Yun 5000 Years in One Night! Shen Yun returns with all-new program on Chinese New Year. Journey through ancient dynasties, myths, and legends. Two shows added by popular demand, now February 18 - 24. Thursday, February 19, 2pm and 7:30pm; Friday, February 20, 7:30pm; Saturday, February 21, 2pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, February 22, 1:30pm; California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Death Cafe Death Cafe provides a safe, agenda-free place to discuss death, dying, and end-of-life concerns over a cup of tea and treats. Info: deathcafesd@gmail.com or 858-750-9279. Saturday, February 21, 1pm; **free**. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Honey A new Italian film about a young woman who helps terminally ill people die with dignity with a fatal overdose. Presented by the Hemlock Society of San Diego. Sunday, February 22, 2:30pm; **free**. 18 and up. North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Rhyme & Verse

I, Being Born a Woman and Distressed

A poem by Edna St. Vincent Millay

I, being born a woman and distressed
By all the needs and notions of my kind,
Am urged by your propinquity to find
Your person fair, and feel a certain zest
To bear your body's weight upon my breast:
So subtly is the fume of life designed,
To clarify the pulse and cloud the mind,
And leave me once again undone, possessed.
Think not for this, however, the poor treason
Of my stout blood against my staggering brain,
I shall remember you with love, or season
My scorn with pity, — let me make it plain:
I find this frenzy insufficient reason
For conversation when we meet again.



Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892–1950) was born in Rockland, Maine, attended Vassar College, and upon graduation moved to Greenwich Village. Millay later characterized her life in New York as "very, very poor and very, very merry." A playwright as well as a poet, she worked with the Provincetown Players on MacDougal Street in the Village and in 1924 was one of the founders of the important Cherry Lane Theater. In 1917, she published her first collection, *Renascence and Other Poems*, and in 1923, when Millay was just 31 years old, she published *The Harp Weaver and Other Poems*, in which this poem first appeared, a collection for which Millay won the Pulitzer Prize. A master of rhymed, metrical forms and a superb sonneteer, Millay wrote a poetry that was at once witty, perceptive, passionate, provocatively unconventional in sentiment, and more often than not exquisitely wrought. Her brilliant achievements in strict form place her in the first ranks of 20th American poets, and today Millay's poetry remains widely read and admired.

Find more poetry online at SDreader.com/poetry

FOR KIDS

Chinese New Year Afternoon Join us for a fun, cultural afternoon of activities starting with "Dragon Tales" presented by the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum (interactive storytelling) followed by a Sheep Cupcake craft for kids and almond cookies for adults. Thursday, February 19, 4pm; **free**. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Family Day on the Bay Enjoy a day with your family exploring our ships and stay for free craft activities. Kids' craft activity from 11am to 3pm aboard the ships — kids free all day (two free children ages 3-12 per paying adult). For an additional \$5 per person, families can sign up for a Historic Bay Cruise on San Diego Bay aboard the museum's historic 1914 harbor pilot boat *Pilot*. Sunday, February 22, 9am; **free**-\$16. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Family Discovery Walk Connect your little ones to nature and

discover its wonder, joy, and beauty as a family experience. Our interactive outing focuses on childhood enrichment and fun. Meet inside the Visitor Center. Sunday, February 22, 3pm; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Family Drop-In Day: Exploring Texture 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. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free with museum admission. Sunday, February 22, 1pm; **free**-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Hopscotch Storytime Join us for a fun storytime that includes music and movement and children's art. Appropriate for ages three and up. February's theme is Bugs. Kids will use a microscope and magnifying glasses to look at insect slides. Saturdays, 1pm; through Saturday, February 28, **free**. Clairemont

Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Old-Time Train Ride See San Diego's rugged backcountry from the comfort of an old-time train. The 85-year old coach departs the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum's 40-acre Living History & Train Operation Center each Saturday & Sunday at 11am and 2:30pm for a 12-mile, one-hour journey. Gift store, free parking, modern restrooms, wheelchair-friendly. For a special treat, ride in the locomotive with the engineer. Saturdays, 11am; Sundays, 11am; through Sunday, June 14, Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, 750 Depot Street. (CAMPO)

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

Preschool Story Time & Craft Preschoolers are invited to a story time, then a fun craft afterwards. Thursdays, 10:30am; through

Thursday, June 25, **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

ScholarShare's Toddler Time: Toddler Yoga Move and stretch your bodies at toddler yoga this month with Rebecca from Yen4Zen Yoga Studio. Friday, February 20, 10am; **free**-\$12. New Children's Museum, 200 W. Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Toddler Story Time A story time designed for toddlers featuring songs, rhymes, and finger plays. Fridays, 10:30am; through Friday, June 26, **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Pastor: Brian Henderson

Age: 55

Born: Pewaukee, WI

Formation: University of Wisconsin-Waukesha; law-enforcement patrolman, U.S. Army; Officer, U.S. Border Patrol; American Bible College and Seminary, Bethany, OK; Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Seminary; Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology Distant Learning Program, St. Louis, MO.

Years Ordained: 8

San Diego Reader: What is your favorite sermon on which to preach?

Pastor Brian Henderson: Justification. God's

declaration of righteousness over the sinner that's received simply because he says so by faith and it comes through his son Jesus Christ in no other way. That's what we need to hear after a week of being beaten up by the world, by our bad choices, I need to hear that God still loves me and hasn't given up on me.

SDR: Why Lutheran?

PB: When my grandfather died, I was ten years old. He was friends with the local Lutheran pastor in Pewaukee. My grandfather told my grandmother, and we didn't know this until we were older, that if he ever died, he wanted her to take the family and join the Lutheran church up the street. My grandmother

asked him why we couldn't stay Baptist. He told her that while he loved the Baptist Church, the Lutherans have the best doctrine and best teaching. I didn't know any of this until I was in my 20s, when my grandmother told me. That always stuck with me. I have great memories of my Baptist background — so I would never speak badly of them. But that's what my grandfather said and it's what brought me to the Lutheran Church from a very young age, and, honestly, it's why I stayed Lutheran because of the theology and the doctrine. It keeps Christ central and the cross is everything.

SDR: What is the mission of your church?

PB: To equip the saints to reach the lost through Jesus Christ. Mine is first a teaching ministry — and equipping ministry. So the Church together reaches our community; and I think we do an excellent job at that with all our ministries. We have a food pantry we support through our church and other area churches which believe in what we do. Once a month we give the poor a week's worth of groceries and we gave out seven tons of food last year for free. Then we have a senior breakfast we have Monday through Friday. And that's free, too. We have a Bible study every Wednesday and the Jesus Jazz Café every other Friday evening, where we have open mic and musi-



Brian Henderson: "The cross is everything."

cians get together. We even have a professional recording studio on campus — and not many people know that. Anyone who wants to record, the studio is primarily for Christian groups — although we also welcome non-Christian groups as long as it's a wholesome message in the music. No profanity or violence toward or talking down of women.

SDR: Where do you go when you die?

PB: I go to be with the Lord. ... Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. But God doesn't desire that we should perish, but all should have everlasting life, that we should all be in heaven. But he also tells us that the way through his son, Jesus Christ, is the narrow way. I believe there is a place that sinners desire to be all alone. Scripture said there is only one unforgivable sin — blasphemy of the Holy Spirit, the constant and continual rejection of God's love through Christ.

— Joseph O'Brien

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ing, drying time, health and safety concerns, and more. Thursday, February 19, 4pm; **free.** San Diego Art Department, 3830 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

Gardens of France Join local author Glenda de Vaney for a slide show of France and a reading from her book, *Journeys Through France and Life*. Thursday, February 19, 2pm; **free.** University Community Library, 4155 Governor Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

How to Frame Artwork Morgan Mallory of Corner Frame Shop offers professional tips for how to frame artwork. Presented by the

San Diego Museum of Art Artists Guild. Saturday, February 21, 10am; \$10-\$20. NTC at Liberty Station, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

Landscapes of Balboa Park Join Helen Ofield of the Lemon Grove Historical Society and artist Ed Roxburgh for a discussion about the current exhibit *Landscapes of Balboa Park* and the role of art in the cultural evolution of the park. The event includes a short PowerPoint on Roxburgh's work, a preview of his participation in upcoming centennial projects, a tour of the exhibit, and refresh-

ments. Saturday, February 21, 2pm; **free.** Lemon Grove Library, 3001 School Lane. (LEMON GROVE)

Quack Cancer Treatments Yvette Guinevere, aka the "Science Babe," will speak about quack cancer treatments at the February meeting of the SD Association for Rational Inquiry. Guinevere holds Bachelors degrees in theatre and chemistry and a masters degree in forensic science. Sunday, February 22, 7pm; **free.** Joyce Beers Uptown Community Center, 3900 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series: Food Web Interac-

tions in Salt Marshes Did you know that herbivores (plant-eaters) and predators play key roles in salt marshes? As a result, marsh plants have evolved sophisticated defense strategies and consumers (organisms who need to eat) have evolved counter strategies. Learn about "the art of war" in local and national marshes, including how scientists are using hip hop to communicate science to a broader audience. With guest speaker Jeremy Long, biologist, San Diego State University. Saturday, February 21, 10am; **free.** Tijuana River Estuary, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

World Information Architecture Day A global one-day event that focuses on improving how digital technologies intersect with everyday life. NewSchool will join the network of more than 24 countries that enlist the brightest and most forward-thinking leaders in information architecture, user experience, UX design and research, and interaction and visual design to resolve a real-life digital challenge in the respective host city. WIAD 2015 includes a series of design-driven, cross-disciplinary short lectures followed by open discussions that explore the subject of "Architecting Happiness" from

diverse perspectives: urban spaces, social structures, products and service experiences, and digital media that's shaping our lives. Saturday, February 21, 9:30am; **free.** NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

OUTDOORS

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Saturday, Feb 21: Channeling with Rev. Doris 7-9pm
Sunday Service, Feb 22: Meditation/Auric Healings:10am
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Guest Speaker: Rev. Lorina Pyle
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needed chores. It is an all-volunteer event — be part of something bigger than you, and help keep Batiquitos beautiful. Community service forms are provided upon request. Saturday, February 21, 9am; **free**. Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Bird Oak Grove Loop Join Mission Trails Regional Park expert birders Jeanne Raimond and Millie Basden for avian adventure among the varied landscapes of Oak Grove Loop Trail. Winter months are the best birding time — migratory species are sighted along with local resident birds. Bring binoculars and bird book if you have them. Meet in front of Visitor Center. Saturday, February 21, 8am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Docent Led Nature Walk Join Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve docent, writer, and artist Donna Walker for a nature walk. Enhance your appreciation of the watershed community's native plants and wildlife and learn about the history and culture of our area's indigenous people. Info: 760-632-4212. Sunday, February 22, 10am; **free**. Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, 8833 Harmony Grove Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Garden Tours Tour the lush, charming, and water-wise garden with a knowledgeable docent to hear what makes our garden special. Be inspired to create a water-wise landscape of your own. Saturdays, 10:30am; Water Conservation

Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Restore Native Habitat Manage invasive plants in Mission Bay to protect endangered birds. San Diego Audubon is working to remove invasive plants from Mariner's Point. Our goal is to promote nesting by the California Least Tern (an endangered species) and to create space for native coastal dune plants. Meet at the parking lot at the end of Mariner's Way in Mission Bay. Info: hirt@sandiegoaudubon.org or 858-273-7800 x106. Sunday, February 22, 9:30am; **free**. Mariner's Point, Mariners Way. (MISSION BEACH)

Run, Rabbit, Run! February brings out new-born Brush Rabbits seeking grazing opportunities. Experience nature's infinite variety and chance animal sightings while exploring Mission Gorge's canyon floor with your Mission Trails Regional Park trail guide. Meet inside the Visitor Center. Saturday, February 21, 9:30am; Sunday, February 22, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Walk and Talk: Harbor Seals of La Jolla The Seal Conservancy of San Diego offers a weekly walk and talk on the harbor seal pupping season each Saturday during February and March to see them at Casa Beach. Meet at the Mangelsen Images of Nature Gallery. Saturday, February 21, 2pm; \$10. Mangelsen's Images of Nature Gallery, 7196 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Chinese New Year Celebration The event includes a lion dance, lamp offerings, first incense offering for the new year, homage to thousand Buddhas service, and you can make a wish for the new year. Thursday, February 19, 6am; **free**. San Diego Buddhist Association, 4536 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Kale Festival 2015 Kale festival is a yearly event with hands-on workshops including bee-keeping, composting, and orchard care. There will be a kale recipe contest with prizes, free lunch, live entertainment, children's activities, cooking demos, and vendors. Learn about food awareness and sustainability and get new kale recipes. Sponsored by Wild Willow Farms and San Diego Peace Gardens. Info: gabriellestratton@gmail.com. Saturday, February 21, 10am; **free**. San Diego Friends Center, 3850 Westgate Place. (OAK PARK)

Meze: Grand Opening Ticket includes food plus two drinks, a fire, snake, and belly dancing show, and beats by DJ Kaos. Thursday, February 19, 6pm; \$10. 21 and up. Meze, 551 J Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Nationwide Candlelight Vigil: Tamir Rice On February 22, 2015, exactly three months after Tamir was shot, a national vigil will be held. We ask that you help bring

awareness of the epidemic of deaths caused by law enforcement and to the pending case of Tamir Rice. Info: thecapv@outlook.com. Sunday, February 22, 6pm; **free**. City Heights Weingart Library, 3795 Fairmount Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Reader on Tap The Reader presents Reader on Tap, bringing together the best breweries and some great bands for a night of music. See The Burning of Rome, Blackout Party, Nervous Wreckords, Shady Francos, and Flaggs while enjoying beer tastings from The Lost Abbey/Port Brewing, Ballast Point Brewing Company, Stone Brewing Co., and more. \$15 pre-sale tickets are nearly sold out. Info: 619-235-3000 or readerontap.com. Friday, March 6, 8pm. Observatory North Park, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Sacred Flame Fire Circle A community event with a sacred intent blending drumming, dance, song, chants, and Earth-based ceremony. Vegetarian potluck dinner 6:30pm-7pm. Saturday, February 21, 5pm; \$5-\$20. Red Worm Fertilizer Products, 16161 Highland Valley Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Tea for Two: Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead Enjoy a steaming cup of hot tea and a plate of sweets and sandwiches, and take a tour of the farmhouse. Info: anne@sdrp.org. Saturday, February 21, 1pm and 3pm; \$12. Sikes Adobe Farmhouse, 12655 Sunset Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Simply the Best Singles This upscale organization for singles looking for relationships, marriage, and more presents a Dance The Night Away event with live band Kicks, an icebreaker, prizes, psychic, photos, and more. Parking \$4; dance price \$15 prepay/\$20 door. 818-577-6877; simplythebestsingles.com. Saturday, February 28, 7:30pm-11:30pm, Handlery Hotel, 950 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

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

SPOKEN WORD

A Relection A look back to the past to remember the many African American men and women who have contributed to American history. We will take a look at African American poets, artist, playwrights, musicians, actors, choreographers, and activists. The contributions and sacrifices of these individuals have made it possible for African Americans to truly believe that "anything is possible" with a strong faith and an unbreakable perseverance. Discussion panel follows. Directed by Robert J. Chambers. Discretion advised: strong subject matter and language. Info: 619-660-4000. \$5 students; \$10 at the door. Friday, February 27, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cuyamaca College, 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Black History Month: Poetry Showcase Poetry Showcase by the Black Student Union and the Performance Writers Club. In the Little Theater, Room 3601. This will be a night of powerful poetry. Featured poets will be "Ant Black" (a.k.a. Anthony Blacksher), "The Professor" (a.k.a. Dr. Bruce Hoskins), and many more. Thursday, February 19, 6pm; MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Long Story Short: Just Lust Even though our brains are capable of incredible feats, we sometimes let...other organs make our decisions for us. Has this every gotten you into trouble? Come tell and hear stories of lust gone wrong at our improv storytelling show. Saturday, February 21, 7pm; **free**-\$5. 18 and up. Evolution Fast Food, 2965 Fifth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Chair Yoga Chair Yoga promotes stretching and strengthening, improves balance and increases circulation, enhances mental clarity, and provides peace and relaxation. Please wear comfortable clothes; it is best to practice bare-footed or with socks. Friday, February 20, 10am; **free**. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Outrigger Canoeing Open House Try the sport of six-man outrigger canoeing. Everyone is welcome at this weekly Saturday

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

Seven Chakra Healing Bowls Meditation Join Maria Theresa for an experience of sacred, vibrational space with chakra-toned quartz crystal bowls playing while you meditate. Suggested donation \$20. Sunday, February 22, 6:30pm; **free**. Universal Spirit Center, 3858 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

Tai Chi This class is designed for adults 55+ and will teach students strategies for implementing physical exercise and relaxation techniques in addition to Tai Chi forms. Thursdays, 2pm; through Thursday, June 25, **free**. 18 and up. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Zumba Gold Zumba Gold is a lower-impact version of our Zumba Basic class on Mondays, but just as fun. The moves have been carefully designed to be easy to follow by participants of any size or age. Fridays, 1:30pm; through Friday, June 26, **free**. 18 and up. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Caymans

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Conservation of Nature to downlist the species to endangered-only.

Unfortunately, the heavens opened up with a tremendous downpour during my time at the Botanic Park. Since blue iguanas prefer open areas in dry forests, they were nowhere to be found. My photos of the blue iguana statue would have to suffice until my next trip.

At first glance you wouldn't know that the Ugland House, a rather unpretentious five-story turquoise and coral office building located in the capital of George Town in the British West Indies, is home

to over 19,000 companies that register this place as their office address. (Surprisingly, I didn't detect any evidence of outside security and no one stopped me from taking a photo.) The Ugland House is home to a sundry of financial firms, from major investment funds and international joint ventures to the international law firm Maples & Calder.

It's the fifth-largest banking center globally in terms of deposits — with \$1.9 trillion U.S. currently in deposits. As President Obama said in 2009, "Either this is the largest building in the world or the largest tax scam in the world."

