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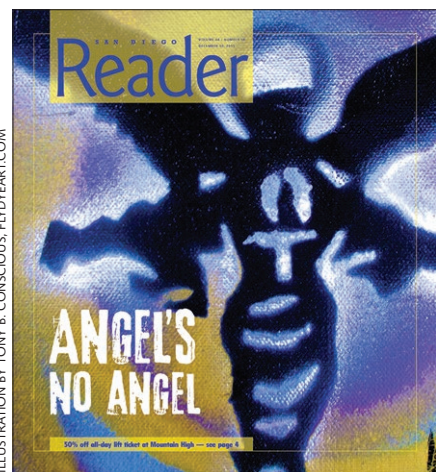
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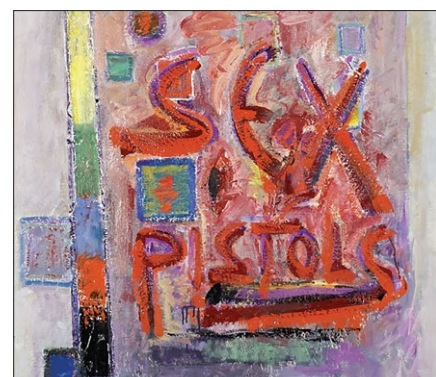
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## NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

## So 1860s

Robert E. Lee Elementary: “We will see the name change”

California assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez joined the San Diego chapter of the National Action Network and the San Diego Black Police Officers’ Association on December 2 to call for a name change to Robert E. Lee Elementary in Paradise Hills.



Lorena Gonzalez (at lectern) thought filing a request to change the name of the school would be a “no-brainer.”

“When community members came to me and said, ‘Can you believe we have a school named Robert E. Lee?’ I didn’t know,” Gonzalez told media assembled at City of Grace Church in Lemon Grove. “We don’t expect the namesakes of our schools to be perfect. But we do expect the defining moment in their life is something that we can look up to. But the defining moment in Lee’s life was the decision to take on the United States so that millions of African-Americans could remain enslaved in the name of states’ rights.”

Gonzalez said she’d anticipated filing a request to change the name of the school would be a “no-brainer” — she was dismayed at the yearlong process that ensued.

“I had no idea that we’d be fighting a school district in the name of process to have a popular vote.”

National Action Network chapter president Shane Harris promised rallies involving “several hundred” protesters descending on San Diego Unified School District and possible action from national network leader Al Sharpton if action isn’t promptly taken.

“We know the history of Robert E. Lee, a Confederate general who clearly doesn’t articulate the community of Paradise Hills,” Harris said. “We will see the name change, or else we’re coming for you. We will rally, we will do whatever we have to in order to ensure that the change happens.”

Dave Rice

## Edison’s cost of corruption

Fine of \$16.7M for secret meeting

In a decision on December 3, the California Public Utilities Commission fined Southern California Edison a piddling \$16.7 million for not reporting an illegal, amoral, clandestine meeting it had in early 2013 with Michael

Peevey, then president of the utilities commission, now under criminal investigation.

Peevey is a former president of Edison. Edison didn’t report eight secret meetings with the commission.

At that secret meeting in a posh Polish hotel, Peevey sketched out to an Edison executive a plan by which the company would pass to ratepayers 70 percent of the costs of decommissioning the San Onofre nuclear plant, although the blame lay totally with management and should have been picked up by stockholders of Edison International, the parent company.

The sketch ended up being quite similar to the final plan adopted by the commission. Edison did not report the meeting until early 2015 — two years after it should have reported it.

Don Bauder

## Library security in question

“Non-existent” and outdated “policies and procedures”

Spending and security at San Diego’s public library, ensconced in luxurious new digs, is out of control, endangering safety and the city treasury.

So indicates San Diego city auditor Eduardo Luna in a December 2 emergency letter to library director Misty Jones.

Library “policies and procedures were nonexistent, outdated, or did not address risks we identified across a variety of library functions and operations,” writes Luna of the findings of a recent library performance audit.



10News reporter shows “cheap bike lock” preventing entrance to closed library

“We are issuing this memorandum to management and those charged with governance prior to completing our performance audit due to the inherent risks these conditions pose to the City.”

In addition, the memo says, “We are issuing a separate confidential, limited use memorandum to management regarding safety and security-related internal control issues, and will omit that information from the public report.”

Security in and around the new downtown library has long been a topic of dis-

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Vaught-Hemingway Stadium at Hollingsworth Field in Oxford, Mississippi

## Qualcomm Stadium, just a baby

Pro teams want new venues every 25 or 30 years

By Don Bauder

Read a sports-page article and you will hear Qualcomm Stadium described as a “dump,” a “pigsty,” “run-down,” or “ancient.” Ergo, San Diego taxpayers should shell out \$1 billion or more to subsidize a new stadium for a football team that has been maneuvering to move to a greener pasture, Los Angeles, for more than a dozen years.

Whoa, Nellie. The stadium now named Qualcomm is only 48 years old — still in diapers, compared with big university stadiums.

The average age of a stadium in the Big Ten is 73; the Southeastern Conference, 85; and the Pac-12 Conference, 65. Major university teams such as Wisconsin, Ohio State, Nebraska, Illinois, Michi-

gan State, Mississippi, Mississippi State, Texas A&M, Tennessee, Louisiana State, Vanderbilt, Washington, Southern California, Colorado, California-Berkeley, and California-Los Angeles play in stadiums more than 90 years old, although they have been expanded and renovated over the years.

By contrast, the average National Football League stadium is merely 23 years old, and the average Major League Baseball ballpark is age 25.

“Every [pro] team expects to get a new stadium every 25 or 30 years,” says sports finance expert Roger Noll, professor of economics emeritus at Stanford.

## Neal Obermeyer







St. Louis, Missouri's Edward Jones Dome

Government-subsidized sports stadiums are now amusement parks for billionaire owners. The athletic contest is no longer the primary attraction. New stadiums have posh restaurants, stores, gift shops, museums, electronic scoreboards featuring close-up replays, themed entertainment, luxury boxes and seats, and all manner of amenities appealing to the rich and chic. Therefore, prices zoom as citizens willingly vote to price themselves out of sporting events.

Revenues from these upscale amenities are growing faster than other team-related revenues, says Noll, and that's why owners "are finding more and more ways to get people to spend money inside a stadium." After a stadium becomes 25 or 30 years old, the team owner sees confreres generating all that cash "and they want to replicate it."

And why not? Taxpayers, generally, are picking up 70 to 80 percent of the tab.

The madness began in the early 1960s in Hous-

## Average Age of Professional, University Stadiums

<b>Big Ten Conference</b>	73 years
<b>Southeastern Conference</b>	85 years
<b>Pacific Twelve Conference</b>	65 years
<b>National Football League</b>	23 years
<b>Major League Baseball</b>	25 years

Sources: Wikipedia, Ondeckcircle.wordpress.com

ton and escalated throughout the nation. That history is key to the San Diego Chargers' attempt to escape northward, where entertainment-industry billionaires will devour the luxuries.

The villain was Houston's Astrodome, hailed as the Eighth Wonder of the World when it opened in 1965. Baseball could be played in air-conditioned bliss during that city's hideously hot summers. There were 55 luxury boxes — the first of their kind.

Soon, subsidized domed stadiums replete with luxury amenities were popping up all over. Some have already been razed. Although it was renovated in 1988, the Astrodome was abandoned by Houston's pro football team in 1996 and baseball

team in 1999.

The most pitiable victim of the luxury-stadium craze is St. Louis. The Cardinals had departed for Phoenix in 1988. Bereft of a pro football team, the river town felt inferior. It built a domed stadium with 100 percent public money and went looking for a tenant. Out in California, the Los Angeles Rams couldn't draw fans and couldn't wangle a subsidized stadium out of local governments. Entertainer Georgia Frontiere had inherited majority ownership of the Rams after the death of her sixth husband, Carroll Rosenbloom, a high roller and investor in Bahamian gambling assets, according to investigative journalist Dan Moldea.

Frontiere (who married a seventh time after Rosenbloom's death) decided to move the Rams to St. Louis. A shrewd assistant handled the negotiations with the city, desperate to fill its stadium. The deal wound up being the worst lease in the history of the stadium swindle, according to Neil deMause of the website. The Rams pay only \$250,000 in annual rent plus half of game-day expenses

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Mississippi State's Davis Wade Stadium

## UNDER THE RADAR

### Chargers' coach nearly lynched

With the departure of the Chargers for Los Angeles looking likelier than ever, according to many accounts, do rowdy fans pose a real danger to what could be the team's last days in Mission Valley? Presumably decorum will prevail, but beefed-up security planning also appears in order, say some city-hall insiders, fearing potentially violent confrontations with city officials. In October, participants in an open forum at downtown's Spreckels Theatre held by National Football League honchos faced mob-like heckling and intense booing, much of it aimed at Chargers special counsel **Mark Fabiani**. With mayor **Kevin Faulconer** still hoping to land a new taxpayer-backed stadium deal, increased police protection isn't yet on the public agenda but can't be ruled out. That could tack on additional taxpayer expense to the already costly Chargers relocation saga.

Besides this October's meltdown, the historic model for bad fan behavior here dates back to October 21, 1973, when the Chargers fell to the Atlanta Falcons 41-0. "The mass above the tunnel entrance was seething — almost breaking the boundaries formed by a chain of police hand-in-hand," wrote team psychiatrist **Dr. Arnold Mandell** about head coach **Harland Svare's** walk of shame back to the locker room after the game. "Two of the cops had taken out their clubs and were swinging them threateningly in the air." Mandell was a UCSD professor and renowned expert on mind-altering substances who had been retained by Chargers then-owner **Gene Klein** to keep track of drug use by players. Mandell described the incident and another confrontation with the threatening crowd as he left the stadium in *The Nightmare Season*, his behind-the-scenes 1976 tell-all about the NFL's underbelly.

"As I got to ground level, I faced a milling crowd of angry drunks, waiting for Harland," Mandell recounted. Then it was the turn of Svare and wife Annette. "I had just reached my car when the mob stopped milling and turned as one toward the entrance to the underground lot. I heard Harland gun his motor a few

times. I started back toward the crowd," Mandell wrote. "Then I couldn't see much because they were surrounded ten or twelve deep by screaming, gesticulating fans hurling insults, cans, bottles, rocks. The car couldn't move forward. I got close enough to see some dauntless punks trying to soap the body and windows with obscenities. I had to fend constantly to keep

from being knocked down and maybe trampled in the rush as the mob surged whenever Harland would gun the motor and inch the car forward." Added Mandell, "The hood and trunk were pocked with dents. A clumsy drunk leaped on the hood and jumped up and down grotesquely, giving them the finger before he slid off." Finally, "sirens announced that a couple of police cars were on their way. Thank God."

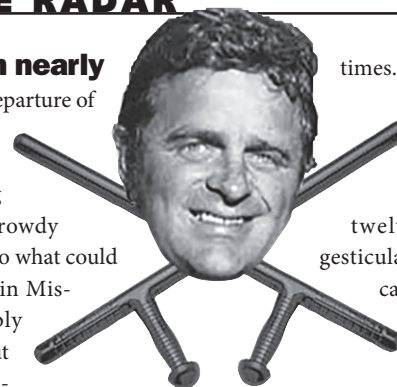
Concluded the psychiatrist after the confrontation had finally ended, "I just stood there for a while, trying to stop shaking, to get over the feeling that I had almost witnessed a lynching."

### Peddling air room influence

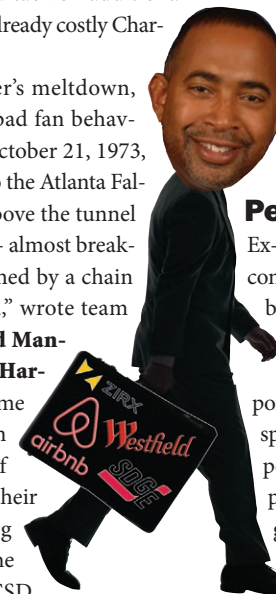
Ex-Democratic city councilman **Tony Young** continues to grow his lucrative city hall lobbying business. Already flush with a bevy of well-heeled clients, including SDG&E, shopping-mall developer Westfield Corporation, and San Francisco's Zixr, a start-up specializing in on-demand personal transportation, as of November 23 Young has picked up Airbnb. The short-term rental giant has already retained the services of Republican **Bob White's** California Strategies and hired ex-**Mark Fabiani** partner **Chris Lehane** as its influence chief. As a close friend of GOP mayor **Kevin Faulconer** and the president of

Faulconer's One San Diego nonprofit, Young is expected to get a thorough hearing on the merits of the embattled San Francisco company. ... Another busy San Diego lobbyist is **Dan Hom**, whose Focuscom, Inc. now represents CGI of Sacramento, an outfit that sells data-processing systems to governments. Hom's duties for the firm include "introduction of city officials to CGI," according to a November 2 disclosure filing. In addition, he has been spreading some of his wealth to local politicians, including a donation of \$2500 to the county Republican

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Former Chargers coach Harland Svare lost a 1973 game against the Atlanta Falcons (41-0) and almost lost his life.



Former councilman Tony Young, lobbyist for Airbnb, is expected to get a good hearing by the city council for the San Francisco-based company.



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### Puzzled

Fourteen people were just slaughtered in San Bernardino, and Barbarella writes a fucking column about a puzzle room (Diary of a Diva: "A Room with a Clue," December 3). Are you kidding me?

Michael M.  
via voicemail

The shootings in San Bernardino occurred after the issue had already gone to press. — Editor

### One of the Most Beautiful Stadiums in the Country

I've just read your November 26th column ostensibly written by Kevin Faulconer, "El Niño, El Schmiño" (SD on the QT). If it's true that he feels the Chargers are so important to our community that if they leave San Diego — "I hope El Nino brings a real rain, one that washes this whole stinking city off the face of the earth" — he's much sicker than previously imagined.

The Chargers have been a financial drag on our city for many years now. The Spanos family is clearly more interested in feath-

ering their own nest than with delivering services to our community. When is the last time they provided services to the poor in our community? When did they provide educational resources to our community? All they want is taxpayer-supported gifts, and they then demand to keep all profits (parking fees, concessions, television revenues, etc) without giving back to the taxpayers that funded their monopoly in the first place by buying them a new stadium where we already have what Dick Enberg once said was one of the most beautiful stadiums in the country.

Enough! Let them leave and let's get a mayor who truly cares about San Diegans and not his own political gain.

Steven Feldman  
Scripps Ranch

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

LOMA PORTAL

### Monkey time at grocery store

#### Wandering marmoset returned to owner

On December 2, the folks at Barons Market on West Point Loma Boulevard had a special shopper wander into their store.



During his brief escape, the monkey made it into a good hand.

According to the Facebook post, a marmoset “just ran into Barons and started jumping on people’s shoulders.” Within minutes, there were hundreds of “Oh, I want him,” “Bring him to me,” and “Cuteness” comments.

According to the poster, Kimberly Kootman: “He jumped onto my shoulder! I held him for a sec. He ran into Barons as I was about to walk out and I was looking around like, *Is anyone seeing this?*”

But, it didn’t take long for the monkey’s owner to step forward.

“He’s home safe,” wrote David Gedarevich. “There was a crack in a window screen that he escaped through. After several hours of searching I was notified by a neighbor that they had him. I’m glad this situation ended up more comical than tragedy. Thanks everyone! FYI — yes I do have a license to keep him as

an exotic pet in Nevada and am just currently visiting California to see my mother.”

Marmosets are illegal to own as pets in California.

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### Those picky porch shoppers

#### Thieves leave behind undesired present

Walking her dogs at 6 a.m. in Bay Ho on November 19, Stephanie Rosenbaum spotted a package ripped open in the bushes halfway down the 4000 block of Kamloop Avenue.

“It was a light green soft-sided padded envelope,” said Rosenbaum on November 23. “It traveled all the way from Massachusetts and was addressed to someone named Hayden. I didn’t take anything out but I saw something red that someone had knitted. The package belonged to someone on Hopi Place.”

Rosenbaum returned the package that morning on her way to work. Because it was early, she left a note with the package instead of ringing the bell. Rosenbaum has also encountered stolen packages tossed away on Southhampton Street and Derrick Drive.

While Rosenbaum has not personally had packages stolen, her mother had a similar incident on Cheshire Street in Clairemont last Christmas. After hearing a commotion outside, she found an open Amazon box on her porch with its contents left behind.

Rosenbaum plans to install security cameras, though she’s not sure it will help capture the thieves. She said that a neighbor on Cheshire Street installed cameras after someone had repeatedly stolen her mail. A news story was done after a woman was caught on camera, but an arrest was never made.

Ryan Gamble of Bay Park said on November 29 that he also had packages stolen on November 19. Gamble said, “This is the first time we’ve experienced packages stolen from our front door. We had three packages delivered that day: two from the Loft and one from Mammoth Mountain. Clearly the suspects weren’t interested in our ski passes since they left this package discarded on our front lawn.”

I contacted Amazon, UPS, FedEx, and USPS



A neighbor found this box “with something red that someone had knitted.”

for comment. Amazon didn’t respond. I did talk with representatives from UPS (Dan Cardillo), FedEx (Rae Lyn Rushing), and USPS (Stacia Crane), but they all declined to comment on the number of packages stolen in San Diego annually and during the holidays. I asked if smaller packages were stolen more often than large, but they all declined to comment.

I also contacted Scott Wahl, SDPD media relations, for comment about how many package-theft cases are solved and if surveillance photos or videos help the odds of an arrest. Wahl was unavailable but forwarded my request to someone else who never got back to me.

JULIE STALMER

OCEAN BEACH

### Christmas tree keeps giving

#### Same pine topped eight years ago

When Cheryl, Alex, and their son Lucas donated the top of their enormous Norfolk Island pine eight years ago for the Ocean Beach Christmas tree, they probably never thought they would be donating from the same tree again this year.

The cutting started at 7 a.m. on December 1 and it wasn’t until about seven hours later that it was planted in the sand at the end of Newport Avenue.

Alex Troncellito told me, “It was probably 90 feet tall that many years ago and Claudia Peters Jack [who has organized the cutting of the O.B. tree for the past 22 years] said, ‘We only need about 60 feet of it.’”

This year, the family was hoping to have the whole tree removed because, Cheryl said, “The cones get so heavy, they weigh all the branches down and the tree just droops.”

But once again, the whole tree was too big for the permanent cement hole that is under the sand at the seawall at the end of Newport Avenue.

Jack said, “All we could take this year was about 35 feet because the rest of the tree is just too much for us.”

Larry Thayer, who works for Hawthorne Rent-It, said, “This topper weighs 17,000 pounds.” Last year’s tree was almost twice as tall but only weighed in at 10,000 pounds.

But to have one tree be the O.B. Christmas tree twice, “has never happened before,” said Jack.

With the concerted (and donated) effort of Bob’s Crane, Reed Trucking, Barona (for the bracing), and Hawthorne Rent-It, it turns into a spectacle once they all move into place at the end of Newport and Abbott. Many locals and tourists gathered around along with ten SDPD officers — including the motorcade



Easy does it down Abbott Street

that escorts the tree down from the top of Brighton Avenue.

While Cheryl expressed some disappointment that the whole tree wasn’t being taken out, she said, “I’m glad it won’t disturb the hawk that lives in the tree.” She jokingly went on to tell me that, “The branches get so heavy that I think that tree has tried to kill us a couple of times!”

MERCY BARON

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### Taggers’ labor questioned

San Diego police, including officers from the Street Gang Unit, responded to a stabbing on the 2900 block of K Street Wednesday, December 2, at about 5:15 p.m.

Police say that three Hispanic males were

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# Good at getting better



YouTube offers one zillion golf-instruction videos.

Last April I wrote a column about taking up the game of golf. My previous golfing experience occurred many frog lives ago, having to do with a road trip, two women, two guys, the usual recreational substances, and happening upon a random golf course alongside Highway 1. No one in the car played golf, so it being one of those invincible kind of days, we stopped and stumble-lurched through 18 holes. I shot 129, thought it a splendid score.

Time passes.

Enter Groupon, by way of my inbox, asking the question, "How about a weekday round of golf for two? We'll throw in a cart, couple sandwiches, couple drinks for \$49." Telephone best bud described the swag to be had for \$24.50. He demands immediate action.

It was a goof. I've always thought golf was a fake sport designed for rich white people who like to dress up in funny clothes and ride around manicured acres of lawn in a clown car. Me and golf seemed like a grotesque fit, good for a laugh, maybe get a column out of it.

So, I played 18 holes and loved it. Loved walking around in the green and trees. It was like an afternoon in nature, except nature has professional staff to tidy up. Loved hitting or hitting at the small dimpled ball. Loved the way it felt when I actually did hit the ball. Spontaneously relived that feeling for days. The same feeling I had as a kid after a Saturday at the beach, going to bed that night still feeling the waves rising and falling.

I bought the cheapest set of clubs I could find (\$108 for a South Korean set, with bag and four sleeves of golf balls). I've been playing/practicing whenever I can ever since.

We become the thing we once mocked.

I'm not saying I know anything about golf — I don't, look elsewhere for that. I can tell you what I've learned after grazing in the back pasture for a few months. Thin gruel maybe, but take a seat, we've got a few minutes.

As prelude, this is a great time to start playing golf — it's gotten cheap. Cheap because, according to a 2014 article in *Bloomberg Business*, "About 400,000 players left the sport last year..." More golf courses are closing than opening. CBS News says, "While 14 18-hole courses were christened in 2013, a whopping 157 closed." Worst factoid: *AmericanGolf.com* reports the average age of a golf player is 54.

Listen up, golf can be *cheap*. Shop wisely and you'll find a round of golf with a cart for \$10. I'm not kidding. This price requires a start after 2 p.m. and a \$30-a-month tribute to Golfzng, but it's a killer deal if you play regularly ([golfzng.com/pcculavista](http://golfzng.com/pcculavista)).

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At first I thought the idea was to get the swing down. Just practice a swing until I could do it pretty much the same way every time. Then refine and refine.

So, I went to a PGA Tour tournament and watched professional golfers swing. To my profound disappointment, everybody had a different stroke. Some stand this way, some that way. Some lean forward and down one way, some lean forward and down another way. Some back swings end up in alarming pretzel poses, some don't. There is no template.

I decided not to take golf lessons. The going hourly rate is \$100, which doesn't seem to be in sync with battlefield conditions, especially since YouTube offers one zillion golf-instruction videos. I have no delusions about ever getting good at this. Getting better is what I shoot for. And I am suspicious about the variety of teaching techniques.

This variety has provided a living for an army of golf instructors and golf-magazine writers and editors. Since there is not a single agreed-upon template, the topic is open to all. Think of nutrition. There are countless diet plans, health-food regimens, superfoods, super-bad foods, no regulation on what can be claimed, no definite authority on what is best. That's golf. There are a lot of dieticians/golf instructors out there selling a technique.

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I figure "shaving" is pretty topical right now, what with Movember in the record books and Decembeard getting underway. My wife keeps dropping not-so-subtle hints that she would enjoy seeing my body with more of a, there's no delicate way to put this, but I suppose "hairless aspect" works as well as anything. I don't think that guys born to a life of hairy chests, shoulders, backs, or other parts are necessarily less manly than other men; yet I feel as if removing my natural pelt would emasculate me.

Does that make sense? I don't know! I mistrust men's magazines, as I'm pretty sure they'll just say whatever sells the most stuff, so I hirsutely await your unbiased answer in this matter of manscaping life or death.

— DOUG

Before I delve into the specifics of Doug's case, let me address a point of common sense, which is that saying, "I'd like you better if..." to your other half is like trying to brew up a nice brown ale by taking your favorite bottle of craft lager and refusing to drink it until it darkens sufficiently in hue. The result you get may not be the one you want, despite superficial resemblances, and didn't you like the lager well enough in the first place?

On the subject of hairiness, we hipsters embrace the vision of the ursine lumbersexual, and all of the hirsute



masculinity wrapped up therein. At least half of modern hipsters consider a full and flocculent beard to be the sine qua non of urban manliness, a proud statement of masculine identity countermanning the reality that few hipsters come any closer to manual labor than pulling the tap handles at a local craft-beer bar, carrying their Macbooks to the local café for some grueling SEO content updates, or perhaps pushing a tattoo gun around somebody's bicep at \$150 an hour.

Not without irony has the educated and entrepreneurial hipster class gravitated toward farmer chic.

Yet, a carefully cultivated image of manliness is not the same thing as manliness itself. Indeed, the woolliest hipster can shave himself baby-smooth at a moment's notice without fearing the loss of his masculine powers. He will rely on his powerful sense of ironic detachment to distance his sense of self from any skin-deep allegory to



Paul Bunyanesque machismo.

"I was just over it with being so hairy," he can say. "It's practically 2016, you know? Time for a change."

Caring so much about some errant whiskers, a few chest hairs, or the final wisps of an ironic mustache would be very non-hipster.

So, my piliferous friend, can you keep your manliness following the epilation of your formerly lanate self?

Of course you can. You should be more concerned with figuring out a more productive way to raise the subject of physical appearance between you and your wife. I'm going to go out on a limb and guess that you two could talk about it with the kind of depth and insightfulness that the average hipster reserves for discussing the merits of some obscure band available only on Soundcloud.

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# SD ON THE QT

Almost factual news

## Jimmy Hat? No, Jiminy Hat! Rise in STDs traced to hopeful cricket



Cricket? More like Booty Bug

Earlier this month, San Diego County Department of Health and Human Services reported that, for the third straight year, sexually transmitted disease rates had seen double-digit increases. “Gonorrhea is up 16%,” says department spokesperson Peter Unrapt, “while syphilis is up 18%. And the sharpest increases occurred among young people, members of the so-called Millennial generation. We were mystified and upset. It’s never been easier

for our youth to get condoms, thanks to our Prudence for Students project, which distributed free condoms to every San Diego high school student — in their school colors!”

As they investigated the distressing phenomenon, health officials began to notice the tag #TrustJC in the Tinder profiles of Millennials. “At first, we were confused because we thought it might mean ‘Trust Jesus Christ.’ A generation ago, that might have made sense. Young people have



Hey! Teacher! Leave our junk alone...

historically been comfortable relying on some kind of divinity to protect them from disaster while they go ahead and do whatever they want. But Millennials are perhaps the least religious generation in American history, so it just didn’t track. But we caught a break. One of our researchers was perusing the Instagram profile of an SDSU sorority sister for some reason and found an image of the Jiminy Cricket character from the Disney film *Pinocchio*. The accompanying text was a re-writing of a verse from Mr. Cricket’s song, “When You Wish

Upon a Star.” The line, “When your heart is in your dream/ No request is too extreme” had been rewritten as, “No matter what the pamphlets say/ If you pull out, you’ll be okay.” The image was tagged, you guessed it, #TrustJC.”

Despite the breakthrough, some mystery remained. “Jiminy Cricket, of course, serves as the voice of conscience for the character of Pinocchio. But conscience makes judgments about right and wrong, based at least in part on possible consequences. How could he wind up a mascot for risky sexual behavior? We kept searching and got a partial answer from this TwitPic caption from user PlayerOne11: ‘Jiminy says that I should always let my conscience be my guide. And my conscience tells me that if I don’t raw dog this fine ho, I’m gonna regret it for the rest of my life.’”

Thanks to that tweet, Unrapt realized the department had to approach the character from the perspective of those he



...apparently, even “Please let me get away with this.”

was studying.

“Millennials — despite terrorism, climate change, a disastrous job market — are more optimistic than earlier generations. For whatever reason, they believe that if they believe, things will work out fine. I realized they loved Jiminy because he told them that when they wish upon a star, their dreams will come true. Essentially, reality will bend to their wills.”

“Well, duh,” replies Millennial Jedidiah Frank. “It’s basic

logic: sex is awesome. STDs suck. Condoms may help prevent STDs, but if you bring them into something great like sex, it’s a turd in the punch bowl. It’s like you’re assuming there’s going to be a problem. And studies have shown that negative thinking makes negative outcomes way more likely. Trust.”

Reached for comment, Disney spokesbot T-1500 stated, “Believing in your dreams is a key component of the Disney brand.”

## Paris : Beirut :: San Diego : Africa?

Activists bemoan lopsided media coverage of rhino crisis

main entrance in an attempt to block access to the popular tourist attraction. When asked the reason why, one

protester replied, “Are you a reporter? We’re not talking to the press. You’ll just have to watch what we do.”

So, SD on the QT was forced to go online, where we found this:



followed by this:



More on this story as it develops.

## Rates! Set! Hike! Water-rate increase necessitated by city’s stadium proposal?

As of November 30, the San Diego City Council has approved the Municipal Water District’s plan to raise water rates 41 percent over



the next five years. “If we don’t raise rates,” says city council president Sherri Lightner, “we’ll have to stop repairing water mains. Most of them were originally constructed from papier mâché and chicken wire, and when they rupture, they waste more water than a Rancho Santa Fe backyard polo pitch. On top of that we’ll have to shut down our wastewater

reclamation project, which means we’ll be on the hook for a \$2 billion makeover for our very old, very shitty (haha) wastewater

treatment plant. The money just isn’t there in the budget for these projects, so essential to our region, which is in the midst of an historic drought.”

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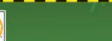
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Approximately eight seconds earlier, officer Walb caught up to Lopez in a narrow hallway on the third story of an apartment complex near San Diego State University. Lopez had run from officers in the parking lot and retreated toward his friend's apartment. He was wanted. He knew he was going to jail for several years. He panicked. He died because of it.

## Unarmed

Walb later testified that Lopez turned toward him from left to right as he dug into his pants pocket for a firearm. But Lopez did not have a firearm. He carried a needle and a small amount of heroin. A forensics expert says Lopez wasn't turning toward the officers but was kneeling, on his way to the ground, just as officers had ordered him to do.

