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Experts

By Don Bauder

The world's experts on all topics are huddling in Washington, D.C. One chap proclaims that he is the world's ranking expert on goldfish. Inquires a layman, "Okay, how do you tell a male goldfish from a female goldfish?"

Says the expert, "I can tell you as an expert that the male goldfish eats male worms and the female goldfish eats female worms." The layman then harrumphs, "Alright, how do you tell a male worm from a female worm?"

Shouts the expert, "Hey, I'm an expert on goldfish! I never said I was an expert on worms!"

Purported experts are in the news these days. Late last month, in nominating Ben Bernanke to a second term as head of the Federal Reserve, the president gushed that the economist was "an expert."

It gave me the shivers, but I'll get into that later.

First, some local examples of experts at work. The



Harry Markowitz

Motley Fool recently looked at the predictions of self-professed experts (securities analysts) on the future of

San Diego's telecom superstar, Qualcomm. Fourteen analysts estimated long-term yearly earnings growth. The estimates ranged from 7 to 22 percent. Big spread. The price targets on the stock were from \$30 to \$63. Qualcomm was selling at \$47 then; this means that by following the experts, you could experience anything from a loss of 36 percent to a gain of 34 percent.

One of today's most contentious donnybrooks among economics experts is whether markets are rational. The so-called efficient market hypothesis is at the center of this battle. The idea is that the decisions of millions of rational investors, all trying to outsmart one another, provide the best judge of a stock's or bond's value. Prices on exchanges instantly and accurately reflect the best available information on the assets. Ergo, you can't beat the market.

San Diegan Harry Markowitz, when a graduate student at the University of Chicago in the 1950s, basically started the efficient market hypothesis going as he applied mathematical concepts to the subject of risk. (Faculty member Milton



Lawrence Summers



Arthur Levitt



Alan Greenspan



Ben Bernanke

Friedman, later to become one of the most eminent economists of the 20th Century, cracked that he wasn't sure stock market theory belonged in the study of economics.) Markowitz, now an adjunct professor at the Rady School of Management at the University of California San Diego, was soon joined by other economists, and the theory of rational markets evolved into a near religion. Markowitz won a Nobel Prize.

Almost all the experts preached the theory, but it has come under fire because of the one-day crashes in 1987 and 2008, the dot-com/tech collapse of 2000–2002, and the current bear market, along with the real estate bubble and implosion. A new book by Justin Fox, *The Myth of the Rational Market*, tears apart the academics who stumped for the theory, sometimes making big bucks in the process. After the 1987 crash, Yale economist Robert Shiller, who has an excellent track record in forecasting the economy, called the efficient market hypothesis "one of the most remarkable errors in the history of economic thought."

So which expert d'ya believe?

The British royalty demands performance from its experts. Last November, Queen Elizabeth visited the London School of Economics to inquire why none of its experts had anticipated the financial devastation. Chastened, a group of Britain's most eminent economists wrote her a letter, confess-

ing that they were guilty of "wishful thinking combined with hubris." Figuratively bowing to the queen, they stated, "In summary, your majesty, the failure to foresee the timing, extent, and severity of the crisis and to head it off, while it had many causes, was principally a failure of the collective imagination of many bright people, both in this country and internationally, to understand the risks to the system



Robert Shiller

as a whole."

Of course, the same sins are attributable to America's self-pronounced experts. Bernanke is now lauded for keeping us out of another Great Depression by flooding the system with liquidity: keeping interest rates inordinately low, bailing out financial institutions, in effect dumping money out of airplanes. But Bernanke took his post in 2006 and did not foresee the tsunami. He couldn't see any housing bubble. In March of 2007 he said that the subprime mortgage problems were contained. Prior to the week of September 15, 2008, Bernanke again

assured Americans that housing problems were limited and under control. Then he suddenly turned tail and declared that Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson's \$700 billion bailout for the banking industry was critically necessary to save the world economy. Among the newspapers denouncing opponents of the bailout was the *Union-Tribune*.

Alan Greenspan, Bernanke's predecessor, proclaimed that central bankers can't foresee or forestall bubbles. During the Clinton administration, Greenspan, Arthur Levitt, Robert Rubin, and Lawrence Summers led the effort to repeal the Glass-Steagall Act of 1933, which for decades had separated bankers and brokers and kept runaway greed at least partly in check. Then the same foursome made sure that derivatives, those extremely complex financial instruments that now threaten to bring down the whole financial system, be nonregulated.

Oh yes. Greenspan and Summers, along with the late Ken Lay of the late Enron, lectured then-California governor Gray Davis about the cause of the state's 2000 energy crisis. It was excessive regulation, Greenspan, Summers, and Lay claimed, reminding the governor of their expertise. Summers is now President Obama's key economics advisor.

And Greenspan? You can say this for him: he admitted his mistakes — well, sort of. Last year, he told a House committee, "Those of us who

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But After All, He Was a Man

By Janice Donaldson

I'm standing in front of a real human body at *Body Worlds* and *The Brain — Our Three Pound Gem*, currently on exhibition

at the San Diego Natural History Museum. It's a real human body, all right, one that has undergone the process of plastination. According to the inventor of the process, Gunther von Hagens, plastination occurs when "bodily fluids and soluble fat in the specimens are...extracted and replaced through vacuum-forced impregnation with reactive resins and elastomers such as silicon rubber and epoxy." According to the *Body Worlds* website, "After posing of the specimens for optimal teaching value, they are cured with light, heat, or certain gases," which gives them "rigidity and permanence."

I put my hands across my eyes, as I would from the sun. Between slices of bright light, I see Sagittal 3-D Slice Body, 1999. I learn more about the object of my fascination:

This specimen presents the human body in thick frontal slices cut sagittally. As in the following example, not all of the organs and tissue have been sliced through but instead protrude three-dimensionally from the surface.

He's remarkable because I think I can recognize a face: I imagine that there's a dimple on the right side of his chin. His head is large and round, his features Shrek-ish, a thick jaw. A thick neck too, like a retired football or rugby player. I see the folds in the corner of his lips, the drooping, fleshy cheeks, the space between his brow and eye. A wide, expressive eye, as in a Renaissance painting. One of the man's thick slices

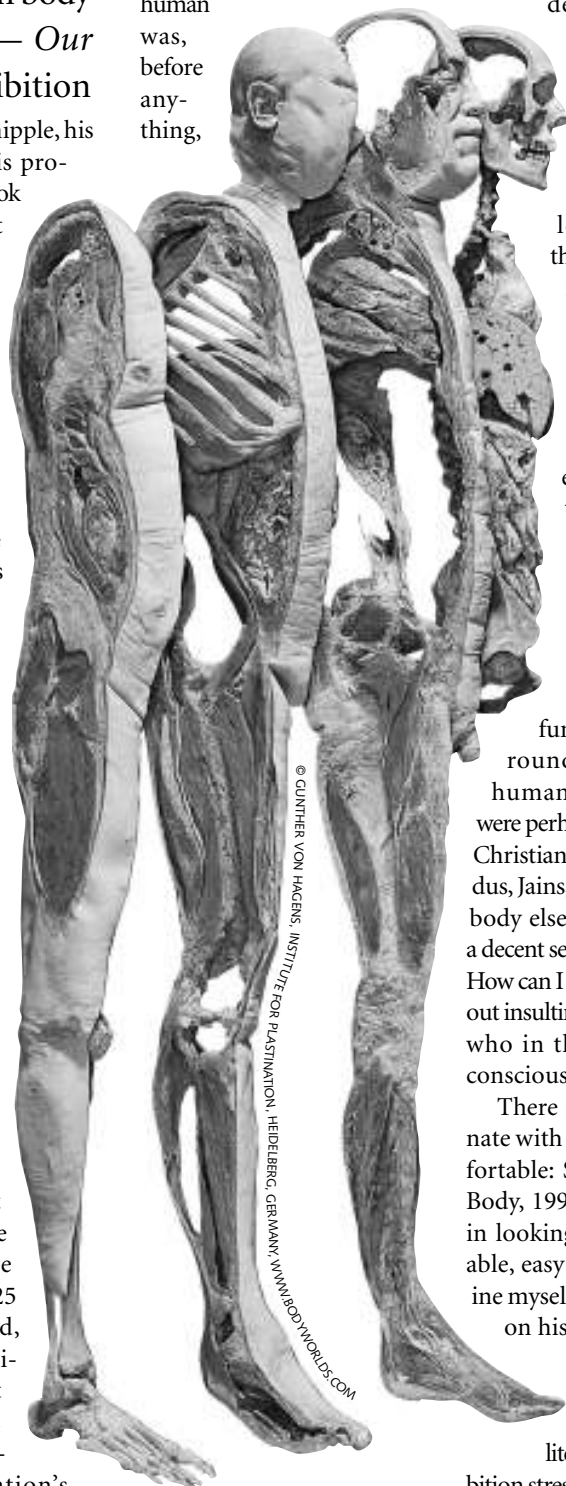
features his right nipple, his sagging breast, his protruding tummy. I look at his genitals; I can't help it. I look at his leg; it is long, and the thigh seems much longer than the lower leg. He was chubby, I decide. But if I were his friend I would know him, despite what the plastination process claims:

The body donor's own identity is altered during the anatomical preparation. The process gives both the face and the body a new appearance on the basis of their internal anatomy. Therefore, a plastinated specimen could not be recognized from its external features—that would require complex reconstruction techniques.

I know that Sagittal 3-D Slice Body, 1999 is one of approximately 25 "artistically posed, whole-body plastinates." I know that he donated his body to the Institute for Plastination's Body Donor Program and that by doing so he will advance the cause of science and help foster the advance of knowledge in an "unprecedented homage to humanity." But in my unplatinated heart and

three-pound gem of a mind, I know of homage to humanity: a funeral, a burial, a cremation.

I know that the plastinate's cremation will come, one day. That this splendid plastic work and former human was, before anything,



Sagittal 3-D Slice Body, 1999

from God and will find its ultimate resting place in an incinerator spewing plastic fumes from its source. I know that graves and graveyards

don't last forever and that a hallowed mausoleum is the stuff of spooky Halloween stories as well as reverence and memories. In his article "The Dignity of Man," Professor Franz Josef Wetz wrote that "the mourning for the death of a person cannot hurt forever. The memory of his or her life pales, and finally the once-inconsolable ones left behind die themselves; we cannot stop the past from slipping into nothingness. Finally a veil of forgetfulness covers us all, and even this forgetting is ultimately forgotten."

But thank God for short memories, because in my mind even a plastinate needs a funeral service. Surrounding me are real human bodies of what were perhaps Muslims, Jews, Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, Jains, atheists, and anybody else. How to provide a decent service for everyone? How can I go about this without insulting the dead? Who's who in this wasteland of conscious oblivion?

There is just one plastinate with which I feel comfortable: Sagittal 3-D Slice Body, 1999. I find comfort in looking at his comfortable, easy face. I can imagine myself as a child, sitting on his lap, pinching his chubby granddaddy cheeks.

Although the literature of this exhibition stresses that "The focus of *Body Worlds* is on the nature of our physical being rather than on the personal histories or private tragedies of the donors," this man was somebody's grandfather, somebody's *zayde*, *nonno*,

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Skate Scrap

Imperial Beach — At 9:33 p.m. Tuesday, September 8, San Diego police were dispatched to a call in the 1800 block of Palm Avenue in Imperial Beach. The reporting party called 911 and said there was a fight going on in front of a liquor store.

An SDPD dispatcher told the units responding to the scene, "Ten males with bikes and skateboards were involved in a fight and were using the skateboards as weapons."

The teens were described as black and Hispanic teenagers who had been hanging out at the store for a while.

By Steve Horvath, 9/9

Comments

1. Not Imperial Beach—Egger Highlands-South San Diego!

By ibanne 10 p.m., Sep 9

Jazz Prince Busted

Tijuana — This past Thursday, September 10, it was reported in Mexican newspapers that Eugene Mingus, son of bass player and jazz composer Charles Mingus, was busted by police for growing marijuana at his home in Las Playas, where he reportedly has lived for nine years.



Eugene Mingus

Between 50 and 60 bushes six- to nine-feet tall were found thriving on Mingus's patio. He was said to be growing strains of Afghan, Jamaican, Hawaiian, Mexican, Colombian, and a hybrid pot. Mingus reportedly first

confessed to selling his crop in Rosarito to *touristas*, charging \$250 an ounce. He also said he was growing it for his personal use; he claims to have a medical condition that is alleviated by pot use.

By T.B. Beaudou, 9/12

Surprised at Fry's

Serra Mesa — Just before 12:30 p.m. on Friday, September 11, a security officer from the Fry's Electronics store contacted police regarding three individuals who had been observed stealing merchandise.



The shoplifters — described as white males in their 20s — roamed around the store separately and remained inside for approximately ten minutes after police arrived. As two of the thieves were walking out of the store, police took them into custody without incident.

The other thief, still inside, was observed by an officer, who noted, "He is currently breaking into packages and putting stuff in his bag."

Soon after detaining the suspects, a dispatcher mentioned that they had been authorized to contact a Russian interpreter for the men in custody.

By Nathaniel Uy, 9/12

Boy Hit

Clairemont — At 7:24 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, police radio reported that a vehicle had struck a child on the 3300 block of Idlewild Way. A two-year-old boy reportedly ran into the street and

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Experts

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have looked to the self-interest of lending institutions to protect shareholders' equity, myself included, are in a state of shocked disbelief." He had put too much faith in the ability of markets to self-correct. And quite frankly, he had never understood the tyranny of greed or the omnipresence of crooks. He had not learned the lesson that most of us learn from our mothers: "Don't do it just because everybody else is doing it." That's how derivatives became a multitrillion-dollar nightmare. Banks were making money in this extremely risky business. "If others are doing it, we must too, so our profits can keep pace," said the experts who ran the financial institutions.

I am criticizing self-professed experts. I have never called myself an expert on anything. Since I arrived in San Diego in 1973, I have inveighed against financial

engineering, phony accounting, greed, excessive debt at all levels, too much liquidity — the sins that brought us down. But in mid-2007, I wrote a column for the *Reader*. I correctly said that "stocks are propelled by financial engineering, not product engineering." I predicted a market collapse. But I said it would come in two or three years. Actually, the calamity began to gain momentum only a few months later, and the following year was an utter disaster.

Maybe I should apply to President Obama as an expert on the economy. Or on goldfish. ■

He was a man

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pop-pop, grand-man. When was his funeral, his *levayah*, with family and friends around, some with the torn lapel indicating bereavement? In the *Body Worlds*

Catalog on the Exhibition, von Hagens informs the reader that the donors "expressly waived their right to burial." But I design a little funeral service, right there, to honor Sagittal 3-D Slice Body, 1999. Guests include the other plastinates and all the specimens, bless them too.

I say the ancient blessing, a blessing I know is probably scandalous to say in this exhibition room, but I can't stop myself:

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha'olam, dayan ha-emet. ("Blessed are You, LORD, our God, King of the universe, the True Judge.") And what if he were Christian? I can't possibly cover every religion, but this I do remember, a prayer from the Book, so I say it to myself, for him:

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth

in Me shall never die.

Here, there is no elaborate coffin, no best clothes, no *tachrichim* (burial clothing) that bodies wear for funerals. No wife, child, brother, or father placed something in his coffin, something to bring with him to the next life. But there is one thing that I can do for Sagittal 3-D Slice Body, 1999.

Tradition reminds me that when visiting a Jewish grave, even that of someone you never knew, take a small stone or a rock and leave it at the grave. It lets the family know that you were there and shows your contribution to the maintenance of the gravesite. Now this is where it gets a little twisted. I want to leave something for him, something for his gravesite, which has to be this place, for now. But there is no stone anywhere. I look through my purse: makeup, tissues, wallet, keys, cell phone, PDA, my inhaler. I have a few smashed soft

chews — little squares of vitamin D, calcium, and vitamin K wrapped in aluminum — that look like Christmas presents. One of these will do fine. I seize my opportunity for anonymity. I place the square at Sagittal 3-D Slice Body's foot and say, "This is for you. This is your stone that shows I have been here. I wish I could put a pair of beach shorts on you, a T-shirt from San Diego, drive you to the beach, place you on a blanket, place frosted real margaritas all around you like flowers, run like hell, and have you hear the ocean for five billion years, until everything disintegrates. Amen."

I walk away from him pretty fast and continue my journey through the exhibition. It is my hope that the wrapped chew stays there, at least until it will be swept away that night. At least until he can see it, looking down from where he is. It still shines, even if it is smashed. ■

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was hit by a vehicle.

As units arrived at the scene, a radio dispatcher stated the boy — who was unconscious — was, "...possibly not breathing." Medics tended to the child and took him away in an ambulance. Dispatch requested a Spanish speaker at the scene.

While police remained near the incident, roads around the area were closed off — Idlewild Way was blocked off from Jutland Drive to Karok Avenue.

By Nathaniel Uy, 9/10

Prowler Caught

Mission Beach — San Diego police responded to a "hot-prowl" burglary call at the 700 block of Seagirt Court at around 1:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 10. According to the reporting party, an intruder entered the res-

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What I Say, What I Do

Am I the only person who noticed the ironic hypocrisy in pedicab driver Guy Harinton's xenophobic rants ("Pedicab Wars," Cover Story, September 10)? He decries non-American college students who have the audacity to spend their summers visiting the U.S. and — heaven forbid — working. And yet, in the same breath, the nativist comments on how much he enjoys going to Tijuana, Mexico, for his "fun and entertainment."

I wonder — did Harinton bother to learn Spanish before traveling to Baja California? Has he researched the legal regulations in force in Tijuana before going there to party? I would be willing to wager that Harinton himself has violated a few of the laws of the Republic of Mexico in his time.

David Schmidt
via email

J-1 Bad News

The exploitation of these J-1 visa students by the exchange industry has led to an investigation by the U.S. Department of State, which ignored the mounting problems for years ("Pedicab Wars," Cover Story, September 10). The City of San Diego profited as well. The Committee for Safety of Foreign Exchange Students was instrumental in opening this investigation. The placement agencies rake in millions of dollars and pay no taxes. Check out their 990s. This public diplomacy program is a failure. The San Diego Office of the U.S.

Department of Labor is also fielding complaints about the exploitation of these students.

Sally Smith
via email

Can't We All Get Along?

I haven't read the Reader in years, but a friend picked one up for me. I was interested in "Pedicab Wars" (Cover Story, September 10). When I started to read it I was offended by the language and the obvious racism of the man who was speaking. I threw the whole thing out and will not recommend it to anyone.

This is a time when we should try to get along with our fellow man, as we are all in this world together.

Teressa Weddle
via email

Double Fare For The Pit Bull

Joe Deegan's story on San Diego's public transit system shows that Joe Deegan rarely rides San Diego public transit ("If We're the Best, Imagine the Worst," "City Lights," September 10). Bums with pit bulls are permitted by incompetent drivers to board buses. One need not imagine what will eventually happen. The senior monthly bus ticket, also used by handicapped people, went from \$15 to \$18 in less than a year. Drivers pull away from a stop, even if another bus is only half a minute behind. The 15 Limited regularly pulls away when the local bus Number 1 is about to park behind it, forcing transferring passengers to wait another 15 or 20 minutes in the hot sun. Many new drivers are totally unqualified and dangerous drivers. Some buses are often a half hour to 40 minutes late.

Nothing is done no matter how many complaints are lodged. In fact, complainants are discouraged and often hung up on.

Drivers do nothing to discipline dangerous and obnoxious persons who intimidate the elderly and women. The finest system in the country? I laugh.

Name Withheld
via voicemail

Joe Deegan responds: I ride the bus daily.

Usable Commute

Re "If We're the Best, Imagine the Worst" ("City Lights," September 10). When I attended SDSU in the late '70s and early '80s, I rode the 115 from Clairemont to SDSU, and the ride took *one and one half hours!* Oh well, at least it gave me time to study!

Allen Stanko
via email

Got Any Change?

Has Don Bauder ever been to Qualcomm to see a Charger game ("Chargers Won't Fulfill Desires in San Diego," "City Lights," September 10)? And have you guys ever published anything that was positive?

How about publishing an article to get the City to do something positive, like go get the Summer Olympics here, another Super Bowl, another U.S. Open — all of this would easily pay for a new stadium.

Isn't a journalist's/editor's job to help make change? How about some change for the better for once?

Name Withheld
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Stop It, Immediately!

What the #@! is wrong with you? Do not under any circumstances put out an edition without "Tin Fork"! And stop moving the location of the features around — movies and "T.G.I.F." now in part 1? Why?

A Regular Reader

Raider-Hater Gossip Junk

Can you attend any junior college to get a job as a tabloid gossip columnist, Hedda Jr. ("Sporting Box," September 10)? Just another mindless article that only attempts to pile on the Raider-hater bandwagon. Get a life, write something with your crayons if you need to act childish!

Name Withheld
via email

Nonsensical Bloodbath

Duncan Shepherd gives *Inglourious Basterds* three stars and calls it Tarantino's best film to date because of

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Heymatt: Chollas Lake in College Grove has a radio tower that played a big role in WW2, or was the first radio tower of its kind in the U.S., or something fabulous. It's still operational, I guess, 'cuz I see its red lights stacked high into the sky from my bedroom window. I can't get radio reception, except a few strong channels. There's a conspiracy theory on my cul-de-sac that it's due to the tower. I've tried to get to the bottom of this but now feel I have to hand it over to the elves, as I've reached too many dead ends. I am very interested in getting my favorite tunes (Grandma knows why).

— Rebecca in Oak Park



Mwaahahaha! The Cul-de-Sac of Conspiracies. We've heard about you people. We much liked your theory that trash is collected by blundering CIA operatives, neatly explaining the weekly trail of old yogurt cups and phone bills left by clumsy-yet-crafty men who would later examine your toothpaste tubes and junk mail for incriminating evidence. By comparison, the Tower of Power conspiracy was easy. Tall, hulking transmitter. Crappy radio reception. The connection draws itself. Yes, any radio receivers in the shadow of a big transmitter will be hijacked by the transmitter's noise and transmissions. This looks like a case for Dr. Wave, our go-to broadcast engineer guy. There must be something you can do besides move, which was Grandma's suggestion.

Dr. Wave's final report to us begins with a brief yet snippy history lesson. The three renowned naval radio towers, landmarks in the Chollas area for 80 years, were dismantled in 1995, you boneheads. (Dr. Wave always enjoys making the rest of us look dense.) But not to worry, Rebecca. The area still hosts transmitters, but these are of the civilian, rock-and-roll type. Clear Channel's towers beam out FM stations KHTS (93.3), KGB (101.5), and KLSB (106.5). KLSB's AM signal (XTRA 1360) and KOGO (600) also come from Clear Channel's towers. But KBNT-TV and KSON-FM (97.3) transmit from the area, so there are lots of people yelling at you and broadcast waves assaulting your radio as you spin around the dial. Do these stations sound familiar? The FM signals are powerful (50,000 watts; that's a lot). Are they locked onto your radio like a pit bull on your face bone? What to do, what to do?

