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A Cityfest reveler in high spirits (Courtesy HBA)

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Three decades of Cityfest

vendors selling everything from decorative pillows to handmade soaps.

One special feature of this year's event is a space for emerging artists to create their work in front of an audience. Another new element is a puppet show for children focusing on themes of tolerance and diversity. Also, in honor Cityfest's 30th birthday, Babycakes will present a larger-than-life birthday cake, enough to feed at least 300 people, Nicholls said.

As one of the longest-running and largest street fairs in San Diego, Cityfest is the inspiration for most other street fairs in the city, Nicholls said.

The Merrow is sponsoring a stage that will feature musical performances by live bands and DJs throughout the afternoon and evening. The lineup includes bands playing reggae, ska, folk, world, '80s covers, indie rock and electronic dance music. Beginning at 6 p.m., electronic dance DJs Will Z, John Joseph, Taj and Nikno will take over the stage for a big after-dark dance party.

More than just a party, Cityfest also helps raise funds to maintain the neighborhood. Organizers expect to raise about \$40,000 for neighborhood cleanup and beautification projects, Nicholls said.

Free parking will be available at the Hillcrest DMV, which has 158 spaces, and the free Hillcrest Trolley will shuttle riders from paid parking lots around Hillcrest to the site of the event. For more information on parking, visit parkhillcrest.com. Secured bicycle parking and bike valet will also be available. To learn more about Cityfest, visit hillcrestcityfest.com or call 619-299-3330. ♦

Thirty years ago this summer, the weathered, wooden Hillcrest sign was taken down to be refurbished. When the neighborhood got together to celebrate the return of the sign — complete with new neon lights — Cityfest was born.

Now a huge daylong street fair, Cityfest returns on Sunday, Aug. 10, extending its hours from noon to 11 p.m. The Hillcrest Business Association, which organizes the event, anticipates a crowd of more than 150,000 people to join the party this year.

"Hillcrest has all sorts of things that are great about urban life: food, culture, nightlife," said Benjamin Nicholls, the HBA's interim executive director. "Cityfest is a celebration of all those things."

With its main stage under the Hillcrest sign at University and Sixth avenues, Cityfest covers six blocks. This year's event features a water slide, a play zone for kids, carnival rides, a foster animal petting zoo, a spacious beer garden for the adults, a drag queen dunk tank, a food court and more than 250 arts and crafts

Water park

Balboa Park explores
creative water
conservation strategies

Hutton Marshall
Uptown Editor

It's difficult to determine exactly how much water Balboa Park uses in a given period, said Bill Harris, the spokesperson for San Diego's Park and Recreation Department. This is for a couple of reasons: first, it its vast size. At 1,172 acres, it is the city's largest urban park, with over 15,000 trees, 14 specialty gardens and 17 museums and cultural institutions.

The second reason, the park's water infrastructure, poses an even greater challenge to answer the question. Balboa Park was first constructed almost 150 years ago, and because of this, much of the park's infrastructure is over a century old. While this is in the process of being updated, the complex, partially uncharted system makes answering questions like "How much water does the park use?" and more importantly, "How is it best used?" difficult to answer.



If the City moves to drought level two, the Plaza de Balboa fountain will be shut off. (Photo by Hutton Marshall)

The Friends of Balboa Park, a 501(c)3 volunteer-run nonprofit, has dedicated a significant amount of effort in the last five years to not only improve how Balboa Park irrigates its many gardens, but how to better conserve and reuse that water.

The goal for the organization's water conservation efforts: Keep the park from turning brown, said Jim Hughes, former president of Friends, who now heads up the initiative. Hughes said he wants a green, healthy park for the highly anticipated 2015 Balboa Park Cen-

tennial Celebration, and that the park is going to have to get creative amid the current drought if that's going to happen.

"The park is something everybody grew up with, and if they didn't grow up with it, their kids grew up with it," Hughes said. "It's the heart and lungs of our community. We're fortunate to have Balboa Park and it's our time to preserve it. So 100 years from now, we're hoping that those generations are enjoying it the

All-girl school to host beer, sausage fundraiser

Hoa Quách
Uptown News

San Diego's only all-girl school hopes to capitalize on the growing craft beer and food truck obsession.

The Academy of Our Lady of Peace (OLP), which will enter its 133rd school year this fall, will host its inaugural "Endless Summer Suds and Sausage" event on Friday, Aug. 15 at its North Park location.

"We are opening our school," said OLP's head of school Lauren Lek. "This is the first of many events that we'll have to bring our community to our campus."

The event will feature local craft breweries such as Ballast Point, Lightning Brewery and Lost Abbey. Food will be provided by two food trucks, Mastiff Sausage and Ms. Patty Melt.

The three-hour event will be complete with a live performance from local band, the Baja Bugs, a Beatles cover band. The fundraiser takes place at the school's north terrace overlooking Mission Valley.

About 10 volunteers are organizing the event. They hope to raise \$10,000 and attract 300 attendees, said OLP's director of fundraising Margot Howard.

The funds will go to OLP's Carondelet Annual Fund, which pays for items such as upgrading technology or purchasing new textbooks.

Howard said the idea of a "casual fundraiser" formed among the alumnae.

"We have some younger alums who thought this would be a super way to bring in our neighbors," Howard said. "We want to be trendy too."

But the school hopes to do more than just raise funds.

Lek, who has been with OLP for two years, said it's a chance for the school to share its history and successes.

"It's really an exciting time in our history," Lek said. "We want to share our stories."

The high school serves 750 students and is an independent Catholic school sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The school does not receive public funding and typically spends about \$2.6 million on tuition assistance for its students.

"It's a huge commitment that we've made to our students," Lek said. "It's remarkable."

The commitment is worth every dollar, Lek said, especially when looking at the successes of the students.

"OLP is a unique environment where girls are given a global perspective and taught how to use their knowledge to be a leader," said Lek, who mentioned notable

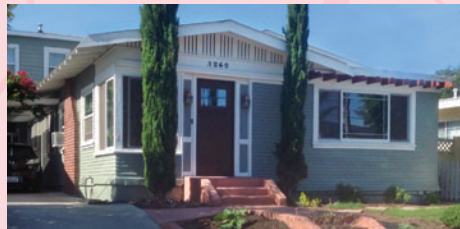
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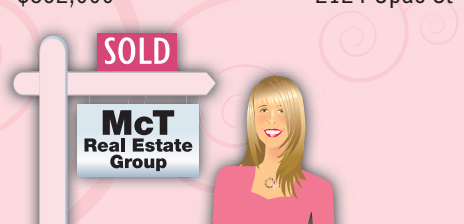
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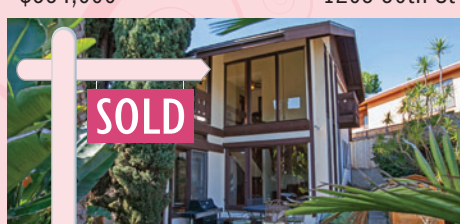
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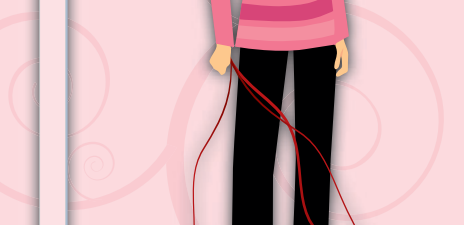
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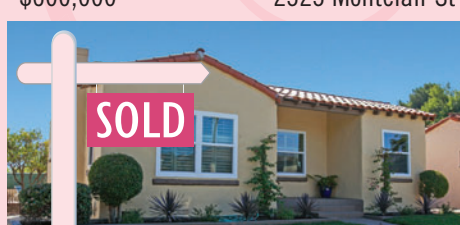
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BALBOA

way we enjoy it.”

Regarding how high a priority water conservation is to the Friends of Balboa Park, Hughes said that the group will soon pass the \$4 million mark in its contributions to the park. In the last five years, the group has spent \$500,000, or 12.5% of total donation, on water conservation and water infrastructure efforts.

Smartscaping

In its water conservation efforts, the non-profit adopted a practice called “smartscaping,” which looks at several ways to ensure the park is irrigated in an intelligent, efficient way.

Hughes said smartscaping looks at three things: The first is the use of plants native to the region, which will better adapt to the region’s weather conditions like our current drought. Second is looking at the soil and the drainage in the park, whether it’s capturing and using water as efficiently as possible. The third is where they get to be creative: using the latest and greatest irrigation technology to bring the park’s water infrastructure into the 21st century.

The call for smartscaping traces its roots back to 2009, Hughes said, when the last drought struck Southern California. By mayoral decree, San Diego’s parks were told to

trees in the canyon and replaced them with more drought-friendly plantlife, although this was also partially done to displace a homeless encampment there. Now, Zoro will also be home to a future butterfly garden, and fun fact: The Zoro Gardens used to be a nudist colony as late as 1935.

The next phase of the project treads into unknown waters, at least where the park is concerned. The organization will now install a system on the roofs of two adjacent buildings, Casa de Balboa and the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, to capture their air conditioning water runoff. The amount of irrigation water this could produce from the two buildings, which are each approximately 100,000 square feet, is staggering. Some estimate the system will collect as much as 90,000 gallons per month.

Education is this project’s last step, said Hughes. The smartscape system will be viewable around the side of the Fleet Science Center, and the Friends hope to even have a display installed inside the Fleet to show how the collection process helps irrigate the two gardens. It will also be incorporated into Balboa Park’s annual “Science Day,” which in the past has culminated in elementary school students releasing a battalion of butterflies in Zoro Garden.



Zoro Canyon in Balboa Park (Photo by Hutton Marshall)

significantly reduce the amount of water they were using. Hughes said this was when the push began to dramatically update the park’s outdated water infrastructure. He said this was a big wake-up call for those active in the park.