Lopez's wife, and mother of his twin sons, is suing the City of San Diego, its police force, and Officer Walb for the wrongful death of her husband. Her attorneys accuse the San Diego Police Department of justifying the shooting by painting Lopez as a crazy, gun-toting gang-banger who wanted nothing more than to shoot a police officer in retaliation for a fallen gang member. To make their story stick, Lopez's attorneys say, the police department and the city attorney are ignoring the physical evidence and promoting a story wherein bullets defy gravity.

The shooting raised questions regarding the police department's use of submachine



**Angel and Lydia Lopez**



guns and the deployment of heavily armed officers who look and act more like soldiers engaged in urban warfare rather than peace officers dispatched to protect the public.

The militarization of police forces and their use of high-powered artillery and armored vehicles became a news topic across the country in 2014 after demonstrators assembled in Ferguson, Missouri, to protest the shooting death of Michael Brown; the protesters were met by machine-gun-toting officers sitting atop armored tanks.

The Americans for Civil Liberties Union has since criticized heavily armed police platoons. In a 2014 report, the civil liberties group suggested that with heavier firepower comes a “warrior type mentality” that encourages some officers to “think of the people they are supposed to serve as enemies.”

Lopez’s widow agrees.

#### Nothing angelic about Angel

Judging by appearance alone, Lopez was a thug from head to toe. Tattoos covered nearly all five feet six inches of his body. His allegiance to the Latino gang San Ysidro Locos was shown in tattoo ink. “South Side San Diego” was scribed into the back of his neck. “Sidro,” short for San Ysidro Locos, spanned the width of his chest. The initials “SY” were inked into his left arm and left thigh.

Lopez’s head was shaved. He sported a thin mustache and goatee. He tucked tight, white wife-beater undershirts into his ankle-length shorts, which were so long they looked more like trousers.

On the street, people knew Lopez as “Necio,” which means foolish or stubborn in Spanish.

Lopez had served time in prison. While incarcerated he became addicted to heroin. At the time of his death, Lopez’s rap sheet had as much ink as his skin. He liked guns. During a traffic stop, officers found a gun stowed under the dashboard.

## “This shooting incident would not have occurred had the [police department] complied with the fundamental professional requirement not to deploy without verification of claims.”

In late 2012, police arrested him on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs. His parole officer once asked him why he had pictures of a shotgun and pistol on his phone. Lopez responded that he liked guns. Yes, Lopez was a thug, through and through.

But for his widow, Lydia Lopez, tattoos, gang-banger garb, and rap sheets don’t define a person. She says there was more to Angel than just a scary façade and boulevard bravado. He was a father. The couple’s twin sons were born in early 2012. He was getting his life together for his kids. He worked at an auto dealership in Oceanside. He promised his wife he would turn himself in for the parole violations, serve the time so he could spend time

with his kids.

“Angel, he was a joker... more than anything,” says Lydia Lopez.

Lydia sits inside her attorney’s office. In her late-20s, she wears torn jeans and a black sweater. Her long black sleeves hide cursive tattoos on her arms. Ink lettering is visible above her sweater’s neckline. She closes her eyes as

she pauses to describe her dead husband and the last time she saw him. Her jet-black, long, fake eyelashes flutter wildly in the air. “I mean, he couldn’t do anything without that mischievous smile on his face. He wasn’t a threat. He had a good heart. He loved me, and he loved his kids.

“The last time I saw him was in the morning before he was killed. Oddly enough, it was my birthday that day.”

#### A dubious informant

The series of events leading to Lopez’s death began with phone calls between Lopez’s parole officer and an anonymous source, later identified as Lopez’s drug dealer, Alec Pojas.

Minutes after 8 a.m. on January 17, 2013, Lopez’s state parole

officer, Louis Torres, received a phone call from an unidentified man. The caller knew Lopez was wanted on a parole violation. He told Torres where Lopez was staying. He said he was left-handed and most likely carrying a .25 caliber pistol in his left pocket.

Torres jumped to action. He drove to the San Diego Police Department’s Eastern Division and waited for a follow-up call from the mystery source. The second call was placed and Torres briefed police captain Andy Mills.

Before vetting the caller, Captain Mills started setting up a command post near the Reservoir Drive location. Meanwhile, Torres and detective Steven Riddle drove to National City to meet the caller in person. Upon arriving at the designated meeting place on two occasions, Pojas was nowhere to be found. However, the calls continued. After a handful of calls, Pojas identified himself. He claimed that he had been held hostage by Lopez and Lopez’s father Alex, also wanted by police and also a known gang member, inside the Reservoir Drive apartment. Pojas claimed that he escaped after jumping from a third-story window. Besides the pistol, Pojas informed the parole officer that Lopez had an AK-47 as well as a sawed-off shotgun in the apartment.

According to Lopez’s friend, Xavier Lenyoun, who rented the apartment on Reservoir Drive, Pojas was their heroin dealer. Torres and police detectives did not know that the relationship between Pojas and Lopez had recently

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become rocky. Lenyoun says that Pojas and Lopez had fought about money days and weeks before the shooting.

Pojas hinted to Lenyoun and Lydia Lopez that he was planning on making calls to his parole officer.

“A lot of it actually was pretty much hinting, implying, threatening, like, cops showing up at my apartment,” Lenyoun told officers during an interview on the day of the shooting. “[Pojas was] saying things like, ‘You should get out of your apartment,’ or ‘You should tell anybody at your apartment to leave... if you don’t want anybody to get in trouble, you should tell them to leave, cause they’re coming for [Lopez].’”

Lydia Lopez heard Pojas make similar



**Angel Lopez with his family on January 15, 2013, just days before he was killed.**

threats. “[Pojas] always was throwing out these little threats, like telling Angel to watch out for black police SUVs, because they were coming for him.”

## The arrest plan

By 10 a.m. that day, an hour and a half after Pojas’s first call to Torres, eight members of the police department’s Special Response Team

and fifteen members of the Primary Response Team, the two teams that make up San Diego’s SWAT unit, gathered on Reservoir Road. Officers from the Special Response Team put on their gear. Each carried or wore a Kevlar helmet, body armor, Kevlar arm guards, two flash bangs, a pistol, extra clips, safety glasses, and MP-5 assault rifles.

Police officers devised a plan. Pojas would call Lopez and Lenyoun and ask to meet. Once at the location, police would apprehend both suspects. Pojas, however, never showed. He stopped answering his phone.

Captain Mills and his team turned to plan B. They would wait for Lopez to leave the apartment and apprehend him inside the car.

Plan B didn’t pan out either. By noon, approximately 30 officers, including a helicopter and a canine unit, were dispatched to the apartment complex. At 12:45 p.m., Captain Mills called dispatch to request that some-

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one ping Lopez's cell phone to make sure he was at the location. A transcript reveals Mills and others had accepted the unverified tip from informant Pojas.

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"...They will usually only ping a phone if it is a life or death emergency," responded the dispatcher.

"Well, it's a life or death emergency for him," Mills fired back.

"So, what is his cell phone number?" asked the dispatcher.

Mills then yells to



**Lopez with one of his sons**

another officer, "What is dumb-ass's cell-phone number?" Mills and others laughed.

Thirteen minutes

later, at 12:58, police officers spotted Lopez and Lenyoun walking toward a rented Ford Focus.

With guns drawn, two officers approached them. The men fled. Lenyoun darted through the parking lot. Lopez ducked into a stairwell and ran up toward the third floor. Special Response Team officers Kristopher Walb, James Pickett, and Jason Scott pursued him. They found him in the hallway on the third floor at Lenyoun's front door. With automatic rifle drawn, Walb ordered Lopez to get on the ground. According to Walb, Lopez tugged at his left pocket while turning to his right. Walk tapped the trigger twice. Lopez fell.

#### Angel's widow

As Angel Lopez lay dead in a hallway, his wife Lydia tended to the couple's ten-month-old twin sons. She says an eerie sensation came over her.

"I had this strange feeling, you know, like when you know in the back of your mind that something is wrong. My friend called me a few hours later and told me to turn on the news, that there was a shooting at the apartment complex where I would drop off Angel. She told me someone was under the sheet. I don't have cable, so I went online and searched for 'shooting, San Diego.' I was speechless. It took a while for me to process it, but I knew it was him. I saw his shoes coming out from the end of the sheet."

The following day, Lydia went to the coroner's office to view the body.

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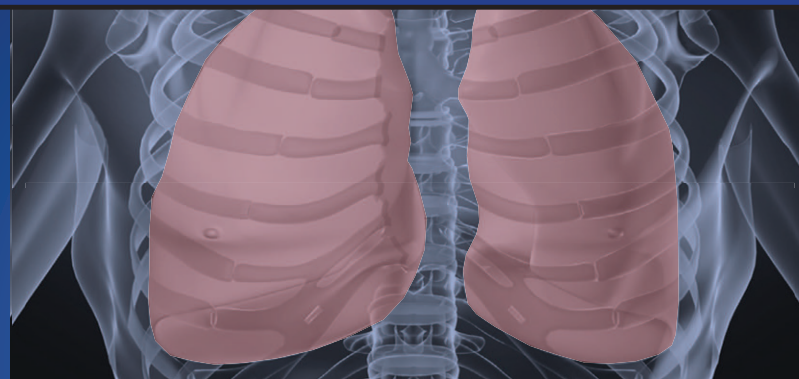
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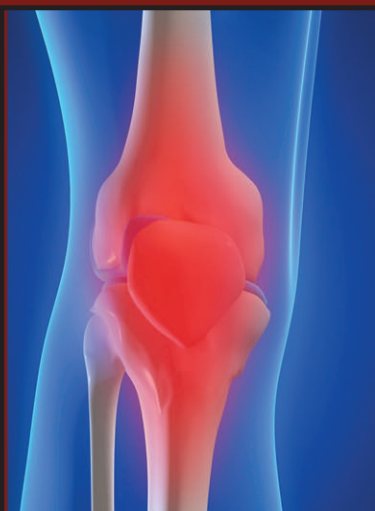
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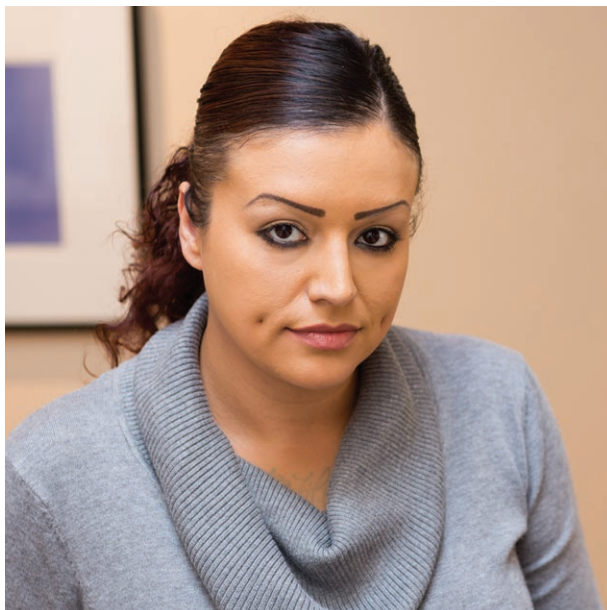
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and do nothing. But I needed to see how he was shot.”

The subsequent coroner’s report describes what Lydia saw when the sheet was pulled back from her husband’s body. The skin near one entry wound on his back was burned, suggesting the bullet rubbed against his skin in an upward motion before entering his body. The shot to the head entered at the lower left side and exited high on his forehead.

“It just jumped out



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Lydia Lopez is suing the City of San Diego, its police force, and Officer Walb for the wrongful death of her husband.

at me,” Lydia says. “He was shot from behind, almost like he was lying down when he was shot. That’s when I decided to find a lawyer.”

That same day, officers Walb, Picket, and Scott met at police

headquarters with a psychologist and three other officers to discuss the shooting. Lopez’s attorney, Eugene Iredale, believes that’s when the three officers settled on a story that Lopez was turning to his right while



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The Lopez twins were born in early 2012. Lydia says Angel was getting his life together for his kids.

digging into his pocket with his left hand.

#### A dubious informant, part 2

One of the key issues in the case rests on the police department’s trust in what turned out to be an anonymous source

with a vendetta against their target.

“By virtue of their training, all [San Diego Police Department] officers involved in the incident would know that Pojas was not a [confidential reliable informant] and therefore

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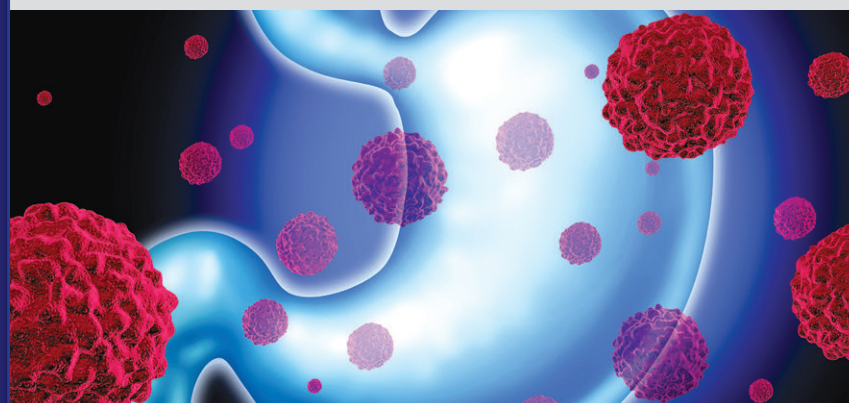
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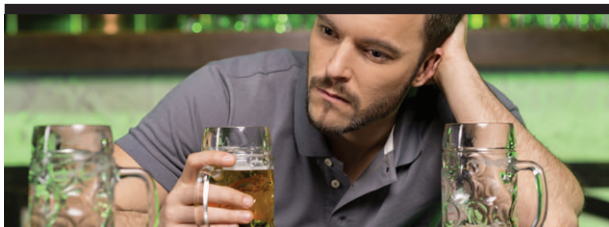
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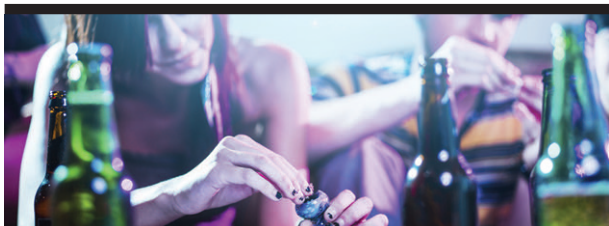
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by Lopez's attorneys.

Clark examined the police report and depositions and determined that the San Diego Police Department tossed policy and proper police procedure aside and rushed to action. "In fact, the [San Diego Police Department] moved forward so quickly and irresponsibly that, according to the record, they arrived on scene at approximately 10 a.m. and Mr. Lopez was shot dead within less than 3 hours.... In my opinion, this shooting incident would not have occurred had the [police department] complied with the fundamental professional requirement not to deploy without verification of claims proffered by unproven and untested criminal informants."

The San Diego Police Department has rules and procedures to follow with regard to unknown criminal informants, rules that weren't followed with Pojas.

"The handling of criminal informants is potentially one of the most hazardous undertakings of an officer. The pitfalls are frequent and sometimes career ending," reads the San Diego Police Department's informant procedures drafted in January 2014, one year after Lopez's death. "For that reason, the rules for informant handling are rigid and unforgiving."

The department's policy calls for profiling the informant as well as identifying his motivations. In addition to interviewing the informant, the detective handling him or her must submit a written memo to their supervisor outlining the informant's

history, motivations, and steps taken to verify the informant's credibility.

### SWAT

Trusting anonymous sources is a problem. And police deployment of heavily armed specialized units to apprehend a suspect solely based on unverified tips is

## "The physical evidence is consistent with Angel Lopez complying with the officer's commands."

equally troubling.

"The call up and deployment of specialized units...is a very serious use of police personnel and carries significant dangers to both officer and the public," Clark continued. "They carry and utilize high-powered and automatic weapons, unique armor and communications, specialized vehicles, and explosives. They are not unlike military units in terms of equipment and tactics.... Such units by virtue of their training, equipment and assigned duties, require reasonable and prudent rules of engagement — including an absolute rule that absent an obvious and overarching urgency, they will not deploy on unverified information. This did not occur."

William "Dub" Lawrence is the former sheriff of Davis County, Utah. He is the face of a new documentary on the militarization of police, *Peace Officer*. The documentary follows Lawrence and his investiga-

tion into the 2008 shooting of his son-in-law, Brian Wood, by members of the same SWAT team he created decades earlier. As Wood sat in his truck holding a gun to his head, the SWAT unit moved in with a military-style assault. They overwhelmed Wood with flash-bang

that. I am adamantly opposed to that mentality, approach. I am opposed to that attitude, to the policy, procedure, and the law that enables it to continue occurring. Something must be done."

Brian Marvel, president of the San Diego Police Officers Association, refutes the allegations that police officers have a license to kill. He says the MP-5 is not some state-of-the-art weapon, and only a special group of officers have access to them.

"MP-5's are a 50-year-old weapon system that is in decline nationwide by law enforcement. I do believe law enforcement needs these weapon systems. It is a specific tool very narrowly used by our department. These weapon systems are usually issued to Special Response Teams and Primary Response Teams, and is comprised of a small amount of police personnel who are highly skilled and trained in the use of these weapons."

"I don't know of any agency that is relying on semi-automatic rifle systems as a primary tool for policing their community."

Marvel doesn't believe there is any evidence of a correlation between use of automatic weapons and officer-involved shooting.

"I don't think a weapon system causes an increase in fatal confrontations with peace officers. The [San Diego Police Department] and [county sheriff's office] have full-time SWAT units, and I hardly hear about them in the news, which I believe is a testament to their skill and training in the use of

grenades and pepper balls and fired 111 rounds of ammunition, eventually killing him.

After the shooting, Lawrence looked into reasons why high-powered ammunition was needed to apprehend a distraught and suicidal man. "I've always maintained that it's not the equipment, it's how the equipment is used," Lawrence told the *Reader* in an October interview. "I'm an ex-Marine. You want to have all advantages that you can in a situation. The most important advantage is the mental training, the professionalism, using the best possible approach, and that's what's changed since I trained law-enforcement officers. The suspect is not my enemy, he just has a warrant. Catch him when he leaves or stake him out, but take time; the police department has that time."

"Unfortunately, it's a reality for today's law officers, that sometimes an innocent person, or an unarmed suspect gets killed. I don't buy





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In the hours after the shooting, Walb and his fellow officers said they were unable to see Lopez’s left side of his

body, or his left hand. The officers say that Lopez was turning to his right. If true, the trajectory of the bullets would have been entirely different, forensics expert Lance Martini says.

“The physical evidence is consistent with Angel Lopez complying with the officers’ commands and either moving into a kneeling position or already in a kneeling position when shot by Officer Walb.”

#### The long court battle ahead

On October 10, 2013, the district attorney’s office found Walb was justified in shooting Lopez. In its report, however, the district attorney relied heavily on the officers’ accounts that Lopez was digging into his pocket and turning toward

the officers.

“Officer Walb... was faced with a rapidly evolving situation requiring him to make a split second deci-

**“The inequity here is that a civilian goes to jail and is presumed guilty, whereas an officer is given a leave with pay.”**

sion,” read the report. “As Lopez ignored loud, repeated commands to show his hands, he continued to tug at his pants pocket while turning. Officer Walb shot Lopez based on a reasonable

belief that Lopez was reaching for a .25 caliber handgun that Walb had been briefed on.... Therefore Officer Walb’s use of deadly force was

“It’s much simpler to not have any witnesses,” says Lawrence, the former Utah sheriff. “When you go to the court system, most cases against officers are dismissed because there is not enough evidence, so the whole truth does not get shown to a judge or jury. What you find is officers will cover for each other, their stories will match up, and there are no witnesses to say otherwise. My focus is to raise the level of discussion to a point where lawmakers, judges, attorneys, the public at large, can look at these issues and improve on what we are doing. We don’t need to have officers killed unnecessarily, nor do we need to have civilians killed unnecessarily.

“The inequity here is that a civilian goes

to jail and is presumed guilty, whereas an officer is given a leave with pay.”

For Lydia Lopez, the court case has taken its toll and will likely last for years to come. In August 2015, a district court judge ruled that Walb did not qualify for immunity, which means a jury will hear the case. The city has since filed an appeal.

Lopez must now raise her kids on her own. They ask about their dad from time to time. Lopez tries her best to remember the jokes and the good times the couple shared.

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all the better when Pecoraro reveals that Gary Hickok, the owner and mastermind behind this miniature city in the Old Town Model Railroad Depot, is a retired investment counselor. Pecoraro acts as tour guide today; Hickok is taking some time off during the time that I visit.

As we amble through the rooms (one is day,

the other night) and survey the miniature world before us, Pecoraro points out a multitude of canards and double meanings that are hidden within the model-train layout, albeit hidden in

plain sight. Model railroaders, it turns out, are not without a sense of humor. And possibly, a sense of planetary omniscience: Pecoraro toggles a few switches on a small remote not unlike one for

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At the Old Town Model Railroad Depot

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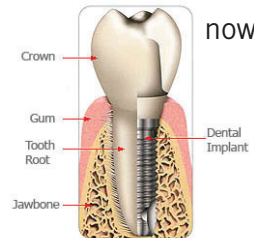
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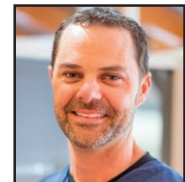


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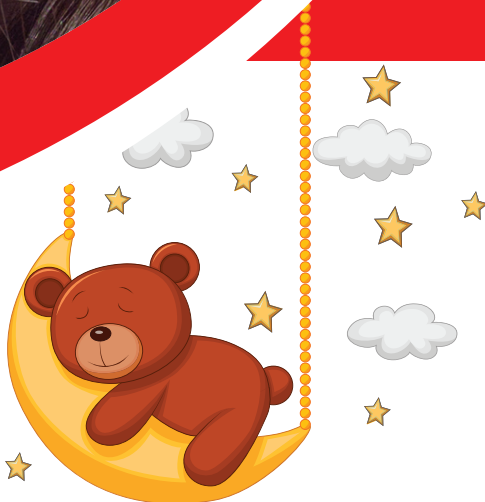
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**For the past couple years, Sara Kelly has been filming and editing *Model Citizens*, a documentary about the model-railroad hobby.**

Further down the mountain in a gully, a pack of homeless people huddles around embers. Around the bend is an oil refinery on the outskirts of a city plot aglow in the soft yellow of street lights. Electric sign boards light up. Lions in the city zoo roar. A man sits, smoking a cigar in his second-floor office. The tip of his stogie glows orange in the twilight. The layers of details, frozen in time (only the trains themselves move) are stunning. A visitor leaves the museum wondering when, exactly, this pastime stopped being for kids.

Model railroaders have been called the “world’s most compelling underground community” and although some enthusiasts are famous (Neil Young holds patents for his model-train-related inventions; Rod Stewart owns a layout or two; Frank Sinatra also enjoyed the hobby) the basic model railroader is essentially an endangered species. Youth, as a whole, no longer participates in the hobby. There is a geekiness inherent within the whole model-railroad experience, but it is tempered with enthrallment. One finds oneself waiting for

the little train to make another loop around the layout, watching while it passes.

Later, while we are having lunch next door, Bruce Cameron will explain the attraction.

“There is something inherently fascinating,” he says, “about looking at a scale-model representation of the world.”

Cameron, perhaps better known as a jazz trumpeter of national import now living in La Mesa, is a longtime modeler himself. He once built a working scale-model railroad layout small enough to fit into the nook behind the cash register at Reed’s, a train specialty retail shop that he co-owned at one time. In all the years that he worked the store, did he know of any women in the hobby?

“No.”

“It took me about a year to break through.” Sara Kelly, 45, lives in Oceanside. For the past couple of years, she has been filming and editing *Model Citizens*, a documentary about the model-railroad hobby.

“It’s a very protected community. The one thing I confronted through all of this was suspicion. A lot of them were happy to have

the attention and the chance to talk about something they were passionate about. But some were leery about having a media hit job done on them. Then others,” she says, “were very concerned that they wouldn’t be classified as playing with toy trains. It’s not about toys, and it’s not about kids. For them, it’s about a very real representation of the real world.”

Kelly was surprised to learn that her interview subjects “understood the obsessions that drove them, and why.” She identified three sub-groups.

“Some are only interested in operations [meaning, the moving of model cargo or passenger cars from one destination to another just like real trains] or interested in rolling stock, or in modeling. Some of them aren’t even interested in seeing their trains run. Some of them only care about making their models look as real, as close to the original as possible. You’ve maybe heard the term ‘rivet counter’? Like, if there’s 32 rivets on the original locomotive, there has to be 32 rivets on their model, too.”

Over coffee in La Jolla, Kelly gives me her



assessment of who the typical model railroader is: "It seems to be the kind of person who is free to enjoy this sort of thing," she says, "free to pursue their interests. A lot of it's a control thing, about creating your own world, or, the world as you want it to be. I can understand the appeal of wanting to take control of something."

Kelly also chairs the journalism department at National University.

"What I didn't understand at first was how serious it can be. Operations, the running of trains, how to operate trains on a layout can be so challenging."

She talks about the high degree of intelligence among model railroaders.

"This can be like a brain exercise, the same kind of brain exercise as doing a job as an engineer or playing a game of chess."

Is Sara Kelly going to get a model train for herself? "No. People keep asking me that."

"Model railroading is the world's greatest hobby," Mike Thornhill says. "It encompasses carpentry, painting, miniature diorama construction, model-building, layout, drafting, and electronics. It's also a disease."

Thornhill is tall and outgoing. The former scuba diver and dive instructor is tanned and does not look close to his 67 years. He carries himself with athletic poise. He gets paid to work one day per week at the Model Railroad Museum in Balboa Park. He runs trains and educates the public. He calls his North Park garage "Mike's Museum."

"It's set up for trains, and I have another three

layouts in a 600-square-foot basement room that I rent. That's how crazy I am about trains."

Is he ever criticized or ridiculed for being a model railroader?

"My wife thinks it's kind of nerdy," he admits.

"Well, actually, everyone in the family thinks it's nerdy. My wife says, 'Are you gonna go play with trains again today?'" he says, laying on the mock-sarcasm. "No. I'm going model railroading."

His look is unbend-

able. How else to explain the substantial amount of money, time, and effort that goes into re-creating the world in exacting miniature?

"See those clouds over there?" Thornhill points to some fake

cumulus perfectly air-brushed onto an azure backdrop. "The designer, he's getting ready to put in an electronic lighting bolt." Such is the attempted realism at the colossal model railroad in the basement at Bal-

boa Park in San Diego, the largest such model railroad museum in the country.

Thornhill explains that the layout is not by chance, that everything about it replicates one particular day in 1949

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along the long-defunct San Diego-Arizona Eastern Railway. He says that a lot of model railroads are that way, a certain moment frozen in time.

"I grew up during that era when the holy grail of Christmas presents was a train set. That was back in the 1950s. I got my first train set when I was about ten," he says. "And then a few years later I discovered girls and then cars, and I sold my trains. Thirty years later, I came full circle back into the hobby of model railroading. And I really love it."

Like so many other men involved in model railroading, Thornhill, too, is concerned that the hobby is not growing. The main reason? "Kids aren't getting trains for Christmas anymore." He says that young kids at



Elvis playing at the Palace

the museum tend to get excited when they see the trains, and that the Model Railroad Museum does have a youth program. But there's a secondary problem, he says, and that's the high cost of model railroading.

Gary Hickok, for example, admitted

to spending close to \$250,000 to build and curate his layout in Old Town.

That's on the extreme high end, and Thornhill knows it, but he also knows of layouts that cost even more. "The hobby's getting out of the price range of the aver-

age family budget," says Thornhill. "Even the most basic layout costs a couple thousand dollars, which is cost-prohibitive for the working family."

The word "Trains" appears 11 times along the bottom margin of the big sign outside of Reed's Hobby Store in La Mesa. Owner Steve Bovee, 70, sits in a back room cluttered with railroad memorabilia and model train cars and Lilliputian buildings in various states of assembly. The only music comes from the constant *zoosh* of computer fans in the desktops atop the work bench. Talk turns to how trains figured into Einstein's theory of relativity, about how it was indeed the childhood gift of a toy train that inspired the genius to seek out a life in science.

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Bovee has a multitude of projects currently in play. One of them is a model Santa Fe train engine the size of a Twinkie into which he is installing lights and a sophisticated decoder that can read whatever instructions are being sent at any time by a computer. That's right, computers are used to help run model railroads these days.

"It's gotten more technical. There's central computer systems using a standardized coding system similar to cell-phone technology. It's a cell phone on wheels. The decoder can read a 'packet' of whatever information is being sent to it specifically on the train tracks along with the electrical current that powers the motors." Lights? Whistle? Speed? The sound of an engineer talking? "All of that," says Bovee, "is encoded purposely for that particular engine."

It's a technical hobby, he allows, "but we're artists, too. I've heard people call model railroads three dimensional art."

Then, there's the therapeutic effect.

"I lose track of what's going on around me when I'm modeling." Bovee gently lifts a scale model of a pre-war gas station off a shelf. Every detail, from the wood siding to the windows to the trim and signage are rendered in beautiful detail. The entire building fits in the palm of his hand. But it is missing key ingredients.

"I'd add a base and a road, maybe some old tires and a gas pump, all in miniature of course, and to scale with the building."

Reed's store specializes in the retailing

of just such model-railroad accoutrements.

"I'd sell it for maybe \$50, maybe \$100."

Questions about the inclination to create a world in miniature don't seem to register on

Bovee's radar; perhaps he's been at it so long now that it makes more sense than the alternative.

In the open window space that overlooks the shop sits a large model of a Southern Pacific steam

locomotive made entirely from wood, but detailed and painted to look like boiler iron. "Back during the 1940s, when this was made, people had a lot of time on their hands."