Moving on, Dr. Wave takes the opportunity to diss your radio. Sez he, your common household receiver just isn't built well enough to untangle all the waves sent its way, particularly dim ones knocked out of the ring by the big guys. When

you live in a broadcast combat zone as you do, you need a radio that has what electrogeeks call a "selective front end." Helps pull in and neaten up distant signals so they are distinct. Also, a

fancy dipole antenna stuck on your radio will help your FM reception. A good loop antenna will fix up the AM stuff. And remember that an AM antenna (you have one built into your radio) works directionally. Slowly spin your radio around and see if reception is better when it's facing, say, the bathroom instead of the closet. Weird but effective.

But what do the tower keepers at Clear Channel have to say? Yes, they admit, living near a transmitter can give people reception

problems. Also, AM signals are easily assaulted by everything from electric blankets, high-voltage power lines, channel changers, cell-phone chargers, electronic toys, and light dimmers, to those energy-saving compact fluorescent lamps, computers, power saws, and newfangled consumer electronics. Theoretically, by law, the manufacturers are supposed to place filters on any products with power emissions that can interfere with AM radio signals. But as FCC reports prove, this hasn't been very successful. There are loopholes...

So, unfortunately, it's pretty much on you and your neighbors to solve your problem. Grandma's favorite suggestion — people person that she is — comes from both Dr. Wave and Clear Channel. Call or email the station you want to listen to but can't receive and ask politely to talk to someone who can help you pull in their signal. Any decent, audience-hungry station will make the time to help you.

Hey, Matt:

Any idea what the TSA does with all the airport-confiscated stuff? I'm curious as to the final resting place of my new and unused SPF 70 sunblock cream.

— Sunburned in San Diego

What's the ultimate solution to all our too-much-stuff problems? eBay, of course. (The LAX TSA takes 600,000 items a year, 10 percent lighters.) TSA contractors haul off our nail clippers and Swiss army knives from the airport. Fed law gives states the right to do with that junk what they will. Often it goes to big surplus-property stores or to eBay "PowerSellers," who resell the stuff, natch. Or the states themselves resell it or donate it to nonprofits. Your sunblock could be in a bin at a resale store or slathered on the face of a homeless person.

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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Fire Poi Spinning



Jennifer Quest, aka HoopCharmer

This started out as a hula-hoop column. The primordial hula hoop was a dorky fad of the 1950s. I wondered if the beast still lived, and if so, who feeds it?

Onto the internet and after a surprisingly few clicks I found San Diego's own Jennifer Quest, aka HoopCharmer, at youtube.com/hoopcharmer. There are 28 videos to choose from. I pick the second one, "Hooping on a Beautiful Day."

HoopCharmer, 25, is in her back yard dressed in olive bell bottoms, breechcloth, and a chestnut halter top. Bare midriff. Her hoop is much bigger than a hula hoop. It's striped and made out of something not plastic. The hoop moves up and down her body as if under its own power. Fast. HoopCharmer leans forward, then back, now the hoop goes over her head, turns on the peak of a raised elbow, and flies down to her waist. This is happening while she dances to the Samantha James tune "Deep Surprise." It's an ordinary practice day — everything simple, clean, and seamless.

I've never heard of hooping, but it returns 800,000-plus Google pages. There are hooping organizations, workshops, media stories, videos, events, marketing plans, the whole schmeer. I learn hooping began in clubs and festivals about ten years ago. Apparently hooping makes people feel happier, more grounded...actually changes their brainwaves. The enthusiasm reminds me of early hippies, early hip-hop, early any movement.

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"I have...no clue...about this." I hear Jennifer laughing over the telephone.

"I discovered hooping at an underground festival a little over four years ago," Quest says. "I thought it was the most beautiful thing I'd ever seen. It wasn't that basic hula hooping from your childhood, it was dancing with abandon, expressing yourself fully. It's about self-expression and feeling free to do what so many people don't.

Hooping does that for people, and it gives confidence. It's certainly done that for me."

"Confidence?"

Quest says, "I'm tall. I'm 6'1" and grew up all at once. By the time I was in the third grade I was 5'9"."

"That must have been hideous."

"Yes, it was," Quest says. "Imagine how much I got made fun of. I had very low self-confidence and struggled to feel accepted. I wanted to express myself but never knew how.

"I discovered hooping. I didn't do it to become a performer. I did it because it felt good and it was beautiful and that inspired me. I'd go to concerts, festivals, events, wherever, and take my hoops out. I didn't care if people watched because it felt good. And I did it and I did it and I did it. My life changed. I now teach hoop-dance classes at the San Diego Ice Arena and perform for a living."

I say, "I've followed your trail around the internet [Facebook, YouTube, MySpace, Vimeo, Flickr, Tribe, Twitter]. You do a lot: hooping, fire-hooping, fire-dancing, belly-dancing, wing-dancing, and gigs at Burning Man, for starters. Are they all connected?"

"Absolutely," Quest says. "It's teaching your body a new form of movement. I also do fire-eating stuff, spinning PSI hoops, and fire poi spinning. It's muscle memory and training. I'll sit in front of a mirror and do a move over and over again. While doing squats sometimes," Quest laughs.

"What else?"

"I make and sell professional grade hula hoops. They're not like the hoops you'd find at Walmart. They're made out of irrigation tubing, so they're more firm and heavier. I do private parties, corporate events, lots of festivals. I perform with a fire troop here in San Diego called 'UniFer.' I also perform with Danyavaad and the Shimmy Sisters and Zen Arts up in L.A. I do fire performance, stilt-walking, wing-dancing, and glow hoops, which is my specialty."

Might have to find a fire dance. "How did you get to San Diego?"

"I was born in Sonora. My parents got divorced when I was young. I lived with my mom until I was 16, 17, then moved in with my dad, graduated high school, and joined the Marine Corps. I was a satellite operator."

That, somehow, fits. "How do you see your career evolving?"

"Definitely want to keep taking it further. I want to perform in more places. I want to travel the world and see more things and be a part of more festivals and show more people what's out there. Just like you said about 'Hooping on a Beautiful Day,' that it was amazing. So many people have never seen it and when they do, it's, like, 'Wow, this exists?'"

"That's *exactly* what I thought."

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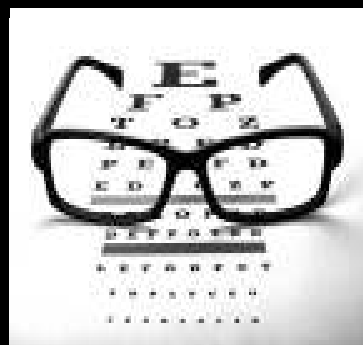
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the red zone

By Anthony Gentile



Eastlake quarterback D'Angelo Barksdale and tight end Patrick Hardman lead the Titans out before the game in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001

Hornets make big comeback to tie Titans

Lincoln and Eastlake ended their game Friday night tied 35-35. But they didn't start out even by any means – after the first quarter the fourth-ranked Titans led by 20 points.

"I'm so proud of the kids because they didn't quit," said Lincoln head coach Ron Hamamoto.

Eastlake could not have dreamed of a better start to their home opener. Titans running back Chris Fletcher took the game's opening kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown. They went up 14-0 when quarterback D'Angelo Barksdale found Fletcher for an 11-yard touchdown at 6:43 in the first quarter.

After a 55-yard Lincoln touchdown pass and a two-point conversion, Eastlake's Tony Jefferson struck on touchdown runs of 51 and 48 yards, and the Titans lead 28-8 after a quarter.

But in the second quarter Lincoln capitalized on a Jefferson fumble with a touchdown. And then defensive lineman Kevin Dulin returned a bad pass 47 yards for a score to make it a seven-point game.

Eastlake went up by 14 on a 39-yard touchdown pass, but Lincoln's Davon Dunn took the kickoff 99 yards to the house. Eastlake led 35-27 at the half.

Neither team scored in the third and much of the fourth until, with 1:10 left, Lincoln capped an 80-yard touchdown drive and made it a two-point game when 6'6" receiver Victor Dean caught his third touchdown of the game. Davon Dunn caught a two-point conversion pass from QB Jake Marrion to tie it at 35.

Marrion finished 16-of-26 for 241 yards. His favorite target was Dean, who caught eight passes for 158 yards. Eastlake's Jefferson rushed for 222 yards on 22 carries.

Comments

1. The game was frustrating! Eastlake is a good team with great athletes. The coaching staff is another story. I am not sure why Coach

McFadden doesn't use his tight end Robert Graves when he is open most of the time.

By dsummers 10:02 a.m., Sep 13, 2009

2. Dsummers wouldn't be an alias for a certain tight end named Graves would it?

By Altius 12:53 p.m., Sep 14, 2009



Mission Bay linebacker Andre Pittman tries to bring down Paloma Valley quarterback Caleb Ennis

Week 3 Top 10

Posted September 13, 2009, 2:48 p.m.

Last week's rank in parentheses

1. Oceanside (II) (2-0) (1) – Survived city rivalry game
 2. Helix (II) (2-0) (2) – Huge game against Cathedral on Friday
 3. La Costa Canyon (I) (1-0) (3) – Rolled Carlsbad for Rotary Cup
 4. Valhalla (II) (1-1) (5) – Bounced Grossmont for first win
 5. Escondido (I) (2-0) (6) – Won out-of-section
 6. Cathedral Catholic (III) (2-0) (7) – Winners of 23 straight
 7. Eastlake (I) (0-0-2) (3) – Kissed their sister for second straight week
 8. Valley Center (IV) (2-0) (8) – Made good on long trip to La Jolla
 9. Francis Parker (IV) (9) – Lancers ended St. Margaret's 44-game streak
 10. Scripps Ranch (II) (10) – Doing fine without Tate Forcier
- Just outside: Mission Hills, Lincoln, and Vista

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BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

At one point, the crowd is encouraged to watch for "intoxicated bicyclists."

Do this on a Friday or Saturday night — almost any night, really. Impress your date, your friends, kids, mom or dad, freak out your dog; it will only cost what you want it to, it's on the beach, a few feet from the boardwalk in front of World Famous in Pacific Beach, and this act is on fire or at least flaming — not that there's anything wrong with that.

Fire Lane consists of three performers: 23-year-old Jonathan Nowaczyk (or "P.J." sometimes: a stage name to denote Planet Jemini, of which Fire Lane could be called a brother or sister act); Keane (pronounced Kee-ann-nay) Carlson, 22;

and Miss (possibly Ms.) Katie Bunnyrabbitt, aged 30. Carlson and Nowaczyk are the muscle, one might say, as well as the refined talent, while Bunnyrabbitt, the silent and miming "lovely assistant," provides

charm, comedy, and some sophisticated firemoves herself.

Fire Lane will climb all over each other, balancing on the shoulders, hips, biceps, or thighs of their fellow performers in ways that seem unlikely, to say the least (at most, gravity-defying), while toss- or flow-juggling burning brands, spitting fireballs, tottering atop ladders (if not balancing the thing on the bridge of a nose), all the while keeping up a running and calculated alliterative patter of jokes as likely to produce groans as laughs. For example, after executing a move involving Bunnyrabbitt entwined on a bent-backward Nowaczyk between two blue-burning swaths of beach sand as Bunnyrabbitt is flow-juggling fistfuls of slender, flaming iron rods, Carlson, who has been off to the side, is idly tossing flames around and looking bored. He then extinguishes one of them in Bunnyrabbitt's mouth. And as thanks to the audience for demonstrating restraint and class, he says, "Not one of you said, 'That's hot!'"

Carlson is addressing an audience

growing in numbers, perched on or behind the boardwalk concrete wall. Just after 8 p.m., the crowd consisted of 31 attendees including over a half dozen children. By 9:10 the onlookers number almost 60, drawn from the line awaiting tables at World Famous Seafood, random pedestrians, bicyclists, skateboarders, and those emerging from the underground parking lot. Fire Lane onlookers are exhorted to make a joyful noise and thus steadily increase their numbers throughout the 90-minute show. The sequined top hat is passed twice by Bunnyrabbitt after Nowaczyk points out the appropriate nature of five- and ten-dollar bills. Eyeballing the gaudy circus hat, it appears Fire Lane just may eke out a living at this — at least tonight.

"The key," Nowaczyk shouts at the fire-fascinated crowd, "to a great fire-eating, -breathing, -juggling, -spinning, acrobatic, balancing, and acro-balancing street show is a great audience! That's you guys. The bigger and better response all you guys, girls, kids, and dogs give us two guys and one girl who thinks she's a rabbit, the better we will do for you!" The viewers are encouraged to *ooh, ahh*, and high-five each other to attract even more viewers. This happens every few minutes as the ranks are swelled. At one point, the crowd is encouraged to watch for "intoxicated bicyclists."

A volunteer, a teenaged girl with long, straight hair and a convulsive giggle, is selected and given a plastic fireman's hat and medium-sized fire extinguisher. She is

told to retreat exactly 15 feet and 7 inches down the sand while Nowaczyk balances atop an 8-foot metal ladder on a small wooden stage and balances flaming rods on his nose. The audience

participation includes warning the performer when his ladder, constantly staggering, approaches the lip of the stage. If the acrobat/juggler's ladder goes over the edge and into the sand... The image of a tumbled and flaming Nowaczyk and teenaged girl in a goofy hat spraying him with foam occurs in the mind's eye of every audience member.

The show builds nicely. Instrumental background music pumps from a boom box in the sand. Though the jokes do not improve, oddly, they work very well.

Of the three performers, only Nowaczyk maintains another job: instructing at the Sophia Isadora Academy of Circus Arts, on Park Boulevard in University Heights. Fire Lane will be on hiatus during the month of September but should be back on the beach in October. For more information, try planetjemini@live.com, myspace.com/planetjemini, sdcircus.com, or call 619-804-7305.

After the show, Keane Carlson discusses what is called "poi spinning," which involves chains; and Nowaczyk mentions "Pops" Pietro Canestrelli, a circus performer from a long line of same who taught him much. When asked if they've ever been hurt in the short time they've been at this, Carlson and Nowaczyk alternate answers.

"Does a dancer ever miss a step?"

"Does a musician ever miss a note?"

"Does Dale Earnhardt ever hit the wall?"

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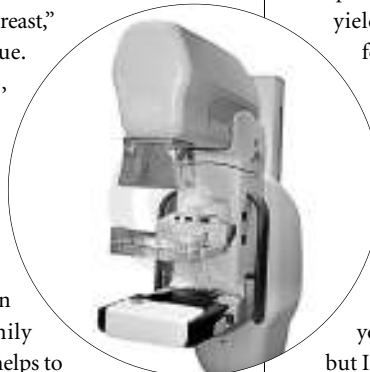
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—EVE KELLY

I'm 38 years old now, and my mother has been after me to get a mammogram for three years. So, me being me, I started calling around and ended up speaking with Anita LaBreque, director of mammography at Imaging Health Care Specialists in San Diego (866-558-4320, imaginghealthcare.com).

"There are three modalities for evaluating the breast," explained LeBreque. "Mammograms, ultrasound, and MRI — magnetic resonance imaging. The way a patient advances through those procedures depends on personal and family history. Each one helps to



enhance the image the radiologist works with to evaluate the breast for signs of breast cancer. We're looking for minute things, things like calcifications that might be the size of a few grains of salt or mass densities that might be an early form of cancer."

Most people start with mammograms. "Women between the age of 35 and 40 should get a baseline — first — mammogram, and after the age of 40, every woman should have a mammogram once a year." LeBreque was sensitive to the hesitation a woman might feel. "It's one of those procedures where you come in with absolutely no problems and can end up having something. So, it can be a scary exam. I spend time with women, especially first-timers, explaining the exam and making sure they are comfortable. Number one, I want to make sure they come back. And, number two, this isn't something they should fear. It really is a good thing; if we do find something the size of a few grains of salt, there is a very, very good cure rate." (LeBreque also noted that monthly self-e exams are also important. "We provide information on how to do this at the center. It plays a key role because when you note changes in your breast is when you should get in touch with your doctor.")

LeBreque described the mammogram procedure for me. "First, we ask that you not wear any powders, lotions, perfumes, or deodorants, since they can create artifacts on the images. The procedure itself is relatively painless. You're asked to undress from the waist up, and then you go into the mammography room and your breast is gently placed on a platform, which is called a detector. Then a compression paddle comes down and compresses the breast."

Compression of the breast tissue is crit-

"If we find something the size of a few grains of salt, there is a very good cure rate."

ical, said LeBreque, "because of the way it flattens out the structures within the breast," allowing for a clearer view of abnormalities. "We do go for an adequate amount of compression so that the breast is taut, which yields an optimal exam. It is uncomfortable for a few seconds," granted LeBreque. "Different women react differently. I talk to my patients as I compress," so that they can give feedback. "Some women's breasts are very, very tender, and we're not going to get what we want. But my goal is not to get this maximum mammogram. If you can tolerate it, that's wonderful, but I'll stop compression when you want because I don't want you to say, 'Those are horrible exams. I'll never have one again.'"

The radiologist gets help in clarifying the resulting image through computer-aided detection (CAD). "We incorporate a computer program that looks for regions of interest, to help draw the eye of the radiologist. Things like intersecting lines, which would be known as architectural distortion. It's not a substitute for the radiologist's eye, but it is an aid."

I wondered about risks involved, and LeBreque was sympathetic. "But the benefits certainly outweigh the risks. Radiation is involved, and it's specific to the person. Someone who has a very thin, fatty breast is going to need less radiation than someone who has a very large, dense breast." In the latter case, "More radiation is needed to penetrate the tissue. But we can find cancers that are only millimeters large, and that kind of early detection can save lives."

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All about Steve — Romantic comedy starring Sandra Bullock, Bradley Cooper, and Thomas Haden Church, directed by Phil Traill.
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The Baader Meinhof Complex — Uli Edel's docudrama on the German radical terrorist organization of the 1970s, with Moritz Bleibtreu, Martina Gedeck, Bruno Ganz.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Big Fan — A man-child who lives and breathes the New York Giants, still at home with his mother in his mid-thirties, gets his ass kicked at a strip club by his favorite player: a true test of loyalty. Some amusing bits and pieces (the rough drafts of his nightly sports-talk phone calls and the stumbling delivery of these over the air), but not sharpened to much of an edge or much of a point. Most of the time it's hard to know whether the movie is even meant



District 9

to be a comedy, despite having the pudgy stand-up comic Patton Oswalt in the lead role, and despite the gleeful ridicule. With Kevin Corrigan, Marcia Jean Kurtz, Matt Servitto, and Michael Rapaport; written and directed by Robert Siegel. 2009.
★ (KEN, 9/18 THROUGH 24)

The Burning Plain — Directorial debut of the screenwriter of *Babel*, *21 Grams*, *Amores Perros*, Guillermo Arriaga, firm in the belief that no story is so hokey it can't be saved by being fractured, shattered, re-

assembled out of order. (The connection between two widely separated time zones would have been easier to make if not for the seemingly migrating moles on the throats of two actresses sharing the same role.) Well-rooted camerawork by Robert Elswit and some striking locales in New Mexico and Oregon. Charlize Theron, as a self-abuser and self-abaser, makes the most, probably too much, of her many minutes on screen. With Kim Basinger, Jennifer Lawrence, Joaquim de Almeida, José María Yazpik, Robin Tunney, and John Corbett.

2008.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 9/18)

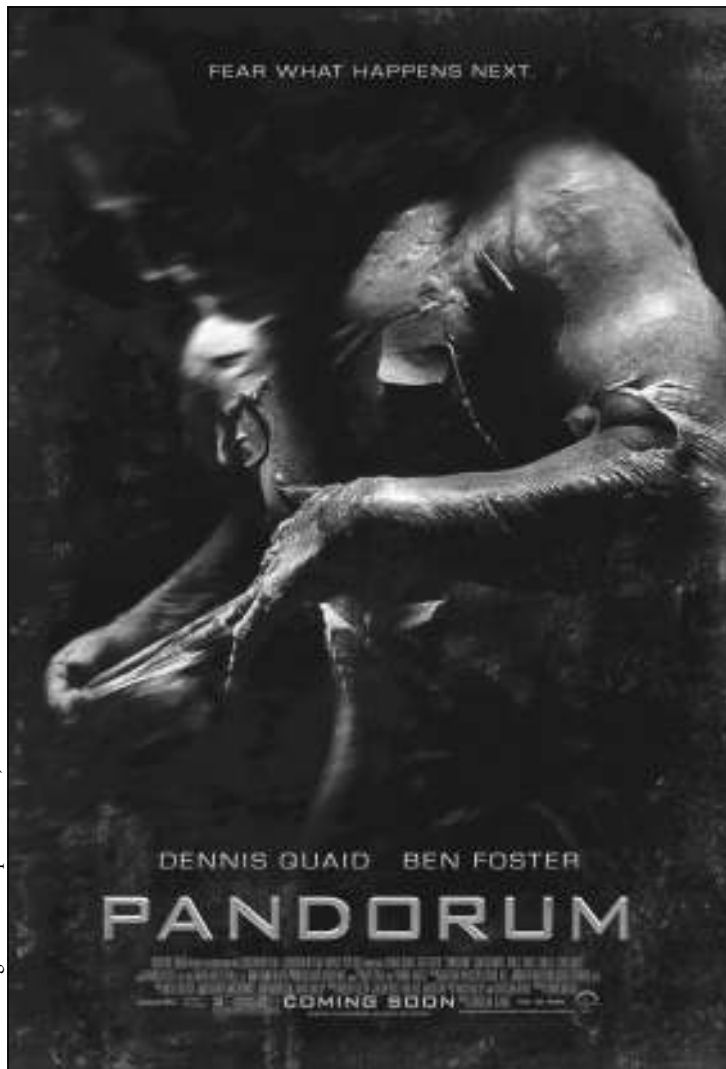
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs — Computer-animated children's fantasy in 3-D, co-directed by Phil Lord and Chris Miller.
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VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/18)

District 9 — Neo-apartheid in South Africa: a million ghettoized extraterrestrials from a stalled spacecraft over Johannesburg. The documentary affectations, discontinued at convenience, make it seem initially a joke rather than a reality. And not a funny joke, either. The aliens — pejorative as well as descriptive term, "prawns" — are well visualized, and the *Fly*-like metamorphosis of a human into a partial prawn achieves a high degree of disgustingness. With Sharlto Copley, David James, Nathalia Boltz, and Vanessa Haywood; directed by Neill Blomkamp. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Extract — Mike Judge, the *Office Space* man, never mind the Beavis and Butt-head man, goes blue-collar at a food flavoring factory, where his fund of observations of workers on the job proves skimpier. The owner and central character comes close to a complete cipher, although Jason Bateman's flat-tire facial expressions serve as an adequate cover. Around him are more players than Judge can juggle — Kristen Wiig, Mila Kunis, Ben Affleck, J.K. Simmons, Clifton Collins, Jr., Gene Simmons, others — but at least two of them look likely to survive as memorable: the dim-witted, frosted-haired junior gigolo (Dustin Milligan) and, even likelier, the obtuse intrusive neighbor (David Koechner), guarding the adjacent driveway no less zealously than Cerberus the gate of Hades, incapable of cutting the conversation short, picking up the pace, or hearing the pleas of his prey:



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"Well, I'm not going to keep you long." 2009.