“The director of [the Park and Recreation Department] said to cut back all water usage across the 210 parks by 16 to 18 percent, so it slapped us in the face,” Hughes said. “One of our people who advises us strongly says ‘look, we can’t let this 100-year-old park go brown on our watch,’ so it started us on this process that we’ve been engaged in all those years since.”

This caused the group to address concerns with Balboa Park’s aged water system.

“Immediately, we had low-hanging fruit, and we realized there were immediate things that could be done that would conserve more than 10 percent of the water used in the park by investing in water infrastructure,” Hughes said.

The group thought outside of the box to solve the problem as well. Starting in January, with the help of a \$40,000 grant from the San Diego Women’s Foundation (SDWF), the Friends of Balboa Park ramped up their conservation efforts even further, launching the Plaza de Balboa Smartscape Project.

The project, which is expected to finish by March 2015, focuses on the irrigation of the Zoro Garden and the Persian Rug Garden, an area of about six acres. Most landscaping changes have been done on Zoro, extending into the connecting Zoro Canyon.

There, the Friends have updated the garden’s soil, native plants and irrigation infrastructure. It removed a large cluster of

But Hughes has even higher hopes for the project. He hopes this a/c condensation capturing system can be a model used throughout San Diego, as water conservation becomes more and more needed.

“Collectively, we’re hoping to produce a model, that we’ll use to duplicate in Balboa Park, but the city is hoping this results this results in some standard to use in city parks and other locations throughout the city,” Hughes said.

Bringing the park’s water system out of the dark ages

Balboa Park is old. Placed in reserve in 1835, it’s one of the nation’s oldest parks dedicated to recreational use. It was also one of the first large city parks to be officially designated, second only to New York’s Central Park.

The Park’s old age, however, has made regulating the park’s irrigation a challenge to the Park and Recreation Department. For example, there was a

water break near the Museum of Man about five years ago. The irrigation was too complex and interwoven for the park to determine which water break correlated with certain areas of the park, so water to the entire park had to be shut off while the problem was fixed.

“It was a real hard time determining what valves controlled that water-main break,” Harris said. “It was unfortunate, but it was the result of this looped, interconnected, relatively ancient system.”

Harris said that although the park was working to update the irrigation infrastructure prior to this, it showed more updating needed to be done.

Soon after the accident, Balboa Park partnered with San Diego State, which sent a troupe of engineering students through the park to document and map out all of the park’s water valves, improving park officials’ ability to determine which valves correspond with which park regions.

Since then, nearly every water meter in the park has been turned into a “smart meter,”

which automatically regulates water to certain areas like fountains based on environmental and water conditions. For example, the large Plaza de Balboa fountain will decrease the height of its water streams in high wind thanks to the meters.

Despite improvements made to the park, Harris said the effort to better its water infrastructure and conservation is still ongoing.

“Park staff is looking for other opportunities to improve ... the integrity of this system, to prevent leaks and to ensure that the uses in the park can continue to have a reliable supply of water,” Harris said. “But they’re also making planting decisions and development decisions that are sensitive to our current water concerns and future water supplies.”

Balboa Park and drought level two

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San Diego unemployment rate slightly increases

McKenna Aiello
Uptown News

June saw a slight increase in the unemployment rate in San Diego County, according to a report released by California's Employment Development Department (EDD). Coming in at 6.1 percent, this number is up from 5.8 percent in May, which was also the lowest unemployment mark since 2008.

San Diego witnessed a smooth decline in the unemployment rate over the past couple years, but months like June are a testament to its bumps along the way. A July 2014 report released by the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation (EDC) says this increase is natural, and nothing to be alarmed about.

"Historically, a rise in the unemployment rate is common in June, as many students and other seasonal workers begin looking for summer employment, thus driving up the labor force," the report stated. "This trend is expected to continue throughout the summer, but is typical both historically and across the country."

Of the 1,590,800 San Diegans in the labor force, 96,500 were unemployed in June. Though with 3,200 people entering the labor force from May to June, it should come as no surprise that the total unemployment increased by 3,900, much of which was likely comprised of those newly entering the labor force.

Although the county suffered a small rise in the unemployment rate, the EDC and EDD point out changes in many sectors of San Diego's employment power that saw a positive increase.

From May to June leading sectors in employment growth included arts, entertainment and recreation up 1,700; professional, scientific and technical services up 1,400; and trade, transportation and utilities up

1,200, according to the EDD report released on July 18.

And like most San Diego summers, the tourism industry accounted for more than 34 percent of the region's private employment growth, adding 3,000 jobs between May and June and 5,700 jobs within the past year.

While San Diego's innovation sector of job opportunities, comprised of professional, scientific and technical services, added 1,400 jobs since May and 6,800 jobs since June 2013, Microsoft's recent announcement of a wide-scale employee cut back could jeopardize this faction in San Diego.

Earlier this month the computer software company announced that 18,000 employees would lose their jobs over the next year. The layoffs include both factory and professional jobs, but will take the largest stab at phone company Nokia, which Microsoft purchased less than a year ago for \$7.2 billion.

Of the 12,500 layoffs expected to come from Nokia, about 378 workers will be let go from its 198,734-square foot San Diego-based Nokia facility located at 16620 West Bernardo Dr., according to a Microsoft official.

"While we plan to reduce the engineering in Beijing and San Diego, both sites will continue to have supporting roles, including affordable devices in Beijing and supporting specific US requirements in San Diego," Microsoft executive vice president Stephen Elop told employees in an email.

For now, the actual impact of Microsoft's cutbacks on San Diego's labor force is unclear, but through the rest of summer America's Finest City can expect a steady decline in unemployment as the local economy adjusts to market changes caused by increased tourism and recreational activities. ♦

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH NEW GRANTS

City Heights Community Development Corporation and Community Housing-Works, two local nonprofits working to revitalize troubled communities, recently received \$100,000 in funding to begin developing affordable housing neighborhoods for low-income families.

"Expanding access to affordable housing isn't just the right thing to do — it is a part of a smart, effective strategy for improving entire communities," stated Alice Carr, west regional manager for Chase Community Development Banking, in a press release.

The City Heights CDC will rehabilitate a "Huffman 6-Pack" — 1970s housing developments known for their poor design and deteriorating quality. The apartments will be turned into homes, and will serve as a model for other developers across the city to improve the local properties.

Community HousingWorks will build 138 affordable apartments in Oceanside for seniors and formerly homeless or disabled veterans, as well as a facility offering on-site health services for residents. This project will also serve as a model for future developments that merge housing and health care.

SIGN UP FOR SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASSES

Those interested in taking classes during the fall semester at San Diego City, Mesa or Miramar colleges are encouraged to apply now in order to begin registering for classes beginning Aug. 4.

The 16-week semester starts Aug. 18, and administration staff said students should begin planning now because the district expects to see an increased demand for classes during the upcoming school year.

High school students enrolling for the

first time must register in person between Aug. 11 – 15 at the college admissions office at the campus in which they wish to enroll. Others can register by visiting sdccd.edu.

NORTH PARK CITIZENS PATROL COMBATS ASSAULT

The North Park Citizens Patrol and the North Park Community Association (NPCA) recently held a community meeting to address the growing prevalence of assaults targeting women on the streets of North Park. The fifth, most recent and most violent attack occurred on the morning of July 20, when a woman was knocked unconscious after a blow to the head from a behind. She awoke on the ground otherwise unscathed and with all her possessions.

The attacks began on June 17 and have followed the same trend of attacks on lone women from behind by one or multiple male suspects.

The recent community meeting addressing the crime spree, which was attended by more than 160 people, including multiple elected officials, included a fundraiser by the North Park Citizens Patrol to provide locals with a flashlight/compass/whistle utility keychain.

NPCA President Edwin Lohr said more funding is needed in order to continue distributing these keychains. For information on how to donate, or to become a much-needed volunteer for the citizens patrol, email citizenspatrol@northparksd.com.

SAN DIEGO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES INTRODUCE BILL COMBATING SEXUAL ASSAULT

On July 30, Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Rep. Susan Davis (D-San Diego) introduced the Survivor Outreach and Support Campus Act (S.O.S. Campus Act), which would require colleges throughout the nation to establish an independent, on-campus advocate supporting sexual assault victims.

These advocates would be responsible for ensuring a victim has access to medical care, law enforcement guidance, forensic exams, counseling and information on their legal rights, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime.

The bill follows widespread criticisms of universities for under-reporting and under-scrutinizing sexual assault cases. It was introduced in both the Senate and the House of Representatives as an amendment to the Higher Education Act.

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I-8 goes under the microscope

SANDAG leads study on improving busy transit corridor

Hutton Marshall
Uptown Editor

Key agencies throughout the city recently teamed up to get a general sense of how to improve transportation along San Diego’s central interstate.

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), a regional planning agency, teamed up with the City of San Diego, the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) to examine a 13.6-mile stretch of the Interstate 8, hoping to relieve some of the traffic congestion notorious in Southern California.

On July 25 and 29, the four organizations hosted their first round of community information meetings on the I-8 Corridor Study, which SANDAG plans to finish by Spring 2015. The meetings, held in Old Town and College Area, were an opportunity for the community to weigh in on specific areas along the portion of the I-8 in question — which stretches from College Area to the interstate’s end in Ocean Beach.

Residents weighed in on several specific issues, such as the Fairmont Drive entry onto I-8 just past the eastern edge of Kensington, as well as the jam-packed region of Mission Valley funneling into I-8 entryways.

The project’s manager, Scott Strelecki, an associate regional planner at SANDAG, said lane expansion of the actual interstate wasn’t on the table. Rather, he said the study hoped to identify potential transportation projects that would compliment the I-8 corridor.

Overall, Strelecki said, the study is not in-depth enough to see specific projects to fruition, but rather look for areas or projects with great potential for improvement.

“I think the important thing that — when we’re at a workshop like this — that’s often hard for the public to understand is that this is just the beginning of analyzing the corridor,” Strelecki said. “Once we have the final study done, there may be things that have strong potential to be built, and if there’s funding capabilities for it, then it’ll need more detailed analysis.”

Strelecki said the study will look at the I-8 Corridor within the context of SANDAG’s Regional Transportation Plan, which lays out long-term transportation planning as far ahead as 2050.

“Corridor studies are going to take things that already exist and say, we know this is already planned, let’s put in in there. Then they’re going to say, well let’s try to identify things on top of that, that are issues that we can address,” Strelecki said. “It’s your opportunity to test some things and see if other things shake out.”

While Strelecki said other studies have analyzed the I-8’s span across the state, there hasn’t been a study done specifically on the I-8 through San Diego in recent memory.

On SANDAG’s website, it lists right-of-way constraints, freeway interchanges, “selected” local streets and intersections, and active transportation among other potential projects to be considered within the scope of the study.

The two July meetings were just the first round of public input to be gathered for the corridor study, said SANDAG spokesperson Tedi Jackson. SANDAG will now compile and publish the feedback it received. It will then analyze the corridor with the public input in mind before holding a more focused round of public input meetings at the end of 2014.

Visit sandag.org/I-8 for more information about the I-8 Corridor Study.

(below) Map outlining the I-8 Corridor Study (Courtesy SANDAG)



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Editorial

Are first time buyers being priced out, again?

By K.J. Koljonen
Community HousingWorks

Home prices in San Diego County are on the rise. That is good news for homeowners who have been waiting until the fair market value of their home increases enough to equal or exceed the amount of debt they are carrying on their property. It is bad news, however, for entry-level homebuyers. Inventory of homes selling for \$250,000 or below is decreasing, yet prices are increasing. At this price point in May 2013, there were 1,638 single-family homes for sale in San Diego County. Fast forward to May 2014, where according to the San Diego Association of Realtors, inventory dropped to 792 — a 51.6 percent decrease.

Real estate research company HSH.com recently released a report stating San Diego is the second least-affordable metropolitan area (out of 27) in the nation to purchase a home. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, only 36 percent of Americans under the age of 35 own a home. This is the lowest level since 1982, when the agency began tracking homeownership by age. The barriers to entry for millennials vary, and include student loan debt, bad credit, access to financing and the ability to save the ideal 20 percent down payment.

Combine these attention-grabbing media headlines with the low inventory of homes for sale, plus the rising cost of home values, and it's no wonder many first-time homebuyers are disillusioned.

What do these reports actually mean for San Diegans trying to buy a home? Are they priced out of the market? The facts of the HSH.com report are true, but remember it highlights the median statistics, so there is a range that goes both above and below those numbers. Inventory is dwindling, but the good news is low-interest rate financing is plentiful. Favorable interest rates, under five percent for most buyers, mean the cost of borrowing money remains low even as housing prices have risen.

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Works (CHW), helps buyers access these programs. These loans and grants come in varying amounts and from various assistance sources. It often fills in the gap between what the borrower can borrow and the purchase price.

If you're worried about coming up with enough for a down payment, CHW Lending also has a special loan product with five percent down payment and no mortgage insurance, available through the California Reinvestment Act (CRA) for those purchasing homes in qualifying census tracts throughout our region. With a little bit of homework, homebuyers can purchase homes in great neighborhoods within the city of San Diego — like Bankers Hill, Clairemont, Hillcrest, North Park, Point Loma, Tierrasanta and University City. This loan is a great option for those who earn too much for down payment loans, but who may not have enough down payment saved. A couple making \$100,000 recently purchased a home in central San Diego with five percent down and no mortgage insurance, with a very small increase in their monthly housing payment.

Homebuyers don't need as much household income as they think to enter the market. If the household income is in the \$50,000 range, you could afford to purchase a home up to about \$290,000, so



K.J. Koljonen of Community HousingWorks

long as you have a solid credit history and qualify for a down payment or closing cost loan. If your household income is in the \$70,000 range, you would be able to afford a home up to about \$350,000.

Even if you're not ready to go on home tours or pull the trigger to begin the loan application process, there are plenty of activities you can work on to position yourself as the best candidate to qualify for lending assistance. Now is the time to take an honest look at your finances and get your savings, credit and other debt in order. Consider taking a class or work with a coach to determine a realistic and achievable plan to increase your FICO score, pay down debt and increase savings.

Home ownership is an investment in your future and though the steps may seem daunting, it's well worth the trouble and will pay off.

—K.J. Koljonen has more than 30 years of real estate experience and is the associate vice president of CHW Realty, a division of Community HousingWorks (CHW). Income earned from commissions is reinvested into community programs like after-school tutoring, financial literacy classes, and neighborhood revitalization. Learn more at chworks.org. ♦

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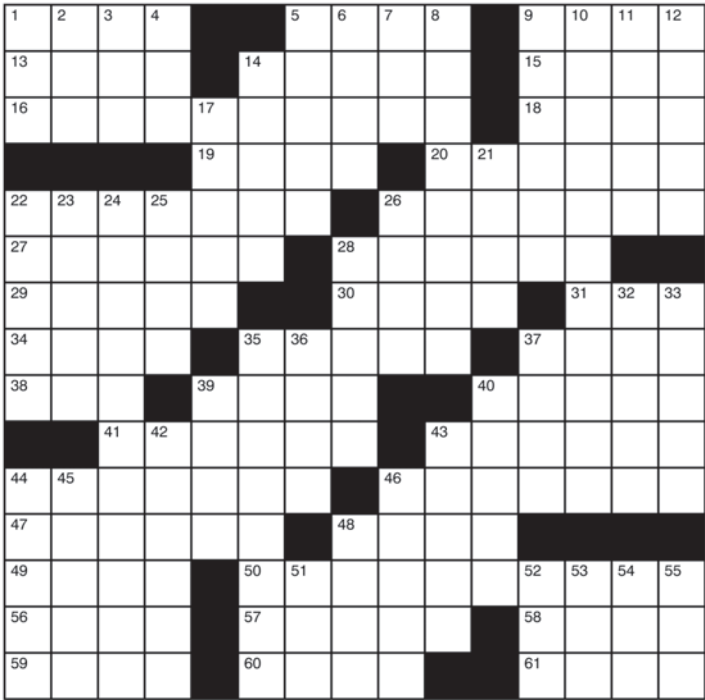
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BRIEFS

Cure on Aug. 14, certain restaurants will donate 25 to 50 percent of that day's profit to the charity.

Participating restaurants nearby include Croce's Park West at 2760 Fifth Ave. in Bankers Hill; Broken Yolk Café at 1760 Camino del Rio North in Mission Valley; Redfield's Sports Bar at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, Downtown; and Nothing Bundt Cake at 5624 Mission Center Rd. in Mission Valley.

After deducting overhead of 13 percent, Komen San Diego dedicates 75 percent of its revenue to local education, screening and treatment programs and 25 percent to international medical research. For details on other participating restaurants, visit komensandiego.org/DineOut.

CITY RESTRICTS E-CIGARETTES

The City of San Diego will soon begin treating electronic cigarettes like tobacco cigarettes under new ordinances approved by the City Council on July 28.

The council voted unanimously to prohibit the use of e-cigarettes (also known as "vaping") wherever cigarette smoking is currently prohibited, including public beaches, parks, sports facilities, sidewalk cafes and other enclosed public spaces, including restaurants. The council also unanimously agreed to regulate the retail sale of e-cigarettes the same way the City regulates the sale of tobacco products, by requiring retailers to obtain a police permit and banning e-cigarette vending machines. Much of the discussion from councilmembers focused on the perceived impacts of e-cigarettes on children. The ordinances were proposed and developed by Councilmember Mark Kersey, who represents the city's northeastern neighborhoods in District 5.

35 NEW PARKING SPACES IN HILLCREST

City leaders announced Thursday, July 31, that 35 additional parking spaces would be available at the future site of the Hillcrest-Mission Hills Library until construction is expected to begin in Spring 2016. The lot is located at the southwest corner of Washington and Front streets.

Council President Todd Gloria, alongside Uptown Parking District head Elizabeth Hannon and the City's senior traffic engineer, Joe Jiminez, cut the ribbon on the parking lot, which will be open 24 hours a day, includes two blue zone spaces and will cost 50 cents per hour with a maximum parking time of 12 hours.

CITY LAUNCHES FIRST EVER BICYCLE ADVISORY BOARD

In March, the San Diego City Council unanimously approved a Bicycle Advisory Committee to oversee and provide guidance on all the burgeoning bicycle projects popping up all over the county. The committee will assist in making bicycling in San Diego safer, more accessible, implementing the new Bicycle Master Plan Update, and making San Diego a more bike-able city overall. Andy Hanshaw, currently executive director of the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition (SDBC), was appointed to the board, along with a total of seven other advising members from neighborhoods around the county, including Kyle Heiskala of Hillcrest; Kathleen Keehan of Rancho Bernardo; Michael Brennan of Hillcrest; Nicole Burgess of Point Loma; Petr Krysl of University City; Randy Van Vleck of Golden Hill; and Samantha Ollinger of City Heights. The board's term will be two years, ending July 1, 2016. "The City has a lot of great bicycling initiatives coming to fruition and copious opportunities to become one of the most bike-friendly cities in the nation," said Hanshaw in a press release. "I look forward to working with the committee members and elevating San Diego to be a premiere city for bicycling." The SDBC protects and advocates for the rights of all people who ride bicycles. San Diego becomes one of numerous cities around the country with formally appointed bicycle advisory committees. For more information on SDBC visit sdbc.org.

SOUTH PARK STANDABOUT: ARTS, MUSIC, AND CULTURE FOR A CAUSE

A daytime fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 16 will be held at a residence in South Park (3076 Cedar St.) to collect donations for local charity GenerateHope; the non-profit serves survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation and provides a safe haven for them. The organizers of the Standabout are asking for a \$15 donation from attendees who wish to partake in food and drinks – including beer and wine. Sponsors including Sage Mountain Farm, Stone Brewing Company, Green Flash Brewing Company, Belching Beaver Brewery and more will provide the local fare. The event will also feature several local bands including Manuok, Frances Bloom Band, Harpo, Justin Burkett, and DJ Delmonty. Visual artists will be on hand showcasing pieces, selling artwork to raise money for the charity and, in some cases, creating art on site. The event begins at 2 p.m. and will wrap up around sunset. Visit [Facebook.com/events/1436821109913549](https://www.facebook.com/events/1436821109913549) for more info. ♦

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Another familiar name, **Tender Greens**, also made the list. With four locations in San Diego and more than a dozen others throughout California, it plans on nearly doubling its presence in the state to 30 locations by 2016.

The list also cited the waffle-sandwich eatery known as **Bruxie**, which arrived recently to 5157 College Ave. from Orange County. The company is reportedly eyeing more locations locally as well as in Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

Bruxie's waffle sandwiches have made their way to San Diego. (Courtesy Bruxie)

Brunch alert: **Amici's East Coast Pizzeria** in Hillcrest and La Jolla has launched a new breakfast-lunch menu available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. Among the new items are "pizzaritos," which allow customers to choose pizza sauces and toppings that ultimately end up inside a burrito. There's also a new egg-topped breakfast sandwich filled with ricotta and baby arugula dressed in lemon vinaigrette. Pizzas, omelets and other hearty fare round out the list. 3958 Fifth Ave., 619-260-1111; and 811 Prospect St., 858-729-9988.

A seafood restaurant sporting a tackle-shop theme is coming to Normal Heights by early fall under the name **Beerfish**. The project is being launched by Abel Kaase, who also owns Sessions Public in Point Loma. No word yet on who will run the kitchen, but we know that **Bells & Whistles** is overseeing the design, which has made its mark on **Sycamore Den** in Normal Heights and **The Smoking Goat** in North Park. 2933 Adams Ave.

A couple of San Diego-born eateries have entered into the national spotlight because of their ongoing expansions. MSN Money's "Inside the Ticker" recently cited **Burger Lounge** as the one of the six emerging chain eateries in the country. Famous for its grass-fed beef patties, the company currently operates a total of 12 locations locally and in Los Angeles. Several new outlets throughout Southern California are planned over the next few years.

The operators of **Cellar Door** underground supper club, Gary McIntire and Logan Mitchell, have secured a space in North Park to open **Native Spirits** later this year. The venture combines a retail section for beer, wine and spirits with a bar and restaurant in the back, where "soft-spirit" cocktails will be served.

"We'll be utilizing all kinds of bitters and alcohol products in our drinks that are under-used in the cocktail world, such as Port, vermouth and beer," said McIntire, adding that he'll stock the retail section with specialty small-batch spirits such as local gin from the upcoming **Old Harbor Distilling** in the East Village.

In addition, the couple has tapped the locally based catering company, **Spanglish Eats**, to run the kitchen. The menu will feature Latin-inspired fusion dishes. The address is currently occupied by **Awash Ethiopian Restaurant and Market**, which is slated to move down the street in a few months. 2884 El Cajon Blvd., nativespiritssd.com.



Spirits expert Gary McIntire (Courtesy Native Spirits)



A breakfast sandwich from the new brunch menu at Amici's East Coast Pizzeria (Courtesy Berkman Strategic Communications)

With a huge following under his belt, Hanis Cavin of **Carnitas' Snack Shack** in North Park is gearing to open a second location Aug. 15 in the **Del Mar Highlands Town Center**. Cavin says the menu will be the same, but with the additions of a seasonal salad and an artichoke-zucchini frittata sandwich. His famous "triple threat" pork sandwich remains. Unlike the North Park walk-up at 2632 University Ave., which features patio seating only, the new outpost will offer indoor dining. Additionally, a third, smaller location of the eatery is due to open Downtown next spring, at Broadway and Harbor Drive. 12873 El Camino Real, Del Mar, carnitassnackshack.com.

Chef Riccardo Heredia's departure from **Alchemy** in South Park has put Chef de Cuisine Troy Oftedal in charge of the kitchen. Menu changes are coming "down the road," said owner Ron Troyano. But in the meantime, Oftedal continues creating three-course vegan menus available the last Wednesday of every month. As for Heredia, he left his post to pursue national television gigs. 1503 30th St., 619-255-0616. ♦



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THE ART OF SANDWICH MAKING



(above) Half-size spicy tuna; (right) the "twisted Caesar";
(below) half-size "dapper dipper" with au jus (Photos by Frank Sabatini Jr.)



FRANK SABATINI JR.

Restaurant Review

What fits between two hunks of bread?



Depending on where you go, hopefully it's a whole lot more than ham and Swiss topped with limp lettuce leaves — exactly the

kind of soulless sandwich that can send you running to Rubicon Deli for consolation.

As with some of my other favorite Uptown delis like The Big Front Door in North Park and The Deli Llama in Hillcrest, Rubicon avoids all of the no-no's in sandwich making. Mystery cold cuts don't enter into the equation.

Nor do cheeses that taste exactly alike, or rolls that until recently harbored chemicals used in rubber. I need not name the big-chain offenders except to say that Jersey Mike's isn't one of them.

Since Rubicon's founding in 1993, the Nevada-based eatery has branched into two San Diego locations — in Mission Beach and Mission Hills. Retaining its mom-and-pop soul, the company is known for layering fresh ingredients into whole loaves of house-baked bread that includes

everything from Dutch crumb and garlic-cheese to jalapeno-Jack, wheat, pesto and more.

The airy loaves are substantial in size, although all of the signature and build-your-own

sandwiches are available in half portions. Those, too, are rather hefty.

A fellow sandwich hound and I visited the Mission Hills location, an elongated space with three sets of doors that lead either to the order counter, the cash register or the nicely designed dining area furnished with red booths and a lengthy communal table. The storefront's left entranceway is where you should begin.

Every sandwich deserves a salad, so we started with the "twisted Caesar," which captured pieces of perfectly cooked bacon that tasted as though they came directly from a fry pan. Moist sun-dried tomatoes and slivers of Asiago cheese were also strewn throughout the chilled romaine, making it one of the ziestiest Caesars I've had in a while.

We ordered four different sandwiches in half form, each of them split in two for easy sharing. For the spicy tuna stacked with avocado, chopped pickles, toma-

toes and onions, we matched it to jalapeno-Jack bread for extra kick. The tuna salad inside was excellent. It's speckled with minced carrots and herbs. Habanero mustard is what ultimately lends heat to the sandwich.

Pastrami and tri-tips are roasted in-house. The former is paired in true New York style to Swiss cheese, coleslaw and stone-ground mustard in what the menu calls the "dom pastram." I chose wheat bread thinking that it would interact neutrally with the well-spiced, thinly sliced meat inside. But its wheaty flavor turned out to be a weird match. My bad.

The "dapper dipper" highlighting juicy, chipped tri-tip is simple and superb, basically a classic French dip with Swiss cheese and robust horseradish accompanied by a bowl of somewhat salty au jus. The Dutch-crumb roll we assigned to it was perfect, although I'd bet that Rubicon's bleu cheese bread qualifies as a sensational fit.

We had high hopes for the



The half-size "dom pastram" sandwich (Photo by Frank Sabatini Jr.)

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"Rubicon special" sandwich constructed with turkey, smoked Gouda, roasted red peppers, lettuce and pesto mayo. The ingredients were fresh and plentiful, but the outcome tasted a little bland, despite our choice of garlic-cheese bread. Perhaps a higher dose of pesto in the light-green mayo would have helped.

Additional sandwich choices include the "whale's veg" with kale and other organics accented with hummus, tarragon-Dijon and balsamic vinaigrette. The "crandie" combines turkey, Provolone, balsamic mayo and cranberry mustard while the "mozza bella" blankets herbed chicken breast with asparagus, roasted tomatoes, kalamata olives, raw basil and fresh mozzarella.

Petite house-baked chocolate chip cookies are included with meal orders, a pleasant amenity that sweetens the palate after blitzing it with creative ingredient combinations that make these wholesome sandwiches a savory cut above most others. ♦

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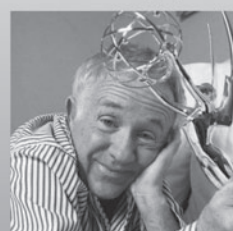
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alumnae such as Paola Avila from the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and Ann Navarra from Jerome's Furniture.

OLP graduates continuing their education have also received an impressive amount of scholarships. Lek said last year's graduating class received about \$17.8 million in merit-based scholarships for college.

Howard, who has worked with OLP for two years, agreed with Lek.

"My daughter is a graduate of this school," Howard said. "It's a real wonderful opportunity for young women to find their voice and to develop a great sense of self."

The school's mission is what

drove Lost Abbey to sponsor the August event, donating about \$400 worth of beer.

Adam Martinez, Lost Abbey's marketing manager, said the brewery's founder Tomme Arthur received a similar education.

"It very much reflects his upbringing and who he is today," said Martinez, who receives hundreds of donation requests a year. "OLP stood out to him when they reached out and we said 'yes.'"

The 21+ event will take place from 5 – 8 p.m. at the school at 4860 Oregon St. Tickets are \$35 each and include a commemorative pint glass, one craft brew and one sausage or hot dog.

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(above) Coin-op offers more than 20 vintage arcade games; (left) a red Jamaican Ale and a "Trouble in Paradise" (Photos by Dr. Ink)

back patio you'll find a couple of table games like Connect Four and giant Jenga.

Coin-op recently introduced a shortlist of beer cocktails that are only \$6 apiece during happy hour. My friend opted for the "Trouble in Paradise" concocted with gin, pear liqueur and fruity saison ale. A dab of rosemary syrup offset the sweetness. Though small, it's hand shaken and sports a delicious creamy consistency when poured into its dainty chalice glass.

Cocktails made without beer sell for the same price, such as Kentucky tipplers combining grapefruit-infused bourbon with sarsaparilla bitters. The "True Blood" is made with mint-infused Pimm's, raspberry and lime. Specials extend also to well drinks, selling for \$4 a pop.

Discounted munchies run the gamut from roasted nuts and house cut fries with sea salt (\$4 each) to grilled cheese sandwiches and chorizo nachos priced at \$6. Beef and veggie burgers go for \$8.

We tried the nachos, which featured a generous piling of corn tortilla chips crowned with more sour cream than cheese sauce. The avocado was also scant, but with so many cathode ray tubes catching our eyes and some decent rock music blasting through the room, we were too preoccupied to fuss over food.

Finally, a Chuck E. Cheese's for adults. So what if Coin-op Game Room doesn't send out a guitar-wielding mascot or offer sky tubes to crawl through? It's the booze and old-school video arcade games combined with heavy rock music from the '70s and '80s that matter.

Coin-op's play-zone concept has gone over well in North Park since it sprung onto the scene less than a year ago. With ample space for mingling and a large bar stocked with craft beers and all of the essentials that go into serious mixology, the joint accommodates about 20 clunky game machines eager to eat your quarters.

To help beat the summer heat, I sprung for the \$3 draft special of the day, a crisp Jamaican Red Ale that would ultimately dull my reflexes when playing Super Mario Bros. by Nintendo. My highest score was a mere 3,350 points, although I could have whipped butt on Ms. Pac-Man if the aficionado playing it had taken a breather.

From the front to back patio, a sense of nostalgia washes over from other games that include Off Road, Star Wars Trilogy, X-Men and Big Buck Safari, which is equipped with a plastic rifle. There's also an elaborate Spider-Man pinball machine. And on the

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From a trio of beer cocktails on the happy hour list, the hand-shaken "Trouble in Paradise" made with gin and saison was creamy and refreshing. There are also a few signature cocktails sans the beer, plus a daily craft-draft beer of the day and copious well drinks.

FOOD: ★★★

A piling of nachos with chorizo came up short on the avocado and cheese sauce. They were good but not great. Word on the street is that the burgers and grilled cheese sandwiches are top-notch.

VALUE: ★★★★★

With cocktails priced at \$6 during happy hour, you save \$2.50 on each of them, leaving you with leftover cash to play the arcade games. Better yet, the draft beer of the day, usually a craft, sells for only \$3 a glass.

SERVICE: ★★★★★

Two bartenders were on duty (hurray!), which meant speedy drink service. And we waited only a few minutes before our nachos arrived.

DURATION: ★★★★★

Weekday and Saturday happy hour provide sufficient leeway to drop before the evening crowds take over.

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A 'social experiment' in Hillcrest

Blue Ribbon experiments with new look

Frank Sabatini Jr.
Uptown News

Restaurateur Wade Hageman has given his Blue Ribbon Rustic Kitchen a reboot after operating at 530 University Ave. for a little more than a year. Since closing briefly in July, he reopened the prime space as Social Experiment Bar + Kitchen to an array of new shareable plates and cocktails shaped by public feedback.

Gone are the single-standing entrees, some of which neared the \$30 mark. And with the exception of lamb Bolognese and short rib ravioli, currently reconfigured for sharing, he also eliminated many of the menu's pasta dishes that originally served as the restaurant's main drive.

"As summer approached we had lost some traction. People in Hillcrest like to go out and stay on the move. They don't want the food comas," Hageman said. "We asked everybody what they wanted and their response was less carbs and more shareable items."

The revised menu now encompasses dishes that don't exceed \$20.

Former entrees such as the Merlot-braised short rib are now divided into three pieces. Ditto for the new black cod plate accented with Maui onion puree, which joins other fresh, shareable creations like duck confit cakes and various daily preparations of black mussels, all executed by existing Executive Chef Marlaw Seraspi.

Hageman and his team also raised the bar on their cocktail program by using fresh-squeezed juices, muddled fruits, herbs and house-infused syrups and spirits. Organics such as ripe raspberries and tangerines set the stage for the new Feelin' Brandy cocktail while rosemary and house lemonade add depth to the Jack Daniels spiking another newcomer called Sour Mary Mash.

"We even decided to go with different types of ice cubes," said General Manager Matt Handy, referring in part to the frozen spheres measuring more than two inches in diameter that go into Negroni in the Rye. "With bigger cubes, the drinks don't get as watered down."

Physical changes to the property are minimal. The interior, still clad in plank wood, received the addition of two living walls showing off succulents and flowers. The feature was constructed by Hageman's wife, Kristi.

Outside, the awning was removed to better emphasize both the retractable front windows and a clean and modern brushed-aluminum sign that casts a red and white glow at night.

"It draws a lot more attention to our storefront," said Hageman, who felt the name change was important "because it allows people to come in and give the place a fresh try."

The re-branding effort involved tapping the customer-base for new ideas before engaging the staff in



Albacore crudo with grapefruit at Social Experiment Bar + Kitchen
(Courtesy of Social Experiment Bar + Kitchen)

a round of taste testings. Hageman closed for only one day and was able to reopen in time for Pride weekend.

"During the day we were closed, we tried all of the new food and cocktails and also decided what items would remain on the menus such as our heirloom black seed popcorn and deep-fried Brussels sprouts," he said.

Other top sellers such as albacore crudo, crispy pork belly in Julian cider glaze, charred local octopus and the Blood Orange Moonshine cocktail also survived the cuts.

In regards to the name change, he added that "we went back and forth with about 20 possibilities and kept coming back to Social Experiment Bar + Kitchen. Hillcrest is such an awesome, eclectic neighborhood and we want this to be a place where people come together for a social experience."

Hageman also operates The Craftsman New American Tavern and Blue Ribbon Artisan Pizzeria; popular spots located in Encinitas and of which he doesn't plan on recasting.

When asked if any new kitchens are in the pipeline, he said, "We're working on perfecting the restaurants we already have before we do any expansions."

Social Experiment serves lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with dinner starting at 4:30 p.m. daily. Its new Sunday brunch is held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and happy hour runs from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Sunday through Friday and 9:30 p.m. to midnight Wednesday through Saturday. ♦

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Hillcrest: Part Two

We return now to the second installment on the community organizations in Hillcrest. While last week focused on business and urban development, this issue looks at resident and parking groups in the area. It should come as no surprise that there are no quiet, meek groups in Hillcrest. All loudly fill a needed niche in the most bustling region of Uptown. And while there's no shortage of disagreement among Hillcrest organizations, a mutual respect appears to exist among these effective volunteer-based organizations.

— Hutton Marshall, Uptown Editor

- Hillcrest Business Improvement District
- Hillcrest area in Uptown Community Parking District
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UPTOWN COMMUNITY PARKING DISTRICT (UCPD)

The UCPD creates and implements parking strategies and improvements throughout Uptown. This can range from “smart meters” to trolleys to parking garages to creating apps to help people find parking. It gets funding from three things: parking meters, fees from developers removing parking meters, and Car2Go’s payments to the City, since its customers can park in metered spaces free of charge.

Community parking districts don’t get all of this money for themselves though, they have to split it with the City, which takes a little more than half of the revenue from the aforementioned sources, plus an extra undisclosed amount for administrative fees.

While the UCPD spans several communities across Uptown, it’s likely discussed more in Hillcrest than anywhere else. Parking is an often-debated issue throughout the other areas of the UCPD (Bankers Hill, Mission Hills and International Restaurant Row/Five Points), but Hillcrest and parking have a deep, abiding relationship unparalleled by other parts of town.

A board of directors oversees the UCPD, which also employees Elizabeth Hannon, its chief operating officer, and Ben Verdugo, its operations manager.

In semi-plutocratic fashion, the amount of representation a community gets on the parking district board depends on the amount of revenue the community’s parking meters bring in. For example, Hillcrest brings in more money than the others, thus it occupies seven of the 14 seats on the UCPD’s board of directors. No single community is allowed more than 50 percent of the board’s seats.

The UCPD recently passed its budget for the upcoming year, which has some exciting plans (you know, exciting for parking strategies). Smart meters are expected in the coming year, which will likely have the highest impact on improving Uptown parking for a number of reasons. For those unfamiliar with smart meters, they differ drastically from the antiquated coin gobblers we’re used to. Smart meters not only accept credit cards, they also allow for real-time tracking and reporting. This will likely supplant the bane of the parking world, meter maids, but it will also allow the parking district to implement much more effective parking strategies.

Moreover, it will also allow the UCPD’s app, ParkHillcrest, to show in real time where spots are available.

Hannon said the parking district will also partner with local universities to do a GIS map of parking in Hillcrest, which is changing and evolving rapidly.

Hannon said UCPD also plans to experiment with meter hours in a similar way to what’s currently being done Downtown, which changed meter hours from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. The goal of variations like this is to try to find a sweet spot where meter turnover and occupancy are at their highest.

As far as Hillcrest-centric parking hoopla is concerned, the DMV recently opened up their lot to public parking for weekends and most weekday evenings, and the future site of the Hillcrest-Mission Hills Library has been turned into a 35-space paid lot until construction begins in 2016 (see news briefs on page 7). The ParkHillcrest Trolley is another proud project of the UCPD, which now shuttles Hillcrest parkers from the DMV to the intersection of Fifth and University avenues.

HILLCREST TOWN COUNCIL (HTC)

Many in Hillcrest would be surprised to learn that the HTC is only seven years old. Serving as the local residents’ group, the HTC now has a stout voice on many local issues, engaging the community a bit more politically than other Uptown community associations.

HTC Chair Luke Terpstra said this focus on advocacy over other activities is deliberate — based on a decision that it would be the best use of the HTC’s meager resources. To compare the HTC to nearby residents groups — which Terpstra loathes doing — HTC is unique in that, aside from its community cleanups and monthly meetings, it doesn’t put on any community events. Terpstra said this is largely due to the Hillcrest Business Association’s prowess in producing events. Speaking of which, read about the looming Cityfest in our cover story.

Regarding the HTC’s advocacy on community issues, it has tended to focus on urban development issues lately. Specifically, it’s devoted a significant amount of time to the SANDAG Bike Corridor through Hillcrest and the Uptown Community Plan Update’s potential impact on

Hillcrest’s building height limit.

The HTC, like other Hillcrest organizations, is supportive of the idea of bike lanes, but not so gung-ho when parking spaces become potential casualties in the process. HTC hopes SANDAG listens to the community input before implementing the project, especially when it comes to being open minded about alternatives to the plan. On that note, local architect Jim Frost will present an alternative to the SANDAG bike plan at the next HTC meeting on Aug. 12.

The HTC also organizes quarterly cleanups in Hillcrest, known as the Hillcrest Clean T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More). Their busiest cleanup — unsurprisingly — comes immediately after Pride weekend. To find out more about the work they do and how to get involved, visit hillquest.com/cleanteam.

As surprising as the HTC’s young age is the informal way it goes about choosing issues to tackle. Terpstra almost describes the HTC as a filter through which the popular opinions of residents can pass. Many residents showed up talking about bike lanes, for example, so the town council decided to address bike lanes.

Similarly informal is the manner in which the HTC goes about supporting or opposing projects, which is by a simple majority vote of whoever showed up at that week’s meeting. Even if it happens to be the first time you curiously stumble into an HTC meeting, so long as you live in Hillcrest, you get a vote.

While it’s far from run by a military, Terpstra said a key part of the HTC’s cohesion is always keeping in mind the HTC’s mission and goals. He requested they be reprinted here:

“Mission:

To provide a voice & enhance the quality of life for Hillcrest renters & homeowners while supporting actions that benefit our neighborhood.

- Goals:
1. Provide a forum that gives voice to the community
 2. Inform the community of relevant issues and stimulate involvement
 3. Effectively interface with our elected representatives”

And thus we reach the end of this seven-month series highlighting the community organizations in our coverage area. Thanks for reading. ♦

The defanged wolf

Charlene Baldridge
Uptown News

Let it be stated: This arts writer is wary of the word and the deed “reimagined.” Theatrical reimagining is frequently a cost-cutting lesser-than-the-original, doubling of parts, no sets, no costumes and no orchestra version of the original.

In the case of the McCarter Theatre Center/Fiasco Theater reimagining of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine’s “Into the Woods,” playing in the Donald and Darlene Shiley Stage at the Old Globe through August 10, the writer admits supreme bias. She was there when the piece was created, heard the voices and repeatedly witnessed

the mishmash of fractured fairy tales before the show was first reimagined for Bernadette Peters’ “Witch,” and opened on Broadway.

In performance, Sondheim is an unforgiving taskmaster. While singing in the core of each pitch, a singer must articulate the rapid-fire genius text. Without such dedicated purity and clarity, much is lost and listeners catch only a small percentage of Sondheim’s brilliant, profound meaning, which lies fathoms deep and spans the entire show.

The reimagined production, originally developed and premiered at the Old Globe in 1987, is played for laughs. There’s lots of cross-gender playing — for instance Cinderella’s step-sisters are played



Emily Young as Little Red Riding Hood and Noah Brody as Wolf in The Old Globe’s “Into the Woods” (Photo by Jim Cox)

by men — and Jack’s Cow, Milky White, originally a prop on wheels, is played by Andy Grotelueschen, who moos piteously. Highly amusing.

Noah Brody and Ben Steinfeld direct the production, with scenic design by Derek McLane, costumes by Whitney Locher, lighting by Tim Cryan and sound design by Darron L. West. Lisa Shriver is choreographer, and Matt Castle and Frank Galgano effected the orchestrations.

The music is still there, enthusiastically played by music director Castle on a wheeled hither-and-thither upright piano. According to the current show biz trend, cast members — in the main actors, not singers — contribute fragments of the original score on tonal instruments (cello, horn, bassoon) and percussion. There’s even a toy piano, which can hardly be defined as tonal. For the purist, it’s a bit off, just like everything else. Granted, the work

is a bit off, too, and that is meant in an adoring sense. As modified and softened prior to Broadway, the Witch (here a fine Alison Cimmiet) and her new song are still at sixes and sevens with the rest of the show. Her child-rearing pronouncements — “Children Will Listen” and in another place, they don’t/won’t, still make no sense.

Some superb moments remain and resonate, moments that remind one why Jack’s (Patrick Mulryan) apparent dim-wittedness and his mother’s (Liz Hayes) concern and sarcasm ring true; why the 11th hour “No More,” sung by the Baker (Ben Steinfeld) with the Mysterious Man (Paul L. Coffey), packs such a wallop; why the two Princes’ (Noah Brody and Andy Grotelueschen) “Agony” was so outrageously amusing; why The Baker’s Wife’s (Jessie Austrian) “Moments in the Woods” was so poignant; why Cinderella’s

(Claire Karpen) relinquishing of royal status rang so true; and why Little Red Ridinghood’s (Emily Young, who also plays Rapunzel) “I Know Things Now” was so uproariously funny.

All of us know things now that we didn’t know before. Sondheim’s wisdom strikes ever more resonant chords as wars are waged and losses are suffered. Yes, indeed, people leave us halfway through the woods. Sondheim reminds us why it is important to participate in the journey; that no matter our failures and losses, we are not alone.

That is why readers must see “Into the Woods.” Even reimagined, even imperfectly realized, its impact remains. ♦

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water usage, but doesn’t mandate reductions.

At a July City Council Environmental Committee meeting, the staff from the City’s Public Utilities Department reported its ongoing efforts to reduce water usage. It reported that while the state upped its water conservation measures, it was still hesitant to immediately move past drought level one without waiting to see the effects of that measure.

Local water conservationists San Diego Coastkeepers urged the committee take action toward moving to drought level two, which would mandate water conservation efforts throughout the city rather than encourage them. The group cited that despite local and statewide efforts, the southern coastal region is using eight percent more water than this time last year. The council committee asked the Public Utilities staff to return around October to revisit the issue.

Moving to drought level two would have considerable impacts on Balboa Park’s water usage. It would halt the operation of all ornamental water fountains, including the Plaza de Balboa fountain, despite it being a closed-circuit system.

The increased drought level would also require the City’s parks to cut back on irrigation. It would prohibit irrigation between 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. between June and October, and only for specific, utilitarian reasons, none of which apply to beautification or aesthetic appearances.

Ultimately, a worsening drought and the resulting regulations by the City will likely increase the need for ingenuity and modernization by those in Balboa Park.

“We need to make strides on measurably saving water in the park, that’s the only thing that’s going to prevent the browning of areas in the park,” Hughes said. ♦

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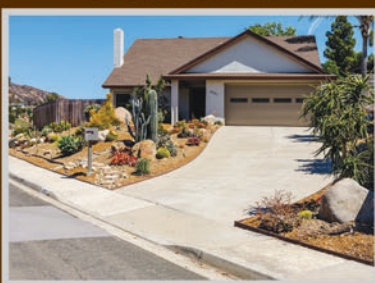
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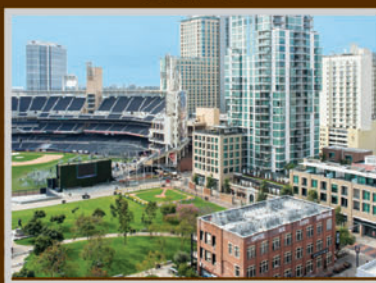
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Fans (and non fans) of the show “Gossip Girl” should recognize the singer of Mother; Penn Badgley is certainly not the first actor to try his hand at a music career, and he actually does it quite well. The band’s synth-heavy sound matches well with Badgley’s low-key vocal style. Singles released so far have a contemporary electro-pop backbone with groovy rhythms that should entice plenty of folks to this intimate performance.

John Meeks, The Midnight Pine, and True Stories at Black Cat Bar Saturday, Aug. 9, 9 p.m.
\$5

John Meeks is one of the most under appreciated vocalists in town, not to mention one of the nicest guys around. His self-deprecating witticism between songs surely endears him to listeners as much as his hypnotic voice. He describes his latest material as “nighttime Mexican desert surf exotica with a bit of sci-fi.” Give “Night Drive” a spin for an example of this. It’s perfect for quiet time at home, a road trip or, of course, Saturday night at a bar.

The Gods of Science, Sound Lupus, and The Natives at Tin Can Alehouse
Saturday, Aug. 9, 9 p.m.
\$7



The Gods of Science (Photos by David Hatfield)

Unlike many local rock bands, The Gods of Science don’t play a ton of shows. The group seems to have found a balance of playing often enough that people don’t forget them, but not so often that people get bored. With that in mind, a Saturday show at Tin Can gives bonus reasons to make the effort for this one. TGOS has a fast-paced, hard-hitting style well suited for the weekend. Plus, the venue has killer food (’til midnight) and a good beer selection.

We Are Friends, Landis, and The Green Thing at Soda Bar Wednesday, Aug. 13, 8:30 p.m.
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Only a couple of tracks by We Are Friends have found their way online, but the band’s sound is definitely noteworthy. One



The Helio Sequence plays the Casbah on Friday, Aug. 15
(Photo by Pavlina Summers)

single, “Talking Loud,” has a light, airy feeling with a catchy layering of dreamy vocals. The music – judging by what can be sampled — has a late ’90s emo vibe mixed with some contemporary electronic elements. With a cheap cover for this show and an EP on the way, seems like a good time to check these guys out.

The Helio Sequence and Liam Finn at Casbah Friday, Aug. 15, 9 p.m.
\$15

The Helio Sequence’s latest album, “Negotiations,” is a couple years old now, but still sounds as fresh and catchy as any of their contemporaries. Their synth pop style has just enough rock to keep indie fans happy. Lying along the lines of popular groups like Death Cab for Cutie and The Shins, it’s a wonder the band hasn’t garnered more attention. Opening the show is New Zealand dream pop rocker Liam Finn. The son of famed musician Neil Finn, Liam has made a name for himself heading several bands and releasing a trio of solo albums. ♦

Speaker In Reverse to hold demo release party at Tin Can

Chris Madaffer
Uptown News

On Aug. 7, Speaker In Reverse, a newly minted indie-pop band in San Diego, will release their inaugural demo at The Tin Can Ale House in Bankers Hill. While their recently released single, “Blood & Heights” has gained traction online, their roots trace back only a couple of years.

In 2012, skilled multi-instrumentalist Itai Faierman’s band, Bulletins, was holding auditions for a new drummer when Shae Moseley arrived to impress.

Moseley didn’t get the gig, but Faierman was so enamored with the drummer’s chops that the two of them began jamming together on the side.

Both skilled at multiple instruments, the two formed the beginnings of a band based around the idea of every member playing multiple instruments, with rotations being done even in the middle of songs. Faierman said the model “offers us a wider musical landscape to explore different sounds while the songs are forming” while simultaneously utilizing the talents of all the band members.

When Bulletins eventually dissolved, Faierman devoted his attention to this new project, eventually adopting the name Speaker In Reverse. In March 2014, the band recorded two singles, “Blood & Heights” and “Holy Girl,” which showed the band could be accessible from a pop standpoint while still utilizing its creative instrumentation.

The band nearly solidified its lineup by adding Jeff Grasmick, Mason Farnsworth and Rick Newton, all talented multi-instrumentalists in their own right. But a chance encounter led them to their final, sixth member.

By the end of April, Faierman was looking for an actress for the “Holy Girl” video. When Faierman was having some morning

coffee at a Starbucks in Mission Hills, he met a woman named Megan who looked the part for the video. Megan referred him to her friend, Sara Schairer, a talented musician who had always desired to be in a band.

Speaker In Reverse brought in Schairer shortly after and the lineup was finalized and ready to shine together.

“Every member of the band really steps up and offers something to how the songs develop,” Faierman said. “I’ll come in with an idea, but then it’s open to everyone’s interpretation of their parts and the emotional content they’re going to share and put into it.”

At their upcoming show at The Tin Can, the band will host a “Cassette release party” that not only celebrates their two singles, but will also fundraise for Schairer’s non-profit and global social movement, “COMPASSION IT,” a non-profit organization whose intent is to educate the world about the power of compassion. It raises funds for education programs by selling a wristband reminding the wearer to perform an act of compassion every day.

“When I was thinking about the release show, I really wanted it to be a ‘Happening,’ you know, like what they used to call ‘Hootenanny’s’ when Woody Guthrie was around,” Faierman said. “There was a reason people were getting together back then — they had something to say. I wanted it to be an event that was bigger than the band itself and I knew about Sara’s organization, which is such a powerful and simple idea, you know, to actualize compassionate action in our daily lives. It’s really amazing.”

As far as plans for future shows and releases go, Faierman believes that “we live in the age of the single. We’re trying to be conscious about it, and we’re not in a rush to make a full album.” ♦



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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, AUG. 1

Preschool Storytime: 10:30 a.m. every Friday, Mission Hills Library, 925 Washington St., free.

Fridays on Fifth: 4 – 9 p.m., every Friday restaurants and bars offer discounts and specials for a social hour in the heart of Hillcrest on Fifth Avenue between Washington Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

This One Girl's Story: 7 p.m., a one-off live performance of musical "This One Girl's Story," San Diego LGBT Community Center, 3909 Centre St. Visit thecentresd.org for tickets.

Pop Opera: 8 p.m., "Bare: A Pop Opera" is a re-imagining of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet, Diversionary Theatre, 4545 Park Blvd., tickets start at \$25.

San Diego Pro Arte Voices: 8 p.m., season premiere concert for choir San Diego Pro Arte Voices, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2728 Sixth Ave., tickets \$15.

Cinema Under the Stars: 8:30 p.m., screening "In A Lonely Place" 4040 Goldfinch St., tickets start at \$14.

SATURDAY, AUG. 2

Old Town Art Walk: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. every Saturday, Harney St., free.

Golden Hill Farmers' Market: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. every Saturday, B Street between 27th

and 28th streets, free.

Children's Craft Time: 10:30 a.m. every Saturday, Mission Hills Library, 925 Washington St., free.

Melodies in Balboa Park: 1 – 5 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday the San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory ensembles fill Casa del Prado with classical music, 1549 El Prado in Balboa Park, free.

Geeks: The Musical: 6 p.m., ongoing until Aug. 16, this musical tells the story of one group of geeks' Comic-Con Experience, BLKBOX Theatre, 3706 Sixth Ave., tickets \$15 – \$25.

Male Burlesque Show: 7 p.m., local and international professional dancers will take the stage at Ladies' Night Fantasy, Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio St., tickets \$40 – \$60.

Cinema Under the Stars: 8:30 p.m., screening "Sixteen Candles" 4040 Goldfinch St., tickets start at \$14.

Improv Show: 8 p.m., ongoing until Aug. 23, Finest City Improv, 4250 Louisiana Street, tickets \$10.

Comedy Heights Comedy Show: 8 – 10 p.m., every Saturday local comedians take the stage in University Heights next to Twiggs Coffeehouse at 4590 Park Blvd., free.

SUNDAY, AUG. 3

Hillcrest Farmers' Market: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., every Sunday under the Hillcrest Pride Flag, Harvey Milk and Normal

streets, free.

Meditation Workshop: 12 p.m., talk and vegetarian lunch on "Spirituality: Meditation on the Inner Light and Sound," at the Know Thyself as Soul Foundation, 2141 El Cajon Blvd., free.

Live Music: 7 p.m., Jesika Von Rabbit, Maria Del Pilar and Okapi Sun will set the mood, Bar Pink, 3829 30th St., free.

'80s Night: 8:30 p.m., every Sunday until Oct. 26, take a trip to everyone's favorite decade, The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Ave., free.

Cinema Under the Stars: 8:30 p.m., screening "Sixteen Candles" 4040 Goldfinch St., tickets start at \$14.

MONDAY, AUG. 4

Old Town Farmers' Market: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. every Saturday, Harney St., free.

Golden Hill Farmers' Market: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. every Saturday, B Street between 27th and 28th streets, free.

Puppet Show: 10:30 a.m., kids can meet and sing along with puppets at Mission Hills Library, 925 Washington St., free.

Senior Monday Lecture: 10:30 a.m., learn about the evolution of marine mammals with a lecture and IMAX movie screening of "Whales" at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado, tickets \$8 – \$17.

Singing Storytime: 1:30 p.m., every Monday learn what's going on inside your baby's mind, strengthen your bond and sing songs together, Mission

Hills Library, 925 Washington St., free.

Spiritual and Wellness Meetup: 6:30 – 8 p.m., every other Monday at the Eye of Buddha, 4247 Park Blvd., free.

Open Mic Night: 7:30 p.m., every Monday night the mic is open to you at Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Ave., free.

Live Music: 8 p.m., Bonnie Montgomery will soothe souls at Soda Bar, 3615 El Cajon Boulevard, free.

Motown Mondays: 9 p.m., DJ Artistic spins sweet tunes from Hitsville, USA, Seven Grand, 3054 University Ave., no cover.

TUESDAY, AUG. 5

Kid's Drumming Class: 2 – 4:15 p.m., children of all ages can learn the basic of West African drumming at World-Beat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Blvd., cost \$9.

Curbside Bites: 5 – 8:30 p.m., weekly Tuesday night gathering of gourmet food trucks at 3030 Grape St. in South Park.

Tasty Truck Tuesdays: 6 – 9 p.m., every Tuesday night Smitty's Service Station hosts several food trucks under their well-lit shade structure, 3442 Adams Ave., Normal Heights.

Pajama Story Time: 6:30 – 7 p.m., every Tuesday children are invited for story time fun with books, singing and puppets. Feel free to come dressed in your pajamas! Mission Hills Branch Library, 925 W. Washington St., free.

Open Mic Charlie's: 7 – 10 p.m., open mic night at Rebecca's Coffee House, 3015 Juniper St., free.

Rad Karaoke: 8 p.m., let loose and sing your favorite hits at U-31, 3112 University Ave., free.

Friends Chill: 9 p.m. – 2 a.m., board games and mellow grooves every Tuesday at Whistle Stop Bar, 2235 Fern St., South Park.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6

Library Fundraiser: 5:30 – 7 p.m., Friends of the North Park Library will be fundraising for the library with a book sale, musical performances, crafts and henna tattoos for children at North Park Library, 3795 31st Street, free.

Wednesday Night Experience: 7 – 8 p.m., uplifting and spiritually inspiring experiences for all, weekly at Universal Spirit Center, 3858 Front St. in Hillcrest, Love Offering requested.

Young Lions Music Series: 7 p.m., featuring a new "young rising star" chosen by Gilbert Castellanos every Wednesday. Castellanos will also join in during the first set, the Expatriate Room, Croce's Park West, 2760 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, \$5 cover.

Wednesday Jazz Jam Session: 7:30 p.m., Gilbert Castellanos hosts the Wednesday Jazz Jam Session with special guest musicians and surprise guests at Seven Grand, 3054 University Ave., no cover charge.

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Boogie Nights: 9 p.m., get your underground dance music on every Wednesday at Bar Dynamite, 1808 W. Washington Street, free.

THURSDAY, AUG. 7

Mission Hills Book Club: 10 – 11 a.m., discuss A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson, Mission Hills Books & Collectibles, 4054 Goldfinch Street, free.

Gentle Yoga for seniors: 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. every Thursday, presented by The Center and Silver Age Yoga Community Outreach (SAYCO) at The San Diego LGBT Center, 3909 Centre St., free.

North Park Farmers' Market: 3 – 7 p.m., every Thursday in the parking lot behind CVS at 32nd St. and University Ave., free.

Live Music: 6 – 9 p.m., every Thursday singer/songwriter Nathan Welden performs at Fish Public in Kensington, which offers a dozen oysters and a 22-oz. beer for \$22, 4055 Adams Ave., free.

Live Music: 8 p.m., hear Jake Simpson play the best of the '70s and '80s, Martins Above Fourth, 3940 Fourth Avenue, tickets \$20.

Cinema Under the Stars: 8:30 p.m., screening "Singin' in the Rain" at 4040 Goldfinch St., tickets start at \$14.

FRIDAY, AUG. 8

Preschool Storytime: 10:30 a.m. every Friday, Mission Hills Library, 925 Washington St., free.

Fridays on Fifth: 4 – 9 p.m., every Friday restaurants and bars offer discounts and specials for a social hour in Hillcrest on Fifth Avenue between Washington Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Art and Poetry Event: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., Shawna Kenney will sign and read books and Brenda York will perform live art installations, San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado, tickets \$5.

Live Music: 8 p.m. – midnight, Cult Vegas will debut their new album at The Tin Can, 1863 Fifth Avenue, \$7.

Barefoot Boogies: 8 p.m., contact dance improvisation classes on second and fourth

Friday of every month, improvisational jams with live music on first and third Fridays, Eveoke Dance Theatre, 2811 University Avenue, \$10 for class and jam, \$5 for jam before 9:30 p.m., \$7 after 9:30 p.m.

Cinema Under the Stars: 8:30 p.m., screening "Singin' in the Rain" 4040 Goldfinch St., tickets start at \$14.

SATURDAY, AUG. 9

Classical Melodies in Balboa Park: 8:45 a.m. – 7:15 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday the San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory's ensembles fill Casa del Prado with classical music, 1549 El Prado in Balboa Park, free.

Old Town Art Walk: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. every Saturday, Harney St., free.

Golden Hill Farmers' Market: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. every Saturday, B Street between 27th and 28th streets, free.

Children's Craft Time: 10:30 a.m. every Saturday, Mission Hills Branch Library, 925 W. Washington St., free.

Philippine Cultural Arts Festival: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., cultural entertainment and family fun in Balboa Park at the corner of Park Boulevard and Presidents Way, free.

Science Club for Girls: 12 p.m., on the second Saturday of every month, girls in grades 5 – 8 can investigate science topics at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado, call 619-238-1233 x806 to register, cost \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members.

Art in the Yard: 4:30 – 9 p.m., annual urban art show and sale from local, underground artists, live music and an open mic, Art Produce Gallery, 3139 University Ave., cost \$2.

Family Movie Night: 7:30 p.m., Normal Heights United Methodist Church will screen "The Lego Movie", popcorn and dance party, Adams Avenue Park, free.

Cinema Under the Stars: 8:30 p.m., screening "Strangers on a Train" 4040 Goldfinch St., tickets start at \$14.

SUNDAY, AUG. 10

Hillcrest Farmers' Market: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., every Sunday under the Hillcrest Pride Flag, Harvey Milk St. and Normal St., free.

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Philippine Cultural Arts Festival: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Cultural entertainment and family fun, Balboa Park, corner of Park Boulevard and Presidents Way, free.

Hillcrest Cityfest: 12 – 11 p.m., over 300 artisans, a kids' zone water slide, food and beer garden, DJs spinning all day long, Fifth Avenue and University Avenue, free.

West African Dance: 2 – 3:30 p.m., every Sunday learn this high energy and rhythmic dance style, WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Blvd., free.

Spoken Word: 7 p.m., don't be shy to share a story or poem in this welcoming environment, Broke Girls Coffee Bar, 3562 Adams Ave., cost \$5.

Cinema Under the Stars: 8:30 p.m., screening "Strangers

on a Train," 4040 Goldfinch St., tickets start at \$14.

MONDAY, AUG. 11

Summer Reading Program: 10:30 a.m., Sparkles the Clown will entertain at Mission Hills Branch Library, 925 W. Washington St., free.

Hora de La Cuenta: 11 a.m., Spanish-language story time at North Park Library, 3795 31st St., free.

Signs at Play: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., teach your baby to sign, first and third Mondays of the month, Mission Hills Branch Library, 925 Washington St., free.

Bear Den at the Pig Pen: 5 – 10 p.m., enjoy happy hour specials and local craft beers at Carnitas Snack Shack, 2632 University Ave.

Live Music: 7:30 p.m., hear Kimberly Marshall master the organ, Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 1549 El Prado, free.

Open Mic Night: 7:30 p.m., every Monday night at Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Ave., free.

Film in the Garden: 8 p.m., screening "Roman Holiday," San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, free.

Concert: 8 p.m., masters of indie-folk rock The Head and the Heart will play the North Park Theatre, 2891 University Ave., tickets \$27.50.

TUESDAY, AUG. 12

Kid's Drumming Class: 2 – 4:15 p.m., children of all ages can learn the basic of West African drumming, WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Blvd., \$9.

Curbside Bites: 5 – 8:30 p.m., weekly Tuesday night gathering of gourmet food trucks at 3030 Grape St. in South Park.

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North Park Wedding Expo: 6:30 – 10 p.m., local vendors and live music, Sunset Temple Theater, 3911 Kansas Street, Tickets \$10 – \$20.

Not Just Trivia: 7 – 9 p.m., a live hosted trivia show every Tuesday at The Air Conditioned

Lounge, 4673 30th St., free.

Friends Chill: 9 p.m. – 2 a.m., board games and mellow grooves every Tuesday at Whistle Stop Bar, 2235 Fern St.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13

Book Discussion: 6 – 7:30 p.m., author and San Diego attorney Janet Sobel will discuss how the legal system fails the ordinary person with her new book, Mission Hills Library, 925 W. Washington Street, free.

Live Music: 7 – 8 p.m., local alternative band THE HAVE6IX will perform at The Tin Can, 1863 Fifth Avenue, free.

Wednesday Night Experience: 7 – 8 p.m., uplifting and spiritually inspiring experiences for all, weekly at the Universal Spirit Center, 3858 Front St. in Hillcrest. Love offering requested.

Young Lions Music Series: 7 p.m., featuring a new "young rising star" chosen by Gilbert Castellanos every Wednesday. Castellanos will also join in during the first set, the Expatriate Room, Croce's Park West, 2760 Fifth Ave., Bankers Hill, \$5 cover.

Wednesday Jazz Jam Session: 7:30 p.m., Gilbert Castellanos hosts the Wednesday Jazz Jam Session with special guest musicians and surprise guests at Seven Grand, 3054 University Ave., no cover charge.

Dynamic Night: 8 – 10 p.m., a weekly open mic night for musicians at The Merrow, 1271 University Ave., free.

THURSDAY, AUG. 14

North Park Farmers' Market: 3 – 7 p.m., every Thursday in the parking lot behind CVS at 32nd St. and University Ave., free.

Women In Brewing Beer Tasting: 6 – 8 p.m., join powerful ladies in the beer industry by sampling tastes from local breweries, San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado, Tickets \$20 – \$30.

Kirtan Musical Meditation: 8:15 p.m., every Thursday chant and sing contemporary mantras celebrating love and life at Pilgrimage of the Heart yoga studio, 3301 Adams Ave., free.

Cinema Under the Stars: 8:30 p.m., screening "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" 4040 Goldfinch St., tickets start at \$14.

DJ Take Over: 9 p.m., local DJs will make you dance at Bar Dynamite, 1808 West Washington St., free.♦

Community organization meetings

Bankers Hill Parking Committee
5 – 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month
Merrill Gardens
2567 Second Ave.

Old Town Community Parking District
10 a.m. on the first Tuesday
The Hacienda Hotel
4041 Harney St.

Hillcrest Business Association Beautification Committee
2 p.m. on the first Tuesday
1419 University Ave. Suite D.

North Park Main Street Design Committee
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday
North Park Main Street Office,
3076 University Ave.

Uptown Planners
6 p.m. on the first Tuesday
Joyce Beers Community Center,
3900 Vermont St.

Normal Heights Community Planning Group
6 p.m. on first Tuesday
Normal Heights Community Center,
4649 Hawley Blvd.

Mission Hills Business Improvement District
3:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday
Ascent Conference Center, 902 Fort Stockton Dr.

University Heights Community Development Corporation
6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday
4452 Park Blvd. Suite 104

University Heights Community Parking District
6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday
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University Heights Community Association
6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday
Alice Bimey Elementary School auditorium, 4345 Campus Ave.

Uptown Community Parking District
5 – 6:30 p.m. on second Monday
Joyce Beers Community Center,
3900 Vermont St.

North Park Maintenance Assessment District
6 p.m. on the second Monday
North Park Adult Activity Center,
2719 Howard Ave.

Normal Heights Community Association
6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday
Normal Heights Community Center,
4649 Hawley Blvd.

Hillcrest Town Council
6:30 p.m. on the Second Tuesday
Joyce Beers Community Center,
3900 Vermont St.

Old Town Community Planning Group
3:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday
The Whaley House, 2476 San Diego Ave.

Ken-Tal Community Planning Group
6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday
Franklin Elementary auditorium, 4481 Copeland Ave.

Greater Golden Hill Community Planning Group
6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday
Balboa Golf Course Clubhouse in Balboa Park

Burlingame Neighborhood Association
7 p.m. on the second Wednesday
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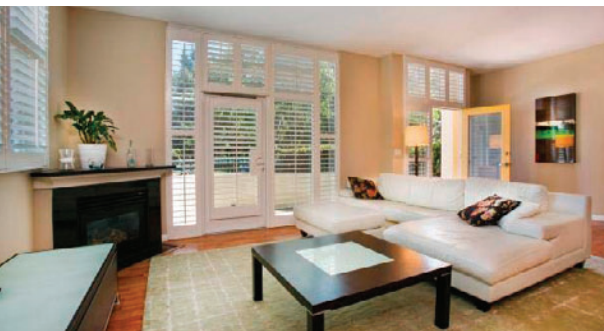
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