Bovee's not sure, but

he thinks Reed's was first opened for business in the 1960s up in Oakland. He knows he bought it in 1997 while he was still working for the school district. For model trains, Reed's is one of two such

shops remaining in San Diego. There used to be many more. Business is not the best, he says, but says that the shop's sales are up 10 percent over last year.

"When I was a kid,

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my dad worked for the railroad. This was before the war. And after that, he started modeling.” Bovee thinks around 1947. “We always seemed to live next to railroad tracks.”

Bovee himself has worked with trains on a real railroad. When he was still in the Navy, he operated the Fallbrook branch of the Santa Fe railroad that ran throughout Camp Pendleton. “I’m probably the only person who ever got a Navy Commendation for playing with trains,” he grins.

He agrees that model railroading belongs to an older generation.

“The average modeler is 45 to 75 years old. We have a few younger guys come in, but they don’t represent the majority.” Why no kids in the hobby, in his opinion? “TV and computers. I don’t know why, but I think a love for model trains starts early in your life. I know people who get into it in their 40s and their 60s, but most kids,” he stops, and then he says, “well, TV has killed a lot of society.”

Bovee claims that



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**Gary Hickok**

there is one population of youth that still loves model railroading: “Kids with autism. Possibly it’s the organization. People with Asperger’s are wonderful model-makers, and some of them, they tend to know everything about trains. A lot of these guys are smart as a

whip.” He screws a panel into the bottom of the Santa Fe engine.

“Albert Einstein,” he says, “had Asperger’s.”

“I suppose it may get smaller,” Le Roy Athey says during a telephone conversation about the end of the line, meaning the foreseeable end



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**A frieze of motorcycles winds down a mountain road**

of model railroading as a hobby. “It’s coming to where only those people who can afford it participate.” Athey warns me not to become addicted to model railroading myself. “It happened to me. I started out with Lionel toy trains when I was a boy.”

Twenty-five years ago, he graduated to a two-foot gauge — tracks two feet apart — system that he pilots around his Alpine land on a system of tracks he laid himself. He takes visitors for rides on the weekends and claims that 13,000 people so far have

enjoyed the Descanso-Alpine-Pacific Railway experience. Imagine the little railroad in Balboa Park, and you’ve got the idea.

“What happens to this when I’m no longer able to operate it? Is that what you’re asking?” The retired correctional officer is 84. “I hope the Campo train museum will be interested.”

Museums sound like a good option to Athey.

“The California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento comes close to the Smithsonian.” He says model-railroad layouts that once belonged to a local banker named Thomas Sefton are in the museum. He knows that some model-train layouts otherwise end up getting sold or parted out or put into storage or the landfill by heirs when owners pass away. He accepts that the interest in the hobby has grown stale for lack of new blood.

“No, I don’t have many young men pounding at my door wanting to help out.” ■

— Dave Good

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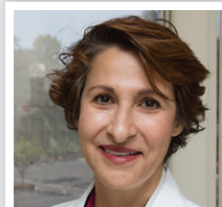
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## Qualcomm Stadium

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and get most luxury box and concession revenues and 75 percent of advertising and naming-rights fees. The team also got a \$46 million relocation fee and a guarantee of \$20 million a year profit from ticket sales.

The worst part, for St. Louis, was the so-called state-of-the-art clause. Incredibly, St. Louis agreed that it would keep the stadium in the top 25 percent of all National Football League stadiums. (The Kansas City Chiefs and Cincinnati Bengals have such a clause, and the Chargers gave up theirs in 2004.) The

team could break the lease at ten-year intervals if it could show that the facility was not in the top 25 percent. The contract specified that the stadium must be first tier in such components as luxury boxes, scoreboards, concession areas, restrooms, and electronic and telecommunications equipment, according to *Marquette Sports Law Review*.

Among those representing St. Louis in the one-sided deal were two iconic Missouri politicians: Representative Richard Gephardt, who had tried to be nominated for president, and Senator Tom Eagleton, who thought he would be vice president until his psychiatric treatments

became known.

The Rams occupied the stadium in 1995. The 20-year contract reevaluation period ended this year. Twenty-one new stadiums have been built since 1995. Two years ago, an arbitrator ruled that it would take a \$700 million renovation — essentially a teardown — to bring the dome to first-tier status.

Georgia Frontiere died in 2008, and the ownership passed in steps to Stan Kroenke, a multibillionaire who is married to another multibillionaire. Kroenke has purchased land in Inglewood in the Los Angeles market and wants to build a \$1.9 billion, hypermodern stadium with private funds. Missourians now want to

build a new stadium with public funds to keep him in St. Louis.

It's assumed he will try to move the Rams to Inglewood. The National Football League could try to block him, but that's not likely. It tried to block Frontiere's move, too, but backed down after she threatened to sue.

Sports experts such as Noll think Kroenke will succeed in moving the Rams to Los Angeles. Some believe he will want another team to be a tenant in the stadium. It's a good bet that the Chargers would love to be that other team, although ownership insists it prefers to share a new stadium in Carson with the Oakland Raiders. (Don't believe that.) Admitting it covets the L.A. market, the Chargers have flipped the bird at San Diego, so staying home would be quite difficult, especially since the team would lose its large L.A. audience.

San Diego, with its moderate incomes, high cost of living, relative paucity of billionaires and multimillionaires, and small TV market, may no longer be cut out to host a National Football League team. Blame the Astrodome. ■

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## Under the radar

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Party. On July 21, his report says, a "cocktail reception" he threw for GOP city councilman **Scott Sherman**, who some think may face off against school-board Democrat **Kevin Beiser** next year, raised \$5,500.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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## Plastic bag ban soon?

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The proposal to ban grocery stores and big-box retail stores from using plastic

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bags has moved one step closer to becoming law.

On November 20, the city posted the draft Program Environmental Impact Report required before council can enact the ban on plastic.

The Single-Use Carryout Bag Reduction Ordinance would prohibit grocery stores, liquor stores, convenience stores, and retail stores from using plastic or non-recyclable paper bags. The stores would promote the use of reusable bags. When none are available, retailers will charge a ten-cent fee for each recyclable paper bag.

Stores that use so-called "product bags," including bags without handles used to carry meat and other produce, as well as restaurants and thrift stores are exempt from the law.

City officials have been pushing for a bag ban for years. In February of this year, mayor Kevin Faulconer requested city staff begin conducting the environmental review necessary in order for a ban to become law.

If approved, San Diego would become the 89th municipality in California to adopt a ban on plastic bags. San Francisco was the first city to ban plastic in 2007. Los Angeles followed suit in 2013. Other large cities in the state to have already approved the ban include San Jose, Pasadena, and Long Beach.

In November 2016, California voters will vote on a statewide ban, which governor Jerry Brown signed into law in 2014. The law was challenged by a coalition composed of plastic companies and grocery-store associations, forcing the issue to a public vote.

The public review period for San Diego's ordinance ends on January 19. Afterward the ordinance will move to the planning commission and then the city council for approval.

Dorian Hargrove

## CITY LIGHTS

### Airport staff to fatten up

Private dining proposed for employees

The prices and controversial quality of food and atmosphere at San Diego's international airport, also known as Lindbergh Field, has long been a matter of contention among air travelers who eat there during flight waits.

Now the agency that runs Lindbergh Field is looking to set up an employee eatery, allowing airport staffers to avoid the captive meal scene.

"The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority has a unique opportunity to create a food and beverage service operation in a former restaurant space located on the first floor of the Authority Administrative Office (former Commuter Terminal) at the San Diego International Airport," says a request for statement of interests circulated by the agency on December 1.

"The goal is to create a space that feels separate and unique from work offices and that fosters an environment of collaboration and creative ideas. The essence of the project is to create a food and beverage space into a destination for Authority employees."

The request sets a high bar for the new establishment.

"While the space would offer employees healthy

## CITY LIGHTS

food and beverage options, serving as a cafeteria/lounge area, it would also be a space that is inviting, fosters creativity and collaboration, as well as inspires excellence."

A few possible approaches are specified, including what is called the "café concept."

"A café concept is best described as one that offers healthy grab-and-go food options, natural smoothies, and gourmet coffees. The café should create an environment that fosters collaboration and gives employees an inviting place to go for a snack, break, individual work, or small team meetings."

Another option calls for gourmet food trucks.

"While the mobile food truck concept would not necessarily use the former restaurant space, this service would provide Authority employees with a convenient alternative to going off-site for their meals."

In September, *Airport Revenue News*, an industry trade publication, reported "The largest sales-per-enplanement gain [in 2014] was achieved by San Diego International, which increased 22 percent from \$8.12 to \$9.91. This jump is attributed to the opening of the airport's new concessions program and 5.9 percent growth in overall enplanements."

Matt Potter

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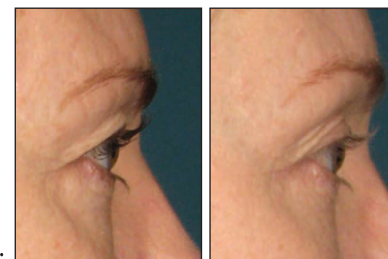
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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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allegedly tagging a residence on K Street in the Stockton neighborhood when a 30-year-old male confronted them and asked what they were doing.

After a brief argument, the victim was stabbed once in the abdomen and hit with a baseball bat.

The victim told police that the three suspects fled the scene in a dark-colored car northbound on 30th Street.

Paramedics treated the victim at the scene and transported him to a hospital where he was being treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

SDPD watch commander Robert Heims said the Street Gang Unit is continuing their investigation.

STEVE HORVATH

## OCEANSIDE

### Racist graffiti on campus

**"I don't feel safe..."**

Early arrivals to the MiraCosta College Oceanside campus on November 30 discovered graffiti slurring MiraCosta's African-American community.

Hateful words were spray-painted on the windows of the school's student center, where the Black Student Union is located.

"This act sadly demonstrates that our campus is not immune to the unrest experienced nation-

ally on college and university campuses," wrote MiraCosta superintendent/president Sunita Cooke in an email distributed to all students and faculty.

"Although the graffiti was quickly removed before classes began today, it prompted us to clearly state that MiraCosta College and local authorities do not tolerate hate crimes or the defacing of public property."

The bigger problem, says Britney Means of MiraCosta's Black Student Union, is that this is not an isolated incident. She feels the administration has covered up previous racist slurs.

"They have kept everything under wraps," says Means. "I feel they have swept everything under the rug." She said a Black Lives Matter celebration in September was met with negative comments and one student wearing a "Cops Lives Matter" cap.

Means pointed out a website by fellow student Isaac Velasquez, who posted a September 9 video showing sidewalk chalk drawings created for the Black Lives Matter event.

Velasquez points out that the man depicted in the drawing was later "redrawn," embellished with a "drug hat," watermelon, a shank, and a bottle of malt liquor. "Here it says 'should have run,' which means he should have run if he didn't want to get shot," Velasquez says in his video. "This is what MiraCosta really thinks."

Means says she does think the spray-painted

slurs was a solo act.

"I would say it's a much larger part of the student body than just one person.... To be honest with you, I don't feel safe on this campus."

Rita Soza, a business administration professor who is MCC's acting communications director, says the school is not disclosing what the spray-painted words were.

"We have chosen not to dignify [the slurs]," said Soza. She said that in an emergency meeting about the incident, a veteran administrator said this was the only act of its kind he can remember.

KEN LEIGHTON

## IMPERIAL BEACH

### Loko: 12% alcohol in a can Meeting to address perils of booze product

An Imperial Beach church is holding a "community conversation" on December 10 to discuss a ban on the Four Loko alcoholic beverage, which has been linked to deaths and binge-drinking problems.

The action comes a month after the attorneys general of 17 states asked Chicago-based Four Loko manufacturer Phusion Products to lower the alcohol content of its product. Previously, 20 states' attorneys general reached a \$400,000 settlement with the company over the marketing and caffeine content of the drink, causing the company to remove caffeine from the ingredi-

ents last year.

The meeting is about "the impact of Four Loko on youth and the homeless in our community," said Rev. John Edwin Griffin of the Imperial Beach United Methodist Church.

"We're trying to create a movement at the community level" before approaching the city government, Griffin said. "We will deal with the city later." He added that the city has expressed "an openness" to the matter.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control has warned that ingesting a single 23.5-ounce can of the 12 percent alcohol Four Loko, approximately the same size and strength as a bottle of wine, constitutes a binge-drinking episode.

Critics of Four Loko say that the sweet carbonated beverage, which comes in flavors such as fruit punch and watermelon, appeals to under-aged drinkers and resembles non-alcoholic energy drinks.

Sal Sadik of the Market to Market store on Seacoast Drive, which sells Four Loko and airplane bottles, said, "It's not a big seller" compared to craft beers. "Not here."

When asked if he would remove the drink from his shelves on request, he said no.

"You can't really control it," he said. "There are thousands of similar items." Sadik said that manufacturers should have limits placed on them, not the retailers.

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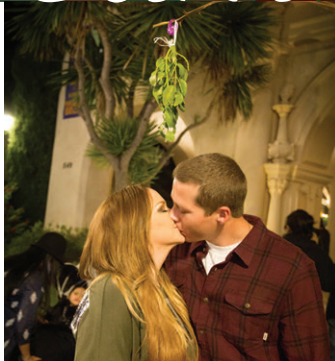
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# SAN DIEGO Reader Street Team



December Nights 2015!



Some guy was there with mistletoe on a stick.



Santa's sleigh and the big tree.



This was the best photo we took there by far.



Here's another of the tree in the Organ Pavilion.



Santa was there!  
The Santa.



December Nights is nearly the biggest event in San Diego; if it wasn't for Comic-Con, it would be the most attended. Which makes parking pretty terrible and a good thing we had some sweet, sweet mopeds. It was nice to see so many people there enjoying themselves and the season. The lighting this year was top notch! Would go again.

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# Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

## Thursday | 10

**WHITE BUFFALO.** Americana artist Jake Smith's alter ego released his strongest set yet with this year's *Love & the Death of Damnation*, a collection that finds the storyteller kicking up some dance-floor dust. *Reader* contributor Dave Good had a chat with Smith about the change of pace before the Thursday-night show at the House of Blues. Of Note, [page 61](#).

the story of a lost and injured angel who joins the circus and the tribulations she faces on the journey. Artists big and small will fly through the air, ride on unicycles, walk on stilts, juggle clubs and balls, and make you laugh in a big-top circus setting.

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. Also on Saturday.

**WHERE:** Mid-City Gym, 4302 Landis Street, City Heights. 619-516-3082; [on.fb.me/1YFqrbI](https://on.fb.me/1YFqrbI)



## Friday | 11

### THE NUTCRACKER: CITY BALLET

As you enter the grand lobby of the historic Spreckels Theatre, you will be greeted by a chorus of carolers with joyful songs of the season. Then on to the show, Clara's magical journey from her family Christmas party where toy soldiers and mice become life-sized dancers to the Land of Sweets, where she is welcomed by the Sugar Plum Fairy. Accompanied by the City Ballet Orchestra and Chorus. Following each matinee performance, members of the cast will be in the lobby to greet the audience and pose for photos. Runs through Christmas Eve. \$29-\$79.

**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway, downtown San Diego. 858-272-8663; [cityballet.org](http://cityballet.org)

### ANGEL'S GIFT

Sophia Isadora Academy of Circus Arts presents professional and amateur circus performers aged 5 to 58 with displays of aerial, acting, clowning, magic, juggling, contortion, acrobatic, and balancing skills. Infused with political satire and literary allusions, the show tells

## Saturday | 12

### FAMILY ARTLAB

Family ArtLAB starts with a conversation-based tour of artwork currently on display to introduce families to themes the artist may have implemented and discuss different ways of using materials. Then parents and children participate in an art-making workshop to create their own work of art based on what they've learned. Recommended for children five and older. \$15 includes two adults and up to three youths, and museum admission is included.

**WHEN:** 2 to 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. 858-454-3541; [mcsd.org/events](http://mcsd.org/events)

### RAWHIDE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

A two-day Christmas family event at a 40-acre working ranch and camp in the hills of Bonsall. Activities include pony

rides, hay rides, petting zoo, horse-vaulting exhibitions, photos with Santa, holiday snacks and refreshments, BBQ dinner, arts and crafts, carolers, a live band, and Christmas carols around a campfire.



\$5 parking fee per vehicle. Come for a couple of hours or stay all day.

**WHEN:** 2 to 9 p.m. Also on Sunday.

**WHERE:** Rawhide Ranch, 6987 W. Lilac Road, Bonsall. 760-758-0083; [rawhidechristmas.com](http://rawhidechristmas.com)

### TOAST OF DOWNTOWN

Cocktail samples, bites from menus, and discounts at 21 downtown shops on a self-guided daytime stroll. Participating restaurants include Blue Point Coastal Cuisine, Blush Ice



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12: FAMILY ARTLAB

Bar, Bootlegger, Coyote Ugly Saloon, Don Chido, Florent Restaurant, Henry's Pub, Jolt'n Joe's, Le Parfait Paris, Lotus Thai Cuisine, McFadden's, Ocean

Pacific Grille, Rockin' Baja, Royal India, Rustic Root, Samurai Pie, the

Field Irish Pub, Tin Roof, Top of the Hyatt, Whiskey Girl, and Zymology.

Festive attire encouraged! \$30.

**WHEN:** 1 to 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Gaslamp and East Village. [bit.ly/1jxi1TT](http://bit.ly/1jxi1TT)

### SAN DIEGO-MADE HOLIDAY MARKET

With handmade goods by more than 50 local artists, craftsmen, and makers,



local food trucks, Nomad Donuts, It's a Dog's World, That's What Cheese Said, and Marcel Authentic Belgian Waffles, holiday-inspired craft cocktails, beer from Three Weavers Brewing Company, a DIY floral crown tent by the Tiny Bloom, and large-scale art installations. Live music performances by Mason James, Triumph of the Wild, and Caitlin Ashley. A \$1 donation at the door includes a raffle ticket for locally made prizes. The first 75 people to arrive each day will receive a free grab bag with items donated by San Diego vendors.

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also on Sunday.

**WHERE:** Union Art Space, 2191 Main Street, Barrio Logan. [sandiegomade.org](http://sandiegomade.org)

## Sunday | 13

### PARADE OF LIGHTS

See the annual Parade of Lights on San Diego Bay from the historic ferryboat *Berkeley* at the Maritime Museum of San Diego. The parade judges are stationed aboard the steam yacht *Medea*, and the brightly decorated boats pull out all the stops when they pass by. Includes a holiday dinner from 5 to 7 p.m., \$25 children/\$50 adults. If you just want to watch the parade, it's \$10 for museum admission after 6 p.m. This year's boat-parade theme is Christmas Around the World.

**WHEN:** 5 to 8 p.m.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13: GASLAMP PET PARADE

**WHERE:** Maritime Museum of San Diego, 1492 North Harbor Drive, downtown San Diego. 619-234-9153 x106; [sdmaritime.org](http://sdmaritime.org)

### GASLAMP PET PARADE

This parade starts at the MLK Promenade Park and travels through the streets of the Gaslamp. Festively attired critters compete for bragging rights and prizes in contest categories including Best Pet Costume/Canine, Best Pet Costume/Non-Canine, Best Pet Holiday Costume, Cutest Critter, Best Costume/Duo, Best Costume/Group (three or more), Best Ugly Holiday Sweater, Best Pet Float, and Best of Show. The tinsel procession returns to the park for a Pet Expo (runs from 1 to 5 p.m.) and the parade awards ceremony. The best vantage points for watching the parade are along Fourth and Fifth avenues between E and K streets from 3 to 3:45

p.m. Entry to the parade is \$15 per pet/owner in advance; \$20 day of event.

**WHEN:** 1 to 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter, 401 K Street, downtown San Diego. 619-233-5227; [gaslamp.org/events/pet-parade](http://gaslamp.org/events/pet-parade)

### SISTER'S CHRISTMAS

**CATECHISM: THE MYSTERY OF THE MAGI'S GOLD.** Does the sight of a wooden ruler make your knuckles cringe? Well, Sister (of *Late Nite Catechism* fame, a long-running solo comedy play about a fictitious Catholic nun) is back, this time with a yuletide class and the Eleventh Commandment: "Thou Shalt Not Heckle Sister!" At North Coast Repertory Theatre, December 13 to 15. Theater, [page 64](#).

### RUN THE JEWELS.

New York rapper/producer El-P and Southern rapper Killer Mike were an unlikely pair before going two for two in the studio and selling out shows coast-to-coast behind *Run the Jewels 1* and 2. The alternative hip-hop duo is a featured act at 91X's Wrex the Halls at Valley View Casino Center on Sunday.

**HITCHCOCK/TRUFFAUT.** The summit between two masters of visual storytelling that became one of the few indispensable books on movies, comes

to a theater near you. *Reader critic* Scott Marks calls it an inspiring celebration of cinema — "Screen it in every classroom throughout the land!" Given the current slate of cheerless holiday releases, it may be the only picture that aims to pump some joy into your veins. Movies, [page 65](#).

## Wednesday | 16

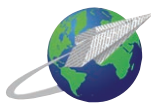


MUSE

**MUSE.** The band's 2015 concept record *Drones* didn't pack the high-minded, hard-rock wallop of its award-winning predecessors, but what do critics know? — Muse continues to pack arenas show after show. The English art-rock trio takes the stage (and transforms it) at Valley View Casino Center on Wednesday.







# Gather No Moss

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View from the town of Cambria, a seven-hour drive north of San Diego

## Tranquil Cambria

By John Kanlund

With a backdrop of Monterey pines drooped in a misty veil, interrupted now and again by the sun, you can see why the sleepy artist village of Cambria has drawn Californians for decades to its relaxing shores.

A coastal secret among its larger rivals of Santa Barbara and Monterey, Cambria feels like a Cape Cod seaside resort; the vibe here can only be expressed as utter tranquility.

You'll want to bring your camera, sandals, and a good pair of binoculars for the seven-hour drive to this Central California town. It's hard to find fault in a community that prides itself on retaining open space, scenic views, walkable neighborhoods, and friendly coastal restaurants and shops. Not only is Cambria home to three federally endangered species, a few state-listed species remain in their natural habitat a short walk from the village center.

After you've packed your weekend bags, set your phone on silent and enjoy the coastal drive. To reach Cambria from San Diego, take Interstate 5 to the U.S. 101, which crosses through Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo before parting with California Highway 1 in San Luis Obispo.

Continue west along Highway 1 to Morro Bay. North from Morro Bay, the 1 stretches north for a short 30 minutes toward the town of Cambria.

Though the waters in the early morning can feel icy, the Pacific Ocean does not disappoint. Surfing, family-friendly hikes, walks, sunset viewing, and the nearby Piedras Blancas elephant seal rookery are

worth your time along this stretch of coast.

In town, there are a number of worthwhile activities, but one that should be on the top of your list is a stroll through the Cambria village arts district along Sheffield Street. Handcrafted local art is set along open-patio coffee shops and restaurants reminiscent, again, of Cape Cod living.

There are many good choices for lodging in Cambria, but there's nothing like the ambiance of Cambria Pines Lodge. An authentic village retreat, the lodge's setting is right for you to unplug from all the chaos of California life.



Cambria village (courtesy of VisitCambria.com)

If you're looking for a way to spend quality time with your significant other or a personal trip to simply "take a step back," I highly recommend a trip up to Cambria.

## Other Adventures



Florence124: Boys out for a rope swinging swim in Lake Atitlan, Guatemala

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# ROAM-O-RAMA

San Diego Outdoors with the Museum Canyoneers

## JASPER TRAIL AND GRAPEVINE CANYON

Hike the transition from high to low desert on this historic cattleman's trail.

**Distance from downtown San Diego:** About 75 miles. Allow 1.5 hours driving time (Ranchita). Drive to Santa Ysabel and go north on SR-79. Drive 11.5 miles and turn right (east) onto San Felipe Rd. (S-2).

Drive 4.7 miles on S-2 and then turn left (east) onto Montezuma Rd. (S-22). Go 6.8 miles on S-22 to the Jasper Truck Trail on right (south). **Hiking length:** 12 miles one way. **Difficulty:** Difficult. Less than 500 feet of elevation gain with an elevation loss of about 2500 feet. Hikers, bicycles, horses, motorized vehicles, and dogs (on leashes) are allowed. No facilities.



Jasper Trail winds down toward Grapevine Canyon. Inset: Look for fishhook cactus along the trail.

The name of this hike hints at the history found here. The Jasper Trail is named after Ranchita cattleman Ralph Jasper, who, at one time, owned over 5500 acres in portions of Montezuma Valley, Grapevine Canyon, and Yaqui Well, much of which is part of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (ABDSP) today. Ralph Jasper developed both Stuart and Angelina springs to make watering holes for his cattle. His father James Jasper, a San Diego County supervisor, had initially homesteaded in Grapevine Canyon, where he had found wild grapes

near springs and in the canyon.

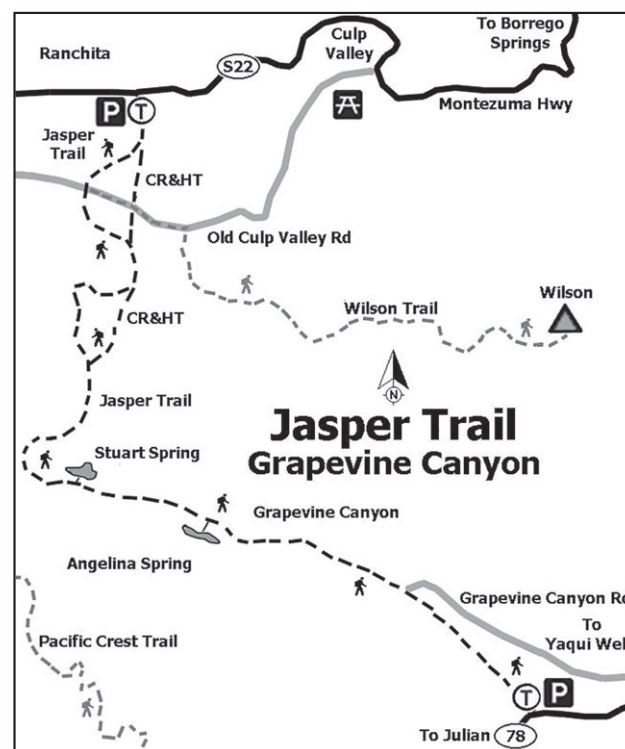
This hike begins in the San Ysidro Mountains near the small community of Ranchita and descends 12 miles down the scenic Jasper Trail into Grapevine Canyon, ending at the junction of Grapevine Canyon Road and SR-78 at Yaqui Flat where Sentenac Canyon opens up to the desert. Ralph Jasper used this trail when moving cattle from his ranch in Ranchita down to the warmer climes of Anza-Borrego for the winter.

It is recommended that this hike be done with

a shuttle by leaving a car at the terminus on SR-78 at the Plum Canyon trailhead, and then driving 23 miles back to the start of the hike on Jasper Trail off of S-22. This direction makes for a mostly downhill trek, but there will still be sections requiring some gain in altitude before dropping down. The length of the hike can be modified by how far one drives down Jasper Trail before parking and heading out on foot. All distances listed here are assuming that the hike begins at the top of Jasper Trail.

The first part of the trail is in a relatively flat open area that was burned in the 2013 Ranchita Fire. Expect showy displays of wildflowers for the next several years as the transition continues.

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Find maps for the hikes and more Roam-O-Rama columns online at [SDReader.com/roam](http://SDReader.com/roam)



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## ART

**Graduate Portfolio Show** Graduate portfolios from Design, Audio, Media Arts, Fashion, and Culinary. Monday, December 14, 4pm; **free**. Art Institute of California - San Diego, 7650 Mission Valley Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Illumin' Art** The San Diego Watercolor Society presents *Illumin' Art*, juried by artist Shuang Li. Exhibit runs through December 31, Wednesday through Sunday, 10am-4pm; closed Christmas Day. [sdws.org](http://sdws.org). Friday, December 11, 10am; San Diego Watercolor Society at NTC Promenade, 2825 Dewey Road #105. (POINT LOMA)

**Impressions: Opening Reception** The La Jolla Community Center and the Allied Artists Association of San Diego present as featured artists of the month Gwen Nobil, oil painter, and John Valois, digital artist, in an art exhibit entitled *Impressions*. Friday, December 11, 5pm; **free**. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

**Steve Gibson & Augusto Sandroni: One Night Painting**

American painter Steve Gibson and native Brazilian painter Augusto Sandroni team up for a one-night painting Tour de Force. Tuesday, December 15, 7pm; **free**. 21 and up. Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar, 410 Tenth Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

## BEER

**Craft & Draft** The entire Hamm's Room will turn into a crafters' holiday wish list. Check out a collection of local artists and crafters. With holiday beer, food, and the return of the beloved BLAH holiday sweater tees. Sunday, December 13, 11:30am; **free**. Blind Lady Ale House, 3416 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Drinkabout** For over five years the SD DrinkAbout has been hosting a monthly showcase of Uptown's best beer bars with a free shuttle running along 30th, El Cajon Bl., Park, and Adams, because the last thing you want to unwrap for the holiday is a DUI. On December 16, hop the bus every half hour (7 to 11:40pm) from Blind Lady, Small Bar, Live Wire, Toronado, Station, Hamilton's, Ritual, or Tiger! Tiger! and get red-nosed on San Diego's bounty of fine craft brew. Wednesday, December 16, 7pm; Hamilton's Tavern, 1521 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

**Holiday Beer & Dessert Pairing Night** Join Kilowatt Brewing and Abu's Kitchen for a special Holiday Dessert & Beer Pairing Night. Try the limited release Holiday Ale, Red Wine Barrel Aged Imperial Stout, and Peppermint Chocolate Stout, and

Cranberry Orange Ale, along with special dessert pairings. A paired beer and dessert flight will be available, as well as a full dinner menu from Abu's Kitchen. Free entry; beer and food prices vary. Friday, December 11, 5pm; **free**. 21 and up. Kilowatt Brewing, 7576 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

## CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY EVENTS

**Breakfast with Santa** St. Nick will don his traditional holiday attire to sit down and enjoy breakfast. The morning includes a full breakfast, picture with Santa, face painting, balloon artist, kids' show, and a gift for kids. Info: 619-235-4014. Saturday, December 12, 9:30am; Sunday, December 13, 9:30am; \$25. Harbor House, 831 W. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Christmas on Brick Row** Appearances by Santa Claus and the Ice Queen plus food vendors, live music, face painting, free museum tours, book giveaways, and more. Thursday, December 10, 5pm; **free**. Between 9th Street and A Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

**It's F\*\*king Christmas** Finest City Improv says let's do it differently with its first holiday show. Every Saturday night until December 12, people can gather at their cabaret-style theater in North Park for the mockery of the typical traditional office party everyone dreads and all-around audience participation that makes each show unique.

Saturdays, 7:30pm; through Saturday, December 12, \$15. 18 and up. Finest City Improv, 4250 Louisiana Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Las Posadas in Old Town** Experience the Mexican tradition of reenacting the biblical story of Mary and Joseph's search for a place to stay on the day of Jesus' birth. Join the candlelit procession that begins at 4:45pm. Sing holiday songs in both Spanish and English while actors playing Mary and Joseph roam the town in search of lodging (*las posadas*). When the procession ends, witness a live nativity scene and choir performance in front of Casa de Estudillo. Sunday, December 13, 2:30pm; **free**. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

**The Nutcracker** With the Classics Philharmonics and the San Diego Symphony, presented by California Ballet Company. Saturday, December 12, 2:30pm and 7:30pm; \$25-\$105. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**The Nutcracker** San Diego Danceworks and Creative Stages of San Diego present *The Nutcracker*, with dancers age 2-1/2 to adult. Sunday, December 13, 6pm; Creative Performing & Media Arts Theater, 5050 Conrad Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

**Polar Express** Join us in your pajamas and enter a world full of holiday treats and trains. With games, winter scene dioramas, and a holiday keepsake to make. A doubting young

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## ROAM-○-RAMA

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tion zone vegetation recovers. In season, abundant stands of common phacelia cover the ground. Look for pale lavender flowers arranged in a coil, looking much like the body of a curled caterpillar. You may also find tall yellow mounds of small sunflower-like blooms of interior goldenbush. Even when not in bloom, be sure to take time to smell the strongly lemon-scented leaves.

Approximately one mile from S-22, the California Riding and Hiking Trail cuts south off of Jasper Trail and provides escape from motorized activity. You may follow this single-track path through stands of scrub oak and California juniper. The juniper was used by Native Americans in infusions, decoctions, and poultices to cure a number of ailments. While on the CRHT, you will cross Old Culp Valley Road and rejoin Jasper Trail for a short distance before returning to the CRHT. At 3.5 miles, you will once again rejoin the Jasper Trail and meander up and down the rugged dirt road until finally coming to Grapevine Canyon at 5 miles. The canyon is a sandy trail that runs between the San Felipe Hills and Grapevine Hills, also named after the growth of wild grapes that were found on the canyon floor.

Heading east, you quickly come to Stuart Spring, the only reliable source of water for many miles, frequented by animals and insects. With a little hunting it is possible to locate a small water-filled trough constructed by Ralph Jasper; however, be sure to filter the water if taken from the spring.

This is one of the few areas where two species of quail are known to inhabit the Anza-Borrego. There are subtle distinctions between the two. Gambel's

quail have a redder head than the bluer-headed California quail, while the California quail has a much more distinct scale pattern on its chest, compared to the Gambel's. In addition, the Gambel's has a cream-colored belly, with the male having a black patch on its belly. Typical of quail, both prefer to walk rather than fly, so look on the ground but keep an eye out for a lone male standing on a high point keeping a lookout for danger.

Angelina Springs is next at 6.8 miles, where the water is subsurface much of the year, identified by lush stands of willow and pink-flowered arrow weed, so named for its long, straight stems used by the native people in fashioning the shafts of arrows. This area was inhabited by native peoples for 5000 years, first by an archaic Indian group and later by Kumeyaay Indians, and is now one of seven cultural reserves in the Anza-Borrego.

Follow Grapevine Canyon Road through ocotillo, agave, yucca, barrel cactus, and teddy-bear cholla and displays of desert wildflowers during spring. At mile 9.9 there is a signed fork in the road. Left goes to the north side of Yaqui Flat and toward Yaqui Well. Keep right for SR-78 and a return to your shuttle car parked at Plum Canyon.

This route is a popular 4WD route on weekends, but mid-week there may be little or no traffic. No matter the day, you will discover great views, incredible solitude, and a rewarding trip through some of Anza-Borrego's less-visited landscapes.

*Canyonners 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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# SHEEP AND GOATS

## I ANSWERED THE CALL

### Clairemont Church of God

**Contact:** 4955 Conrad Ave, Clairemont; 858-278-6802; clairemontchurchofgod.org

**Membership:** 175

**Pastor:** Jeff McCoy

**Age:** 38

**Born:** Portland, OR

**Formation:** Mid-America Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK

**Years Ordained:** 10

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

**Pastor Jeff McCoy:** Jesus — his resurrection, his power, his name, his work, his ministry. The centrality of Jesus would be the one subject I'd preach forever. Jesus is God's ultimate expression of love, so that you can pick any

topic — love, grace, forgiveness, compassion, how to live life, boundaries, any other topic, such as judging, how to treat your neighbor, how to live in this world — it all centers on Jesus.

**SDR:** What's your main concern as a member of the clergy?

**PM:** Keeping the main thing the main thing. The mission of the church is to make disciples, and I think when pastors lose sight of that... And yes, our objective is to reach out to the community, to evangelize, but we are called to make disciples making other disciples. I see a lot of pastors wander away from that objective, and if we're not making disciples, the gospel will not be spread.

**SDR:** Why did you become

a minister?

**PM:** It was a calling and a decision. When I was really young, 12–13 years old, I remember sitting in a sanctuary and asking God to send me into ministry. I looked up to my youth pastor at the time and saw the impact he was making in my life. I remember asking God to send me into ministry at a very young age. I've had opportunities to do several other things — play football, run a restaurant, go into business, teaching — so I've had the opportunity to go and pursue so many other different avenues, but I made the decision to stick with ministry in 1999. One of the reasons is because there are not a lot of people doing it — it's not a

popular job. More are leaving than signing up for ministry. Christ said, "The harvest is plenty but the workers are few." That resonates with me.

**SDR:** What's the mission of your church?

**PM:** Three words: Win. Build. Send. We took the Great Commission in Matthew 28, where Jesus says, "Go therefore and make disciples, and baptize and teach them to obey all I have commanded you." We took that Great Commission and we basically summarized it in modern words, easy to understand, that people can gravitate toward.

**SDR:** Where's the strangest place you found God?

**PM:** Downtown San Diego... where people live without



Jeff McCoy chose ministry "because there are not a lot of people doing it."

shelter or home. We're not shoving the gospel down their throats but asking how we can help. There's something pure and holy about those streets downtown. Those homeless people are not in the church buildings or upper-class neighborhoods, but God is definitely down there walking the streets as well.

**SDR:** Where do you go when you die?

**PM:** I believe scripture does support the idea that the believer does go to heaven. Every person stands before God whether as Christians who place their faith in Jesus or those who live their entire life as a non-believer. The unbeliever either goes to a resting place, which scripture supports, or straight to hell, and the believer goes to heaven. I want to be very clear here, though: no one among us has seen the afterlife as far as a verbatim detailed view of what the afterlife looks like.

— Joseph O'Brien

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boy takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole. He embarks on an epic journey of self-discovery in which he finds that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe. Saturday, December 12, 11am; \$10. San Diego Model Railroad Museum, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Rawhide Country Christmas** A two-day Christmas family event at a 40-acre working ranch and camp in the hills of Bonsall. Activities include pony rides, hay rides, petting zoo, horse vaulting exhibitions, photos with Santa, holiday snacks and refreshments, BBQ dinner, arts and crafts, carolers, a live band, and Christmas carols around a campfire. \$5 parking fee per vehicle. Come for a couple of hours or stay all day. Info: 760-758-0083. Saturday, December 12, 2pm; Sunday, December 13, 2pm; \$5. Rawhide Ranch, 6987 W. Lilac Road. (BONSALL)

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### Four Foundations of Mindful Training Retreat

The main focus of this retreat will be on the practice of the Four Foundations of Mindfulness, being mindfulness of body, feelings, mind, and mind objects. The day will conclude with a tea meditation, bringing all of our senses into the mindfulness training and lastly in silent work. Info: sandiego@ibps.org. Saturday, December 12, 9am; **free**. 18 and up. San Diego Buddhist Association, 4536 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Unleash the Doer in Downtown** The Downtown San Diego Partnership and Home Depot have teamed up to offer a workshop: Tree lot, tips on how to

decorate a tree and outdoor yard art. At Pocket Park, behind Mission Cafe. Saturday, December 12, 10am; **free**. Mission, 1250 J Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

## COMEDY

**Leslie Jordan: Southern Holiday Stories** Leslie Jordan from *Will and Grace*, *The Help*, and *American Horror Story: Coven*, will ring in the holidays with an intimate evening of laughs. Have a yuletide laugh as Leslie shares the crazy antics of the holidays celebrated Southern style. Tuesday, December 15, 8pm; Wednesday, December 16, 8pm; \$40-\$45. 18 and up. Martinis Above Fourth, 3940 Fourth Avenue #200. (HILLCREST)

**Steve Lemme & Kevin Heffernan from Broken Lizard** Fresh off their Netflix stand-up special *Fat Man Little Boy*, Kevin and Steve are back on the road to make you laugh, play some Broken Lizard movie trivia, and reveal what strange events inspired the idea for *Beerfest*. Thursday, December 10, 8pm; Friday, December 11, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, December 12, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Sunday, December 13, 8pm; \$22. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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**MiraCosta Dance: Shapes & Reflections** The MiraCosta Dance Department presents premiere choreographic works from faculty and students. Thursday, December 10, 7:30pm; Friday, December 11, 7:30pm; Saturday, December 12, 2pm; Sunday, December 13, 7:30pm; \$10-\$15. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

**Book Club: A Christmas Blizzard** What's better than reading the latest thriller, crime novel, romance, or history book? Having a group of people reading the same thing and sharing their impressions. The selection for December is *A Christmas Blizzard* by Garrison Keillor. Tuesday, December 15, 6:30pm; **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

**San Diego Mixtape Society** The theme is If We Took A Little Time, with songs about holidays, songs that have a holiday, or the word holiday in the title, and/or songs by Billie Holliday. Sunday, December 13, 3pm; **free**. Bolt Brewery, 1971 India. (LITTLE ITALY)

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## Rhyme & Verse

Two poems by Jill Peláez Baumgaertner

### Bodiless

You leave your signature like the atom  
whose footprint is its only proof,  
the pencil's sharp point indenting  
the paper next to my poems'  
lines. With what voice  
you have uncovered my concealed  
intentions, presented my images  
in bas-relief, and textures  
I could not see until your hand  
revealed the design — just as I mark  
the pages of your book of poems —  
a blade of grass, a faded ribbon,  
a pressed leaf, a leather strip.  
In the solitude of this house  
I read your words aloud printing the air  
with them. Like fragrance  
the atoms dance,  
disperse, escape,  
as light as flight.  
I roam through rooms of them.



Jill Peláez Baumgaertner is professor of English and dean of Humanities and Theological Studies at Wheaton College. She received a PhD from Emory University and has taught at Valparaiso University. The author of five collections of poetry — including *What Cannot Be Fixed*, a textbook on poetry, a book on Flannery O'Connor, and the poetry anthology *Imago Dei* — she has also written lyrics for compositions by Richard Hillert, Carl Schalk, Michael Costello, and Daniel Kellogg. She received a Fulbright to Spain and has won many awards for her poetry. She serves as poetry editor of *The Christian Century*.

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### Permanent Address: 1956

The leaves slick with rain from the afternoon storm,  
the small, tough leaves mixed with grass clippings  
for my doll's salad, her tea laid behind the side hedge.

The tiny cherries ridged like pumpkins, sour,  
the pits almost as big as the fruit, the juice sticky  
on my hands, dripping down my wrists, the pits  
a small pile in the grass mixed with dirt and ants.

Grandma's anger flaring indoors, her apron thrown down.  
The continual drone of mosquitoes seeking flesh,  
and giant orange grasshoppers, poison-spitters, Grandpa says,  
as he bends over his sprouting pineapple growing at  
the back door, his coffee always warming on the stove,  
ready for his back porch newspaper and his cigar.  
His silence when Grandma slams the door.

I fit myself into corners of the outdoors, I wedge  
into interstices, find freedom in small places,  
the games more challenging the smaller the playing field,  
the games unshackling blood bonds to anger foaming and  
burnt.

## FOOD & DRINK

**Merry Little Pop Up Dinner** Join chef Indo, Jake King, and Bria Stade as they bring you a Cozy California Dinner Series. Drink and be merry in a cozy La Jolla beach house with four farm-to-fork seasonal courses. Info: [bria@chefindosandiego.com](mailto:bria@chefindosandiego.com). Thursday, December 10, 6:30pm; \$85. The Lowry House, 2035 Lowry Place. (LA JOLLA)

**Toast to the Season** Taste 100+ different wines from around the world, small production, and hard-to-find wines while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, finger foods, and

desserts that pair with what you're tasting. Weekend pass \$100. Saturday, December 12, 2pm; Sunday, December 13, 1pm; \$50-\$75. 21 and up. Holiday Wine Cellar, 302 W. Mission Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**Wine Tasting: Rhone Valley Wines** The Rhone Valley offers some of the best bang-for-your-buck wines in all of France. Join sommelier Staci Miller and Jean-Baptiste Dhalluin of Rhone Valley Wines for a tasting of the wines of Cotes du Rhone. Thursday, December 10, 5pm; \$5-\$10. 21 and up. WineSellar and Brasserie, 9550 Waples Street #115. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

## LECTURES

**Parkinson's Disease Care** Are you or a loved one living with Parkinson's disease? Physicians from UC San Diego Health's Movement Disorders Center will share the latest research in understanding motor and non-motor symptoms of people with Parkinson's disease including cognitive and psychiatric disturbances, as well as advances in new therapies. Saturday, December 12, 5:30pm; **free**. UCSD Moores Cancer Center, 3855 Health Sciences Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Should Prostitution Be Decriminalized?** The Interna-

tional Museum of Human Rights and Amnesty International host a Human Rights Day meeting. Info: [ahoiberg@aol.com](mailto:ahoiberg@aol.com). Thursday,

December 10, 6pm; **free**. Women's Museum of California, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd., Barracks 16, #103. (LIBERTY STATION)

## OUTDOORS

**Holiday Scavenger Hunt Adventure** Great activity with family in town. Turn San Diego into a giant gameboard with this fun scavenger hunt adventure. Combine the excitement of *The Amazing Race* with a fun city tour. Guided from any smart phone, teams see the sights while solving clues, completing challenges and learning local history. Available 365 days, sunrise to sunset. Now two quests to choose from in San Diego: Old Town/Little Italy and the Waterfront or the newly released Balboa Park Quest. Save 20% with Promo: READER. Sign up at [urbanadventurequest.com](http://urbanadventurequest.com). (BALBOA PARK)

**Winter Botanical Wonders** Learn about the iconic native plants that set the scene to make our Southern California winter holidays so unique. From "San Diego Snow" (tiny flowerings on Broom Baccharis) to the apple-shaped red berries adorning Toyon, amazing secrets of wildlife will be disclosed on fun Mission Trails Regional Park trail guide-led walk. Meet inside Visitor Center. Saturday, December 12, 9:30am; Sunday, December 13, 9:30am; Wednesday, December 16, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Light Up a Life** A time to celebrate and remember loved ones who have touched our life with a memorial candle-lighting ceremony, musical tribute, and inspirational spoken message. Info: 760-431-4100. Thursday, December 10, 5:30pm; **free**. Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center, 1580 Cannon Road. (CARLSBAD)

**Simply the Best Singles** This upscale organization for singles looking for relationships, marriage, and more, offers a Singles New Year's Eve Gala for singles age 40-60ish with live band Hitman Honey, appetizers, icebreaker game, prizes, champagne toast, party favors, Tarot Card reader, and photos. Classy dress. Self parking \$5, valet \$15 (originally \$20). Dance price \$50 prepay/\$55 door. Prepay at [simplythebestsingles.com](http://simplythebestsingles.com) or call 818-577-6877. Thursday, December 31, 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Del Mar Hilton (by the racetrack), 15575 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

## SPOKEN WORD

**Gelato Poetry Series** Gerald Vanderpot is featured, followed by an open mike. Friday, December 11, 7pm; **free**. Korky's Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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# WATER FRONT

## EVENTS

**Bill of Rights Sunset Sail** We're acknowledging Bill of Rights Day a little early this year with a sunset sail on the Schooner Bill of Rights. Enjoy light appetizers, themed drinks including Preamble Wine, and a San Diego Bay sunset. Supports 501(c)3 not-for-profit organizations The Freedom Revolution and the Schooner Bill of Rights. Saturday, December 12, 2pm; \$525-\$52. 18 and up. Schooner Bill of Rights, 604 Marina Parkway. (CHULA VISTA)

**Cannon Battles** Three-hour battle features booming cannons, close-quarters maneuvers, and a taste of 18th-century maritime life aboard tall ships. You and your crew are invited aboard to experience the thrill of combat at sea during the age of sail. Join the crew in defending your ship, raise the sails, heave on the lines, or just sit back and watch the action. Sundays, 2pm; Saturdays, 2pm; through Saturday, January 2, \$47-\$91. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Christmas Day Dinner Cruise** Experience a lavish, traditional holiday buffet aboard a luxurious yacht while you enjoy the calm waters and beautiful scenery of the San Diego Bay. Santa will make an appearance during boarding time to pose for pictures. Friday, December 25, 3:30pm; \$92. Hornblower Dinner Cruises, 1800 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Find All the Fish** Snorkelers and SCUBA divers can become a "citizen scientist" by completing this free course and then conducting underwater surveys of local habitats. The goal? To find as many species as possible! Information gathered contributes to an international database used by scientists and government agencies and helps divers find great dive spots with lots of life. Wednesday, December 16, 6pm; **free**. Ocean Enterprises Scuba Diving, 7710 Balboa Avenue Suite 101. (KEARNY MESA)

**Oceanside Harbor Parade of Lights** While the much larger San Diego Harbor event gets most of the attention, the Oceanside Yacht Club also organizes a parade of lights, wherein a couple dozen brightly decorated boats circle the harbor in a display of seagoing holiday festivity. The fun starts at 7pm, December 12, and lasts roughly two hours. It may be viewed from any point around the harbor, whether you prefer to set down lawn chairs or watch comfortably from

## Tides

	LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
	AM	HT.	PM	HT.	AM	HT.	PM	HT.
<b>THU, DEC 10</b>	1:31	1.8'	2:49	-0.6'	7:48	6.5'	9:05	4.2'
<b>FRI, DEC 11</b>	2:04	1.9'	3:24	-0.8'	8:20	6.6'	9:44	4.2'
<b>SAT, DEC 12</b>	2:39	2.0'	4:01	-0.8'	8:53	6.6'	10:25	4.2'
<b>SUN, DEC 13</b>	3:16	2.1'	4:40	-0.7'	9:28	6.4'	11:10	4.2'

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

one of the waterfront restaurants. Saturday, December 12, 7pm; **free**. Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**Parade of Lights for Fancy Pants** See the annual parade of Lights on San Diego Bay from the historic ferryboat *Berkeley* at the Maritime Museum of San Diego. The parade judges are stationed aboard the steam yacht *Medea*, and the brightly decorated boats pull out all the stops when they pass by. Includes a holiday dinner from 5pm to 7pm, \$25 children/\$50 adults. If you just want to watch the parade, it's \$10 for museum admission after 6pm This year's boat parade theme is Christmas Around the World. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots program. Info: 619-234-9153 x106. Sunday, December 13, 5pm; Sunday, December 20, 5pm; \$25-\$50. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**San Diego Bay Parade of Lights** Participants in the holiday boat parade will adorn their boats to fit this year's theme, Christmas Around the World. The parade begins at Shelter Island and proceeds to Harbor Island at 6pm, the Embarcadero at 6:30pm, Seaport Village at 7pm, and ends at the Ferry Landing in Coronado at 7:30pm 619-224-2240 or questions@sdparadeoflights.org. Sunday, December 13, 5:30pm; Sunday, December 20, 5:30pm; San Diego Bay

**Tecolote 5000** Part of the SoCal Ocean Racing Series. K1/C1/SurfSki/OC1/OC2/ SUP for adults and beginners. T-shirt guaranteed for first 100 registrations. Saturday, December 12, 8am; \$25-\$30. Fiesta Island, 1500 Fiesta Island Road. (BAY PARK)

**Tidepool Adventure** The Point Loma Tide Pools are located at the tip of Point Loma, just south of Sunset Cliffs Natural Park.. In the litoral zone pools, visitors can see limpets, hermit crabs, starfish, anemones, mussels, sally lightfoot crabs, and other species of intertidal sea life. Guided tour. \$5 per car; \$3 per person. Mondays, 1pm; through Monday, December 28, \$3. Cabrillo National Monument, 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive. (POINT LOMA)

**Tijuana Estuary Nature Walk** The Tijuana Estuary protects a variety of plant communities and wildlife. Discover the richness that unfolds around the visitor center, be it upland plant adaptations or the significance of the estuarine habitat. Saturday, December 12, 11am; Saturday, December 26, 11am; **free**. Tijuana River Estuary, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

handle enforcement of city, state and federal laws and regulations. Lifeguards are classified as peace officers with the power of arrest.

**11/22** - SDPD calls LCC and informs there are 10 people drinking and jumping off the cliff at Froude/Osprey public parking lot, "Pappy's". 1 Sam and SDPF unit

respond and make warnings.

**11/21** - Stingray sting comes through as a 911 call at Tourmaline parking lot. Patient is transported by lifeguards to the Pacific Beach tower and treated.

**11/20** - Harbor Police arrested a subject in a north San Diego Bay marina for being in violation of a domestic violence restraining order.

**11/19** - Harbor Police issued a citation to a boater for not having the proper registration.

**11/18** - Harbor police responded to a dinghy that was adrift near the aircraft carriers and stored it for being a hazard to navigation.

**11/17** - USCG contacts LCC advising Vessel

## Waves (SOLANA BEACH)

Height	Direction	Interval
3'-5'	WNW	13 seconds
5'-8'	WNW	8 seconds
5'-7'	WNW	15 seconds
3'-5'	WNW	9 seconds



**A monchong (aka pomfret), line-caught off San Diego's deep waters, available at Tuna Harbor Dockside Market**

### Monchong — fish oddity sold harborside

The Tuna Harbor Dockside Market has the freedom to test new markets for fish that most high-volume wholesalers are unwilling to consider.

For example, this monchong (aka pomfret), which was line-caught off San Diego's deep waters by the 70-foot tuna vessel *Pacific Horizon*. This open-air seafood salon features tuna, black cod, sheephead, rockfish, thornyhead, sand dabs, mackerel, spiny lobster, rock and spider crab, sea urchin, squid, octopus, and sea snails on a seasonal and/or year-round basis. But this chunky monchong was an outlier.

In the early morning of November 21— just a half hour into the market — an Asian customer came up to poke at the pomfret's firm exterior and check its gills for freshness. And within a minute, she decided to snag this 15-pound fish off the table at \$2.50 per pound.

— Victoria Minnich

### The sewn-plank canoe was their greatest asset

Among the endemic peoples in Southern California were the Mohavae, Yuma, Kamia, Diegueño, Miwok, and Chumash. These early settlers of the region had access to wild vegetables, fruits, and nuts. Wildlife was abundant, and they learned how to grow maize, beans, and squash. The Miwok and Chumash lived along the coast and had access to marine mammals, fish, clams, mussels, abalones, and crabs.

During the Late Formative period, beginning in 500 A.D., the Chumash incorporated the bow and arrow into their tools for survival; though, as coastal dwellers, the sewn-plank canoe, or *tomol*, became their greatest asset. These vessels (unlike the dugout canoe used in the north, where

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## SMUGGLING ON A JET SKI

**From San Diego city lifeguards** -San Diego Lifeguards are a 24 hour rescue agency whose responsibilities include water rescue, boat rescue, marine fire suppression, coastal cliff rescue, underwater search and recovery, swift water and flood search, rescue and emergency medical response. San Diego Lifeguards also

Merlyn (110' Research Vessel contracted by Scripps) requested our assistance with one of the deck hands experiencing a unspecified cardiac event. LCC coordinated with "Merlyn" on VHF 16 and Rescue 5 met them in the Turning Basin, receiving a 50 year old oriented and ambulatory male with a history of heart trouble and complaining of irregular pulse. The patient was taken to reception dock and transferred to Medic 20 and on to Scripps La Jolla.







# Water Conditions

**SURFACE TEMPERATURE:**  
**LOW** 64°F **HIGH** 66°F  
**VISIBILITY**  
**0'–5'**

Big surf out of the WNW is the rule this week, exciting those who ride the waves more so than those that spend their time under the surface. For those experienced surfers, Saturday should be the best day with shoulder to head-high waves, a long period swell and light winds. This will not be a good week for near-shore snorkeling or diving. Those entering the water or near the jetties/rocks need be mindful of dangerous conditions and rip currents. Boaters should keep an extra eye out for divers near the reefs and channel edges and divers always mark yourselves and area appropriately.

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

# Moon Calendar

				
	THUR	SAT	MON	WED
DECEMBER	10	12	14	16
SUNRISE	6:40	6:41	6:43	6:44
SUNSET	16:43	16:43	16:44	16:45
LENGTH OF DAY	10H 3M	10H 2M	10H 1M	10H 1M



Depiction of a Chumash village



Map of park (green), adjacent to Point Loma Nazarene University

larger trees were available) were made of planks and joined with corded seal hide and sealed with tar. They were used in ocean-fishing, to travel back and forth between coastal towns, and were important in trade between the islands and the mainland.

The Chumash used a harpoon with a detachable fore-shaft for spearing large fish and marine mammals. They made fish-hooks from shells for catching smaller fish, and they pounded fiber or used dried hide or intestines to make cord and netting.

The latter part of the Late Formative period is when the historically known California Indian cultures began to take their final form. Population rose rapidly, societies became intricate, warfare occasionally erupted over resources, and a common money system of shells and beads was standardized. The Indians developed nets for deep-sea fishing and formed cooperative labor crews and had craft specialists,

including boat builders, captains, navigators, and boat owners.

Building fish dams and offshore net-fishing drew the labor of neighboring tribes, thus enhancing their shared technology.

The Ya’i Heki’ Regional Indian Museum at Lake Perris, north of San Diego in Moreno Valley, is one of a series of regional museums funded by the State of California. It provides an interpretation of Native American history and the cultures of the native tribes throughout the Southern California desert region. On December 12, the museum will be hosting Native American Fishing Techniques as a segment of their free weekly children’s program.

— Daniel Powell

## Upper lot full at Sunset Cliffs

On November 19th, Second District councilwoman Lorie Zapf presented a

city-council proclamation celebrating the 100th anniversary of Sunset Cliffs. On this anniversary, many San Diegans and visitors are not able to access Sunset Cliffs Natural Park.

There are two city parking lots for those who wish to visit the south end of the park, one near the water on Ladera Street and one up top on Lomaland Drive adjacent to Point Loma Nazarene University. For years, Point Loma Nazarene has taken over the upper city parking lot for student and employee parking to the extent that often there is no parking for those who wish to use the park. This south “Hillside” portion makes up 75 percent of the park.

The park’s master plan regarding the upper lot states: “Retain spaces for Park viewing and access, trail access, and interpretive and other Park use.”

After contacting Zapf’s office in September, I was referred first to [Zapf repre-

sentative Conrad Wear], who on September 9th wrote the following: “I am still looking into this issue and all possible solutions.”

I did not hear from Wear again. I was passed over to another staffer, James McGuirk, who on October 9th wrote the following: “Just yesterday, I sent follow up emails to several city staff members and am eagerly looking forward to hearing back.”

After another inquiry, on October 26, he sent me this: “At the moment we are researching possibilities for the parking lot and look forward to speaking with each other more in the near future. I have also reached out to City Staff and am still waiting to hear back. I appreciate your patience and cooperation and will be in contact soon.”

Although I have made more inquiries, there has been no response to date from anyone.

— Scott MacLaggan

## GOING BIG AT WOHLFORD

**Inshore:** Fishing inside and off the kelp edges has produced a few bass, sheephead and lots of sculpin. The sculpin, however, are to be released by boat-based anglers (since September 1) and are expected to reopen on January 1, 2016. Sculpin are open to divers and shore-based anglers. The sand bass bite of the previous week seems to have died off. Part of the disparity in the counts may have been the number of local boats focusing on the resurgence of yellowfin early in the week within extended

½ day range. Though an occasional ¾ day boat finds some action on yellowtail and tuna, rockfish continue to dominate the local catch. A few barracuda and bonito are still showing off the edge of the kelp.

**Outside:** Though the number of anglers and runs were about the same as the previous week, the offshore counts dropped markedly on the tuna and dorado. The yellowfin numbers dropped from 2,223 to 1,036, skipjack from 474 to 208 and dorado from 30 to only 4 caught. Still, this kind of pelagic fishing is not normal to this time of year. As long as the fish are

out there and anglers want to try and find them biting, the boats with enough of a load will run surface trips. Offshore rockfish, when weather permits, has been very good for bocaccio, whitefish, reds and lingcod.

**11/29 – 12/5 Dock Totals:** 1,314 anglers aboard 63 boats out of San Diego landings this past week caught 1036 yellowfin tuna, 148 yellowtail, 4 dorado, 208 skipjack tuna, 69 calico bass, 36 sand bass, 1,759 rockfish, 33 sheephead, 35 bonito, 66 whitefish, 5 lingcod, 2 barracuda, 7 bocaccio, 1 finescale triggerfish, 1 red rock crab and 17 spiny lobster.



# Passing pleasures

*A listening station invites you to interpret a Miles Davis tune with paper and pens.*

**S**an Diego Museum of Art's *Art of Music* exhibit welcomes visitors with a giant ceramic auricle and protruding ear trumpet that, upon detecting the voices of passersby, proceeds to emit Beethoven's "Grosse Fuge." It's a fitting introduction to an installation (running through February 7) that explores the ways in which the visual arts have portrayed and been influenced by music over the ages.

The first room demonstrates the musician as muse in Greek and Roman mythology. Most prominently, *The Triumph of Pan* (2004), by local artist Eleanor Antin, is a vivid chromogenic print based on a 1636 painting of the same name by Nicholas Poussin. Antin's interpretation places live models over a backdrop extracted from the original piece engaging in a bacchanal of wine, sex, snakes, and sacrifice in brilliant, sharp color.

The next gallery sees the musician as portrayed in renaissance Europe, where music assumed a religious, educational, and even decadent role when taken to excess. Giovanni Benedetto Castiglione illustrates this last concept in his mid-1600s oil on canvas *Allegory of Vanity*, in which a dancer is surrounded by instruments, flowers, and other transient superfluities. The painting suggests that the passing pleasures of the world are secondary to eternal salvation, though the accompanying text box acknowledges that the artist "had a reputation as violent scoundrel who had numerous run-ins with the law."

In the same room we see the musician in the Asian world, where they were perceived as embodiments of virtue and played an indispensable part in social gatherings. The concept is exemplified by a 19th-century qin — an acoustic, stringed lap instrument noted for its subtle, graceful timbre. The mastery of the qin is noted as

"one of the four essential arts in the literati class in imperial China."

Moving on, the viewer is presented with "Musical Instruments in Art and as Art" by way of international paintings and sculptures celebrating the form and function of instruments such as the lute, mandolin, and violin.

The space is dominated by an oil on canvas from Diego Rivera contemporary Rufino Tamayo, titled *Sleeping Musician* (1950), in which a guitar is illuminated by an eclipsing sun as shadowed musicians sleep in the fore- and backgrounds.

Among the more vibrant spaces, "Social Intersections of Art and Music" showcases a nonlinear exploration of the overlap between visual and musical arts with examples including an ornate African lyre and handcrafted gongs and whistles. This segues into "Music in Festivals and Popular Ritual," highlighting the centrality of music across time and space in social functions. The radiant, ever-puffy figures of Fernando Botero depict bowler-capped, mustachioed musicians playing for a disproportionately miniature couple in his giant 1980 oil on canvas, *Dancing in Colombia*.

Similarly, "Music, Dance, and the Stage" takes a look at the fascination of secular entertainment with the arts spanning kabuki theater, Parisian opera showbills, and Broadway and West End posters. Of special interest are the huge 1891 Moulin Rouge advert for "La Goulue" and Dalí's piercing 1942 *Project for Romeo and Juliet*, a proposed surrealist set design for a ballet production of the Shakespeare classic.

A listening station titled "Jazz Visualization" invites you to interpret a Miles Davis tune with paper and pens as a primer for a Henri Matisse set of primary colors and wild, near abstract cutouts in his mid-19th-century *Jazz* series. "Mood in

## ART

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*Sex Pistols* (1981), by Hans Burkhardt

**The Art of Music**, running through February 7, 2016, at the San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-232-7931; sdmart.org

Music and Painting" continues in visualizations of music with examples from Indian ragas, the modern modality of keys, loud colors, and visceral forms.

Around the corner, the striking *Filles de Kilimanjaro III (Miles Davis)* (1976) by Argentinean painter Kazuya Sakai interprets the 1969 Davis album of the same name with the flippant but focused use of interwoven lines and colors, which resonate with the bold improvisation of the muse's tunes.

One of the more engaging sections is "Synesthesia," where an interactive electronic rendition of John Sennhauser's 1951 *Synchroformic #18-Horizontal Duo* allows you to rearrange the components of the painting to create spastic jazz tunes, emphasizing the super-sensory correlation between sight and sound.

Moving further into the avant-garde, "An American Quartet: Collaborations and Dialogues" demonstrates the works of Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, John Cage, and Merce Cunningham, beginning with Rauschenberg's 1955 *Music Box*, a staple of early noise and chance music in which three stones and feathers sit inside a wood crate riddled with nails. The dissociative works lead into a room of psychedelic rock posters by visionaries Rick Griffin, Wes Wilson, and Alton

Kelley, along with a film by no-wave experimentalist Christian Marclay. In a starkly different style, Hans Burkhardt's 1981 *Sex Pistols* sees the band's name smeared across the canvas in a font suggestive of graffiti and a charmed nihilism. ■

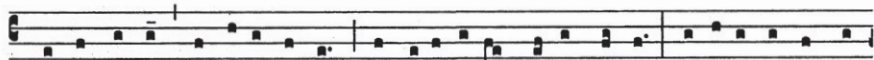
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# Man's brekky here

*Good to have nice, big eggs with floods of bright yellow yolk.*

**H**ey hey! Impressive company I've got here: Oprah, Renée Zellweger, Bruce Willis, Daniel Craig, all customers at Caffè Primo.

Uh, okay not at the same time or at the same Caffè Primo. Or even in the same city. They go to a Primo on Sunset Strip in L.A. And this is just according to the café's blurb. I haven't called my buddies Oprah, Renée, Bruce, or Daniel to confirm.

Still. Who would have guessed? Here on Market Street, at, like, the "wrong" end, up by 14th Street, outside the East Village cool pool, stands this new, big, confident street café, all dressed up for the in-crowd.

Hilse, the barista, is telling me about the place. How Caffè Primo's from L.A. and opened this branch here in July. It's a nice surprise.

Even nicer surprise? They do breakfast this late hour (about one in the afternoon).

I'd spotted it walking east from the Park and Market trolley stop, heading for the only super-market I knew downtown, Albertsons. Then, on the corner opposite, a new café. Parisian almost, down to the golden wicker chairs and tables on the sidewalk patio. Just sticks out among the restaurant supplies, dog-wash places, dry-cleaning, little old flower shops.

So, I head into this space with a huge open kitchen, lots of seating, a long table, high industrial ceilings with modern chandeliers hanging, and a separate bar area. This is one big eatery. But I can't resist going back outside. More greenery, more intimate, more street life, and, hey, in this brisk weather, some sun.

I sit me down, ask for a coffee. Get it pronto in a nice big china cup. Delish. Depeche Mode's playing. I take a moment to check out the life out here on Market. You can see street denizens are starting to feel the pressure. Middle class is oozing in, brother...one smile, one checkbook at a time.

Then I'm head-down into the way-big menu

that Hilde handed me.

So this, I guess, is what Oprah and Bruce eat for breakfast. You can get an oatmeal with

berries, bananas, brown sugar for \$6; a Belgian waffle, also with berries, plus whipped butter and maple syrup for \$8. Or granola with berries, honey, yogurt, and toasted oats for \$7.

But all that's playing around. Need a man's brekky here.

Spinach bacon omelet with goat cheese goes for \$8. But, okay, most run into double figures. "Hangover Omelet" with Sicilian meatballs and mozzarella cheese goes for \$11. Huevos rancheros (eggs, black beans, salsa roja, cilantro, avocado) runs \$12. They all come with "Primo potatoes," mixed greens, or fresh fruit.

They also have a bunch of brown-rice bowls with, say, herb-crusted salmon (\$12) or blackened chicken breast (\$11). And salads and wraps going from \$9 (Caesar) to \$14 (ahi tuna). Also, sandwiches, pizzas, around \$12, and cheaper "shared plates" (appetizers, I guess). Blackened brussels sprouts are \$7, crispy calamari's \$9, Sicilian meatballs go for \$9, short-rib tacos are \$12. House specialties are all Italian, like chicken marsala or parmigiana (\$15).

But, no. Came here for breakfast. I choose the "traditional" Benedict: poached eggs, smoked ham, Hollandaise, on English muffins, for \$11 (Benedict with salmon'd be \$13). On Hilse's advice, I take the potatoes as a side because they mix in yams, or actually, sweet potatoes. (What's the difference? Wiki says it's night and day. Sweet potatoes are basically *Convolvulus*, morning-glory cousins. Yams are related to lilies and grasses.)

The whole plate is a nice combo. Yes, I need to add salt to the potatoes because they taste a little bland, but they have a great combo of orange sweet potato, green and red peppers, and onions. Good to have nice, big eggs with floods of bright yellow yolk, too. Thin slices of ham give just enough flavor to zest up the hollandaise.



Of course Carla is going to kill me. Benedict is her all-time favorite breakfast. I think she'll go for the vibe of this place, too. The blurb says it's "inspired by the grand coffeehouses and espresso bars of Europe," where you can "linger from early morning until late into the night." Cool.

I also like the fact that they have happy hour every day, 3-6. And all of those "shared plates" are five bucks, along with house wines and a bunch of good draft beers, such as Pizza Port Chronic Amber Ale and Stone Delicious IPA.

Here's what I do: take off, get a bunch of work done for three hours, and then lope back up Market at about four. Happy hour! Lithe-looking lady, Jordyn, brings me a plate of Sicilian meatballs, three of them, made from braised beef, pork, and veal for a Lincoln. Normally \$9. And, what the heck. One more. Think about the marinara pizza (with oregano, garlic, olive oil, and tomato sauce, but — and the menu gives you fair warning — no cheese). So, I try the blackened brussels sprouts (\$5). Meatballs are totally filling and with a good garlicky red sauce. Sprouts? Not so blackened, a little dense and tough; a little too like, well, brussels sprouts. Still, they're good for you. I know, 'cause grandma



Most important, they get the Benedict sauce right



What \$5 buys during happy hour: three zesty meatballs of beef, pork, and veal

told me so.

But who-all comes here? For sure, the owners must be playing the waiting game. Because this end of East Village ain't quite there yet. Someone tells me the city gave the owners an incredible deal, like, a couple of years' free rent, to persuade them to take the plunge in this area.

Man, I hope they hang in. ■

(@SDReader\_EdBed)

**The Place:** Caffè Primo, 1330 Market Street, 619-798-3488

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## Pizza pies before your eyes

Urban Pi, 2673 Via De La Valle, Del Mar. I'm not a purist when it comes to pizza toppings. I do love a simple pepperoni thin crust, but I've got no problem throwing down some broccoli, corn, buffalo sauce, and, yeah, even pineapple.

So I was excited when I walked into Del Mar's Urban Pi and spotted a long list of toppings ranging from the elevated to the unusual. By elevated, I mean organic tomato sauce, nitrate-free pepperoni, and free-range chicken breast.

As for unusual, we could debate as to whether artichoke and arugula might qualify as anything standard, but I'm talking about the likes of shaved carrots, bean sprouts, roasted broccolini, Thai peanut sauce, and an organic egg cracked over the top of the pizza right before it goes into the oven.

You build the pizza you desire out of these and other toppings, plus a mix of spices, sauces, cheeses, and organic flour or gluten-free crust for \$8.50. Within about five minutes, your ten-inch pizza comes wood-fired out of the oven and ready to eat.

I tend to get a little wild when I have the freedom of choosing my own toppings for anything, so for this lunchtime visit I deemed it prudent to pick one from the Chef's Pizza Creations menu. This includes simple classics such as margherita, pesto, pepperoni, and BBQ chicken pizzas.

But I couldn't pass up the Brussels and Bacon,

which came with charred brussels sprouts, mozzarella, onion, applewood-smoked bacon, balsamic glaze, and organic parmesan. The problem was that on this day they'd had a run on bacon. More would be ready in 10 or 15 minutes, and in the meantime I was welcome to substitute anything I wanted.

The counter is set up like a Chipotle or

Subway, with all the prepared toppings laid out behind a glass shield for pies to be assembled

before your eyes. Against better judgment, I wound up customizing my pizza after all. I stood there trying to decide if balsamic glaze went with tomato sauce, could rosemary ham serve as a bacon substitute, and should I go for the house-made meatballs.

I wound up with a pie of half balsamic, half tomato sauce with perpendicular halves of ham and meatball. I effectively had four slightly different

topping arrangements, with brussels sprouts across the board. This was fun.

Sure enough, five minutes later I had my pie. The crust was crispy outside and soft in the middle. The toppings were fine — good quality and generously applied. However, the tomato sauce didn't bring enough flavor to hold my attention,

the sprouts had only subtle flavors, and the ham wasn't as rich as bacon would have been. Even the meatball could have used some *oomph*, either by including asiago cheese or some jalapeño — both available.

The key here is to make sure at least one of your toppings is strong enough to hold up the rest: bacon, sausage, blue cheese, olives, anchovies or, as a best bet, pepperoni.

by Ian Anderson

## FEAST!



This Urban Pi had multiple personalities. Simple and strong ingredients recommended.



This cheese is so great it doesn't require accoutrements.

Calvados (apple brandy), honey, and lemon.

But the cheese. Forget all those crackers, nuts, and fruit compotes that come with most cheese plates, this cheese (imported from France via Epicure out of Los Angeles) is so superb it doesn't require accoutrements, though we appreciated the poached baby pear and balsamic reduction. Of course we were provided fresh, warm demi-baguettes, but we mostly enjoyed savoring just the naked

nibbles of the Saint-Nectaire, Morbier, and triple crème cheeses.

The menu is sparse, with only six appetizers and six entrées to choose from. Our server explained that the chef/owner prefers it this way so he can focus on his best execution of each. David went for the Confit de Canard (\$24) with "crispy and tender" duck thighs, lentils, and a fig glaze. He is a bit of a duck-confit snob and heartily approved of this iteration. He enjoyed the contrasting flavors and textures, from the earthy lentils to the rich, sweet fig sauce, as well as the refreshing dressed salad nestling in a radicchio leaf.

I didn't taste David's dish because I was too busy enjoying my own, a *Traite Amandine* (trout almondine, \$23). The ten-ounce trout was roasted whole and served with giant asparagus spears, toasted almonds, and a lemon butter sauce that made me want to lick the plate. The filet was tender and moist and contrasted nicely with the satisfying, nutty crunch of the toasted almonds. But the real star of this dish was that delicate sauce, which seemed to highlight but not overpower the natural flavors of the trout, asparagus, and almonds.

We didn't make it to a third course, but we're going to try to get back to La Bonne Table soon to continue tasting our way through the rest of the menu.

by Barbarella Fokos

## Like France

La Bonne Table, 3696 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. When I think of France, I think of food: real food, fresh food, quality food. Freshly baked baguettes, perfectly ripened cheeses, savory charcuterie, and of course the Mother sauces: béchamel, espagnole, hollandaise, and allemande. Even the word "chef" is French.

David and I have had some of the best meals of our lives in Provence, and we discovered firsthand that the food isn't too shabby in Paris and Nice, either. Though I enjoy all of the French-themed restaurants here at home, it wasn't until a few nights ago when I stepped foot inside La Bonne Table that I felt transported back to one of those perfect Provençal bistros I adore.

The illusion was made whole by the adults and children conversing in French at the tables surrounding us. For a moment I thought we'd need to ask for menus in French, but our server turned out to be as American as apple pie. And his lack of accent, for whatever reason (call it mono-lingual insecurity), made us feel that much more comfortable as we settled into our seats in the dining room that wasn't much larger than my mother's living room.

We began with a cheese plate and aperitifs. I got the Saint (\$10), a gin-based martini with St. Germain, and David ordered the *Automne en Normandie* (\$10), a warming cocktail with

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## Enter the taquería

*Entrada, 1953 India Street, Little Italy.* The first things I noticed when I walked into Entrada weren't the Muertos murals, sea-tortoise-green booths, or Talavera tile patterns adorning the north wall. It was the pair of 18-foot faux olive trees bracketing the island bar at the center of the vast, high-ceiling space.

Okay, I assumed they were real before the waiter pointed out that real trees would drop leaves all over the bar and into peoples' drinks. The point is, the convincing trees are an appealing centerpiece to Little Italy's newest Mexican restaurant, which offers plenty of attractive, colorful decor.

The menu features antojitos such as *sopes* and mini tamales and a choice of ahi, shrimp, or vegetarian ceviche, but I wasn't

about to enter a building fronted by the word *taquería* and not load up on tacos.

With a dozen varieties available, choosing would not prove easy. Half of them list for \$4, covering mainstays such as carnitas, *al pastor*, and a Baja fish taco. There's also a housemade chorizo taco and an all-veggie, poblano-based *rajas con queso*.

A \$5 seasonal menu listed shrimp, octopus, and flat-iron steak tacos, plus a grilled-lobster option for \$7. These prices are per taco, and I knew I wouldn't leave this lunch satisfied eating fewer than three, so I stuck mainly with the \$4 choices: Baja and a chicken Oaxaca *mole*. The exception was the \$5 Toluca, which featured string-cut potato, flat-iron steak, and house-made Longaniza verde, a chorizo-like sausage made using green spices.

The fresh-made corn tortillas

were thick enough to add flavor as well as cohesion to the small tacos. These are your standard six-inch-diameter tortillas — I call them "small" due to the small amount of ingredients included in each one. For example, the beer-battered Baja taco had a decent little cut of fried mahi mahi along with cabbage, pico de gallo, and chipotle sauce. Were it on a two-dollar taco, it would look generous. I assume that these ingredients are a step up from those used in a two-dollar taco shop, but I couldn't tell from eating it.

The *mole* sauce was chocolaty, rich, and delicious, but the portion of chicken was even smaller. I'm not sure three of these would fill me up.

The \$5 Toluca proved the most substantial, with the tender grilled steak and potatoes adding heft to the tasty sausage

and chunky dried pepper and tequila salsa.

I enjoyed each taco and left satiated, but I can see a lot of taco purists objecting to the bang-for-your-buck factor. Some people don't want atmosphere, craft cocktails, or even a creative culinary approach to their tacos, content to eat tasty regional classics made in the back of a roach coach, and perhaps rightfully so.

For others — who're more likely to be dining in little Italy these days — here's a tree-lined dining room and basic craft-beer tap list to go with high-minded Mexican fare.

by Ian Anderson

## PhD in coffee

*Copa Vida, 905 J Street, East Village.* My knowledge of coffee? It ranges from joe with milk to joe "au naturel." So, when

I happened upon this new (couple of months, max) place with no name (at least as far as outside signage) at J Street by the ballpark, I slithered in like a sidewinder, not wanting to be noticed.

This is because I'm not too sure about all the strange things you're supposed to know how to order, such as *shakerato*, *bai mu dan*, *genmaicha*, charcoal-roasted tung ting, naked *pu-erh*, hot pressure, cold pressure. You need a PhD in coffee and tea to navigate your way around the choices here. It's like a wine bar for coffee aficionados.

Also, the space is smart and airy in that spare, Japan-meets-Scandinavia bareness sort of way. Tons of room for good tables for sipping and laptoping and a huge garage-door wall lifts up to expose the sidewalk seating. A white stand-

up counter links the inside to the outside.

Foodwise, we're at the end of lunch. Stops at three. It's a simple choice of sandwiches or salad. But not that cheap. The croquet-madame, which I'd really like to go for, has ham, caramelized onions, tomato, Swiss cheese, and béarnaise sauce. It runs \$14. Chicken-salad sandwich is \$13, with the grilled-cheese sandwich at \$10. The three salads they have go for \$9 each. Kale, Mediterranean couscous, and spinach.

So, I went for salad because it's cheaper, and I chose the couscous because that sounded more filling.

And a cuppa joe. Lord. You have to choose country, combo, bean.... I went for the Ethiopia Wamena. Because Ethiopia is where coffee was born. Only problem: costs \$4.75. Ow.

Okay, I'll admit: it was smooth and good, and they bring it to you with a spare glass jug that gives you a couple of refills.

But the big surprise is the couscous salad. Basically, turns out, couscous is semolina. Traditional Berber food. These little durum wheat balls are the rice of North Africa. And just as filling. The taste comes from the arugula plus red and green bell peppers, red onion, little tomatoes, goat cheese (tastes like), a vinaigrette, and, best of all, a generous sprinkling of Kalamata olives that they have taken the trouble to pit. The flavor lights up! The olives really give the combo its muscle.

So, yes, the coffee is not cheap but good. The salad, excellent. And it says something that even in the late afternoon, on this not-very-busy street, and with no signs up to say who the heck they are, Copa Vida ("Cup of Life") is busy as heck.

by Ed Bedford

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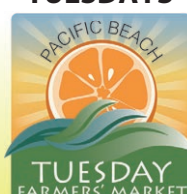


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## ALPINE

**Donato's Italian Restaurant:** Monday-Friday, 4pm-7pm: \$3 glass/\$6 pitcher Bud Light, \$3.50 house wine. Appetizer specials. Bar only.

**Mediterraneo:** Monday-Friday, Sunday, 4-6:30pm: \$3 domestic draft beer, \$5 house wine. Pear salad \$6, fried calamari \$7, Bill and Diane Shrimp Cocktail \$9.

## BANKERS HILL

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

**Hexagone:** Daily, 3:30-7pm: \$4 beers, \$5 field green salad, \$6 wine by the glass, well drinks, caesar salad, \$7 Caprese salad, \$8 onion soup, sazerac, myrtille, bijou, french martini, raspberry grand mojito, Mexican mule, vespa, \$9 mini crab cake, frogs legs provencale.

## CARLSBAD

**The Compass:** Monday, 9pm-close: \$5 mules. Tuesday, 9pm-close: all drafts \$4. Wednesday, 9pm-close: 25% off all brown spirits. Thursday, 4pm-close: Mystery wine Thursday, \$15 bottles.

**Twenty/20 Grill & Wine Bar:** Daily, 3-6pm: \$2 off specialty cocktails, \$4 well drinks, draft beers, \$6 sangria, half-off tapas.

## CARMEL MOUNTAIN

**Conway's Irish Pub:** Daily, 10am-8pm: \$2.75 domestic drafts and wells.

**Fish District:** Daily, 2-5pm: \$1 off beer and wine, tacos and classics.

## CARMEL VALLEY

**Tio Leo's:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic pints, \$4 import pints, \$5 house margaritas and well drinks. \$5 street tacos, TJ hot dogs, carne asada fries.

## CITY HEIGHTS

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

## BEER NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

### Beer and science

Just before Thanksgiving, Vista Village's **Wavelength Brewing** (236 Main Street) issued its beer in bottles for the first time, offering three stash-in-the-fridge options: a vanilla-bean variation of its Off Kilter Scottish heavy, its Ad Astra Belgian quadrupel ale, and Oort Bruin, the beer company's first sour release.

The Oort Bruin features wet hops, also known as fresh hops. In this case, fresh picked Simcoe and Nugget varieties, the Nugget having been grown by Wavelength co-owner Hans Haas at his Valley Center home.

An interesting variety for first-time bottling, but the disparate styles fit Wavelength's ethos. "One of our mottos is 'full-spectrum beer,'" Haas points out, "Meaning, we like it all."

Those who paid attention in

science class might spot a trend in the branding here. Wavelength and spectrum are physics terms, referring to physical properties of sound and light. Ad Astra hails from the Latin for "to the stars." The Oort cloud is the icy sphere of comets and other space detritus surrounding the solar system going out about two light years.

Wavelength clearly has an affinity for scientific terms. But judging by the series of Friday-night lectures hosted in its tasting room, it's not just lip service. The brewery has become an unlikely hub for science fanatics in North County.

"We've had astrophysicists, chemists, biologists, electrical engineers, and many more come present," Haas says. "We've been fortunate to work with some of the local science outreach institutions as well, such as Reuben H. Fleet, International Dark-Sky Association, Palomar College, Oceanside Photo and Telescope, to name a few."

These aren't idle summaries of info you might have picked up in school, either. One recent talk featured Reuben H. Fleet center's resident astronomer Dr. Lisa Will explaining the historical context and implications of NASA's recent announcement that liquid water flows on Mars. Another brought in Liam Kennedy, creator of



Wavelength issues its first bottles, available in its Vista Village tasting room

ISS Above, which monitors the activities of the International Space Station, to discuss the 15th anniversary of humans living in orbit.

Presentations include a lecture, supported by visual projections and whatever level of discussion avails itself in a room full of beer-drinking intellectuals. Wavelength has created a video library of its Friday presentation series on YouTube. Each lasts about 30 minutes to an hour, usually beginning at 8 p.m.

### Mosaic Beatitude

About this time of year, I usually start transitioning from warm-weather beers to stouts, heavies, and double IPAs — styles that offer their most belly-warming satisfaction during winter. But since I keep hearing El Niño will keep us in

\$20 carafes. Variety of appetizers \$4, Chef's bruschetta \$5, all pizzas \$10.

**Quartyard Bar:** Monday-Friday, 3:30-6pm: \$2 off beer. Food half-price.

**Rare Form Delicatessen:** Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$5 basil gin and tonic or whiskey cocktail, half-off local beers.

**Toast Enoteca & Cucina:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 draft beers, \$5 wines by the glass. \$5 select appetizers, \$5 select mini pizzas.

## EL CAJON

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

**URBN St. Brewing Co.:** Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: \$1 off pint of made-in-house beer, \$2 off tasting flights. Friday, 3-6pm, 10pm-midnight: \$1 off pint of made-in-house beer, \$2 off tasting flights. Saturday, 10-midnight: \$1 off pint of made-in-house beer, \$2 off tasting flights.

## ENCINITAS

**El Callejon Restaurant:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: Domestic \$3, imported \$3.50, house wine \$4, draft \$4.25.

**Café Sevilla:** Daily, 5-7pm: \$3 off any food or drink \$11 and under; \$5 off items \$12 and over. Wine bottles \$5 off.

**The Fish Market:** Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: Liquor, wine, and beer specials. Appetizer specials. Bar only.

**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.

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

**Pinzinimini:** Daily, 5-7pm: \$5 all house wine, draft beer, wells.

**Urban Bar & Grill:** Daily, All day, bar only: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 house wine & Moscow mules. \$2 short rib sliders, pickled vegetables, Cajun tots.

**Whiskey Girl:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 well drinks, drafts, house wine. \$5 select appetizers.

## EAST VILLAGE

**Bottega Americano:** Daily, 3-6pm: \$5 wine and drafts, \$6 wells, \$9 pizza.

mild, wet weather for several months, I've still been dipping into the fridgeful of tarts and sours that I've been accruing throughout the autumn. Not because they're seasonal but because these styles are becoming more prevalent among local brewers and I've been enjoying some of the more interesting efforts.

**Council Brewing** (7705 Convoy Court, Kearny Mesa) has released a couple dozen different fruited varieties of their Beatitude tart saison, including blueberry, raspberry, apricot — even cucumber and persimmon have been used. So far, each fruity effort I've sampled has been both sweetly sour and refreshing, with a range of interesting flavors brought about by the different fruit characteristics interacting with Council's in-house mix of both *Saccharomyces* and *Brettanomyces* yeasts, and *Lactobacillus* bacteria.

But a November release of Beatitude took a different tack. Rather than add fruit, Council dry-hopped its tart saison with mosaic. Which kind of makes sense. Mosaic hops convey extremely fruity characteristics in an IPA. Tasting it, I found lemon, with maybe a little pear or apple. My first impression was that it drank similar to a sparkling white, but on further sips I got to thinking of it more akin to a dry cider.

For more breaking craft beer news, follow San Diego Beer News on Twitter (@ReaderBeer) or keep up on Facebook.

**Kafe Sobaka:** Daily, 4-6pm: \$5 beer. \$3 any appetizer.

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

## GRANTVILLE

**Camel's Breath Inn:** Wednesday, 4-8pm: \$1 off Jack, Jim Beam, Jameson, and Fireball.

**Tio Leo's:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic pints, \$4 import pints, \$5 house margaritas and well drinks. \$5 street tacos, TJ hot dogs, carne asada fries.

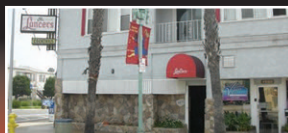
## HILLCREST

**Akinori Sushi:** Tuesday-Sunday, 5:30-7pm: \$3 pint of Sapporo, \$4 large sake. \$8 poki salad, \$10 yellow-tail sashimi.

**CJ's Club:** Daily, 11am-1pm, 5pm-7pm, midnight-2am: \$3 wells.

**Sally and Henry's Doghouse Bar & Grill:** Daily, 3-7 pm: \$4 shots, beer, and food specials.

**The Tractor Room:** Monday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: \$4 draft beers and select \$5 cocktails. Chicken Liver & Apple



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5pm: \$4 build-your-own bloody mary  
bar.

JAMUL

**Brody's Burgers & Beer:** *Mon-  
day-Friday,* 3-6pm, \$2.00 off select  
drafts.

KEARNY MESA

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

**Sushi Deli 3:** *Monday-Thursday,*  
5-6:30pm: \$1 off all draft beer and \$2  
off regular sake drink special and Crazy  
Drink special.

LA JOLLA

**Galaxy Taco:** *Monday-Thursday,*  
3-6pm: \$1 off draft beer and house  
wine, \$9 margarita, \$10 beer and a  
shot. \$1 off tacos.

**The Melting Pot:** *Daily,* 4-6pm: \$5  
wells, \$7 bartender's special cocktail, \$5  
draft or bottled beer, \$7 select red and  
white wines. Half price cheese fondue,  
salads, brie plates, chocolate fondue.

LITTLE ITALY

**Cookbook Tavola Calda:** *Daily,*  
3-6pm: \$4 Peroni beer or glass of wine.

**The Glass Door Restaurant &  
Lounge:** *Friday,* 5-10pm: \$5 Svedka  
cocktails.

**Pizza e Birra:** *Daily,* 2:30-6pm: \$5  
margherita pizza; linguine marinara;  
arancini with marinara sauce; mari-  
nated olives, fresh ricotta with sea salt,  
cracked pepper and flat bread; and  
selection of \$5 craft beers.

**Queenstown Public House:**  
*Monday-Friday,* 3-6pm: \$8 beer, wine,  
and sangria flights. \$3 sliders.

MIRA MESA

**Callahan's Pub & Brewery:** *Mon-  
day-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.

MISSION BEACH

**Cannonball:** *Monday-Friday,*  
4-6pm: \$4 well, Sapporo, sake, \$5  
wine, \$6 spritzer.

**Draft:** *Monday-Friday,* 4-6pm,  
9-11pm: \$4 Stone, Green Flash, Mod-  
ern Times, and Coronado Brewing  
drafts, \$5 wells.

**Guava Beach Bar & Grill:** *Mon-  
day,* 4pm-close: Half-off alcohol. 25%  
off all appetizers. *Tuesday-Friday,*  
4pm-7pm: Half-off alcohol. 25% off  
all appetizers.

MISSION HILLS

**The Aero Club:** *Daily,* 2-7pm: \$3  
bottle beer, \$.50 off draft beers, \$4  
wells, \$5 calls.

**Cafe Bleu:** *Daily,* 3-6pm: \$5 wine  
by the glass.

**The Patio on Goldfinch:** *Daily,*  
3-6pm: Half off select wine, beer, and  
cocktails.

NATIONAL CITY

**Pier 32 Waterfront Grill:** *Friday,*  
3pm-sunset: Import and local brews  
from \$3, domestic beer \$2, house  
wine \$5.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

**Proprietor's Reserve Wine Pub:**  
*Sunday,* Enjoy complimentary bites  
and 1/2 off all open wines all night.

**Rosie O'Grady's:** *Daily,* 4-7pm: \$3  
wells and "macro" brews.

NORTH PARK

**Bar Pink:** *Monday-Friday,* 4-8pm:  
\$2 Pabst and Tecate, \$3 wells, \$1 off  
drafts and calls.

**Endzone Pub & Grill:** *Monday-  
Friday,* 3-7pm: \$2 Endzone shot  
(Petrov, cranberry, lime juice), \$3  
domestic drafts, \$4 select pints. \$5  
select appetizers.

**U-31:** *Monday-Thursday,* 5-7:30pm:  
\$3.50 beers, wells, wine. \$4.50 calls.  
\$6.50 premiums. *Friday,* 4-7:30pm:  
\$3.50 beers, wells, wine. \$4.50 calls.  
\$6.50 premiums. *Saturday,* 12-6pm:  
\$3.50 beers, wells, wine. \$4.50 calls.  
\$6.50 premiums.

OCEAN BEACH

**The Arizona Bar:** *Daily,* 4:30-  
6:30pm: Half off pitchers, \$3 domestic  
draft, \$3 micro draft, \$3 wells, \$3 house  
wine. \$3 appetizer sampler, \$3 sliders,  
\$3 turkey tacos.

**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.

**Winstons Beach Club:** *Monday,  
Wednesday-Sunday,* 1-5pm: \$2 wells.  
\$1 off all beer and wine. *Tuesday,*  
1-5pm: \$2 wells. \$1 off all beer and  
wine. \$3 fireball

OCEANSIDE

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

OLD TOWN

**Fred's Mexican Cafe Old Town:**  
*Monday, Wednesday-Sunday,* 3-6pm:  
14-oz. Green Flash or Coors Light \$5,

20-oz. house or strawberry margarita  
\$6. Chingaderas, nachos, chicken  
rolled tacos, quesadilla, cheesy fries \$3.

**Old Town Mexican Café:** *Mon-  
day-Friday,* 3-7pm, 10pm-close: 1/2-  
off well drinks & selected appetizers.

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

PACIFIC BEACH

**Cass Street Bar & Grill:** *Monday-  
Friday,* 3-6pm \$3.25 select microbrews,  
\$8.50 select microbrew pitchers, drink  
and food specials.

**Sinbad Café:** *Daily,* 11am-8pm:  
\$1.50 domestic drafts, \$2.50 craft  
drafts. \$4.50 appetizers, \$12 hoo-  
kajs/\$10 hookah refills.

**Tavern at the Beach:** *Monday-  
Friday,* 3-7pm: Half off all drinks.

**El Trebol Mariscos:** *Daily,* 3-7pm:  
\$1 off beers.

**Turquoise Cellars:** *Tuesday-Sat-  
urday,* 5-6:30pm: \$3 pints, \$5 glass  
of wine.

SHELTER ISLAND

**Humphreys Backstage Music  
Club:** *Daily,* 5-7pm: 1/2-off select  
drinks & discounted menu items  
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SOUTH PARK

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

**The Rose:** *Daily,* 4:30-6:30pm: \$5  
select glasses of wine, \$5 draft beer and  
ciders, \$2 off flatbreads.

**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.

SPRING VALLEY

**The Bancroft:** *Daily,* 3-7pm: \$2.75  
domestics and wells.

**Cali Comfort BBQ:** *Monday-Fri-  
day,* 3-6pm: \$1 off drinks & half-price  
appetizers.

**De Oro Mine Co:** *Daily,* Noon-  
2pm: \$3 domestic beers and well cock-  
tails, \$3.50 imports.

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

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

**Cafe 21:** *Daily,* 3-6pm: \$3-4.50 draft  
beer, \$4.50 glass of sangria, 21% off all  
wine bottles and cocktails. \$5 tapas.

**Cheers:** *Monday-Thursday,* 11am-  
7pm: \$.50 off bottles and domestic  
drafts. *Friday,* 4-7pm: \$2 domestic  
22oz bottles.

**Great Maple:** *Daily,* 5-6pm: Drink  
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**The Lancers Cocktails:** *Daily,*  
10am-2am: \$3 well drinks and domes-  
tic beers.

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**We got robot.** What do Stewardess bassist Grant Reinero, Vinyl Junkies record-swap founder Eric Howarth, No Knife's Brian Desjean and Mitch Wilson, Rebecca and Demetrius Antuna from art-metal band Kata, and Ghetto Blaster guitarist John Cota

Casbah bartender/Long and the Short of It singer Ben Johnson.

Reinero admits he is the instigator of it all and that participation is generated by self-interest. "For example, Demetrius Antuna [who wrote the score for *Bug*] wants

shooting and editing raw footage to make rock videos for bands. Reinero likewise counts his background in graphic design, writing, and photography as the steps that brought him full circle to making movies.

"We shot *Bug* in Salton Sea, Joshua Tree, and some of it in San Diego," Howarth says, grinning. "You know how we did all the location scouting? Google Earth." The former M-Theory record-shop owner says that making films has been a longtime dream of his.

"We just shot a movie for the Four Points Film Project," Reinero says. "They give you a character, a prop, and a line of dialogue. We got robot, kitchen utensil, and this line: 'Is that what I think it is?' I got all of that at 7 p.m. on a Friday evening, stayed up all night writing, and we spent the next day into the night shooting. On Sunday, we edited, and...I slept for 48 hours."

It's a contest, the Four Points Film Project, and the collective's film will premiere along with all of the other submissions Wednesday, December 9, at downtown's Reading Cinemas Gaslamp 15. "The grand prize," Reinero says, "is several thousand dollars and a trip to Cannes, France. Which no doubt will happen to our film."

Eric Howarth: "We've already bought our plane tickets."

— Dave Good

**Red-hot Jose.** To hear it from Bill Richardson — aka crooner Jose Sinatra — his destiny was decided by a chance highway encounter. "The

themes, though that act split in 2007.

"The friendship of Troy Dante, my musical partner for nearly 25 years, is a loss that



Jose Sinatra: "No one can ever take away my beauty, my red-hot sensuality, or my modesty."

Beatles passed my family in a limo as we were returning to San Diego from Disneyland on August 28, 1965. They were on their way to play Balboa Stadium. We waved, they waved. I didn't wash my eyes for about 20 years."

There was a time in the '70s and '80s when his musical aspirations took a backseat to running local movie houses such as the Ken and the Guild, where he booked everything from midnight cult attractions to arthouse classics, grind-house cheapies, and even the occasional X-rated smoker. Then came a popular comedic lounge act launched with likeminded bookseller-turned-guitarist Jan Tonnesen (aka Troy Dante), known to play everything from a screaming version of Minnie Ripperton's "Lovin' You" to James Bond

refuses to heal," says Richardson. "I miss him and I miss our band, the Troy Dante Inferno. I also miss the Beatles and Tower Records."

Richardson has spent over a dozen years hosting a Sunday-night karaoke session at Winstons. "Jose Sinatra's OB-oke was weekly from the start, which I think was in the autumn of 2003. That's a lot of Sundays, and I've only missed one."

So, what are OB-oke's most frequent selections? "Over the years, the top three have been 'Sweet Caroline,' 'What's Up?' and 'Plush,' though they're sort of phasing out nowadays. There are a couple songs that actually make me nauseous, but I refuse to name them and arm the odd belligerent drunk."

The man clearly shuns

change. He rarely uses computers and has lived around North Park for 39 years. "I love Morley Field and Paras newsstand." However, "If I could, I would wipe out all taggers, furniture and Christmas-tree dumpers, and neighbors who store arsenals of cars on my street."

In addition, "I've been stolen from more than anyone I've ever known. Money, books, posters, an amazing number of bikes, my pickup truck three times...you name it, I'm a popular target of thieves. No one, however, can ever take away my beauty, my red-hot sensuality, or my modesty."

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Gayla, Matilda, and Norm.** Gayla Peevey can't avoid hippos, even if she wanted to.

"People assume I collect them, so they give them to me," she tells me from her home near Mt. Helix. "I have figurines and a lot of stuffed hippos. It's like a mini museum."

There's a good reason why hippos loom large in the 72-year-old's legend. Back in 1953, Peevey had a holiday hit with "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" at the age of ten.

"I had a recording contract at Columbia, and Mitch Miller brought the song to me. He picked it out," Peevey says. "We kicked it off by singing it on the *Ed Sullivan Show*

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have in common?

"We're all part of a group of local musicians who have jumped into filmmaking head-first," Howarth says, "both on camera and behind the

to learn how to write music for film."

"Right now, it's set up like a band," Howarth says of the filmmaking collective. He serves as assistant director,



Eric Howarth: "You know how we did all the location scouting? Google Earth."

camera." As such, the collective screened their first production — a short film titled *Bug* — at the Ken Cinema a few months back. "And, we've started pre-production on a full-length movie," Howarth says, starring

with Reinero as producer/director/writer. "I had the use of this huge VHS camera as a kid," Reinero says, which technically was his dad's. "I was nine or ten years old." Eventually, he got good enough at

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in October.”

The song was a big hit that Christmas season, but faded in popularity, compared to other kid-oriented noel novelties



Gayla had a Christmas hit in the '50s that seems to be making a comeback.

like “Frosty the Snowman” and “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.”

That is, until recently.

“For some reason, it started becoming popular again after 9/11,” Peevey says. “I started getting calls from all over the world. It was a hit in Australia last year.

“Just last week, I was with my grandkids at Disneyland and we heard ‘I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas’ playing on the loudspeakers.”

When the song was released in 1953, Peevey and her family were living near

Oklahoma City. Her local ties inspired the city zoo to do a fundraiser to “Buy Gayla a hippo for Christmas.”

About \$3000 was raised by December (about \$26,000 in modern currency), enough to buy a baby hippo from the Central Park Zoo in New York.

“That was a lot of money then!” Peevey says. “Anyway, the hippo was flown in and it was ‘presented’ to me. We made a big deal about how we wouldn’t be able to fit it in the house and then donated it to the zoo.”

As \$3000 investments go, this one paid off for the zoo. “Matilda,” as she was called, lived nearly 50 years and had nine babies with her husband, “Norm.”

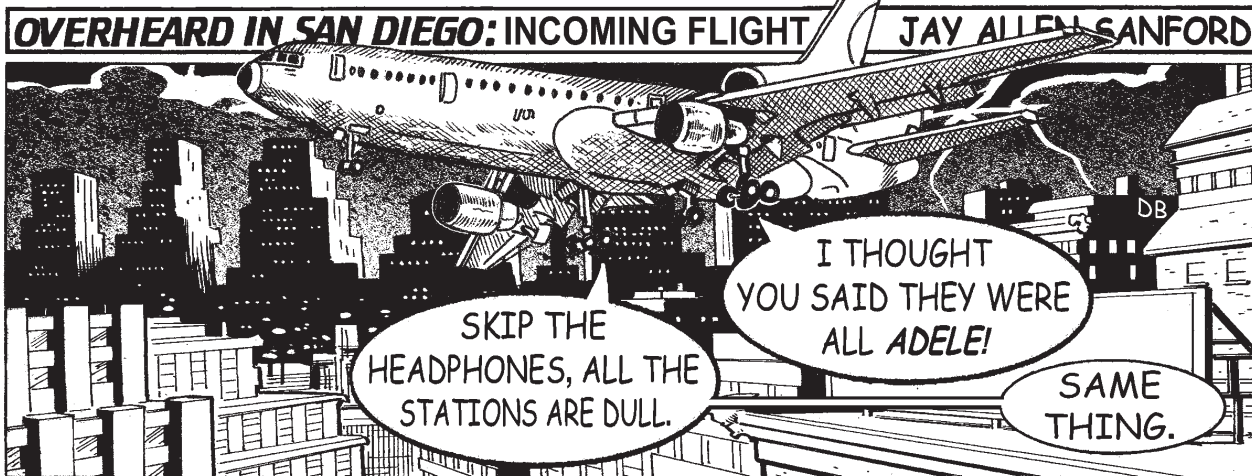
“By the time I was 12, we moved to San Diego so I could live a normal life,” she says.

That life included attending San Diego State College (as it was known at the time) where she met and married Cliff Henderson, her husband of 52 years. She also ran an advertising agency for a few years.

These days, Peevey is more likely to be singing hymns at Gateway Church in El Cajon but admits sometimes she gets requests for it.

“People want me to sing it at banquets,” she laughs.

— Patrick Henderson



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**Queen Bee TV.** When the *Reader* ran a story on October 22 about a death at a Burning Man event on Palomar Mountain, many readers reacted negatively over news accounts of deaths at EDM events.

Alma Rodriguez was not one of those people.

“I despise that kind of thing,” says Rodriguez, the founder of the all-ages Queen Bee’s in North Park.

Rodriguez has been advised many times that staging EDM shows could be a profit center for her 250-capacity room.

“I would rather have loud, crazy metal and punk any day than have people dancing high on drugs.”

Rodriguez built her business on rock and hip-hop, Latin dance music, open mics, spoken-word shows, and comedy.

Her next act: the Queen Bee TV show. “We don’t have a name for sure, but our working

title is *The Bee Hive*. It’s basically a reality show,” Rodriguez says. “It’s a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to do a show at Queen Bee’s, from beginning to end.” Rodriguez says she is currently negotiating

She admits the success of the annual Beatles fair, weekly dance classes, and a thriving event-planning business help pay the bills at her 8000-square-foot enterprise. But it was the core “commu-

after another to fix the place up. I never owed anything to anybody.”

She estimates she has so far spent over \$100,000 in improvements in a building she does not own.

Rodriguez says that when one of her salsa dance regulars made it on *Dancing with the Stars*, she got motivated to produce *The Bee Hive*.

“Each show will tell one story about one rock band or one dancer or one artist. We want to tell a different story each week.”

She says she wants to produce the show herself. “If we need to get professional help to help us, we’ll do it. If anyone has any good ideas, please let us know.”

— Ken Leighton



Queen Bee Alma Rodriguez wants to turn the production of putting on shows into a reality TV show. Working title: *The Bee Hive*.

with KUSI and other local stations about securing a weekly half-hour block.

“We have always been about taking people to the next level.” She says Jason French and Cody Lovaas had one of their first shows at Queen Bee’s.

nity” support that helped her replace the roof, install a new electrical grid, and put in new bathrooms at Queen Bee’s. “We didn’t even have a dance floor when we first came here. We came in here with almost nothing. We did one fundraiser

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# Rent-a-Killer

*“It’s safe to say there would be no Nervous Wreckords without the opportunity those dudes gave me.”*

It’s been a busy three months for Brian Karscig and his brainchild, the Nervous Wreckords. In that short time span, his band performed at the KAABOO festival, he joined friends the Killers at their North Park Observatory gig, and reunited with his Louis XIV bandmates (Karscig first gained fame as the local group’s co-vocalist and guitarist) to perform at the San Diego Music Awards. Most recently, the Nervous Wreckords released a five-song EP of new music called *The Nervous Wreckord Part 1*. Taking a break from working on *Part 2*, due out March 2016, Karscig talked about his symbiotic relationship with the Killers, trading love for drugs, and getting in touch with his inner J-Lo.

## WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO RELEASE THE NEW MATERIAL OVER TWO EPS VERSUS ONE FULL-LENGTH ALBUM?

“I had eight songs pretty finished and didn’t want to wait to release all of them next year, so I broke it into two parts. With so much music out there and so accessible with Spotify and Apple Music, an album can be a lot to digest for many people. So it just made sense to do in two parts.”

## TELL ME ABOUT YOUR CREATIVE PROCESS WHILE DEVELOPING THE NERVOUS WRECKORD PART 1.

“No songs were written before I was actually recording. So everything feels spontaneous to me. The most exciting part for me when writing music is that discovery moment when you say, ‘This is cool. I have a pretty good song here.’ If I write something, rehearse it with a band, and then record, it can sometimes feel a little bland to me.”

## HOW WILL THE SONGS ON PART 2 DIFFER FROM WHAT’S ON PART 1?

“I am not 100 percent sure how *Part 2* will turn out as a whole yet. The four song ideas I have go to the same party as the first EP musically, but are a little different topically. It’s been a year of relationship drama, traveling, getting older, etc. Since I write as I record, some of the songs can have different moods. It just didn’t feel right to have a breakup song next to ‘Just the Two,’ a love song. Shit...looking back, maybe it would have been cool.”

## MUSIC DONOVAN ROCHE



“The Nervous Wreckords has always been a solo project. It’s hard to say that without sounding like a dick.”

## ONE OF MY FAVORITES ON PART 1 IS A SONG ABOUT EXCHANGING LOVE FOR “CRAZY DRUGS.” DARE I ASK THE INSPIRATION BEHIND THIS SONG?

“It’s basically inspired by the old barter system. If you didn’t have money, you traded services for services or goods for goods. This [song] is inspired by trading ‘goods’ for a ‘service’ when money was tight.”

## HOW DID THE KILLERS’ BRANDON FLOWERS FEEL ABOUT YOU COPPING HIS GUITARIST, DAVE KEUNIG, AND BASSIST, MARK STOERMER, TO PLAY IN THE NERVOUS WRECKORDS?

“My relationship with those guys goes back a ways. They are the first guys to take the Nervous Wreckords on tour in 2010 for the ‘Day & Age’ tour. I didn’t even have a band when they asked me to come and open. So, it’s safe to say there would be no Nervous Wreckords without the opportunity those dudes gave me. Mark and Dave also appeared on *Valuminium* and *Let Them All Talk*.”

## WILL THOSE GUYS BE TOURING WITH YOU WHEN YOU HIT THE ROAD?

“Maybe they’ll sit in on a set for a song or two one day, but there are no plans to take them away from their day-job. The Nervous Wreckords has always been a solo project. It’s hard to say that without sounding like a dick. The lineup has changed throughout the years,

but...some of the best musicians out of this city have played in this band, and I couldn’t be luckier.”

## IS LOUIS XIV ON AGAIN...OR OFF AGAIN?

“Louis XIV is just one of those relationships that never goes away. I’d be a liar to say ‘everything was great’ when we called it in 2010. We all love each other, and I don’t think I will ever experience what I did with Louis musically, but after eight years of playing and touring together, it was time to take a break. We have all recently been talking about doing some shows and getting in a studio to see what comes out.”

## AS A PRODUCER WHO HAS WORKED WITH ARTISTS SUCH AS ANYA MARINA, WHICH SAN DIEGO BANDS DO YOU LIKE RIGHT NOW?

“I really liked Birdy Bardot at [San Diego Music Thing]. I even wrote them at midnight after I saw them it was so good. Prayers has a cool thing going on...their whole vibe I really like.”

## FREAKY FRIDAY: YOU CAN SWITCH BODIES WITH ANY LIVING ROCK STAR FOR A DAY — WHO WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

“Great question. I don’t know...Keith Richards? I’d love to learn all his riffs, then come back to reality. Or J-Lo...I’d just rub lotion on myself all day.” ■

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Friday, 8pm — That Captain  
Saturday, 8pm — Pinkeye  
Monday, 8pm — Dub Dillah

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Friday, 6pm — Ass Pocket  
Whiskey Fellas  
Saturday, 7pm — Classic Buzz Band

**Balboa Bar & Grill:**  
Friday, 8pm — The Colour  
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Saturday, 8pm — Subtropics and the Bad Vibes

**Bancroft:**  
Thursday, 8pm — Bleak  
Friday, 8pm — Bish and Same as Yesterday  
Sunday, 8pm — Abhomine and Ritual Combat

**Bar Dynamite:**  
Sunday, 8pm — Solid Sundays

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Thursday, 9pm — The Husky Boy All-Stars  
Friday, 8pm — DJ Saul Quintero  
Saturday, 9pm — MilkCrates DJs  
Monday, 9pm — Wreckord

Mania  
Wednesday, 8pm — Mimi & Red's Holiday Party

**Belly Up:**  
Thursday, 8pm — Zappa Plays Zappa  
Saturday, 8pm — Common Sense  
Sunday, 8pm — John Brown's Body  
Tuesday, 8pm — Cheap Trick  
Wednesday, 8pm — Paul Cannon, Hummingbird Hotel, more

**Blind Burro:**  
Friday, 8pm — Tristans Band  
Saturday, 8pm — Kenny Eng & Rob Dee  
Tuesday, 8pm — DJ Mikey Kleemann

**Brick by Brick:**  
Saturday, 7pm — Shred For Dime  
Sunday, 8pm — Lord of War

**Café Sevilla:**  
Friday, 8pm — Vince Delano

**California Center for the Arts, Escondido:**  
Friday, 8pm, Saturday, 8pm — Lonestar and Andy Griggs

**Casbah:**  
Thursday, 8pm — Three Mile Pilot  
Friday, 8pm — Moving Units  
Saturday, 11am — Vinyl Junkies Record Swap  
Saturday, 8pm — The Dears  
Sunday, 8pm — Trackstar the DJ and DJ Artistic  
Monday, 8pm — Headphone, Los Angelics, Mayfield  
Tuesday, 8pm — Showcash and Cloudside  
Wednesday, 8pm — Mariachi El Bronx

! OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

The White Buffalo and Jake Smith are one. It's not an alter ego so much as a nickname that stuck. When he calls the Reader from his home in Los Angeles, I ask him about his attraction to the Raymond Carver-esque characters that muck up their lives in his songs. Like me, is he secretly afraid he might end up like them? Smith chuckles. "No, I just like the shadowy parts of life. Some of my songs are pure fantasy, and some are autobiographical," he says. Then, "We're always a couple of bad decisions away from being in a bad place." He speaks softly, with clearheaded force. "There's a lot of emotion in making bad decisions. And it always," he says, "makes for something more interesting."

Jake Smith bootlegged his way to the top — so to speak. A tape of some of White Buffalo's music was given to a pro surfer named Chris Malloy. He liked what he heard and used a track in the soundtrack of Shelter, a surf flick. After which, music supervisors hooked up Smith with scoring gigs for series such as Californication and Sons of Anarchy.

The new album, Love and the Death of Damnation, Smith says, is more rounded than his work has been in the past. "Some of the songs are on the lighter side, which is kind of new for me. Love, light, and all that." He says his songs are visual, like little movies. Is there a lot of rewriting in his process? "Yeah. I want every word to mean something. I'm not just trying to rhyme shit. Am I ever gonna write a novel? No. I don't know how to do anything else but write music." The minute I asked the question, I realized with chagrin that it was



WHITE BUFFALO

both inane and prejudicial. After all, I'd guess nobody ever asked the novelist Raymond Carver to write a song.

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Friday, 6pm — Mystique

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Sunday, 5pm — Billy Watson  
Wednesday, 6pm — Slower

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Friday, 7pm — Allison Adams Tucker  
Saturday, 7pm — Sue Palmer  
Sunday, 6pm — Todo Mundo  
Monday, 6pm — Astra Kelly  
Wednesday, 6pm — Liz Grace

**Del Mar Fairgrounds:**  
Saturday, 4pm — Countryfest Christmas

**Dizzy's:**  
Thursday, 8pm — Transient

**Golden Acorn Casino:**  
Friday, 7pm — Nitro Express  
Saturday, 7pm — Masterpiece

**Harp:**  
Thursday, 8pm — Ron Houston  
Friday, 8pm — Safety Orange

**House of Blues:**  
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Friday, 7pm — Eli Young Band  
Sunday, 6pm — Lights and the Mowgli's

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EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

**Smyle Kyle**  
By Andres Murillo

There's a new school in hip-hop — one heavy with live instrumentation and musical experimentation, containing the energy of gospel choirs and a glimmer of positivity unheard since the days of the Native Tongues posse. These qualities stand out in the music of Chicago newcomer Kyle and his sophomore release, *Smyle*.

Joining the ranks of Chance the Rapper and Vic Mensa, Kyle's *Smyle* plays through and through like a rap album defiantly pushing to be more than just that. On "Don't Wanna Fall

in Love," Kyle's voice gracefully weaves its way between bars with smooth sung verses all laid over a funky electronic beat that holds loyalty to no generation. This characteristic refusal to work within any stylistic boundary is a dominant feature throughout the record, most prominently on "All 4 You" (featuring Malaysian indie-pop singer Yuna) and "Endless Summer Symphony." It is in these moments that Kyle displays his ability to blend the rawness of rap music with the jubilation and energy of dance, gospel, and funk — an act he does with fearlessness.

In a post-millennial hip-hop world that has seen and accepted the vulnerabilities of next-generation rappers such as Drake and Kid Cudi and — more importantly — taken these features in as refreshing qualities rather than a disservice to the culture, it has become easier for albums like *Smyle* to shine. It is in this evolving standard of sound and attitude within hip-hop that we can only hope Kyle and his new school continues.



Blends rawness of rap with the energy of funk

**May the Force be with Titus Andronicus**  
By Dryw Keltz

The Titus Andronicus van rolled into town on the same night as the Foo Fighters' traveling circus. Whereas Dave Grohl and Co. played to a sold-out Sleep Train Amphitheatre, Patrick Stickles and his band of mercenaries rocked out a church at half capacity. The set was notable for its loose feel. Similar to bands of yore like the Replacements, the group is unafraid to play ramshackle covers during their shows. At one point, singer/guitarist Stickles told the crowd how his marijuana grinder

had been confiscated by border agents on the way to San Diego, and then led the band through a rousing cover of the Clash's "Police on My Back." How much did they practice this? Before they started, Stickles called out the chords and told the rest of the band to follow his lead.

The main set was sprinkled with plenty of goodness from the band's new rock opera, *The Most Lamentable Tragedy*. It was no surprise that the album's best anthems, "Fatal Flaw," "Fired Up," and "Dimed-Out," were all rolled out on this evening. They even treated attendees to a shredding rendition of the theme from *Star Wars*. I think George Lucas would dig Titus Andronicus. Even in the direst of circumstances, they use the Force to elevate themselves to greatness.

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Tuesday, 8pm — Tesla Boy  
Wednesday, 8pm — Poison Idea

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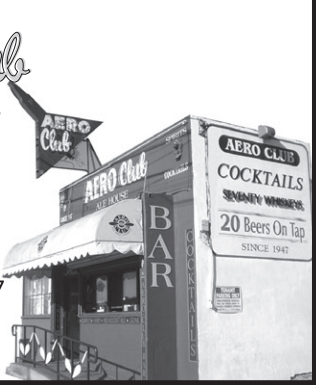
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### A Christmas Carol

Cygnnet Theatre reprises its holiday celebration of “a Victorian Christmas with original music and puppetry,” adapted by Sean Murray with an original score by Billy Thompson. Murray directs.

CYGNNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 27.

### A Civil War Christmas: An American Musical Celebration

Diversionsary Theatre stage Paula Vogel’s “uplifting musical pageant.” It’s 1864, the coldest Christmas Eve in years, the country faces its deepest crisis. Kim Strassburger directs, with musical direction by Tim McKnight. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JANUARY 3.

### The Aliens

Annie Baker’s comedy-drama is technically interesting. She wants at least one third of the stage-time to be pauses or long silences. These give the audience time, as the pace of things speeds up everywhere, to reflect. Or, as with 30-ish K.J. and Jasper, to see the world through a slacker/stoner’s eye as they slowly influence teenager Dean. Ion Theatre’s production gets the place right, the backyard of a coffee shop, but not the characters or the pauses. ION THEATRE COMPANY BLKBOX THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 12.

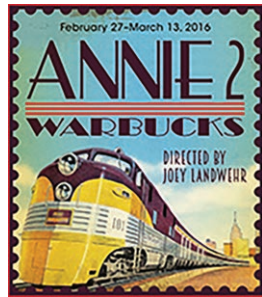
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### Bedside Manners

POWPAC  
13250 Poway Rd., Poway  
Cast requirements: 2 females, 3 males. Runs May 6 to June 5, 2016. Plot synopsis: When Ferris reluctantly agrees to look after his sister’s seedy country hotel, he could not foresee the wild comings-and-goings that were about to happen when two young couples arrive for the weekend. Auditions: FEB. 22 & 23

### Billy Elliot

CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONSERVATORY THEATRE  
11722 Sorrento Valley Rd., Sorrento Valley  
Please prepare a one-minute song in the musical theatre genre. Auditioners 12 and under may use a CD. Those over 13 must have sheet music, marked and in the correct key. If you are auditioning for a principal role, also prepare a monologue. Rehearsals in Clairemont, Tierrasanta, and Santee on weekends. Show dates May 21 to June 5. Rehearsals begin early February. Auditions: JAN. 29 & 30

### Cinderella

SAN MARCOS COMMUNITY CENTER  
3 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos  
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instrumental CD if desired. Bring a school photo and a short list of past experiences you have had speaking, singing, or dancing in front of a group. Beginners welcome. Performances held at the San Marcos Community Center February 25 to 28. Auditions: JAN. 18 5PM

### Mack & Mabel

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE  
5915 Severin Dr., La Mesa



Runs March 11 to April 10, Fridays and Saturdays 8 pm, Sundays at 2 pm. Bring a CD backing track of the song you’re going to sing. Keep the song to under two minutes. Bring tap shoes. Info: cageomdgeo@gmail.com. A musical by the composer/lyricist of *Mame*, *Hello Dolly*, and *La Cage Aux Folles*. This is a true story is about the complex relationship between Max Sennett, a temperamental, workaholic film director and Mabel Normand, a waitress who became one of his biggest stars. Auditions: DEC. 14 & 15 7:30PM

### The Odd Couple and The Female Odd Couple

STAR THEATRE  
402 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside  
Casting for both shows and all roles. For the female version, the character of Oscar has been changed to Olive Madison; Felix is Florence Unger. Actors ages 21 and up. Prepare a two-minute comedic monologue from American Theater. Callbacks Thursday, December 17 at 6pm. Rehearsals begin January 11. Runs February 12-14 and 19-21. Auditions: DEC. 14 6PM

### Private Eyes

Seeking two females and three males. A “comedy of suspicion” by Steven Dietz. Directed by Jay Mower. Runs March 18 to April 10. This is a play predicated on surprise and misdirection in which nothing is ever what it seems. Auditions: DEC. 21 & 22

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AVO Playhouse. *Angel in the Wings* was written and produced by the TERI Players, a group of actors and musicians with special needs from the program. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN ST., VISTA. 760-724-2110. 6PM FRIDAY.

### Big Apple Christmas

Community Actors Theatre presents the late Stephen C. Yednock Jr.’s “inspirational play about the true meaning of Christmas and the marvel in celebrating this special day.” Jennie Hamilton directs. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH ST., OAK PARK. 619-264-3391. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 20.

### Black Kat Theatre: 2015 in Review, A Living Newspaper

Black Kat Theatre presents its annual sketch comedy revue looking back at “the best and the worst events of the year,” including “the interrup-

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The Old Globe Theatre presents its popular Christmas show. Once again the Green Meanie will try to ruin the holiday season for the citizens of Whoville. This is the Globe’s 18th staging. This time, will he succeed? James Vasquez directs.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 7PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 26.

**Greetings!**

PowPAC presents Tom Dudzik’s holiday comedy about when Andy brings his “Jewish athiest fiancée” to meet his Catholic parents on Christmas Eve and the “family’s belief system turns upside down.” Brent A. Stringfield directs. POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 13.

**The Heir Apparent**

Adapted by David Ives from the French original by Jean-Francois Regnard, *The Heir Apparent* is a clever farce currently entertaining audiences with its comic shtick at Scripps Ranch. Robert May directs shrewdly for maximum comic effect, showing a rare understanding of French farce. Eric Poppick, as the miser Geronte, has created a marvelous, raunchy, saucy character and his handling of the verse is truly sublime. As the quick-witted servants, Lisette and Crispon, Kristin Woodburn and Joshua Jones romp through their parts with obvious joy and energy. *Worth a try.* Review by Larry Steckling SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 9783 AVENUE OF NATIONS, SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 13.

**Hershey Felder: Irving Berlin Tribute**

Hershey Felder (George Gershwin Alone, Maestro Bernstein) brings to life the story of Irving Berlin. From the depths of anti-Semitism in Czarist Russia, to New York’s Lower East Side, Irving Berlin’s story epitomizes capturing the American Dream. The program features “Alexander’s Ragtime Band,” “Always,” “Blue Skies,” “God Bless America,” “Puttin’ on the Ritz,” “There’s No Business Like Show Business,” “White Christmas,” and selections from the score of *Annie Get Your Gun*.

MANDELL WEISS FORUM, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 7:30PM WEDNESDAY.

**Holiday Tales: Silver & Gold** Grand Facade proudly presents Holiday Tales III. The original cabaret style show, conceived and written by Geoffrey A. Cox “brings together a few stories and skits mixed with familiar holiday music and some not so familiar. Fun for the whole family.” Cox directed.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LA JOLLA, 1216 CAVE ST., LA JOLLA. 858-459-5045. 7PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

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STAR THEATRE

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FEB. 25, FEB. 26, FEB. 27  
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DEC. 12 4PM, DEC. 13 2PM  
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controversial play — Sholem Asch’s *The God of Vengeance* — in about 100 minutes without an intermission. The co-production, by the La Jolla Playhouse and Yale Rep, is a master class in ensemble work. Ten performers sing, dance, and act in different styles, all interwoven by director Rebecca Taichman and choreographer David Dorfman. The play is both entertaining and important. But it has at least five different stories which, at breakneck speed, sometimes hit and sometimes miss. *Worth a try.* LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 10.

**La Pastorela de Plata**

Teatro Mascara Magica presents its annual, and extremely popular, holiday show, in which Lucifer’s forces of evil battle Michael the Archangel’s champions of goodness, and author Max Branscomb includes a biting and often hilarious review of the previous year. William Virchis directs. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. 7:30PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7:30PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 20.

**Lamb’s Players Festival of Christmas: All I Want for Christmas**

Lamb’s Players presents Kerry Meads’s “holiday play.” It’s 1949 in San Diego’s Little Italy, where the “sleepy little town is going through big changes.” Meads directs. LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 27.

**Meet Me in St. Louis**

The Welk Resorts Theatre presents a musical adaptation from the Judy Garland movie. Financial trouble faces the Smith family. Songs include “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” and “The Boy Next Door.” Larry Raben directs. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860

LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1PM & 8PM THURSDAYS, 1PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JANUARY 31.

**Miracle on 34th Street**

Lake San Marcos Players presents this family Christmas classic performed as an onstage radio theater production. When Kris Kringle claims that he really is really Santa Claus, a court case must determine his mental health and, more importantly, his authenticity. Larry Steckling directs. LAKE PAVILION AT LAKE SAN MARCOS, 1105 LA BONITA DR., SAN MARCOS. 7:30PM SATURDAY, 3PM SUNDAY.

**Mistletoe, Music & Mayhem!**

The new Point Loma Playhouse presents the sketch comedy that takes “an irreverent look at Old Saint Nick, goes on an international journey with a humorous spin, not to mention every Christmas carol ever sung in 90 seconds flat. AJ Knox and Matt Thompson co-direct. POINT LOMA ACTORS THEATRE, 3035 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA. 619-225-0044. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 20.

**Orson Welles Presents: A Christmas Carol Radio Show**

For many years, Orson Welles presented a “wireless” production of the popular Dickens’s story on Christmas Eve. Lamplighters Community Theatre stages a recreation of the 1939 broadcast. LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 5915 SEVERIN DR., LA MESA. 619-303-5092. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 20.

**Sister’s Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi’s Gold**

The North Coast Repertory presents the popular “Sister,” this time in a “holiday mystery extravaganza.” One of the questions: whatever happened to the Magi’s gold? NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 7:30PM SUNDAY, 7:30PM MONDAY, 7:30PM TUESDAY.

**Southern Hospitality**

The Futrelle Sisters — Frankie, Twink, Honey Raye and Rhonda Lynn — are in trouble again. This time, their beloved hometown, Payro, Texas, is in danger of disappearing, and the sisters must save it from extinction. [into@talenttoamuse.com](mailto:into@talenttoamuse.com). 619-940-6813. TENTH AVENUE ARTS CENTER, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-920-8503. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 20.

**This Wonderful Life**

North Coast Repertory Theatre reprises James Leaning’s one person show based on the perennial favorite, *It’s a Wonderful Life*, in which he plays all 32 characters. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 7PM THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 2PM & 7PM SATURDAY & WEDNESDAY.

**Tinseltown Christmas**

Patio Playhouse Community and Youth Theater stage the holiday musical (book and lyrics, Chana Wise, music, Carl Johnson). Neighbors Monica and Steve have only one thing in common: at Christmas people seem happy, but “everyone’s faking.” Ghosts of Golden Age Christmas movies’ll show them otherwise. PATIO PLAYHOUSE THEATRE, 116 S. KALMIA STREET. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH DECEMBER 20.

**Yo’ Mama’s Got Drama**

As a benefit to fund the 2016 Garden Theatre Showcase, a “coalition of mostly senior performing artists” perform music, comedy, and poetry. Plus, the Barely There Players do a musical theater “revue rendition of the scandalous Zoro Gardens Nudists Exhibition of 1935 (uncensored).” The show takes place at the Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club. On the website, use code 18793. BALBOA PARK CLUB & BALLROOM, 2144 PAN AMERICAN ROAD WEST, BALBOA PARK. 619-235-1169. 7PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY.



# Pure cinema

Once upon a time, a guy named Tony L. headed up the film department at Chicago's Columbia College, an institution of higher learning where I would spend 11 years of my life teaching. I thought of Tony L. while watching Kent Jones's documentary adaptation *Hitchcock/Truffaut*, based on a work the director terms, "One of the few indispensable books on movies."

Fresh outta high school and new to the halls of ivy, I cheerfully accepted a classmate's

suggestion that I sit in on one of Tony L.'s lectures, in which Herr Professor proceeded to show a clip from *North by Northwest* — something involving a crop duster — as an example of "bad filmmaking" — how not to manipulate an audience.

Needless to say, it was the first and last time I audited one of his classes.

Published in 1966, *Hitchcock* by Francois Truffaut was the first book to take a title-by-title approach to exploring a director's career. In the film, writer-director Paul Schrader recalls, "There was starting to be these kind of erudite conversations about the art form. Truffaut's was the first one where you really felt they were talking about the craft of it."

Hitchcock not only set the bar for suspense pictures, he developed an often-imitated, never-duplicated visual lexicography of storytelling. With the exception of Neil Jordan's *The Crying Game*, I'm hard-pressed to come up with a suspenser made after Hitchcock died that owes nothing to the Master. Hitchcock remains one of cinema's few steadfast "names above the title," a man whose talents extended far beyond a craftily calculated offscreen persona. Sure, he was inventive, but what's amazing is that he managed to strike a responsive chord in cinephiles and average moviegoers alike. As a result, his films are engagingly assembled entertainments that also survive innumerable viewings. Hitchcock has never made a bad film. Some are better than others, but there's not a stinker in the bunch. And don't you dare mention *Topaz*!

But he wasn't always held in such high regard. For years, a strain of anti-Hitchcock commercialism tainted the public's perception of his genius. Critics branded him a showman, unable to top himself. Year after year, the only thing that changed about their scornful reviews were the titles. Hitchcock struck a critical reef in the '60s: *Psycho*

was considered by some to be exploitative trash, nowhere near as good as the film that came before it, *North by Northwest*. Then came *The Birds*, which wasn't a patch on its predecessor, *Psycho*. It was followed by *Marnie*, which, of course, paled in comparison to *The Birds*, and so on.

Hitchcock was 63 years old and had just wrapped his 40th feature, *The Birds*, when a letter from 31-year-

old Truffaut — whose first three films had already brought him international acclaim

— planted the seed for a weeklong series of in-depth discussions that would encompass his entire filmography. Hitchcock opened his response with, "Dear Mr. Truffaut, your letter brought tears to my eyes. How grateful I am to receive such a tribute from you." The pair couldn't have been more diverse, but Hitch, instantly sensing a fellow brother in cinematic arms, quickly consented.

The book was a revelation, covering everything from minutiae — it was the first to document all of Hitch's cameos and precisely where to spot him — to detailed discussion of his approach to "pure cinema," the enemy of what he liked to call "pictures of people talking."

Truffaut put as much time into preparing for the interview as he would creating a movie, each question meticulously researched and phrased. When in Hollywood, the starry-eyed director visited Universal Studios, where the interviews took place, and he and interpreter Helen Scott were treated to rooms at the swank Beverly Hills Hotel.

For years, Hitchcock had chartered a series of set responses with which to regale reporters and perhaps keep them at bay. Two of his favorite discussions were about the time Pa Hitchcock had his mischievous son locked in a jail cell, instructing the constable to tell young child, "This is what we do to bad little boys," and his regret over detonating the "bomb in the bus" in *Sabotage*. Though both stories are covered in detail, Hitchcock returned Truffaut's compliment by breaking with custom and giving him an all-access pass into his artistry.

Kent Jones (*Val Lewton: The Man in the Shadows*, *A Letter to Elia*, and former archivist for Cappa Productions) is joined by Scorsese, Schrader, Peter Bogdanovich, David Fincher, Kiyoshi Kurosawa, and several other heavyweight auteurs, all of whom share



**Hitchcock/Truffaut: A film about a book about spoken words about pictures that move.**

vivid recollections of how the book impacted their individual careers.

Not even Hitchcock could have found a way to make listening to audio tapes visually interesting, and Jones wisely avoids endless conversations set to still photographs. (Less than a third of the film features audio of the interviews.) He centers instead on teaching by example, showing the director's words put to practical application. Hopefully the Blu-ray release will come equipped with a supplementary CD copy of the interview.

By the time it was over, I, too, had tears in my eyes. I was 13 when I picked up what would be the first of three copies of *Hitchcock*. (Due to continuous consultation, not even spinal surgery could restore the mucilaginous muscle needed to hold the first two editions together.) I probably took more from this book and Andrew Sarris's *The American Cinema* than all others combined. The return to a time when I was first finding my way around a cinema that *Hitchcock/Truffaut* afforded was a moving reminder of what made me fall in love with film in the first place. You won't have a merrier time at the movies this holiday season.

— Scott Marks

## MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Scott Marks, Matthew Lickona, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unrereviewed. Thousands of past reviews are available online at [SDReader.com/movies](http://SDReader.com/movies).

**The 33** — In 2010, a Chilean copper and gold mine collapsed, trapping 33 men over 2,000 feet below ground. This is a dramatization of that, with the emphasis on "drama" — ginned up, ladled on, and overbaked. The film is largely content to

depict the rescue effort on the surface — vigilant loved ones (including a weirdly cast Juliette Binoche), heartfelt political speeches, mechanical breakdowns, etc. — rather than drilling down to the sustained, monotonous suffering of the men below. And when it does make the descent, it generally keeps things histrionic and/or physical. There are a couple of happy exceptions, in particular, an act of repentant generosity that gives rise to a flight of happy fantasy amid the grim and grimy reality. But mostly, *The 33* aims

for easily mined deposits of nerves and heartstrings, rather than the more stubborn, more rewarding veins of character and soul. Directed by Paricia Riggien., and starring Antonio Banderas. 2015. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Bikes vs. Cars** — Not Michael Bay's latest *Transformers* installment, but Swedish documentarian Fredrik Gertten's heartfelt plea for drivers to share the road with cyclists — or, better yet, do away with oil-burning autos altogether. From

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## MOVIES

São Paulo and Toronto to Los Angeles and the ultimate bicycle-friendly city, Copenhagen, Gertten takes us to the most traffic-plagued spots on Earth and offers up solutions to the problems he depicts, many of which are fanciful, to say the least. Using Carmageddon ’12 as a dramatic example of Angelinos eager to surrender their steering wheels is as silly as it is narratively anticlimactic. Taste-fully photographed, and not without an occasional nicety — a Danish cabbie’s take on cyclists as pedaling, self-entitled road-hogs is sublime — Gertten’s arguments, as presented, are not enough to justify a 90-minute running time. 2015 — S.M. ★ (DIGITAL GYM)

**Boruto: Naruto The Movie** — The torch has been passed...to Naruto’s son! Anime from director Hiroyuki Yamashita, subtitled. 2015. (AMC MISSION VALLEY; REGAL HORTON PLAZA; REGAL MIRA MESA)

**Bridge of Spies** — Call it *Mr. Donovan goes to East Berlin*. Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks team up for a handsome piece of very pointed nostalgia (with help from the Coen Brothers and Matt Charman, who handled the script, and cinematographer Janusz Kaminski, lens set to “stately.”). Hanks is private citizen and shrewd attorney James Donovan, a doughy guy with a spine of grade-A Bethlehem steel and a mind that cherishes pragmatism without yielding principle. He is America’s best self, ready to be deployed against her enemies — both within and without. Sure, the Russians are bad: it’s 1957, and kids are getting traumatized in school by cartoons about what to do in case of nuclear attack. Plus, they’ve riddled the country with spies, one of whom needs defending in a court of law if America’s gonna look like the good guy. (Hello, Mr. Donovan!) But there are other sorts of baddies as well: CIA spooks with no regard for privacy, judges with little use for due process, yahoos who prefer violence to justice. (That’s the pointy part.) Donovan handles them all with aplomb, and is rewarded with a trip behind the Iron Curtain to negotiate an extremely delicate prisoner exchange. (It seems we’re not above a little spying ourselves.) Feel-good heroism at its finest, with plenty of gentle yuks to ease the tension. 2015. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Brooklyn** — Into a time when audiences are being bombarded with thinkfree technology or jiggled to death by indie

indifference comes *Brooklyn*, a three Kleenex (boxes), straight-forwardly emotional little period melodrama about a timid (though not for long) young Irish immigrant (Saoirse Ronan) finding her way through 1950s New York. There are brief moments scattered all through Ronan’s magnetizing performance where director John Crowley wisely lets the camera run to capture the young actresses’ stunning array of sensitiveness. The relatively CG-free production design — Montreal proved a convincing alternative to shooting in the cost-prohibitive titular borough — and exquisitely ersatz Technicolor hues heave audiences back to a time when storytelling was built into the price of a ticket. If there’s fault to be found, it rests in the last-ditch revival of a throwaway character, ostensibly salvaged to uncover and make known our heroine’s one dark secret. 2015. — S.M. ★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Capture the Flag Chi-Raq** — Spike Lee does *Lysistrata* in Chicago. 2015. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Creed** — The director (Ryan Coogler) and star (Michael B. Jordan, cut like an Abercrombie & Fitch model) of 2013’s *Fruitvale Station* re-team for a *Rocky* remake retooled for Generation Affirmation. Their first collaboration had a real-life tragedy to ground it. This one, unfortunately, has an increasingly fantastical franchise to give it wings. It seems that retired boxing champ Rocky Balboa’s old friend Apollo Creed (RIP) had an affair and a son. His widow graciously rescues the boy from juvie and gives him a good life, but he chucks it to climb into the ring where Daddy died. *Why o why?* The answer, long in coming, makes little sense but sounds cool, so just go with it. There’s a lot of that sort of thing. Sylvester Stallone low-keys it and still overshadows his protégé, mostly because he’s playing a person and not the living embodiment of Doing It My Way and Believing I Can Do It. But not even Rocky can deliver a line like, “It’s you against you; he’s just in the way” without sounding ridiculous. Coogler and cinematographer Maryse Alberti do manage some nice close camerawork during the Big Fight, so there’s that. 2015. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**The Danish Girl** — The story of Gerda, a struggling portrait painter (Alicia Vikander) who loses a husband but gains a compelling subject — there’s nothing like a broken heart for inspiration! Of course, the losing and gaining are all of a piece, born from her man Einar’s (Eddie Redmayne) conclusion that while nature made him a man, God made him a woman, and like the saying goes, “I gotta be she.” Director Tom Hooper (*Les*

*Miserables*) keeps Gerda at the beating heart of things — at least at first — and it’s a wise decision: Vikander’s force, confidence, and charm are arresting. But eventually, he surrenders to the visual and psychological displays attendant on Redmayne’s prolonged transformation from Einar to Lili. The shift is understandable — an unhappy, neglected wife is common, while a man’s pursuit of a new body to match his new wardrobe and identity is still unusual. It’s also weirdly conventional, making the film less a portrait of an extremely complicated marriage, and more a tale of (very) personal expression in the face of a (somewhat) hostile, uncomprehending world. 2015 — M.L. ★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

**Entertainment** — Refuse to aim your snoot skyward when style and subject intertwine, and this nastily surreal descent into standup madness will deliver on its title. With his stringy, Dippity-Doed Zero Mostel combover and predilection for mucous-huffing mid-set, Neil Hamburger — a character comedian Gregg Turkington has spent the past 20 years perfecting — far exceeds your typical angry, emotional void of an Everyman. No wonder his agent sentenced the schmuck to eternal damnation in the Mojave, where he tenders his unique brand of mirth to prisons and senior facilities. There are scattered scenes where a quick cut would have come as welcome relief. Credit writer-director Rick Alverson with a visionary, razor-sharp point-of-view that kept my eyes locked on the screen at all times. Alver-son’s self-professed “increasing disinterest in form” will no doubt turn many viewers off. For those who find fascination in a disproportionate imbalance of form over content, prepare to have your world rocked. 2015. — S.M. ★★★★★ (DIGITAL GYM CINEMA)

**Flowers (Loreak)** — As seen through directors’ Jon Garaño and Jose Mari Goenaga ’Scope frames, Ane (Nagore Aranburu) is but an insignificant sparrow of a construction-site manager observed in overhead shots (her back to the camera) or surfacing, if only for a moment, through the crook in a subway-rider’s arm. Why Ane is mysteriously earmarked as the recipient of a steady flow of bouquets — always delivered at the same time and with an unsigned card — provides the structural vase from which the filmmakers’ narrative buds sprout. She begins to anticipate their arrival and to play novice floral arranger, much to the ire of a disenchanted husband. Strong from the start — all of the major players (sheep included) are introduced before the credits roll — it isn’t until after a game-changing accident occurs that the film begins waiting patiently (and

predictably) for all of its plot points to gently fall into place. Basque with English subtitles. 2014. — S.M. ★★ (READING GASLAMP)

**The Good Dinosaur** — Three years after *Brave*, Pixar gets around to making a film that’s actually about bravery, *aka* the right response to fear. The setup: dinosaurs never went extinct; instead, they turned into people. That is, they became farmers who keep chickens and store up crops, and also cowboys who guard their herds from rustlers. Into this world comes knobby-kneed runt Arlo, a scrawny soul who spooks easy. Dad’s well-meaning attempt to get him past his pusillanimity goes disastrously awry, and Arlo ends up far from home with winter coming on and only a feral, largely canine boy for company. As he makes his way back toward his family, Arlo bonds with his human pet, and meets various dinos with various responses to the terrors of the world. Wisdom comes, naturally, from sonorous Sam Elliott (as a battle-scarred T-Rex), and Arlo learns what really conquers cowardice. If the story sounds simple, that’s because it is. The complexity here is tonal — zig-zagging from silly to scary — and visual: a super-realistic depiction of nature red in tooth and claw contrasted with the foam-rubber, glass-eyed vulnerability of our hero. 2015. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Heart of a Dog** — Writer-director-performer Laurie Anderson’s artistic response to the death of her beloved rat terrier. 2015. (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

**Hitchcock/Truffaut** — Reviewed this issue. 2015 — S.M. ★★★★★ (LANDMARK KEN)

**Home Alone** — Underimagined fairy tale about the runt of the household who gets accidentally left behind when the family takes off for France, fends for himself, fends off burglars (à la Dustin Hoffman in *Straw Dogs*), grows, in short, into a little man. It might just have worked if the filmmakers had spent as much thought on what a kid could actually get into and get out of as they did on what would get kids into a movie theater (e.g., “Don’t you know how to knock, phlegm-wad!?”). Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, Catherine O’Hara; directed by Chris Columbus. 1990. — D.S. ● (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA)

**Hotel Transylvania 2** — The lively undead. Yes, that’s the legendary Mel Brooks who hear lending his voice to Great-Grandpa Vlad in director Genndy Tartakovsky’s sequel to his human boy-meets-monster girl romantic comedy for kids, *Hotel Transylvania*. Maybe that explains the relentless, unending,

benumbing avalanche of gags (visual and otherwise), puns, and one-liners — it’s an homage, silly! The onslaught isn’t painful, but neither does it do much to distract from the ho-hum story: young vampire mother Mavis doesn’t like her father’s constant attempts to bring out the monster in her half-human son (“He’s a late fanger!” insists ol’ Grandpa Drac), so she considers moving with him to her husband’s native California. Nor does it obscure the central problem: for the sake of drama, the film claims there is some legit tension between humans and monsters — as in, monsters live to scare and/or kill people. But actually, once you get past the fangs and stuff, monsters are people, too. (The *real* monster, don’t you know, is prejudice.) This is known as having it both ways, and it’s boring. With the voices of Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg, Selena Gomez, Kevin James, David Spade, Steve Buscemi, *et alia*. 2015. — M.L. ★ (REGAL PARKWAY PLAZA; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

**The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2** — After the forced histrionics of *Part 1*, it’s nice to see star Jennifer Lawrence being allowed to quiet down and act again. But the story still feels stretched, a countdown that slows as it approaches zero hour. The various Districts, long divided and conquered by the Capitol, have united behind Lawrence’s Katniss Everdeen and declared war on their oppressors. But this isn’t a war movie; it’s a movie *about* war: a consideration of its tactics, its stratagems, its presentation, its resolution, and its aftermath. As a result, you’re not here to watch Katniss kick ass. You’re here to watch Katniss agonize about ass-kicking, then set out on a long journey to kick one very particular ass, that of President Snow (Donald Sutherland, splendid as ever). The scattered action set-pieces feel very much like sops to the stimulus-starved — in particular, an underground set-to with a bunch of anonymous, humanoid mutts. And the various traps set for our heroes, so potent in *The Hunger Games’* arena, now seem faintly silly. Why not just use bombs and soldiers? (Oh, right — because they can’t shoot straight.) With Julianne Moore. Directed by Francis Lawrence. 2015. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**In Jackson Heights** — Master documentarian — cinematic portraitist? — Frederick Wiseman turns his unhurried camera on a New York City neighborhood that at least one person says is the most diverse community in the world. Review forthcoming at *sandiegoreader.com*. 2015 (DIGITAL GYM)

**In the Heart of the Sea** — Ron Howard does an origin story film for Herman Melville’s novel *Moby Dick*, essentially giving you a dramatic version of the true events behind the dramatic version of the true events. Anyway, there’s a whaling ship, an angry whale, and Chris Hemsworth. Review forthcoming at *sandiegoreader.com*. 2015 (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Krampus** — A young boy’s desire for an old-fashioned family Christmas unleashes terror for the holidays. One-third sitcom, two-thirds actors being attacked by toys, elves, and other assorted CG sock puppets, and 100% unwatchable. Not for a second does the viewer fear for any of the characters’ well-being, thanks to director/co-writer Michael Dougherty’s pronounced inability to strike a balance between comedy and horror. Roles are contrived with but one thought in mind: the fat kid eats, Aunt Dorothy (Conchata Ferrell) offends, Toni Colette screams for her paycheck, and Adam Scott is smarmy even when playing a concerned dad. One genuine, eye-bleeding jolt: as the redneck

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**Carlsbad Film Series: Star Wars Episode VI: Return of the Jedi** Darth Vader and the Empire are building a new, indestructible Death Star. After rescuing Han Solo from the palace of Jabba the Hutt, the Rebels attempt to destroy the second Death Star, while Luke struggles to make Vader return from the dark side of the Force. Wednesday, December 30, 7:00pm



relation, David Koechner appears to have dyed his hair and sideburns with a black Sharpie. Remove the ‘m’ from the title and you’ll find a clue to exactly what the filmmakers spend 90 minutes doing all over the audience. 2015. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**The Last Witch Hunter** — Surprising Vin Diesel vehicle: first, for the initial switcheroo from supernatural action-adventure to supernatural whodunit; second, for a sturdily built storyline; third, for a somewhat lively and light-hearted turn from its often somnolent star. (Those widened, puppy-dog eyes!) Sadly, the more expected elements do much to dull the pleasure of our immortal hero’s quest to unravel his past in an effort to save our future. To wit: thudding dialogue (“Just hold on kid; I promise I’ll find who did this and break the curse.”); tiresome, even pointless special effects; and a villainess who talks without saying much of anything. (Couldn’t they have just made her wicked and left it at that?) It’s a B-movie, but it’s not a *bad* B-movie. Michael Caine classes up the joint as the Witch-hunter’s overseer, and Rose Leslie does her best with the role of helpful sidekick. Directed by Breck Eisner (*The Crazies*). 2015. — M.L. ★★ (REGAL OCEANSIDE)

**Legend** — How do you make a boring film about gangster twins in ‘60s London, one of whom is a violent, paranoid schizophrenic homosexual, and both of whom are played by Tom Hardy? Easy: neglect the violent, paranoid schizophrenic homosexual and play up the other one’s girlfriend. While you’re at it, give her grandiose voiceover bits like “It was time for the Krays to enter into the secret history of the 1960s” and how we eventually become “the ghosts of the people we once thought we were.” Writer-director Brian Helgeland gives us violence without felt menace, doomed romance without felt desperation, and decadence without felt pleasure. The result is weirdly tasteful for a film that includes secret gay orgies involving members of the House of Lords, and weirdly pedestrian for a story about a London criminal who dreams of building a Utopian city in Nigeria. There is, however, one wincingly nasty fight involving brass knuckles and hammers. 2015. — M.L. ★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

**Life** — Another behind-the-scenes, semi-biographic glimpse into Hollywood’s past, along the lines of *My Week with Marilyn*. Up-and-coming *Life* magazine photog Dennis Stock (Robert Pattinson) is prescient enough to sell his editor on a layout featuring a relatively unknown, yet divinely dynamic youngster named James Dean (Dane DeHaan). (Stock thinks the youngster stands as a symbol of what he sees as a new movement in acting.) DeHaan, at times looking more like Dean Stockwell than Dean, captures the actor’s movement and mumbly cadence, but it’s Pattinson’s quiet underplaying, as he waits for a tidal wave of resentment to come crashing to shore, that neatly steals every scene. The casting of supporting actors to resemble the film’s star players — Ben Kingsley as Jack Warner, Alessandra Mastronardi as Pier Angeli, Lauren Gallagher as Natalie Wood, and particularly Kelly McCreary as Eartha Kitt — is to be commended, as are cinematographer Charlotte Bruus Christensen’s dusky hues and production designer Anastasia Masaro’s spot-on period decor. Former still photographer Anton Corbijn (*Control*, *A Most Wanted Man*) directs. 2015. — S.M. ★★ (DIGITAL GYM)

**Love the Coopers** — No you won’t. From Jessie Nelson, the man who brought

us *Stepmom*, *I Am Sam*, and *Fred Claus...* need I go on? Staler than year-old rum cake and louder than June Squabb’s holiday sweater, Hollywood yet again ushers in the Christmas season with a dysfunctional family racing to get it together in time for the festival meal. So little thought or effort went into this — there are scenes where actors are clearly reading off cue cards. Picking up checks are Diane Keaton (she also produced!) and John Goodman as the battling parents, a more flustered than usual Ed Helms, Marisa Tomei offering backseat therapy to arresting officer Anthony Mackie, and grandpa Alan Arkin entertaining a May-December crush on waitress Amanda Seyfried. There’s only one Cooper to love: Olivia Wilde as the magistral wild child who brings her airport romance, soldier Jake Lacy, home for dinner. She alone earned the one star. 2015. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Macbeth** — Screenwriters Jacob Koskoff, Michael Leslie, and Todd Louiso do their best to make William Shakespeare’s play about an ambitious Scottish nobleman (and his even more ambitious wife) fit for the silver screen. Directed by Justin Kurzel and starring Michael Fassbender and Marion Cotillard. Review forthcoming at *sandiegoreader.com*. 2015 (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**The Martian** — Kids: stay in school, especially if you plan on becoming an astronaut. When a freak accident (wind-loosed antenna piercing bio-monitor) leads to his being stranded on the red planet, astro-botanist Matt Damon decides he ain’t got time to muse on fate, the fragility of existence, or man’s place in the universe. Not when there’s rations to number, schedules to draw up, and basic questions of survival to be answered (in an audio diary that works nicely to provide explanatory voiceover). As he puts it, “I’m going to have to science the shit out of this.” Ridley Scott’s (*Exodus: Gods and Kings*) nuts-and-bolts answer to the existential drama of Alfonso Cuarón’s *Gravity* works best when it keeps its camera on Damon — whose usually impervious puss actually manages to show signs of strain and stress — as he takes care of business and deals with various disasters. (Not pictured: what he does with the empty hours in between.) The film flattens out a bit when dealing with the thoroughly (and dully) decent crew who left him behind, and gets downright goofy when it touches down on earth to show NASA and Jet Propulsion Labs’ scramble to save their man. (Donald Glover’s visual reveal of his rescue plan is hilarious, but not in the way it intends to be.) With Jeff Daniels, Jessica Chastain, Chiwetel Ejiofor, *et alia*. 2015. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**The Night Before** — A smartly built, chemically-enhanced Christmas story about growing up that you can’t watch with the grown-ups — at least, not the ones who will get bothered by dick pics. *The Night Before*, which follows three friends (Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Seth Rogen, and Anthony Mackie) as they wind down a tradition of Christmas Eve guy’s-night-outing, is of those movies where the most random scene turns out to be the whole point of things. In this case, it’s a showdown between the elfin Gordon-Levitt and a couple of pissed (and pissing) Santas out on a Christmas Eve pub crawl. He’s outraged at what he thinks is a broffensive desecration of a childhood icon, but the two are actually proper adults with a firm grasp on reality, fantasy, and the virtues of each. Our guys have a long journey ahead of them, full of callbacks to their beloved Christmas stories: the Grinch, *Home Alone*, and most

importantly, Scrooge. (Michael Shannon very nearly steals the show.) Directed by Jonathan Levine (*Warm Bodies*). 2015. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**The Peanuts Movie** — Director Steve Martino and the makers at Blue Sky, aware of the potential for aesthetic barbarism in transferring a beloved comic strip (and hand-drawn animated television property) to CGI, have exercised great care and sensitivity in bringing Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and the gang to the big screen. Many of the old exchanges and punchlines have been preserved completely intact. Creator Charles Schulz’s scribbled facial expressions endure on the newly rounded heads, and the essential sweetness and humanity are still in place, despite the slings and arrows of outrageous childhood fortune. (Hello, kite-eating tree.) But those slings and arrows? Blunted, just like the suffering they so famously cause our hero. And without suffering, *Peanuts* becomes little more than wholesome distraction for kiddies. Which is pretty clearly the goal here — viz. the primary-color obviousness of lines like, “Charlie Brown is not a quitter,” “That was a very brave thing you did, Charlie Brown,” and “It must feel pretty great being Charlie Brown right about now.” Viz. also the thin story, the Looney Tunes-style visual gags, and the heavy reliance on Snoopy the dog’s heroic flights of fancy. Sigh. 2015. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Room** — A cowardly movie about brave people. Part one is heartrendingly human, bordering on wise: a considered portrait of motherly love under extreme duress. To wit: Ma (Brie Larson) is both captive and sexual slave to a dim Midwestern monster, trapped in a soundproofed shed with a son (Jacob Tremblay) who has never seen the world outside. (Well, except on TV.) Wonderfully and believably, she gives the boy a life, an education, a cosmology, and a family; what is more, she manages to shield him from the horror of her own situation. It’s only when the boy’s innocence is threatened that she resolves to set him free. (Spoilers, of a sort, to follow.) Free him she does, and that’s when the film loses its nerve, transforming from an unflinching look at love amid suffering into an embarrassing bout of wishful thinking. It makes sense for Ma to fall apart once the ordeal is over. But it does not make sense — psychologically, developmentally, but above all, narratively — for an anger-prone child whose entire, largely happy world has been ripped asunder to magically become both moppet and angel of salvation. #DiscoverYourFantasy. Directed by Lenny Abrahamson (*Frank*). 2015. — M.L. ★ (AMC LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

**Sicario** — Usually, director Denis Villeneuve (*Prisoners*) knows how to stick the landing. Any nagging dissatisfactions are dispatched with elegance and aplomb by his directorial *denouement*.

Not so, *Sicario*, his exploration of the brutal violence and moral complication surrounding the war on drugs. Critics looking to get a pull-quote on the poster would likely call it “a stunning visual ride, full of suspense and intensity,” and they would not be wrong. But oh, that slip on the landing. This time, it’s the opening that really astonishes: an FBI raid on a suburban Arizona home, led by star that’s been converted into a cartel outpost and storage facility. Here and throughout, Villeneuve excels at approaching the carnage to come from a great, safe distance, and the message seems clear: here is a problem of vast scope and scale, being engaged by huge and complicated forces, and here are its intimate, bloody effects. And further, while you dare not look away, the looking may serve to render the horrific as commonplace. What can one person hope to do in the midst of such a struggle, especially when she finds herself reduced from elite squad leader to confused observer? Well, she can stick to her guns, literal and otherwise. Villeneuve knows this, but gets distracted by his eagerness to acknowledge the moral muck that stains us when we wrestle with monsters. Starring Emily Blunt, with Josh Brolin and Benicio Del Toro. 2015. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Spectre** — In his fourth outing, Daniel Craig’s iteration of superspy James Bond takes his undersized suits, handdog expression, and psychological damage



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on an epic, eye-popping, worldwide hunt for...closure? (The personal and political are pretty much identical here, and a spectre is, of course, a ghost — the sort of things that refuses to die and instead haunts the living.) It's very much a continuation of 2012's *Skyfall*: director Sam Mendes still knows his way around a grand-scale establishing shot, info-terrorism is still the threat, Mi6's allegedly outdated 00 program is still the issue, and family of one sort or another is still at the heart of everything. There are signs of Bond bloat within many of the action sequences — it must be hard to trim such extravagant footage — but they are at least partly overcome by an increase in levity. Some funny bits are obvious: landing on a couch after sliding off a building. Some are less so: a woman falls asleep in her dress after threatening to kill Bond if he comes near her; when she awakens, she's wearing a satin nightgown and her attitude is similarly changed. Most are welcome. Shockingly, it's the villain, played by Christoph Waltz, who disappoints. He lacks previous baddie Javier Bardem's wicked relish, and his aim is pretty lousy. 2015. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Spotlight** — Takes its name from a team of investigative journalists at *The Boston Globe*, and provides a touching ode to the old-fashioned notion that some things simply need reporting; never mind the effort, the expense, or the effect on circulation. Here, the thing in question is the awful failure of the Catholic Church in Boston (and beyond) to protect its youth from its sexually abusive priests. But while director and co-writer Tom McCarthy clearly relishes the chance to dramatize the dull drudgery of diligent newsgathering — knocking on doors, chasing down sources, poring over directories, building spreadsheets, etc. — he's out to uncover something bigger than *How They Broke It*. Something more amorphous, more encompassing, and more poisonous: the tribal culture of a city that somehow lived with the secret for 30 years. And not even the *Globe* — in fact, especially not the *Globe*, nor its stalwart reporters and editors — escapes that particular spotlight. The top-shelf cast — which includes Michael Keaton, Mark Ruffalo, Stanley Tucci, and Rachel McAdams, among others — contents itself with unshowy ensemble work, and McCarthy maintains an atmosphere of cool control, keeping the viewer just distanced enough from the smoldering horror. 2015. — M.L. ★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

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**Trumbo** — Was blacklisted screenwriter Dalton Trumbo (Bryan Cranston, enjoying himself) a self-serving, self-righteous Type A who confused the cause of social justice with his own desire to live well? Or was he a brilliant, pro-worker Good American who figured out how to keep the S.S. *Good Conscience* afloat during the Red storm? Or was he an overworked, underpaid employee trying to force management to ditch its poisonous policies so that he could keep food on the table? Or was he...*all three*? If director Jay Roach's (*Dinner for Schmucks*) take on Hollywood's anti-commie excesses is a bit murky about its star, it's plenty clear about its supporting personalities:

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gossip columnist Hedda Hopper (Helen Mirren) is the devil, actor Edward G. Robinson (Michael Stuhlbarg) is the jellied spine, and fellow scribbler Arlen Hird (Louis C.K.) is the idealist. (Meanwhile, John Goodman's schlock producer Frank King is the thought-free hedonist, and so has the most fun.) The movie's main idea seems to be that, in the end, people prefer movies to ideas. Or at least ideologies. 2015. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Truth** — Truth is, Oscar season is upon us and Robert Redford's banking that his portrayal of journalist Dan Rather in *Truth* will set him free to take home

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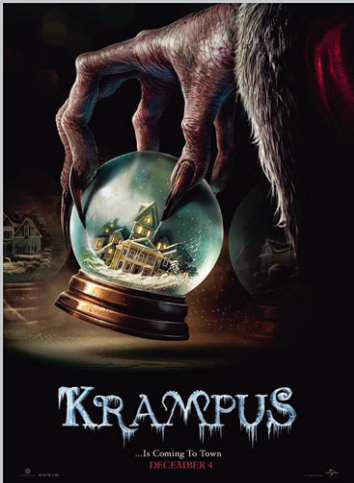
a best supporting Oscar award. Cate Blanchett is always worth watching, even when her character as Rather's producer never rises above that of a mudslinging Mary Richards. *Truth* marks screenwriter James Vanderbilt's first time behind the camera. Prior to this, his best known work includes *Zodiac* and the two most recent *Spider-Man* reboots. The stolid manner in which the events play out leaves *Truth* feeling like a transcript of a Wikipedia page, with more expository dialogue than a Woody Allen box set. It's been almost a decade since Dan Rather was forced by the cowardly shits at Viacom to step down as CBS Nightly News . Do younger audiences even remember

who Rather is? Will the old guard fork over the price of a senior ticket to think back on the occasion? A word to producers: courage. 2015. — S.M. ★ (READING GASLAMP)

**Victor Frankenstein** — Screenwriter Max Landis transfigures the backstory of Mary Shelley's almighty monster-maker into a set-bound action/adventure/horror/buddy comedy told from the POV of the cutest lil' hunchback this side of Disney's bell-ringer. Daniel Radcliffe plays the abscess-backed circus clown (possessed with a surgeon's steady hand) plucked from under the big top by an admiring James McAvoy. The latter's "You're not a clown! You're a physician!" and Radcliffe's subsequent de-humping provide the biggest laughs, both of which land early in the proceedings. McAvoy gives it his best Vincent Price, but the high concept genre pileup needed a stronger hand to hold and stitch this monster together. Landis' framework never allows director Paul McGuigan (*Wicker Park, Push*) a center ring to which he can direct an audience's attention. If nothing else, you're bound to enjoy it more than *I, Frankenstein*. With Jessica Brown Findlay as the girl in the picture (and a well-played nod to Mel Brooks). 2015. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

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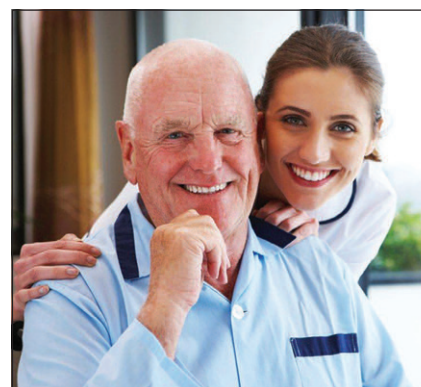
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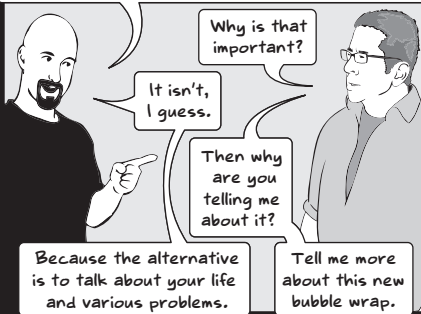
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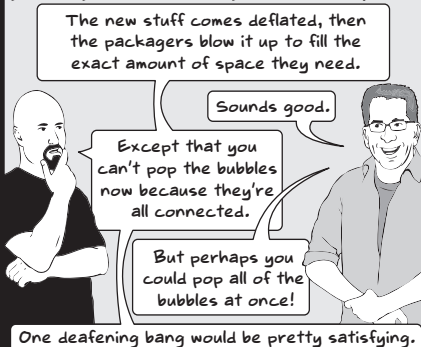
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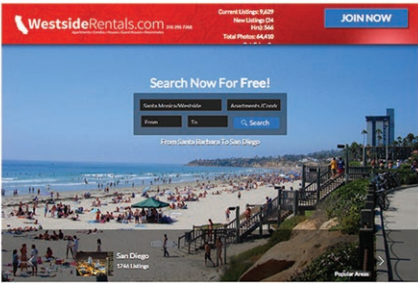
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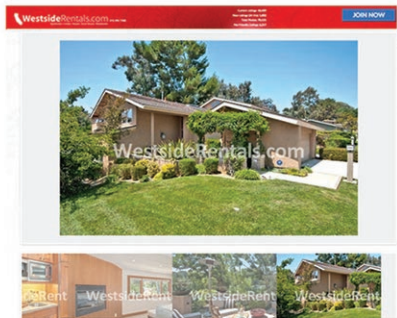
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— Among those struggling with psychological issues in modern America are the rich “one-percenters” (especially the mega-rich “one-percent of one-percenters”), according to counselors specializing in assuaging guilt and moderating class hatred. London’s *Guardian*, reporting from New York, found three such counselors, including two who barely stopped short of comparing the plight of the rich-rich with the struggles of “people of color” or out-of-closet gays. Sample worries: isolation (so few rich-rich); stress, caused by political hub-bub over “inequality”; and insecurity (is my “friend” really just a friend of my money?).

**Can’t Possibly Be True**

— Stories surface regularly about a hospital patient declared dead but who then revives briefly before once again dying. However, Tammy Cleveland’s recent lawsuit against doctors and DeGraff Memorial Hospital near Buffalo, New York, reveals an incident more startling. She alleges that her late husband Michael displayed multiple signs of life (breathing, eyes open, legs kicking, attempted hugs, struggles against the tube in his throat) for nearly two hours, but with two doctors all the while assuring her that he was gone. (The coroner came and went twice, concluding that calling him had been premature.) The lawsuit alleges that only upon the fourth examination did the doctor exclaim, “My God, he has a pulse!” Michael Cleveland died shortly after that — of a punctured lung

from CPR following his initial heart attack — an injury for which he could have been treated.

**People Different From Us**

— It would be exhaustive to chronicle the many ways that the woman born Carolyn Clay, 82, of Chattooga County, Georgia, is different from us. For starters, she was once arrested for stripping nude to protest a quixotic issue before the city council in Rome, Georgia; for another, her driver’s license identifies her as Ms. Serpentfoot Serpentfoot. In October, she filed to change that name — to one with 69 words, 68 hyphens, an ellipsis and the infinity sign. One judge has already turned her down because she cannot recite the name (though she promised to shorten it on legal papers to “Nofoot Allfoot Serpentfoot”).

**The Continuing Crisis**

— For an October report, Vice Media located the half-dozen most-dedicated collectors of those AOL giveaway CDs from the internet’s dial-up years (“50 Hours Free!”). Sparky Haufler wrote a definitive AOL-CD collector’s guide; Lydia Sloan Cline has 4000 unique discs; Bus-tam Halim at one point had 20,000 total, before weeding to 3000. (The AOL connoisseurs file disks by color, by the hundreds of packaging styles, by number of free hours, and especially by the co-brands — the rare pearls, like AOL’s deals with Frisbee and Spider Man. Their collections, said both Halim and Brian Larkin, are “beautiful.”

— In 20th-century Chicago, according to leg-

end, one did not have to be among the living to vote on election day, and a 2013 policy of the city’s community colleges has seemingly extended rights of the dead — to receive unearned degrees. City Colleges of Chicago, aiming to increase graduation numbers, has awarded a slew of posthumous degrees to former students who died with at least three-fourths of the necessary credits to graduate. (The policy also now automatically awards degrees by “reverse transfer” of credits to students who went on to four-year colleges, where they added enough credits, hypothetically, to meet City Colleges’ standards.)

**Justice Served**

— Hinton Sheryn, 68, on trial at England’s Plymouth Crown Court in September, denied he was the “indecent exposé” charged with 18 incidents against children dating back to 1973 — that he would never do such a thing because he would not want anyone to see his unusually small penis. In response, the prosecutor brought in a prostitute known to have serviced Sheryn, to testify that his penis is of normal size. Sheryn was convicted and sentenced to 17 years in prison.

**Police Report**

— A Jacksonville, Florida, sheriff’s SWAT team surrounded a mobile home on Oct. 14 to arrest Ryan Bautista, 34, and Leanne Hunn, 30, on armed burglary and other charges, but since two other women were being held inside, officers remained in a stand-off. Hunn subse-

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— A 27-year-old owner of the Hookah House in Akron, Ohio, was fatally shot by an Akron narcotics officer during an October raid for suspected drugs. The man had his arms raised, according to the police report, but dropped one hand behind him, provoking an officer to shoot. Only afterward did they learn that the man was unarmed; they concluded that he was reaching only to secure or to push back the packet of heroin he felt was oozing out of its hiding place in his buttocks.

**Undignified Deaths**

— The naked bodies of a man and a woman, both aged 30, were found in August 40 feet beneath a balcony — in the moat surrounding the Vauban Fort castle on an island in the English Channel. Police speculated that the couple had fallen during exciting sex “gone wrong.”

— A woman was killed in a head-on collision in Houston on June 18 as she was racing after another car. She was angrily chasing her estranged husband, who was with another woman, but neither of those two was hurt. (The driver of the crashed-into SUV was severely injured.)

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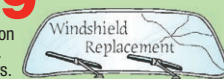
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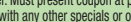


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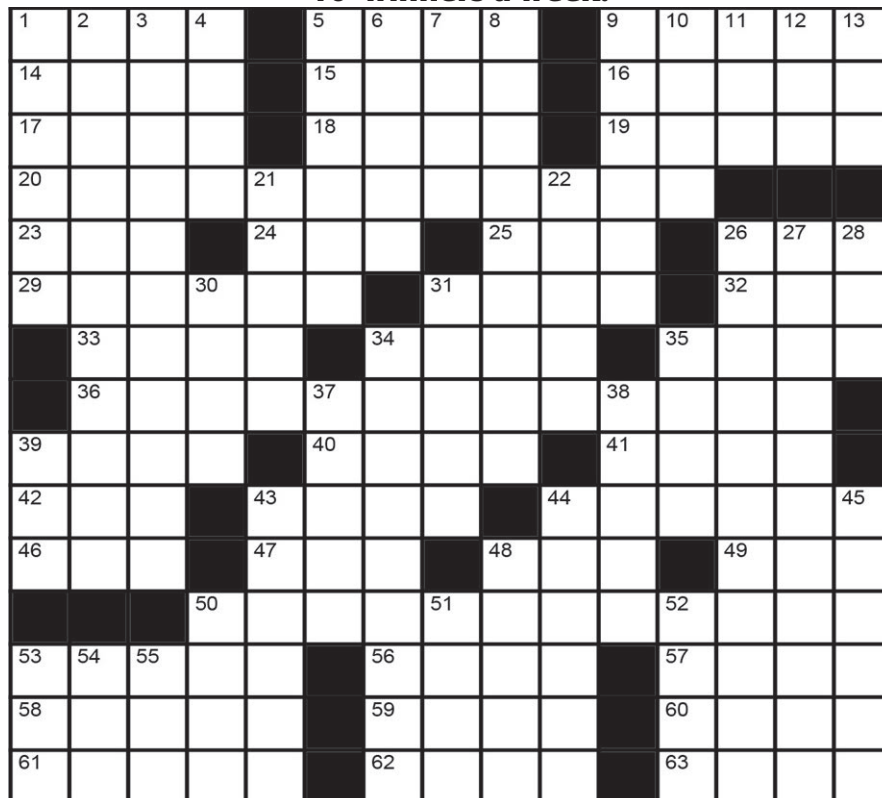
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M	I	N	A	J	T	A	B	O	O	P	I	T
A	T	A	L	E	U	C	O	N	N	A	R	E
S	A	Y	I	T	R	E	S	E	T	W	A	X
C	L	A	S	S	I	F	Y	C	L	O	W	N
T	E	D			E	P	A					
J	U	S	T	I	F	Y	A	G	I	G	O	L
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A	M	E	S	T	A	S	E	R	N	I	G	H
E	U	R	O	S	K	I	T	E	S	C	E	O
S	P	O	T	I	F	Y	R	E	M	O	V	E
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N	O	T	I	F	Y	E	X	A	C	T	L	Y
U	Z	I	E	R	R	O	N	P	A	R	E	E
M	A	N	R	E	A	D	D	O	T	O	W	N
A	P	E	S	R	T	A	S	P	E	N	D	S

**Across**

1. X-rated stuff
5. Declare openly
9. Z-Series blade maker
14. Yothers of "Family Ties"
15. Prefix with gram
16. Sticky
17. Jump shots have them
18. Talk like this
19. Adams who photographed Yosemite
20. VP of the CIA?
23. Suffix with legal
24. Battleship letters
25. "Lost" actor Daniel \_\_\_\_ Kim
26. Mormon Church inits.
29. Like some modern pirates
31. Has title to
32. "My lips \_\_\_\_ sealed"
33. Work (up)
34. Country music's Paisley
35. "Garfield" dog
36. VP of the Kremlin?
39. New York's \_\_\_\_ Field
40. Final four?
41. Class that might have finger painting and naptime
42. Prefix with lateral
43. Mia of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"
44. Just enough to whet one's appetite
46. Saldana of "Avatar"
47. Cy Young Award factor
48. Writer Umberto
49. One of a snorkeler's pair
50. VP of the Screen Actors Guild?
53. South American capital city whose name translates to "the peace"

**Down**

56. Pop \_\_\_\_
57. Big boats
58. Sundance entry, usually
59. \_\_\_\_ contendere (court plea)
60. Fraction of a min.
61. Burn badly
62. Bite like a rat
63. "Sock \_\_\_\_ me!"
1. Fights (off)
2. 1995 Best Supporting Actress winner
3. Affectionate nickname for the TV comedian called "the thief of bad gags"
4. "Don't \_\_\_\_ me, bro!"
5. Birthplace of St. Francis
6. Crop-damaging animals
7. "Movin' \_\_\_\_" ("The Jeffersons" theme)
8. 2013 film that was rated PG-13 for "intense frightening zombie sequences"
9. Skateboarders and snowboarders compete in them
10. Four-star
11. NYSE listings
12. Thing to drive off of
13. Olive \_\_\_\_
21. Announced a decision
22. Classic John Updike short story set in a grocery store
26. Tenet of chivalry
27. It may be requested when approaching the bar
28. "Get it?"
30. Jai \_\_\_\_

31. Language of eastern India
  34. It became an Olympic sport at the 2008 Summer Games in Beijing
  35. Neither esta nor esa
  37. "Didn't \_\_\_\_ you?"
  38. Slangy request for a high-five
  39. Informal comeback to "How come?"
  43. Took by force
  44. "Don't delay!"
  45. "Romanian Rhapsodies" composer
  48. \_\_\_\_ Gay, historic plane displayed by the Smithsonian
  50. Colorado ski resort
  51. Nobel Prize subj.
  52. Eastern royal
  53. Sue Grafton's "\_\_\_\_ for Lawless"
  54. Nelson Mandela's org.
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	3	6				1	9	
4				9	6	7	8	5
				4				
3	1		7			5		8
5			2		1			7
2		7			9		4	1
				8				
6	7	3	4	1				9
	9	4				2	1	

### HARD:

8			5				9	7
4					1	2		
			2				1	
		7		5		1		6
				8				
6		4		1		8		
	7				5			
		9	3					5
5	3				8			1

### MEDIUM:

5					7	6		
4	6				8	3		
		7			5		8	2
						7		8
	5			4			3	
7		6						
9	7		6			8		
		4	9				7	5
		1	5					3

### EVIL:

		7		5				6
	1					4		
	3			8	9			
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4	6	1	5	3	8	9	7	2
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8	6	3	5	9	7	2	1	4

### MEDIUM:

9	1	4	3	5	8	2	6	7
5	6	2	7	4	1	8	9	3
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6	8	1	4	2	5	7	3	9
7	2	9	6	8	3	4	5	1
3	4	5	9	1	7	6	2	8

### EVIL:

2	4	6	3	5	8	9	7	1
3	7	1	4	9	2	5	8	6
9	5	8	6	1	7	4	2	3
4	3	2	5	8	1	7	6	9
7	8	5	9	6	4	3	1	2
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**\$10 off all eighths of any shelf**  
Limit to 2 eighths or 1 quarter.

**\$10 off any gram of wax**

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**2 Grams Private Reserve**  
**\$25**  
FTP only.

**10 Gs**  
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Green Wave  
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7 grams for \$50 top shelf	FTP free gift bags
1G Exclusive for \$15 2G for \$25	Wax starting at \$25
Oz specials \$100, \$200, \$275	3 pre-rolls for \$10
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10% off to military and disabled	2g for \$25 any choices
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Select strains.

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House strain with \$20 min.  
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**FREE GRAM**

Private reserve with \$20 min.  
donation. FTP only.

**FREE 1/8TH**

Selected strain w/\$20 donation.  
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Donate for 1, get 1 free! Equal or lesser value. FTP only

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**\$10 1/8ths**



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\$10 OFF A GRAM OF WAX  
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GIFT W/ DONATION OVER \$7

2G MIDSHELF \$25

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4PM-8PM

4G 1/8TH

.late nite.

11PM-12AM

10 % OFF TOPSHELF 1/8THS

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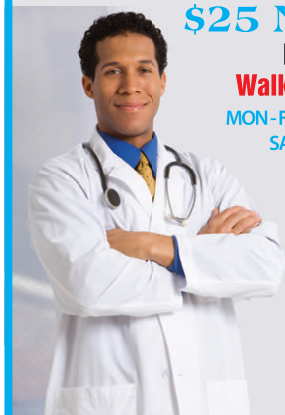
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1g for \$25  
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**2 grams Top Shelf \$20**  
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**50% Off**  
**Select items**



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Free wax with every donation over \$30!

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All Day, Every Day,  
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**All Strains!**  
Come in before 11am.

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**\$20**  
**Gram**  
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**\$15 or**  
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**\$10**  
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**GRAMS**  
All day,  
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**5 GS FOR \$100**  
**2 GS FOR \$45**

**\$10**  
**CLONES**



**10 GS TOP-SHELF \$50**  
Select strains.

**2 1-GRAM PLATINUM**  
**VAPES \$50**

**CAVI CONES OR PRESIDENTIALS**  
**1 FOR \$15 • 2 FOR \$25**

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All day, every day!

**\$15 1/8THS**  
All day, every day!

**5 PREROLLS**  
**FOR \$10**

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starting at \$20

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8g Top Shelf  
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5 pre rolls  
2 Edibles  
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Ask about our VIP list for extra specials

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\$10 OFF  
All 1G Concentrate  
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FREE 1/8th  
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Top Shelf 1/8th Donation)

Donate 1 Edible,  
Receive 1 Edible  
Half OFF!  
(Equal or Lesser Value, FTP only)

\$90 Ounce Special!  
(Select House Strain, FTP only)

Hours: OPEN DAILY  
8am - Midnight

### DAILY SPECIALS!

2G/\$30 ANY STRAIN  
All Strains, All Day!  
(Best Strains in Chula Vista)

2G/\$100  
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Select Strains

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& Crumble  
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\$10 TOP-SHELF GRAMS! NO LIMIT!  
FTP only. Must mention ad.

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Donate for 2 Edibles, Get 1 Free!  
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ALL DAY, EVERY DAY!  
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