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The Final Destination — To the chain of chain-reaction predestined deaths — fourth installment in the series, even numbers directed by David R. Ellis — is added the amenity of 3-D, which transforms the people into 2-D paper dolls slotted into the middle distance, air in front and air behind. A lot of gore, and a little waiting, in barely an hour and a quarter. Bobby Campo, Shantel VanSanten, Haley Webb, Nick Zano, Mykelti Williamson. 2009.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15, FROM 9/18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10, FROM 9/18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

500 Days of Summer — Chronicle of the relationship of a young couple brought together at the office, a greeting-card company, through their shared taste for the music of the Smiths, among other things: "She likes Magritte and Hopper!" It is a maddeningly mixed experience, beginning (and continuing) with the two leads. A dimply Joseph Gordon-Levitt, often a tortured soul on screen (*Mysterious Skin*, *Brick*, *The Lookout*, etc.), proves himself capable of being a real charmer, a chick-flick dreamboat who believes wholeheartedly in the preordained One-and-Only and who deserves better than his halfhearted object of desire: "There's no such thing as love. It's fantasy." As the latter — Summer is her name, 500 days her shelf life — Zooey Deschanel is by contrast her usual saucer-eyed, spacey, sedated, affectless self, some of which may be ascribed to the character, but most of which must be ascribed to the actress, and all of which tends to signal and soften the bumps in the road, the body blows. ("You should know up front," intones the off-and-on omniscient narrator, "that this is not a love story.") The main gimmick of the film, the directorial debut of Marc Webb, is not just its nonlinear narrative but its advance identification of each and every scene by its placement on the timeline (Day 488... 1... 299...), something like an Alain Resnais film with a road map and rounded edges. The resulting juxtaposition of discordant moods, often for facile comic effect, is no longer fresh, yet forever ageless. Bits of cleverness, plentiful enough, are balanced equally by bits of cutesiness. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Flame and Citron — Fact-based tale of the Danish resistance in WWII, with Mads Mikkelsen and Thure Lindhardt, directed by Ole Christian Madsen. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 9/18)

Food, Inc. — Educational as well as motivational film about where our food comes from and where else we can turn. Documentarian Robert Kenner, guided largely by activist authors Eric Schlosser (*Fast Food Nation*) and Michael Pollan (*The Omnivore's Dilemma*), goes behind the persistent "pastoral fantasy" of agrarian America ("The reality is a factory. It's not a farm, it's a factory"), explores the monopolization by multinational corporations, takes offshoots into health hazards like E. coli, diabetes, and obesity, avoids the easy temptation to turn stomachs, maintains the whole while a calm and rational tone, and wraps things up with Springsteen's rendition of "This Land Is Your Land." All in all, a useful introduction or summary, depending on your initial level of awareness. 2009.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Gamer — Futuristic action film starring

Gerard Butler and co-directed by Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor.

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G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra — Like *Transformers*, this enterprise — this franchise — has put the merchandising first, succeeding as opposed to preceding a line of toys. (Trademark Hasbro.) The movie, opening deflatingly in 17th-century France before advancing to a science-fictional "not too distant future," is a live-action cartoon from the maker of *The Mummy* and *The Mummy Returns*, Stephen Sommers, or at any rate is live-action as far as its actors, Channing Tatum, Marlon Wayans, Sienna Miller, Dennis Quaid, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Christopher Eccleston, et al., though the actual action is predominantly computer-generated cartoon, dead and deadening on arrival. It comes to a bitter end when a sequel is pledged: "You know, Duke, this

has only just begun." Gulp. 2009.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard — Write hard, direct hard, act hard. Laugh light, if at all. Neal Brennan's high-pressure capitalist satire, on a travelling team of mercenary car salesmen summoned to Temecula for a Fourth-of-July blowout, takes continual leave of sense and senses in pursuit of jokes. With Jeremy Piven, Ving Rhames, David Koechner, Kathryn Hahn, Jordana Spiro, Ed Helms, James Brolin, and a cameo (or three) for co-producer Will Ferrell. 2009.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Hangover — Sledgehammer comedy about four buddies (Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis, Justin Bartha) who go to Vegas for a bachelor party and wake up the morning after with no memory of the night before, a tiger in the bathroom, a baby in the closet, and the mystery of a missing bridegroom. Boys will be bores.

With Heather Graham, Ken Jeong, Jeffrey Tambor, and, as himself, Mike Tyson; directed by Todd Phillips. 2009.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince — Part VI — Pot VI — comes close to a complete cheat. The once child actors, children no more, are developing faster than the story, and indeed the foretold war with the Dark Lord tends here to be crowded out by assorted amorous hankering among Hogwarts classmates. (Those broomsticks for games of Quidditch are now looking more phallic than at first.) Whatever climax we had built to by the end of episode five, directed as was this one by David Yates, is no longer in evidence, as we begin a new school year with a new guest star in the cast, Jim Broadbent (more or less assuming the prior guest spots of Imelda Staunton and Miranda Richardson) as the faculty's new Potions Master, first introduced in disguise as an overstuffed armchair, a promising shape-shifting gift never

glimpsed again. The laden production — muggy atmosphere, congested décors, piles of bric-a-brac, oodles of CGI — further gums up the plot machinery, impedes forward progress; and the infrequent action, when it comes, comes out of nowhere and quickly returns thereto. Toward the end, the sustained scene in the cavern does attain a degree of creepiness, not hard to do when you've got a battalion of the mutant offspring of Gollum from *Lord of the Rings*, and this admittedly is followed by a Major Development. To get to that, however, oughtn't to have required a two-and-a-half-hour running time. If anything, we seem further from a final resolution than we seemed at the finish of the previous episode, with two more still to go. The entire series shapes up as the exemplary opposite of economical storytelling, and the exasperated spectator can but concur with the character who declares at the curtain, "It was all a waste, all of it." Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Michael Gambon, Alan Rickman. 2009.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18)

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I Can Do Bad All by Myself — Director and star Tyler Perry reprises his Madea persona, with Taraji P. Henson. 2009. (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10)

The Informant! — Matt Damon as a real-life corporate whistleblower, directed by Steven Soderbergh. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/18)

Inglorious Basterds — Quentin Tarantino takes no more than the risible title from Enzo G. Castellari's *Dirty Dozen* knockoff of 1978, and respells, misspells, that. (Did he ponder *Basturds* as possibly funnier?) Much of the movie, a revisionist re-visit of the French theater of operations in the Second World War, is unapologetically, unsanctimoniously silly. Yet the revisions give you plenty to chew on. You need no extraordinary expertise to realize that Tarantino has played fast and loose with the facts of how and when the Third

Reich fell, has indeed set sail into a parallel universe. The size of the falsification (a Big Lie about the foremost perpetrator of the Big Lie) is the difference between just another sneaky Hollywood falsification and a brazen joke on all such falsifications. It perhaps goes without saying that Tarantino's treatment of Nazis is not motivated by any sense of horror and outrage (never mind sanctimony) over the philosophy of Aryan supremacy, the death camps, and so on, much less by any desire to "understand," but solely by the need of a universally acceptable villain. He wants to do nothing more to Nazis, nothing worse, than to conventionalize them, fictionalize them. Knowingly nudging his depiction beyond the silly and into the campy, he lures you onto the battlefield of aesthetics, safely away from politics. Once there, he's got you where he wants you. Where his movie can better repel attack. In the end — at the close of two and a half hours — it stands as arguably his best-made to date, scene after scene meticulously shaped and timed, not to mention gleamingly photographed by Robert Richardson. While he is serious where it counts — the architectonic solidity, the painstaking precision, the creative flair, of the camera angles and compositions — he is also funny wherever he chooses, picking his spots and racking up an impressive ratio of successes to attempts. Brad Pitt, Christoph Waltz, Mélanie Laurent, Daniel Brühl, Diane Kruger. 2009.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7;

MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

It Might Get Loud — Davis Guggenheim, the ignored director of *An Inconvenient Truth* (all glory to Al Gore), essays a different sort of documentary, arranging a "summit" of electric guitarists, Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin, The Edge of U2, and Jack White of the White Stripes and the Raconteurs. Not much comes of the meeting of minds and fingers, but the individual background stories are not without interest (especially the childhood footage of Page and Edge). All of which tends, however, to point up the arbitrariness of the selection: why not Beck? Clapton? Slash? But as long as you can abide the sound of the instrument — the title serves fair warning — you should have no major cause for complaint. 2009.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Jennifer's Body — High-school horror written by *Juno*'s Diablo Cody and directed by Karyn Kusama, with Megan Fox and Amanda Seyfried. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/18)

Julie and Julia — As per its punchy sub-head, this is "based on two true stories," parallel stories of feminist self-determination, set half a century apart, then and now. One focuses on Julie Powell, self-made blogger, daily chronicler of a year-long project to cook her way through volume one of *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, 365 days, 524 recipes. The other focuses on the American co-author of the aforesaid cookbook, Julia Child. Though each story in turn gets equal time, back and forth, the film suffers from a built-in imbalance. The women, no need to be overly polite about it, are not equal pioneers. The one — the earlier — the pathfinder — was, in her own humorously grandiose phrase, out to "change the world," while the other — the follower — the copier — the coattail rider — was only out to carve herself a niche in the blogosphere and eventually the publishing world. Nor are the players equal. Amy Adams is an agreeable light-comedy actress (not so agreeable a heavier actress), whose Julie has been drastically watered down from the real McCoy, the real Powell, evidently out of primary concern that everyone should like her and every woman identify with her. Meryl Streep, meanwhile, is nothing less than the prima donna of contemporary American cinema; and her



Moon

Julia, far from a bland Everywoman, is a one-of-a-kind: a stylized self-parodist parodied to perfection, but softened and molded into a rounded, humanized, full-service screen character. We want at all times, not just half the time, to be with Julia; and we should probably be grateful to writer-director Nora Ephron, whose title comes from Powell's blown-up blog but whose source material expanded to encompass Child's autobiography, that we have Julia-slash-Meryl even half the time. It could have been less. Stanley Tucci, Chris Messina, Jane Lynch. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Love Happens — Romance in Seattle with Jennifer Aniston and Aaron Eckhart, directed by Brandon Camp. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/18)

Moon — Speculation on the anomie of the self-knowing human clone, a reasonable stand-in for the self-knowing human. Written and directed by the British team of Nathan Parker and Duncan Jones respectively, it's a nice little piece of short-story-sized science fiction freighted with reminders of 2001 — some of *Silent Running* as well, less burdensome — and stretched out to just barely endurable length. As in its eminent forebear, the human cast is very limited, mostly Sam Rockwell in a dual role — at one point playing pingpong with

himself in the same frame, at numerous points matching the ostentatious torment of Bruce Dern in *Silent Running* — supported if not upstaged by a talking computer called GERTY 3000 (smarmy voice of Kevin Spacey) instead of HAL 9000. A sufficient innovation in design is the emblematic Smiley Face that signals the computer's "mood," or alternatively a Frowny Face, Quizzical Face, or Noncommittal Face, every bit as expressive as the Jack-in-the-Box of fast-food TV ads. It's quite astonishing how even the most modest-budget science fiction now approximates the nonpareil special effects of the Kubrick monument of forty years ago. 2009.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Muriel's Wedding — The directorial debut of P.J. Hogan, previously encountered as a producer on his wife's directorial debut, *Proof*. (Jocelyn Moorhouse herewith returns the favor, functioning as a producer on her husband's debut.) But at that time he was going by the name of Paul Hogan, making for an unfortunate confusion with his same-named countryman, better known to the world at large as "Crocodile" Dundee. With this, P.J. Hogan has come a long way toward securing an identity all his own. Much of that identity resides in his discerning eye for color, for décor, for detail. The image is very brightly lit and crisply focused (by cameraman Mark McGrath), establishing a kind of equal-opportunity field of vision, totally democratic, open, spacious. All around it, in the diverse but sparsely scattered forms of wallpaper, curtains, colored lights, a lampshade, an article of clothing, etc., Hogan sets off little firecracker detonations of vivacious color, or noisy dynamite blasts of color, or noxious nuclear clouds of color (gaseous blue, slimy green), creating an effect not unlike the random hit-and-run lyricism of Miró. No less discerning is Hogan's eye for faces and bodies, for assorted physical types. And in his lead actress, Toni Collette, he has one of those chameleonic types who can look completely different at different times, all the way from morosely homely to luminously comely, with intermediate stops at points like blankly innocent and raptly inquisitive and regressively infantile. The protagonist's personal odyssey gives her a rich variety of opportunity: from Porpoise Spit ("Jewel of the North Coast") to Sydney ("City of Brides") and back again; from Muriel to Mariel and, again, back; from a dysfunctional family of underachievers and couch potatoes to open insurrection ("You're terrible, Muriel," her sluglike sister keeps saying) and ultimate independence; from someone who thinks that marriage is the answer to everything to someone who thinks up new questions entirely. Over the course of all this, she becomes a walking billboard for the benefits of Attitude Adjustment. With Rachel Griffiths, Jeanie Dry-

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nan, Bill Hunter. 1994.

★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 9/17 THROUGH 19, 8:30 P.M.)

My One and Only — The coming-of-age of George Hamilton (the septuagenarian executive co-producer), in the guise of dark-haired but short-nosed Logan Lerman, installed behind the wheel of a new El Dorado, to ferry his precociously out-and-proud gay brother (Mark Rendall) and his adleptated Southern-belle mother (Renée Zellweger, speaking under her breathy breath, her mouth never far from a pucker) in her flight from her faithless second husband, a travelling bandleader, and into countless encounters with other varieties of swinish manhood, en route from New York to Los Angeles in 1953. False, lifeless resuscitation of the period, so dully lit and colored (under director Richard Loncraine) as to make you pine for Fifties Technicolor. To project *The Big Heat* at a drive-in in Cinemascope(!) may not be a big thing, but it's an indication. Kevin Bacon, Chris Noth, Nick Stahl. 2009.

● (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

9 — Post-apocalyptic computer cartoon by Shane Acker, set in a rusty, dusty, color-deprived future. "But life," intones the rumbling narrator at the outset, "must go on," even if only in the form of Lilliputian cloth-doll automatons hounded by Brobdingnagian mechanized cutlery. The realistic graphic style displays an endless devotion to tactility — the gunnysack skin of the automatons, the grainy wood, the weathered metal — and since the line between live action and computer animation continues to narrow and to blur, it would be no problem to populate the very same terrain with flesh-and-blood people instead of their disembodied voices (Elijah Wood, John C. Reilly, Christopher Plummer, Jennifer Connelly, Martin Landau). The engulfing visual experience provides sufficient distraction from, or compensation for, the rudimentary conflict of rebels against machines. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Play the Game — Grandpa and grandson in parallel amorous pursuits, swapping tips, trading secrets. Marc Fienberg's *Amateur Hour* and *Three-Quarters*, his first feature film, amounts to a terrible mortification for anyone on screen or in front of it, not least of all Andy Griffith, required to react to a hard-on and a blow job and then to recount these to his younger-generation confidant: "Have you ever heard of a Black Market drug called Viagra?" and "I felt like a damn Popsicle." He must need the work. Badly. With Paul Campbell, Marla Sokoloff, and Doris Roberts. 2009.

● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Ponyo — Hayao Miyazaki further postpones his announced retirement three feature films earlier, and appears to reverse the slippage of his hand-drawn purism into corner-cutting computer animation, reverting to a simpler, less congested style than in *Spirited Away* and even more *Howl's Moving Castle*. His famous sensitivity to nature is immediately on display with the plunge into a teeming underwater world dominated at first by jellyfish and soon turning up a school of human-headed wiggles identified eventually as goldfish, one of whom nurses an overwhelming urge to become head-to-toe human (which means, high on the list, to eat ham) and to escape the dominion of her inexplicably humanoid father: "If you could only remain innocent and pure forever." Some lip service gets paid

to the precarious ecological balance, but no narrative developments quite live up to the apocalyptic rhetoric. A modest fairy tale of personal liberation (fashioned loosely after *The Little Mermaid* of Hans Christian Andersen), with its ambiguous father figures and idealized mothers, proves nevertheless to be compelling enough on its own; and the sustained climax rises sufficiently high with the coming of a typhoon, the slanting rain and bending wind, the swelling whale-like waves, the flooding of a landscape we have come to know well, the navigating of the roads by fish in place of cars, and the presto-change-o transformation of a toy boat into a serviceable little putt-putt to navigate the surface. With the voices of Tina Fey, Liam Neeson, Cate Blanchett, Matt Damon, Noah Cyrus (little sister of Miley), and Frankie Jonas (little brother of the Jonas Brothers). 2009.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The September Issue — R.J. Cutler's documentary version of *The Devil Wears Prada*, a revealing inside look at the putting-together of the year's fattest issue of *Vogue*, what turns out to be history's fattest issue ever. The bleeding and sweating, the fighting and dying, over the tiniest details will retain a degree of fascination no matter how trivial the details. (E.g., cover girl Sienna Miller's teeth, hair, etc. How does she dare show her face in public?) From a certain angle, the more trivial, the more fascinating. Editor-in-Chief Anna Wintour, Meryl Streep's counterpart, is touted as "the single most important figure in the fashion industry" and "the most powerful woman in the United States," yet she remains, with or without sunglasses, somewhat remote and inscrutable — behind a severe, face-hiding bob, like curtains closing on her nose — while never receding into Streepian caricature. Her long-time and less-groomed associate, Creative Director Grace Coddington,

confides much more to the camera, and rallies much more sympathy to her causes. 2009.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

Shorts — Nonlinearity for kids. Aggressively cute, garishly bright family fantasy mashes together, in no particular order, a magical multicolor Wishing Rock, gherkin-sized aliens, a giant booger, a telepathic baby, Siamese-twin spouses, among other things. Respectable cast above the tot level: Leslie Mann, Jon Cryer, Kat Dennings, William H. Macy, James Spader. Written, directed, photographed by Robert Rodriguez. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Sorority Row — Serial killer on campus, with Briana Evigan, Rumer Willis, and Carrie Fisher, directed by Stewart Hendler. (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10)

Taking Woodstock — Ang Lee, evidently still banking on the critical goodwill since *Brokeback Mountain*, whips up some innocuous nostalgia around the milestone music festival of the summer of 1969, a fortieth-anniversary fictionalized addendum to Michael Wadleigh's official *Woodstock*, complete with imitative split-screen effects. This docucomedy, so to call it, never gets near the music — no nearer than the emblematic mud slide — so that the movie lacks a proper payoff, unless you can count the paint-by-computer acid trip or (cashing in a *Brokeback* dividend) the homosexual coming-out. It lacks, to put a finer point on it, a sense of purpose, a *raison d'être*. A few feigned tensions arise along the way — Mafia buttinskies, inhospitable townfolk, congested traffic — but nothing to derail the prevailing love-in. We get our fill, never

fear, of "far out" and "cool" and "groovy" and "heavy," and we get a handful of hindsight drooleries: "Can you believe it? A dollar for water!" Imelda Staunton, a bulldog in two-toned glasses frames, claims the limelight from both the protagonist (her on-screen son) and a supporting cast of half a million, in the part of a Russian Jewish immigrant who, as proprietress of the mom-and-pop El Monaco Motel, pinches pennies on a pathological scale (one dollar per towel), an irresistible candidate for a hash brownie. A yardstick, that brownie, of the filmmaker's docile conventionality. With Demetri Martin, Henry Goodman, Liev Schreiber, Jonathan Groff, Eugene Levy, Emile Hirsch. 2009.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Time Traveler's Wife — Lifetime Channel science fiction to do with a passive time-tripper who has no control over his departures or arrivals (leaving behind a pile of clothes and taking with him only his birthday suit) and no power to alter events. One can't be sure that these rules are strictly adhered to. The lifelong love affair that begins with a naked adult man and a six-year-old girl seems to have potential as a metaphor of female loyalty and male inconstancy, but despite the ardent efforts of Rachel McAdams (especially) and Eric Bana, the potential gives way to gloss and goo. Directed by Robert Schwentke. 2009.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14, FROM 9/18)

The Ugly Truth — Cool-blond control freak and dark hairy caveman (Katherine Heigl, Gerard Butler) in a conflict of philosophies, personalities, and sexualities, behind the scenes at a Sacramento TV morning talk show. The road to the predictable and inevitable is paved with, among other things, a pair of vibrating panties, the remote control in the wrong hands at the wrong time. Hard to imagine Katharine Hepburn or Jean Arthur at that spot in the road. With Bree Turner, Eric Winter, Cheryl Hines, and John Michael Higgins; directed by Robert Luketic. 2009.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Whiteout — South Pole suspense film with Kate Beckinsale, Gabriel Macht, and Tom Skerritt, directed by Dominic Sena. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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The Burning Plain (R); Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; Sat. & Sun.: (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; **It Might Get Loud** (PG); Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (2:10, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; Sat. & Sun.: (11:25) 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; **The September Issue** (PG-13); Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (2:30, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05; Sat. & Sun.: (1:45) 2:30, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; **The Baader Meinhof Complex** (R); Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (2:00, 5:05) 8:00 Sat. & Sun.: (11:05) 2:00, 5:05, 8:00; **500 Days of Summer** (PG-13); Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (2:20, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55; Sat. & Sun.: (11:35) 2:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55

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1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Adventures in Wild California (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 12:00, 4:00 Sun. 12:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Bugs!** (No Rating) Fri. 2:00, 6:00 Sat. 10:00, 2:00, 6:00 Sun. 10:00, 2:00; **Under the Sea** (G) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG) Fri. (12:40, 3:00, 5:20) 7:40 Fri. (1:10, 3:30, 5:50) 8:10, 10:30; **Love Happens** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:10) 7:00, 9:40
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LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:05, 3:15) 5:20, 7:30, 9:45; **District 9** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:10p.m.; **The Final Destination** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:25p.m.; **I Can Do Bad All by Myself** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:25, 8:00, 10:30; **The Informant!** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:30, 7:05, 9:35; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:50) 7:00, 10:05; **Jennifer's Body** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:15, 3:35) 6:00, 8:20, 10:40; **Julie and Julia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:05) 4:45, 7:25; **Love Happens** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; **9** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:10, 3:10) 5:10, 7:15, 9:20; **Sorority Row** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:40, 3:55) 6:10, 8:30, 10:45; **Whiteout** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
All about Steve (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:05) 7:05, 9:45; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 2:45, 5:05) 7:30, 10:00 Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:35) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:35, 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:05, 7:30, 10:00; **District 9** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 3:20) 7:25, 10:35; **Extract** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:55p.m.; **G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 3:30) 6:50; **I Can Do Bad All by Myself** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:50) 7:20, 10:10; **The Informant!** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:50, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50, 10:40; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 3:10) 6:55, 10:20; **Jennifer's Body** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:45) 7:40, 10:30; **Julie and Julia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:35) 7:10, 10:05; **Love Happens** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:15) 7:15, 10:15; **9** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 2:55, 5:15) 7:35, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 2:55) 5:15, 7:35, 9:50; **Sorority Row** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:40) 6:35, 9:35; **The Time Traveler's Wife** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:00) 6:40; **Whiteout** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:25) 6:45, 9:40

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Inglourious Basterds (R); **Jennifer's Body** (R); **Post Grad** (PG-13); **Whiteout** (R)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG) (12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **Jennifer's Body** (R) (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:30 10:00; **The Informant!** (R) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **The Final Destination** (R) (11:15 1:30 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Whiteout** (R) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **Sorority Row** (R) (12:00 2:45) 5:15 8:00 10:30; **I Can Do Bad All by Myself** (PG-13) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:15 10:00; **9** (PG-13) (11:00 1:00 3:00) 5:30 7:45 10:00; **Gamer** (R) (1:45) 7:00; **Halloween II** (R) (11:00) 4:15 9:15; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) (12:30 3:45) 7:00 10:15; **Thomas and Friends: Hero of the Rails** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (858-558-2262)
All about Steve; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs**; **District 9**; **Gamer**; **I Can Do Bad All by Myself**; **The Informant!**; **Inglourious Basterds**; **Jennifer's Body**; **Love Happens**; **9**; **Sorority Row**; **Whiteout**

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denney Road (858-558-2262)
All about Steve (PG-13); **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG); **District 9** (R); **Extract** (R); **The Final Destination** (R); **500 Days of Summer** (PG-13); **G-Force** (PG); **Gamer** (R); **G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra** (PG-13); **Halloween II** (R); **The Hangover** (R); **I Can Do Bad All by Myself** (PG-13); **The Informant!** (R); **Inglourious Basterds** (R); **Jennifer's Body** (R); **Love Happens** (PG-13); **9** (PG-13); **Ponyo** (G); **Shorts** (PG); **Sorority Row** (R); **The Time Traveler's Wife** (R); **Whiteout** (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16

1025 Tierra Del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
All about Steve (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:20, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 4:40, 7:05, 9:30; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:20; **District 9** (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:10) 6:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:10, 6:55; **500 Days of Summer** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:35, 5:00) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:15,

2:35) 5:00, 7:20, 9:50; **Gamer** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:25p.m.; **G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:35, 10:25; **I Can Do Bad All by Myself** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:55) 7:10, 9:55; **The Informant!** (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:55) 7:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:55, 7:30, 10:10; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:25) 6:50, 10:05; **Jennifer's Body** (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:45, 5:20) 7:50, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:20, 7:50, 10:30; **Julie and Julia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:40) 6:45, 9:35; **Love Happens** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 5:00) 7:35, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 5:00, 7:35,

Hero of the Rails (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
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No 10 am-3:45 pm shows Mon.-Thu.

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **Jennifer's Body** (R) (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:30 10:00; **Love Happens** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **The Informant!** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Whiteout** (R) (10:30 1:00) 6:00 10:45; No 10:30 Sat. & Sun.; **Sorority Row** (R) (11:00 1:30 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **I Can Do Bad All By Myself** (PG-13) (10:30 1:15) 4:15 7:00 10:00; **9** (PG-13) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:00 7:15 9:45; **All about Steve** (PG-13) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Julie and Julia** (PG) (10:45 1:45) 4:30 7:30 10:15; **District 9** (R) (3:30) 8:15; **Thomas and Friends: Hero of the Rails** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
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VISTA

Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive
(760-945-7469)

All about Steve (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:30, 10:00; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40 Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:00, 4:20) 6:45, 9:05 Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; **District 9** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 9:20; **Extract** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:00) 7:35; **The Final Destination** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:30, 3:40, 5:50) 8:10, 10:10; **Gamer** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 5:20) 9:50; **I Can Do Bad All by Myself** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:45, 4:20) 7:05, 9:40; **The Informant!** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 12:05, 2:00, 2:40, 4:35, 5:15) 7:15, 7:55, 9:45, 10:20; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:05; **Jennifer's Body** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:15; **Love Happens** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:25, 10:05; **9** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:20, 2:25, 3:30, 4:45, 5:40) 7:10, 7:50, 10:00; **Sorority Row** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:50, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; **Whiteout** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:00, 5:30) 8:00, 10:20

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30, 9:35 Sun. (11:10, 1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30; **I Can Do Bad All by Myself** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15; **The Informant!** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 1:45, 4:20) 7:00, 9:25 Sun. (11:20, 1:45, 4:20) 7:00; **Whiteout** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:55) 5:15, 7:40, 9:55 Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:15, 7:40

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road
(858-646-9420)



Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **Jennifer's Body** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Love Happens** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Whiteout** (R) (10:30 1:00 3:30) 6:00 8:30 10:45; **9** (PG-13) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:00 7:15 9:45; **All about Steve** (PG-13) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) (12:00 3:45) 7:00 10:15; **District 9** (R) (1:45) 7:30 10:30; **Ponyo** (G) (11:00) 4:30; **Thomas and Friends: Hero of the Rails** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



The Informant! (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **September Issue** (PG-13) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **My One and Only** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Julie and Julia** (10:45 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:15
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
Inglourious Basterds (R)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga)
(760-599-8221)



Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **Love Happens** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **The Informant!** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Whiteout** (R) (11:30) 5:00 10:15; **All about Steve** (PG-13) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Julie and Julia** (PG) (2:15) 7:30; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) (12:00 3:45) 7:15 10:30; No 7:15 Thu.; **Thomas and Friends: Hero of the Rails** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only; **La Boheme** 7 pm Thu. only;
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue
(760-806-1790)



Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG) (12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **The Final Destination 3D** (R) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 5:30 7:45 9:45; **Jennifer's Body** (R) (12:30 3:00) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **The Informant!** (R) (11:45 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **Whiteout** (R) (12:45) 5:45 10:30; **Sorority Row** (R) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:30 10:00; **I Can Do Bad All By Myself** (PG-13) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:15 10:00; **9** (PG-13) (11:45 2:00) 4:15 6:30 8:30 10:45; **Gamer** (R) (11:15 1:30 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **All about Steve** (PG-13) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Extract** (R) (3:15) 8:00; **Halloween II** (R) 4:45 9:45; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) (12:00 3:45) 7:00 10:15; **District 9** (R) (11:15 2:15) 5:00 7:45 10:30; No 11:15 Sun.; **Ponyo** (G) (11:30 2:15) 7:15; No 7:15 Thu.; **Cinderella Ballet** 10:30 am Sun. only; **Thomas and Friends: Hero of the Rails** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only; **La Boheme** 7 pm Thu. only;
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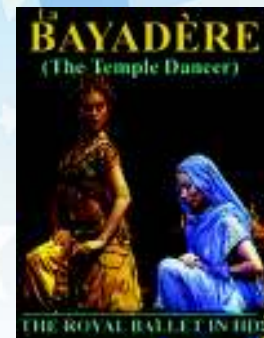


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Insidious Infections



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In the nineteenth century, men lost their fear of God and acquired a fear of microbes.

— Author Unknown

Swine flu is tearing my family apart. Okay, maybe not the flu itself so much as the fear of it. I guess to be fair to the pigs I should refer to it as H1N1 and acknowledge that this particular strain of influenza — the same kind that killed my great-grandfather in 1918 — is also known as avian flu. Sorry, birds, but you have to share the rap on this one — the porkers aren't working alone...even humans are partly to blame. But regardless of which and how many species contributed to the nasty bug, the fact remains that H1N1 — the CDC's top concern and the media's new pet phobia — is

putting a serious damper on my familial relationships.

When my mom phoned and invited me down to her house over Labor Day weekend, I reacted as if she'd asked me to suck on a salmonella pop. I figure the only way to stay healthy is to avoid Petri dishes or anyone who is regularly exposed to what I call "sickness sanctuaries."

Unfortunately, this includes my sister the teacher and her two sons, my mother the school-district employ-

ee, my other sister the hospital-hopping pharmaceutical rep, and her two daughters (each of whom attends a different school). They are the ambassadors of at least seven sickness sanctuaries.

After a considerable pause, during which my face went through a series of horrified expressions my mother couldn't see but probably sensed through the phone, I responded to her invitation with a question: "What's Heather's status?"

"Fine," Mom responded without hesitation.

"And Jane?"

"Jane's great. And all of the kids." Then, because she knew what I was getting at, Mom said, with a sardonic lilt, "The strep is gone, but that doesn't mean we don't all have swine flu. You might want to wear a mask."

"Ha," I said flatly. I found it hard to believe they were *all* well. As sure as I am that tadpoles have tails, I knew that at least one of the ambassadors had to have some kind of virus. After the last family gathering (to celebrate my nephew Brian's fifth birthday), Heather had

come down with strep throat. She was diagnosed the day after the family party at a small emergency room in Anaheim while Sean and the boys waited for her to go to Disneyland. With a shot of penicillin in her butt and a huge dose of steroids to dull the pain in her throat, Heather was able to power through the weekend and avoid disappointing her sons. A few days of partying it up with Mickey and friends later, Heather returned home, along with a revitalized and debilitating bout of the bacterial infection.

When I returned from my weekend in Santa Barbara, I learned that Jane had also contracted strep and could only surmise that she'd gotten it from Heather. As Jane described her torment to me over the phone, I silently gave thanks for the doctor who excavated my throat when I was 15, thus ridding me of tonsils and adenoids, those nefarious clumps of tissue that pretend to fight infection while serving as incubators to all kinds of bacteria. Growing up, I endured one ENT (ear, nose, throat) infection after another. However, once my throat was stripped bare, my problems vanished. Still, empty esophagus or not, I wasn't taking any chances.

In a kissy-huggy Irish-Italian family like mine, a sudden aversion to touch does not go unnoticed. My parents taught us not to enter or leave a room without kissing each family member on each cheek. This is still our practice. But now that my sisters' children are mobile and can spread the diabolical bacteria they collect as they snot and suck their way across the floor, I

am more discriminating than ever about where I place my lips.

I'm aware that children need to amass germs in order for their bodies to develop strong immune systems, so I don't fault them for their grubby ways. But I'm a grown-up. Exposing myself to one virus or another is not going to make me big and strong; it's going to make me sick.

I'm not a germophobe — not really, not like my dad, who becomes paralyzed when you suggest he tie his shoelaces after they've been dragging on the ground. Not like Jane, who pops Airborne tablets like breath mints and goes through a bottle of Purell a day (and yet, despite her precautions, still regularly falls prey to head colds, fevers, and strep). Sure, it's hard for me to look at a child's hand without envisioning, in vivid cartoon clarity, hundreds of wormy-looking E. coli bacteria partying it up between every soiled crevice of skin. But just the other day I was hanging out at Tango Wines and offered a taste of my pinot to a woman I'd just met. I let her put her lips on my glass and take a sip, something no germophobe would ever do. I've also gotten over my obsessive imaginings of all the contaminated fingers that have surely handled my fruit before it reaches my plate, and I have taken to eating apples and tomatoes, *merely rinsed* skin and all. So, you see, I'm not a germophobe so much as germaware.

Now that school is back in session and my nieces and nephews will be congregating with masses of potential vectors of disease, I'm thinking the best thing for me to do is lay low until the CDC's projected 90,000 cases of H1N1 is reached. That

My sisters' children can spread the bacteria they collect as they snot and suck their way across the floor.

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number is not so high if you consider: of the 2.4 million people in this country who die of all kinds of causes each year, 75 percent are over 65, and 36,000 die of the regular flu each year, which is 7000 fewer deaths than are caused by car accidents. But projections can be wrong, and it would be imprudent for me to go around licking doorknobs (or shaking hands) when the stakes are so high.

Hence, my little problem with large family gatherings.

Because my mother doesn't understand any two-letter word that begins with N, I found myself sitting in her living room over the holiday weekend despite my better judgment. To the left of me, Bella sneezed. A moment later, to my right, Sean coughed. My eyes widened in trepidation. "Something must have

tickled her nose," Jane said to explain her daughter's sneeze, while Sean assured me his cough was due to the dry air.

"It's swine flu," said Mom, a mischievous gleam in her eye. I pretended not to hear her and surreptitiously put my hand over my nose and mouth and tried not to breathe. ■

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Crasher

MUTT MIXER

by Josh Board

my girlfriend told a coworker who was going out of town for two weeks that she'd watch her dog for her. As we were walking the woman's yellow Lab through downtown streets, we noticed a dog party at a park. We walked toward the gathering with the Lab and my Maltese in tow.

There were various signs on trees. One read, "Lacey — Happy Birthday," another, "Water," and the last, "Puppy Poo." I thought that was odd and wondered if they had some wishful thinking as to where our dogs would decide to go. It wasn't until later that I saw the sign was wrapped around the tree in such a way that I hadn't noticed the letter *L*, helping to spell "Puppy Pool." I didn't notice the kiddie pool, either. A few dogs splashed around in it.

There were all kinds of dogs here: French bulldogs, English bulldogs, Labs, Yorkies, a pug, a Pomeranian-shih tzu mix, and a few other mutts I wasn't sure about.

There was a dog missing a leg that was walking around as if nothing was wrong. I asked Rick, the owner, about it. He said, "It was a cancerous tumor on his joint. It was spreading." Rick



Left: Hester, the playwright and musician, on the right; Right: Birthday hats were made for the dogs by Sherry

went into details about how the tumor was drawing calcium out of the bone and how after two days in the hospital, it took the dog two weeks to learn how to walk. When I asked how much it all cost, he paused before saying, "When it was all said and done, about \$9000."

The dog didn't seem too slow when Sherry brought out cake

She had made the ice cream with yogurt, carrots, and organic meat.

and ice cream. She had made the ice cream with yogurt, carrots, and organic meat. The cake had Milk Bones on top. One dog stole

those and ate them at the other end of the park. The dogs chomped on the cake — which had bacon bits around the sides — as though they hadn't eaten in weeks.

Yoshi the pug never made it to the cake, as he didn't want to leave his ice cream, which was quickly melting on the hot sidewalk.

A few of the dogs were wearing party hats Sherry had made. One dog pawed at his hat, trying to get the thing off his head. Another dog kept trying to hump Lacey. Sherry said, "Well...maybe that's her birthday present from him."

She handed out really neat goody bags that had dog toys, lots of treats, and a magnetic, wooden picture frame she made that was shaped like a bone. I said, "The only thing this party doesn't have is a piñata. You

could've gotten one that was a big cat and just let the dogs go at it."

Later that afternoon we went to a party in Serra Mesa. We were told the dog was welcome there, too, because Hester and her roommates have three dogs.

The occasion for the party was a tenth-anniversary celebration for a photo club called "Social Junky." Hester explained, "It was one of the very first grassroots, local networking type of sites. They have a lot of good, solid people that belong to it and share photos."

One guy at the party had a huge camera and was taking pictures. I asked how he got roped into taking photos of this event, and he said, "Well...they let me stay at their place in Prague. I told them I'd definitely do this."

I'd been to parties at the same house before, years ago, when a bunch of SDSU students were renting it. The house is on a hill, overlooking a canyon, with a big backyard and pool.

This '70s-style home was decorated well: lots of musical artifacts in the living room, including a Beatles photo and framed Jimi Hendrix poster surrounded by a fireplace and graffiti-style art and poems. There was a huge blue stand-up bass

next to an old Lowrey organ and an old-fashioned radio. They were ready for a jam session at any time.

My dog quickly ran around to check out the new digs and play with a huge dog and friendly pug named Biff that never stopped sniffing his backside.

One room was set up for a band that would be playing later in the evening. The room was decorated with life-sized cutouts of Humphrey Bogart, Chewbacca, and a model I couldn't identify.

Hester talked about a musical she wrote that sounded interesting. She told me that the title, *The Gardener*, was already a movie, so she renamed it *The Atrium* but feared not enough people would know what that was. I told her that so many movie titles have been reused, she shouldn't worry about her original title.

The play's plot had to do with a widower and his son, who yearned for his father to find love and a mother figure for himself.

Hester talked about how she was going to have to cast the right dog for a certain part, and I thought about turning into one of those stage moms for my pooch. I was about to say, "Look at how cute my dog is. He's great at memorizing lines, too." But just

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as I was about to pitch my dog for the lead role, Hester headed to the door to greet some guests.

The big dog at the party had the funniest tail; when he walked over to visit my dog, it was wagging in circles like a helicopter blade.

We were going to Street Scene that night and had to split before the DJ or the band showed up. The band was called Space-man Spill, after something in the *Calvin and Hobbes* comic strip. Someone said, "You have to stay for them. They have Ivan, who's the bassist for the Devastators."

I said I'd catch them another time.

I still have the address of this house. I'm thinking about dropping off my dog's résumé and head shots on the porch. ■

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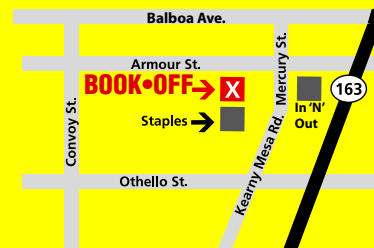


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avier Nuez photographs alleys.

His candy-colored images of urban decay have been exhibited internationally, including here at the San Diego Art Institute, and featured on NPR.

Ruin is his gig. "History," Nuez says. "Rust, bent metal, all the garbage strewn about." He scouts locations in cities across North America and

shoots alone, at night, in the "shunned places" people avoid even during the day. Recently in an Indianapolis alley he was "almost clobbered by a street gang." He's been held at gunpoint more than once.

But something even worse happened to Nuez last spring in Barrio Logan. The alleys were too good, he tells me. Too clean, too new, and too safe.

I'm interviewing him by phone at his home in the Bay Area. Nuez assures me he can find a "dirty corner" in any city, but, he says, "San Diego falls into the not-so-run-down category, which is great for

San Diego" and not so great for him.

I can't hold back. Passion overrides what little journalistic detachment I possess.

It's because, I tell Nuez, we're paradise-in-rehab. Our façade is what's history. Crispy lawns. No jobs. More potholes than tourists. Alleys are where our life is! They're like the last frontier —

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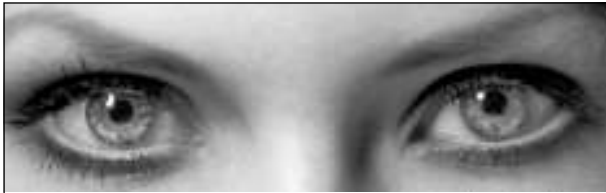
I mean, really, I ask him — Has he ever seen cooler alleys?

On the other end of the phone, there's dead silence. I've totally blown this interview.

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Google/Bing “San Diego alley,” and nine out of ten hits will start with the words “Body found in.” Photographer Nuez eventually admits he’d lined up a police detective who’d promised him a tour of San Diego’s worst alleys, and the guy flaked.

But today this Pacific Beach alley south of Chalcedony is sunny and deserted. Palm fronds clatter softly. Bougainvillea overwhelms low backyard fences. From where I stand in the dark garage, the alley outside is so neatly framed by the open garage door that it looks like a stage set of the perfect San Diego morning.

Jack Whalen hands me a beer. “I’m king of this alley,” Whalen says, then points west. “Down there, the king of that

next alley is Tom Sweet. He’s 97.”

Whalen is a laconic, tan man in shorts and a chartreuse T-shirt. He’s been king of this Pacific Beach alley for 20 years, ever since he rented the two-car garage in which we’re standing. By law, he explains, landlords must provide parking with beach rentals, but some rent out garages separately because there’s such a demand for them. All Whalen’s friends rent illegal garages. It’s an alley subculture.

In Whalen’s case, the garage provides storage for his work tools, his mother’s Christmas decorations, and a bunch of stuff he’s picked up shopping in “Alleymart,” including a poster of Richard Nixon, a radial arm saw, and a parachute.

But the real value of “The Compound,” as he lovingly refers to his garage, is its social function. “It’s definitely a vor-



tex,” Whalen says. “Once I open the garage door, they just start coming.” If his blue truck is parked out front, everyone knows the Coors is on ice. Seven days a week, daylight hours only. “I don’t want to piss off my neighbors,” says Whalen.

What exactly does his alley mean to him? I ask. “Privacy,” he shoots back. “The wives are in the house. Police are on the street. In PB, you can’t go out front and drink a beer anymore,” says Whalen. “This is all we’ve got left.” Whalen speaks fondly of his 80-year-old neighbor Ben, who in the last years

before he passed away would sneak down the alley to Whalen’s garage to smoke and hide from his wife.

Once in a blue moon, Whalen says, the meter maid makes a stink about his buddies’ trucks parked in the alley. The “drive-by bitchouts” are the worst. That’s when wives drive by, stop outside Whalen’s garage, yell at husbands to get home, then roar off.

“Girls hate the alley,” says Whalen.

My friend Mary Trombley agrees. Growing up in Clairemont, she says, “You just always

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knew nothing good happened to girls in alleys.”

My Texas friend Barbara copies me on an email featuring a woman at a firing range, wearing a T-shirt that says, “*Gun Control: The theory that a woman found dead in an alley, raped and strangled with her own pantyhose, is somehow morally superior to a woman explaining to police how her attacker got that fatal bullet wound.*”

But a few blocks from Jack Whalen’s garage, in an alley near Grand and Hornblend, jazz floats from the open door of Alicia Raposa’s duplex, wafting bits of Ella Fitzgerald down the otherwise barren canyon of automatic garage doors.

Raposa, 24, lives in the only rental on the alley, and her front door is always open. “My dad swears I’m gonna get broken into, but I never have.” In four years of living here, the only trespassers have been stray cats who abuse the open-door policy.

A surfing instructor and SDSU double major in literature and furniture-making, Raposa needed something affordable. “When I first saw this place, I thought, ‘Cool. It’ll be cheaper because people won’t like the negative connotation of being in an alley.’” It was cheaper. It’s also bright and quiet.

Raposa points to a battered surfmobile just outside the front door. “You forget something in your car, and there it is. This is the best place I ever lived,” she says.

Across the alley, Heather Wilson sorts golf balls into a plastic bag. She’s standing outside an open garage, whose contents spill out and flood the pavement

knee-deep around her. Like Jack Whalen, Wilson rents her Pacific Beach garage. She uses it to store the things she finds in alleys, on the street, or in the course of her work as owner of Heather’s Helping Hands, a clean-

ing and maintenance company.

“Some people across the way,” Wilson says as she points to a condo complex abutting the alley, “mentioned they were going to buy beach chairs. Well, I had beach

chairs. I just pulled some out and gave them away. Another girl, over there, she hurt her leg, and I gave her crutches.” Parked beside us, her boyfriend’s SUV is loaded with pillows Wilson will deliver to an eld-

erly widower for whom she cleans. (We Southerners would call Wilson’s garage a “getting place,” after the outbuildings where our ancestors hoarded potentially useful items in hard times.)

From what I see,

there doesn’t appear to be much that Wilson doesn’t have to give. “I once found a full nitrogen tank in a La Jolla alley, but I didn’t know what to do with it so I left it,” she says.

“I bring all my clut-

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ter here. Easy to drop off, to load up," says Wilson, who looks more like a tennis instructor than your average alley scavenger. But the best part is, she says, that in the alley there's lots of "interaction with people" passing through.

"This is my refuge," says Wilson.

Cutting Loose

I'm a girl. I like alleys.

I like knowing about the secret parking behind Warwick's and Kensing-

ton Video. I like shortcuts. I like to speculate about people's real lives after peering into their backyards. I like finding cool things hidden in alleys, like the U.S. map made of license plates on a certain Pacific Beach garage and the Katnip Kafe contraption somebody built to feed alley cats.

I like how plants growing in alleys are still green because they've been making do all along. I love the hubbub

of commercial alleys.

The New Urbanists like alleys too. New Urbanism is an American design movement that promotes user-friendly neighborhoods based on principles derived from "old" town/city elements that worked. (You can see the effect of New Urbanism on real estate developments around San Diego, for example, Corky McMillin's Liberty Station.) According to Robert Steuteville and Philip Langdon, coauthors of *New Urbanism: Best Practices Guide*,

alleys are a New Urbanism favorite because, among other things, they force parking off the street and offer pedestrians alternative walk routes.

One day in a Bay Park alley, I spot two fel-

low alley walkers. Their gait says it all. Alley walkers cut loose. We stride, walk abreast, gesture wildly. These two are also waving and calling out to folks working inside the

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boxes. A Sasquatch-sized man, he also keeps the alley safe. No vehicle or person gets past him that doesn't belong. "I'd introduce you," Bales says, "but he's sleeping over there, in front of that truck. He usually sleeps till the afternoon because he guards everything at night." "All the local businesses support him," says Walker. "Every business on the alley does," says Bales. "We all do," says Walker. "Shoes, money, whatever," says Bales. She makes me promise not to tell where the alley is, so

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"Shoes, money, whatever," says Bales. She makes me promise not to tell where the alley is, so

as not to endanger Jeffery or his livelihood. I promise.

When I go around the corner to buy my sandwich, I ask the woman behind the counter if she knows the homeless man who lives

in the alley. She smiles and nods.

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- Male or female between the ages of 18 and 74, with Type 2 Diabetes
- Not currently taking diabetes medication or taking metformin (glucophage) only to control your diabetes
- Willing to participate in a research study for up to 5 years
- Are currently in good health (other than your diabetes)
- Not pregnant or planning on becoming pregnant
- Willing to receive study drug injections under the skin

If you are eligible and choose to participate, all study-related medical care and study drug will be provided at no cost. Compensation is provided at each study visit.

If interested please contact the Research Coordinator at: 858-552-8585 ext. 2884

That's why driving down Mission, you'll see that the walkways (courts) have names and most side streets (which are really alleys) don't.

Today I'm alley strolling in South Mission with Jan Hensley Gable and her mom Betty Walker, 87. As we walk eastward on the alley south of Balboa Court, Walker tells me that in the 1960s it was safe enough for a child of 5 to run all the way to the jetty via the alleys.

As we walk eastward on the alley south of Balboa, mother and daughter tell me more about their history on South Mission.

Gable and Walker live in the Balboa Court bungalow where Gable grew up, with the understandable noblesse oblige

of original residents. After all, Gable's first pet was an octopus. "On the court," says mom Walker, "we had five families and six religions. Jew, Christian, Catholic, Mormon, atheist, and Self-Realization. All the kids played

play dodgeball and hide-and-peek in the alley till it was so dark you couldn't see," says her daughter. At cocktail hour the grown-ups would sit out, not on the court side, but in their tiny unfenced backyards.

transient," says Gable. "The alleys up there felt dangerous."

Gable didn't realize how different her neighborhood was until she got to La Jolla High. "I had a crush on this guy, and he drove down in his

All my favorite alleys have curves.

together. And one day, the little atheist girl took on Jan. It tickled us grown-ups to death. Our kids out in the alley fighting over whether or not there was a God."

Walker, a scuba diver, used to bring home abalone and put all the children to work on an alley assembly line to clean and bread the shellfish for neighborhood cookouts. "We'd

Gable says you could see the couples with their highballs, lined up, on either side of the alley, which provided just enough buffer zone to make the Southern California dream feel real for all.

The South Mission kids would ride bikes up to the North Mission alleys to spy on seamier sights. "North Mission was more like OB, more

dad's Porsche. Soon as he knew I lived on an alley, he never talked to me again."

By this time, the girls and I have reached Bayside Lane, one of my favorite alleys. Bayside Lane is surprisingly quaint, not a quality often associated with San Diego. If you squint your eyes as you walk, the eclectic mix of building posteriors may remind

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- You are 18 years of age or older
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- Have been diagnosed with Fibromyalgia, or regularly experience the symptoms associated with the condition, including muscle pain, stiffness, headache and fatigue
- Have experienced difficulty sleeping for at least three days out of the week

Qualified participants will receive study medication and all study-related tests at no cost and may be compensated for time and travel.

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Does major depression change your outlook?

A clinical research study – STEP-D (Safety, Tolerability, and Efficacy Program) – is now underway to explore an investigational medication for major depressive disorder (MDD) to see if it may work when taken with an approved antidepressant.

You (or someone you know) may be eligible to participate in the STEP-D study if you:

- Are 18 to 65 years of age
- Have been told by your doctor that you have MDD
- Are experiencing depression lasting at least 8 weeks
- Have tried at least one antidepressant without success

In addition to receiving study-related physical exams and laboratory services at no charge, participants may receive the investigational medication and will be monitored by a medical team, including a study doctor. After the STEP-D study ends, some participants may be eligible to take the investigational medication as part of another research study.

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Forgetting simple tasks? Memory fading? Can't seem to complete projects?

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- Between the ages of 45 and 90
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Are you living with Depression?

Women from across the United States are joining this study to help researchers look for better ways to treat depression.

You may qualify for this study if you are:

- A woman 18 to 64 years of age
- Diagnosed with major depression

Participants will receive:

- An initial evaluation of past and current mental and physical health
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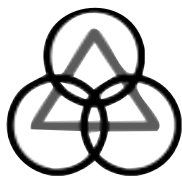
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you a little of Harry Potter's Diagon Alley, albeit a larger, more paradisiacal version. Bayside Lane wends its way the length of Mission Beach, behind the houses along the bay. It's interrupted by Mission Bay Park for a few blocks but explodes in a burst of glory at the rear of architect Ken Kellogg's Babcock House: a 1959 tiki hut on steroids-laced LSD.

(Side note: Researchers Thomas Herzog and Jennifer Flynn-Smith found that people judged alleys with curves to be safer than straight alleys. I concur. All my favorite alleys, like Bayside Lane, have

curves.)

At Babcock House, we turn to head back. Gable's dog scarpers ahead. When cops and summer tenants aren't happy to see her dogs off-leash in the alley, Gable is sanguine.

"It's hard for them to understand," she says. "All of this used to be my backyard."

Do-Whatever-You-Do

I met Steve Marchand in the alley I always take when I walk to the library.

Marchand, a trim man in Italian cycling gear, was fiddling with his truck's innards. A buddy sat on a chrome

chopper so shiny the bicycle looked as if it was made of water. An open storage shed revealed a veritable Tiffany's of man-junk.

Something about Marchand's imperious command of the Clairemont alley's space made an unlikely tableau, not unlike the time I took a dark passageway in Manchester, England, and came upon a statue of Abraham Lincoln.

A few weeks later, we sit in the alley under a beach umbrella, which is as much fun as it sounds. Of the parade of people who walk or ride by, all of them know Marchand and speak, except for the

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What is involved?

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Principal Investigator: J. Vincent Filoteo, Ph.D.

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To possibly qualify for the study, must be:

- 18-49 year old females, regularly having periods
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girl who needs a light. She doesn't know him personally but has seen him "working on his truck a lot." He introduces himself before he lights her cigarette.

"This is a community back here. It's not like on the sidewalk, where people won't look you in the eye. I assure you, when somebody moves in here, it's 'Hi! How you doing? Need anything? My name's Steve. Here's my number. I can't see people for a year and not know their name."

On cue, a lady yells across the alley to Steve, "Is it recycle day today?"

"Next week," he yells back. "She's a new neighbor. Lots of kids." He tells me the story of an alley-neighbor woman who pulled a van up to her

garage and loaded her things in a fury. Steve pulled his "Hi, how's it going," and the woman let loose: "Well, when *he* gets home, he'll sure have a surprise." Steve didn't see the man come home, but he says he did see him not long after and that he "was in a pretty foul mood for about a month" until he moved his new ladyfriend in.

"There was a whole party culture here in the '70s," says Marchand. "You could have a full night's do-whatever-you-do, walking from one end of this alley to the next. Garage doors open. People partying, one garage to the next."

For all his alley geniality, Marchand insists that he is a backstage guy. He's been a stagehand, sound engi-



neer, and electronics installer and has the stuff to prove it. Marchand can make just about anything happen, or as he puts it, "I like to play Oz." The alley affords him space for projects that are "too big or not appropriate to the yard," which included the life-sized Santa in a drag racer (with real flames!) Marchand mounted on the roof of his family's Clairemont home last Christmas.

Behind us, a motley crew of handmade out-

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Menstrual Migraine Headaches

Wishing your period would never come?

A medical research study is underway to evaluate an investigational oral medication for women 18-34 years of age with regular periods **who have migraine headaches associated with their periods, in at least 2 out of the last 3 cycles.** Periods are tough enough without adding a migraine headache.

To possibly qualify:

- Females, 18-34 years, with regular periods
- Have had migraine headache associated with 2 of your last 3 periods
- Can be using medication at present to treat migraine headaches at a stable dose for at least 2 months

Participants may receive at no cost:

- Study-related examination and consultation with a board-certified physician
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buildings pushes right up to the alley pavement. "My mandatory off-street parking is dedicated to a recording studio," Marchand says, as well as a workshop where he builds custom chopper cycles.

He may just be the man to answer my questions about alley regulations and codes. My queries to the City's Streets Division were forwarded to Bill Harris of the mayor's office, who emailed me that "staff is

not available to assist with this request."

So I try Marchand.

He admits he's had a few friendly form letters from the Neighborhood Code Compliance Division, all of which he successfully addressed. "My concern is keeping my neighbors happy, first and foremost. You can pretty much do whatever you want unless somebody complains. It's a system that operates on complaints. You know, conflicts of lifestyle," says

Marchand.

"Otherwise, you're on your own out here."

Palm Trees

San Diego artist Duke Windsor is a plein-air painter of alleys. In a tradition that includes such masters as John Singer Sargent, Windsor sets up easel and stool and on the spot, quickly captures what he sees in front of him before the light changes. No ancient cobble passageways, Windsor's cityscapes are

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composed of trash cans, telephone poles, patchy pavement, and an occasional drug deal.

Looking at a roomful of his work, I don't recognize the exact locations, but I feel as though I know all the alleys in his canvases. "It's the palm trees," Windsor says. "In San Diego alleys, there's always a palm tree."

Signs were early that his artistic talent might take him down a road less traveled. When Windsor was five, he upset his mother by throwing away the directions to the little paint-by-numbers kit she gave him and painting the

canvas his own way.

A former combat illustrator in the Marines, where he rode rodeo bulls in his free time, Windsor sang classical tenor in the San Diego Opera chorus. When he painted, he painted for fun, mostly martial arts scenes. Gallery owners liked his realist style but not the subject.

"I walked everywhere in those days, and the alleys were my shortcuts. I turned down this one alley, and the sun was just cresting down and squeaking through the buildings. I ran home to get my little cheap

camera to capture it, but when I got back the light had changed," says Windsor.

That was it. Soon he was painting on-site and selling the miniature watercolors of alleys at neighborhood coffee-houses. He graduated to larger canvases, acrylic paints, and a better camera to photograph alleys. (Windsor's large paintings and his after-dark ones are composites created from his library of photographs.)

One cold night, Windsor was shooting in a North Park alley when police cars pulled up in front of him and behind.

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One of the cops got out and demanded to see identification, which Windsor had left in his car a few blocks away. He was struggling to explain what he was up to when a second cop walked up.

"Duke, is that you?" said the second cop. Turns out he knew Windsor from Twiggs, where he'd bought one

of the alley paintings.

Now Windsor is director of exhibits at the USS *Midway*, and his work is shown by fine art galleries in Laguna Beach and Carlsbad. "People who come to my shows often tell me how they grew up playing in alleys," Windsor says. He tells them he played football in the grass alley

behind his Texarkana, Texas, home.

I ask Windsor if he has a favorite San Diego alley.

He does. It's in North Park between Boundary and Bancroft, behind the Thrifty convenience store on University, he says, where the alley goes up a hill and the sky is crosshatched by hundreds of power lines.

And then he shows me the painting.

Treasures

The little Honda puts along a rutted alleyway in the heart of Imperial Beach, and I wish Jack Whalen could hear the girl-squeals inside the car. We sound like a shopping spree in Beverly Hills. "That way!" "No, down there!" "Look!" "Look!"

We're searching for treasures, Jane Campbell, her daughter Caroline Kaine, 12, and I. Campbell honed her treasure-hunting skills in Coronado, where residents know to scour alleys for leftovers after the weekly garage-sale day.

Now Campbell lives in Imperial Beach, where the alleys are "simpler." (That's her kind way of saying IB alleys tend to be a bit humbler in the treasure department. Campbell is a special ed teacher at Hilltop High School and a kinder than usual human being.)

Campbell's bungalow is full of rehabilitated, self-confident objects that pass for heirlooms. And this is what we're prospecting for today, Campbell reminds me. Not trash put out in the alley, but treasures that "need love and attention and that you can add your own 'ism' to. Your own flair or art and make it uniquely yours."

(In his Clairemont alley Steve Marchand found a 1907 pump organ, which he completely restored.)

Today all we see are old couches. Five dirt-colored, puffy-pillowed

bookcase, two baskets, and a trivet. I hop out. The bookcase is fiberboard. The shelves are collapsed. All the love in the world won't save it. I grab the baskets and trivet.

"We'll see," says her mom.

Kyle Kaine, 15, is home when we get back. He's only mildly curious about our alley adventure until his sister mentions the couches.

La Jolla's alleys are free of tourists and full of quirky landmarks.

couches parked in five different alleys. Campbell says cheerily, "Well, I guess we're learning what's *not* in style these days."

Finally, I spot gold. By a clump of trash cans at the end of a short driveway stand a small

In the car we examine our treasures. "Pretty!" Campbell says, tracing the design on the trivet. "Mushrooms, blueberries. It's enameled!"

"Will you hang it in the kitchen?" Caroline asks from the back seat.

"Cool," Kyle says. "A free couch! Wow. I could put it on the roof and sit up there all day."

Campbell smiles at me. "See," she says. "Treasures."

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According to Carol Olten of the La Jolla Historical Society, this affection was most likely the doing of Ellen Browning Scripps, the London-born culturist who almost single-handedly drove her dusty hamlet into the 20th Century. "Miss Scripps decided that La Jolla should have lanes and that they should have names, preferably nice names," suggests Olten.

If that's true, I survived my first year in San Diego thanks to Miss Scripps.

I had moved cross-country from North Carolina to a rental in La Jolla village because my teenage son had opted for post-divorce life with Dad. (Dad's pad was a block from Windansea.)

No job. No friends. No money.

I walked.

And I walked. My Jack Russell terriers and I knew every inch of La Jolla alleyways, which were blessedly free of tourists and full of quirky landmarks such as the Villa Waldo, a yellow Victorian built by La Jolla's first woman realtor and moved in the 1930s to its current location in Drury Lane. Along Roslyn Lane, I'd visit with the gentleman tailor or the surfer/barista whose mother bought the tiny walk-up coffee shop to save him from more unsavory pursuits.

I saw little of my son, between school and Windansea and his job as a fishmonger. But in the alleys, occasionally my heart bounced when I'd spot his tag — a single word that is his middle name and mine — artfully scripted on an electrical box or bit of tarp, and so discreet only a mother's eye would see. I

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wondered if a love of alleys might be genetic. (It's certainly not a gender trait, as I hope Jack Whalen now understands.)

In La Jolla I'm far from alone in my appreciation of alleys. They feature prominently in the walking guide sold by the La Jolla Historical Society. Businesses like Quint Contemporary Art on Drury Lane and high-end homes like the postmodernist residences "Bluebird I&II" on Bluebird Lane (cited in *San Diego Architecture* by Dirk Sutro) have made alley locations part of their La Jolla chic.

"The more ins and outs a property has, the better. Especially here," says La Jolla realtor Terri Andrews. "As traffic increases, the option to

reorient your home to a quieter, alley side is a big plus."

That's exactly what Dave McLeod did. The retired bartender rents out the house on Cuvier Street he bought almost 30 years ago and lives in a cottage he built off the alley. "It's great," laughs McLeod. "Nobody knows I'm here."

After ten years in San Diego, I have friends. I even have a new husband. My terriers, long gone, have been replaced by a black mutt, and with husband and mutt, or sometimes alone, I've walked a hundred miles of alleyways.

Last week at a cocktail party in Bird Rock, the hostess invited a few of us to see her tomatoes. Leaving the castellated courtyard abounding

with good wine and long-distance cyclists, we passed through the garage into a dirt alley.

The others admired the small secret garden tucked against the back of a neighbor's fence and returned inside. But I stood still, there in the dusty alley, caught by that thing we forget we need until we happen upon it.

There was no sound of the party. Evening's onshore breeze rustled the weedy green trees and tall grasses that had flourished, like the espaliered tomatoes, in that wild space outside the fence line.

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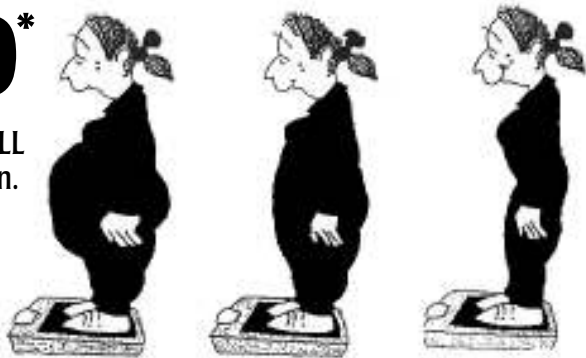
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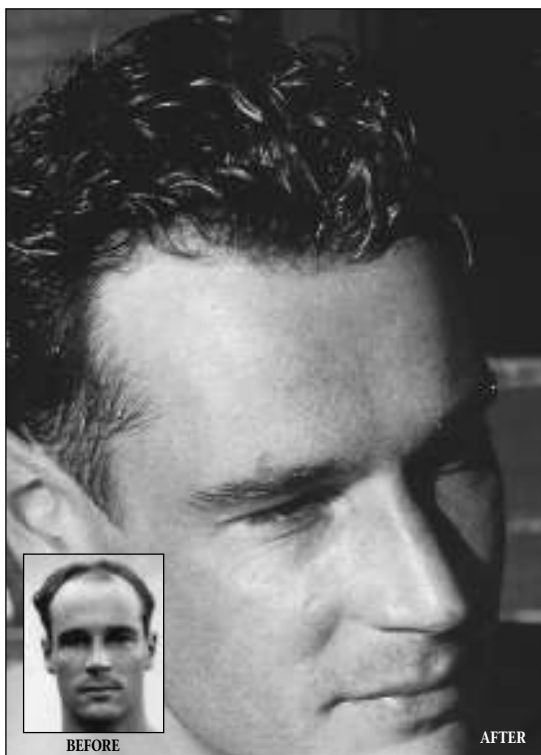
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She climbed into the front seat. Hennessey, who'd donated the ride for free, piloted the biplane. As they rose into an overcast sky, McPherson had a God's-eye view of San Diego. But she didn't see rooftops scrolling beneath her, or dark hat brims peppering the sidewalks, or Balboa Park on a green mesa to the east. Everywhere she saw "deception, sorrow, and sin."

"It isn't all a bed of roses, this thing of being in a high place as a leader."



Aimee Semple McPherson's Organ Pavilion revival, 1921

Hennessey banked to the right. As the Jenny soared over Broadway, its engine blaring like a buzz saw, McPherson's "message from above" fluttered down.

Instead of being afraid, McPherson

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nurse's outfit, plead for a cure.

"It isn't all a bed of roses, this thing of being in a high place as a leader," McPherson, by then a household name, wrote ten years later. "Sometimes I wish I didn't have to carry on the Lord's work in such a conspicuous capacity."

She came to San Diego a relative unknown. After her first week of revivals at Dreamland Boxing Arena, she decided that, to attract more sinners, she would hold healing services. Crowds came, then hordes, so many that she needed a much larger venue than the 3000-seat house. Her mother, Minnie Kennedy, suggested that, since no building could accommodate their audience, how about outdoor services at the Organ Pavilion? They could seat two or three thousand, with standing room for thousands more on the slope facing the pavilion.

The idea of an outdoor revival wasn't original, McPherson wrote, but "such a gathering has never been assembled since the days of Christ upon the earth." When she asked an audience at Dreamland what they thought, "The response was deafening."

The initial service, held Wednesday, February 1, jammed the colonnaded pavilion to capacity. When McPherson asked, "How many see God performing miracles here today?" between 4000 and 6000 hands shot into the air. McPherson anointed and prayed over 103 people in succession. Chief James Patrick brought Addie Mendenhall to the park in a police ambulance. An invalid frozen on her back, Mendenhall sat up for the first time in five years. As Dr. Humphrey Stewart played the mighty organ, which could replicate the musical voices of an entire symphony, James Flood testified that his lungs, burned by chlorine gas in WWI, had been purified.

Many weren't healed. "Perhaps her faith was not sufficient," wrote the *San Diego Sun* of one suppli-

cant. "Perhaps she will be cured after." Six marines carried an elderly woman in a wheelchair up the platform steps. "But she could not unlock her knees, which were set like stone." She left the stage with a grimace,

"still trying to achieve the faith [that] would change her to a well person."

The service, which began at noon, ran over its 2:30 p.m. closing time. When McPherson finally had to leave, a long queue of human

misery unleashed "a babel of voices beating upon us."

McPherson had mixed feelings about her most spectacular service. She had "cheered thousands of lives," but, she added, "I would rather face a battery of guns

than... the disappointment of those who have sat here all night and day without food or drink, waiting to be prayed for, [when] we leave."

As part of her farewell revival — Tuesday, February 8 — McPherson asked

every Christian in San Diego to "fast and pray for the spiritual and physical healing of the sick and afflicted." Given the response, they did even more. Every one of them, it seemed, went to Balboa Park.

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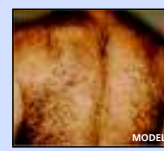
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The handrails on both sides became repositories for pipes, cigars, and stomped-out cigarettes, signs that, for smokers, the healing had already begun.

McPherson's driver

honked the horn. Marines, who volunteered for the event, rode the running boards and shouted, "Clear the way," and "Coming through." But the crowd was so thick the car inched along the narrow bridge. McPherson feared she wouldn't arrive on time.

Her mother, Minnie Kennedy, had been at the pavilion since dawn. She and a staff of 20 nurses — all in white, with crimson sashes — interviewed candidates, in part to eliminate cranks eager to expose the "heaven peddler" as a fraud. Those without faith would not be healed, she warned, adding that supplicants should "take part in the meetings as though they were going to Mayo Brothers or any great hospital for an operation" and had been "preparing for days, obeying each order." She handed them numbered cards.

By 10:00 a.m., when McPherson finally crossed

the bridge and drove under the arch toward the Plaza de Panama, Mrs. Kennedy had distributed over 500 cards.

They parked the car on circular curbing near the pavilion.

Dressed all in white with a blue serge cape — like a military nurse, wrote a biographer — McPherson ascended the broad platform and saw a sea of dark coats and hats that filled not only the pavilion but all surrounding areas. The *San Diego Union* made a "conservative" estimate of between 7000 and 9000. Police and park commissioners said that "through the day" — as some left and others took their place — 30,000 people attended. In order to see, photographers and reporters had to stand on rooftops, above beige facades filigreed like wedding cake for the 1915 Exposition.

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and waving date palms, McPherson identified “pale and emaciated faces; some almost skeletons, human bodies in cages of steel and plaster; the children devoured with the results of Tia Juana’s sins.” She heard “no jesting, and very little talking and at first seldom a smile.” She felt guilty she had kept them waiting.

On the platform she joined a choir, a Salvation

Army band — piano, coronet, and trombone — and local ministers from many denominations. She raised her hands. The crowd hushed. She knelt. “Dear Lord, here we are, just the same poor, old, heart-broken, sin-stricken world that we were when you walked upon the earth...”

After the prayer, McPherson asked, “How many of you have friends

you would like to see healed?” Thousands of handkerchiefs zig-zagged in the air.

“Everybody stand,” she shouted. “Everybody! Everybody who held up their hands!” The assemblage rose to its feet.

“Higher!” she shouted.

The mass stood on tiptoe, faces turned upward, and prayed out loud for two minutes.

The line of sufferers

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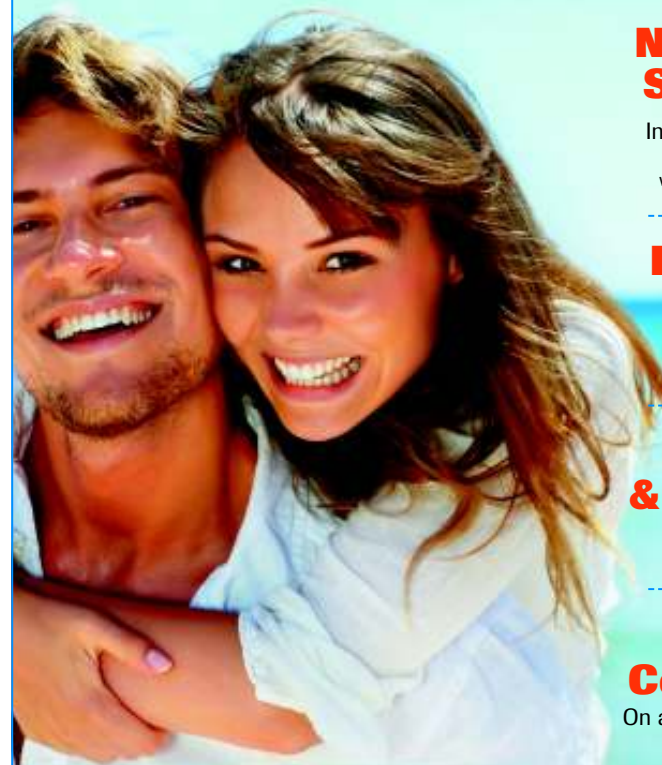
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Some proclaimed instant healing. One man, a cripple, danced a jig down the platform steps. He threw his crutches into the audience and yelled, "Use 'em for firewood!"

Some claimed relief from symptoms. Others, wrote McPherson, stood "like a piece of wood, while

we pray for them." They have come "to see if we can heal. Of course, we have no power within ourselves and try to get their eyes on Jesus."

A man in the front row, wearing a three piece suit, stood up and shouted "Weeeee!"

"Sit down, Charles," his wife fussed, grabbing his coattails, "You're forgetting yourself! Sit down!"

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son had prayed over 380 sufferers. Dr. Lincoln E. Ferris, of the First M.E. Church, announced that she needed a break. As aides escorted her toward a door at the side of the great organ, the procession stopped. Cries of hurt, anger, even betrayal shot from the line. "Thousands of eyes," McPherson recalled, "jealously" watched her leave. "Each moment we lose will mean another disappointed one will be sent away without a touch of prayer."

Drenched, she changed into another starched white muslin dress. Though not hungry, she ate two sandwiches and wondered, "Who would have believed there was so much sickness and suffering in the world!"

"Whether by accident or design," wrote historian Carey McWilliams, her neighbor in Los Angeles, "Aimee had selected the predestined setting for her emergence as a miracle woman."

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Another result, spawned by the devastating flu pandemic of 1918 — which almost took the life of McPherson's daughter, Roberta — was a distrust of traditional medicine, especially in San Diego, which became known as "the sick man's paradise."

Fifteen minutes later, McPherson emerged through the door. The crowd erupted. The procession, on the right side of the platform, moved forward again. For over two hours, she prayed for supplicants.

By 3:30, the sun had fallen behind the pavilion's

75-foot bandbox and into a cloudbank. "Swaying and dizzy through the long strain and anxiety of knowing that so many cannot possibly be reached in the remaining time," McPherson sped up her healing. She moved from

one to the next in less than a minute. "The day is going," she told herself between blessings, "yet we have made no great inroads upon the endless rows of sick and crippled."

She tried not to panic,

but read it in "hungry faces." The once orderly line began nudging forward, punctuated by "cries of distress" from the rear: "Will they get to me?" "Will I ever be able to walk?"

The day darkened.

McPherson, who often improvised her performance, made an instinctive move: "Thinking to reach more in a shorter time," she hopped down the platform steps to "pray from seat to seat."

At the foot of the stairs, the throng swarmed the white figure — grabbing, shoving her back. As police and marines tried to rescue her, a surge of supplicants trampled invalids and mothers holding infants. Plead-

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ing hands tossed barriers and bodies aside, canes and crutches swung like weapons. Breathless, as if drowning, McPherson raised her arms. Police and marines raced to her side, formed a phalanx, and ushered her up the stairs to the platform.

She clung to a banister, "for protection and, incidentally, for support," still praying for her flock.

Soon after, Dr. Ferris said a closing prayer, and McPherson, "walking as though on the deck of a heaving vessel," fled to the courtyard car.

Throughout her career, McPherson swore she wasn't a miracle worker. She wanted to save souls, not cure ailments. "Jesus is the healer," she repeated often. "I'm only the office girl who opens the door and says, 'Come in.'" Of the San Diego revivals, which vaulted her into the national spotlight, she wrote: "No wonder that in certain instances where

Jesus healed the sick, he commanded them to tell no man of it."

QUOTATIONS

1. Rolf McPherson: "It was a phenomenon peculiar to the times... Patients had more faith in God because they had less faith in science."
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Beach Cruisin' for a Bruisin'



Michael Bolton is following me. In perfect cadence, he belts "When a Man Loves a Woman," down the boardwalk. Okay, so maybe he's inside this 60-year-old's iPod, rigged to the back of his bike cruiser and amplified through portable projection speakers. Yet, I feel his presence, and so does every other living entity within a seven-block radius. I slow, veer my beach cruiser to the right and let Michael pass.

I did not choose to join the ranks of San Diego beach cruisers. It chose me. Pulling my Achilles tendon finally convinced me to ditch running shoes for rims. An athlete by nature, ADHD by diagnosis, I needed some form of outdoor activity to occupy my afternoon hours.

My search landed me on the steps of a beach-cruiser shop in Pacific Beach. The shop was of course "temporarily out of stock" of the \$99 model they had plastered over every plaster-able surface of the storefront. I upgraded to the second-crappiest

model on the lot and pedaled out of the store and directly into a pedestrian.

And so began my cruising bruising.

MY VICTIM INTRODUCES HIMSELF AS MARTY.

Luck favors me twofold. I am female, and I am wearing a low-cut shirt. I say sorry loud enough and enough times that I manage to mask his yelps of pain. My victim introduces himself as Marty, and we muse over whether his bruise will include the spiny imprints of new-bicycle rubber. He gives me his number, so I can call and check up on the bruise formation later in the week. I throw mine in for good measure. Luck favors me.

Not to be dissuaded, I pedal forward. A Saturday-evening boardwalk, with the sun setting at eye level, is not for the novice bike cruiser. Yet, when challenge calls, I ring my bell.

Well, I would ring my bell, except that I don't have one. After smoothing out every bill in my wallet and talking the

sales boy into a \$3 discount, my bank account was depleted by my recent purchase.

While dogs communicate by barking, and cars communicate by honking, bike cruisers communicate by bell-ringing. Two longer dings mean I'm approaching, and I'm slowly going to pass you on the left. Three rapid-succession dings mean I'm barreling down on you, get out of my way as fast as possible, and what the hell are you doing on my boardwalk, anyway?

Not only does quantity and intensity matter in the world of bell-dinging, so too does tone. There are the high-pitched Tinker Bell bells. There are the low, resonating-gong bells. There are the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang bells and fog-whistle bells. Like the dog-walkers and their canines in *101*

Dalmatians, every bell resembles its owner. Tinker Bell whistles are your Paris Hilton types. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, tourist. Gong bells, musclemen. Fog-horn bells, well, they're just ringing for the hell of it because these fat asses are never going to pedal fast enough to pass you anyway. Unless of course, you are one of them.

In place of bell, I'm just being cautious, especially with my recent wounding. I slow for a tot chasing a pigeon. A homeless man smashing a can. A tourist in a three-for-\$10 Golden Gate tee making a bee-line for a temporary tattoo booth.

I have traveled precisely one block. I have also found a crumpled \$5 bill in my pocket. Tired of being cautious, I pull over for a margarita. Some-

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thing else to add to my equipment wish-list is a bike lock. Saddling my cruiser alongside the patio railing, I jump across. Still holding onto the handlebar, I yell my order toward the window.

The drink appears in the window, and I take a long glance up the boardwalk, then down, profiling every shady character in sight. Slowly, cautiously, I move toward the margarita, my back to the window, my eye on the bike. My back bumps against the counter's edge. I whirl around, toss the crumpled \$5 down, grab the margarita, and sprint back to the bike.

One hand on the sweating cup, the other holding on to my handlebar, I make quick history of the bottom-shelf tequila. I run my tongue around the salty rim. Michael Bolton cruises by on another lap, and I tap my toe, jump back across the railing, and onto my cruiser.

After the margarita, I'm not feeling so cautious. I want wind in my hair. I want people out of my way. With no bell to announce my approach, I improvise. I am not a gong, a fog horn, or a Tinker Bell. I am not a Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. I am an individual. I try warbling like a pigeon, but it ends up getting caught in my throat and choking me. I settle on a crow's call. Down the boardwalk, I go, ca-caw ca-caw, clearing my way.

I get almost as much attention as Michael Bolton Man.

This is not a popularity contest, but it should be an Olympic event. I become increasingly convinced of this as I race down the boardwalk. San Diego boardwalks would be the perfect training grounds for an Olympic sport of bicycle obstacle-riding.

I am a contender in training. By the time I reach the pier, I have only grazed two of my obstacles (not counting Marty).

I hop off for a quick rest, watching as my fellow cruisers pass by. I notice with hilarity (minus the margarita, it would be slight amusement) that bike cruisers look incredibly cool. Pop them off the bike though, and it's an incredibly goofy pose, arms flopped

forward and over, tush thrust backward. I spend a good half hour imagining this, laughing to myself, getting a confused look from a homeless man.

Buzz wearing and sun setting, I hop on my bike and

point it toward home. Wary of my skills, I opt for the sidewalks instead of the roads. My pedaling has improved, and I easily dodge a dog, a pedestrian, and a bush. However, the crosswalk proves to be too much.

Instead of disembarking and pushing the button, I opt for leaning over and reaching a finger toward the button. A perfect plan, except that I don't pull my bike close enough to the pole. When the pole

doesn't move to me, I move to it. Then into it.

Finally, with minimal bruising, I park the bike in my living room. I drink a gallon of faucet water. My guzzling is interrupted by the ringing phone. Marty

is on the other line with an update on his bruise. It's already starting to form, and it resembles John Lennon's head. He's going to show me tonight over a margarita. ■

— Julie Hagy

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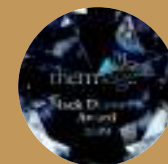
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the director's technical skills in filming a brutal, nonsensical bloodbath, which barely rises to the level of a comic book. The story is filled with absurdities (a Jewish girl, alone and on the run from the SS, miraculously appears in Paris as the owner of a movie theater; American commandos, dropped into occupied France, are able to terrorize the Germans by ambushing and scalping their soldiers. In reality, the Germans, after the first loss, would simply have taken 10 French villagers out and shot them. And then 50. And then 100). The reviewer ignores the silliness of the story line because he admires Tarantino's carefully crafted scenes. But, like a slowly deflating balloon, the scenes lose their impact because the director drags them out to the point of boredom (the film itself

is dragged out to two and one half hours).

This film is drivel and should have received the black dot.

Andrew Crane
via email

Mostly Innocent

I'd like to sympathize with Mr. Wyant ("They Have No Concrete Proof," "City Lights," September 3), but I am wondering if he is as innocent as he portrays. For example, when he writes, "When a small amount of cement spilled onto the road, I had tools ready for proper cleanup." I wonder how much is a small amount? Did he completely clean it up? And what tools can completely clean up cement on a road?

Further, he writes, "We explained how we had taken every reasonable precaution to avoid spills," which implies there might have been some spills, and it is my understanding that no amount of cement is okay to spill into the

street that eventually goes to the storm drain and into our waterways. It is great that he cleaned the tools and equipment into a hole in the yard, thereby avoiding the bigger discharge that would have resulted from cleanup. Perhaps if he did all of the mixing and other work over the yard there would have been no "small amount of cement spilled into the road." It is my understanding that the City storm water regulations require zero discharge of pollutants, which might not be the case if one only takes what they consider to be "reasonable precautions."

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Dana Wyant responds: The level of the property made it impossible to transfer the concrete from the mixer to the wheelbarrows any way other than in the street. The concrete that was spilled was cleaned up with a flat shovel and broom immediately, and none of the

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residue went into the gutter or storm drain. The only thing left was the stain, which we did not wash down with a hose. Even if it had rained afterward, there was nothing that would have gotten into the gutter or storm drain. As we had put sandbags in the gutter before doing the work, even if there had been larger spills, the concrete would not have entered the storm drain.

As far as any concrete left on the street: when the City is repairing broken water mains, the hole created from the work is filled with concrete and then leveled to the street; it's then allowed to dry and cure with stains around it — no different than any residue that was left by my small spill.

The Storm Water Department, in their determination, stated that they felt there was a significant discharge into the storm water drain system. How was it determined that the residue in the gutter was even concrete? The fact is that the samples Ms. Flores took were never tested. The residue that she found could have been from someone backwashing a pool or any other possible combination of events, but we will never know since the samples taken were lost.

Clown Council

Mr. Kendrick and the rest of the clowns on city council (including the mayor of El Cajon) should be canned ("I Blow Smoke On Your Law," "City Lights," August 27). All of this city government in El Cajon (city council and mayor) are either extreme religious fanatics and/or "a follower." I say this because one of them votes with the majority because of a fear of causing waves, not because she has her own ideas. (There's only one woman on the city council.) This city government is one step shy of communism with their pushing of laws that reflect their own beliefs, not the majority's (i.e., nonsmoking law and others). When the hell is it against the law to smoke outside in public? Obviously, in El Cajon (again, a stupid move).

Also the fact that they have screwed El Cajon tax-

payers numerous times in the process. A number of years ago these people (city council and mayor) rejected a request/license from a well-known ice cream shop in the area to conduct business in the downtown area because they wanted a "high-scale eating establishment" in downtown but had to settle for Hometown Buffet instead. Then a few years later the city council bought the old Social Security building on Broadway with federal block grant money for a nonprofit, with expectations of being paid money back via rent from tenants of the building, which backfired, and they had to foreclose on it. (Very bad move.)

These people should be canned; instead, they are reelected. I'm starting to believe the old saying about El Cajon being nothing but crackheads and tweeters [sic]; otherwise, who in their right mind would be voting for them?

In 2004 I moved out of the El Cajon city limits but

still consider El Cajon my hometown. (I have lived in the area since 1981.) If I were able to run for El Cajon City Council, these jokers would be afraid of me, considering I'd run for open government and make sure the citizens' voices of this fine city were heard and every item in a closed council meeting was known to every citizen.

Instead we have this: self-serving lamebrains. What

is your preference?

Name Withheld
via email

Heads Up, People

My letter here is directed to people who are convinced that they have no skin in the game ("PUC Loves SDG&E," "City Lights," September 3). If this is your thinking, you are deluding yourself, and it just might cost you your home, your belongings, and possibly your very life.

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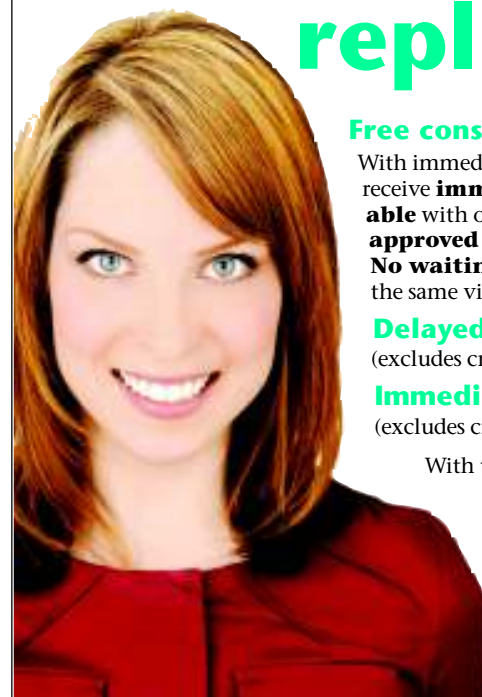
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My next point is that someone sent me an article regarding a recent brushfire that started in Hemet and moved towards Idyllwild. Fire investigators found small bits of ceramic power line insulators and bits of metal strewn about.

Did you know that there are explosive charges at the top of power poles? They are designed to save the power line circuits from overloading and destroying the circuit. When the circuit breaker trips, these explosive charges ignite to blow the wires from

the circuit to short-circuit the line.

Now, I submit to you a question: is it not possible that one of these explosive charges could have gone off prematurely or malfunctioned in Hemet, starting the fire? What else could have blown those insulators and metal parts to smithereens? Surely, not a drop of 50 feet from the top of a power pole.

Another point. Early on, most of the news media were under the delusion that this whole protest against SDG&E was about preventing SDG&E from pulling the plug on the folks in the above-mentioned towns. This was *incorrect!* SDG&E already has the authority to pull the plug. They did so earlier this month up here — three times. SDG&E needs no PUC ruling for this.

However, what they do need is a rule modification that gives them tort immunity from doing so. This means that they can pull the plug and be free from lawsuits!! Great strategy.

So, in a nutshell, SDG&E pulls the plug when certain weather criteria are met. We sit in the dark for 24 hours or longer. A small fire starts and begins to gain momentum. Firefighters arrive only to find that there is no water in the fire hydrants to draw from.

Yes, firefighters have 1000 gallons on board, but how long is that going to last on a quarter-acre fire pushed along in a 50-mile-per-hour windstorm? Small fires don't stay small in 50-mile-per-hour winds.

The handwriting is on the wall, folks.

In all probability, SDG&E is going to get their tort immunity. Many people in the county are going to pay for this insanity, with more than their checkbook. Little won-

der that the PUC is called the largest rubber stamp in California.

No one person, no entity or corporate structure should ever be given full immunity from anything they do. No one, not no way, not nohow.

Not Richard Nixon, not Union Carbide, not Exxon, and not SDG&E. Everyone needs to be held accountable for their actions, no matter how altruistic or well meaning their intentions.

Alain Michel
Valley Center/Pauma
Valley

On September 10, the PUC rejected SDG&E's power shut-off proposal, although giving SDG&E the opportunity to file a new plan. — Editor

Just Another Money Grab

Reference is made to the article entitled "They Have No Concrete Proof" ("City Lights," September 3) by Dana Wyant, regarding the couple who did concrete

work at their home in Rancho Peñasquitos. Assuming what was related is factual and true, then the action taken by the City of San Diego is outrageous and unfair. It smells of just another creative and shameless way the City digs into its taxpayers' pockets.

On another parallel, Sunroad Enterprises was found at fault when their Centrum 12 edifice, which was built next to Montgomery Field, exceeded the height restriction. How much was Sunroad required to deposit into the City's piggy bank in fines?

Name Withheld

September Isn't Winter

A small but important bit of information ("Best Buys," August 20). John Hoffman of Grangetto's Farm and Garden Supply gave Eve some bum info. Winter squash are not planted in September. They are winter squash because they are hard shell and keep in a cool place for

over a year. I have one butternut and one spaghetti squash left from last fall's harvest, which was about 45 pounds of squash total. Plant them right at the same time as other squash. Gardens are wonderful, particularly for the food and tranquility they offer.

Greg Gieselman
OB/Point Loma

Try Me

Occasionally I find P.S. Mueller's cartoons in your publication. The last one was truly pathetic!! They are not only poorly drawn but have no humor attached to them. Hopefully you are not paying Mr. Mueller for these pathetic and amateurish cartoons. I am a cartoonist myself and have been drawing for over 40 years. Mine are funny and far better looking than Mr. Mueller's. I would be more than happy to send some to you for your viewing pleasure. How about it?

Jerry Sackett
via email

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Your Week

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Thursday | 17



UCI BMX SUPERCROSS WORLD CUP

Check out the newly constructed ABA (American Bicycle Association) BMX track at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. "Elite riders and Olympic

athletes from all over the globe" will compete in this event, held in conjunction with the U.S. Open Amateur National. (UCI is the Union Cycliste Internationale, if you didn't know.) See **SPORTS**, page 75.

YACHTFEST 2009

Sub-millionaires, here's your chance to peek inside some of the "world's most luxurious floating vessels." Or, if you've been itching to sell that house and sail around the world, consult with salespeople and charter brokers eager to introduce you to the sea-cruising lifestyle. See **SPECIAL**, page 66.

Friday | 18

SAN DIEGO QUILT SHOW

Just when you thought the weekend couldn't get any more exciting, we bring you...quilts! Over 400 quilts will be on display at the convention center, where you can ogle the thread designs or buy materials to make your own. The event includes a fashion challenge, quilting bee, a cloth-doll exhibit, and a charity auction. See **SPECIAL**, page 66.

SAN DIEGO FESTIVAL OF BEER

Might want to cab it to this one, so you can taste your fill of 120 microbrews from 60 breweries at this 15th annual event produced by San Diego Professionals Against Cancer. Live music will rock you through your buzzy adventure. See **FOOD & DRINK**, page 70.

Saturday | 19

ENVIROFEST

You don't need to be a grown-up to save the planet. Start your kids on the right path now at this celebration hosted by the San Diego Girls Alliance, with environmental science education and arts activities for children, recycling, gardening, and composting, plus general fun: face-painting, laughter yoga, hip-hop for all ages, music, food, and more. See **SPECIAL**, page 65.



BACK TO "SCHOOL" IN THE OCEAN

Why do some fish gather in masses to feed, find a mate, and survive in the ocean? Learn the answers and kick off the new school year with a schooling-fish celebration during the Family Days program at Birch Aquarium at Scripps. Make a schooling-fish craft, enjoy a story, and meet the aquatic "students." See **FOR KIDS**, page 70.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19: BACK TO "SCHOOL" IN THE OCEAN

Sunday | 20

BOW WOW BRUNCH

Bring your pooch to the port for Pet Day on the Bay Brunch Cruise, offered by Hornblower Cruises to raise money for the Helen Woodward Animal Center. Dogs can eat at the pet buffet, after which they can retire, if necessary, to the "dog-relief area" set up on the sundeck. See **SPECIAL**, page 64.

Monday | 21

APPLES, APPLES, APPLES

Learn about Julian, Johnny Appleseed, create an apple craft, and gobble up a piece of apple pie during the "History for Half-Pints" program at the Museum of San Diego History for children aged three to five. See **FOR KIDS**, page 70.



Tuesday | 22

SAVORY AND SWEET DELIGHTS

Explore Indian culinary traditions through vegetarian-cooking demonstrations by cooking expert Manjula Jain, who will focus on chutneys and *pakor*s (a deep-fried snack of India). Fee includes tastings, demonstration, recipe book, spices, and two tickets to the Mingei International Museum's exhibit *Sonabai — Another Way of Seeing*. See **FOOD & DRINK**, page 70.



Wednesday | 23

CHILDREN'S READING "RECOMMENDS NIGHT"

The kids are hitting the textbook, but there's more to be read. Warwick's Bookstore hosts representatives from three top publishing houses for a lively exchange about children's books. The titles to be discussed are based on book reviews, customer feedback, and book-seller must-reads. See **SPECIAL**, page 64.

ROAM--RAMA | A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond | by Jerry Schad

With summer's heat subsiding throughout San Diego's backcountry region, now's the time to think about fat-tire-biking adventures on the back roads of the Cleveland National Forest. One great option is a looping ride of 25 miles that starts near the community of Warner Springs, traverses a bouldery, chaparral-clad landscape to the north on paved and unpaved forest roads, and finally circles back via paved county and state highways.

In addition to the normal biking accoutrements such as water, snacks, sun-shielding clothing, and a helmet, the most important thing to take is water, and more water...yes, the fall season can be bone-dry out there, and potable water is hard (if not impossible) to come by. Note, also, that adversely dry or windy conditions from now through November could trigger a closure of this wildfire-prone section of the national forest. Cleveland National Forest's Palomar District ranger station, 760-788-0250, will have details.



You can begin the ride at the Lost Valley Road (formerly Indian Flats Road) turnoff along Highway 79, 1.6 miles west of Warner Springs. This starting point is the low point in elevation

(2940 feet) along the route.

You begin by pedaling uphill on Lost Valley Road's narrow, sometimes coiling strip of pavement. The steady ascent takes you through low scrub-brush at first, then through a more interesting mix of ribbonwood and manzanita chaparral. The road swings northeast and then north, and off to the right you get a view of Hot Springs Mountain (highest peak in San Diego County, at 6533 feet), looming in the east, about four miles away.

After four miles of riding you reach an elevation near 4000 feet, where you may spot, but never approach closely, some Coulter pines on the higher slopes above. At 6.3 miles, Lost Valley Road veers left and dives down to Indian Flats Campground, where you can take

a break in the shade of oak trees and possibly obtain some drinking water.

Back at the 6.3 mile-mark, a poor dirt road branches north. Follow this road and continue north and northwest, staying right at the next fork 0.3 mile ahead. You then descend slightly to where you must cross the willow- and sycamore-lined San Luis Rey River — a wet or muddy passage following winter rains, but most likely dry this fall season.

After the crossing, you ride uphill along an oak-shaded ravine and then much more steeply up a chaparral-covered hillside to a 4368-foot summit. The view from there extends across miles of virtually untouched open space. Next, a mile of descent northward brings you to the paved, but

sparsely traveled Chihuahua Valley Road. Turn left and make a breezy descent to Highway 79. Turn left again, and climb for almost two miles on the highway to the little community of Sunshine Summit (elevation 3913 feet). The route's concluding segment ahead is a seven-mile, breezy return on Highway 79 to the start — downhill nearly the entire distance.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Roads and trails are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Mountain bikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

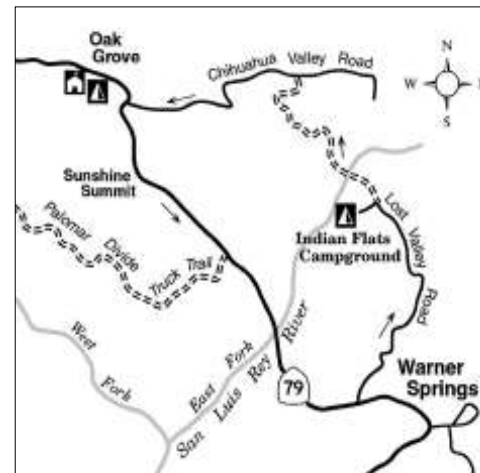
INDIAN FLATS BIKE RIDE

Mountain-bike the backcountry roads from Warner Springs to Indian Flats and Chihuahua Valley.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 72 miles

Biking length: 25 miles

Difficulty: Moderately strenuous



OUTDOORS

Fall Officially Begins at 2:19pm Pacific Daylight Time on Tuesday, September 22 — a good excuse to throw, a few hours later, an impromptu "equinox" to celebrate the occasion. At equinox, the sun shines directly down somewhere on Earth's equator. At 2:19pm San Diego time this year, that equatorial spot lies in a remote part of the Pacific Ocean some 2000 miles south-east of Hawaii. The autumn season will continue for another three months until the sun "moves" to its farthest southerly point, winter solstice, December 21.

Equal Days and Nights Everywhere on Earth, 12 hours each, are only one noticeable consequence during the time of equinox, either autumnal or vernal (spring). Another consequence is that the sun at equinox always rises from a point on the horizon due east and later sets due west. You could calibrate a compass this way

if you had access to a true (unobstructed) horizon. Another, subtle consequence is that at mid-latitudes like ours, morning and evening twilight periods are shortest during equinox. From San Diego, the duration of twilight this week is about 80 minutes; last June it was about 100 minutes.

Lanternlike Venus lies only one-half degree apart from the bright star Regulus in the eastern sky at dawn on Sunday, September 20. Check this out with the help of binoculars.

The Zodiacal Light, which can appear as a diffuse, pillar-shaped glow in the eastern sky for up to an hour before dawn, will be quite conspicuous at dark locations this weekend (September 19-20) through next weekend (September 25-26). The subtle glow is caused by the sun's light reflecting off dust particles floating in space in the plane of our solar system. In the sky, this reflected light appears superimposed along the string of constellations we know

as the zodiac, and especially those zodiacal constellations closest to the direction of the sun. An old name for this phenomenon is "false" — a good description of the effect under clear and very dark skies.

"Check out the Dam Birds!"

Join resident birders at Old Mission Dam for morning of active bird watching. Migratory birds are arriving, so there is a lot to see. Bring binoculars, field guide if you have them. 619-668-3281. Saturday, September 19, 8am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTÉE)

"Rewarding Workout"

Naturalist Don Parnell leads "sometimes strenuous, but always interesting" 12-mile hike promising "some of the best hills on the ranch." Expect to be on trails for about 5.5 hours; bring snack, minimum of two liters of water. 760-839-4680. Saturday, September 19, 8am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

"Views but No Hills"

Join Walk-about explorers for walk at moderate pace with optional lunch afterward. 619-231-7463. Friday, September 18, 10am; free. Mission Hills Park, 1521 Washington Place. (MISSION HILLS)

Bird Watching Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat hosted by Friends of Famosa Slough starts at first bench on Famosa Boulevard. Bring binoculars if you have them. 619-224-4591. Saturday, September 19, 1pm; free. Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

California Coastal Cleanup Day

Help clear away debris at more than 80 coastal, inland, and underwater cleanup sites all over San Diego County during 25th annual event. Supplies provided. Registration, locations, information: 619-758-7743 x125 or 619-291-0103 x3003. Saturday, September 19, 9am; free. Swami's Beach, 1298 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

Chaparral 101

Begin your day on a trail guide-led walk through native chaparral; connect to old California. Learn names, habitats of some of our region's wild citizens. 619-668-3281. Saturday, September 19, 9:30am; Sunday, September 20, 9:30am; Wednesday, September 23, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Clean Up the Canyon

Join Friends of Buchanan Canyon during annual Coastal Cleanup Campaign with a morning devoted to purging canyon of trash, debris.

619-297-2957. Saturday, September 19, 9am. Johnson Avenue at Lincoln. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Coastal Dune Habitat Restoration Project

Volunteers invited to care for this rare and endangered area at Dog Beach. Activities include invasive plant removal, native plant rescue, trail maintenance, litter removal. Tools, supplies provided. Dress in clothes that can get dirty, wear closed shoes. RSVP: 619-297-7380. Saturday, September 19, 9am; free. Dog Beach Ocean Beach, West Point Loma Boulevard and Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Discover Magnificent Beauty!

Nature walks led by trained naturalist. "Marvel at the reawakening vegetation throughout the reserve and be enchanted by fabulous flowers along the trails." 760-436-3944. Saturdays, 10am; free. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Fledgling Birders

Gary Grantham leads Audubon Society bird watchers. Meet in parking area near small bleachers. 858-755-7133. Monday, September 21, 8am; free. Lake Murray Reservoir, 5540 Kiowa Drive. (LA MESA)

Help Restore the Preserve

Join in habitat-restoration work with San Diego Audubon Society. Enhance wildlife habitat by removing invasive plants and brush, prepare for November planting, maintain trail. Required reservations: 760-295-1548. Saturday, September 19, 9am; free. Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve, 2437 Hutchison Street. (VISTA)

Miner's Loop Trail Walk

Naturalist-led hike along trail on north face of Black Mountain Park. Wear hiking boots, bring water. 858-484-3219. Saturday, September 19, 8am; free. Black Mountain Open Space Park staging area, 14850 Carmel Valley Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Nature Explorers All ages invited to learn facts about reptiles,

native fauna and flora, and explore changes at dusk, using senses and flashlights (bring yours). Reservations: 619-582-6261. Friday, September 18, 6pm; \$5. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTÉE)

Nighttime Hike

Naturalist Mike Kelly leads moderately paced loop walk to Carson's Crossing. Participants have "good chance of encountering mule deer, owls, bats, and more." Park and meet by kiosk. 858-484-3219. Friday, September 18, 7pm; free. Peñasquitos Creek Park, 8021 Park Village Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Rediscover Escondido

Walking tour led by Escondido History Center guide, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Saturday, September 19, 11am; free. Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Summer Twilight Walk

Experience the many changes occurring at dusk during trail guide-led educational walk. Reservations: 619-668-2748. Saturday, September 19, 6pm; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTÉE)

Tree Walk

Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, September 19, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Where Was Wyatt Earp's Favorite Oyster Bar?

Find out when San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours of historic Gaslamp Quarter. Learn about area's architectural evolution from 1880s dirt streets and saloons to current restorations and adaptive reuse projects. Tours begin at Arts Tix kiosk. 619-232-1385. Saturday, September 19, 9:50am; \$8-\$15. 10 and up. Horton Square, 225 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

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Sign in Delhi, India

Delhi, India

By Derek Ray

Upon arriving in Delhi, India, I was approached by ragged-looking children begging for food and money or aggressively hawking items, even as I sat in the backseat of the rickshaw taxi.

I discovered an organization near the train station that shelters, clothes, and educates many of them, the Salaam Baalak Trust. It's estimated that there are 300,000 children on the streets of Delhi living with their families and 50,000 on

their own.

SBT offers a tour given by former street children who have been helped by the organization. It can be eye-opening for tourists who want to see beyond monuments to discover how so many of the children live.

Street children often work together in packs, scavenging items near or on the trains to survive. Girls are more vulnerable than boys, often falling into prostitution. Many of the boys experience sexual abuse and drug addiction.

Anil, a 20-year-old guide, spoke of how fortunate he was to have found Salaam Baalak Trust. The organization was established by Mira Nair, the director of *The Namesake* and an upcoming movie on Amelia Earhart. Twenty years ago, she attracted the attention of Hollywood while directing a movie about Indian street children called *Salaam Bombay!* It became a minor hit on the art-house circuit, and she used some of

the proceeds to start Salaam Baalak Trust to provide aid to the homeless children who appeared in the movie.

We entered two classrooms filled with children of all ages. They loved the attention — many of them reached out to shake my hand and pose to have their pictures taken. I was left with a greater understanding of a societal issue that's often swept under a rug.



Butterfly House

enveloped me. Butterflies were everywhere — some painted, some ceramic, some metal.

When homeowner J Jackson came out to chat, my eyes filled with tears as he related the story behind their home. This one-of-a-kind creation was a gift from him to his wife of nearly 40 years, Sonja.

The eye disease retinitis pigmentosa has been slowly stealing Sonja's eyesight. When doctors told them that bright colors would be the easiest thing for her to see, J got out a paintbrush and began transforming their once-ordinary house.

He's been working on his creation for four hours a day for nearly eight years. It's a seven-and-a-half hour drive from San Diego and a sight that you'll never forget (thebutterflyuniverse.com).

Known as "Butterfly Town, USA," Pacific Grove is home to wintering monarch butterflies.

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jjaloha: This is an old rusted-out car in Bodie State Park, a wonderfully preserved ghost town near Mono Lake, off of I-395.



lafemmenikitta: Lone Moai, near Rano Raraku, on Peninsula Poike (Easter Island)



sanso66: The Taj Mahal reveals itself after the morning mist burns away.



bookishsue: Celebrating the 50th anniversary of 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, a Welsh regiment. Prince Charles was in attendance (Cardiff, Wales, UK).

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SPECIAL

Fruit of the Soul 2009 Enjoy Art Haul truck art show, fashion, food from "some of the top restaurants in San Diego," live music by the Loves, David Maldonado, and Monarch School Steel Drum Band. Event is benefit for Monarch School, A Reason to Survive

(ARTS), Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center. 619-347-1610. Saturday, September 19, 6pm; \$25-\$75. 21 and up. Specialty Produce Warehouse, 1929 Hancock Street. (MISSION HILLS)

"An Afternoon of Hope" Enjoy an afternoon of acoustic music by Ramshackle, beer, activities for kids in "picnic-like atmosphere." Bring chairs, blankets. Benefit for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. 760-

471-4999. Sunday, September 20, 2pm; free. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

"Fixing the U.S. Medical System — Winners and Losers" Doctors, nurses, insurance reps, and general public will focus on health care reform with P&R Discussion Group. Bring your ideas! 619-370-1027. Thursday, Septem-

ber 17, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Sight and Sound" Preview night with performances by the Vision of a Dying World and the Hot Moon, along with "pervasive video projection, hula hoop dancers, live artists," DJs. Proceeds benefit Autism Research Institute. Complimentary beverage with paid admission before 8pm. 619-846-7180. Saturday, September 19,

7pm; \$5. 21 and up. Architecture, 3956 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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"Vino and Vinyasa" Enjoy complimentary yoga class, then mingle with glass of wine and watch sunset. Lululemon and yoga instructor Bonnie Jones team up for finale of this summer series. No cover. 619-702-2498. Thursday, September 17, 5:30pm; free. 21 and up. W Hotel, 421 West B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Active Recovery Wellness Fair In recognition of National Recovery Month, enjoy fitness, yoga classes; wellness workshops; demonstrations raising public awareness about roles of health, fitness, nutrition in addiction treatment. 858-735-6457. Saturday, September 19, 10am; free. Del Mar Shores Park, 9th Street and Stratford Court. (DEL MAR)

Ask the Designer Professional landscape designer Linda Whitney offers personalized 45-minute landscape design consultation. Bring photograph of your area, ideas from magazines, project dimensions for practical advice and suggestions for creating a low-water landscape. Required reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Friday, September 18, 1pm; \$60-\$75. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Board Game Night Noncompetitive game play to benefit Heifer International. Up for Cranium or Taboo? Donation: \$10. 619-204-8834. Friday, September 18, 8pm; Tea N More, 7380 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Bow Wow Brunch Dogs welcome during Pet Day on the Bay Brunch Cruise, raising money for Helen Woodward Animal Center. Pet buffet is set up, along with "dog relief area" on sun deck. 619-686-8715. Sunday, September 20, 10:30am; \$59. Hornblower Cruises, 1066 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Cannons Will Be Used! Cannon battles promised in San Diego Bay between the revenue cutter *Californian* and the privateer *Lynx*, and you may spend an afternoon sailing along on board. Battles may be seen from sites around bay (free). 619-234-9153 x101. Saturday, September 19, 1pm; Sunday, September 20, 1pm; \$40-\$65. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Caveman? Cowboy? Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School convenes for sketching session with male model Rob striking three poses. Bring your art supplies. Reservations: 619-501-9325. Saturday, September 19, 3pm; \$10. 21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Celebrate Autumn (With 108 Sun Salutations) Practice various forms of sun salutations, "enhance our community at the studio," and take breaks when Blair, Linda, Tyler, Drisana lead event. 619-640-4438. Sunday, September 20, 12:30pm; \$20. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Celebrate Belize! Second annual Belizean Independence Day Celebration planned at Liberty Station (2878 Dewey Road). Performances by Lady Justice, Mr. Burt, Caramel, Princess and Harmony, Se7en Seal Dub, Johnny and his friends with Afro Latin drumming. Artisan market, Belizean cuisine, dance performances, more. 619-288-7884. Sunday, September 20, 12 noon; free-\$5. NTC

Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

Celebrate the Independence of Mexico! Fiestas Patrias 2009 promises live music, family activities, car show, Mexican food. 619-527-6161. Saturday, September 19, 2pm; free. Market Creek Plaza, Euclid Avenue and Market Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Change Begins at Home Fall Home/Garden Show promises hundreds of exhibits with variety of home-improvement products, furnishings, decorating and remodeling ideas, display gardens, seminars. 858-350-3738. Friday, September 18, 11am; Saturday, September 19, 10am; Sunday, September 20, 10am; free-\$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

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Designing a Garden? Professional landscape designer Jude Mendez offers personalized 45-minute landscape design consultation. Bring photograph of your area, ideas from magazines, project dimensions for practical advice and suggestions for creating a low-water landscape. Required reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, September 19, 9am; \$60-\$75. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

EnviroFest San Diego Girls Alliance hosts celebration with environmental science education and arts activities for children, recycling, gardening and composting, face painting, laughter yoga, tai chi, com-

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Food for Thought Sustainable Planet kickoff party promises food and learning, including a screening of documentary *Good Food*. Sample local and organic foods, speak with representatives of local food organizations. "Learn impact the 'SuperFood Drive' is having in low-income communities nationwide." Reservations: 619-665-6156. Tuesday, September 22, 6:30pm; \$5. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Heal! Healing clinic offered. Also planned: lecture on biofeedback (12:30pm), consultations by practitioners in reiki, theta, jin shin jyutsu, more (\$25 per consultation). 619-298-3422. Saturday, September 19, noon. Alexandra's Bookstore, 3545 Midway Dr., suite G. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

House of Austria Enjoy homemade pastries and *sachertorte* during lawn program with dance, music, cultural costumes, and food (for sale). 619-234-0739. Sunday, September 20, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Japanese Flower Show Japanese flower-arrangement show, with work by various schoolteachers. 858-759-2640. Wednesday, September 23, 10am; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Kitten Races! Open house celebrating 80th anniversary of Friends of Cats includes games and contests (guess the weight of huge cat, number of cat treats in jar, kitten races), barbecue, raffle. 619-561-0361. Saturday, September 19, 11am; free. Friends of Cats, 15587 Olde Highway 80. (EL CAJON)

KnitNight Gather with fellow fiber artists for social knitting, crochet, spinning. 760-806-6744. Tuesdays, 7pm; free. 18 and up. Clever Knits, 214 South Indiana Avenue. (VISTA)

Laugh a Lot! Exercise your humor and creativity with "variety of lively interactive exercises from the world of improvisation" to give your funny bone a workout during event led by Jacquie Lowell. 858-581-0050. Wednesday, September 23, 7pm; \$20. 14 and up. Friendship Senior Center, 4425 Bannock Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

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Meditation and Live Music Enjoy live music and meditation with Sujantra McKeever. 619-640-4438. Friday, September 18, 8pm; free. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Middle-Eastern Drum and Belly-Dance Class Doumbek drumming class for all levels taught by Frank Lazzaro (6-7pm), followed by tribal belly-dance class taught by Sabrina Fox with live drumming (7-8pm). \$12 per class. 760-703-1487. Mondays, 6pm; \$12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Harbor Days Time for the infamous Nail 'n' Sail competition! Also promised: military, police, fire displays, arts and crafts exhibits, food, fun activities. 760-722-1534. Saturday, September 19, 9am; Sunday, September 20, 9am; free. Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Old Town San Diego Art Festival More than 150 contemporary artists, fine craft, fashion, home décor artisans display their wares. Live entertainment. 619-233-5008. Saturday, September 19, 10am; Sunday, September 20, 10am; free. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Paint Out! Association hosts program for public, including children's arts and crafts, artists pre-

senting and demonstrating their craft, activities for all ages. 858-459-1196. Saturday, September 19, 10am. La Jolla Art Association Gallery, 8100 Paseo del Ocaso, suite B. (LA JOLLA)

Paint-Out Paint/draw/explore Balboa Park, whether you work in oils, acrylics, watercolor, digital, charcoal, pencil, pastels, or mixed media. All artists, amateur to professional, encouraged to participate. Co-hosted by Maura McHugh and Lee Sautereau. At noon, meet back at SDAI for group discussion of work created, potluck meal (bring food and/or drink to share). 619-236-0011. Saturday, September 19, 9am; free. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Palomar Observatory Tours Guests get close look at famous 200-inch telescope, hear astronomy lecture, view sky through multiple telescopes atop Palomar Mountain (weather permitting) during event sponsored by Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Fee includes round-trip bus transportation, with San Diego and Escondido pickups. Dinner not included. Reservations: 619-238-1233 x806. Saturday, September 19, 3pm; \$65-\$75. 10 and up. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Personal Totems Choose from gallery's tiles, glass, dishes, beads, shells, or bring your own items, to create a mosaic "totem." Fee: \$15 per class, or \$55 for every Wednesday of month. Reservations: 619-

593-2205. Wednesdays, 5pm; through Wednesday, September 30 Sophie's Gallery, 109 Rea Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Qi Gong Meditations Healing meditations with Qi Gong and Oriental medicine practitioner Dawn Asher on alternating Tuesdays. Donation. 917-620-2666. Tuesday, September 22, 7:30pm, Dwell Sanctuary, 3752 Third Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Rendezvous in Poway Step back in time — "enjoy the rich smells of campfires, the boom of a Civil War-era cannon, rifle firing, and tomahawk-throwing demonstrations, mock gunfights, and train robberies" during this living history event. Gold panning for children (equipment provided). Visitors can ride Poway Midland Railroad's 1907 Baldwin Steam Engine (nominal fee). Hobo campfire sing-along (7-8:30pm). 858-668-4576. Saturday, September 19, 10am; Sunday, September 20, 10am; free. Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. (POWAY)

Safety Is No Accident! Whether you need an infant carrier, regular car seat, or booster seat, learn which is appropriate for your child, how to use it correctly to keep kids safe during Sitter Socials car seat safety event. Bring your car seat. Experts on hand to answer questions. 858-271-4667. Saturday, September 19, noon; free. Westfield Mission Valley Center, 1640 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

San Diego Quilt Show View over 400 quilts on display, quilts and accessories for sale, Quilts of Valor, over 60 vendor booths, 2009 SDQS Fashion Challenge, quilting bee, cloth doll exhibit, charity auction. Featured artist is machine quilter Shirley Greenhoe. 619-443-2706. Thursday, September 17, 10am; Friday, September 18, 10am; Saturday, September 19, 10am; free-\$8. San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Software Freedom Day! San Diego FOSS Community hosts event "about a technology future that we can trust, that is sustainable, and that doesn't negatively impact on the basic human freedoms we take for granted." Activities: software giveaways; Linux operating system and Gcompris demonstrations, more. 619-849-9682. Saturday, September 19, 12 noon; free. Froyo Love Frozen Yogurt Shop, 300 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Spring Valley Library Fiesta Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations include visit by author Victor Villaseñor (*Rain of Gold*, *Burro Genius*, *Crazy Loco Love*) and community activist Lucky "Two Tears" Morales; lowrider car exhibit from Amigos Car Club, artwork on display by Salvador Barajas, entertainment, children's activities. 619-463-3006. Saturday, September 19, noon; free. Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

Stamp-Collecting Show Stamp and cover dealers offer their wares.

619-218-7835. Sunday, September 20, 10am; free. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Tea for You? Taste "some modern teas with cookies, blend your own tea, and then make your own tea bags" during workshop led by Lisa Koide Halverson. Participants will arrange tea bags into gift arrangement. Registration: 619-232-2721 x102. Sunday, September 20, 10am; \$10-\$12. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

University Heights Arts Open First stroll neighborhood sampling delicacies from University Heights restaurants (\$20). Then take free self-guided tour of arts, showcasing work by over 100 artists, playwrights, performers, musicians. Trolley Barn Park will feature visual artists of all mediums, historic groups, community groups, children's activities. 619-297-3166. Sunday, September 20, 12 noon; free-\$20. Trolley Barn Park, 1900 Adams Avenue at Florida Street. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Wine and a Bite Art Walk Swirl, meander, nosh your way through summer art walk event promising food from Brothers Bistro, La Caseta, Pala Mesa, Pala Casino, Lace Apron, and Sweet Sicilian Bakery, with wine from Fallbrook Winery. Five stops showcase range of fine art experiences. 760-451-3282. Saturday, September 19, 5pm; \$20-\$25. 21 and up. Downton Fallbrook, Main Avenue and Alvarado Street. (FALLBROOK)

Yachtfest 2009 Seasoned sailors and aspiring yachters may glimpse inside some of "world's most luxurious floating vessels," ranging from 48 to 122 feet. On hand: sales and charter brokers, yachting products, "luxury goods associated with the sea-cruising lifestyle." Two-day general admission tickets available. 858-836-0133. Thursday, September 17, 11am; Friday, September 18, 11am; Saturday, September 19, 11am; Sunday, September 20, 11am; \$34. Shelter Island Marina, 2051 Shelter Island Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Romance of the Tango" California Consort, a five-piece ensemble led by bassist/raconteur Bert Turetsky, celebrates music of Astor Piazzolla for Concert Hour Series. 760-744-1150 x2316. Thursday, September 17, 12:30pm; free. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10), 1140 West Mission Road. (PALOMAR COLLEGE)

"The Many Faces of Mozart" Orchestra Nova joined by violinist Lindsay Deutsch to play "Three German Dances," "Violin Concerto No. 3," and "Symphony No. 40." Orchestra was formerly named San Diego Chamber Orchestra. 858-350-0290. Saturday, September 19, 8pm; \$30-\$99. Qualcomm Hall, 5775 Morehouse Drive. (MIRA MESA)

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Classical Guitar Concert Guitarist Douglas T. Smith performs solo works by Bach, Sor, Carcassi, others during annual Village Art Show. 619-233-8500. Friday, September 18, 6:30pm; free. Paul Mirabile Center at St. Vincent de Paul Village, 1501 Imperial Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Guitar Duo Fred Benedetti and George Svoboda perform Rodrigo's adagio from his "Concierto de Aranjuez," a Macedonian rhapsody, flamenco pieces by Sabicas and Juan Serrano, original music. Reception follows. Offering. 619-297-4366. Sunday, September 20, 4pm. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Music on the Point The Kensington Trio opens the new season of concerts. Reception follows. Donation: \$5. 619-223-6394 x13. Sun-

day, September 20, 4pm. All Souls' Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams performs. 619-702-8138. Sunday, September 20, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

The Pleasure of Your Company Music series opens with concert by San Diego Chamber Music Society. Program includes piano quintets by Mozart and Beethoven. Reception follows. Donations appreciated. 858-538-8158. Sunday, September 20, 2:30pm. Scripps Miramar Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Toy Piano Fun Family concert starring Scott Paulson and his toy piano collection, with bass clarinet and guitarrone. Also performing: Ryoko Amadee Goguen, Kenneth Herman, Matthew Swagler. Program includes Bernd Wiesemann's "Petite Suite for Toy Piano or Other Keyboard Instruments," "Suite for Toy Piano" by John Cage, Paulson's "Fanfare for Toy Piano; Piece for Bubble Wrap and Toy Piano," finale of "1812 Overture" by Tchaikovsky, others. 619-236-5810. Saturday, September 19, 2:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

DANCE

"Dance n' Dine" The PGK Project series continues with D'shire

Dance Collective performance. Fee includes three-course meal, wine, dance. Reservations: 619-474-3222. Saturday, September 19, 7pm; \$45. Café La Maze, 1441 Highland Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

Ballroom Mixer Shawn Torgerson hosts ballroom, Latin, swing dancing, salsa, tango, and more. 858-565-9575. Saturday, September 19, 8pm; \$8. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

"Milonga Loca de Amor" Dance the weekend away to Argentine tangos. Matt Kropp plays music. 858-565-9575. Sunday, September 20, 8pm; \$7. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Ballroom and Latin Dance Classes Classes meet for ballroom dance (7pm), Latin dance (8pm). Beginners welcome. Fee: \$10 per single class, \$8 if paid monthly. 858-248-0593. Tuesdays, 7pm; \$8-\$10. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Belly-Dance Drum Solo Workshop Class with Rachel George and Frank Lazzaro promises "Rachel's sassy technique, lavishly loud layers." Drum choreography with live drum solo, in room #105. 760-703-1487. Sunday, September 20, 2pm; \$35-\$40. Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

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English Country Dancing Chris Page calls for English country dancing. 858-676-9731. Sunday, September 20, 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Hustle and Nightclub Dance Night DJ plays hustle, nightclub two-step, and requests. For singles and couples of all ages. Hustle lesson: 8pm. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, September 19, 8pm; free-\$7. Pattie Wells' Dance-time Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Jeffery Broussard and the Creole Cowboys Band makes music for dance hosted by Bon Temps Social Club and Gator by the Bay Festival. Dance instruction at 6:20pm, live music from 7-10:30pm. 858-496-6655. Saturday, September 19, 6:20pm; \$14. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

MTV Hip-Hop Ruben "Fusion" Monet — known from MTV and who has worked with Beyonce and Missy Elliott — leads hip-hop classes for adults (Wednesdays) and children (Saturdays). Registration: 858-451-3775. Saturdays, 11am; Wednesdays, 6:15pm; through Wednesday, September 30, \$60. Dance Motions, 12120 Alta Carmel Court, Suite 410D. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Nightclub Fridays Learn nightclub dances including two-step, salsa, cha-cha, and merengue. 858-451-3775. Fridays, 7:15pm; through Friday, September 25, \$15. Dance Motions, 12120 Alta Carmel Court, Suite 410D. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Nobody's Business Returns! Steve Barlow calls to tunes by this band for contra dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, September 18, 7:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Swingin' with the Stilettoes Celebrate "Steven's 'Disney' birthday" with swing dancing to live music by the Stilettoes. All ages. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, September 23, 8pm; \$10-\$15. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Women's Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

FILM

"¡Qué Viva! Cine Latino" The Argentine family film *Perez 2* screens for series hosted by Media Arts Center San Diego. Evenings begin with "Arte Latino" exhibition, live music (6:30pm); followed by screening of short films and feature film (7:30pm). 619-230-1938. Wednesday, September 23, 6:30pm; free. Otay Ranch Town Center, 2015 Birch Road. (CHULA VISTA)

Breakfast at Tiffany's "Cinema social" combines "eclectic film choices," food, drink, light conversation at hotel's poolside lounge and theater (outdoors). Reservations: 619-226-6100. Wednesday, September 23, 8pm; free. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

Camille Sienna Miller and James Franco star in Greg Mackenzie's "loopy romantic opus," screening for Film Forum series. 619-236-5800. Monday, September 21,

6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Fidel: The Untold Story Estela Bravo's glimpse of "emerging Third World consciousness" Film looks into Castro's personal life, offering new view of the controversial leader. Documentary is in English and Spanish with English subtitles. 619-236-5800. Sunday, September 20, 2pm; free. San

Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Ping Pong Playa Pack your blankets, enjoy Jessica Yu's family comedy. RSVP: 619-527-6161. Friday, September 18, 6pm; free. Market Creek Plaza, Euclid Avenue and Market Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

The Celestine Prophecy Movie described as "a spiritual adventure film chronicling the discovery of ancient scrolls in the rain forests of Peru" based on James Redfield's

novel. Post-screening discussion led by Reverend John Poleski. Reservations: 619-491-3087. Friday, September 18, 5:30pm and 7:40pm; \$7. San Diego Center for Spiritual Living, 1009 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Food for Thought Film Series See *The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil* on the big screen in gardens during this San Diego Roots fundraiser for La Milpa Farm (to help them build a well).

Live music by the Blues & Greens (6pm), movie (7pm), performance by the Beetniks (8:30pm). All ages (those under 21 must be accompanied by parent/guardian). 760-471-4999. Tuesday, September 22, 6pm; free. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Fresh Air Films ArtPower! Film series gets underway with Stanley Kubrick's 1964 "apocalypse masterpiece" *Dr. Strangelove or: How I*

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LOCAL EVENTS

Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb, screening on east lawn of Price Center. Evening begins with live music. 858-534-TIXS. Wednesday, September 23, 7:30pm; free. Price Center at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Movies at the Park Catch the baseball flick *Field of Dreams* during event hosted by Centre City Development Corporation at Petco Park's "Park at the Park." Bring blankets for seating. Encouraged: donations of canned food for St. Vincent de Paul Village. 619-533-7148. Saturday, September 19, 6pm; free. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

FOOD & DRINK

"Beer and Cheese Regional Pairing: Pacific Northwest" Resident "beer and cheese guru" Bill Sysak showcases "some of the best the Pacific Northwest has to offer." 760-471-4999. Thursday, September 17, 7pm; \$30. 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

"Iron Chef — Round Two" Bring friends, form a team, cook, compete, eat. Guests divided into three groups; each group prepares menu, sets up buffet presentation for dinner. Groups then judged on presentation, preparation, taste. Everyone enjoys complete dinner.

Reservations: 858-638-1400. Tuesday, September 22, 6:30pm; \$65. Behind the Scenes Catering Co., 9888 Waples Street. (MIRA MESA)

"Shiraz vs. Syrah" Taste two styles of same grape. "If it is called Shiraz, it follows the Australian new world recipe, featuring big jammy berry flavors and high alcohol. If a producer refers to the grape as syrah, expect an old world style with subtle flavors, often with deep concentration on the mid-palate." 760-591-9113. Friday, September 18, 5pm; Saturday, September 19, 5pm; \$15. 21 and up. VINO 100, 133 South Las Posas Road. (SAN MARCOS)

"Tri-Tip Throw Down" Chef Kurt Metzger of Concept Catering by CK hosts event with ten of Carlsbad's "best restaurants/grilling chefs," each preparing signature tri-tips on grills. Suggested donation: \$20, benefiting American Liver Foundation. 619-291-5483. Sunday, September 20, noon, Poinsettia Park, 6600 Hidden Valley Road. (CARLSBAD)

Anniversary Beer Dinner Company celebrates 20th anniversary with beer dinner; four-course menu paired with beers. Reservations: 760-431-2739. Monday, September 21, 6:30pm; \$45. 21 and up. Karl Strauss Brewing Company, 5801 Armada Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Celebrate Chuao! Chuao Chocolatier celebrates seventh anniversary with free scoops of gelato (one scoop per person, noon-2pm), \$1 bonbons and truffles all day (while supplies last). 858-546-1463. Sunday, September 20, noon; free. Chuao Chocolatier Chocolate Café UTC, 4465 La Jolla Village Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Celebrating Seven! Chuao Chocolatier celebrates seventh anniversary with free scoops of gelato (one scoop per person, noon-2pm), \$1 bonbons and truffles all day (while supplies last). 858-755-0770. Sunday, September 20, 12 noon; free. Chuao Chocolatier Chocolate Café Del Mar Highlands, 3485 Del Mar Heights Road. (DEL MAR)

Put Seven Candles on the Cake! Chuao Chocolatier celebrates seventh anniversary with free scoops of gelato (one scoop per person, noon-2pm), \$1 bonbons and truffles all day (while supplies last). 760-635-1444. Sunday, September 20, noon; free. Chuao Chocolatier Chocolate Café Encinitas, 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

Confections on Parade! Warwick's Cooking Club convenes for "sumptuous night of confections" with Gesine Bullock-Prado, author of *Confections of a Closet Master Baker: One Woman's Sweet Journey from Unhappy Hollywood Executive to Contented Country Baker*. Tickets include dessert sampling, copy of book (discount for couples willing to share book). Reservations: 858-454-0347. Wednesday, September 23, 7pm; \$45-\$50. Isabel's Cantina, 966 Felspar Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

San Diego Festival of Beer Fifteenth annual event produced by San Diego Professionals Against Cancer boasts "more brews to taste and sample than ever before," with 120 microbrews from 60 breweries on offer. Music by Len Rainey and the Midnight Players, Nightshift, 5 South Band, and Hong Kong Cavaliers. Friday, September 18, 6pm; \$30. 21 and up. Downtown San Diego, Columbia Street and West B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Savory and Sweet Delights Explore Indian culinary traditions through vegetarian cooking demonstrations by Indian cooking expert Manjula Jain. This week, focus on chutneys and pakoras. Fee includes food tastings, demonstration, recipe book, spices. Non-members also receive two tickets to Mingei International Museum's "Sonabai — Another Way of Seeing" exhibit. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x133. Tuesday, September 22, 5:30pm; \$65-\$80. Bloomingdale's Fashion Valley, 7057 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Senses Will Be Stimulated! Wine tasting "will stimulate just about all your senses and may leave you wanting more." 619-795-4850.

Sunday, September 20, 6:30pm; \$15. Cirello Gallery, 3803 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

FOR KIDS

"Apples, Apples, Apples" Learn about Julian, Johnny Appleseed, create an apple craft, gobble up a piece of apple pie during "History for Half-Pints" program. For kids three to five years old. Reservations required: 619-232-6203 x129. Monday, September 21, 10am; \$5. 3 and up. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Back to 'School' in the Ocean" Kick off new school year with a "schooling" fish celebration during Family Days program. Why do some fish school to feed, find mates, and survive in ocean? Make a schooling fish craft, enjoy a story, watch fish. Included in admission (free for kids, \$11 general). 858-534-3624. Saturday, September 19, 11am. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

"Exploring Sculpture: Calder Jewelry" Family drop-in day program encourages exploration, learning about this exhibit through variety of child-friendly activities. For families with kids 6-12. Included in museum admission (\$12 adults). 619-231-7092. Sunday, September 20, 1pm; 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Fish Bellies: Art and Anatomy" Learn about fish from the inside out; examine fish anatomy and physiology and how it compares to our own bodies during class led by Liz Paeg. Make a fish print, dissect a fish, learn which external features make a fish a fish. Registration: 619-255-0203. Saturday, September 19, 10am; \$24-\$32. 8 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Palekh Inspired" Family Storytelling Professional storyteller Harlynn Geisler shares tales inspired by "Palekh: Icons to Souvenir Boxes to Icons" exhibition, encouraging visitors to broaden their perspectives about art. 619-239-5548 x105. Saturday, September 19, 11am; free. 5 and up. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Talk Like a Pirate Day" Ahoy there! Captain Book doles out pirate names, tells a pirate tale, and teaches pirate-speak. Wear your pi-

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Lyle the Crocodile Enjoy the tale of the Primms, who find a crocodile in the tub of their new apartment in New York City, when San Diego Junior Theatre in La Jolla presents this show based on Bernard Weber's book series. Production boasts cast of 20 youths. 619-239-8355. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 2pm and 4pm; Sundays, 2pm and 4pm; through Sunday, September 27, \$11-\$13. Firehouse YMCA Community Center, 7877 Herschel Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Three Little Pigs Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales focus on the pigs "and other funny stories." 619-544-9203. Thursday, September 17, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, September 18, 10am and 11:30am; Saturday, September 19, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, September 20, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Wednesday, September 23, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Get Your Rock Education! Eighteen-week classes for kids (1st-8th grades) offered by RockStar, culminating in show at Hard Rock Café in February. Students learn to play guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, compose their own songs, perform classic rock hits. Reservations, specific class times: 310-678-7283. Wednesday, September 23, 3pm; \$288. Hard Rock Café, 801 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Kids at Lux Kids (6-12) invited for guided tour through studio, question-and-answer session with resident artist Elizabeth Turk, hands-on art project. Reservations: 760-436-6611. Saturday, September 19, 10am; free-\$20. 6 and up. Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Rat Stew on the Menu! Hoist cargo, rig sails, sing sea chanteys, learn celestial navigation on world's oldest active sailing ship, the *Star of India*. "Rat stew" served at this sleepover event. Boat does not leave dock. 619-234-9153 x124. Saturday, September 19, 3pm; \$55-\$70. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

GALLERIES

"Faith and Formulas" Reception for group art show with local artists exhibiting work inspired by science and religion. Closes Saturday, October 17. 858-354-6294. Saturday, September 19, 7pm; free. Thumbprint Gallery, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Glass Artists Show" Reception for contemporary glass artists Tom Marosz and Jack Storms. Exhibit continues through Tuesday, September 29. RSVP for reception: 858-551-8108. Saturday, September 19, 6pm; free. Hallmark Galleries, 1162 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"In Readable Ardor" Opening reception for exhibition of Cheryl

Sorg's "huge, intricate works constructed from books." View several of these huge pieces, along with photographs and sketches documenting the creation process, through October. 760-436-1440. Saturday, September 19, 6pm; free. Eric Phleger Gallery, 828 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (LEUCADIA)

"On Solid Ground" Opening reception for exhibition of work by printmaker Sumilu Cue, whose etchings and monoprints are featured through Saturday, October 21. 619-275-0696. Saturday, September 19, 5:30pm; free. Bay Park Press Gallery, 4138 Napier Street. (BAY PARK)

"Otherside" "North Park Nights" opening reception for exhibition of photography by Sebastian Castillo, showing "a collection of beautifully stylish eroticism." