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NEWS TICKER

Kersey quiet
Councilman’s conflict keeps him silent
If all goes as planned, a cell-phone tower disguised as a eucalyptus tree and a 20-foot-by-9-foot concrete enclosure will be placed less than 10 feet from a sidewalk and approximately 300 feet from the nearest home, inside Ridgewood Neighborhood Park in Rancho Peñasquitos.

The proposal has been approved by the city. Construction will begin as soon as a judge renders his decision on whether the City of San Diego should be allowed to lease designated park space to cell-phone companies at a nominal price, and whether they can do so without a public vote, as required by the city charter.

In August, as reported by the Reader, a group of residents known as Don’t Cell Our Parks filed a lawsuit against the City of San Diego. A judge is expected to hear arguments in August 2016.

Some Rancho Peñasquitos residents say they are frustrated by the process and with their councilmember, Mark Kersey. Until now, Kersey has remained silent on the issue due to financial ties between his company, Kersey Strategies, and cable and telecom companies, including AT&T and Verizon. Kersey’s business conducts research for the companies.

The city is knowingly violating San Diego’s city charter, which states, “All real property owned in fee by the City heretofore or hereafter formally dedicated in perpetuity by ordinance of the Council or by statute of the State Legislature for park, recreation or cemetery purposes shall not be used for any but park, recreation or cemetery purposes without such changed use or purpose having been first authorized or later ratified by a vote of two-thirds of the qualified electors of the City voting at an election for such purpose.”

While the residents await their August court date, they are sending letters to councilmember Kersey.

“Just because you had to recuse yourself due to financial ties to Verizon, does not mean you should stand by and let such an invasive project be installed in our neighborhood,” reads a form letter sent from community members to Kersey.

Kersey’s spokesperson says the councilmember will continue to remain silent on the issue.

“Councilmember Kersey’s business, Kersey Strategies, has business relationships with both Verizon and AT&T. Per direction from the City Attorney’s Office and the Ethics Commission, [councilmember Kersey] regularly recuses himself from votes related to either company.”

Dorian Hargrove

Dollar signs in his eyes
ATM skimmer didn’t think about security cameras
Authorities in Santee are looking to the public for help in identifying a suspect accused of using a “skimmer” device to steal debit-card information from patrons of a local bank.

On the afternoon of November 27, an ATM technician discovered the skimmer attached to an automated teller located at Mission Federal Credit Union on Town Center Parkway in Santee. The device is capable of capturing credit-card numbers and PIN codes entered by users of the machine, which are then stored on a memory card and can be used to produce bogus replica cards.

Sheriff’s deputies say that they believe the device was on the machine for less than half an hour, despite the discovery time being listed as 12:30 p.m. and released photos of the suspect appearing to have been taken after nightfall. They say that the memory card storing stolen information was recovered and no customer data is believed to have been captured by thieves in relation to the incident.

Dave Rice

Contract killers
Did the City of San Diego kill Epic Pest Control?

By Dorian Hargrove

Eleanor and Claude Thedford, owners of Epic Pest Control and Landscape Services, believe employees in San Diego’s Purchasing and Contracting Department are trying to shut down their business.

The reason for the vendetta, says Eleanor Thedford, is threefold: part retaliation over a well-publicized gopher problem at an Ocean Beach park, lack of oversight in the purchasing and contracting department, and discrimination against minority-owned businesses.

Since 2013, city procurement officers have denied Epic’s bids on several occasions, going so far as awarding contracts to non-licensed companies. The San Diego County Department of Agriculture has fined some of the companies for working without necessary licenses.

And as Eleanor and Claude Thedford fought, unsuccessfully, to win new contracts, city employees refused to renew their existing contracts. Doing so has put Epic on the brink of insolvency.

Epic’s beginnings
Claude Thedford started Epic in 1998, after working at Terminix for over 27 years. At first he focused on residential properties. But by his tenth year in business the company expanded its scope, serving commercial clients as well as providing pest control for government entities such as the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Veterans Affairs administration building, as well as contracts with the City of San Diego to control pests at 70 parks and public libraries throughout the city.

“We built a reputation for doing it right the first time,” says Eleanor, “and now we are paying the price.”

Jerry Brown’s holiday pardons
Manslaughter and pot offenses forgiven

The star of this year’s Christmas pardons by governor Jerry Brown may be Hollywood’s Robert Downey, Jr., but some long-ago jailed drug offenders and a manslaughter convict of San Diego’s justice system are also among the celebrants.

“He has lived an honest and upright life, continued on page 31
The blasts further weakened tunnels with a lethal combination of gophers by blasting the tunnels, causing the city to seek an outside company to kill the gophers. By blasting the tunnels, the city looked for a long-term solution, the city and any of their employees were finding contracts. At the same time, the city employee blamed Epic Pest Control. Epic Pest Control's bid to provide landscape maintenance for the Tierrasanta Maintenance Assessment District. The city entered into a contract with Treebeard Landscape. When researching the winning bidder, Thedford discovered they did not possess necessary licenses to perform the work. Thedford’s attorney contacted the city, arguing that Epic Pest Control should have been awarded the contract since they were the lowest, fully licensed bidder. The city wasn’t swayed. In an August 13, 2013, letter, a deputy city attorney decided the contract was “awarded in compliance” with city code. That same month, San Diego County’s Department of Agriculture looked into the contract and discovered that Treebeard did not have the proper license. The department fined the company $400. Backlash During the following year, Thedford says the city informed him that they were not renewing several contracts. At the same time, city employees were finding reasons to reject his company’s bids. One such incident occurred in May 2013 when the city rejected Epic Pest Control’s bid to provide landscape maintenance for the Tierrasanta Maintenance Assessment District. The city entered into a contract with Treebeard Landscape. When researching the winning bidder, Thedford discovered they did not possess necessary licenses to perform the work. Thedford’s attorney contacted the city, arguing that Epic Pest Control should have been awarded the contract since they were the lowest, fully licensed bidder. The city wasn’t swayed. In an August 13, 2013, letter, a deputy city attorney decided the contract was “awarded in compliance” with city code. That same month, San Diego County’s Department of Agriculture looked into the contract and discovered that Treebeard did not have the proper license. The department fined the company $400. Complainants Over a lack of oversight by the city’s purchasing and contracting department are not unusual. In January 2015, San Diego’s Department of Purchasing and Contracting Office continued on page 31

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Best way to kill gophers Since 2008, gophers have burrowed thousands of tunnels underground at Robb Field. Sports leagues and parkgoers have lodged complaints. City employees responded by hiring an outside company to kill the gophers. Searching for a long-term solution, the city awarded Epic Pest Control the contract.

Just as Thedford began to treat the problem, the city received complaints about using poison at a public park. The Animal Protection and Rescue League, a non-profit animal-rights group, threatened legal action if the city and any of their contractors used poison to kill gophers. Thedford continued to visit the park. Meanwhile, the city looked for other ways to eradicate the gophers. They hired a different company to kill the gophers by blasting the tunnels with a lethal combination of methane and oxygen. The blasts further weakened the topsoil.

In August 2013, during a football game, a man named Andre Walker, fell into one of the holes, injuring his leg. He sued the city and Epic Pest Control. Epic Pest Control’s insurance company, in turn, sued the city for “interfering” with the treatment of the field.

Just over a year later, the city agreed to settle the case for $450,000 in damages. At the time of the settlement, as reported by the San Diego Union-Tribune, a city employee blamed Epic Pest Control for submitting a bid too low to cover the costs to adequately address the gopher infestation. Thedford says the city used him and his company as a scapegoat.

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UNDER THE RADAR

Trash man cometh not The yearlong legal battle over the status of Chula Vista city councilman Steve Miesen, who also happens to be a top executive with the city’s trash-pickup provider, Republic Services, shows no signs of abating soon. Miesen was appointed by the city council in January 2015 to serve out the final two years of the term of Mary Salas following her election as mayor. That brought a yet-to-be resolved lawsuit by resident Chris Shilling alleging that Miesen got the council seat through secret skullduggery. Further controversy ensued regarding whether the council had violated the California Political Reform Act, which the state’s Fair Political Practices Commission said it hadn’t. Now comes the commission again, this time with an opinion barring Miesen from voting on permits for a fancy new residential and commercial complex at Third & K. The five-story Vista Del Mar project, designed by Studio E architect John Sheehan for developer Hamid Mani, is controversial among some residents for its size and proximity to a single-family neighborhood. The state’s political watchdog says lucrative trash generation by new residents is the issue with Miesen. “As the Division Manager [for Republic], the Councilmember is responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations, maximizing productivity, optimizing profitability, approving expenses, and managing the budget, among other responsibilities,” says a November 12 letter to the city from commission chief counsel Hyla P. Wagner. “The Councilmember receives a salary from Republic for serving as a Division Manager, and in addition to his salary, he is also eligible for a performance bonus from Republic. The performance bonus may be up to 25% of [Miesen’s] salary and is determined based on several weighted components.”

The letter describes the Vista Del Mar development as “a mixed-use project consisting of 80 residential condominium units, a common area, commercial space, and park-ing,” adding that “Republic would earn $20,172 in additional annual revenue” hauling away newly created trash. Thus, opines Wagner, if the city council votes to approve the project, Miesen “will be more likely to receive a higher performance bonus from Republic based on that additional revenue.” As a result, the opinion concludes, Miesen should be prohibited “from taking part in the decision on whether to approve the development because the decision will have a reasonably foreseeable material financial effect on his interest in Republic.”

Immigrants on ICE Strip searches have been declining at the San Diego County-owned U.S. Immigration Service’s 1040-bed contract detention facility on Otay Mesa, run by Corrections Corporation of America. According to a federal audit covering fiscal year 2015, “one detainee was strip searched in 2015, and 11 detainees were strip searched in 2014.” Says the document, “Strip search records confirmed both supervisory approval and documentation of case-specific reasonable suspicion. Strip searches are conducted by officers of the same gender, and out of view of non-involved staff and other detainees.” Standard procedure calls for new arrivals to “enter a secure vestibule where they are identified and restrained are removed. They are then searched by way of walk-through metal detector; a pat-search; and, a B.O.S.S. chair, a non-invasive electronic device which scans body cavities for hidden metal objects.” Deficiencies discovered by the audit included a detainee handbook that “does not address the procedures for accessing personal funds to pay for legal services.” In addition, a required video to be viewed by detainees failed to adequately furnish “an overview of the facility operations that most affect the detainees; responsibilities and duties of security officers; standards of conduct including an overview of rules and requirements; disciplinary procedures; continued on page 31

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LETTERS

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Nailed It
Neal Obermeyer, Mary, Joseph, and the NFL, Reader, you finally got it right. Merry Christmas.

Name withheld via voicemail

Things Were Different in ’66
Concerning Roam-O-Rama, December 24, that picture there of the plant — some politically correct weeny changed the name of squaw bush to basket bush. I heard somebody else — some nursery man — say once, “Oh, that’s a pejorative.” Well, in all of the books on California native shrubs, it’s squaw bush: Rhus trilobata, a member of the sumac family.

I’ve got oodles and oodles of books on native plants that call it squaw bush. I’ll give you the name of one: Native Shrubs of Southern California by Peter H. Raven, published by the University of California Press in 1966. That’s just one of many.

For some reason, the politically correct pussies all decided we mustn’t say “squaw.” Oh, that’s a nasty word. We must change the name to basket bush.

I just get fed up when I see all this politically correct shit — all these people who drive Clairemont Drive and others who make decisions that affect all of us. It makes me so mad that I want to yell.

After we get all that done, we might take a look at Route 5.

Name withheld via voicemail

Walk, Ride a Bike, or Take a Bus
Too many of our politicians and others who make decisions that affect all of us think only of the scattered few and forget about the vast majority of citizens.

“Mixed Reviews on Bicycle Lanes” (Neighborhood News, December 24) tells us that the Clairemont Community Planning Group voted to eliminate an automobile lane on one of the area’s main north/south corridors in order to create a bicycle lane for use by a relatively miniscule number of people. The thousands of people who drive Clairemont Drive between Balboa Avenue and Clairemont Mesa Boulevard each day will now face slowing and congestion in order to accommodate a few on bikes.

I read the article on the closure of the lanes on Genesee and Clairemont Drive to one lane to accommodate bicyclists (“Mixed Reviews on Bicycle Lanes,” Neighborhood News, December 24). I think it’s a terrific idea, and I was thinking that maybe we could expand that and carry it into other streets where bicyclists would be able to use the lanes — like Highway 52, which has a whole lot of accidents. Let’s make 52 one lane each way and let bicyclists use that so they have a safe place to ride.

Then, I was thinking about 805. We could cut half the lanes on 805 so that bicyclists could use 805. Maybe we could even have a pedestrian lane. Once all those people can’t use their pesky cars, then they’ll be able to walk or work. They can leave a couple hours early; it won’t hurt them.

Or maybe we could go back to horse and buggies! The only problem there is a pollution problem, but we could take care of that easily enough. The bicyclists and the pedestrians would be able to walk or ride wherever they want. Only thing is that the bicyclists might run over the pedestrians, because the stop signs and red lights weren’t made for bicyclists — everybody knows that.

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Anonymous Mexico identified the perpetrator as Adal Mundo Rodríguez on his knees and apparently scared for his life, repeats everything that Mundo tells him to. Mundo makes fun of him for being a drug user and humiliates him with gay slurs and phrases.

“Greetings to Face[book],” Mundo shouts at the man, telling him to repeat after him in Spanish. “For all my compas in Tijuana, andamos al tirante, al millón,” Mundo continues as the homeless man repeats. “Greetings to my friend, Adal Mundo. Give me a like or I will beat your ass.”

The four-minute-long recording, which was allegedly shot by Mundo’s friends, finishes with the perpetrator putting out his cigarette on the homeless man’s chest.

On December 17, a 17-year-old identified as Adal Mundo Rodríguez was videoed abusing a homeless man, making him repeat humiliating phrases in the Otay region of Tijuana. The teenager holds what seems to be a drug user and humiliates him with gay slurs and phrases.

“At some point we need to get past our differences with the community, but we will also push back against. He said the project to four homes, which the coalition hopes to connect the canyon via hiking trails running north through Switzer Canyon and southwest trails adjacent the city’s Balboa Park Golf Course.

The Protect 28th Street Canyon Coalition was spearheaded by Doug Kipperman, whose canyon-view home is one of several abutting the site in question. In early December, the group received commitments in excess of $50K toward an anticipated $450K price tag for the four consecutive canyon lots that sold for $250K in spring 2013.

In early 2014, developer SDPB Holdings submitted a proposal to the city to build five single-family dwellings on the 26,000-square-foot parcel, which would also have required the city to vacate a 14,000-square-foot easement along the property.

Kipperman says SDPB withdrew that proposal last December after meeting community resistance and encountering city regulations that make it tough to receive approval to build on steep parcels. He believes a second proposal is forthcoming that would scale back the project to four homes, which the coalition would also push back against. He said the group decided making an offer on the property might lead to an easier resolution than continuing to fight through city channels.

“At some point we need to get past our emotions and decide,” he said, “do we want to protect the canyon?”

The canyon runs from Fir to Elm Street, between Granada Avenue and the Grape Street dog park. Portions of it are popular among joggers, hikers, and dog-walkers. Kipperman pointed out the eucalyptus-lined canyon is home to owls (among other bird species). He said his family enjoys listening to them in the evenings.

Thus far, the coalition has received commitment only, ranging between $500 and $10K. Kipperman said since once enough capital has been raised, a local nonprofit group will collect the money so the donations qualify as tax deductible. The coalition hopes to donate the canyon land back to the city and has tapped conservation group San Diego Canyons to oversee stewardship. The coalition hopes to connect the canyon via hiking trails running north through Switzer Canyon and southwest trails adjacent the city’s Balboa Park Golf Course.

CHULA VISTA

The voyeurs next door
Condo plan misses mark again

On December 16, residents gathered a second time to review a proposed development on Third Avenue and K Street in downtown Chula Vista. The proposed mixed-use development, called Vista Del Mar, was designed by Studio E architect John Sheehan for developer Hamid Mani. The project is a five-story apartment/condominium complex with 511 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor. The front of the project is on Third Avenue; the back towers face a residential neighborhood.

As a result of opposition to the project at an October meeting, the proposal was modified. The number of residential units was reduced from 80 to 76, eight guest/commercial parking spaces were added, and the number of balconies was decreased from 12 to 8.

Developer Hamid Mani claimed, “Two or three people disagree with development. I’m going to stand above it.”

There were approximately 60 people in attendance. Many expressed the opinion that the format was designed to circumvent questions in a public setting. As people began to circulate, former councilmember Rudy Ramirez commandeered the situation by standing on a bench and coordinating a second meeting. The architect, the developer, and city staff stayed for an additional question-and-answer session.

One supporter of the Vista del Mar development stated that Third and K needed to be upgraded because the area was deteriorating and attracting homeless people.

Several people commented that they were not opposed to the project, rather that five stories was too big for the location and would generate excessive traffic and parking problems. “Give us a project that fits,” was a common refrain.

One man asked, “Why do you have to have five stories?” Balconies were a strong point of contention. People from the residential streets behind the proposed building assert that Vista del Mar occupants will be able to peer into their backyards and windows.

The Urban Core Specific Plan states: “Building design shall be cognizant of adjacent low density uses [residential housing] i.e., avoid balconies overlooking rear yards.”

The city’s senior planner, Miguel Tapia, explained, “Guidelines are suggestions, they are not regulations. So when a statement says ‘avoid,’ it doesn’t mean ‘prohibited.’”

SUSAN LUZZARO

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Roam-O-Rama
“One of the last free-flowing rivers in Southern California”
Posted December 24
The photo of a gently-flowing river can be deceptive. That Santa Margarita river can be wicked at times. San Diego’s first rail link to the outside world passed through that area, and when constructed, it was too low in the canyon. It soon washed out in winter rains. And so the Santa Fe rebuilt it, and it washed out again within a few years.

In early 1993, the Temecula area, which is the watershed of the Santa Margarita river, got a massive deluge. The runoff raced down the river to the sea, flooding and washing out roads as it went. In the aftermath, I remember seeing a mud line up as much as thirty feet (I actually think it was higher than that, but don’t want to sound outlandish) up on the walls of the canyon in the De Luz area. The roads in the area were washed out, and stayed closed for many months.

Downstream, the river overflowed and flooded the airfield at Camp Pendleton, damaging many aircraft and costing tens or hundreds of millions to repair, in addition to repairing the airfield itself. That all happened quickly, and caught everyone flatfooted. The railroad branch that ran through the base from the connection just north of Oceanside was damaged, and has been out of service since then.

For a few hours the amount of muddy water flowing in that De Luz area must have looked as if the Missouri River had been channeled through that narrow valley and canyon!