ROAM-O-RAMA

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and W. Point Loma Blvd. Turn right, going east on W. Point Loma Blvd. for a short distance and turn south on a wide gravel/dirt path where there is an excellent place to use binoculars to see how many different species of birds you can recognize. Follow the wide path where there are a number of native plants along the way until it turns up to W. Point Loma Blvd. Turn right, and after a short distance, there is a crosswalk to reach the other side. Turn west until you reach a Famosa Slough sign. Turn right just past Orleans Way, where the remnants of a trestle is visible. Follow the trail until there is

a wide area before retracing your steps back to the parking lot.

More information can be found on the Friends of Famosa Slough website at (famosaslough.org). This group, the City of San Diego, and other agencies and volunteers have worked to restore the slough and to promote public awareness of the importance of wetlands.

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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	LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
	AM	HT.	PM	HT.	AM	HT.	PM	HT.
THU, FEB 19	3:06	0.24'	3:47	-1.34'	9:14	6.89'	10:03	5.75'
FRI, FEB 20	3:54	0.06'	4:26	-0.92'	10:01	6.45'	10:42	5.86'
SAT, FEB 21	4:45	0.07'	5:04	-0.32'	10:49	5.77'	11:25	5.83'
SUN, FEB 22	5:40	0.24'	5:45	0.38'	11:43	4.95'		

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

EVENTS

Batiquitos Lagoon Trail Maintenance

Wear closed shoes, long pants, a hat, sun-block, sunglasses, and bring water. Help to maintain trails, restore habitat, water plants, clear debris, and perform other needed chores. It is an all-volunteer event — be part of something bigger than you, and help keep Batiquitos beautiful. Community service forms are provided upon request. Saturday, February 21, 9am; **free**. Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane. (CARLSBAD)

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, March 13, 9:30am; **free**. Park Avenue Community Center, 210 Park Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Family Day on the Bay Enjoy a day with your family exploring our ships and stay for free craft activities. Kids’ craft activity from 11am to 3pm aboard the ships — kids free all day (two free children ages 3-12 per paying adult). For an additional \$5 per person, families can sign up for a Historic Bay Cruise on San Diego Bay aboard the museum’s historic 1914 harbor pilot boat *Pilot*. Sunday, February 22, 9am; **free**-\$16. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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, March 3, 9am; **free**. Country Club Senior Center, 455 Country Club Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

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

SUPCore Yoga Providing a stable platform that requires only a modicum of balance, the stand-up paddleboard has become a popular tool used for yoga instruction. The Mission Bay Aquatic Center is offering “SUPCore” yoga classes each Saturday and Sunday. The instructors guide students through a series of poses, emphasizing balance and core strength in the 1.5-hour session. The classes end with a meditation and short paddle back to shore. Never been on a SUP? No worries, the Aquatic Center also has beginning SUP package to familiarize students with proper use and safety. Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; through Sunday, April 26, \$25-\$69. Mission Bay Aquatic Center, 1001 Santa Clara Place. (MISSION BEACH)

Scripps Oceanography: Retiring Research Ship The San Diego community is invited to an open house and tours aboard the Scripps Institution of Oceanography research vessel *Melville* at Broadway Pier. This is the research ship’s farewell as it is retired from the national oceangoing fleet after 46 years of service to generations of ocean scientists. Scripps research ships are rarely accessible to the public due to the scope of ocean research, safety concerns, and intricate instruments onboard. This rare open house opportunity provides a glimpse into the rigors of research work at sea and the excitement of oceangoing exploration. At the Broadway Pier, Cruise Ship Terminal. Saturday, February 21, 9am; Cruise Ship Terminal, 1140 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Walk and Talk: Harbor Seals of La Jolla The Seal Conservancy of San Diego offers a weekly walk and talk on the harbor seal pupping season each Saturday during February and March to see them at Casa Beach. Meet at the Mangelsen Images of Nature Gallery. Saturday, February 21, 2pm; Saturday, February 28, 2pm; Saturday, March 7, 2pm; Saturday, March 14, 2pm; \$10. Mangelsen’s Images of Nature Gallery, 1796 Girard Ave., La Jolla

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 volunteer naturalists from the San Diego Natural History Museum. 9:15am daily; through Friday, April 24, \$39-\$44. Hornblower Cruises, 970 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)



At Tourmaline, long- and shortboarders are welcome.

The long and short of it

The waves have to be fast and be breaking to catch them on a shortboard. While sitting on a shortboard, the surfer is very low down in the water. Shortboard surfers get upset with longboarders when the latter surf what is normally considered shortboard country. It is scary to see a longboarder coming directly at you fast.

Longboards allow a surfer to get into the wave even before it begins to break, much sooner than a shortboard. This means that a longboarder can sit farther out in the surf line-up and catch the waves first. Surf etiquette dictates that the longboarder has the right of way on the wave as long as it lasts. This is another reason that shortboarders do not like having longboarders near them.

At Tourmaline Surfing Park, long- and shortboarders are welcome, and they seem to get along together fine.

There are two reasons for this. The first is that the landscape of the beach and the surf breaks tend to keep the two groups separate. The second reason is because Tourmaline is a friendly surfing spot, especially for beginners.

After a longboarder has taken a long ride in from the outside, he/she will get off the wave early so a shortboarder can ride the wave while it is actually breaking. Out at P.B. Point (aka False Point) there is even better separation between long- and shortboards.

Longboarders (on a big day) are well outside catching huge waves before they can break. The longboarders have to get off the

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Fishing Gear - Rock Cod Fishing Tackle For Sale: Rock Cod Baitless

Water Conditions

SURFACE TEMPERATURE:
LOW
60°F
HIGH
64°F
VISIBILITY
5'-20'

There is a 1'-2' light swell into this weekend, but with the heavy tide swings divers need to mind the rips. Deeper will have better visibility as the tide works the shallows. 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



There it was, the gaff, floating 30 feet behind the boat.

wave before it completely breaks or they will be pushed onto the rocks. A shortboarder can surf closer to the shore and they have it much easier when a big wave breaks directly on top of them. A shortboarder can easily dive under the wave (duck dive), whereas longboarders have to flip over (turtle roll) and that does not always work.

Most of the locals know that Tourmaline is primarily a longboard surfing spot, with the longest boards getting the most waves. Surfers on shortboards do not get nearly as many rides as longboarders.

— Russell Goltz

Importance of the gaff





Three friends and I were fishing on a friend's boat on a perfect day for tuna at

the Hidden Bank. Nice seas, little wind, and saw some boils. We slid up on the fish and threw live bait. As the baits hit the water we were one — one, two, three, four. All of us hanging on a nice fish.

At the first call of “got deep color — get the gaff,” we all looked around as the first fish came to the surface. We couldn't see the gaff. While fighting my fish, I looked off the transom and there it was — floating about 30 feet behind the boat. That was the only gaff on the boat.

I had no other choice. I stuck my rod in a rod holder with my fish still on, took my T-shirt off, took my sunglasses off, and jumped in the water. I swam to the gaff, swam back and handed it to my buddy whose fish was by then on the surface. He

Moon Calendar

				
FEBRUARY	THUR 19	SAT 21	MON 23	WED 25
SUNRISE	6:28	6:26	6:24	6:21
SUNSET	17:38	17:39	17:41	17:43
LENGTH OF DAY	11H 10M	11H 13M	11H 17M	11H 22M



The *Melville* has reached retirement age.

did a solo one-handed gaff and I jumped back in. Somehow my fish was still hooked. I kept fighting it as the gaff was passed around and we boated all four tuna. Four for four — plus a swim.

— Tony Pauker

Used for King Kong and other important things

Originally built and delivered to the Navy on August 1, 1969, for Military Sea Transportation Service, the USNS *Melville* was eventually chartered to the Scripps Institute of Oceanography for research operations. With a crew of 23 to keep the ship operational, the *Melville* can accommodate up to 38 scientists for scientific expeditions.

The *Melville's* sister ship is the research

vessel *Knorr*, best known as the ship that located the wreck of the *Titanic* in 1985. The *Melville* was used in the 1976 movie *King Kong*, starring Jessica Lange. It was used specifically because of its hypoid propulsion drive, which allowed it to move sideways. This type of drive is used to remain stationary over drilling and coring sites.

Now the *Melville* is retiring, and the public is invited to a farewell open-house.

Scripps research ships are rarely accessible to the public due to safety concerns and intricate instruments onboard.

When: Saturday, February 21, 9 a.m. to noon.

Where: 1140 North Harbor Drive, San Diego.

— Daniel Powell

Rigs - \$1 Heavy Iron Jigs (New) - \$5
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Fish Report

½ Day - ¾ Day: The local ½ day boats are still either picking at the edge for Rockfish, Sculpin and Bass or looking for the Yellowtail still holding in 160’ of water off the canyon edge. ¾ day rides are focusing on the strong Yellowtail and Lingcod bite at the Coronado Islands.

1 Day to 2.5 Day: 2014’s great fishing has carried over into this year as if winter never happened. The Yellowtail, Rockfish and Lingcod are biting well from north of San Diego south to Colonet. Bluefin Tuna and good numbers of Yellowtail are still holding in the Cortez Bank area.

Long-Range - Baja: The Excel and Red Rooster III have been getting good numbers on the big 200 lb-plus Yellowfin Tuna at the Hurricane Bank. Wahoo are still the main catch at Alijos Rocks. Yellowtail, Pargo and Sierra are dominating the reports out of La Paz and the East Cape.

Freshwater: The Trout bite has been an off and on endeavor and lake to lake the results vary weekly. Seems about five days after stock they start turning on a little. Holding up their end of the bargain, the Largemouth Bass are starting to get active in Otay, Murray and Jennings.

Whale Report: The gray whales continue to pass close to San Diego as usual during calving season in the Baja lagoons. Due to the warm conditions this year, some cows have already calved and are heading back up the line towards Alaska, giving whale-watchers double odds on sightings.

Trout plants: 02/18/15 Poway (2000), 02/20/15 Santee Lakes (1000) 02/25/15 Dixon (1500). Wohlford (1500)

7ft 10in Dagger Ultrafuge Kayak - \$160 This is a white water or surf kayak. 7 years old. Call for more information. 619 261-9099

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6'8" Kies Step Up Surfboard - \$220 6'8" x 18 1/2" x 2 7/16" Good condition, water tight and ready to surf. Fins and traction pad included. 619-995-5597

Californian fishing rod - \$50 Never used, been sitting in my garage. 619-200-7032

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Lowrance x98 Fishfinder - \$100 OBO Nice unit with transducer. Works great, good condition, Great for finding structure, holes, rocks, reefs, suspended fish, etc. Comes with mounting bracket.760-468-8104

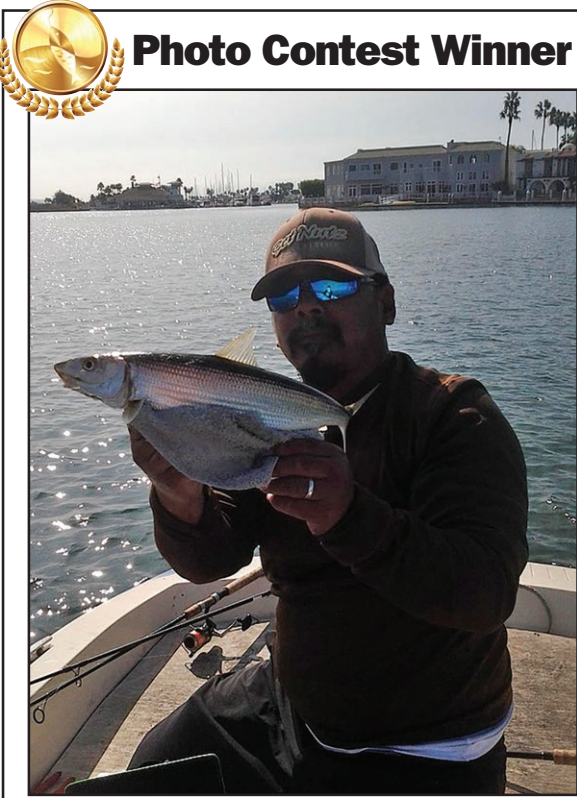


Photo Contest Winner

"South bay boogie bonefish" by fishOne9

Lightweight and very durable, fins and traction pad included. Watertight, ready to surf 619-995-5597

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"If she catches you looking at her, you turn to stone."

almost don't go in. I'm thinking, *Great, another sports bar with big hollow spaces and screens and racks of bottles you need ladders to reach. And 25 screens.* And not even Gaslamp. We're on Sixth, downtown, a block away from the action.

Two things change my mind. One, it's 11 o'clock at night, and these guys keep their kitchen open till midnight. Tuesday night! And second reason? They have Greek-type tacos. That's what it says. I'm thinking lamb in a grape leaf? Whatever, two bucks apiece says stop worrying. Oh, yes. It's Taco Tuesday.

So I walk in past the flaming tower heaters at their sidewalk patio and into a warehouse space with a mezzanine floor like a theater gallery behind.

I pass under a massive hooped lantern chandelier, select one of the red-and-black bar stools.

Corey the barkeep hands me a Taco Tuesday menu. And they weren't kidding about Greek tacos. Here's the list: For two bucks you get a choice of the gyro, the falafel, the gyro Philly, or chicken. For three: The Greek sausage and the filet mignon taco. A salmon taco is \$4.

Of course the menu goes beyond Taco Tuesday specials. This is a pretty swank joint, but not everything is outrageous. The avgolemono (egg lemon) soup is \$7. The Greek salad itself (with romaine, onion, olives, feta) is \$7, too. Hot *mezes* include the saganaki cheese dish, flamed at the table with brandy for \$13, a Greek quesadilla with feta that goes for \$6, a chicken souvlaki (\$6), and a puff pastry with spinach inside for \$10.

Meze? It's the name of this place, too. Word is actually Turkish, comes from an ancient Persian word for tapas, meaning "a taste."

But they don't just sell tapas. They've got full plates, if you've got the bucks. Full size

souvlaki plate goes from \$19 (for chicken) to \$30 for lamb.

So, yes, Greek take on everything. Even the lamb chops (\$14 for *meze*-size, \$34 for full plate) have that Greek lemon-olive oil mix.

Meanwhile, back in two-buckland, I go for the gyro Philly taco. You get lamb/beef gyro meat, mixed cheese, onions, peppers, Swiss cheese,

"pico de Greco" ("like pico de gallo," Corey's coworker Joshua says, "except with dill"). I could have had the filet mignon taco for \$3, which comes with feta cheese and spicy tzatziki. Or a falafel gyro, with romaine, pico de Greco, and that yummy tahini.

In the end, can't resist the Greek sausage taco (\$3). Joshua says it's like Italian sausage but without the fennel. No licorice fumes sneaking up your nose.

While I'm waiting, I order a brewski. 'Course that blows the budget right there and then. Seven bucks for an Alesmith Nut Brown.

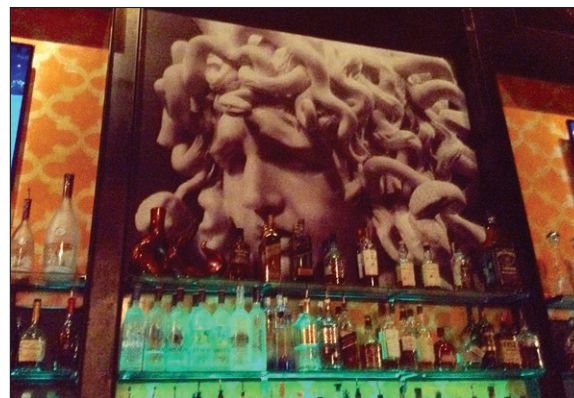
On the other hand, Corey slides a glass filled with a bunch of seasoned pita chips. Crispy but gutsy, too, and perfect with my Nut Brown. And on the house.

I sip away while stuff happens around me. "Where's the goddam drink?" says this tall guy coming up to the bar. "H₂O! H₂O!" Then a waiter comes out with a flaming plate. Honest, three-foot-high lickers. Turns out it's the saganaki cheese plate. "Shrimp and Ouzo Saganaki," menu says, "pan-seared kasseri cheese, flambéed in Metaxa brandy tableside."

Sixteen bucks or not, I swear that's what I'm buying next time.

I notice two huge ancient metal coins, rotating above the back of the bar. One has grapes, and the word "Naxion" hammered around its edge. "A San Diego artist, Gary Harper, came and made these," says Corey.

He has my plate. Two steaming tacos,



"Don't look at her! That's Medusa."



Giant ancient Greek coin reproductions revolve above your head

propping each other up. Nice crispy corn tortillas, each loaded with onions, red and green peppers, golden roasted cheddar, tomato chunks, that zesty tzatziki sauce. Then gyro meat in the one, and Greek sausage in the other. Man, both are totally squishy, rich, and tender, I want to go on. And on. Guess the Greek sausage has the edge.

But, thinking about this Greek food, sitting here on Mexican tortillas, the tortillas could just as easily be pita bread. Suddenly hits me: This, right here, is the uniting of maybe the two most ancient pieces of cooked food on planet Earth. People around Greece, the Mediterranean were baking flatbreads as long as 12,000 years ago. That's the Stone Age! And in Central America, the Mayans' ancestors were doing the same thing with corn, turning it into tortillas, also back around 10,000 BC. Cavemen ate these very things on my plate here. Roman legionnaires ate them. Pharaohs ate them, Incas, Moctezuma, Napoleon, on and on.

And here on Sixth we're bringing these two mega-ancient breads together and loading them with Greece's today foods. Dunno...I just feel kind of awestruck.



Back-to-back Greek sausage and gyro Philly tacos

I notice a list on the wall: "Ten Reasons Greeks Are Better at Life."

Reason #1 on their list: "Two words: Fried cheese."

Who knew? Fried cheese is the Greek national dish?

Reason #7 rings my bell, too: "We've perfected the art of lingering over a meal."

Love to linger but gotta go. I look up at a photo of a goddess with snakes in her hair.

"Don't look at her!" says Corey. "That's Medusa. If she catches you looking at her, you turn to stone." ■

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My gringo palate

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In the shadow of the multiplex

9379 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. My continuing exploration of Korean restaurants in San Diego has finally taken me out of my comfort zone. No, I didn't eat anything outside the reach of my gringo palate. I did, however, pick a restaurant that wasn't on or near Convoy Street in Kearny Mesa. To find Tofu Ka, I had to dig deeper, further north, into a different mesa: Mira.

Sometimes you've just gotta go see an after-dinner IMAX at the Edwards multiplex, and when you do that, where're you going to eat, Panera Bread? Only if your date's a picky eater. Mine this night was feeling adventurous, so I talked her into checking out an independently owned restaurant just a couple blocks from the theater. Tofu Ka is the recent replacement of another Korean restaurant on this site, Fuze, which was actually (as the name implies) more of a fusion spot and prone to things such as Korean tacos and quesadillas.

Tofu Ka's definitely not like that. The *bibimbap* (rice, sautéed vegetables, and meat in a bowl), tofu stew, and *chae* (sweet-potato noodles stir-fried with vegetables) menu reads authentic through and through, and while the *banchan* (small-portion side dishes) selection featured jalapeño a little more than I'm accustomed to, the restaurant's overall vibe is that of a homey, family restaurant. Then again, there are little call buttons at each table that allow you to summon a waiter with a clever little bit of 1990s technology. Fortunately, my server responded to my gleeful over-pushing



Good service kept me from pushing that button as often as I'd have liked.

of this button with a much friendlier manner than flight attendants I've encountered.

We kept it simple, going for *bibimbap*, *sundubu jjigae* (soft tofu stew), and some dumplings. The *bibimbap* (\$10) was loaded with a little beef *bulgogi* (grilled, marinated beef) and a bunch of veggies — some fresh, some fermented. Nothing remarkable — *bibimbap* never is — but filling, nourishing, and tasty even without the restaurant's offering of purple rice (which I did wind

up trying... it tasted pretty darn similar to the white rice).

The *sundubu jjigae* (soft tofu stew, \$9) was interesting, with a little more of a smoky flavor than I've found at other restaurants. Not outstanding, like that of Convoy Tofu House, but this difference intrigued me, and it certainly surpassed the bland versions I've eaten elsewhere.

The *jjin mandoo* (\$7) were my favorite. We tried the steamed version of the pork and beef dumplings — crisper fried versions were also available. The ground meat was succulent and tasty, served with a nicely tart dipping sauce (and more jalapeños). Were I on Convoy, I'd have found this shop a little ho-hum, but in the shadow of the multiplex, the *jjin mandoo* just about made up for some mediocre *banchan*.

by Ian Anderson

On a lobster roll

765 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. It was only a handful of months after he'd finished his lobster crawl across the island of Martha's Vineyard (ingesting nine lobster rolls in 11 days) that David discovered Lobster West in Encinitas. We were at an event where two members of the family-



Everybody always wants more lobster in their lobster roll.

owned business, a brother and sister, were serving up samples of lobster bisque. David and I both enjoyed the taste (chunks of fresh, sweet lobster, a delicate application of cream, and an aftertaste of sherry), so we decided to take a drive up the coast and see what other lobster delights these people had to offer.

Though we love most everything about our hometown of San Diego, when it comes to seafood both my man and I tend to prefer the taste of creatures from colder waters, namely those near Alaska and New England. All lobster procured by Lobster West is Marine Stewardship Council-certified Maine Lobster, which basically means it's bona fide sustainable and eco-friendly and all that jazz. But David wasn't very concerned about that; he just wanted to make sure the sea-roaches (that's what I call them) were the giant, sweeter kind mostly found off the coast of Maine.

The space itself is reminiscent of the seafood shacks back East, where people queue up for lobster rolls or fried fish and shrimp. The main difference being that this menu offers no fried items. It's simple, short, and seemingly health-conscious, featuring lobster, crab, shrimp, soup (the lobster bisque and New England-style clam chowder), and salads.

I've never liked lobster rolls, but that's because I'd only seen them served with mayonnaise, and I have a serious aversion to that stuff. While along for the ride on David's quest for the greatest lobster roll, I learned that some lobster rolls

are made with drawn butter instead of mayo. These were the few that I agreed to taste. Here at Lobster West, we were assured that the kitchen uses only the tiniest bit of mayo, so that it should be fairly imperceptible. David ordered the Maine Style roll, with a recipe of chilled lobster, a "touch of mayo," a "brush of lemon butter," and some house seasoning (\$12.95).

He loved the flavor, and the bun (from a local baker) was prepared in his favorite classic style, with the outside griddled. His only complaint was the lobster-to-bread ratio; he would have preferred more lobster meat. The average price of a lobster roll on the East Coast is closer to \$20, and David said he would have happily paid more than \$13 to improve the ratio. It wasn't until after he finished his roll that he noticed the "more meat" option on the menu for an additional \$6.

I ordered the Lobster Grilled Cheese Combo (\$14.95), which comes with coleslaw and a bag of Cape Cod chips. When one thinks of grilled cheese, what usually comes to mind is a vision of stringy, melty, gooey decadence. This was not that. My "lobster, cheese, sliced tomato" sandwich was mostly bread. Delicious bread, I should add, rich and filling in its own way. But the bread was the best thing about this odd concoction. Havarti cheese and tarragon were strange choices to throw into the mix with lobster and tomato. Instead of melding together for an overall yum, the flavors seemed to grimace at each other in my mouth.

While the menu may have fizzled for me, David now claims Lobster West as home to the best lobster roll in San Diego, so long as you remember to order "more meat." When we return (and we will, because my man loves this roll), I will probably spend more time exploring the "award-winning, hand-crafted" beer from Maine or the selection of California wines. Or both.

by Barbarella Fokos



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Baja brunch on a budget

Calle Brasil 8930, Tijuana. Brunch in Tijuana may not be the middle-class *ritual de lo habitual* (to borrow a phrase from Jane's Addiction) that it is in urban America, but the Sunday fare is certainly worth waking up for and goes for a fraction of what it'd cost up north.

Located on the uptown Brasil drag of La Cacho (Tijuana's North Park?), Alma Verde gives breakfast a Baja edge with a heavy emphasis on fresh ingredients and healthy fare. The modern-natural deli offers both indoor and covered patio seating with table service or orders to go from the counter.

The juice bar, which accounts for about a quarter of the menu, touts a host of cold-pressed juices, smoothies, shots, super-food additions, and natural infusions named with indications such as Happy Tummy, Anti-Inflammatory, and Immunity.

While they do offer plenty of meat dishes, the focus here is on veggies, and they are presented in a number of intriguing

POUR OVER

BY IAN ANDERSON

Roast Highway

Coffee tourism hit San Diego in January with the **Caffeine Crawl**, a series of coffee-shop tours inspired by the pub-crawl concept. This is the second year beverage marketing firm the **LAB** has organized the tour here as part of a growing national agenda that includes crawls through Portland, Chicago, and several towns in Colorado. Basically, groups of 12 to 20 people converge on a café or roaster shop to sample tasting cups; learn a bit about coffee from the proprietors; then walk, bike, or drive to the next

stop in the rotation.

Coffee devotees were treated with artful presentations and special drink selections, but the greatest local impact of the sold-out crawl may have been pushing a couple of new shops to open to the public for the first time. During the January 24th crawl, the **West Bean** officially launched their long-awaited storefront across from Horton Plaza on Broadway. James Rauh and Andrew Karr have been roasting since 2009, but this is their first physical retail space, and crawlers got its first pours.

Dark Horse also greeted crawlers at its new North Park shop, though just as a preview ahead of its official opening. Likewise, **Ladies & Gentlemen Coffee Roasters** did not officially unveil its under-construction coffee counter on Market in Sherman Heights — the most reliable place to drink their coffee remains the Golden Hill farmers' market. However, roaster Joshua Bonner did open the doors to greet crawlers with flash-brewed iced coffee.

Participants were not restricted to central neighborhoods. The crawl kicked off on Friday,



Caffeine Crawl attendees received complimentary beans from Ironsmith Coffee Roasters.

January 23, with a North County edition, touring several roasters situated on the Coast Highway. Beer lovers have their Hops Highway — it might be time to start referring to this stretch from Encinitas to Leucadia as Roast Highway.

Ironsmith Coffee Roasters opened their doors to the public for the first time, becoming the fourth roaster to do so within just a 1.5 mile stretch. This excellent pocket of coastal coffee

roasting includes **Lofty Coffee**, **Revolution Roasters**, and the venerable **Pannikin Coffee**, which has been producing beans since 1967. Ironsmith co-founder Matt Delarosa delivered a fascinating presentation about the science involved in producing the ideal cup of coffee, right down to the mineral composition of the water Ironsmith uses to brew.

Up the highway a couple blocks, Lofty's head roaster, Matt Prior, served hot and cold renderings of the shop's first direct-trade effort, from **Finca del Dios** in Guatemala. At the roasting counter inside Leucadia's **Coffee Coffee**, Revolution chief Dan Scheibe discussed his roasting approach while beans cooked in the Probat roaster behind him.

Pannikin owner Shawn Holder entreated guests to taste a brew of beans from Ethiopia's Kaffa region — the source of the word coffee itself. When I asked whether having so many new roasters in the area after so many years had hurt Pannikin's business, he said it's actually the opposite: "Three new coffee shops opening here the past three years and we've never been busier."

ways. For starters, the Portobello Mañanero sees a large mushroom cap stuffed with spinach, parmesan, and quinoa, topped with a sunny-side-up egg and accompanied by sweet-potato hash browns. The yolk oozes into the mushroom with the first bite and, a dash of salt and a splash of house salsa later, makes for a refreshing first meal of the day that won't send you crawling back into bed.

It's hard to go wrong with breakfast nachos, but Alma Verde's chilaquiles are some of the best I've had. Crisp, flavorful, topped with avocado and served with an egg, these babies alone are worth a morning or afternoon drive south any day of the week. Wanna make it special? The off-menu Chilaquiles de Cacao are covered in a house mole and served with "golden milk" — a foamy almond milk

with turmeric and cinnamon. The tastiest part? Every dish goes for around \$5 and breakfast is served until 9 p.m.

by Chad Deal

More than a late-night munchies spot

947 E Street, downtown San Diego. I'd never been to Pokéz, though I've heard about it repeatedly over the years.

Everybody I know who went to college in this town seems to have fond memories of the "vegetarian Mexican eatery." Maybe I always got hung up on that word, vegetarian, and the fact that I in no way need to venture downtown to find good Mexican.

While the latter holds true, now that I've had a chance to sit down and enjoy Pokéz, I realize it's not wholly vegetarian, it just skews that way by being lard-free. Which actually suits my frame of mind these days. I also really dig the interior — a cheap but (mostly) tasteful wood nailed to dry-wall construction decorated by skateboard art and a few more adventurous pieces, including the bizarre little plywood Aztec caricature that greets you within a door framed by hundreds of band, skate, and clothing label stickers.

So, yeah, some kind of collegiate welcome, backed up by a lengthy, varied, and budget-friendly menu. I get why my State alum friends see it as hallowed ground. But I haven't aged out — I still love to pore over a healthy Mexican menu bolstered by a little friendly table service and complimentary basket of chips with salsa.

I crunched away on those chips while it dawned on me there were plenty of beef, chicken, and chorizo options to be had. But I wanted to cherish the place as a veggie destination, so I decided to start by trying one of Pokéz's "unusual usuals." The green taco (\$4.25) is described as "slices of avocado and cucumber wrapped in a lettuce leaf." Pretty apt description, except

they served mine with cabbage, which I actually considered an upgrade. Still, aside from these ingredients, there was nothing — no pico de gallo or any sort of dressing. I grabbed some Tapatio and dug in to what amounted to a handheld naked salad. Truth is, I finished it in pieces, as I preferred each of the (potentially organic) ingredients individually more than as a team.

Okay, so skewing extreme vegan isn't my bag. Never mind, because I also picked out a perennial favorite, the chile relleno. The cheesy pepper and cheesy ranchero sauce adorning it were each mild yet flavorful. Not the best I've had, but a welcome and messy upgrade from the too-clean veggies of the green taco. Given the kooky ambiance of the place, the \$4.50 relleno would be enough to lure me anytime for a cheap meal among friends.

Then I tried the fish taco. Even for mahi mahi, I thought five bucks seemed like a sort of spendy taco for a place so otherwise affordable. But I was judging against little four-inch tortilla street tacos. This soft-corn tortilla measured more like seven or eight, packed thick with grilled fish, pico, and cabbage. The mahi was moist, well-cooked, somewhere between flaky and chewy, and super tasty. This was the clincher that would've kept barely-legal Ian coming back here and will probably still keep old-man Ian revisiting downtown in years to come. The place may be an institution of San Diego youth, but locals of any size may enjoy this ride.

by Ian Anderson

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in University Heights and sequesters himself “in my second bedroom with my equipment. And some movies.” Alastair Kilpatrick of Clairemont (by way of

This year, over 1000 bands and singer/songwriters have committed; more than a few of them are San Diegans. Karen Marzloff, 47, cofound- ed the Challenge in Ports-



RPM Challenge offers no prizes, but they throw a participants party!

Edinburgh, Scotland) has no songwriting regimen but admits that the temptation to “fill whatever remaining time with a long ambient piece” grows stronger toward the end of the month.

mouth, NH a decade ago. “We threw out the chal- lenge to our local com- munity here in February, when there’s five feet of snow outside.” That was in 2006. “The second year, we opened

it up to the rest of the world. We had people signing up from all seven continents. Even Antarctica. Someone on base there sent us an entry.” Heavy metal, she recalls. “The idea is to make this a fun place for creativ- ity that’s not a contest or a battle of the bands. It’s free for musicians to participate.” Marzloff says that RPM itself is funded through sponsor- ships and donations.

The RPM Challenge is like a contest, she explains, albeit one with no winners or prizes. The rules are strict: writing and recording can only be done in the month of February. No prerecorded songs are allowed, and all material must be previously unreleased. Have any of the entrants taken their com- pleted albums on to greater success? “We try hard not to prioritize that,” Marzloff says, “but, I know of an off- Broadway show that came out of an entry,” and she says that more than one band has been formed post Challenge.

Van Dyck, 33, hopes to make his ten songs the tour- ing foundation of his new prog-metal band. Kilpatrick, 29, claims to have finished an album a year for each of the eight years he’s entered. “It’s a great motivation to actually work on something new.”

— Dave Good

Bro deal. Thanks to Tijuana’s Jorge Fonseca, it’s no big deal

for a band to fly in from Europe and play two different countries in one weekend.

Fonseca’s day job is with the Mexican electric company (CFE). But he loves music and he’s been a part-time show promoter in Baja for ten years.

Fonseca was at the Casbah in 2013 when he first saw Cap- sula, a garage/glam trio from Bilbao, Spain, that has toured North and South America and Europe and draws compari- sons to the Cramps and the Who. A blown-away Fonseca asked them if they would consider playing for him in TJ the next time they came to town. Fonseca got band phone numbers.

Last year when Capsula was in town opening for X, Fonseca talked them into playing the 800-seat Black Box in TJ as an add-on date to their tour.

Invoking that same casual, bro-deal relationship, Fonseca is bringing Capsula back again to Tijuana’s Mod Bar and Venue this Saturday, February 21, following their Friday-night Brick by Brick show.

The TJ date does not show up on Capsula’s official itiner- ary. That’s because the show was not booked through the band’s U.S. agent.

“A deal with a band is more accessible money-wise without the agent,” Fonseca tells the *Reader*. In other words, its cheaper when it’s just the promoter and the band cutting the deal. Bands

usually sign exclusivity ar- rangements with agents that say all U.S. shows must go through that agent. A Baja show falls through the cracks.



Garage/glam trio Capsula of Bilbao, Spain, loves local border bounce.

Capsula guitarist/singer Martin Guevara had just arrived in New York on February 9 when he told the *Reader* he loves playing the back-to-back San Diego/ Tijuana dates, despite some trouble last time.

“When we came back across to the U.S., they made us [go into secondary inspec- tion]. They said, ‘What are you doing with all this makeup?’ We told them it is very clear we are in a rock band.”

I asked Guevara how they were able to get Tony Visconti (Bowie, T-Rex) to produce their 2013 *Solar Secrets* album.

“It was a dream come true. Someone just said they knew him and they could get him to help us. I said, ‘Sure, and while you’re at it, get Jimi Hendrix to play lead for us.’ But our man- ager contacted him and it was

easy. We sent him five really raw demos [and he] reserved two weeks at this studio in Lex- ington, Kentucky, called Saint Claire.... That year he made two

records. One was with us and the other was with Bowie.”

— Ken Leighton

Hello (and goodbye).

Several new local acts and team-ups are prepping debut releases and perfor- mances. British invader Dave Humphries has been collaborating with Bass Clef Experiment Trio, with their next joint performance set for Java Joe’s on February 21. Radio impresario Gary Ràchac is working with Duncan Faure of the Bay City Rollers on new songs planned for Ràchac’s next release. “I will also be helping Duncan with the booking of his solo project and personal appearances,” Ràchac tells the *Reader*.

Wolves of Eden features guitarist Jason Rain, a Berklee

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alum who did time in L.A. groups before moving to San Diego. "The band specializes in orchestral arrangements of electronic sounds with epic



Wolves of Eden's Rain reigns with "epic rock riffs and bluesy, groveling guitars."

rock riffs and bluesy, groveling guitar and vocals," Rain says. A self-titled debut EP, featuring a cover of Jeff Buckley's "Nightmares by the Sea," drops March 31.

Marcelo Radulovich is developing new material for live performances as Son of Radul, which he describes as "a cool, fat blend of electronics, guitar, and voice, [with] lots of beats and slow, ultra moody spaces." The project debuts March 22 at the Merrow. The Hiroshima Mockingbirds features two members of the New Kinetics: guitarist Brian Reilly and

drummer Jon Bonser (also known from Soft Lions). Spirit Club — with Nathan Williams (Wavves), Joel Williams (D/Wolves, TV Girl), and Andrew Caddick (Jeans Wilder) — will soon drop their debut full-length via the Ghost Ramp label, promoted by a video for "Still Life" directed

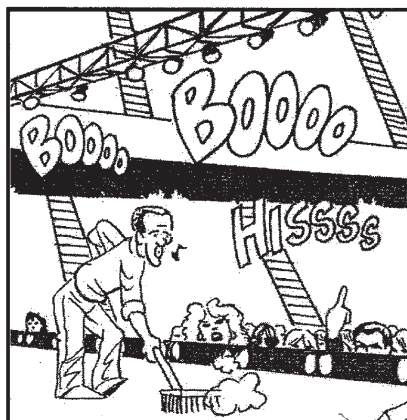
by Jacob Turnbloom (Mrs. Magician and First Wave Hello). Casino Royale, a new acoustic trio featuring two Shambles (*Reader* contributor Bart Mendoza and David Fleminger) alongside Normandie Wilson, appears April 10 at Java Joe's.

We must also bid a fond farewell: "hardcore strike force" Kodiak's final show happens February 27 at Soda Bar on a bill that includes Deep Sea Thunder Beast and Griever (which will debut their new record).

— Jay Allen Sanford

Jazz Vespers. "This was Big Jerr's idea." Archie Thompson takes a break from rehearsal for a recording session in the chapel at First Presbyterian Church downtown. He's talking about Jazz Vespers, where each service begins with a 30-minute set of live jazz, blues, and gospel, featuring his trio the Archtones and a guest musician. He says the idea to record the music from

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the services was by popular demand. "Congregants were asking where they could get this music." Big Jerr thought recordings would likewise be a great way to promote the hundred-year-old church. Grant money was secured from the Presbytery of San Diego and recording sessions began in February with hopes of having the first in a series ready for a spring release.

"There will be three CDs," Thompson tells the *Reader*. The working title is *Music from Jazz Vespers: Archie Thompson & the Archtones All-Stars* (Volumes One, Two, and Three). "I hope to record 30 songs. So far," he says, "I have nine in the can." Guest artists on the sessions will include a host of local jazz and blues artists, including Holly Hofmann, Whitney Shay, Derek Cannon, Alex Ciavarella, Bob Boss, Kevin Esposito, Nathan James, and more.

Big Jerr is pastor Jerry

Andrews, 62, a Chicago transplant. Jazz, he says, is a way to appeal to residents of the city and get them through the doors of his church, a rambling brick affair that occupies an entire city block on the lip of

Classical music, yes. But jazz in a cathedral? Music historians tell us that jazz was born in the brothels of New Orleans. "One of the other starting places," Andrews quickly counters, "was the church." He



First Presbyterian downtown opens each service with a jazz jam.

downtown. He says the music is turning things around. Jazz is an urban sound, he explains, perfect for the old church's urban setting. "We know how to do music here. [San Diego Symphony conductor] Jahja Ling is a member."

cites Thomas Dorsey's "Take My Hand, Precious Lord," by way of example. Andrews says they've been hosting Jazz Vespers for three and a half years. The evening service draws an average of 40 visitors. Tonight, there is a mix of families and

homeless. Most seem hip to the music and jazz etiquette. They applaud the solos.

Thompson is a piano-and-sax-playing jazz and R&B singer based in San Carlos. "I love playing in worship services," he says. "First of all, unlike some nightclubs or restaurants, the audience is paying attention." He likes the acoustics in the chapel, a narrow hall with a vaulted ceiling that was added on to the main cathedral in 1950, and he likes the piano, a vintage Mason and Hamlin. "Plus, there is an emotional level playing in church that is unmatched. God is present," Thompson says. "He is our audience."

— Dave Good

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“Five years ago here in Tijuana and all of Mexico was in a cartel drug war. Order has been restored.”

Border waits are down and interest in Tijuana’s brewery and restaurant scene is up. That’s why guitarist Tarek Limas is betting that TJ’s music scene is about to take off.

Limas is one of three original members of Los Kung Fu Monkeys, a seven-man Tijuana ska-punk band that has released three albums and toured Europe, the U.S., and Mexico.

Last month Limas opened a live-music bar inspired by the look and sound of ’60s soul, mod, and pop called the Mods Bar and Venue.

Since opening last month, Limas has booked bands from Portland, Denver, Michigan, Canada, and Spain. Now he wants to get fellow musicians and their friends from greater San Diego to start coming back to TJ.

WHAT DID MODS BAR AND VENUE USE TO BE?

It was called La Prision and it was supposed to look like a prison inside. It was dark and it had these tributes to Billy the Kid, Al Capone, and Charles Manson. It focused on metal bands. It wasn’t doing that well and was about to close down. I wanted to open a bar, so I told the

owner [rock-guitarist Cruz Abrego] that instead of me opening a bar on my own, let’s join forces. I told him I would pay for the sound system, the lights, and the remodeling.... It’s a

15-minute walk from the border at Plaza Fiesta, near Zona Rio.

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KEN LEIGHTON

SO, MODS BAR AND VENUE

IS BASICALLY LIKE [BRITISH TV DANCE SHOW] *READY STEADY GO* FROM 1965, BUT IN TJ?

We have a lot of mod imagery. I also have a rockabilly corner. I would like for it to be thought of as a little Casbah or, better yet, a little CBGBs.

BUT IT WON’T ALL JUST BE THE SOUNDTRACK TO *QUADROPHENIA*...

We want to mix it up. We want to have music that you won’t normally find in Tijuana. My friends from Mustard Plug played the Casbah on a Sunday and they wanted to play Tijuana the next day, so we said, “Sure, come on down.” We had P.R.O.B.L.E.M.S. from Portland play with a TJ punk band called DFMK. We’ll still do metal shows. On Friday [February 20] we have Sean Foster [folk] from Montreal and on



Los Kung Fu Monkeys, on a mission to close the TJ–San Diego gap

Saturday [February 21] we have this psychedelic garage band called Capsula from Spain.

The Baja Bugs from San Diego just played for us. We recently hooked up with the Oceanside Sound System. We want to share shows with them. We want to get this gap between San Diego and Tijuana closed.

On nights we don’t have bands we have DJs. We just had a mods-versus-rockers night. We had an all-Bowie night. There is a group of DJs called Tijuana-a-Go-Go who play all vinyl.

SOME OF US WERE THERE WHEN THE 1000-CAPACITY IGUANAS [1989-1994] WOULD DRAW TONS OF U.S. FANS TO SEE PEARL JAM, NIRVANA, BAD RELIGION, AND JANE’S ADDICTION. BUT CAN YOU REALISTICALLY EXPECT GRINGOS TO CROSS THE BORDER NOW?

Five years ago here in Tijuana and all of Mexico was in a cartel drug war. Order has been restored. As long as you use common sense and don’t walk down a dark alley, you’ll be fine. TJ has grown culturally. There is a big local brewery scene, fashion designers, and theater. Like they may have said in the ’60s, TJ is happening now.

I UNDERSTAND THE MAJOR CONCERN WITH U.S. BANDS COMING INTO MEXICO IS THAT THEY GET SHAKEN DOWN BY FEDERALES EXPECTING A PAYOFF.

Anybody can come down with their guitar. Where it might get weird is if you bring your P.A. or drum set. That’s why we tell bands that you don’t have to worry about that if you play here. We have all backline and a drum set already here...but never leave your van with equipment parked unattended in the street. That goes for anywhere.

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Over the years we never really played San Diego. We were always invited to play L.A. places like the Roxy, the Whiskey, and the Knitting Factory. San Diego was a weird scene for us. It’s very laid back. When we played San Diego it was opening for bands from out of town like the Toasters or Voodoo Glow Skulls who invited us to open.

YOU’VE PLAYED SKA NONSTOP FOR 18 YEARS...

The big years were 1999 through 2002. There was a huge ska outbreak in TJ. We were pulling, like, 300 to 500 people for each show. Then emo came along and we were outdated for a while. But we will always play what we play. It looks like ska is coming back. The Specials and Selecter are touring again. Punk and ska will never die. ■

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Sunday, 8pm — Sunday Funday Karaoke
Wednesday, 9pm — Open Mic Night

98 Bottles:

Friday, 8pm — 145th Street
Saturday, 8pm — Whitney Shay: Tribute to Eva Cassidy
Sunday, noon — Sunday Funday
Sunday, 2pm — Matt Smith Neu Jazz Trio

Air Conditioned Lounge:

Thursday, 8pm — Good Times
Friday, 9pm — DJ Junior
Saturday, 9pm — DJ Mike Czech
Monday, 9pm — Organized Grime
Tuesday, 8pm — DJ Edwin
Wednesday, 8pm — DJ Ele

Aztec Brewing Company:

Thursday, 6pm — Open Mic
Friday, 8pm — Karlos Paez

Balboa Theatre:

Sunday, 2pm — A Salute to American Jazz Greats

Bancroft:

Saturday, 8:30pm — Ravens Moreland and They Feed At Night

Bar Dynamite:

Thursday, 9pm — The Takeover Thursdays
Friday, 9pm — 24K Gold
Saturday, 9pm — Bar Dynamite Saturdays

Bar Pink:

Friday, 9pm — Turn It Loose
Saturday, 9pm — Neon Beat
Sunday, 8pm — Jim Adkins
Monday, 9pm — Soultry Mondays
Tuesday, 9pm — Tiki Tuesday
Wednesday, 8pm — Midweek Boogie with DJ L

Barleymash:

Thursday, 9pm — DJ Mike Czech
Friday, 9pm — DJ Demon
Monday, 9pm — DJ Slowhand

Bassmnt:

Thursday, 8pm — Paul Van Dyk

Beaumont's:

Friday, 8pm — Rob Bondurant
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Friday, 8pm — Paul Thorn and Nancarrow
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Friday, 9pm — Club Musae
Tuesday, 8pm — Video DJ

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Sunday, 8pm — Noche Romantica
Monday, 8pm — Manic Monday

Bread & Salt:

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Thursday, 8pm — 10 Years, Otherwise, Luminoth
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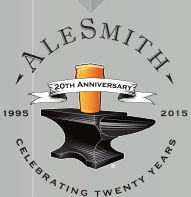


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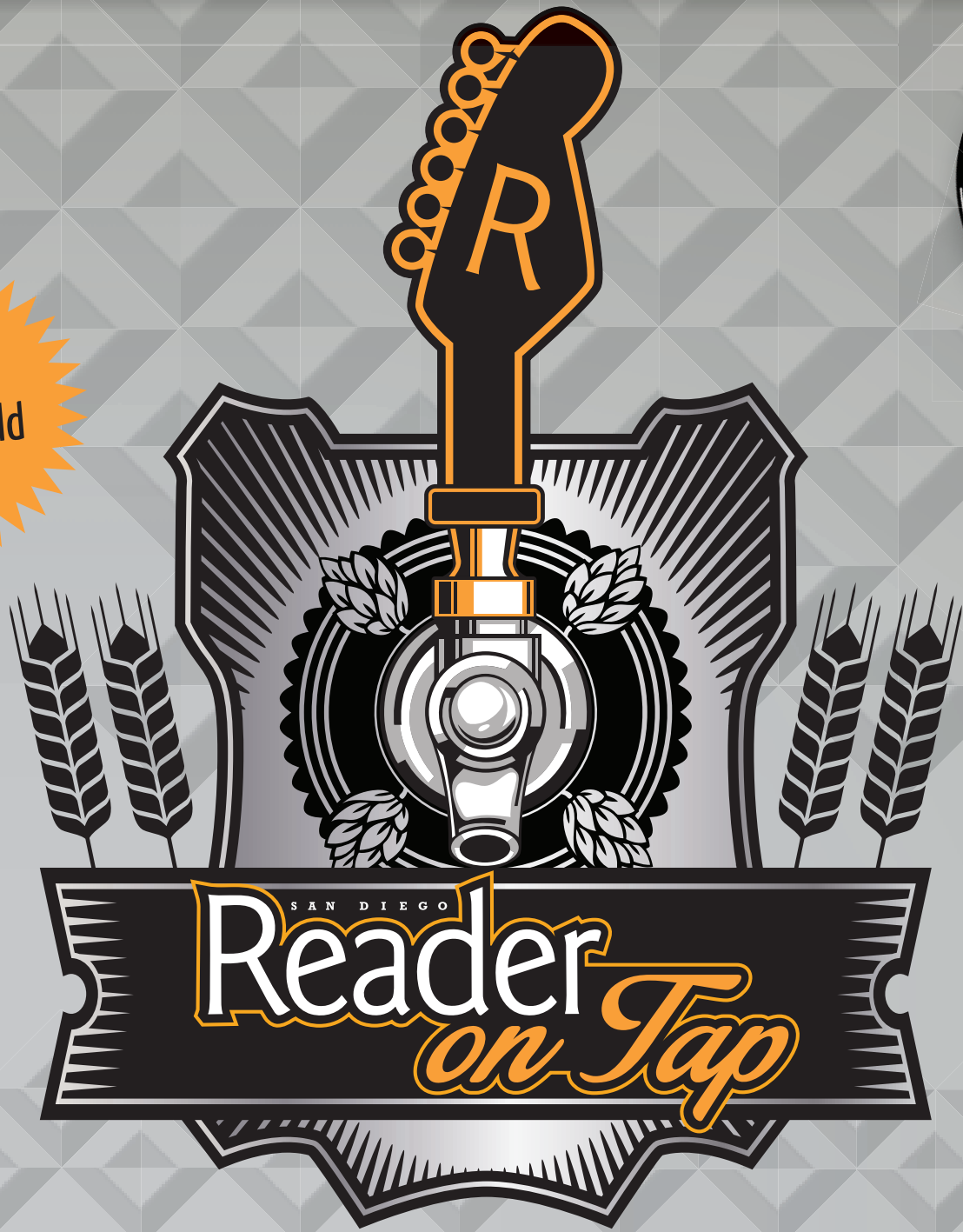
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Saturday, 6pm — Bumpasonic
Sunday, 6pm — Giant Peach Band
Wednesday, 6pm — The Brokers Band

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Friday, 7pm — Allison Adams Tucker
Saturday, 7pm — Agua Dulce
Sunday, 6pm — Besos de Coco
Monday, 6pm — Mark Fisher
Tuesday, 6pm — Ruby Duo
Wednesday, 7pm — Castellanos
Young Lions: Julian Esparza

Crush:
Friday, 7pm — In the Note

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El Dorado Cocktail Lounge:
Thursday, 8pm — Alfred Howard
Friday, 8pm — Groove Grease
Sunday, 8pm — DJ Adam Salter
Monday, 8pm — Shane Hall

Epicentre:
Friday, 7pm — Anton Jon, Corey & the Tribe, Riboflavin

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Saturday, 8pm — DJ Kaos
Sunday, 9pm — Magnum Sundays

Gallagher's Pub & Grill:
Thursday, 8pm — Shamrocks & Dreadlocks
Saturday, 8pm — DJ CheLu
Monday, 8pm — Hip-Hop Monday

Hard Rock Hotel:
Saturday, 8pm — D-Miles

Hideout:
Thursday, 8pm — Cobalt Cranes and Soft Lions
Friday, 8pm — Colour Vision and Louis the Child
Saturday, 8pm — Mac Sabbath
Sunday, 8:30pm — Pants Karaoke
Monday, 8pm — One Year Anniversary Party
Wednesday, 8pm — Charts and Kids in Heat

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill Rancho San Diego:
Friday, 9pm — The Stoney B Blues Band
Saturday, 8pm — Random Radio

House of Blues:
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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Not a fan of Black Sabbath? Not to worry. That line is long and includes everyone from the religious right to certain members of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame who made the heavy-metal band wait until 2006 for their induction. But, proper due must be given, for Black Sabbath surely put things into the language of pop music that weren't there before they arrived on the scene. And, they gave the world Ozzy Osbourne, whose post-Sabbath buffoonery has been parlayed into celebrity status over the years. Osbourne's a living cartoon, but then again most of the members of Black Sabbath seem as if carved from an odd book of fables. Consider the wiry old troll on bass named Geezer Butler, and Tony Iommi, a guitarist who is missing the tips of two fingers.

Friday, 5pm — Groove International (Voodoo Room)
Friday, 8pm — Back In Black
Friday, 7:30pm — Groove International Rise N Grind (Delta Room)
Friday, 9pm — Penny & Sparrow (Voodoo Room)
Saturday, 8pm — August Burns Red, Miss May I, Northlane
Sunday, 7:30pm — Ramon Ayala and Eliseo Robles

Monday, 7:30pm — In Flames
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Who better to pay tribute to the lot of them than Mac Sabbath?

Right out of the box, the buzz surrounding Mac Sabbath spread around the planet via rock and metal bloggers who dug the act. This is an L.A. band that started up last summer and performed a handful of area shows and street fests costumed head-to-toe in dazzling full-color McDonald's fast-food character costumes. Ronald McDonald, for example, plays Oz, and it works so well I wonder why the real Ozzy didn't come up with it first. Fans would have loved it. None of the members of Mac Sabbath, by the way, have stepped out from behind the anonymity of those costumes, but as a cover band, they are right on the biscuits. Tributes used to dominate the classic-rock club scene, with most looking nothing like their counterparts. In this case, who would know? And while Sabbath's hits are played true to form, the lyrics and titles are not. "Sweet Leaf," for



MAC SABBATH

example, becomes "Sweet Beef" and "Paranoid" is re-cast as "Pair-of-Buns." Fries not included. Black Fag also performs.

MAC SABBATH: The Hideout, Saturday, February 21, 9 p.m. 619-501-6540, \$12

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Saturday, 7:30pm — Bass Clef Experiment and Dave

Humphries
Sunday, 6:30pm — Open Mic Night
Tuesday, 7pm — Open Mic hosted by Gabriela Aparicio

Jumping Turtle:
Saturday, 8pm — Symbolic

Kava Lounge:
Thursday, 9pm — Acid Varsity
Friday, 9pm — Toombao
Saturday, 8pm — TripTych
Tuesday, 8pm — High Tech Tuesdays

Kensington Cafe:
Saturday, 7pm — Nina Francis

Lestat's Coffee House:
Thursday, 8pm — Anne McCue
Friday, 8pm — The Gregory Page Show
Saturday, 6pm — Allison Lonsdale and Eben Brooks
Saturday, 9pm — Aaron Bowen, Ollie Joe, Sub-Niche
Monday, 7pm — Open Mic Night

Loft:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Local Showcase: Ki
Saturday, 7:30pm — Kawehi

M-Theory Music:
Friday, 6pm — Groms

Martinis Above Fourth:
Thursday, 8pm — Sherry Williams: *Just Us Two*
Wednesday, 8pm — Miss Coco Peru: Have You Heard?

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Friday, 7pm — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind

Marrow:
Friday, 8pm — Con Brio and Taurus Authority
Saturday, 9pm — SD Union: AK1200
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Tuesday, 8pm — No Kings and Brewhahas
Wednesday, 8pm — The Moves

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EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Heaven & Earth
Yes

By Andrew Hamlin

“Wimps,” Robert Christgau sneered, comparing them to Talking Heads — who were wimps, he proclaimed, without “vagueness or cheap romanticism.” But that was ‘77; the Heads (whom I love) left us; and four Englishmen, fronted now by one renegade Seattleite, now answer the call. They stand in the context of modern Western society, which just took a few blacker-water churns. They have to make sense relative to this undertow. Vagueness? Yes lyrics have always been riddles, but never

riddles you couldn’t figure out. Cheap romanticism? I submit that romanticism runs in short supply right here, right now (‘77 was maybe different times), and a commodity in short supply becomes more precious.

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Many guitar and/or synth lines sound off like calls to attention, although Geoff Downes swirls in piano and organ, respecting tradition. “Subway Walls,” which just might hold the “meaning,” that’s about as gritty as they’ll get. They want us to get to the stars, but we have to stop looking at subways, machines as the enemy. We have to stop looking at the enemy as the enemy. Hard work. Hence: “Transcend.”



Riddles, but not riddles you can't figure out

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Brian Setzer
blasts through
Temecula

By Mark Carpowich

Though he has made music for decades, Brian Setzer’s own influences extend to the early 20th Century. Which is why it only makes sense that one of his guitars now hangs in the Smithsonian Museum of American History.

Setzer casually mentioned the recent honor during the sold-out Temecula show, a rare understated moment during a two-hour show overflowing with bombast, larger-than-life stage decor, and even a

blizzard of fake snow during the finale. Loaded with holiday standards, the concert introduced new arrangements of familiar favorites performed by the guitarist and his 17-piece backing orchestra.

For fans of Setzer’s non-Christmas-related work, however, the guitarist left plenty of room for material from his back catalog, including 1990s Setzer Orchestra hits like “Jump Jive an’ Wail.” The evening even included a mid-show segment that saw the orchestra retire while Setzer played a handful of rockabilly songs with only a double bassist and standing drummer, just like the trio he led during the 1980s, the Stray Cats.



Setzer, stray cat struttin’

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The Prado Restaurant: *Tuesday-Thursday*, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$3 Coronas; \$5 wells, lounge wine, Prado mule, house/strawberry margaritas; \$4-\$5 select appetizers. Lounge only. *Friday-Saturday*, 8-11pm: \$3 Coronas; \$5 wells, lounge wine, Prado mule, house/strawberry margaritas; \$4-\$5 select appetizers.ells, wine, draft ale, margaritas, selected appetizers. Lounge only.

BANKERS HILL

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

BAY PARK

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

CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

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

CARLSBAD

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

CARMEL VALLEY

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

CHULA VISTA

Black Angus Steakhouse: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-7pm: Drink and appetizer specials in the lounge or bar. *Tuesday*, 3-10pm: Drink and appetizer specials in the lounge or bar.

CITY HEIGHTS

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

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

CLAIREMONT

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$.50 off most drinks, \$3 Goose Island Honker's Ale.

CORONADO

Bistro d'Asia: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, \$3.50 Gekkeikan sake, \$4 wells, wine, \$5 sake-tini. Sushi specials. \$5.75 calamari, pot stickers. \$5 chicken sliders, vegetable spring rolls, wings.

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Brigantine: *Monday*, All day: \$1 off wells, select wine and beer. \$1 off select appetizers. *Tuesday-Friday, Sunday*, 4-6pm: \$1 off wells, select wine and beer. \$1 off select appetizers. *Saturday*,

4-6pm: \$S1 off wells, select wine and beer. \$1 off select appetizers.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

The American Comedy Company: *Tuesday*, 8-9:30pm: \$5 cocktails, \$3 Bud Light pints. Half-off appetizers.

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*, 3-6pm: \$4 local drafts, \$4 wells, \$6 wine and specialty cocktails. Buck-a-Bone Wings.

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 Jame-son, \$4 Fireball. No cover. *Tuesday*, 7pm-close: \$3 Karl Strauss bottles, \$3 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 Hurri-canes 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.

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.

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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

Vinz Wine Bar & Tasting Room: *Monday-Thursday*, 3pm-close: \$3 select draft beers, \$6 wines. \$4-7 salads,

oyster shooters, appetizers. *Saturday*, noon-3pm: \$3 select draft beers, \$6 wines. \$4-7 salads, oyster shooters, appetizers.

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 chip-totle 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.

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 bour-bon 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.

Pete's Place: *Daily*, 10am-6pm: \$3 wells, calls, domestic drafts, bottles, wine. Free pool.

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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.

La Villa: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$2 off cocktails. Discounted select appetizers.

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: 1/2 price appetizers. *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.

BEER NEWS

BY BRANDON HERNÁNDEZ

Honest Fish

It's been ten months since we broke the news about publican and brewery-owner Scot Blair's brewpub project, **South Park Brewing Company**. Since then, he and his crew have been hard at work converting the former bicycle shop abutting **Hamilton's Tavern** (1521 30th Street, South Park) into a seafood-centric brewpub that now houses the brewhouse from another of Blair's businesses, the **East Village's Monkey Paw Pub & Brewery** (805 16th Street, East Village). That system was put to work last week, with a plan of

having that initial brew, 2 Griffs Pale Ale, ready for a late February soft opening along with at least three other beers. I was given a view of that five-barrel system in its new environs and a tour of a construction site in its final stages. Though littered with raw materials, it's taking shape nicely, enough that I was able to envision it as a hub for this community seeking what Blair calls "honest fish" and "thoughtfully crafted beer."

The menu will consist of seafood prepared in simple fashion with inspiration from Baja and Asian cultures. The kitchen — sizable for a restaurant of South Park Brewing's size — is equipped with a brand new smoker, grill, multiple fryers, and more. Though the menu isn't finalized, visitors can expect smoked-trout sandwiches, grilled mahi mahi tacos, and Jewish deli-style lox.

The dining room is L-shaped, flanking the kitchen on two sides. A 25-foot-long communal table will be placed in the section of the dining room running parallel to 30th Street and offer views of that thoroughfare. Also visible are the kitchen and the brewery. The latter is situated behind a bar running the length of the south wall.

Guests will be able to watch head brewer Cosimo Sorrentino and his assistants mind the tun and tanks as they belly up and order the liquid fruits



South Park Brewing Co. and Monkey Paw Pub & Brewery head brewer Cosimo Sorrentino

of their labor. Black-and-white fishing photos, seafaring bric-a-brac, nautical rope-entwined columns, and patina-treated walls will make up the decor.

On the beer front, 2 Griffs, an ale designed to match the flavor of pinier Northern California and Pacific Northwest pales, will share space on the beer board with the 100% Simcoe hop South Park India Pale Ale (IPA), the citrusy Finest City double IPA, a dry-hopped saison, and creamy, briny, low-roast "ode to an oyster stout" named after the Scripps Pier.

Other beers are planned and will be available in growlers to go. Another cool thing that can be purchased for offsite consumption is fresh seafood from the fish counter. Blair says he intends to get the highest quality fish he can get his hands on and that the same sea fare his chefs use will be up for grabs for the

do-it-yourselfers. ■

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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.

OCEAN BEACH

Gallagher's Pub & Grill: *Daily*, \$3 beer of the month, \$4 wells, craft import weekly pint specials, half-price select pitcher specials. Join the mug club for full-time happy hour.

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: \$1 chicken tenders, \$2 pork sliders, \$5 tater tots.

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

Winstons Beach Club: *Daily*, 1-6pm: \$2 wells. \$1 off all beer and wine.

OCEANSIDE

Pier View Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$7 domestic pitchers, \$4 micro/import pints, \$12 micro/import pitchers.

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!

PACIFIC BEACH

Sinbad Café: *Monday*, *Wednesday*, All day/night: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 craft drafts, \$5.50 appetizers, \$12 hookahs/\$10 hookah refills. *Tuesday*, *Friday-Sunday*, 11am-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 craft drafts, \$5.50 appetizers, \$12 hookahs/\$10 hookah refills. *Thursday*, 11am-8pm: \$1.50 domestic drafts, \$2.50 craft drafts, \$4.50 appetizers, \$12 hookahs/\$10 hookah refills.

Tony Roma's: *Daily*, 3-6: \$3 Bud Light & Shock Top pints, \$4 premium draft beer pints, \$3 well drinks & well wines, \$3 house margaritas & Long Island ice teas. \$10 Bud Light & Shock Top pitchers 1/2-off all appetizers. (happy hour at bar/patio only)

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: *Daily*, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3 craft draft beers, \$4 wines & sangria. \$3 & 4 tapas.

Turquoise Cellars: *Daily*, 5-6:30pm: \$3 pints, \$5 glasses of wine.

POINT LOMA

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

SAN MARCOS

Dos Desperados Brewery: *Thursday*, 7-9pm: \$1 off all pints during trivia!

SCRIPPS RANCH

La Bastide: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$5 beers and wells, \$7 select cocktails, \$6-10 select wines, \$8 appetizer specials.

SERRA MESA

Thai Pepper Cuisine: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: Free Thai Iced-tea or Thai iced-coffee with every purchase over \$10.

SHELTER ISLAND

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

SOLANA BEACH

Pillbox Tavern: *Daily*, 3-7pm: \$1 off beer and wine.

SORRENTO VALLEY

AJ's Cave: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: All drinks and beer on special.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-6pm: \$4 pints,

flights, house wine, and well drinks. \$5 wings, hummus, calamari, chili lime sweet potato fries and spinach dip.

SOUTH PARK

Hamilton's Tavern: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$1 off local drafts.

South Park Abbey: *Monday*, All Day: \$3 rotating pint, \$3 wells, \$1 off beers. *Tuesday-Friday*, 2-7pm: \$3 draft beer of the day, \$3 wells, \$1 off all beers.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Daily*, 4-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, drafts.

SPRING VALLEY

Shooters Cocktails: *Monday*, 3-6pm \$2.25 domestic beer and wells. *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.25 domestic beer and wells.

UCSD

Porter's Pub at UCSD: *Monday-Friday*, 4pm-7pm \$5 Menu; \$1 off all beers on tap.

UNIVERSITY CITY

Apollonia Greek Bistro: *Daily*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.50 bottled beers, \$3.50 wine by the glass, \$3.50 Ouzo Aperitif.

Cozymel's Mexican Grill: *Monday*, *Wednesday-Sunday*, 3-7pm (bar only): Drink special of the week. *Tuesday*, 3-close (bar only): Drink special of the week.

Donovan's Steak and Chop House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$9 select wines, \$10 cocktails, \$12 premium martinis. Complimentary snacks at bar (philly steak sandwiches and wraps made filet mignon).

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Great Maple: *Daily*, 5-6pm: Drink specials.

Small Bar: *Daily*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts and drinks.

VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: \$1 off margaritas, beers, wells.

VISTA

Vista Entertainment Center: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-6pm: \$2.50 draft and bottle domestic beers, \$3.50 draft and bottle import beers, \$3.50 wells, \$2 jungle shots, \$5 shot specials.

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The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy

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JACK TYGETT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT CVHS

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

FEB. 19 7:30PM, FEB. 20 7:30PM, FEB. 21 2PM, FEB. 21 6PM, FEB. 22 2PM, FEB. 22 6PM
SAN MARCOS COMMUNITY CENTER

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

MAR. 7 2PM, MAR. 7 7PM, MAR. 8 2PM, MAR. 14 2PM, MAR. 14 7PM, MAR. 15 2PM
MAXINE THEATER

CHICAGO

MAR. 26 7PM, MAR. 27 7PM, MAR. 28 3PM, MAR. 28 7PM

FRANCIS PARKER MIDDLE-UPPER SCHOOL

FOOTLOOSE

MAR. 6 7PM, MAR. 7 7PM, MAR. 8 2PM, MAR. 13 7PM, MAR. 14 2PM, MAR. 14 7PM
PACIFIC BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE GREAT WHITE PEARL

MAR. 28 2PM, MAR. 28 5PM

KNUFFLE BUNNY: A CAUTIONARY MUSICAL

MAR. 6 11AM, MAR. 7 11AM, MAR. 8 11AM, MAR. 13 11AM, MAR. 14 11AM, MAR. 15 11AM, MAR. 20 11AM, MAR. 21 11AM, MAR. 22 11AM
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE

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THURGOOD MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

LITTLE MERMAID JR.

FEB. 28 2PM, FEB. 28 7PM, MAR. 1 2PM, MAR. 7 7PM, MAR. 7 2PM
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MATER DEI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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The Darrell Hammond Project

The La Jolla Playhouse presents Darrell Hammond and Elizabeth Stein's piece about the life of the comedian, based in part on his memoir, *God If You're Not Up There, I'm F*ked: Tales Stand-Up, Saturday Night Live, and Other Mind-Altering Mayhem*, which "tries to unravel the mystery of how a man repeatedly climbed out from the depths of despair to become a world-class comedian."

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 8.

Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Lamb's Players Theatre presents the musical that launched the careers of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. Based Francis Hodgson Burnett's novel, it's the story of a boy with a many-colored coat who changed the course of history. Robert Smyth directs.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-234-9583. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 29.

The King and I

Welk Resorts Theatre stages the popular Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, based on the novel *Anna and the King of Siam*, by Margaret Landon. Songs include: "I Whistle a Happy Tune," "Getting to Know You," "Something Wonderful," and "Shall We Dance?" Joshua Carr directs. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1PM & 8PM THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 5.

La Jolla Playhouse DNA New Work Series: Kiss

As part of its series of staged readings of new plays, the La Jolla Playhouse presents Guillermo Calderon's drama that "breaks open cultural barriers as a group of Western actors interpreting a Syrian play slowly realize the limits of their own understanding, and the suffocating effect of an oppressive, omnipresent regime." Jamie Castaneda directs. The reading takes place at the Seuss I Rehearsal Space at UCSD. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, 9500 GILMAN DR., UCSD. 858-534-2230. 7:30PM WEDNESDAY.

La Jolla Playhouse DNA New Work Series: Krik? Krak, of the Last Tiger in Haiti

As part of its series of reading new works, the La Jolla Playhouse presents Jeff Augustin's drama about Max, and his final night as a *restavek* — a child slave. As tradition dictates, he and his fellow *restaveks* must spend the night trading folkloric stories "until the line between reality and fiction begins to blur." Directed by Joshua Kahan Brody, the play asks, "What stories do we have a right to tell?"

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**La Jolla Playhouse DNA New
Work Series: What Happens
Next**

As part of its series of staged readings of new work, the La Jolla Playhouse presents Naomi Iizuka’s latest drama — commissioned by the playhouse — about Bonnie. The “idealistic but inexperienced young acting teacher finds herself paired with a group of combat veterans as part of a drama therapy program. As she is confronted with the reality of her reluctant new ‘students,’ she struggles” to build trust and common ground. Michael John Garces directs. POTIKER THEATRE AT UCSD, 9500 GILMAN DR., LA JOLLA. 7:30PM MONDAY.

Love, Loss, and What I Wore
Playhouse Productions stages Nora and Delia Ephron’s “dramedy” that uses clothing and accessories and the memories they trigger to tell stories “mostly comic but often sad or sentimental that all women can relate to.” John Anderson directs.-
LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 22.

Murder for Two
A featherweight, miniature musical/detective story: two performers, one piano. It feels out of place on the Old Globe’s Donald and Darlene Shiley mainstage. Scenic designer Beowulf Boritt had to shrink the lightbulb proscenium down to size for the genre: Fluff Lite. Ian Lowe plays Marcus, a wanna-be detective. Joe Kinisian, who wrote the score, cowrote the book, plays all the suspects. What makes the evening memorable isn’t the mystery or the music, it’s Kinisian’s tour de force artistry, flipping from one character to another at the spin of a cap or change of posture. He and Lowe play the piano with skill, even when crawling over each other to reach the keys. They’d even be funner if they slowed the pace a tad and wouldn’t blur so many one-liners. *Worth a try.*
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 1.

San Diego, I Love You 3.0
Circle Circle dot dot’s “site specific walking adventure-play for the romantic in us all” follows the end of two relationships and the beginning of another. Performed indoors, it might lose something in the translation. As in been there, done that. But it takes place outdoors at UCSD’s Eleanor Roosevelt College. Students between classes lug plugged bookbags; planes buzz overhead. And the actors play students taking a series of courses on love’s zodiac (“Break-Up 101,” “Advanced Note-Taking,” “Final Exam”). Different actors play the same characters in different scenes, which makes the piece a bit confusing (mark their names in scene one), but it accents the general application of the lessons. Written by Katherine Harroff and choreographed by Blythe Barton, the piece starts at the 7th floor bridge, UCSD Hopkins parking structure on Voight Lane. And by having the story set at a university, the actors are inseparable from the students passing by. The same story could be unfolding nearby, for real. *Worth a try.*

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO,
9500 GILMAN DR., UCSD. 858-534-2230. 1PM, 1:30PM, 2PM, 2:30PM,
3PM SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS, THROUGH
FEBRUARY 22.

Stage Kiss
In Sarah Rule’s backstage comedy, the character named She hasn’t done a show in 10 years. Now she’s in a florid, 1930s clunker and the man cast opposite her, called He, was her all-consuming first love. There’s a scene where they must kiss. Will it be “just a kiss”? Or will it become more real than real life? Ruhl always has more things beyond the things you’re looking at. On the surface, *Stage Kiss* examines the possibilities in the title. Deeper down, she explores the notion of a parallel universe and asks: which is more real, daytime life or dreams? New Village Arts director Chelesa Kaufman stays on the surface. As He and She, John De Carlo and Amanda Morrow beam off and on. Daren Scott stars in a supporting role as Adrian Schwalbach, a director with just enough knowledge about theater to be dangerous. NVA’s production has gaps, and plays long in spots. As a superficial farce, it works okay, but there’s more to the script than on the stage. *Worth a try.*
NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 1.

Talley’s Tolly
For its winter production, Point Loma Playhouse stages Lanford Wilson’s Pulitzer Prize-winning romantic comedy “just in time for Valentine’s Day.” Matt Friedman, a Jewish account lawyer 12 years her elder, has very little time to court Sally Talley, daughter of conservative, small-town, wealthy bigoted Protestants.
POINT LOMA ACTORS THEATRE, 3035 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA. 619-225-0044. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 22.

The Twenty-Seventh Man
The Old Globe Theatre presents Nathan Englander’s drama about 26 Yiddish writers in a Soviet prison, 1952, rounded up for judgment. Then a teenager appears: #27? But he’s “unpublished and unknown.” Barry Edelstein directs.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 22.

Trouble in Mind
Alice Childress’ backstage comedy/drama could have been the first play by an African-American woman produced on Broadway back in 1955. All she had to do was make two changes: the title and the ending. Childress refused, and the play got “lost” for two decades. In *Trouble in Mind*, Wiletta Mayer, an African-American actor, sticks to her artistic guns as well, even if it might ruin her only chance to star at the Greak White Way. At Moxie Theatre, director Delicia Turner Sonnenberg and a veritable all-star team of local actors give the 60-year-old script freshness and urgency. Foremost among equals, Ruff Yeager’s Al Manners is an allegedly liberal director whose compassion’s just a mask, and Monique Gaffney grows and then glows as Wiletta Mayer, the actor who can no longer “swallow what you mind.” **Critic’s Pick.**

AUDITIONS

Bingo
ST. MARK’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
4227 Fairmount Ave., City Heights
Runs May 1 to June 7. Directed by Raylene Wall. The play has one man and six women.
Auditions: FEB. 22 & 23 7PM

Cabaret and Hello Dolly
WELK RESORT THEATRE
8860 Lawrence Welk Dr., Escondido
Welk Resort is casting for both shows — it is possible for actors to be in both casts. There is pay. Directed and choreographed by Ray Limo. The role of Dolly Levi has been cast; all other roles for both shows are open. Bring 32 bars with music in correct key, picture, and resume. Only auditioners will be considered — no submissions or emails. Dancing first; those who make the cut will then sing. *Cabaret* runs May 1 to July 26. *Dolly* runs August 28 to November 15. Rehearsals begin three weeks prior to each.
Auditions: MAR. 10 9AM

Chagall
MALASHOCK DANCE
2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 202, Point Loma
Chagall is an original musical that will premiere in the Potiker Theatre on the campus of UCSD November 28 to December 13. The show is a co-production of Malashock Dance and U.C. San Diego’s Department of Theatre & Dance in association with La Jolla Playhouse. Some Actors’ Equity contracts will be offered. *Chagall* is a combination of klezmer, jazz, and folk music. We are looking for performers comfortable with a variety of musical styles. Please prepare one song from any of the following: Gershwin, *Porgy and Bess*, Ellington, *Sophisticated Ladies*, Bock/Harnick, *Fiddler on the Roof*. Also be prepared to sing a folk song a capella.
Auditions: FEB. 22 6:30PM

I, Joan
POINT LOMA ASSEMBLY HALL
3035 Talbot St., Point Loma
A One-Woman Show at Swedenborg Hall September 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, and October 1, 2. Director: Dhyana Dahl. Callbacks February 25, 7-9pm. Auditions are by invitation only. Email headshot/resume to dhyanaadahl@gmail.com.
Auditions: FEB. 23 & 24 7PM

Legoland
LEGOLAND AND SEA LIFE AQUARIUM
One Legoland Dr., Carlsbad
Legoland California is holding auditions for our Hotel Children’s Improv show and atmosphere roles. We are casting male and female adults ages 16 and up. Children’s improv show: Improvisational actors at the hotel are required to participate in a two-person improv show in the form of a Pirate, Knight, Princess, Jester, Wizard, or Adventurer while playing standard improv games that bring children in on the action — all without a script. Atmosphere roles: Requires strong character actors to maintain character for up to two hours at a time while interacting with children and adults. By appointment only: email ryan.kidd@lgoland.com with the subject line AUDITIONS.
Auditions: MAR. 2 6PM

SeaWorld
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2595 Ingraham St., Mission Beach
San Diego SeaWorld is seeking friendly and dynamic personalities to serve as cultural host performers representing regions from around the world for SeaWorld’s Craft Beer & Food Festival. The ability to memorize cultural facts and detailed menu descriptions and enthusiastically engage with guests throughout the day in an outdoor environment is essential. Applicants must apply online prior to audition date. Show dates May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24. All dates required. Rehearsal dates April 13-17, April 20-24, April 27-30, and May 1. Prepare a one-minute, family-friendly monologue that showcases your personality and be prepared to read from a provided script.
Auditions: FEB. 28 10AM

Singin’ in the Rain

A yellow rectangular logo with the text "SINGIN' IN THE RAIN" in a stylized, bold, blue font. To the right of the text is a blue silhouette of a person in a dynamic pose, holding a large umbrella.

SAN DIEGO MUSICAL THEATRE
4652 Mercury St., Clairemont
San Diego Musical Theatre production. Email jill@sdmt.org to schedule an audition. Specify what role or roles you will be auditioning for and if you are Equity or Non-Union. First Non-Union rehearsal April 28. First Equity rehearsal May 5. Runs May 22 to June 7. Dance call March 9 at 6pm. If you are kept from the dance call you will be asked to sing that same evening. Singer call March 10 by appointment only from 2pm-10pm. Callbacks March 11.
Auditions: MAR. 9 6PM, MAR. 10 2PM

Sleeping Beauty
SAN MARCOS COMMUNITY CENTER
3 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos
The City of San Marcos Theatre West invites youth ages 7 to 17 to audition for the musical *Sleeping Beauty*. Be prepared to sing a one minute excerpt from a song of your choice. Bring an instrumental CD if desired. Also bring a school photo and a short list of past experiences you have had speaking, singing, or dancing in front of a group. Beginners are welcome. Performances will be held at the San Marcos Community Center on April 30 and May 1, 2, 3. Info: 760-744-9000.
Auditions: MAR. 2 5PM

Ten Minute Madness
NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE AND CANDY SHOPPE
2031 El Cajon Bl., North Park
GB Productions is holding auditions for our annual “Ten Minute Madness” series of short plays. Looking for an ensemble group to perform seven new short plays. Show runs first three weekends in May. Auditions will be one-minute monologue, short cold reading, and a bit of improv. Stipend. Info/appointment: 619-647-4958.
Auditions: MAR. 1 7PM

To add your audition to our listings, go to sdreader.com/events/submit and select Auditions as the category.

MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, ROLANDO. 858-598-7620.
7PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH
FEBRUARY 22.

West Side Story
San Diego Musical Theatre presents Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim, and Arthur Laurents’ classic musical remake of Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*. The warring Montagues and Capulets are now the Jets and the Sharks, and Tony and Maria are caught in between. James Vasquez directs.
SPRECKELS THEATRE, 121 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-235-9500. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 1.

Without Walls: The Grift at the Lafayette Hotel
For its latest “immersive theatre experience,” the La Jolla Playhouse presents the world premiere of Tom Salamon’s “participatory journey” through the rooms and spaces of North Park’s historic Lafayette Hotel. Ben has lived his entire life there. His last wish is “to elicit the audience’s help to execute one final, giant swindle.”
LAFAYETTE HOTEL, SWIM CLUB & BUNGALOWS, 2223 EL CAJON BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-296-2101. 7PM THURSDAYS, 6PM FRIDAYS, 8:30PM FRIDAYS, 3PM, 6PM, & 8:30PM SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 22.

You Can’t Take It With You
Lamb’s Players Theatre presents George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart’s sage and comic play about living life creatively. Kerry Meads directs the “triumph of freedom, love, and fireworks.”
LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 22.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Buyer & Cellar
The Old Globe Theatre stages Jonathan Tolins’ “totally fictional” comedy about the “the oddest of odd jobs.” Alex Moore, “an out-of-work-actor, caretakes a renowned diva’s ‘acres of memorabilia bursting the seams of her Malibu estate.” Ron Largomarsino directs.
SHERYL AND HARVEY WHITE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. APRIL 9 THROUGH MAY 3.

Chapter Two
North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Neil Simon’s semi-autobiographical comedy about recently widowed George and a crosstown neighbor, the recently divorced Jennie. “Neither of these buried souls is eager to reconnect with the opposite sex.” But then again. David Ellenstein directs.
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. FEBRUARY 28 THROUGH MARCH 22.

Everybody’s Talkin’: The Music of Harry Nilsson
The San Diego Repertory Theatre stages the world premiere musical, conceived by Steve Gunderson

and Javier Velasco. The song cycle “explores the journey from innocence to adulthood through the many stages of life and love,” and is based on the music of Harry Nilsson. Velasco directs.
SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. MAY 30 THROUGH JUNE 21.

Freud’s Last Session
Lamb’s Players stages Mark St. Germain’s piece about a meeting Sigmund Freud had with C. S. Lewis at the outbreak of World War II. Robert Smyth directs.
LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. APRIL 10 THROUGH MAY 17.

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LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. FEBRUARY 26 THROUGH MARCH 22.

My Fair Lady
Cygnet Theatre stages Lerner and Lowe’s signature musical about Henry Higgins’ wager to turn a Cockney flower girl into an aristocratic lady. Songs include “I Could Have Danced All Night,” “Wouldn’t It Be Lovely,” “The Rain in Spain,” and “On the Street Where You Live.” Sean Murray directs.-
CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. MARCH 6 THROUGH APRIL 26.

Oedipus El Rey
The San Diego Repertory Theatre stages Luis Alfaro’s contemporary adaptation of the Oedipus story, reset in the barrios of Southern California. Oedipus is imprisoned “for ripping off Costco; Jocasta (his mother) “splashes on Jean Nate while glued to *All My Children*.” The piece asks the question: “Is your homeboy doomed to suffer el destino? The word on the street is not good.” Sam Woodhouse directs.
SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. MARCH 14 THROUGH MARCH 29.

The Whale
Cygnet Theatre stages Samuel D. Hunter’s “fierce comedy” about a 600 pound recluse, eating himself to death, who wants to reconnect with his daughter, “a viciously sharp-tongued and wildly unhappy teen,” for “one last chance at redemption.” Shana Wride directs.
CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. MAY 15 THROUGH JUNE 14.

Uncanny Valley
As part of the National New Play Network Rolling World Premiere, where an original script premieres in several cities, the San Diego Repertory Theatre presents Thomas Gibbons’ drama about “downloading your thoughts and memories into an everlasting, human-shaped computer” and the “uncanny valley” of discomfort people experience “when seeing electronic recreations of human beings that are not quite believable.”
SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. APRIL 18 THROUGH MAY 10.

Tied and bound

A pair of mismatched, strikingly bland Hollywood ingenues (Dakota Johnson and Ryan Seacrest mimeo Jamie Dornan) drag audiences kicking and screaming through a crash course on alternative lifestyles. The title *Fifty Shades of Grey* refers to the color your hair will turn while struggling to get through this endless, thinly spread dollop of homogenized saltpeter. Everything you've feared is true: here's a soft-core (and soft-peddled) porn variation on *Little Red*

Riding Hood conceived in frustration by a Twihard and aimed at breaking down kinky sex for delicate yentas. Director Sam Taylor-Johnson favors the Wes Anderson see-saw/center-frame approach to anamorphic framing, rendering it as visually flat as it is erotically insolvent; the robotic sex scenes might just as well have been computer generated. What better way to spend Valentine's Day (and the weeks that follow) than watching a virgin tied to a bed and bound to a nondisclosure agreement by an egocentric billionaire bully who gets off on beating the romantic out of her?

— Scott Marks

Oscars 2015: Who's gonna win?

Losing the ability to live-blog his angst during last year's Academy Awards ceremony made it hell on this reporter. Forced to sit and watch the damn thing in real time — the horror. Matthew Lickona never did take to the spontaneous silliness of our shared event, but in the past few months, several of you have inquired as to whether or not we'll crank one out for the 2015 popularity contest.

Matthew, rest your thumbs. Take the kids to a movie. I'll drive this year's snarkathon. The festivities officially kick off this Sunday at 5:30, but I'll start providing color commentary at 4 during the pregame bathos.

What better way to make it through the three-and-a-half hour artificially inseminated pregnant pause known as the 87th Annual Academy Awards telecast than at the *Reader's* online home? By way of homework, your industry-analyzing duo took time away from picking fights and lettuce to pick the bones of this year's nominee stew. See you Sunday night to prove us right.

Picture

Nominees: *American Sniper*, *Bird-*

man, *Boyhood*, *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, *The Imitation Game*, *Selma*, *The Theory of Everything*, and *Whiplash*

Marks: Will voters succumb to the pressure of not singling out one nominee-of-color and hand it to *Selma*, a firm and style-free history lesson that never rises above quality TV? *Birdman* is too confusing, the budget on *Whiplash* too small, and *Grand Budapest* too inconsequential (here's

hoping it goes home 0 for 10) to be given serious consideration. The two period biopics cancel each other out leaving the cogent gimmickry of *Boyhood* and Clint's latest war pic. Had I seen *American Sniper* before making out my ten best of 2014, it would no doubt have topped the list. If the Academy pegs it their best picture, it will be the first time in 28 years — *The Last Emperor* to be exact — that we'll have seen eye-to-eye. Expect a few more good months at the box office to be tacked onto *Boyhood's* 12-year lifespan when it takes home the Best Picture Oscar.

Lickona: Okay, let's get this out of the way at the outset: I didn't see *Boyhood*. I know this makes me a terrible critic and a completely irrelevant voice when it comes to any discussion of awards. *Tant pis*. Let's get on with it.

What should win: *American Sniper*. Posited: Best Picture is supposed to go to something that is more than the sum of its parts — acting, directing, writing, cinematography, etc. (That's why we have those other awards, right?) It's also supposed to go to something with a measure of high-low appeal: something that will hold



Fifty Shades of Grey: "Let's see, if the budget was \$40 million and we took in \$266 million worldwide in our first four days..."

up under the weight of a moment's thought, but also something that will put butts in seats. I really liked *Whiplash* and *Birdman*. I admired *Selma* and enjoyed *The Grand Budapest Hotel* while I was watching it. But *American Sniper* fits the bill here. I read recently that these days, most of the talk about a film tends to happen before its release: the casting news, the teaser, the trailer, etc. But once the pre-release buzz is done and opening weekend is over, people go back to talking about *Game of Thrones* and waiting for the Next Big Release. *American Sniper* managed to beat that. Just because a film gets people talking doesn't mean it's a great film, of course — hello, *Fifty Shades of Grey* — but as movies seem to matter less and less, it does feel significant to have a well-made picture earn a place in the national conversation. Especially when that conversation threatens to break free of the red and blue echo

chambers. (I think it's one of those rare films that acknowledges its hero's virtues to be the flip side of his vices, but maybe that's just me.)

What will win: *Boyhood*. It's an All-American achievement, from all accounts. *Puts on sackcloth*, writes "I am a bad film critic" 500 times.

Director

Nominees: Alejandro G. Iñárritu (*Birdman*), Richard Linklater (*Boyhood*), Bennett Miller (*Foxcatcher*), Wes Anderson (*The Grand Budapest Hotel*), and Morten Tyldum (*The Imitation Game*).

Marks: When asked who should win, the other four nominees all took one step backwards leaving Richard

Linklater to write his acceptance speech.

Lickona: What should win: Bennett Miller, *Foxcatcher*. Pretty sure I'm going to be all alone on this one, but I thought this was a masterfully controlled meditation on family and fandom. Sports are such a huge force in American life, but very few sports movies pay any attention to that. This one does, giving us a man for whom wrestling becomes a way to free himself of his familial fetters, a weapon against his enemies, a cause he can champion, and a path to personal triumph. (Or, at least, that's his hope.) I see a lot of images thrown up on the screen over the course of a year. The shot of Steve Carrell as John DuPont,

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releasing his mother's horses from their stables after her death and driving them out into the gray morning mist, was, for me, the most memorable of 2014. But then, I didn't see *Boyhood*. Sensing a theme?

Actor

Nominees: Steve Carell (*Foxcatcher*), Bradley Cooper (*American Sniper*), Benedict Cumberbatch (*The Imitation Game*), Michael Keaton (*Birdman*), Eddie Redmayne (*The Theory of Everything*).

Marks: The baffling absence of Jake Gyllenhaal's *Nightcrawler* makes this an easy one to call. Benedict Cumberbatch's non-stop show-offishness failed to draw me in, ditto Eddie Redmayne's wall-building impersonation of Stephen Hawking. Michael Keaton suffered well under all the unnecessary camera movement, while a zombified Steve Carrell let the hair and makeup do the heavy lifting. Bradley Cooper's was the only nominated performance that best served its subject, but something tells me the Academy is going to go full-Rich Little and give it to Redmayne.

Lickona: Speaking of baffling absences, did they nominate Carrell or his fake schnozz? (Or rather, the fact that said schnozz combined with his odd posture and speech to produce an effect so different from the usual Carrell character?) I ask because that prominent proboscis seems to have obscured Channing Tatum, who, like Cooper (and Affleck in *Gone Girl*), managed to give an inner life to a thick slab of manbeef. I think the award will go to either Redmayne or Cumber-

batch for their portrayals of English suffering, but my heart is with Keaton for tackling a dramatic version of himself, the way Gloria Swanson did in *Sunset Boulevard*. It's a tricky business, and Keaton nails every maneuver.

Actress

Nominees: Marion Cotillard (*Two Days, One Night*), Felicity Jones (*The Theory of Everything*), Julianne Moore (*Still Alice*), Rosamund Pike (*Gone Girl*), and Reese Witherspoon (*Wild*).

Marks: We'll begin by checking off perky Felicity Jones, this year's most puzzling nominee. Rosamund Pike's glacial sleazeball is a tad gamy for Oscar voters and Marion Cotillard's talking-at-the-bottom-of-the-screen way of speaking is impossible to follow. As much as they love Reese Witherspoon (and actresses who shy away from makeup in general), they're going to vote the pathos ticket and hand Julianne Moore another statuette. I say Viva la Cotillard!

Lickona: Ditto.

Supporting Actor

Nominees: Robert Duvall (*The Judge*), Ethan Hawke (*Boyhood*), Edward Norton (*Birdman*), Mark Ruffalo (*Foxcatcher*), and J. K. Simmons (*Whiplash*).

Marks: Ethan Hawke will be overshadowed, Robert Duvall's solemn slice of hambone flat-out doesn't deserve it (never thought that would come out of me), and J.K. Simmons's treadmill running got old fast. The battle is between a bombastic Edward Norton and sly and slow Mark Ruffalo. To the former go the spoils while the latter earns my personal pick for victor.

Lickona: This is maybe my toughest call. I take Scott's point about the exhausting character of Simmons's

verbal assaults, but I was never not gripped by his ferocity. I actually think the Academy might give it to him; the performance is just showy enough (in a believable context) to catch their fancy. Ruffalo gets my heart for his disarming portrayal of genuine decency and brotherly love. Norton gets my head for his thrilling parody of *The Actor*.

Supporting Actress

Nominees: Patricia Arquette (*Boyhood*), Laura Dern (*Wild*), Keira Knightley (*The Imitation Game*), Emma Stone (*Birdman*), and Meryl Streep (*Into the Woods*).

Marks: The least interest-generating category of the bunch. Does Keira Knightley really belong in this company? The rallying cry "Enough Meryl Streep!" can be heard echoing across the Hollywood Hills. Only on rare occasions will Oscar favor youth. "She's young with plenty of time ahead for her to win," will be the voter's excuse for not singling out Emma Stone. The odds-on favorite is Patricia Arquette's monotone momma, but they should give it to Laura Dern for *Blue Velvet*, *Smooth Talk*, *Rambling Rose*, and for being the only live wire in the otherwise tame *Wild*.

Lickona: Gotta be Arquette, and I didn't even see *Boyhood*! Simple process of elimination. Dern was the best thing in *Wild*, but served mainly to define the edges of Witherspoon's unhappiness. Stone was hugely fun to watch, and I loved her big speech on the horrible insignificance of the artist, but she wasn't much more than that. Streep actually faltered in *Into the Woods*; that they didn't nominate Emily Blunt is a gigantic oversight. She was the heart and soul of that picture. Knightley barely registered and was forced to say this line: "Sometimes it's

the people no one imagines anything of who do the things that no one can imagine." Oof. I don't know if anyone could have acted their way out of that one.

Cinematography

Nominees: Emmanuel Lubezki (*Birdman*), Robert Yeoman (*The Grand Budapest Hotel*), Lukasz Zal and Ryszard Lenczewski (*Ida*), Dick Pope (*Mr. Turner*), and Roger Deakins (*Unbroken*).

Marks: Inasmuch as cinematography and direction should go hand in hand, I ask, can a bad film truly be beautifully photographed? Robert Elswit was twice robbed for his contributions to *Inherent Vice* and *Nightcrawler* leaving Lukasz Zal and Ryszard Lenczewski's *Ida* the only good un' in the pack, a film that artfully tells its story in pictures and words. I'd venture that at least half of the voting body catnapped their way through *Mr. Turner*, and what they saw was impressive enough to reward Dick Poop... uh, Pope.

Lickona: I won't argue overmuch, because I loved *Nightcrawler* (Thom Andersen might want to consider updating Los Angeles Plays Itself) and I managed to miss *Ida* as well. (Marks gets all the fancy award movies, it seems.) Though I will put in a world for *The Grand Budapest Hotel*. I agree that it was oddly insubstantial, but I loved looking at it while it played. Particularly the contrast between the hotel's pinkly ornamental glory days and its garishly orange post-communist present. Maybe it's really the set design that I'm admiring, but I don't think so.

Adapted Screenplay

Nominees: Paul Thomas Anderson

(*Inherent Vice*), Damien Chazelle (*Whiplash*), Jason Hall (*American Sniper*), Anthony McCarten (*The Theory of Everything*), and Graham Moore (*The Imitation Game*).

Marks: It is beyond indisputable to say that Paul Thomas Anderson's *Inherent Vice* is the only deserving nominee, so it's certain the sentimental chumps will bestow their golden doorstop on Anthony McCarten's *The Theory of Everything*.

Lickona: Give it to Chazelle, who had to come up with 4000 ways for Simmons to say "You suck!" to Miles Teller. And just for the sake of disagreement, I say the Academy will go for Moore and that godawful line of Knightley's. It's this year's "I'm the king of the world!" and it shows up three times to make it extra-memorable.

Original Screenplay

Birdman (Alejandro G. Iñárritu, Alexander Dinelaris, Nicolas Giacobone, and Armando Bo), *Boyhood* (Richard Linklater), *Foxcatcher* (Dan Futterman and E. Max Frye), *The Grand Budapest Hotel* (Wes Anderson), and *Nightcrawler* (Dan Gilroy).

Marks: At long last *Nightcrawler*. Enough said.

Lickona: Oh, fine — but only because I hate the commodification of everything, and Gyllenhaal is sort of the apotheosis of a guy who sees other people solely in terms of the value they can offer him. The Academy won't have it, though. Too nasty. If it's not *Boyhood*, I say it's *Birdman*. It's about a play, but it's really about movies, and the Academy loves a story about itself.

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2015 Oscar Nominated Animation Shorts — A lightweight slate: nine films, but only two that marry really engaging visuals with narrative heft. Those two are *Me and My Moulton*, a middle sister's memoir of her family life in sixties Norway, and *The Dam Keeper*, a gorgeous fable about an orphaned pig who has to navigate the cruelties of his world (mostly mean-spirited classmates) while constantly shielding said world from catastrophe. Honorable mention to the clever (and properly brief) *A Single Life* and the dizzyingly inventive *The Bigger Picture*. None. — M.L. ★ (AMC FASHION VALLEY; LANDMARK KEN)

2015 Oscar Nominated Live Action Shorts — A solid collection of five films that make the most of the short form and the simplicity it permits. *Boogaloo and Graham* tells the story of a pair of Belfast boys and their pet chickens (and also their Mum and Dad). *The Phone Call* lets us watch a

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From Florida to Coahuila: The History of the Black Seminoles This documentary traces the complex history and culture of the Black Seminoles, descendants of Seminole Indians and African slaves who migrated from Florida to Texas to Mexico. Their heritage is in jeopardy of extinction as the young generation has lost touch with the old ways and the elders who practiced them. In conjunction with the Central Library's current exhibit *The Civil War 150*. 2002. 60 minutes. Not rated. Discussion follows. **Monday, February 23, 6:30pm**
Film Forum: Words and Pictures Clive

Owens and Juliette Binoche headline Fred Schepisi's academic duel. Darts fly as a combative English teacher and a prickly art instructor engage in a vigorous skirmish over the merits of Literature versus Art. 2013. 111 minutes. PG-13. In the Central Library Auditorium. Two hours free parking with validation. **Monday, March 2, 6:30pm**

Film Forum: Dear White People Winner of the Sundance Film Festival Special Jury Award for Breakthrough Talent. Justin Simien's zingy provocation is a razor-sharp lampoon of race relations in the age of Obama. We follow a group of black students as they navigate campus life and racial politics at an Ivy League college. 2014. 108 minutes. Rated R. In the Central Library Auditorium. Two hours free parking with validation. **Monday, March 9, 6:30pm**

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Film Forum: The Two Faces of January A suspense yarn in the Hitchcock tradition. The film follows the charismatic Chester (Viggo Mortensen) and his alluring wife (Kirsten Dunst) as they befriend a young tour guide (Oscar Isaac). Their friendship takes a danger-

ous turn when it morphs into a love triangle. 2014. 97 minutes. PG-13. Discussion to follow. **Wednesday, February 25, 6:00pm**

A Path Appears From the makers of the documentary *Half the Sky*, *A Path Appears*. Gender-based oppression and human rights violations are explored. **Saturday, February 28, 1:00pm**

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Film Forum: Laggies Comic shenanigans erupt when comfortably inert Megan (Keira Knightley) panics at her long-time boyfriend's marriage proposal and takes refuge at the home of a rebellious teenager (Chloe Grace Mortiz) and her divorced father (Sam Rockwell). 2014. 100 minutes. Rated PG-13. **Tuesday, February 24, 6:00pm**

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Back to the Future To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of *Back to the Future*, Carlsbad City Library will show a variety of time-travel-themed movies, ending the month with a screening of the iconic '80s film. In this 1980s sci-fi classic, small-town California teen Marty McFly (Michael J. Fox) is accidentally sent 30 years into the past by his friend Dr. Emmett Brown (Christopher Lloyd). Traveling through time in a modified DeLorean, Marty must make sure his high-school-age parents unite in order to save his own existence. **Wednesday, February 25, 6pm to 8pm**

woman working in a crisis center deal with a suicidal caller. And *Butter Lamp* trumps them all, using a single shot to great effect. None. ★★ (AMC FASHION VALLEY; LANDMARK KEN)

American Sniper — Director Clint Eastwood continues his quiet critique of the moviegoer's deep delight in cinematic violence. In this case, that means great swaths of gripping, based-on-a-true-story wartime action centered around Chris Kyle (Bradley Cooper in full strong-silent-Texan mode), a good ol' boy who becomes a great old sniper for the Navy SEALs. (He's so good, in fact, that he becomes a target: as he hunts, so is he hunted.) But while Kyle adopts the unorthodox practice of keeping both eyes open as he peers into his scope, he seems not to notice much beyond the scope of the mission. Or if he does notice, he doesn't let himself get distracted. When his fellow soldiers start to crack under the strain of war, when his wife starts to crack under the strain of his absence, even when his lethal celebrity endangers the lives of his team — none of it is enough to give him pause. And Eastwood is always quick to take us back to the battlefield, where all those nagging questions become moot. Eventually, of course, the soldier must come home and face the struggles of peacetime living in the aftermath of wartime destruction. But that's a less thrilling battle to portray, and may result in a less glorious conclusion. 2014. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Birdman — Michael Keaton plays Riggan, a guy who used to be a box-office superstar, in part because he played Birdman in three films. (Art improving on life?) Now Riggan (like Keaton) is starring in much artier fare. Sadly, everything is going wrong, and he is routinely haunted by his feathery, famous alter-ego: rumbling about past glories and present humiliations, urging him to become the superhero he once was and maybe could be again. The action covers the preview performances running up to the show's premiere, and its devotion to showbiz types and clichés is positively wondrous. Director Alejandro Innaritu (who also co-wrote) is having great fun as he winds his camera through the labyrinthine bowels of the theater, and he wants you to have fun, too. Besides, the clichéd action isn't the point. The point is the artist and the self he is forever attempting to express, his struggle to slip free of history's obliterating grip and soar toward heaven and immortality. It's a hoot. (Mostly, anyway. There are some draggy bits that even the thump-a-drum score cannot enliven.) 2014. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Boy Meets Girl — A transgendered virgin-with-girls (Michelle Hendley) falls for a girl virgin (Alexandra Turshen) engaged to a homophobic marine (Michael Galante). A good portion of writer-director Eric Schaeffer's time is spent hammering out well-worn dialogue exchanges aimed at shedding light upon transsexuality to cave-dwelling Red Staters who probably wouldn't go near a film such as this in the first place. If one is to knock the simple-minded, propagandistic tone Fox Faith and Freestyle Releasing bring to their canned sermons, it would be disingenuous not to do the same for this earnestly condescending approach to gender identity. (Pillow talk exchanges between Hendley and Turshen come the closest to ringing true.) The cast — particularly newcomer Hendley, who knows how to work her Pamela Tiffin bangs — plays it with such pokerface force and grounded conviction that one is almost willing to overlook the sentimentality and platitudinous plotting. With Michael Welch as the designated BFF and Randall Newsome as Hendley's mightily supportive father. 2014. — S.M. ★★ (READING GASLAMP)



Aliens

ALAN WADE
Beleaguered adjunct English professor

After the lovable droids and creatures of *Star Wars*, the *Alien* franchise decided to take sci-fi someplace a little darker. Ridley Scott's *Alien* launched the franchise followed by James Cameron's *Aliens*. These films are my picks because it's interesting to consider what working conditions will be like in a future run entirely by a transnational corporation. Poor Ripley (played by Sigourney Weaver in all the films) doesn't get properly laid until the third installment! Crew, sadly, expendable.

ALIEN (USA) 1979, Twentieth Century Fox Available on Google Play and Amazon Instant Video
ALIENS (USA) 1986, Twentieth Century Fox Available on Google Play and Amazon Instant Video

The DUFF — DUFF stands for Designated Ugly Fat Friend. Not to say that there actually is such a creature in this film. Review forthcoming at sandiegoreader.com. 2015. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The Duke of Burgundy — Despite the '70s arthouse softcore vibe, there's little in the way of sex and/or nudity in this deeply felt BDSM romance. Instead, writer-director Peter Strickland makes the viewer squirm in the presence of naked emotional intimacy. Cynthia is a gently aging entomologist; Evelyn is her young and willing slave. Or at least, she plays



Blazing Saddles

JIM BOYDSTON
San Diego Opera core chorister

I feel *Blazing Saddles* is a timeless, purely American comedy, the likes of which will never be repeated. Successfully, at least. I feel it does the best job of ripping open the guts of a core issue in our society and poking it with a very funny, sharp stick.

As a veteran submarine, I feel *Das Boot*: *Director's Cut* is far and away the quintessential submarine movie. The technical aspects of it are accurate, and the feeling of what it's really like to be in a submarine are very poignantly portrayed and conveyed. Three and a half hours and worth every minute of it.

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Under the Skin

MERRICK MCCARTHA
Actor

You won't be able to stop watching *Under The Skin* with Scarlett Johansson. You'll think it's a hidden camera film and they told her to improv her lines. However, this story unfolds into a wicked smart drama about alien abduction that mesmerizes with its '80s style sci-fi scoring and disorienting Irish setting. Gripping, original, and a sci-fi buff must-watch.

Television today is mostly bad, serving up a lot of guilty pleasures or utter wastes of brain cells (*Honey Boo Boo*.) But sometimes a show renews your faith that the industry still aspires to brilliance. *House of Cards* is one such show. If you're halfway intellectual and like political dramas like *The Pelican Brief* or *Michael Clayton*, then you'll be binge-watching this Netflix show with Kevin Spacey and Robin Wright. They show what a REAL power couple looks like. Set in Washington DC and told in a Shakespearean style, it's jaw-dropping!

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one during their routine fantasy scenario (emphasis on *routine*). The film wastes no time in revealing the complicated power dynamics at work (or should that be "in play"?) in their relationship, and a botched birthday present — Evelyn wanted a bed with a storage compartment, but wound up with a basic lockbox instead — begins a chain of tiny but telling events that test the nature of the couple's bond. Unfortunately, the film's chief crisis comes at the cost of believability, hinging as it does on a bondage furniture saleswoman's willingness to casually disclose the identity of her other clients. Still, it's an impressive achievement:

the rendering of a private and extremely particular world in terms that any lover will understand. The great question: are they together for each other's sake, or for their own? 2014. — M.L. ★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

Fifty Shades of Grey — Reviewed this issue 2015. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Foxcatcher — The goal is an Olympic gold medal in wrestling, but the real grappling goes on between two families: the Schultzes (brothers Dave and Mark) and

the DuPonts (mother Jean and son John). Yes, *those* DuPonts. Poor John (Steve Carrell in a fake schnozz) is a crazily wealthy nothing of a man — slight emphasis on "crazily." (Patriotism is portrayed here as the last refuge of the personally pathetic.) He's determined to make his mark by mentoring Mark to triumph; all the better that it will be in a sport his mother considers "low." For his part, Mark (a brooding, dominating Channing Tatum) is glad for the attention; usually, folks want to talk to his older brother. And Dave (Mark Ruffalo)? Dave is just love — and you know how that goes. After his success with *Moneyball*, director Bennett Miller makes good use of another sports-related story "based on actual events." He keeps the signposts clear and the mood restrained, even as events spiral into loony land. But he can't resist sacrificing a quiet, satisfying ending for something with a little more pop, perhaps under the rubric of *Hey, it really happened*. 2014. — M.L. ★★ (AMC LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night — A cliché-juggling feminist vampire tale by any other country of origin would still hit a dry socket. We never learn where our impoverished hero (Arash Marandi) picked up enough spare cash to acquire a cherry Ford T-Bird or the amount of vigorish that's owed Bad City's local pimp. Iranian-American writer-director Ana Lily Amirpour is more consumed by style than substance; all that matters is Marandi is young, beautiful (he's billed as "the Iranian James Dean"), and, together with our titular love-starved garlic-avoider (Sheila Vand), knows how to pose before a camera. Worth seeing for those too young to remember how beautiful black-and-white 'Scope looks when spread across a theater screen. Closer in spirit to the gaily amateurish plotting of *The Lost Boys* than the Lynch-Leone hybrid Amirpour was aiming for, this comes closest to putting an end to my longstanding claim of never having seen a bad Iranian movie, particularly one filmed in the San Joaquin Valley. 2014. — S.M. ★ (READING GASLAMP)

Hot Tub Time Machine 2 — Apparently, the hot tub time machine from the first movie was real, and John Cusack used it to go back in time and remove his contractual obligation for the sequel. Review forthcoming at sandiegoreader.com. 2015. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

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)

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. ★★ (AMC LA JOLLA; REGAL SAN MARCOS)

Jupiter Ascending — How can something so busy be so boring? Maybe it's because the Wachowskis have officially begun cannibalizing their own work. Way back in 1999, *The Matrix* gave us a Chosen One who gets introduced to a reality entirely beyond his experience, a reality based on a terrifying premise: humanity reduced to fuel. Then, it was Keanu Reeves. Now, it's Mila Kunis. Though the actorly affect is similar, the change in gender and the passage of time have not improved matters, and the camp glory of blond Channing Tatum shirtlessly roller-blading through the sky doesn't make up for the midchlorianized mysticism. (Where *The Matrix* featured a prophecy with love at its heart, *Jupiter* offers the "almost spiritual" significance of genes.) The set design and costuming are pretty fabulous, though, and thank goodness: it gives you something to look at during the talk, talk, talk (which still somehow doesn't explain everything). It's a pity, really: an early bitchfest between three

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privileged siblings (including a wheezing Eddie Redmayne) promises something delicious and decadent, a futuristic Roman empire in decline. Instead, we get overlong chases and gunfights, awkward romance between a girl and her half-dog protector, and the endless wisps and ripples of technological decoration. 2015. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Kingsman: The Secret Service — Simultaneous spoof, homage, one-upping, and debasement of James Bond, delivered with gory, self-conscious glee by the inimitable Matthew Vaughn (*Kick-Ass*, *X-Men: First Class*) at his Matthew Vaughniest, working once again from a graphic novel by Mark Millar. Yes, there are British spies who dress nattily and imbibe impeccably,

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but they work for themselves, not the crown — closer to MiB than Mi6. (Also similar to *Men in Black* is the setup: older master spy (a correct Colin Firth) overseeing the testing and training of a streetwise new recruit (a well-cast Taron Egerton). It all ticks along conventionally enough, with Samuel L. Jackson's lisping supervillain putting his master plan into action while the good guys try to suss him out. Then, after he's got the audience well in hand, Vaughn turns up the crazy (literally) and starts testing the limits. But he never quite severs the heartstrings: even as he serves up global comedic carnage, he puts a baby in peril to sober you up. 2015. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

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up your completely conventional story of boy-meets-girl, boy-marries-girl, boy-gets-famous, boy-moves-on? Well, you could start by chopping up the timeline so that we start with the heartbroken ending, cut to the ecstatic beginning, slam to a curdled late-period fight, and work from there. Oh, and you could also sing the whole thing. Richard LaGravenese (*Beautiful Creatures*) adapted and directed Jason Robert Brown's musical play about two artistic souls who bump up against the hard fact of his triumph and her failure. Lord knows the music and lyrics are inventive and clever, but after an hour or so, they also feel relentless and meandering. Star Anna Kendrick's appeal is stretched to its limit here, and her lover Jeremy Jordan's character is hard to take in large doses. The whole enterprise

feels like it slipped and fell on the journey from stage to screen. 2014. M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

McFarland, USA — The Kevin Costnerrection (that's not quite as catchy as McCaughnasance, is it?) continues its post-*Hatfields* run with this based-on-a-true-and-inspirational story about a knockabout coach who transforms *Hoosiers* into a track movie. 2015. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

National Gallery — Frederick Wiseman turns his camera on the famed art museum in London's Trafalgar Square. About the only thing we aren't made privy to is the recorded audio that plays as visitors wander from Old Master to Old Master. Everything else — from PR strategy meetings, to framemakers, to restorers, to lighting directors, to docents lecturing on the works' making and meaning, to protestors making their mark on a landmark — is treated with Wiseman's characteristic (and appealing) immediacy. He knows how to get in and get out of the way. At three hours, the result is long but perhaps less exhausting than a visit to the actual gallery, because of how thoroughly the mind is engaged even as the senses are saturated. And while it's more a portrait than a pamphlet, the result nevertheless provides an eloquent argument for the enduring worth of all this old stuff. 2014. — M.L. ★★★★★ (READING GASLAMP)

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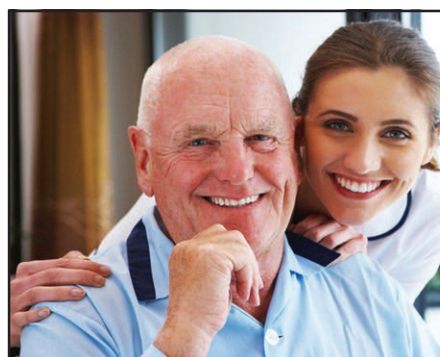
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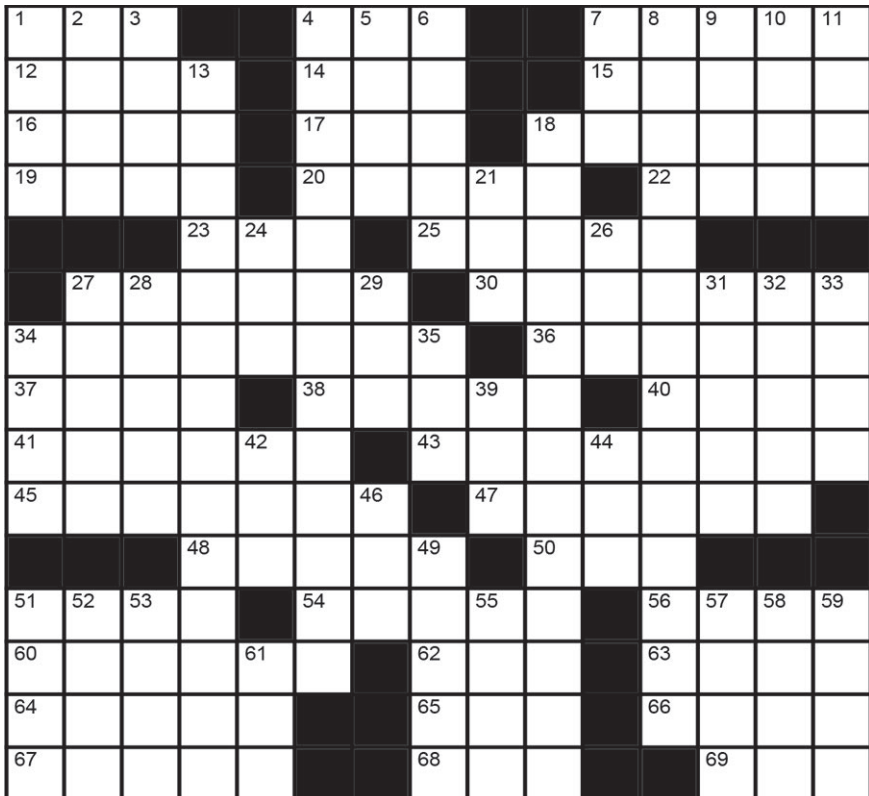
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Across

1. Scribble
4. Limit
7. Maritime threat of the early 1940s
12. Singer Tori
14. Flub
15. Emmy winner on her 19th try
16. Carvey or Delany
17. Big Apple airport code
18. Chaos
19. Guitarist Clapton
20. "Cute" sound
22. Diet successfully
23. Back stroke?
25. "Marxism Will Give Health to the Sick" painter
27. Court affairs
30. Actress who quipped "The best way to behave is to misbehave"
34. Lobster's locale
36. "Glad I'm back?"
37. Prefix with dexterity
38. Electronic storage medium
40. Terminal announcements, for short
41. "Carrie" star
43. Like onesies with Velcro closures, e.g.
45. "Turn the Beat Around" singer
47. Title subject of a 1975 Truffaut film
48. Army post SE of Trenton
50. "Perfect! Right there!"
51. Best Actress Oscar winner Patricia
54. Laud

Down

56. ____ Mini
60. "Without a doubt!"
62. Dictator Amin
63. Up for anything
64. Hearty slices
65. Softball question
66. Brit of Fox News
67. Awards show named for a TV network
68. Former owner of Capitol Records
69. ____ Pollos Hermanos ("Breaking Bad" restaurant)
1. Shade of green
2. Bradley with five stars
3. "Mickey" singer Basil
4. Fruity drinks enjoyed by prisoners?
5. Best Picture before "12 Years a Slave"
6. 4/1 gag
7. Suffix meaning "little one"
8. Age-old investment advice ... and this puzzle's theme
9. Dos times cuatro
10. They aren't returned
11. Use a stop clock on
13. Give up a chance to do a low-altitude airplane pass?
18. "It wasn't me -- I was founding Islam at the time?"
21. What a floozy might show off
24. "Fly the friendly skies" co.
26. Gift upon arriving in Honolulu
27. Office aides

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



28. Capital of Morocco
 29. Turf
 31. Makeup magnate Lauder
 32. Bomb's opposite
 33. 1979 Roman Polanski film
 34. Encl. with an autograph request
 35. Travelers' options: Abbr.
 39. ____ moment's notice
 42. Wee amphibian
 44. Shade of green
 46. Veto
 49. There's only one in Scrabble
 51. Where Barnes & Noble is BKS
 52. Reef dwellers
 53. "Hurry!"
 55. Lamar who married a Kardashian
 57. Left-handed Beatle
 58. What might go on a belt
 59. Rick with the 1976 #1 hit "Disco Duck"
 61. Suffix with lion
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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:

	9	4		8	1			
		8			5		4	9
	3							6
5	4		8				3	
9			5		7			8
	1				3		6	2
4							9	
6	5		7			8		
			9	2		7	5	

HARD:

6	7							1
2			4			8		
	5			8				
			7			5		9
3			9		5			2
9		5			4			
				9			3	
		6			2			5
8							2	7

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:

					9	2	3	
4	2		1		8			7
5				8			6	
	6				3			8
	8			7			1	
7			8				2	
	1			9				2
3		8			2		4	9
	9	4	3					

EVIL:

5	6							4
		2	9	8				
	3				5			
					3	4		6
6			7		2			8
9		4	5					
			2				8	
				3	1	6		
8							2	7

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

9	2	5	4	6	7	8	3	1
7	6	3	8	1	9	4	2	5
4	1	8	5	2	3	7	6	9
3	5	6	2	8	4	1	9	7
1	9	4	7	3	6	5	8	2
2	8	7	9	5	1	6	4	3
5	3	1	6	9	8	2	7	4
8	4	2	3	7	5	9	1	6
6	7	9	1	4	2	3	5	8

HARD:

7	4	2	1	6	3	9	5	8
5	1	6	4	9	8	2	3	7
9	3	8	5	7	2	1	4	6
3	2	7	9	1	6	5	8	4
8	6	1	3	4	5	7	9	2
4	9	5	8	2	7	3	6	1
2	5	4	7	8	9	6	1	3
6	8	3	2	5	1	4	7	9
1	7	9	6	3	4	8	2	5

MEDIUM:

3	9	1	8	6	4	7	2	5
8	7	2	1	5	9	4	3	6
4	5	6	3	7	2	8	1	9
5	1	4	2	9	3	6	8	7
7	6	8	5	4	1	2	9	3
2	3	9	7	8	6	5	4	1
9	4	5	6	3	8	1	7	2
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1	8	7	9	2	5	3	6	4

EVIL:

8	7	2	1	6	3	9	5	4
4	3	6	2	5	9	1	7	8
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2	9	1	8	3	4	7	6	5
5	4	3	6	9	7	8	2	1

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- **Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 11.**
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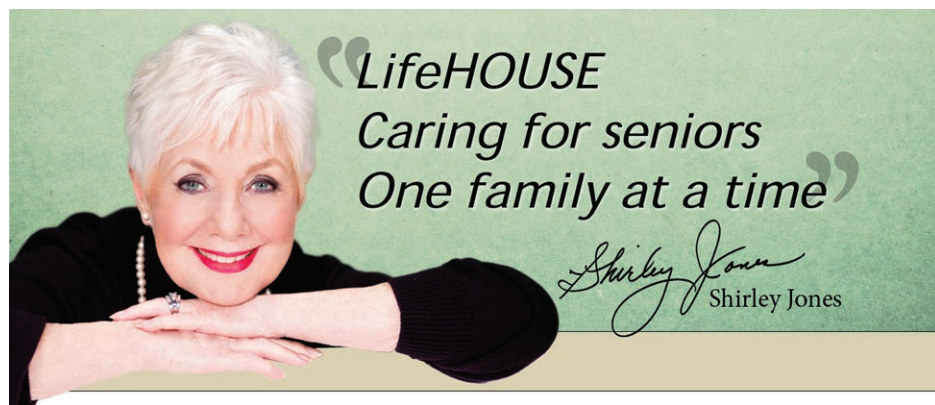


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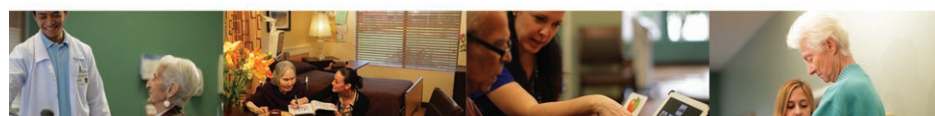
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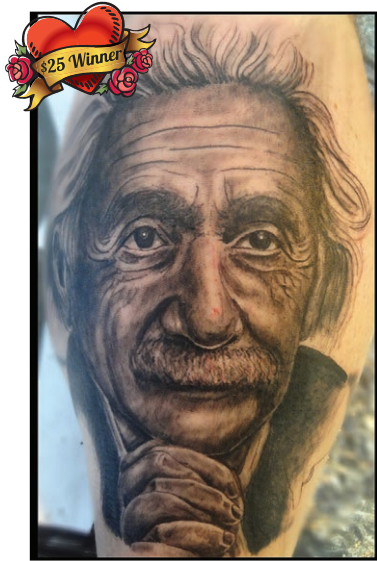
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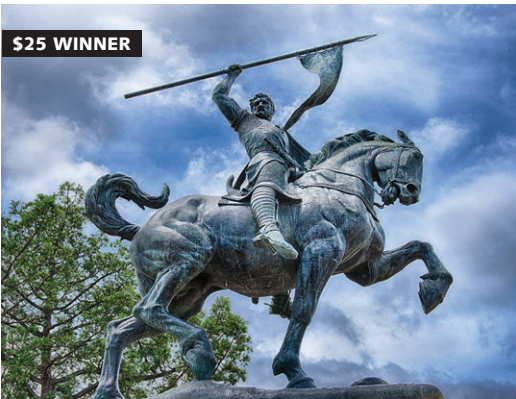
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— In October, another premier world sports event reached its climax, with one team left standing, rewarded for months of grueling practices, to the cheers of adoring, frenzied fans. The “world series” of professional team computer games was settled on a stage in a packed, 40,000-seat stadium in Seoul before three gigantic TV screens and an internet audience of millions. The powerhouse Samsung White team out-moused and -key-boarded the Chinese champions at “League of Legends” (which 27 million gamers worldwide play every day), using its fantasy characters to destroy opponents’ bases. The winning team took home \$1 million of corporate money, but future earnings should escalate when idolized world-class players unionize and swing merchandising endorsement deals.

Can’t Be True

— Carnell Alexander at one point owed about \$60,000 in child support for a kid he did not father (according to a DNA test) and knew nothing about, but despite “successfully” challenging the claim 20 years ago, he still owes about \$30,000. The mother who accused him long ago admitted lying (in that naming a “father” was necessary to get welfare benefits), and while a judge thus wiped out Alexander’s debt to her, the State of Michigan nonetheless still demands that Alexander repay benefits it had paid to the mother.

— America’s largest pornography website, *PornHub.com*, decided recently to erect a public billboard prominently encouraging the

use of its service, first selecting as its location the New York City neighborhood formerly the smut epicenter of the city, Times Square. However, that area is now tourist-friendly, and the billboard had to be relocated — to Los Angeles’ West Hollywood, near the headquarters of PornHub’s parent, MindGeek. The sign features a person’s two thumbs and fingers forming a rough version of a heart, beside the message (inspired by a Beatles song), “All You Need Is Hand.”

Brits Behaving Britishly Bad

— Literature professor Thomas Docherty was back at work in October following his nine-month suspension from the University of Warwick for “inappropriate sighing” during meetings with a senior colleague, along with “making ironic comments” and “negative body language.”

— In October, Andrew Davies, 51, was ordered by magistrates in High Wycombe, England, not to lie down in public places anymore (unless genuinely stricken by emergency). Previously, he had a habit of making bogus “999” (911) calls to get attention, and when police confiscated his phone, he began compensating by lying in roads until compassionate passersby called for ambulances.

The New Math

— More than 6 million students have downloaded the new iPhone app PhotoMath to solve Algebra I and Algebra II problems by pointing the phone’s camera at a printed equation. The answer, and the explanation, quickly

appear on a screen, as a teaching tool — or for the students to show “their” work if PhotoMath is used on exam questions. The Croatia-based developer told the *Quartz* website in October that it is working on upgrades for higher-level math equations (though no relief is in sight for those chronically pesky “word problems”). Meanwhile, the debate has been triggered over whether PhotoMath is a dynamic technological advance in education — or a cheating-enabler.

Bright Ideas

— Neighbors in the Mandarin neighborhood of Jacksonville, Florida, complained to the city recently about a resident who scattered hundreds of mothballs — over 400 now, at least — around her front yard, even driving over them in her car to crush them open and extend their noxious odor. The National Pesticide Information Center warned that the mothballs were hazards to plants, wildlife, water, and air, but the female resident said she was forced into the tactic in order to prevent neighborhood dogs from defecating in her yard.

— In September in Hamburg, Germany, *Charles Manson: Summer of Hate — The Musical*, opened at the Thalia Theater, covering the influences and failed musical career of the man convicted in the notorious 1969 Sharon Tate murders. And *I Am Stephon Marbury*, a musical featuring the former star NBA basketball player, ran for 11 nights in September in Beijing, where the popular Marbury has led the Beijing Ducks to national basketball championships the past two seasons. Marbury has a role

onstage in what is described as a parable about pursuing one’s dreams.

— The most challenging toys this holiday season might be the series of furry human innards from the U.S. firm I Heart Guts — not just the soft and cuddly pancreas, brain, and prostate, but especially the rectum. Each part is packaged with a cheekily written educational description explaining its importance (the rectum being “the butt of many jokes” yet with “a serious role” in waste disposal as the “fecal loading dock”), and each sells for about \$20.

The District of Calamity

— The Washington DC school system last year declared Avery Gagliano, 13, a habitual truant whose parents somehow require special training to ensure her attendance. The eighth-grader was a straight-A student at Alice Deal Middle School, but also a piano prodigy selected for prestigious world exhibitions — which caused her to exceed the maximum 10 “unexcused” absences that trigger the assignment of a truancy officer and a series of relentless threats against the parents (which ultimately provoked them to withdraw Avery and this season to home-school her). (In October, following a *Washington Post* account, DC’s governing council honored Avery in a public ceremony, and the DC schools chancellor overnight began begging the Gaglianos to bring Avery and her suddenly “excused” absences back to school.)

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