— Visduh

Under the Radar
“Cops on Bikes”
Posted December 24
LMAO Back in the day the ECPD had an effective bike patrol which consisted of a couple of cops on found bicycles patrolling. They would be on top of the bad guy before he even realized they were around. Very effective. Adding overpriced and over equipped police bikes will not enhance the effectiveness.

— AlexClarke

Is this an attempt at writing a news story, or just some gossip? Please try again with names, numbers, and facts
— CaptainObvious

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Community groups and others who make these bad decisions are influenced by our elected officials such as Mayor Faulconer and Councilmember Todd Gloria who want you to mostly stop driving and either walk, ride a bike, or take a bus. Their plans include effectively closing thousands of automobile lanes throughout San Diego by allowing bicyclists to use them, meaning cars must go slowly behind the bikes or switch into the other, probably very congested lanes. All lanes that contain that painted bicycle with two arrowheads above it can be used by slow bicyclists.

If our mayor and others get their way we will, in the future, have many more bicyclists than now, and those bicyclists will effectively close thousands of automobile lanes to cars. Mayor Faulconer, Todd Gloria, and others with their mindset should not be re-elected to positions where they can harm the citizens they are supposed to help.

Richard Robertson Navajo

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Basic etiquette tells us there are three subjects one should refrain from discussing at work, with casual acquaintances, or around the holiday table: sex, politics, and religion. Before I continue, let me admit that I’ve been terrible at this. At a recent event, fueled by a cocktail or two, I brought up two of these three taboo topics and then proceeded to badger one of my beloved colleagues about his beliefs. I did exactly what I wish others wouldn’t do to me. Call it a New Year’s resolution if you want, but whatever the month, I’m vowing to keep my passionately held convictions to myself in order to get along with others who may or may not share my opinions. I’ll still blast my thoughts on Facebook; after all, I’m only human, and it’s easy enough for others to ignore my posts. But in person, among colleagues and acquaintances, among “polite society,” I will refrain.

Now, having said all that, there’s a fourth topic I’d like to see added to the list of subjects to avoid, and that’s diet. Unlike sex, religion, and politics, the subject of diet is a bit trickier to navigate — what is appropriate and what is taboo? Food is essential to our survival. We all eat. Certain foods, or methods of preparing dishes, play a central role in many cultures. We experience and enjoy food. We share recipes and restaurant recommendations. We post photos and watch the Food Network. Food is great to talk about. Diet isn’t food — it’s our selection of food. The topic I seek to banish from happy hours and family gatherings is not the food itself, but rather why or why not a person chooses to eat it. Paleo, gluten-free, sugar-free, fat-free, vegan, vegetarian, pescatarian… I have at least one friend who fits into one or more of those categories, and that’s cool. I’m not fixated on what goes into their mouths and out of their asses. It doesn’t matter. We have other things in common. When David and I host a dinner party, we inquire after our guests’ dietary restrictions and food aversions to make sure everyone enjoys their meal. We don’t judge or require justifications for nixed ingredients — we simply want to know what to leave off the plate.

I have chosen my friends carefully — I prefer to surround myself with kind, creative people who share my “live and let live” mentality. But sometimes I have to step outside of my bubble, and it’s in these times that I may find myself among those who are a little more “live and tell others how to live” than “live and let live.” And if they’re not talking about sex, religion, or politics, the topic, more often than not, is diet.

The holiday season is the worst. With all the festivities, people tend to eat and drink more than usual. Many feel guilty about their indulgence, and as a result, they foist their insecurities and shame upon everyone else.

This past month, I grew fatigued by the preponderance of people who seemed incapable of eating a cookie without voicing some kind of disclaimer lest their virtue be called into question. “I really shouldn’t.” “I’m going to have to make up for this.” “I’m being so bad.” Whether they were seeking permission or forgiveness, I do not know. But each comment started a wave of similar comments, until nearly everyone in the vicinity followed suit by chastising themselves for eating cookies, some while extolling the perils of sugar. Their audible agony was exhausting. I stared blankly while thinking, “For fuck’s sake, people, it’s a cookie. Either eat it or don’t.” Our host had baked those cookies herself. The decent thing to do is respond with a, “No, thank you,” or, “Wow, that’s delicious.”

While at lunch with friends the other day, I ordered a sandwich that happened to be vegetarian. When it arrived, just before my first bite, a friend said, “Good for you.” I wasn’t trying to be “good.” I like artichokes. This sandwich featured artichoke, and my friends had vouched for its yumminess, so I ordered it. Not every menu selection is the result of some battle between a tiny food angel on one shoulder and a food devil on the other. I set my menu selection is the result of some battle between a tiny food angel on one shoulder and a food devil on the other. I set my

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sandwich down and said, “Are you moralizing my food choices? Because that’s weird. Don’t do that.” My friend shrugged, admitted the strangeness of what he said, added that he’d said it because it was something “everyone did,” and we continued with our lunch.

He was right. At some point, we became accustomed to framing our discussion around food choices in moral terms. It’s stupid, and we need to stop. There are countless reasons that make up an individual’s diet: allergies, aversions, religion, health issues, personal beliefs, the list goes on. I wasn’t seeking approval. I was seeking lunch. If ordering an artichoke sandwich made me “good,” what items on the menu made me “bad”? I wondered if my friend had struggled with his own choice of sandwich; if he felt guilty about it for whatever reason and was merely admonishing himself aloud for not being as “good” as me.

Etiquette and good manners are not intended to make one feel superior to others, but rather to make everyone feel comfortable in any given situation. As I mentioned, I am no saint in this regard. However, I vow to be better, and I invite you to do the same. So, should you find yourself dining with coworkers, at a party with acquaintances, or even hanging out with your family, please consider this gentle advice. Unless someone asks, assume nobody cares why or why not you choose to put any given morsel in your mouth. Keep it to yourself. Your opinion of what goes into anyone else’s mouth is even more abhorrent. Safely conclude that whoever’s in front of you is about as interested in what you think they should or should not eat as they are in knowing what you think would be the best way for them to make love to their partner. And if you can’t think of something more interesting to say, you can always try, “If you could have one superpower, what would it be?” Everyone loves that. ■

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**Dear Ask a Hipster:**
I have a nominee for the Hipster Hall of Fame, Don Van Vliet aka Captain Beefheart. For starters, he has “the look.” There’s a famous press photo of him with a top hat, a fur draped over his shoulders, and a burly goatee. All those elements couldn’t have been taken in North Park. Of course today the fur would be cultivated from sustainably raised animals. But, on the hour, he didn’t like the Beatles. One thing’s for certain, uttering the phrases, “You know, I’m not that into the Beatles. I think they’re kind of overrated,” or any variant thereof, is one of the single most hipster things you can do. Not being into the Beatles is such a hipster stereotype that I always tell people, “I’m more into their old stuff, like when they were still the Quarrymen” so I can differentiate myself from the hipster masses. Hipsterin’ ain’t easy.

How about this: Hipster Congres-sional Fact Finding Committee! All you hipsters and hipsteresses email hipster@sandiegoreader.com with your reasons why (or why not) to induct Beefheart into the hall. Email.

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**Dear Hipster:**
I know in your latest article you ruled out potential Historical Hipster Hall of Fame candidates because they are “known.” I have another “known” suggestion that might sway you. The guy on the side of the Pringles can. Look at that mustache and bow-tie. And definitely marched to the beat of his own drummer. All qualities expected in any self-respecting hipster, not to mention his avant garde style of dress, a staple of said culture.

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This is almost too close to call. Bonus points to you for describing a goatee as “furious,” though you lose points for implying that his goatee, rather than the photo, could have been taken in North Park. /sticker

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Damn. You make a compelling argument. Who has’t spotted a Pringles Can Guy doppelgänger frothing milk at a third-wave coffee bar? But, if we’re going to start letting fictional characters into the hall, surely we can do better than a brand logo. I think you’re on the right track, but I need more concrete qualifications.

— DJ Stevens
New Year, new perspective,” I told Patrick. “You’ve never seen your city from above, except through some scratched-up plastic window in coach. What about a hot-air balloon? No windows, scratched or otherwise. Just a balloon, a basket, your baby, and the Big Blue.”

“We offer a daily Del Mar sunset coastal flight,” said Renee Lawson, who owns Sky’s the Limit Ballooning Adventures. (1-760-602-0295, Carlsbad).

“This time of year, when it gets dark early, we’ll meet around 2 p.m. at our office in Carlsbad. Our pilot will choose a launch site based on the winds that day. Sometimes, we’ll launch test balloons. About 80 percent of the time, we use an open field in the Encinitas area. We’ll do a safety briefing and get the balloon ready for launch. Depending on the wind, we’ll fly over Del Mar, Fairbanks Ranch, or Rancho Santa Fe; the flight is usually 45 to 60 minutes. After the landing, usually in Carmel Valley or Rancho Santa Fe, there’s a post-flight celebration with Champagne and nonalcoholic beverages. Then it’s back to our office — usually about three and half to four hours, total.”

Lawson doesn’t usually like heights; but the balloon doesn’t bother her. “I feel secure in the basket, looking out at everything. It’s not like looking down from the top of a building.” She added that, “we’ve been in business for 22 years, and we have a 100 percent safety record.”

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“There’s also helicopters,” I said. “The cool thing about helicopters is they can land in such delightful places.” Mandy Patterson, vice president of operations at Corporate Helicopters (858-505-5650), was happy to let me know that “we have the exclusive rights to land at Stone Brewery in Escondido. We’ll fly people from Montgomery Field to the brewery, and we’ll provide them with an empty growler to fill with the beer of their choice after they tour and taste [$875 for two people]. And they can have lunch at the bistro there.” For those who prefer wine, they offer a similar run to Temecula ($1175 for two people). “Then we give them a nice coastal tour on the way back.”

Standard tours range between 30 and 60 minutes. The half-hour Diego Delight “flies you over the Torrey Pines Golf Course, Black’s Beach, Scripps Pier, La Jolla Shores, Crystal Pier, Belmont Park, SeaWorld, the downtown skyline, and the Coronado Bridge,” before heading over Balboa Park and Mission Valley. And the full hour “pretty much takes you everywhere in San Diego,” from the ocean to the mountains.

Prices depend on the number of passengers: some helicopters seat up to three passengers, and some seat up to five. “The Diego Delight for two or three people is $324. For five, it’s $749.” Reservations can be made online, and if you’re thinking about Valentine’s Day, think fast. “It’s our biggest day of the year. We do a special 18-minute coastal tour; $199 per couple.”
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Sheriff (and former chief of police) Bill Kolender, 1935–2015

Walter Mencken: Sheriff! Welcome. What’s 2015 about to you?

Sheriff Bill Kolender: It’s all about building trust and renewing the department’s bond with the community it protects through increased transparency and accountability.

WM: Really? Wow, that’s wonderf —

BK: Nah, I’m jerking your chain. Maybe in my day, but in my day, we weren’t getting surplus urban assault vehicles from the Department of Defense. Now it’s all about the money. And let me tell you what, nothing gets John Q. Private Enterprize jumpier than disturbances of the peace. And that’s where we come in. Let me ask you a question: what kind of officer is a police officer?

WM: A peace officer?

BK: Exactly. Justice is somebody else’s job. We’re

“We got jiggy with a taser or some such nonsense.”
“An honest mistake”

California attorney general says no charges to be filed in case of state trooper who shot man dressed as San Diego police officer

Yesterday, California attorney general Kamala Harris announced that, following an in-depth investigation, no charges would be filed against California state trooper Trigger Finger. Finger shot and killed San Diego resident Ronaldo Innocent as he exited a Halloween party on October 31, dressed in a policeman costume. “Mr. Innocent had been drinking and was shouting and behaving in an erratic, unhinged fashion,” explained Harris. In the dark, Finger mistook his costume for an actual San Diego police officer’s uniform, much as a San Diego police officer might mistake a metallic pen for a knife. Knowing the potential danger of an encounter with the SDPD, Finger drew his weapon and discharged it six times into Mr. Innocent. The loss of life is tragic, but in the wake of the deaths of Fridoon Rawshannehad and Victor Ortega, Finger’s decision to shoot Innocent made sense.

here to keep the peace.
WM: But sometimes, the things you do create disturbances.
BK: Sure they do, bright boy. That’s where you folks in the press prove useful. Remember when I got spanked for dismissing all those traffic tickets for friends and family back in ’86? We told the papers we wouldn’t do that anymore, and people felt better, and things quieted down. Did we stop doing it? Nobody cared. Now people are yelling about how we shot some people we shouldn’t have or got juggy with a tasser or some such nonsense. The chief tells the papers we’re going to start wearing body cameras and things quiet down. It’s not like we let people see the footage; that’s not the point. The point is people feel better, more peaceful.

And that’s good for business. Of course I went to work for the U-T after

You’re never too young to learn, because you’re never too young to get your ass tased. Twice!

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my stint as chief, and of course they backed me for sheriff in ’94: a strong working relationship with the press is crucial for law enforcement.

WM: Gosh, I would think the press ought to keep a sharp eye and a safe distance from —

BK: Oh, stop it. Nobody wants to hear it. Go write another article about the Chargers.

WM: Fine. Anything grab you from last year?

BK: That picture book cover reminded me of when I was a kid. You know, from when that deputy double-tased that skateboard punk up in Fallbrook. And I guess the Halloween bit was okay. Just watch yourself, and don’t get folks too riled up.

Sportswriter Jack Murphy, 1923–1980

Walter Mencken: Jack Murphy. A fellow member of the press. It’s an honor to meet you.

Jack Murphy: It’s all about the money.

WM: I’ve heard that before somewhere.

JM: I mean, it’s always been about the money, but it used to be about other stuff, too. Before Qualcomm paid $18 million to bump me aside, the stadium that housed both the Chargers and the Padres was named after me. Me, a sportswriter, because of what I did to bring the Chargers to San Diego from Los Angeles, and my further efforts to build them a lasting home here. They honored my achievement. Now all they honor is dollars.

WM: But as you say, money has always been a part of sports.

JM: Sure. But it wasn’t the most important part. My brother Bob was the voice of the New York Mets for decades, and right up until he retired in 2003, he met people who never forgave the Dodgers and Giants for leaving New York in ’57. They had been diehard fans, and they had contempt for the owners’ decision to forego the love and chase the money. Now, when the Chargers threaten to leave town unless the city builds them a new stadium, people get mad at the city! I think of it like a marriage. Maybe financial security and stability are really downtown there at the foundation of things, but up above, there’s love and companionship — and that’s the part worth caring about and cheering for. This thing with the stadium, it’s as if the wife is saying, “Buy me a new house or I’m out of here!” and all their friends are getting mad at the husband.

WM: Well, that’s depressing.

JM: Not as depressing as the Chargers’ play this season or the persistent mediocrity of the Padres. Maybe money is the only part of San Diego sports worth paying attention to.

Master brewer Karl Strauss, 1912–2006

Walter Mencken: Herr Strauss, great to see you! Karl Strauss: It’s all about the Deutsche marks.

WM: Oh, no — not you, too? You’re a beer man! You help bring joy to a suffering world!

Stone Brewing introduces Old Sludgebucket Ale

Get Happy Hoppy, San Diego!

LISTENING FOR THE ANGELS, ESCONDIDO: Today, Stone Brewing unveiled the latest saint in the hop heaven that is San Diego brewing: Old Sludgebucket Ale, so named for its thick, stewy texture and unique container. Yes, it really is a bucket. Yes, it really is that thick, thanks to the abundance of hops that have been used in its production, then pureed and blended into the final product.

"If there’s one thing San Diego beer lovers love, it’s beer," says Stone spokesman Stone Beerman. "And if there’s another thing San Diego beer lovers love, it’s hops in their beer. I’ll be honest with you: Sludgebucket Ale started out as a dare. It all started when we started selling more of our Hopped Up Double Hops IPA than our regular IPA. Which was already pretty hop-forward. Eventually, we made a small batch of Bunny Hop Triple Hops IPA; I liked that we put bunny ears in place of horns on our signature gargoyle for that one. It sold out in days. Our Hop-Frog Quadruple Hops IPA was something of a joke: who wants to drink a beer with ‘frog’ in the name, even if it is a hipster-friendly Edgar Allen Poe reference? But it sold out on pre-order. That’s when someone in product development made a crack along the lines of, ‘Why don’t we just serve ‘em up a big bowl of hops and be done with it?’ That was silly, of course — a big bowl of hops wouldn’t have any sweet, sweet alcoholic content. Though we did start offering it as a breakfast selection at our brewery restaurants in Escondido and Liberty Station, and it does outsell the granola. Anyway, it started a conversation about delivering Maximum Hop to the customer in a format that could still legally be called beer. Old Sludgebucket is the fruit of that conversation. Consider it our personal assertion that it’s impossible to have too much of a good thing. It’s not for everyone, but that’s only because we made just 500 buckets. I’m guessing that by the time your readers have finished this story, they’ll already be gone.”

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KS: It’s true, I am a beer man. I was even born in a brewery! And if we were having this conversation even one year ago, I would have agreed wholeheartedly. Bier ist gut!

I was so tickled by the mark I left on the industry. First, I worked at Pabst for 44 years, where I helped to create the official beer of the American hipster, Pabst Blue Ribbon. Not bad for a Jewish immigrant who began by feeding bottles into a soaker! And then after that, I gave my cousin Chris Cramer my Old World name and my Old World recipes, which he used to launch the craft-beer industry in San Diego. I was so proud to be part of the creation of a beer that you didn’t have to drink ironically, and so thrilled at the growth and experimentation within this fledgling movement. Even you took note, yes? You did a story on Stone’s Old Sludgebucket.

WM: Yes, but that was just an exaggeration.

KS: Nonsense. A billion dollars for Ballast Point: that’s an exaggeration. Craft beer will soon be just corporate beer with cooler labels, you watch. I guess the innovation and freedom that come with a smaller scale will have to happen elsewhere.

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SeaWorld announces plans for resort, restaurant in wake of closed orca exhibit

Angus of the Sea?

On November 9, SeaWorld San Diego announced its plan to phase out its famous killer-whale shows, following years of protests, legal setbacks, and trainer swallowings. Instead, the park will feature an orca-themed exhibit, because, in the words of SeaWorld chairman Joe Kidby, “Children love a good exhibit.”

In addition, the park announced plans to either build or buy a hotel-resort near its current Mission Bay location, because “while children love a good exhibit, parents love a comfortable bed and cable TV within walking distance, plus a minibar and maybe a decent restaurant. And while we’re on the subject of restaurants, I’d like to add that we’re also planning to open San Diego’s first underwater dining establishment as part of the resort complex. For now, we’re calling it Dorsal, a name that harkens back to our legendary mascot’s most famous fin and at the same time points straight up toward our commitment to a brighter future.”

Kidby noted that while that future would not include live orcas, “the tradition of killer whales at SeaWorld has a surprise ending, one we think our supporters will appreciate. For generations, SeaWorld patrons have feasted their eyes on Shamu & Co. Now, for an extremely limited time, a select few will have an opportunity to feast their bellies, as well. Trust me when I tell you that our killer-whale steak is a killer whale steak.”

While the resort and restaurant have not yet been officially approved by the California Coastal Commission, reservations are already up for auction at seaworld.com/dineon-shamu, with bids for the first Friday night already exceeding $25,000. “And the best part is, it’s ethical,” concluded Kidby. “It’s not like we could release these whales back into the open ocean. They’d be helpless and disoriented, and probably wind up eaten or beached within days. That’s just cruel. This way, they get to bring joy and happiness to visitors from all over the world, just as they’ve done for over 50 years.”

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What was expected to be a standard meeting of the San Diego City Council on Monday, June 8, took a turn for the dramatic when Mayor Faulconer made an unscheduled appearance and statement regarding his negotiations with the San Diego Chargers to build a new stadium and to keep the team in San Diego. Reportedly wild-eyed and unkempt, the normally composed mayor waved his arms and hopped up and down as he shouted his address to the council:

“I, Faulconer, beheld a great serpent, and its name was Spanos, and such was its length that while its head was still in San Diego, its tail stretched north to the city of Carson, where it dug into the soil and held fast to the promise of the land. And when the serpent beheld the wealth of all the cities of the earth, presented as an offering, it opened up its jaws and swallowed whole the Largest pile, and forgot the city of its youth and the expansion of its dwelling in the bowels of the earth. And all the people tore their jerseys and covered themselves with blue bodypaint and cried out, ‘Save our Bolts! Preserve them in this place, lest we become a byword among the cities of the earth, a desolate place where the Rivers no longer runs, or even passes’. And lo, even as the serpent turned to slither into the fetid north, a great bird, a falcon of surpassing cunning and power, descended from the sky and snatched up the serpent and carried it aloft. The serpent writhed and twisted in the wind and called out to the League of National Footballs for deliverance, but the falcon would not surrender. It carried the serpent to the Charger place, and ensnared it in the lines of power. Whereupon it burst into flames and was consumed, scorching all the land about the place, so that nothing good remained. I, Faulconer, have seen these things. Take heed, O Spanos!”

Amazingly, the very next day, June 9th, a bird with a snake in its talons flew into a Sorrento Valley power line and sparked a four-acre blaze.

Speaking from his ivory tower at the top of the Geisel Library at UCSD, Professor of Old-Timey Things Arthur C. Codswallop offered this perspective on the remarkable event.

“The image of a bird with a snake has been associated with prophecy ever since the ancient Greeks. In Homer’s epic poem The Iliad, an eagle appears in the sky with a snake in its talons just before the Trojan army is supposed to attack the Achaeans. The prophet Polydamas interprets the sight as an evil portent, warning the Trojan champion Hector that he should call off his plan to move his troops. Hector ignores the warning and ultimately pays for the mistake with his life. I hate football, and I don’t even own a television, but I have to side with the mayor on this one. Together with his highly significant name, the fact that the fire was caused by the bird’s collision with electrical lines, lines that carry an electrical charge — as in Charger — seems too fitting to ignore.”

Not everyone was convinced, however.

“Bah!” snorted former mayor Bob Filner from his filthy underground mudhole. “The party of bastards has been using religious hogwash to influence the masses since God was a nonexistent boy. This is about money, pure and simple — the stuff Jesus said to render unto Caesar. Faulconer doesn’t have enough liquidity to just buy the team’s loyalty outright, and so he wants the people to back his play through an election. And if you want the great unwashed on your team, you better make sure you’ve got Jesus on your side. Or the divine birdy or whatever.”

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S: Of course not. I’m a whale. It’s all about the mackerel. And also the salmon.
WM: Thank you.
S: Of course, for the sad bastards at SeaWorld, it’s absolutely all about the money. And now that they’re losing it hand over fin, they’re phasing us out. I’m just glad I’m not going to be around for what comes next.

“Statue of Pete Wilson, 2007-????”

Walter Mencken: I can’t help but notice that you’re hanging your head just a bit.

Statue of Pete Wilson: Sure I am. And I’m smiling sheepishly and slouching my shoulders and sticking my hands in my pockets — forever. I’m a part of it. You write your silly little made-up stories...

WM: Um, I prefer “almost factual.” There’s always some element of truth to —

Last week, San Diego Chief Operating Mayor Kevin Faulconer gave his annual State of the City speech before the city’s Board of Governors Council, along with its largest shareholder-developers. (In a now-traditional display of corporate generosity, the public was also permitted to listen in.) During the speech, he stressed the importance of enjoying the comical expression and oddly cute appearance of Sandy, a pug dog he declared “the new mascot of America’s Finest City. If you threw a frozen waffle for him to fetch, that would be a Sandy Eggo!”

Faulconer said that enjoying the sight of Sandy was a hell of a lot more pleasant than thinking about the city’s infrastructure. “Frankly, our sewers stink,” he granted. “But, hey, they’re sewers! What did you expect?” Finally, he noted that if folks insisted on thinking about the city’s infrastructure, they should start thinking about financing a new stadium for the Chargers. “It takes money to fix things, and you gotta spend money to make money,” he reminded them. At that point, Sandy apparently began to suffer a bout of gastrointestinal distress and Faulconer excused himself from the podium. “That was a cute dog,” said Sunroad Developers CEO Monty Grubb. However, Chargers attorney Mark Fabiani argued that Sandy distracted needlessly from the pressing issues of the day, especially the new stadium. “Philip Rivers is just as cute as any pug,” he argued. “And he’s tougher, too. Think about that, San Diego.”
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Lindsay having a beer in University Heights

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She offered no words but she grunted again.

I thought about a diplomatic answer. This was a shock to me.

“Well, whatever makes you happy,” I said, just to end the conversation.

After Grandma Sally’s birthday party, my friends came and picked me up. We went golfing at a little par-three course that allowed people to bring their own beer. At this course, scores were not determined by how few strokes one took but by how many beers were had and whoever had the most spectacular golf-cart roll.

Somehow, we didn’t roll any carts, but we did drink plenty of beer. No one was sober enough to drive anywhere, so we sat there after we finished, shooting the shit, smoking cigarettes, and calling each other gay slurs. The word “fag” was tossed around by my friends.

“You know,” I started, “they’ll give you the gas chamber for that in California.”

The replies varied.

“You fucking homo.”

“You queen.”

“Limp wrist now, huh?”

“Wee bit lavender?”

That was a personal highlight.

They were all similar.

I, with most of my friends, still smoked cigarettes. The fumes of their coffin-nails weren’t quite as strong as their disdain for gay people. But one thing I learned early: don’t burn the locals. Plus, they were my friends. So I didn’t say anything.

The next day, when I boarded my flight, I was glad to be going home. Back to San Diego. I never should’ve gone back to Michigan.

First time west of Nebraska
I picked up Lindsay from the airport late at night. This was June 2014. She had vacation days to use and had never been to California. She looked dead-tired. She didn’t feel like talking after spending nine hours traveling to San Diego. We went back to my house in Mira Mesa.

“Dude, take my bed. I’ll sleep on the couch.” She didn’t argue and deposited herself in my room.

This wasn’t only her first time in California, it her first time west of Nebraska. Oh, the times we’d have. I’d taken some time off work. I’d planned to take Lindsay to all the great restaurants: Phil’s, Hodad’s, In-N-Out, etc. I’d show her how Californians did it. I kept telling her that the great whites love to eat tourists.

Lindsay had been officially gay for almost a year at that point. Britney had joined the Army, shipped out, and forgotten about Lindsay. It was a shame. Britney was a damned fine-looking
Put on the blindfold, Grandma

My brother Matt and I were picking up Grandma Sally from her apartment. She thought we were taking her to Big Boy for a birthday lunch. Matt drove, since I was probably still legally drunk the morning of our birthday lunch. Matt was a juvenile delinquent and twisted way. Matt was a cop would have believed our protests. Also, Matt was probably in possession of illegal substances. My headache got much, much worse.

Luckily, we made it to my mom’s house without incident. About 40 people were there waiting, only a couple of blocks away from Grandma’s apartment. I hadn’t seen most of them in years. The party came off well, and Grandma thanked us afterward for the surprise. I was just glad not to be arrested.

Worse than Detroit

Lindsay had been excited to visit L.A. Until we hit traffic on Interstate 5 in Orange County, that is.

“Wow,” Matt said. “I really hope we don’t see any cops.”

That particular thought had never occurred to me. “Just mind the road,” I snapped, “Straight and narrow.”

He had a point — if any police officer in his right mind had seen us, two young men with a blindfolded old lady in a car, we probably would have been arrested and charged with kidnapping or terrorism. No cop would have believed our protests. Also, Matt was probably in possession of illegal substances. My headache got much, much worse.

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Then there was Soup. This girl, I was her manager, and she was the definition of “look but don’t touch.” A dime piece, if ever there was one. Absolutely off-limits. She said she’d meet up with us, too.

Lindsay and I left my house in Mira Mesa at around 1 p.m. We arrived in Hillcrest and got a table at the bar. We took turns drinking Washington Apples. Many rounds were had. I began to get cloudy.

Eventually Vu showed up. He’d brought his friends. They were all Asian and were all dancing fools. They seemed to take something from the music; the same thing, it seemed, that I took from the drinks. Lindsay remarked on how well they danced. She especially remarked on how well the Asian girls danced.

“Shots, Linz?” I asked.

“Absolutely.”

“Me, too!” Soup said. Vu begged off, since his girlfriend was asking him to go home.

“All right, gotcha,” I said and turned toward the bar. I walked up and a female (who looked as if she used the same hair product as me) said, “What can I get you?”

“What can I get you?” I answered. I thought about her having a good time and how we’d never discussed her new lifestyle change. God, I was stupid. Why couldn’t I just be happy for her? What should my opinion matter to her?

“Okay, then,” she responded.

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Some things you'll never understand.

All my exes
I’ve dated some real pieces of work.

There was the girl who cheated on me from the day I left for boot camp, after I’d never cheated on her for over a year.

There was the stripper who was a model for Quicksilver in the early 2000s. Her stage name was “Blaze” or something.

Then we have the girl who left me for a member of a religious cult. She said his name was “Five.”

The girl in high school who dated several of my friends concurrently while dating me. Impressive for a small town.

The girl who came to see me, Maggie, who banged two of my friends while visiting. The logistics of that still boggle me.

My son’s mother, who is best friends with Lindsay. She conceived while she was “separated” from her husband. She and Lindsay are still best friends.

The tall girls, who seemed like playground equipment to me — I’m only 5’6”.

I’ve had enough relationships for ten lifetimes. But I’ve only ever seriously considered proposing to two. And, by some miracle, if one had accepted? It would have ended in divorce.

Hope for the best
After the Supreme Court decision, social media exploded with the news that gay people suddenly had the right to get married at any time in any place. The court’s ruling was a surprise to many, apparently including the gay community. My phone seemed to only emit rainbows that day.

That day, Lindsay stopped acting like my sister and started acting like an activist. Her posts became militant, almost daring anyone to disagree with her. Many did. They were the more conservative-leaning members of our family.

Her fiancé, Nikki, had been doing the same thing. I didn’t agree with them but kept my opinion to myself.

Only six days after the ruling, Lindsay and Nikki got married. Since I had no notice beforehand (and wasn’t invited), it was impossible to attend. Yet, had I been invited, I would have politely declined to attend the ceremony. I would have gone to the reception, though.

Those of us who don’t agree? We don’t get invited to weddings. But we hope the best for the newlyweds.

— Josh Champlin

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Contract killers
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city auditor found purchasing and contracting employees had little to do with the contract after the bid is awarded.

"...Purchasing & Contracting will lead and enter into cooperative agreements on behalf of the City to maximize best pricing. After the contract is executed, administration and monitoring responsibility has been decentralized to the department that requests and initiated the contract.... [In most cases we found that many departments we spoke with were unaware that they were responsible for monitoring the entire Citywide contract.

The cost of not doing business

Not winning contracts and losing old contracts has hit the Thedford’s business hard.

Since 2013, Eleanor Thedford estimates declining business with the city has cost her company approximately $7 million.

She says she’s devoted hours to submitting protest letters to San Diego’s Purchasing and Contracting Department. In September 2015, she received an email from the city’s procurement specialist, Christopher Moore, informing them that the bid they had submitted “did not provide three landscaping references, but instead provided two landscaping references and one pest control reference. Based on Epic’s failure to provide the required information, the city is deeming Epic’s bid non-responsive.”

Eleanor Thedford claims that the company that won the bid, Westturf Landscape Management, did not possess the necessary licenses to perform all of the work at the time of submitting their bid.

She says she is aware of at least eight occasions of the city passing her company up in favor of a non-licensed competitor. “I believe that both public works and purchasing & contracting staff have instituted a mindset of ‘trust and not verify’ for quite some time now,” Thedford wrote in an email.

Eleanor Thedford has since looked into the city’s record of working with local businesses that are owned by minorities. According to data compiled as part of the Small Local Business Enterprise Program, of which Epic Pest Control is a member, less than 1 percent of city contracts are awarded to African-American companies. In fact, just $1.2 million out of a total $124.7 million program is paid to African-American-owned companies.

“In 2013, when we submitted our first protest of the award to a contractor that was not the lowest responsible bidder, the purchasing and contracting department began refusing to do business with our black business,” Thedford says.

San Diego County Department of Agriculture employee Joseph Arriaga says there are other explanations for the loss of business that are done with non-licensed companies to be awarded city contracts. “I’m aware of some of these instances,” said Arriaga of complaints regarding non-licensed companies winning lucrative city contracts. “Some of the companies received fines. Others were given cease-and-desist orders, requiring them to obtain the correct licenses before performing any work. We don’t have direct jurisdiction over the city. We only provide guidance....

“Oftentimes the contractor might hire another company, a properly licensed one, to do certain tasks, and sometimes that is difficult to find in the contract.”

Mayor Kevin Faulconer’s office did not respond to questions about a lack of oversight in the department.

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exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen,” Brown said. “His boiler-plate pardon of Downey, who was just inducted into California’s hall of fame in October.

According to a Sacramento Bee report, Downey gave $5000 to Brown’s 2014 reelection bid and $50,000 to a Brown-favored charter school in Oakland.

Potential pardonees must have stayed out of prison for ten years and had a clean record during that time, the account says.

Downey did a 15-month stretch in the state slammer for a 1996 conviction of possessing a controlled substance and a concealed weapon, along with a DUI with priors.

Among ex–San Diego miscreants on Brown’s lucky list of 91 are Thomas Danieli of New York, who was found guilty of manslaughter here in 1965.

“Specifically, Mr. Danieli hit a car when attempting to pass another vehicle, killing the passenger in his car and the other driver. He served three years probation. He was discharged on January 4, 1969, having completed his sentence.”

A marijuana defendant on Brown’s San Diego pardon list did more than a year in prison, according to his pardon document.

John DeLude, who now lives in Michigan, was sentenced in June 1980 for the crime of “planting or cultivating marijuana.” According to Brown’s proclamation, he served 15 months behind bars before completing his sentence in October 1981.

Landlord gets prison

Carlsbad man admits killing renter

As part of a plea deal in San Diego’s North County Superior Court recently, David Diaz admitted killing a young man who had rented a room in his Carlsbad home two years ago.

On December 17, now-33-year-old Diaz admitted to committing second-degree murder in the stabbing death of Asher Freeman, 24, who was found deceased on the floor of his rented room.

It was Diaz who dialed 911 in August of 2013 and reported a shooting and then told responders a convoluted story about drug dealers who had invaded his home at 3550 Sierra Morena Drive. Police noticed Diaz, who was shirtless as he stood in the driveway of his home, had scratches on his body, and one of his hands was bleeding. Diaz was described as 5 feet 11 inches tall and 135 pounds.

The stabbing victim, Freeman, was reported an art student and had rented the upstairs room of the home about five months prior, according to police.

While he was being interviewed at Carlsbad police headquarters that day, Diaz became agitated and took a swing at a detective, police reported. Diaz was arrested and has been held in lieu of $5 million bail.

Neighbors reportedly told police that Diaz made a small fire in his backyard and was heard making “goat noises” and “howling” shortly before he contacted police that afternoon.

Defense attorney Matthew Roberts said that the mental competency of Diaz was questioned and thoroughly tested.

“All the doctors found him sane, but all agreed that he was seriously mentally ill,” Roberts reported. “[This] exposes a gap in the system where we have people with serious mental health problems but do not fit under ‘insanity.’ Too bad we don’t have better mental health treatment/ facilities so this could have been prevented in the first place.”

Judge Carlos Armour signed off on the plea deal and is expected to sentence Diaz to 16 years to life on January 28.

— Matt Potter
(@sdmattpotter)

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Tijuana
Brewer’s van swiped
Reward: Lots of beer
A couple weeks ago, the van that Border Psycho brewery uses to transport kegs to their tap room and other bars was stolen with beer inside. The reward offered by the brewery for information that leads to recovery of the van is a night of open bar in their tap room.

In support of their colleagues, Carlos Macklis of Norte Brewing Company offered a reward for the van.

“This will not be tolerated!” stated Macklis on a Facebook post that included a picture of the van. “Help our friends from Border Psycho recover their van and we will give you a 5 gallon keg for free.”

Posting pictures on social media has proven to be an effective method for finding stolen cars. In a recent case in Hermosillo, Sonora (a city in Mexico 562 miles southeast of San Diego), a pickup truck was recovered after the image posted by the owner went viral.

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“The [Border Psycho] van got stolen between Saturday night and Sunday morning last week [December 7–8] by the Flamingos motel,” said Roberto Albarran at Border Psycho’s tap room. It was a Chevrolet Aerostar. . . . Uhhhh. . . Not sure what year. It had two dollies and five cases of beer we were going to deliver to La Cerve.

“It had sentimental value more than anything,” continued Albarran, who estimated the van’s worth between $3000 and $3500. “We reported it to the authorities. They told us that this type of vehicle is really common to be dismantled and sold by parts.”

Matthew Suárez
NATIONAL CITY
Audiophile crosses Pitbull
Thief recognized as son of friends
On December 19 at about 1:00 p.m. a thief walked out of Pitbull Audio with a tabletop controller used to record music.

On December 20, I talked to one of the owners of the musical instrument store, Adam Smiarowski. An employee, Shane Alexander, let me know about the theft on Saturday afternoon right after it happened,” Smiarowski said. “He said that a $1300 Elektron tabletop analog synthesizer had been stolen. He said he was working on the pedal case and another employee was on the loading dock with the mail carrier when the theft occurred....

“The thief was in the store for about an hour before Shane saw him leaving in too much of a hurry,” Smiarowski said. “When Shane realized what had happened, he ran after him only to see him in his car speeding off. He wasn’t able to get a license plate but he described the car as a small white sedan. He described the thief as a very tall guy of at least 6’4” in his late 20s.”

After notifying Smiarowski of the theft, Alexander and another employee looked at video footage from the ten security cameras. No one who works at the store recognized him but one customer did after seeing the surveillance image posted in the store on December 20. The customer claims to be friends with the parents of the suspect and shared specific information with store employees.

UPDATE 12/21, 4:25 p.m.
A reliable source says that the equipment has been returned and the perpetrator apologized.

Julie Stalmer
BAJA
Risky road to Ensenada
Geologist says highway could collapse again
Baja California’s scenic toll road between Tijuana and Ensenada is at risk of another major collapse similar to or worse than one that occurred on December 28, 2013, a scientific expert has warned.

Luis Alberto Delgado Argote, an investigator with the geography department for the division of earth sciences at the Centro de Investigación Científica y de Educación Superior de Ensenada (Cicese), was cited as the source for the claim in a December 21 story in La Jornada de Baja California.

The federal agency responsible for inspecting the highway, Caminos y Puentes Federales de Ingresos, has ignored the presence of multiple active zones where the earth is shifting, according to the geologist.

In addition, said Delgado Argote, a beltway constructed around Ensenada six years ago by the state could cause major landslides if there is heavy rainfall as expected this winter because “there is no evidence that they performed geological studies before they began the work.”

Scientists from Cicese have been warning federal highway officials of the danger of a disastrous collapse along the highway since 2006, but they were ignored until the 2013 disaster, according to La Jornada.

The roadway, known for its spectacular seaside views, remained closed for nearly a year while repairs were made after the landslide.
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TURQUOISE SPEAKEASY
Chicago meets Prohibition and ragtime meets swing in Pacific Beach. Ticket includes all drinks, an extensive tapas selection, live Vaudeville burlesque show, and a champagne toast at midnight. Hats and umbrellas recommended. Must be 21; $120 in advance, $200 at the door.

WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-4200; theturquoise.com/nye/

ON WITH THE SHOW
Mystère in the French Quarter features a 1920s New Year’s Eve celebration showcasing the culture and history of New Orleans, with performers Stephen Rey Sextet, Euphoria Brass Band, Miss Erika Davies, Trio Gadjo, DJ Noel 2033, Crooked, Mr. Tube and the Flying Objects, Cherries Jubilee Tap Dancing Burlesque, and more. 21+.

WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-2101

LOS LOBOS. Snubbed by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame but rewarded with Grammys and a flourishing 40-year career, the Tex-Mex rockers bring the party to Belly Up New Year’s Eve. Reader writer Dave Good breaks down the details in this week’s issue.

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Friday | 1

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE
Known as the “Nieuwjaarsduik” (New Year’s Dive) in the Netherlands and the “Loony Dook” in the U.K., the polar bear plunge has been around in the U.S. for over 100 years. Plungers and onlookers are welcome to join the La Jolla Cove Swim Club’s annual plunge and chili potluck on New Year’s Day. Look for the LJSCSC banner.

WHEN: 10 a.m.
WHERE: La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro

HAIR OF THE HOG 3: NEW YEAR’S BRUNCH 2016
Join Mike Hess Brewing and Carnitas Snack Shack for the Third Annual New Year’s Day Brunch, buffet-style. Mike Hess Brewing and chef Hanis Cavin will be ringing in 2016 with the first beer of the New Year along with all of the fixings of a whole hog, roasted on-site! $40 for all the food you can eat and beer you care to drink. Designated drivers and children eat for $25.

WHEN: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
WHERE: Mike Hess Brewing North Park, 3812 Grim Avenue. 619-786-4377.

Saturday | 2

INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW
Be the first to see all-new models not yet in showrooms, the newest safety and entertainment technology, and test-drive the latest models from over a dozen manufacturers. $8–$12.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (also Thursday, December 31; Friday, January 1; and Sunday, January 3)
WHERE: San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive; sdautoshow.com

THE MAGIC OF NICHOLAS GENTRY: A THINKING MAN’S THEATER
Nicholas Gentry is a magician who promotes wisdom and curiosity: “Magic is not a sideshow. It is a metaphor for the greatest show of all — the cosmos and our part in it.” An English professor with a philosophy background, Gentry delivers a message rooted in the heart and guided by the mind. $15 online; $20 door.

WHEN: 6 p.m.
WHERE: The Comedy Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. thecomedypalace.com; gentrymagic.com

Sunday | 3

VISION BOARD 2016
Using images, pictures, and affirmations, create a collage to conceptualize your goals for the new year. When you surround yourself with images of who you want to become, what you want to have, where you want to live, or where you want to vacation you are provided with a source of motivation toward achieving your goals. 619-223-0058; bravoschoolofart.com

WHEN: 2–4 p.m.
WHERE: Bravo School of Art, 2690 Historic Decatur Road, Barracks 19, Studio 206, Liberty Station

Tuesday | 5

FRANKIE BOOTS AND THE COUNTY LINE.
Voted Best Americana Act in the Bay Area two years running, the Sebastopol septet is touring in advance of this spring’s sophomore thing. Leave the Light On. The folk-rock rabble-rousers take the stage at Soda Bar after like-minded locals G. Burns Jug Band.

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Baja flavor. People here are friendly, surfers, but hasn’t yet lost its authentic craftsmen, musicians, filmmakers, and Todos Santos is what Cabo was 20 years overlooking white sandy Pacific beaches, palm orchards with spectacular views chilies at the town’s farmers’ market. And there’s no shortage of papayas, sugarcane, and grapes for wine-making. Produced a bounty of vegetables, 1724. Fertile soil and the abundance of was established here by Jesuit padres in cultural sophistication. Peaceful, laid-back atmosphere and village provides the perfect blend of Sierra de la Laguna Mountains on the small coastal pueblo with captivating Santos — meaning “all saints” — is a Cabo on well-maintained roads, Todos sty Cabo San Lucas. Baja Sur’s Todos Santos is a haven for surfers, artists, and travelers who want to get just a little off the beaten path. “Be careful,” said the 60ish snow-haired gentleman with a matching white beard, weather-beaten face, gray twinkling eyes, and a wry smile hinting at some private little secret. “Before you know it, you’ll be looking to live here. It has that strange effect on you.” There’s a different kind of magic at work in Baja Sur’s Todos Santos. One of 36 towns to be designated a pueblo magico (or magic town) for its natural beauty, cultural riches, or historical relevance, this palm-fringed desert oasis provides the perfect respite from touristy Cabo San Lucas. An easy one-hour drive from Cabo on well-maintained roads, Todos Santos — meaning “all saints” — is a small coastal pueblo with captivating charm. At the foothills of the rugged Sierra de la Laguna Mountains on the Pacific side of the Baja Peninsula, the village provides the perfect blend of peaceful, laid-back atmosphere and cultural sophistication. A mission and farm community was established here by Jesuit padres in 1724. Fertile soil and the abundance of fresh water from underground aquifers produced a bounty of vegetables, sugarcane, and grapes for wine-making. This tradition of harvesting the land carries on today; local restaurants boast their own farm-to-table organic products. And there’s no shortage of papayas, avocados, tomatoes, strawberries, and chilies at the town’s farmers’ market. Nestled between ancient mango and palm orchards with spectacular views overlooking white sandy Pacific beaches, Todos Santos is what Cabo was 20 years ago, say locals. It’s home to artists, craftsmen, musicians, filmmakers, and surfers, but hasn’t yet lost its authentic Baja flavor. People here are friendly, hospitable, and happy to regale you with tales of the area’s history and traditions. Strolling along narrow cobblestone side streets, my husband and I browsed colorful craft, jewelry, and boutique shops, some traditional Mexican and others with more of a bohemian flair. Over 30 galleries and artist studios displayed paintings, sculpture, ceramic tile designs, stained glass, and photographic art. Drawn to a large, magnificent watercolor print that captured Baja’s allure, I asked myself, “Now, how am I going to get this on the plane?” For such a small town, the number and variety of restaurants here was unexpected — from streetside taco stands to traditional Mexican fare to fine-dining. Tequila Sunrise’s wafting aromas lured us to its colorful open-air entrance. Claiming to have the best guacamole in town (which we now know to be true), their shrimp-and-lobster chile rellenos made for a mouth-watering lunchtime feast. A guitarist serenaded diners in the outdoor courtyard. Tops on our curiosity list was the surreal and somewhat bizarre Hotel California. Owners of the vibrant, quirky hotel, whose name predates the 1973 Eagles song, adamantly deny the rumor that the Eagles were in residence when the song was written. The bartender, however, proudly confirmed stories and firsthand reports of spirits and ghosts in the hotel’s courtyard. I found it a lovely place. Offering a completely different feel, Hacienda Cerritos, perched alone on a bluff overlooking picturesque Cerritos Bay, is visible from miles away. From an outdoor whale-watching bar, guests are treated to miles of sweeping views of the crystal blue Pacific. With its lofty bell tower, flowery Spanish courtyard, and tiled corridors, this hauntingly beautiful boutique hotel could have easily been the true inspiration for the Eagles song. A 15-minute drive from town transports you to some of the most isolated and beautiful beaches in all of Baja. Locals guided us to Playa las Palmas, telling us “the only footprints you are likely to see in the sand are your own.”

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BOOK SIGNINGS

Adam Lewis Schroeder

Adam Lewis Schroeder’s newest novel All-Day Breakfast (Douglas & McIntyre) melds humor, horror and lots of zombie action. He will be talking, rapping, and signing his book. Saturday, January 2, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 5943 Balboa Avenue #100. (CLAIREMONT)

Roddy Carter

Roddy Carter is hosting medical doctor and life-coach Roddy Carter for the launch of his first book, BodyWIHealth. Wednesday, January 6, 7:30pm; free. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Susan Meissner

Susan Meissner is a former managing editor of a weekly newspaper, a columnist, and the author of Secrets of a Charmed Life, A Fall of Marigolds, and many other novels. Tuesday, January 5, 7:30pm; free. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

BEER

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Lost Abbey Keep the Pint Night Buy any Lost Abbey beer and get a free pint glass while supplies last. Wednesday, January 6, 5pm; Common Theory Public House, 4805 Convoy Street. (NORTH MESA)

New Year’s Day Firkin Friday Remedy your NYE hangover with Hamilton’s/Green Flash 6th Anniversary (2014) Wheat Wine on cask and 9th Anniversary on draft. Friday, January 1, 1pm; Hamilton’s Tavern, 1521 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Stone Company Store 2015 Year in Review Stone is packing 365 days of special-release beers into six days for a last hurrah to 2015. The limited beers from 2015 will be available at all Stone Company Stores on a first come, first served basis until they run out and some limits may apply. Pours will be available at Stone Company Stores in Escondido, Liberty Station, Oceanside and On Kettner. Growlers fill all at Stone Company Store locations. Thursday, December 31, 11am; free. 21 and up. Stone Brewing Co., 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Walking Brewery & Pizza Tour We start our beer adventure with a chat about the local beer scene in San Diego and trek to our first stop which is Ballast Point Little Italy — the third largest producer of craft beer in San Diego county and one of a kind San Diego style! At Ballast Point, we will go do a behind the scenes tour of the facility including the basics to make beer and the different types of beer that it creates. Afterwards, we will visit Bottle Craft Beer Shop which is a store dedicated to craft and worldwide beer. We will present special techniques and ways to evaluate beer and most importantly the essence of being a “beer geek.”

Paranormal Investigation Course covers techniques and proper protocol for paranormal investigating, different types of equipment, and spirit communication and methodologies such as EVP, ITC, downdraught rods, environmental monitoring devices, and more. Led by Nicole Strickland, organizer and director of the San Diego Paranormal Research Society. Cash only. Please RSVP at least 48 hours ahead: 858-395-8520 or nicolepisd@gmail.com (please indicate which Thursday you will be taking the course). Thursdays,

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A Bother

Here’s Rocco now, sprawling across the keys; whatever I may try to write, he’s there in black and white, purring, rolling on his back to bite my fingers if he disagrees, minding my q’s and p’s.

Well, I require constant stroking too.
And maybe I get in the way.
I like for you to say, I’m clever, good.
And feed me twice a day.
There’s nothing I would rather do
than rub up next to you
and feel that spark of electricity
leap at the touch, connecting you to me.

Ellipse

Restless, off center, again, so often now it seems a kind of starting point, familiar in its way, a place I might come back to, on my own, could be I shouldn’t try to shake this, haven’t lost my focus, only that another has developed
and there’s no one center now, I’m someone else as well, this one and that both, no one need to come around evening visit worth a trip, and through January 3 the zoo is also decked out with holiday lights and special performances. Expect music, animal-themed Christmas tales, and Santa holding court in an igloo while his elves bounce on a trampoline. Tying the wacky vibe together is the large, tropical toot tree in the zoo’s Front Plaza, outfitted with a musical light display featuring over 1000 bulbs. It’s free with paid admission, and the zoo stays open until 8pm during the holidays (no Jungle Bell festivities on December 24). Through Sunday, January 3, San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Jungle Bells A chance to see exotic animals at night makes an annual appearance every January 3 at the resort’s Plaza through January 4; free.


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One Day

We walked in light and shade
Along the lichen wall,
No task at hand
And nothing planned.
The popular branches swayed.
And Finlay chased his ball.
And something made us smile,
And something else, again.
Nothing less.
Than happiness,
And good to last awhile.

This simple summer day
Of not too much to do
May be the one.
We look back on
When years have swirled away
And days like these are few.
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**4th Annual 2016 Black & White New Years Party**
Thursday, December 31, 8pm; W Hotel, 421 W. B Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**4th Annual Midnight Kiss New Years 2016**
Thursday, December 31, 8pm; Bristol Hotel, 1055 First Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Above & Neon New Years Eve Bash**
Thursday, December 31, 22:00; $50-$120. 21 and up. Porto Vista Hotel & Suites, 1835 Columbia Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

**Columbia Street**

**Champagne Dinner**
Three-course menu with optional champagne pairings. Singer songwriter Michael Tiernan performs. The menu will offer firsts such as oysters with apple and riesling jelly and lamb tartare with quail egg. Second courses include lobster bisque with croquet and truffle, and third course features are guinea fowl and dry aged "pot roast" and other selections. Thursday, December 31, 5pm; $125. 21 and up. L'Auberge Del Mar, 1540 Camino Del Mar. (DEL MAR)

**Champagne Dreams NYE**
Thursday, December 31, 8pm; 21 and up. Side Bar, 526 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**David Slyde Band**
In the Living Room, the David Slyde Band will entertain, and DJ Gabe Vega will usher in the New Year. Thursday, December 31, 5pm; 21 and up. L'Auberge Del Mar, 1540 Camino Del Mar. (DEL MAR)

**Empire NYE**
Thursday, December 31, 8pm; 21 and up. Félix Nightclub, 526 F Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Fish & the Seaweeds**
Thursday, December 31, 9pm; free. Kona Kai Resort & Marina, 1551 Shelter Island. (SHELTER ISLAND)

**Fuse**
Mega Countdown New Years 2016
Thursday, December 31, 8pm; Jolt’n Joe’s, 379 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Havana Nights New Year’s Eve**
The ocean view ballroom will be transformed into Havana Nights for a gala with hors d’oeuvres and cocktails on the heated Garden Patio, followed by a 5-course dinner and a grand open bar. Dance to a ten-piece Cuban inspired orchestra and at midnight, enjoy a champagne toast. Thursday, December 31, 5pm; $100-$350. 21 and up. Hotel del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

**Galactic Ball**
Thursday, December 31, 9pm; Park & Rec, 4612 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Hard Rock NYE**
This year's property-wide soiree features over 20 DJs spinning in five rooms on three levels including the rooftop and nightclubs at Float and 207. Tickets to the event include entry to all party venues within the hotel, based on capacities. Thursday, December 31, 9pm; free-$70. 21 and up. Hard Rock Hotel, 207 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Hollywood NYE**
Thursday, December 31, 8pm; 21 and up. Hard Rock Hotel, 207 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Infinity NYE: Above & Beyond**
More Infinity NYE 2016 offers multiple stages featuring Above & Beyond, Crizzly, and more. Thursday, December 31, 8pm; $50-$120. Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

**MayStar Dance Party**
Thursday, December 31, 8pm; 21 and up. Tíl Two, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard. (CITY HEIGHTS)

**New Year’s Eve: Bivouac 2016, La Vie Bohème**
A unique nightclub experience inspired by the European roots of Bohemian culture, infused with the modern trap-pings of a glamorous New Year’s night. Unlimited sparkling wine from 9-10pm. VIP tickets provide unlimited Czech and Pilser cask ales and specialty cocktails from mixologist Jeff Josenhans and his beverage team. Guests will enjoy live music to start the night, transitioning into a DJ. Beverage stations inspired by The Green Fairy include absinthe cocktails, specialty cask ales, and absinthe-infused ice cream. Thursday, December 31, 9pm; $50. U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**New Year’s Eve Comedy Showcase**
The Comedy Club Showcase features Tamer Kat-tan (winner of the World Series of Comedy) and comedians from Comedy Central, HBO, Netflix and more! Show is timed to end before the countdown, with free party favors and complimentary champagne toast at midnight. Thursday, December 31, 10pm; $20. 18 and up. Mad House Comedy Club, 502 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**New Year’s Eve Contra Dance Party**
Calling by Jeremy Korr, live music by Free Raisins. Thursday, December 31, 7:30pm; $25. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

**New Year’s Eve Dinner**
The six-course dinner menu includes fresh, sophisticated protein from both land and under-the-sea. Start the meal with a Lobster Salad paired...
Henry Clay

Eighteen hundred years have rolled way since the Son of God, our blessed Redeemer, offered Himself on Mount Calvary for the salvation of our species; and more than half of mankind still continue to deny His Divine mission and the truth of His sacred Word.... When we shall, as soon as we must, be translated from this into another form of existence, is the hope presumptuous that we shall behold the common Father of the whites and blacks, the great Ruler of the Universe, cast his all-seeing eye upon civilized and regenerative Africa, its cultivated fields, its coasts studded with numerous cities, adorned with towering temples dedicated to the pure religion of his redemption? — from a speech by Henry Clay to the Kentucky Colonization Society, Frankfort, KY, 1829

Henry Clay, Sr. (1777–1852) was an American lawyer and politician, renowned for his oratorical skills. A representative of Kentucky, he served in both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives, and three terms as speaker of the House. He was also secretary of state, 1825–1829, and ran for president three times, in 1824, 1832, and 1844. The foremost proponent of the “American System,” which fostered economic patriotism through high tariffs on imports, federal funding in support of infrastructure, and a strong national bank.

Find more excerpts online at SDReader.com/worship
NYE with Kitten With a Whip
Early & late seatings for a five-course dinner, or just come for the party! Thursday, December 31, 5:30pm; $30-$104. Crush, 437 South Highway 101. (ISLAMA BEACH)

On With The Show: NYE
Mystery in the French Quarter features a 1920s New Year’s Eve celebration showcasing the rich culture and history of New Orleans, with performers Stephen Rey Sextet, Euphoria Brass Band, Miss Erika Davies, Trio Gadjo, DJ Noel 2033, Crooked, Mr. Tube and the Flying Objects, Cherries Jubilee Tap Dancing Burlesque, and more Thursday, December 31, 8pm; $35-$195. 21 and up. Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Roaring 20s NYE Party
The Odd Fellows event features five performing DJs, with a Flapper Roaring 20s theme encouraged, but not required. Thursday, December 31, 9pm; $30-$40. 21 
but not required. Thursday, December 31, 9pm; $30-$40. 21 and up. Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Sunset NYE
Thursday, December 31, 8pm; 21 and up. Vin de Syrah Wine Parlor, 901 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

A Vintage New Years Eve
Featuring a three-course dinner and amuse bouche, champagne toast, and soundscapes by DJ Jon Wesley. Thursday, December 31, 5pm; $54-$69. Pearl, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

Wine Tasting: New Year’s Sparklers
Celebrate the arrival of 2016 in style with a tasting of several sparkling wines from around the world. Thursday, December 31, 4pm; $15. 21 and up. Wine-Sellar and Brasserie, 9550 Waples Street #115. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Amazing Scavenger Hunt Adventure San Diego
January 1, 2016; 11am-12pm. Gaslamp Museum at the Davis-Horton House, 410 Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Gaslamp Quarter Architectural Tour
Opening a window to San Diego’s past, our Gaslamp Architectural Tour showcases the history of the Davis-Horton House built in 1856, as well as the history of the Gaslamp Quarter. The tour includes architecturally significant structures of the period from Old City Hall (1874) to the Romanesque style Keating Building (1890) to the Baroque Revival Louis Bank of Commerce (1888), along with fascinating stories of the people and characters that shaped the destiny of San Diego. Gaslamp Architectural Tour starts at the Davis-Horton House at 410 Island Avenue and includes the Gaslamp Museum at the Davis-Horton House. Tour length is 90 minutes. Reservations are strongly suggested. Thursdays, 1pm; Saturdays, 11am; $10-$20. Gaslamp Museum at the Davis-Horton House, 410 Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

International Auto Show
Be the first to see all-new models not yet in showrooms, the newest safety and entertainment technology, and test drive the latest models from over a dozen manufacturers. Thursday, December 31, 10am; Friday, January 1, 10am; Saturday, January 2, 10am; Sunday, January 3, 10am; $8-$12. San Diego Convention Center, 111 W. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Outdoors

Balboa Park History Stroll
Ever wonder how Balboa Park was named? What structures stood in various locations in 1915? Who were some of the individuals who helped shape the landscape and built environment, and what did they originally envision it to look like? Were the buildings in the Park today copies or interpretations of real structures in other parts of the world? What elements changed to prepare the Park for the 2nd Exposition in 1935? Learn these trivia tidbits and more on this one-hour walking tour along the Park’s main street, with offshoots to locales with forgotten stories to reveal. Specially trained History Center guides lead this easy paced stroll through the Park, revealing many of the intriguing aspects of its past, its enduring present, and exciting future. Reservations are requested, but walk-ups are welcome! Thursdays, 11am; $10-$12. San Diego History Center, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Garden Tour
Walk the garden trails with a docent tour guide and see beautiful water-saving landscapes. Tours begin promptly Saturday mornings at 10 am in the plaza. No reservation required. Free. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

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**EVENTS**

Cannon Battles Experience combat at sea during the siege of a castle in a live simulation battle. Join the crew in defending your ship, raise the sails, heave the lines, and watch the action. This three-hour battle features booming cannons, close-quarter maneuvers, and a taste of 18th-century maritime life aboard tall ships. In addition, view the Hawaiian Chiefutan and the Lady Washington, visiting from Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority in Washington. Children 12 & under $7; adults $19. Saturday, January 2, 2pm; Sunday, January 3, 2pm; $47–$91. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Emory Cove Habitat Restoration Join San Diego Audubon at Emory Cove in South San Diego Bay. Emory Cove provides important upland habitat for shorebirds and we’ve been working to restore this habitat with the help of volunteers like you. We’ll be pulling out invasive plants and planting native ones, so remember to wear pants and hiking boots and bring gloves and rain/sun protection. RSVP To sign-up and for more details, please contact Megan Flaherty, Conservation Project Coordinator at 858.273.7800 Ext.106, or via email at flaherty@sandiegoaudubon.org. Sunday, January 17, 9:30am; Emory Cove, Silver Strand Boulevard. (CORONADO)

Junior Rangers Kids age 7 to 12 are invited to outdoor activities which include walks, presentations, games, investigations, and art. Kids can earn the Junior Ranger badge and other awards as they progress through the activities. Meet outside lifeguard headquarters; look for the tall tower on the ocean side of the highway. This activity is free, but there is a fee to park inside the state beach. Info: 619.532.4550 or via email at jrangers@cygnd.org. Saturday, January 9, 9am; 2055 Pacific Beach Dr., Pacific Beach (LA JOLLA)

Jet Boat Thrill Ride Board the Patriot Jet Boat and speed the bay on a tour of the waterfront’s most scenic spots, past military ships, along the downtown skyline and under the Coronado Bridge. The 70-foot boat comfortably seats 139 and offers views in every direction. With rock music pumping, your captain will navigate and navigate while executing 360-degree turns and reaching speeds upwards of 50 mph, propelled by two 1,400 horsepower jet engines. Saturday, January 2, 12pm; $22–$27. Flagship Cruises & Events, 980 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Planting Party at Kendall-Frost Marsh Help restore natural habitat at the Kendall-Frost Marsh Reserve at our planting party. This restoration project is expanding habitat for resident marsh species, creating a high tide refuge for birds, and restoring the natural transition zone topography. Volunteers are needed to help plant native upland plants or work on a flagpole or sidewalk (by the playground near the pier). Flaherty@sandiegoaudubon.org or 858-273-7800 x116. Saturday, January 9, 9am; free. Kendall-Frost Marsh, 2055 Pacific Beach Dr., Pacific Beach (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Polar Bear Plunge Join the La Jolla Cove Swim Club at their annual Polar Bear Plunge and chill poolside. You don’t have to swim or even get wet, but if you do, you get to say you did. Wear warm clothes and bring chili, soup, or another warm food to share. Cider and coffee will be provided. Look for the UCSC banner. Start time: 10:00am on Janu- ary 1, 2016. Friday, January 1, 10am; free. La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro. (LA JOLLA)

**TANGLES IN THE PIER**

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

12/25
- Lifeguards respond to a 32 yr old surfer tangled in the pier. Medics evaluate patient after rescue for possible transport.
- Lifeguards respond to glider port for a glider crash at Blacks Beach. Fire and Medics respond. Medics handle patient.
- Lifeguards respond to Sunset Cliffs for a person who has fallen off the cliff. Fire and Medics respond as well.
- Lifeguards perform CPR until patient is pronounced at scene.
- Lifeguards perform 5 evolutions with Rescue-44 including the 11-44.
- SDPD received a call of a 19 yr old male who is depressed at La Jolla Cove with a friend. The friend used the restroom and when he came back the man was gone and his shoes were left wet by the shoreline... After a few hours the call is called off after determining that the man most likely did not go into the water.
- Seaford dock master calls to report an unresponsive male, possible stroke.

12/23
- Swimmer in distress off of Tower 4 in Ocean Beach. 27 Y/o female. Victim left all clothing on beach. PCW, 1Sam, Rescue Vessel, Engine 15, Medic 22 and SDPD respond. PCW effects rescue and SDPD transports Female to CMH.

**Dirty water okay?**

Local water-quality activists are protesting what they say is a weakening of pollution controls on water runoff in local storm drains by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Last month, the control board added a “safe harbor” amendment to municipal stormwater permits covering San Diego County, its 18 cities, the port and airport districts, and portions of Orange and Riverside counties. The amendment, according to water-quality watchdog San Diego Coastkeeper, “protects permit holders from accountability for water quality pollution, as long as they have a plan to improve water quality.”

Now, Coastkeeper and the Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation have filed a petition with the California State Water Resources Control Board, asking state authorities to step in and overturn what they say is an illegal policy allowing municipalities to continue polluting.

According to the groups, pollution from runoff is one of the biggest contributors to poor water quality in San Diego, responsible for beach closures following heavy rains and poor water health ratings for local streams and other water bodies.

— Dave Rice

**Gimme Babies or Gimme Death**

When Garfield Kwan was an undergraduate student in marine biology at UC San Diego, he began to notice a trend: the internet was full of funny stuff, but science was not included. Furthermore, materials available for science outreach were often outdated and dull.

“If you Google ‘sharks science for kids’ you get websites that contain mostly words,” Kwan observed, “but few images.” Hence the birth of Squidtoons, dedicated to educating educators.

**Perfect wave? Fish tale?** We’ll pay you $25 for your story. Send to sdreader.com/waterfront

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

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**VISIBILITY**

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Minor tide swings, moderate winds and smallish 1’–2’ surf should allow conditions to clear up in the favorite dive/snorkel spots along the San Diego coast. The water temp has dropped a bit to near 60, so go with the thicker suits. The surf should set up well for the longboarders this weekend as the next swell approaches by mid-Sunday. Boaters should keep an extra eye out for divers near the reefs and channel edges and divers always mark yourselves and area appropriately.

Visibility based on existing conditions and NOAA predicted swell and weather conditions at press time. Check up-to-date daily visibility/conditions at the San Diego County Lifeguard info line: 619.221.8824

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**FISH REPORT**

**Going deep for yellowtail, rockfish.**

**Inshore:** Rockfish continue to dominate the local catch as is usual for this time of year. Bonito are biting well on the surface just off the kelp edges and the calico bass are turning on when the current is right. Try letting just about any 5”–9” plastic grub or swimbait freefall along and parallel to the kelp. Best colors are root beer or reddish-orange as the tuna crabs are still around. Some good sized yellowtail are being caught on the yo-yo iron in 100–150 feet of water when found. Meter those depths for marks along the canyon edges, 9-Mile Bank or off the Coronado Islands and let the jigs drop to the bottom, wind up ¼ to ½ way back up and let them fall again.

**Outside:** Yellowtail are biting well on the yoyo iron down the coast of Baja into and south of the cool water plume from Punta Banda to Vizcaino Bay. The same area is producing good action on reds and large whitefish to 8 pounds, 5-day and longer boats venturing to Cedros and points south are still getting wahoo to bite on the high spots as well as some yellowtail surface action and decent yellowfin tuna to 80 pounds. Further south, the offshore banks off Bahia Magdalena and Cabo San Lucas are turning out some large yellowfin tuna to 300 pounds and the occasional large dorado.

**12/20 - 12/26 Dock Totals:** 562 anglers aboard 19 boats out of San Diego landings this past week caught 61 yellowtail, 54 calico bass, 27 sand bass, 964 rockfish, 33 sheephead, 94 bonito, 12 whitefish, 2 lingcod, 100 mackerel, 1 giant seabass (released) and 1 white seabass (released).

**Long-Range:** Report from the Red Rooster III 10-day trip from

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**Sharks kill about 6 people per year; cows kill 22**

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**Popular Squidtoon**


— Leorah Gavidor

**Loony in La Jolla**

Founded in 1903 by health enthusiast Bernarr Macfadden, the Coney Island Polar Bear Club is the oldest organization in the country. Macfadden is credited with inspiring the health and fitness movement in the United States. In Northern Europe, an icy dip in frigid water after a sauna is thought to have a positive effect on the immune system and libido, and there are control-group studies that show cold-water swimming relieves stress, improves memory, respiratory health and antidepressive protection.

That said, cold-water swimming can be dangerous to those not used to it. There is a consistent physical reaction caused when the human body enters frigid water called “cold-shock response.” Almost instantly, the outer blood vessels constrict to maintain core heat and you become weak. That is why most victims have a hard time grasping the rope or life ring during coldwater rescues.

But this is Southern California and the water rarely dips below 60 degrees, but the 62-or-so-degree water we will have on New Year’s Day in San Diego can cause a cold-shock response. Many join after celebrating themselves into inebriation on New Year’s Eve, such as during the Loony Dook in Scotland, where plungers parade in costumes while acting like loonies before the dook, or dunk.

Plungers and onlookers are welcome to join the La Jolla Cove Swim Club’s annual Polar Bear Plunge and chili potluck at 10:00 a.m. on New Year’s Day at La Jolla Shores. The event is free.

— Daniel Powell

**Bernarr Macfadden was unafraid of the effects of a cold-water swim.**

— Daniel Powell

**Anatomy of the Weedy Seadragon**

**Loony in La Jolla**

— Daniel Powell

**Bernarr Macfadden was unafraid of the effects of a cold-water swim.**

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**Although the idea of sharks disliking the taste of human flesh is debatable,** experts agree that sharks bite humans mainly out of curiosity, not as a staple.

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**Trivia**

**The Fallacy of Sharks** is another popular ‘toon that addresses the tendency of the entertainment industry to depict sharks as homicidal torpedoes of teeth.” Sharks kill an average of 6 people per year, cows kill 22 people per year, deer 200, and hippos 500. Mosquitoes carrying malaria top the list of “animals that kill people” at 725,000.

“Our hearts go out to the victims’ families,” says the comic strip, “but we still need to keep things in perspective.”

Kwan’s approach to teaching science attracts the attention of author Alan Trujillo, a distinguished professor at Palomar College and one of the authors of the marine biology textbook Essentials of Oceanography.
**Disgustingly good**

“Let’s stop right here, take it all home. Then fry it all up for breakfast tomorrow. Yes?”

**H**

‘Air today, gone tomorrow!’ I say. I wait for the girls to respond. 

Like, cue roll-on-the-floor guffaws, please? This is at the hair salon. Carla’s tied up in shiny bows, and Sherry’s painting peroxide highlights on her hair.

They ignore me...Carla’s right. This was a mistake, coming. Best just to see the “after” result.

Course, Carla still insists on having her hair done here on the Emerald Isle at her buddy Diane’s salon. Even though Diane’s gone off to Oregon. She bequeathed Carla to Sherry.

Carla looks at me through the mirror.

“Arrogant Bastard,” she says.

Sherry looks shocked. But I know what Carla means. Long and short: an hour later, I’m back, feeling pretty danged good. Been hanging out at the Tavern, which stocks AB.

“Hey,” I say, “I’m taking you to a birthday dinner, Ms. Carla. The two of us. Okay?”

“What about Christmas? New Year’s?” she says.

Explanation: Carla’s birthday comes five days after Christmas, a day before New Year’s, just when people, me included, are exhausted. Birthday day gets lost in the mix.

“Birthday only,” I say. “No confusion this time.”

“Means a lot,” Carla says.

So now we’re standing outside this expensive Italian joint.

“Happy hour, okay?” I say.

“I’m happy,” she says.

We head upstairs and into — whoa! Noisy, cozy bar-space packed with people having a drinky good time. Oh, yeah. Fine, except, to get the happy-hour deal you have to eat in this cramped bar. Bummer.

“No way I’m going to ruin my hair squeezing time to add up the damages.” Heh-heh. Thought the dam would break.

“Come on,” says Carla. “Gonna need your help.”

Soon, we’re roving over everything like Kala-hari vultures.

Result: We’ll be entering the New Year poor as church mice.

“Poor as church mice,” says Carla, “happy as clams.”

That’s my girl.

Happy New Year, all! [SDReader_EdBed]

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**New Year’s Eve**

**In The Amigo Spot**

**Dj and Dancing**

**Midnight Champagne Toast**

**Dinner Specials - Drink Specials**

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Includes, NEW YEARS EVE dinner for 2, a standard room for 1 night and a NEW YEARS DAY breakfast for 2.

**The Place:** Vigilucci’s Ristorante Coronado, 1300 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0946

**Happy Hour Prices:**
- Plate of fresh oysters, $10.50
- Oyster shooter, $3.50
- Fried calamari, $7
- Bruschetta with cheese, olives, salami, $6
- Crab cake, $6.50
- House salad with gorgonzola, $5.25
- Truffle fries, $6
- Crab cakes, $6.50
- Beef meatballs, $8
- Shakers of chicken or beef with Thai chili sauce, truffle fries, $10.50
- Sliders with gorgonzola, blackberry compote, $9

**Happy hour:** 3–7 p.m., Monday to Friday; 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday

**Regular hours:** 11 a.m.–9:30 p.m. daily (till 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday)

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Damn tasty sandwich

Togo’s, 1010 University Avenue, suite 101, Hillcrest. I recall back in the mid-’90s, some Bay Area transplants I knew assured me the arrival of fast casual sandwich chain Togo’s, expanding into Southern California at the time, was going to change the way I ate subs — or some such hyperbole. I think I wound up eating there a couple times. It was all right. We were teenagers.

So, when I recently heard San Francisco favorite Ike’s Place had opened a shop in Hillcrest, it rang of déjà vu. Forgive me for being skeptical.

Except Togo’s was never blamed for civic disturbance like Ike’s was, when its original Castro shop consistently drew lines so long its neighbors complained it was harassing their mellow. I love a good sandwich, but I’ll never stand in line two hours for one because Yelp told me to.

Fortunately, the Hillcrest location didn’t seem that busy. At least, there were only two people ahead of me when I got there. By the time I made it to the register, a dozen were behind, ahead of me when I got there. By the time I made it to the register, there were only two people busy. At least, there were only two people busy. At least, there was something like the wait I was accustomed to.

Ike’s is a good sandwich, apparently changed from a Hot Mamma to a Mrs. Robinson. Fun stuff. Other add-ons include red pesto, beer-battered zucchini, mozzarella sticks, cream cheese, and jalapeños. The secret-sauce idea reappears with Ike’s famed “Dirty Sauce.” But the real across-the-board winner comes in choice of bread. While there are SP sour-dough, whole-wheat and gluten-free options, the cult favorite at Ike’s is Bay Area regional classic Dutch Crunch. A mottled loaf known as tiger bread in the U.K. — or giraffe bread if you’re partial to cuteness — Dutch Crunch has a crust even crispier than it sounds. It will be familiar to San Diego sandwich fans who already frequent Rubicon Deli, which I’d say is the closest we’ve seen to an Ike’s Place. Ike’s comes off a little less polished, a little looser at the edges. I guess I mean is less corporate, in a very positive way. Because Ike’s makes a pretty damn tasty sandwich, especially good on the go.

Hangover soup

Pho Hoa, 4717 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights. I don’t often suffer from hangovers — I know how to pace myself. But every once in a while at night gets away from me and I imbibe more booze than water or more wine than food, leaving me in a world of pain the following morning. One of the few things that can bring me back to life is a good bowl of ramen or pho. Unfortunately, there are several places up 10:30 a.m. on a Saturday morning, which is when, on this dumb hangover day, I needed it most. Enter David, my personal restaurant finder, the Jeeves to my Wooster. He came up with a place we’d never been to before, Pho Hoa, that was just over a mile from our place, and open at 7 a.m. all the way through closing at 8 or 9 p.m. every day. I had barely passed through the door when a man handed us menus and gestured at a table to our left. When it comes to pho, I usually opt for egg noodles and chicken. It wasn’t until we took a look at the menu that David remembered hoa means “beef.” And that’s pretty much what you get when you walk into Pho Hoa. This no-nonsense place doesn’t distract you with spring rolls, rice dishes, or even chicken-based soups. What they do have is 24 options of beef you can have in your pho, such as flank, brisket, tripe, beef balls, beef cube, even pizzle. I opted for the classic rare steak, paper-thin slices of beef that cook in the bowl ($6.95).

The bowls arrived as swiftly as the menus had — I don’t think a full minute passed from the time we placed our order to the time those bowls were on the table. Then again, time travels at a different speed when you’re out of sorts. We received all the usual fixings: bean sprouts, basil, mint, jalapeño slices, and lime wedges. The broth was rich, with the perfect amount of salt to enhance the umami base. The meat was tender and lean, just how I like it.

To complement the savory with a bit of sweet and help resuscitate me with a little caffeine, I also ordered a Thai iced tea with boba ($3.50). As I sat there, vacillating between spoonfuls of hot, lime-scented beef broth and cool, sweet milk tea, I found myself sitting up straighter and straighter until suddenly, I smiled. “There you are,” David said, clearly happy to see me feeling better.

The space resembles a high-school cafeteria, with long communal tables and not much else going on. When you do one thing, it makes sense that you do it well, and I’m glad to report that I very much enjoyed my pho here. Specializing in only one dish is also why things moved so fast. Within 20 minutes of our arrival, we were back on the street and ready to face the day.
San Diego’s coffee community has come on strong in the past three years, and it did not stop growing one bit in 2015. The number of roasters producing beans countywide grew to at least 26, while 10 existing roasting companies invested to expand their footprints with new retail locations and/or roasteries.

Joining the roster ranks this year were Encinatas-based Ironsmith, North Park cottage company Dane Coffee, and the brand new Manzanita Roasting Company out of Rancho Bernardo. The short-lived Ladies & Gentlemen coffee continued to crop up all over the county — Oceanviews Banana Dung, Escondido’s Culture Craft, Perks in San Marcos, and Heartwork in Mission Hills, just to name a few.

The scene has grown in other ways as well. The San Diego Coffee Network produced two four-month seasons of its Thursday Night Caffeine Crawl, taking in 11 people at 3 p.m. at the first stop, and 2 more at the second stop. The crawl included coffee shops and roasters, with the option to visit 3 or 4 in a row.

I found Sweet Bacon completely empty on a Monday afternoon. The only two people sitting in the restaurant were the young owners, Gaby Gior-dano and Eric Guillermo. The chef stood at the ready in the open kitchen.

Everything on the menu has bacon, including the salads and desserts. The thin corridor has a long bench improvised with wooden planks and cement blocks along the wall with tables and simple chairs. The opposite wall has an open kitchen. The back wall of the restaurant reads “for bacon lovers and other food addicts” and the tables have “bacON, bacOFF” signs. The only thing the restaurant is missing are pictures of Kevin Bacon.

The appetizers are the most interesting choices: bacon bombs, stuffed mushrooms, potato skins, and bacon dip. The menu offers three types of burgers: sweet bacon, Sriracha stout BBQ, and peanut butter. Because I’ve recently been eating too many burgers, I took a look at the entrées: chicken cor- don bleu, whiskey-top sirloin, spaghetti Carbonara, and a grilled cheese. They also have soup/salad of the day.

Whiskey and meat are on my list of favorite things. However, with a price tag of 99 pesos ($7), my guess was that the top sirloin wasn’t going to be a prime grade meat. But I still went for it. Instead of getting the sides that came with the entree, I asked to get the bacon bombs as a substitution. It only cost me $2.

The bacon bombs were five cheesy potatoes on a wooden skewer wrapped in bacon with a stout BBQ sauce for dipping. They were fantastic. The whiskey-top sirloin, as expected, was not a prime cut from a good butcher. It had the look and the taste of a cheap supermarket meat, the kind used to prepare street tacos. It was topped with a sad and lonely piece of crispy bacon (also supermarket bought).

The whiskey balsamic sauce rescued the piece of meat and gave good flavor to something that otherwise would have been miserable. Since it was happy hour, 1 accompanied my meal with two Tecates for 30 pesos ($2 for 2 beers).

After I was done, Gaby, one of the owners, approached me...
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It gueuze fast
One of San Diego's hardest-to-
come-by beers is Duck Duck Gooze. The Lost Abbey gueuze is a blend of old and young beers aged in wild ales that only
releases in small quantities every three or four years. Well, it released it 2009, then again in 2013. You can still technically
find bottles of the 2013 vintage
at many wine bars.

The third-ever release was scheduled for 2016, but it's been cropping up a little early. Attentive beer geeks have prob-
ably chased it down in one or two
local areas of late, but it gueuze fast, so to speak. So, when I caught a whiff of it
appearing at the Lost Abbey's tasting room in San Marcos, I dropped by to give it a taste. A 40-ounce bottle. The 2013 bottles sold
for $40 apiece, but that's not what was happening here. It was on tap as part of a Vintage Flight package: six 4-ounce tasters of rare Lost Abbey beers. As my beerender
explained, there was no breaking it up — all six taps were earmarked for the vintage flight only. Forty bucks for the flight or no Duck Duck Gooze for me.

That's the equivalent of about $27 per pint. I said no. Then I said maybe. Then I rationalized the hell out of being a beer writer and needing to experience such things and handed over the credit card. Merry Christmas to me, I guess.

The other five tasters were beers I've encou-
tered before: Red Poppy and Cuvée de Tomme
are wine-barrel-aged sours with sour cherries added — not dissimilar, but at 5% and 11% ABV, respectively, pack different levels of earthy sour punch. Framboise de Amorosa is a per-
fectly sweet and tart ale to appease the palate.
Sweet, tart, winey, and delicious.

I'm less a fan of Avage Maria and Santo Ron
Doble. Both strongly hopped around 13% ABV, the former aged with agar in tequila bar-
rels, the latter rum barrels with spice. Both are too sweet for my palate, with enough alcohol
to affect the overall taste. You have to really appreciate beer to appreciate beer and
wines, $1 off premium wines by the glass, $4 off premium bottles of wine. Thursday-Sunday, 3pm-6pm.

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Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: Monday-Thursday, 6-30pm. Signature drink specials. Combo plate special.

Blue Point: Monday-Friday, 5-6pm. $3 off all house wines and imported liquors. Enjoy by the glass, 10 specialty cocktails. 11 oysters, 2 jumbo shrimp. (In bar, lounge, and patio.)

Cafe 21: Daily, 6-3pm. Sangria flights, six types for $10. 22 tapas at $6.

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

Chianti: Daily, 4-7pm. $5 martinis. House wine $5. Half off any bottle. At the bar only.

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, $2.50/4 select draft beer, $5 well drinks, well martini and house wine and margaritas.

Knotty Barrel: Monday, 5-7pm. $5 house wine and premium cocktails, $1.50 off drafts $3.50 Krusty Nibbles.

La Menritosa by Karina’s: Monday-Tuesday. All day: $3 beers, $5 cocktails, $3 margaritas, $5 wine. $3 off bar appetizers. Wednesday-Thursday, 4pm-7pm: $3 cocktails, $5 cocktails, $5 wine. $3 off bar appetizers.

Ocean Pacific Grille: Daily, 3-6pm. Half off draft beer and wine by the glass. $6 appetizer specials.

Pizzamnini: Daily, 5-7pm. $5 all house wine, draft beer, well drinks. At the bar only.

Sushi Deli: Monday-Thursday, 5-6:30pm: $1 off all drafts. $5 Crazy Milk special, $4 drink specials.

Tivoli Bar & Grill: Daily, 3-7pm. $5 off any 2 salads, sandwiches, couples. $3.75 house wine, well cocktails, domestic drafts. $1 fish and carne asada tacos, 75¢ wings & ribs.

Union Kitchen & Tap: Monday, 4-7pm: $4 domestic beer, $6 domestic wines, $6 select wines. $9 craft cocktails. Discounted flatbreads and select appetizers. Tuesday-Friday, 4-7pm: $4 domestic beer, $6 select wines, $9 craft cocktails. Discounted flatbreads and select appetizers.

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: $3 domestic bottles, $3.50 draft pints and wells.

Hinotez: Monday-Thursday, 5-7pm. $2 domestic or $3.50 domestic, $3.50 house, $5 imported. $1 off beer. 50% off appetizers.

Verve Wine Bar: Monday, 3pm-close: $3 select drafts, $4.56 select wines, $4.56 oyster shooters, appetizers. Saturday, noon-3pm: $3 select draft beers, $4.56 select wines. $4.77 oysters, shooters, appetizers.

The Air Conditioned Lounge: Monday-Friday, 11am-7pm: $1 off all beers and spirits. Discounted appetizers.

Kensington: Monday-Thursday, 4-6pm: Half off of beer. $10 Rabblead and beer.

Sushi Deli 3: Monday-Thursday, Tuesday, 4-7pm: $1 off all drinks except specials. $1.50 25% off regular drink special and Crazy Drink special.

Kensington: Saturday, 4pm-7pm: $1 off all drinks. Select drinks special.

bleu Bohème: Daily, 5-6pm: 1/2 price au pichet (quarter- or half liter) wines, martini, bottled beer (decent selection), appetizers. $5 off all appetizers.

Kensington Cafe: Monday, 6-6pm: Half off of bottles of wine. Tuesday, 4-6pm: $3 tacos. Thursday, 4-6pm: $10 Rabblead and beer.

La Jolla

Beauumont’s: Daily, 3-6pm: $1 off any draft, $2 off all specialty cocktails, $4 Pacifico, $5 house wine and wells, $6 mules, mojitos, margaritas. Food specials.

Galaxy Taco: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: $3 off beer and house wine, $9 margarita, $10 beer and a shot. 1/2 off tacos.

Su Casa: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: $3.25 mug or Bud Light draft, $3.50 house wine glass, $4.50 margarita, single well drinks. 1/2 off select appetizers.

Whisknlade: Daily, 3-6pm. $5 select draft beers, handcrafted cocktails, select wines. $5 tapas. Bar/Source only.

LITTLE ITALY

Cookbook Tavola Calda: Daily, 8-10pm. $1 Peroni beer or glass of wine.

MIRA MESA

Callahan’s Pub & Brewery: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm. $3.50 select drinks, well drinks. $1 appetizer.

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North Park

Stony Creek Brewery: Monday, 4-8pm. $1 off all drafts and all single wines.

True North Tavern: Monday, 4-7pm: $1 off all drafts and all single wines.

West Coast Tavern: Daily, 4-6pm: All 31 selected wines, $6 speciality cocktails, $20 giant mule pitchers. $6 food selections.

OCEAN BEACH

The Arizona Bar: Daily, 4:30-6:30pm: half off pints, $3.50 domestic draft, $3.50 domestic draft, $3.50 houses wells, $3 appetizer sampler, $3 shooters, $3 turkey tacos.

BBQ Beach Bar & Grill: Daily, 4-6pm: $2 off draft beer, well drinks,
“Remember one thing: la city is not a utopia or a dystopia, it’s the afterparty where you hear the last call.”

The words of the late Rafa Saavedra, a culture writer and champion of Tijuana nightlife, take on a special relevance at Tropic’s Bar. They feel as if they were born here. This decades-strong cantina is the indisputable afterparty epicenter of downtown Tijuana, where rockers from Moustache, church-up cocktail servers from Dandy del Sur, and sweaty techno kids from La Mi-Ja all converge after the 2 a.m. bell tolls to drink round after round of Tecate roja from disposable plastic cups. Caguamas, 32-ounce bottles of beer, roll out for 50 pesos (about three bucks), making it dangerously possible to drink well past sunrise into the cruel accusation of morning.

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Book ‘em, Brandes.

“...people know that punk in San Diego didn’t start in the 1990s,” says Ray Brandes.

He should know, as he’s been making music in this town since the early 1980s, first with the Tell-Tale Hearts and later with the Shambles before starting his solo career.

Brandes is helping to shed light on the early years of punk, new wave, and mod cultures in San Diego with a new book, Getting Nowhere Fast, a history of the region’s music scene between 1976 and 1986.

It was a time when a relatively small group of people created a vibrant music scene in cutting corners or changing their sound in order to get a record deal.”

Brandes isn’t claiming his book is a definitive history of the era.

“There are 12 bands in the book and another 50 bands deserve to be,” he admits.

“But I picked a dozen bands that personally influenced me and had an impact that went beyond San Diego. A lot of these bands were appreciated more overseas than here.”

In case in point: his own band, Tell-Tale Hearts.

“We still get fan letters from all over the world, from Europe and Australia,” he says.

Although there is little similarity musically between the straight-ahead rock sound of Glory, a mid-’70s band with future Beat Farmer Jerry Raney, the pioneering proto-punk of the Zeros, and the power pop made by Manual Scan, Brandes says musicians of the era did have a similar worldview.

“The pretentiousness of L.A. was largely absent here,” he says.

But so was the support to musicians found in that city or San Francisco, two cities where many local bands relocated to during the Ron Burgundy era.

While telling the history of groups like the Unknowns, the Dinettes or the Craw-daddys, certain names keep popping up, such as Penetra-tors drummer Dan McLain, who became famous as Country Dick Montana of the Beat Farmers.

“At least half the stories connect to Dan in some way, whether he’s a member of the band, a supporter, or a promoter,” Brandes says.

A whole chapter of the book is devoted to the All-Bitchen’ All-Stud All-Stars, a musical conglomeration that combined punk energy with McClain’s love of chaos and old-school showmanship.

Another patron saint who makes numerous appearances is rock critic Lester Bangs, an El Cajon-born music journalist.

“Jerry Raney grew up with rock critic Lester Bangs — their parents were both Jehovah’s Witnesses — and Lester introduced Jerry to a lot of free jazz,” Brandes says. “The Zeros came up with their name from a Lester Bangs line: ‘Don’t be a hero, be a zero.’”

— Patrick Henderson

What did you get? ‘Tis the season for giving and receiving. No matter what your holiday is — Christmas, Hanukkah, Festivus — gifts are bound to be exchanged, though levels of merriment may vary. Often gifts will be given or received that fall into the unfortunate category of just flat-out strange. We sent out a feeler to local musicians asking them what weird gifts they have given/received/wished for during the holiday season. The

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following is what some San Diego maestros came up with.
Adam Gimbel (Geezer) had this to say about an interesting Hanukkah gift:

“One year, a relative of mine bought meManny the Menorah for Chanukah and couldn't understand why the room erupted in laughter when I opened it. It's a battery-operated device that plays music. It also looks uncannily like a blue vibrator.”

Brendan Bohan, aka Brendan B, has a history of weird-gift-giving in his family:

“Every year my mom, Maureen Bohan, gives my siblings and I weird/goofy gifts. Her and my dad think we're funny. Love you, mom!”

Alfred Howard, local author, musician, and Redwoods musical collective co-founder, shared this lovely holiday memory:

“I paid a kid named Theodore $5 because he told me he could introduce me to the pink lion from Voltron, which, looking back, seems suspect.”

(Editor's note: For those of you who aren’t children of the ‘80s, Voltron: Defender of the Universe was a cartoon in which five robot lions combined to form the super-robot Voltron. Howard claims “the pink lion formed Voltron’s vagina,” but this is also suspect.)

And speaking of the ‘80s, Jeffrey Brennenman, rhythm guitarist for Catapil-Flux, relayed this tale straight out of a John Hughes movie:

“While opening Christmas gifts with my parents and my sister circa ‘88, I received a somewhat unusual gift from my Uncle Bri from Akron, Ohio. (The previous year, he sent a vinyl copy of the Moody Blues’ ‘On the Threshold of a Dream, an album I grew to love!) This year, however, Uncle Bri had a different idea for his nephew. After ripping through the wrapping paper, I discovered a cardboard box and pulled out white fabric. Stretching out the plain white textile, I discovered that the fabric was a large pair of tighty-whities with four leg holes! Apparently, it was an undergarment that was intended to be shared. I think he had hoped that his nerdy nephew would get an entirely different type of booty shaking with this year’s gift. I still own the Moody Blues album but have no idea what ever happened to the ‘funderwear.”

— Dryw Kelte

gave me a wrapped box of Cinnamon Toast Crunch, a copy of Bel Biv Devoe’s Poison CD, and the movie Brokeback Mountain on DVD. Did I get any use out of the presents? I most likely finished the box of cereal that day, probably played Poison 100 times on repeat but still have not seen the movie Brokeback Mountain. She thinks she's funny. Love you, mom!”

On July 20, 2015, we lost Steve Rodriguez, bassist for the Dragons.

Johnson of Deadbolt.

February 5, Professor Guy Duckworth (91), pianist, teacher, theorist acclaimed in the field of piano pedagogy. (90), hypnotist, released albums and singles as a hypnotist and as a singer in the 1960s and '70s.

July 20, Steve Rodriguez (48), bassist with the Dragons, Saint Shameless.

August 3, David Martz (58), singer/songwriter.

August 6, Flavio (Piec) Romero, drummer for the Poli Chavez Band & Mosaic Super Latin Band.

August 26, Sue Delany, former KGB DJ.

August 30, “Mighty” Joe Longa (62), Hammond player with Joey Harris & the Mentals, Tomcat Courtney, Copenhagen, etc.

October 3, Dave Pike (77), vibraphonist, played with Herbie Mann and Bill Evans.

December 3, Scott Weiland (48), singer, Mighty Joe Young, Stone Temple Pilots.

— Bart Mendoza

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**Thursday 31**

San Diego garage-punks the Sess will reunite for a night at Soda Bar New Year’s Eve. The catchy quintet was a San Diego Music Awards nominee around the time their band-breaking Agendum record dropped, a collection whose closing three tracks (a cover of the Remain’s “Don’t Look Back,” the busy but math-beautiful “Wisdom Tooth Gumbits,” and the ambitious seven-minute-long, organ-accompanied ride through “Tunnel Love”) continue to pop up on my running mix. The Sess were an ambitious bunch that burned bright and too fast. Good on Cory Stier for coaxing them back! Lara McCaffrey got the story in this week’s “Seven-year Itch” Blurt. Stier’s Drug Wars, Keepers, and Vyper Skwad will open the show.... Gary Shuffler (Honey Glaze) will don the duds of the Thin White Duke for his annual holiday hit Ziggy Shuffledust and the Spiders From Mars at Casbah. The Bowie tribute touches most of his personas but excels as the Starman. Electric Warrior and TV Eye are also on the bill.... Tex-Mex Grammy winners Los Lobos lope into Belly Up for the Solana Beach bar’s New Year’s Eve party. Read Dave Good’s take on the Rock-Roll Hall of Fame snubees in this week’s Of Note.... Bay Park bar Brick by Brick hosts New Year’s Evil, featuring tribute groups Alice and the Cooper Gang and Lords of Sabbath... While English house duo “Foon transform “RacketRuin,” aka Gorgon City, jack-in their electronic jams at the Music Box in Little Italy.

**Friday 1**

Here comes 2016, dog. For those of you in need of New Year’s resolutions, here’s a simple one: let’s get out and see more shows. These bands and bars need our support. The TV/tablet/computer/game/pets/bundt cake will be there when we get home.

**Saturday 2**

L.A. punk-n-roll five-piece the Generators headlines sets at Soda Bar after Castoff and Strangely Strange. The Generators are a 20-year-strong blast from the past whose latest, Life Gives, Life Takes, is an easy-listening inroad to the band’s 90s-inspired sound, with energetic nods to Pennywise and Bad Religion as well as bright strokes of reggae-rock. It’s a California record from a California band, and fans of that brand would do well to check ’em out, as these guys always leave it all onstage.... Another L.A. institution, Big Sandy and His Flyrite Boys, take the stage at Casbah after our own timeless treasure Fanny and the Alta Boys, a couple bands inclined to up your dosage of American roots music, from the -billy bins, anyway — rockabily, hillbilly — trill- ing lots of tunes you can swing your girl to, if you got them gifts.... More L.A.? You got it, as West Coast rapper Too Short rocks the mic at Fluxx downtown. Googlin’ Todd Anthony Shaw, Short’s family name, I came across all sorts of reports on how he chose prison over probation in a DUI case this summer. Ups the street cred, I guess. The rapper’s been at it for 30 years and 16 studio records.... Tower Bar fills a punk-rave bill under the spire, with Dead on the Wire, Paper Hearts, Chamber Sixx, and something called “reverb massacre” by Dethsurf [sic].

**Sunday 3**

Bringing back the mullet! It’ll be business up front and party in the back when Austin bluegrass band Whiskey Shivers and them Americana road dogs in Goodnight, Texas, get together to co-headline sets up and down the West Coast this month. The country-fried looks will be kicking it off at Soda Bar Sunday night after San Diego’s favorite pub-rock band Lexington Field sets the bar.

**Monday 4**

back to Soda Bar on Monday, and a month of Mondays thereafter, as the Gloomies kick off a weekly residency at the Normal Heights hot spot. This week Ditches and Whiskey Circle set ‘em up. Ripped from the Soda Bar site: local psych-pop trio the Gloomies were recently named “WMC’s buzz band of the week,” while according to DIY Magazine they’re “a cross between Warpaint’s Joshua Tree adventures running headfirst into Kevin Parker’s mind-trip.”

**Tuesday 5**

Voted Best Americana Act in the Bay Area two years running, the Sebastopol septet Strange Band and the singer/songwriter Takes past whose latest, Strange Bar after like-minded locals the Sebastopol septet Strange Band and the singer/songwriter Takes past whose latest, Strange Bar after like-minded locals

**Wednesday 6**

From San Antonio in Texas, experimental metal band Haunter heads to Che Café on their first-ever West Coast tour. The trio’s working on a full-length to follow last year’s blackened-scream set He Who Jumps Into the Void Owes No Explanation to Those Who Stand and Watch. I suppose not. Haunter’s not for everyone, but these boys have driven a long way to scream in your face, the least you can do is listen.... I’ve already listened, so I’ll be checking out the Touchies who hook up with Kitty Plague and Starcrossed at Hillcrest hideaway the Merrow Wednesday night. And, oh look, one of our favorite record players, the rock-roll preservationist DJ Heather Hardcore, will be spinning ‘round sets at that one.) — Barnaby Monk

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**THIS WEEK’S SHOWS**

710 Beach Club: Thursday, 8pm — The Devastators and SM Familia

950 Lounge at the Handlery Hotel: Thursday, 8pm — The Lori Bell Trio Friday, 5:30pm — Justin Grinnell Jazz Trio

98 Bottles: Thursday, 7pm — Noche Cubana

AD Nightclub: Thursday, 9pm — New Years Eve with DJ Spags

Analog: Thursday, 9pm — Silky, Saand, Jumbo James

Aztec Brewing Company: Friday, 8pm — Ragga Bond

Bar Pink: Thursday, 8pm — DJ Junior the DiscoPunk

Bassmnt: Thursday, 9pm — Maki

Beaumont’s: Thursday, 9:30pm — Jones Revival Friday, 9pm — Modern Day Moonshine Saturday, 11:30pm — Kenny Eng

Belly Up: Thursday, 8pm — Los Lobos Friday, 8pm, Saturday, 8pm — Nahko & Medicine for the People

Black Cat Bar: Saturday, 8pm — G Burns Jug Band

Blackthorn Irish Pub & Grub: Saturday, 9pm — Barefoot Hockey Goalie

Blind Burro: Thursday, 8pm — Barefoot Hockey Goalie

Bourre Southern Bistro: Thursday, 9pm — Kamau Kenyatta & Danese Willburn

Brick by Brick: Thursday, 8pm — Alice and the Cooper Gang

Bristol Hotel: Thursday, 8pm — 4th Annual Midnight Kiss New Years 2016

Cafe Panini: Saturday, 6:30pm — Waylon Hicks Project

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: Wednesday, 4pm, Wednesday, 7pm — Besos de Coco

Capri Blu: Thursday, 8pm — Jeff Johnson

Carvers Steak & Chops: Thursday, 8pm — Constand Band

Casbah: Thursday, 8pm — Ziggy shavingfist & the Spiders from Mars Saturday, 8pm — Big Sandy & his Flyrite Boys

Catamaran Resort: Thursday, 8pm — New Years Eve Beach Party

Thursday, 8pm — NYE with Fresh One

Chico Club: Thursday, 8pm — Clapton Hook

Ché Café: Wednesday, 7:30pm — Haunter

Company Pub and Kitchen: Thursday, 8pm — The Rolles and Nathan Bonier

Coyote Bar & Grill: Thursday, 6pm — Daring Greatly

Croce’s Park West: Thursday, 7pm — Blue Largo

Crush: Thursday, 5:30pm — NYE with Kitten with a Whip Wednesday, 7:30pm — Elliot Lawrence

Dancensense Studios, 2441 Impala Dr., Carlsbad, CA 92011: Thursday, 7pm — Casual New Year’s Eve

De Oro Mine Co: Thursday, 7pm — 22 Kings and Joshua Taylor

Dirk’s Niteclub: Thursday, 8pm — FX5

Dizzy’s: Saturday, 8pm — Kyle Myers Quartet & Charlie Arbelaez

Félix Niteclub: Thursday, 8pm — Empire NYE

Fluxs: Thursday, 8pm — NYE with Flosstradamus

Ginger’s: Thursday, 8pm — DJ Ramsey

Golden Acorn Casino: Thursday, 8pm — Masterpiece Friday, 7pm — Brown Sugar

Gossip Grill: Thursday, 8pm — NYE with DJ Kimberly Loops

Hard Rock Cafe: Thursday, 10:30pm — Dance Party with DJ Logix

Hard Rock Hotel: Thursday, 9pm — Hard Rock NYE

Harp: Thursday, 8pm — Ron Houston

Hilton Del Mar: Thursday, 8pm — NYE with Hittman Honey

Hilton San Diego Bayfront: Thursday, 9pm — NYE with Headshine

Hotel del Coronado: Thursday, 5pm — Havana Nights New Year’s Eve

House of Blues: Thursday, 8pm — New Year’s Eve 2016

Saturday, 8pm — Breakthru Entertainment Presents

Humphrey’s Backstage Music Club: Thursday, 7pm — The Detroit Underground

Independent Order of Odd Fellows: Thursday, 9pm — Roaring 20s NYE Party

Infinity at Pala Casino: Thursday, 8pm — Coeurz Rock

Java Joe’s: Sunday, 2pm, Sunday, 2pm — Dave Good’s Jazz Jam

Jolt’n Joe’s: Thursday, 8pm — Fuse: Mega Countdown New Years 2016

Kava Lounge: Thursday, 8pm — Ektire Records Showcase Saturday, 8pm — Club Ascension

Kona Kai Resort & Marina: Thursday, 9pm — Fish & the Seaweeds

Kraezen: Thursday, 8pm — Suspicious Minds Thursday, 9pm — DelBois & the Boys

L’Auberge Del Mar: Thursday, 5pm — David Slyde Band

Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows: Thursday, 8pm — On With The Show: NYE

Manhattan Cocktail Lounge: Thursday, 8pm, Friday, 8pm, Saturday, 8pm — E-Ticket

Marina Kitchen: Saturday, 7pm — Stacy Antonil Duo

Martins Above Fourth: Thursday, 8pm — Spencer Day

Merrow: Wednesday, 8pm — The Touchies and Kitty Pegas

Moonshine Flats: Thursday, 8pm, Friday, 8pm, Saturday, 8pm — Jackson Michelson

Mr. Peabody’s Bar & Grill: Thursday, 8pm — New Year’s Eve with UpFunk Saturday, 3:30pm — Blues Skies
BY DAVE GOOD

Alas, once again Los Lobos got snubbed by the nominating committee that oversees who does and who does not enter the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Fans have expressed indignation via social media, but I wonder if, after 40 years, the members of Los Lobos even care? After all, can anybody else do what they do, meaning seamlessly blend acoustic norteño and cumbia, the kinds of traditional music the founding band members’ grandparents grew up on, with distinctly original jazzy-bluesy-funky rock-and-roll music? That was a rhetorical question. The answer is no. There really isn’t anybody like Los Lobos at all.

There’s a connection between the band and San Diego, that being Steve Berlin, Los Lobos’ sax player. Berlin produced the Beat Farmers’ first album for Rhino Records. Remember Tales of the New West? I’ve spoken with Berlin over the years and found him to be a somewhat crusty and guarded person. Then again, Tales has “Happy Boy” on it, a song that features the late Country Dick Montana singing about fictional dog guts and such, so there has to be a sense of humor somewhere under Berlin’s layers.

I asked Berlin if he thought Los Lobos would survive, if started in the present-day music climate. He said no. He talked about the eclectic times from which the band emerged — on any given night during the middle 1980s in Los Angeles, you might have X, the Blasters, the Circle Jerks, and hillbilly country boy Dwight Yoakam sharing the same stage with Los Lobos. And their thing — the alternating of traditional Mexican acoustic style and accordion with bari sax and amplified guitars — actually worked. What Los Lobos did was offer us, their gringo audience, some real-life Mexican-American culture in a kind of music we’d never heard before, and they made us dance. Hall of Fame gold or not, there’s something to be said for that.

Hamish Anderson also performs.

Los Lobos: Belly Up, Thursday, December 31, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. $98/$137

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**Divers**

Joanna Newsom

By Emily Reily

Harpsit, singer, composer Joanna Newsom is not everyone’s cup of tea. You may have to pause and look up a word just to glimpse her plane of thought. But that’s just part of Newsom’s allure: She transports you to another time, puts you in a breathtaking reverie, and sweeps you up into her stories of lost love and vast landscapes.

There are layers of meaning packed tightly within each song on her new album, *Divers*, and further research only unravels more secrets. The album is an emotional celebration of the sanctity of life and death and all of its regrets, described through vibrant imagery that Newsom has created amid often-delicate pastoral scenes.

Those who are already fans of Newsom’s complex work are familiar with her use of harp and other classical instruments. On *Divers*, her fourth album, Newsom has added physical drums, along with violins, fiddles, electric guitar, and flute. She also blends soulful blues notes, psychedelic pop, Appalachian country, and classical music, sometimes all in one song, but she’s just as comfortable letting her solitary voice and a bare piano or pedal harp do the work.

Although her songs are deeply woven, it’s still easy to fall into the album’s natural pace and trance. “Why is the pain of birth lighter borne than the pain of death?” Newsom asks on the title track, a heartbreaking ancient sea tale of a woman waiting for true love on *A Pin-Light Bent,* Newsom romanticizes the story of a flight attendant’s fall from the sky and the beauty she would have seen as she fell to Earth. With the song composed of only her voice and the tense, repeating notes of her harp, deeply personal lyrics of the fragility of life are revealed. Comparing tiny, lit homes seen from high above to a mass of honeysuckle is somehow gorgeous to imagine.

There are so many lines in *Divers* that are open to personal interpretation. Most of the time, though, it’s well enough to just let Newsom’s elegant language, the languid pace of each song, and her wondering voice wash over you.

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The year in review

Practically every theater in the county produced a world premiere in 2015.

Back in September I remarked that “2015 may be one of the gutsiest years ever in San Diego theater. I can’t remember so many world premieres.” The final three months kept pace. Call it the Year Local Theaters Didn’t Get the Memo. Armchair pundits warn that staging world premieres is too risky. They’re too hit-or-miss, most likely miss, and audiences steer clear in droves. Not so in 2015.

Scripteasers and the Playwright’s Project have nurtured new work for decades. But this year, practically every theater in the county either produced a world premiere or did staged readings of untested scripts.

Talk about missing the memo: the La Jolla Playhouse did seven in their 2014–2015 season: Come From Away (my favorite musical this year), Up Here, Blueprints to Freedom: An Ode to Bayard Rustin, Indecent, The Darrell Hammond Project, plus premieres for the Without Walls Festival (Tom Dugdale and The Trip’s inventive Three Sisters among them) and the Performance Outreach Program’s The Astronaut Farmworker.

Around the theater community, count (some of) the ways: Moxie, Orange Julius; Lamb’s Players, Jon Lorenz’s players, Joel Lorenz’s Oz; San Diego Rep, the “rolling-world premiere” of Uncanny Valley, and Steve Gunderson’s Everybody’s Talkin’; Ion did several, and Sea of Souls went to New York for a brief run; Teatro Mascara Magica, Paul Rodriguez’s The Pitch, or How to Pitch a Latino Sitcom that Will Never Air, and Francis Thumm’s Tijuana Revolution; the Old Globe offered a dance-theater piece, Up in Arms, and opens 2016 with its third annual New Voices Festival; feisty InnerMission Productions staged a world premiere, Disappearing Act, as part of its first full season!

The Rep Goes National. Last November, PBS chose the San Diego Rep’s wild and thought-provoking Honky. The Sam Woodhouse-directed show aired November 6. Along with upping our prestige nationally, it was a treat to see familiar faces on national TV, and it was clear why Jacque Wilke earned a Craig Noel acting award for 2014 as Andie, whose racial naïveté’s awesomely offensive.

Music, Music, Music... We now take for granted a consistent level of quality in local musicals. From Moonlight Stage Productions to San Diego Musical Theatre, to touring shows, smaller houses, the schools and youth theaters, you can go and be entertained from Oceanside to the border all year long. And be really entertained when the Old Globe brought in Darko Tresnjak’s lusty, life-brimming Kiss Me Kate.

The Quality of The Quality of Life. Intrepid Theatre mounted Jane Anderson’s four-character drama with several strikes against it. From afar, the play sounds like a downer: Berkeley couple, dying scholar and irrepressible wife, who plans to commit suicide when he goes; hurting Midwestern couple comes to visit — and engage in comparative suffering. Strike two: Intrepid staged it at the Carlsbad Village Theatre, an old movie house with acoustics so eccentric they had to rope off half the house. Demand for tickets became so great they un-roped it so more people could see one of the best acted (Jeffrey Jones, Deanna Driscoll, Tom Stephenson, Maggie Carney) and most moving shows of recent years.

Shining Stars. Jones and Driscoll gave two of the year’s most outstanding performances. I will never ever ever forget when she slumped on the chair and cried out her soul. Often authors write lead roles for themselves to strut their thespian chops. Michael Benjamin Washington wrote Blueprints to Freedom so he could play Bayard Rustin, the great, largely unheralded, civil rights leader. But Washington made Rustin an acquired taste. At first he was egocentric, out of favor with the movement. He was almost as off-putting for one to ask “Why are we here?” Then, in an amazing performance, Washington slowly opened up new layers, in effect thickening our portrait of the courageous, jagged, behind-the-scenes crusader history almost forgot.

I Wish Everyone Could Have Seen: M’Lafi Thompson like trembling granite in Ion’s night, Mother; Mercedes Ruehl’s brash Diana Vreeland in the Old Globe’s Full Gallop; Amanda Sitton facing a mother’s horror in the Rep’s The Oldest Boy; Sandy Campbell as diva Maria Callas in Ion’s Master Class; Dana Hooley’s eerie innocence in New Fortune’s The Birthday Party; Richard Baird’s obsessive thug in The Birthday Party, and his appropriately unfathomable Jerry in North Coast Rep’s Betrayal; David McBean’s hilarious hitman in the North Coast Rep’s Unnecessary Farce, whose Scottish accent, when he became angry, went on warp drive.

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And Also Seen: Colleen Kollar Smith’s death-defying choreography for Lamb’s Players’ West Side Story (the flying bodies threatening to smear the stage with flying body parts); Delicia Turner Sonnenberg’s sharp direction/choreography for the Rep’s My Mañana Comes. The play begins with a boast: the four workers at a posh restaurant claim they never make a mistake, even as they slam through double doors with piles of greasy dishes. So there’s the challenge to the actors. The adroit cast dropped nary a plate.

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Quentin Tarantino’s *The Hateful 8* is being billed as the director’s eighth film. It appears as though QT, like most devoted cinephiles, has forgotten about his segment in *Four Rooms*. The addition brings the tally up to 8.25, a number more in line with the Fellini homage he was clearly aiming for.

The advance screenings were all presented on DCP, and this old celluloid dreamer would have none of it. Tarantino resurrected the cinematic equivalent of antique farm equipment to make this movie, and damned if I wasn’t going to see it as he intended, in Ultra Panavision 70. Patience, a word normally missing from my vocabulary, paid off. Had I succumbed to a digital screening, there’s no way a return viewing would have been in the immediate future, not even if QT shot it in horizontal VistaVision and Smell-O-Rama.

(On a technical note, John Sittig and his crew at Reading Grossmont honored Tarantino’s wishes down to the letter. That meant frame-hugging masking and uniform focus of the giant 60-foot image. [Alas, no cue marks.]

With the image shorn of pixels, one could count the dusted-over snowflakes that covered the tops of hats. And the coffee steam that curled from under the brim couldn’t have felt more immersive had it been shot in 3D.)

Samuel L. Jackson leads the odious octet, calling on his Superman-ish skills to press every line of his African bounty hunter’s dialog into glistening diamonds. The icy locale and sole location recall Kurt Russell’s work in *The Thing*, but it’s another John Carpenter creation, Snake Plissken, and his Duke Wayne drawl that the actor winkingly calls attention to. QT stalwart Tim Roth returns to play the hangman Oswaldo Mobray, a reference to character actor Alan Mowbray, whose Shakespearean recital in *My Darling Clementine* never fails to elicit applause. It’s Jennifer Jason Leigh, the sole hateful female of the group, whose scattered moments of underplaying effectively steal the show, but more on the treatment of her character later.

Clocking in at a whopping 168 minutes (plus a 12-minute pee-break), it could easily have lost an hour, starting with an unyieldingly juvenile scene involving Craig Stark, and no one would have been any the wiser. What was it about this cramped, underdeveloped parlor drama — the majority of which takes place on one set — that caused Tarantino to think 70mm? The frigid snowscapes that open the film put the lens to the test, but the moment one stage replaces the other, all of the verbal anachronisms in Tarantino’s loopy lexicography can’t buoy it.

The wide-gauge format isn’t the only ghost of cinema past that QT resuscitates, and still the iceman never comeths. The third-act flashback reversal that served him well in *Pulp Fiction*, forcing even the most casual filmgoer to ponder narrative structure, reads like feeble inner-dialogue in these parts. Without the benefit of surprise — bottomless splatter and the director’s
post-intermission narration don’t count — QT’s restaging of the Civil War in a Wyoming bar owes more to Agatha Christie than it does John Ford’s Stagecoach.

By way of compensation, his dialog is spiked with more eau-going epithets than you’d find at a Santee smoker, the majority of which are etymologically unsound and included simply to shock and elicit laughter from his minions. (You just know that in his heart he wanted to go full-Christie by calling it & Little N-Words.) The packed crowd that joined me for a Sunday morning matinee reserved their biggest laughs for the director’s fetishistic preoccupation with Leigh’s abasement. The first comes in response to one of many cartoonish (her black eye appears to have been touched up Groucho’s mustache) but nonetheless gratuitous blows to the face she endures, the other when the ravin-toothed wreck finds herself on the receiving end of a shower of bloody vomit.

Why Ultra Panavision 70? My guess is that a young Tarantino had a poster from a feature shot in that arcane process tacked to his bedroom wall and, logo-whore that he is, vowed to one day shoot a film in the pristine band-aid format. See it at Grossmont or not at all, the second option being your best bet.

— Scott Marks

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The Big Short — The term “I don’t understand” is spoken numerous times throughout the film. That’s not counting audience members. Come equipped with a sophisticated understanding of the banking collapse of the mid-2000s and you’ll be hanging on every word. For those who invest in cinema and wouldn’t know a housing bubble from a tub filled with Mr. Bubble, director and co-writer Adam McKay (The Other Guys) does little to ease the denseness. Sure, there’s the addition of celebrity cameos (Margot Robbie, Selena Gomez) to help walk us through some of the more complicated technical jargon, but they come off less funny and insightful than patronizing. Cinematographer Barry Ackroyd plays lucky sack with his camera in hopes of bringing documentary levels of urgency to every frame. I left in need of an aspirin. And for all that it “borrows” from Scorsese, they might just as well have called it The Help of Wall St. Good cast — Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling, Brad Pitt, Christian Bale — all acting under bad hairpieces. 2015. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

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, less set to “stately”). Hanks is private citizen and lawyer James Donovan, a dour guy with a spine of grade-A Bethlehem steel and a mind that cherishes pragmatism rather than your best bet.

— Scott Marks

CONCussion — A corpse-whispering sawbones from Nigeria who “exemplifies everything it means to be an American” (Will Smith, giving it his syllable-distending Sidney Poitier best) effectively jerks what could have been a Super Bowl-winning punt out of the pile. The director’s path when he calls into play the scientific burden of evidence needed to bring the NFL to its knees. My gut reaction was to call it Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, but it’s impossible to dislike any film that casts professional sports in such a negative light while providing Albert Brooks with a plum supporting role as Smith’s kvetchy boss. (“My balls are low” wins 2015’s best line of dialogue award, and I’m betting Albert had a hand in tweaking 90 percent of his lines.) A realistic subplot exists if for no other reason than to pin blame on the NFL for a miscarriage, an accusation even a staunch sportswriter as myself found hard to swallow. Written and directed by Peter Landesman 2015. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Creed — The director (Ryan Coogler) and star (Michael B. Jordan, cut like an informative auto brochure) took 2015’s Fruitvale Station re-team for a Rocky remake retooled for Generation Affair. 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 jive and gives him a good life, but he cuts 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-keyed 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)

Daddy’s Home — Will Ferrell plays his standard issue wide-eyed naif, an amiable simp who can find the good in just about any situation, save one: the sudden reappearance of his wife’s guilt-stricken ex-garage sales grease ex (Mark Wahlberg), eager to reheat a dead romantic soufflé. Two moments stand out in this battle between alpha male and alpha dope over who makes the best father figure for Wahlberg’s children: an expertly executed avalanche gag involving a motorcycle let loose on a house, followed by a particularly nasty throwaway laugh involving a drunken Ferrell and a kid in a wheelchair. Add to this a marked anti-violence message and you’re automatically miles ahead of your average Ferrell vehicle. That’s not to say it’s good, just that it’s tolerable. Linda Cardellini plays a wife who doesn’t do
much to come to her present husband's defense, while Thomas Haden Church garners most of the laughs as Ferrell's raunchy boss. 2015. — S.M. ★ ★ ★ ★ ♦ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA)

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 (Ferrell, Thomas Haden Church, Seth Rogen, and Anthony Mackie) as they wind down a tradition of Christmas Eve guy's-night-out, 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 film 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 brodenisse. Heroin has been multi-generational stories of the two are actually proper adults with a firm grasp on reality, fantasy, and the voiceover reach. Our guy is out 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. ★ ★ ★ ★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; ROXIE THEATRE; REGAL OCEANSIDE)

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 to the big screen, have turned to their beloved Christmas stories: the two are actually proper adults with a long tradition of Christmas Eve pub crawl. He's outraged at what he thinks is a brodenisse. Heroin has been multi-generational stories of the two are actually proper adults with a firm grasp on reality, fantasy, and the voiceover reach. Our guy is out 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. ★ ★ ★ ★ (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; ROXIE THEATRE; REGAL OCEANSIDE)

 diapers are the new casual shoes. Sort of. And yet, even as we turn to our favorite childhood icons for comfort in a world of chaos and uncertainty, we can't help but feel a twinge of nostalgia. That's why we're so drawn to the stories that have become such an integral part of our childhood memories. These beloved tales not only provide us with a sense of safety and security, but also serve as a reminder of simpler times.

The Peanuts Movie, directed by Steve Martino and produced by Blue Sky Studios, is a perfect example of how these childhood stories can be brought to life on the big screen. Based on Charles Schulz's beloved comic strip, the film follows Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and the rest of the Peanuts gang as they set out to bring a very special Christmas to their friends and family. The movie is a delightful blend of heartwarming moments and silly gags, all delivered with the distinct charm that has made the Peanuts comic strip so beloved for generations.

One of the most delightful aspects of The Peanuts Movie is its respect for the original material. The filmmakers have taken great care to not only capture the spirit of the comic strip, but also to stay true to its original voice and tone. This is evident in every detail, from the characters' dialogue to the way they move on the screen. The Peanuts Movie is a loving tribute to a classic that has touched the hearts of millions of people.

In addition to the nostalgia, the movie also manages to deliver some heartwarming messages. The story of Charlie Brown and his efforts to bring Christmas to his friends is a powerful reminder of the value of love and compassion. The Peanuts Movie is a heartwarming reminder of the importance of these values in our modern world.
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 Loney-Tunes-style visual gags, and the heavy reliance on Snoopy the dog’s heroic flights of fancy. Sigh. 2015. — M.L.  

Point Break — Luke Bracey and Edgar Ramirez slip into the wetsuits of Keans Reeves and Patrick Swayze in this remake/rewind of the 1991 hit about bank robbers who surf. The sports are more varied and more extreme this time around, with commemorates increases in both cash and convictions. 2015. (IN WIDE RELEASE)  

Spectre — In his fourth outing, Daniel Craig’s iteration of superspy James Bond takes his undersized suits, hangdog expression, and psychological damage for kiddies. Which is pretty clearly the little more than wholesome distraction without suffering, they so famously cause our hero. And instead haunts the living.) It’s very the sort of things that refuses to die...closure? (The personal and expression, and psychological damage takes his undersized suits, hangdog Craig’s iteration of superspy James Bond if he comes near her; when she awakens, she’s wearing a satin nightgown in her dress after threatening to kill herself.) Bond if he comes near her; when she awakens, she’s wearing a satin nightgown in her dress after threatening to kill herself. (IN WIDE RELEASE)  

Disappoints. He lacks previous baddie Javier Bardem’s wicked relish, and his dynamite, nor his...all three — knocking on doors, chasing down...Eat and instead haunts the living.) It’s very the sort of things that refuses to die...closure? (The personal and expression, and psychological damage takes his undersized suits, hangdog Craig’s iteration of superspy James Bond if he comes near her; when she awakens, she’s wearing a satin nightgown in her dress after threatening to kill herself. (IN WIDE RELEASE)  

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MARCUS COLEMAN: Homeless shelter.

AMY OBE: Blow that eye sore up.

CQ: Too soon bro...

MICHAEL TIMSON TYMCZYCZN: Center for the Arts. Open stages also like Hollywood Bowl.

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JESSIE RAY RUBALCABA: Take down put up low income housing.

DAVE LOWENSTEIN: A Walmart with a Target inside of it.

JOSEPH CORREDOR: Knock it down and build a High School of Emergency Management between earthquakes, wildfires and other disasters....

DONALD E SCHORTMANN SR: I moved out of San Diego to Las Vegas years ago. Whore House’s are legal here. Turn it into a GIANT WHORE HOUSE for the Navy & Marines.

DONALD HEILIG: Make it for a quarter mile drag racing.

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DAVID O’MATTY: Fill It with water and scuba dive.

ROBERT HOFFMAN: Rebuild for a pro. Basketball team.

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1) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name.
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Across
1. Bewildered state
2. Pose, as a question
3. Features of some jeans
4. First name in late-night TV talk show
5. Dietary std.
6. Goes down
7. It’s alphabet reads from right to left
8. Thurman whose mother, Nena, was revealed in a 2009 film
9. Small amount?
10. “Good show, old ____!”
11. Certain sib
12. Name:
13. Pose, as question
14. Small bills
15. ______ wave
16. Put in prison
17. Pose, as a question
18. Its alphabet reads from right to left
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Down
1. Word from a crib
2. Features of some jeans
3. Mommy’s triplets?
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2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name. Clearly mark the puzzle that you want to enter this week by crossing off the other completed puzzles. All puzzles that are cut into pieces will be disqualified.
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LEAD STORY
— “Service” animals (mostly guide dogs) are ones that have been specially trained to provide help for people with disabilities, but untrained “comfort” animals are also privileged for those diagnosed with panic attacks or depression. In an October report on college students hoping to keep their pets in no-animal dorms, The New York Times noted that school officials have entertained student requests for the “comfort” of (besides dogs and cats) lizards, potbellied pigs, tarantulas, ferrets, guinea pigs, and “sugar gliders” (nocturnal, flying, six-ounce Australian marsupials). Informal Justice Department guidelines rule out only animals that are aggressive or destructive or that trigger other students’ allergies.

Good Jobs, Bad Jobs
— A chapter of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals undertook one of its favorite consciousness-raising tactics in August, demanding that government agencies keeping high-earning employees on the payroll for more than a year, with no job assignment, because the agencies were unable to adjudicate their misconduct cases. Almost 100 shelled Homeland Security employees turned up in a Washington Post Freedom of Information Act request, and one information technology professional was leaving the New York City employee pension fund said she had earned $1.3 million over 10 years doing absolutely no work for the city. “I watched movies,” said Niki Murphy. “I crocheted — right in front of [supervisors].”

Booze Does the Darndest Things!
— In October, a 20-year-old man in Macomb Township, Michigan, became the most recent alleged drunk driver to reveal himself in the most awkward of ways: by accidentally swerving into the midst of a sheriff’s deputies’ roadside stop — of another alleged drunk driver. (Coincidentally, both arrests were 20 and registered matching 0.17 blood-alcohol readings.)

In September, Audrey McColm, 25, traffic-stopped in Randolph County, Indiana, for driving “erratic(ally)”; became the latest parent rattled out by her child. When Mom denied having been drinking, her daughter, 7, blurted out, “Yes, you have, Mom.” McColm registered 0.237, had nearly hit another officer’s car head-on, and was so hammered that she “urged” a different officer to “shoot her in the head.”

Navigators Wanted
— Drivers who blindly follow their vehicle’s satellite navigation with disastrous results are almost No Longer Weird, but a truck driver’s mishap in Ashton, England, in October still seemed worthy of reporting — in that he was working for a company called Dachser Intelligent Logistics when his tractor-trailer got stuck in a narrow alley (directed there by the sat-nav, in violation of all common sense). (Bonus: It was not the first time sat-nav had misdirected a vehicle into the same alley; the town had even placed a formal traffic sign at the approach to the alley: “Do Not Follow Sat Nav Next Left.”)

Police Report
— New Hampshire state police laid down spiked “stop sticks” in November to slow down a fleeing Joshua Buzza, 37, near Greenland, New Hampshire. Buzza was apprehended, but not before he managed to avoid the sticks while goading the drivers of three squad cars over them (flattening several tires).

Updates
— In October, the federal government finally unloaded the two New Hampshire properties it seized in 2007 from dentist Elaine Brown and her husband (after a nine-month standoff following their vow to die rather than pay their back-taxes to the IRS). Their 100-acre “compound” became a magnet for an array of “sovereigns” and tax-resisters, who were rumored to have booby-trapped the property to ward off law enforcement — and the 2015 auction only partially guaranteed that the property was free of hidden explosives. (News of the Weird’s 2007 story included Dr. Brown as one of three U.S. dentists who, independent of each other, had become obsessed about federal taxes. The Browns are serving 30-year prison terms.)

— High school principal George Kenney believes he has a gift to aid students’ concentration abilities — hypnotism — and practiced it extensively at North Port High in Sarasota, Florida, until 2011, when three of his students died in separate incidents (two by suicide). While Kenney enjoys retirement in North Carolina, the Sarasota school board did not close the chapter until October 2015 when it granted $200,000 settlements to the families of the three students. The lawsuits complained of Kenney’s unlicensed “medical procedure,” which altered the “underdeveloped” teenage brain — but Kenney had also pointed to improvements in studying by other students.

— White supremacist Craig Cobb has not given up. News of the Weird noted in 2013 that he was attempting to buy property in Leith, North Dakota (pop. 16), to turn the town into a deluxe Caucasian enclave, but there was local resistance — and Cobb was revealed by a TV program’s DNA test to himself be 14 percent “sub-Saharan African.” Cobb has not yet disproved the result, but has moved his target to (according to recent reports) either Red Cloud, Nebraska (pop. 978), or Antler, North Dakota (pop. 29) (which is seeking crowd-sourced funding online to preventively buy the vacant property Cobb has his eyes on).

Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, San Diego Reader, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186 or to WeirdNewsTips@Yahoo.com

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Hair of the Hog 3: New Year’s Brunch 2016
Join Mike Hess Brewing and Carnitas Snack Shack for third Annual New Year’s Day Brunch, buffet-style. Mike Hess Brewing and Chef Hanis Cavin will be ringing in the 2016 with all of the fixings of a whole hog, roasted on-site! Brunch will run from 11am to 2pm. Tickets are $40 per person (plus sales tax and BPT service fee) for all the food you can eat and all the beer you care to drink. Designated drivers and minor children can eat for $25. Friday, January 1, 11am; $25-$40. Mike Hess Brewing North Park, 3812 Grim Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Lost Abbey Keep the Pint Night
Buy any Lost Abbey beer and get a free pint glass while supplies last. Wednesday, January 6, 5pm; Common Theory Public House, 4805 Convoy Street. (KEARNY MESA)

New Year’s Day Firkin Friday
Remedy your NYE hangover with Hamiltons/Green Flash 8th Anniversary (2014) Wheat Wine on cask and 9th Anniversary on draught. Friday, January 1, 22:00; $50-$120. 21 and up. Porto Vista Hotel & Suites, 1835 Columbia Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Stone Company Store 2015 Year in Review
Stone is packing 365 days of special-release beers into six days for a last hurrah to 2015. The limited beers from 2015 will be available at all Stone Company Stores on a first come, first served basis until they run out and some limits may apply. Pours will be available at Stone Company Stores in Escondido, Liberty Station, Oceanside and On Kettner. Growlers fills available at all Stone Company Store locations. Thursday, December 31, 11am; free. 21 and up. Stone Brewing Co., 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Walking Brewery & Pizza Tour
We start our beer adventure with a chat about the local beer scene in San Diego and trek to our first stop which is Ballast Point Little Italy — the third largest producer of craft beer in San Diego county and one of a kind San Diego style! At Ballast Point, we will go do a behind the scenes tour of the facility including the basics to make beer and the different types of beer that it creates. Afterwards, we will visit Bottle Craft Beer Shop which is a store dedicated to craft and world-wide beer. We will present special techniques and ways to evaluate beer and most importantly the essence of being a “beer geek.” After exploring the sights of Little Italy, we will venture to one of the most famous spots to taste and savor San Diego Pizza. Enjoy a relaxing day sipping the best beers on the West Coast. Saturday, January 2, 11:30am; Sunday, January 3, 11:30am; $40. 21 and up. Five Star Tours, 1050 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)
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  1/4 of Top Shelf Flower
  1 Gram of Wax

EVERYDAY SPECIAL

- $50 FTP Deal
  1/8th of Top Shelf Flower
  1 Hash Oil Vape Cartridge, 1 Battery
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  2 Grams of Wax
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  2 Grams Kurupts Moon Rocks, 1 Gram Wax/Shatter
- Wax/Crumble
  4 grams $100
  Mix and match select strains
- Shatter
  3 grams $75
  Mix and match select strains
- 4 Grams of Flower $50
- $5 Off $50, $10 Off $100
  with Coupon & Min Donation

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- Free 1/8th House Strain W/$20 donation
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- BOGO Wax/Crumble (select strains)

**EVERYDAY SPECIALS**

- Wax/Shatter 4 grams $100 Mix and match select strains
- Wax/Shatter 3 grams $75 Mix and match select strains
- 1/8th of Top Shelf Presidential OG $35
- 1/8th of Top Shelf Sour Diesel $35

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5–9AM DAILY!

Happy Hour All Day Every Day
Any patient.

OG Fire Wax $25/0.5G

Free Mini Rig
Any patient, with purchase of two grams of wax

Magic J’s: 1 for $20 or 2 for $35

House Shake $70 OZ
Any patient.

All top shelf $10/gram
Any patient.

$2 off Kushy Punch
Any patient.

Private reserve $15/gram
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$5 off MoonRock
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Donate for 3 grams, get one free! FTP only.

**Free Gram of Wax**
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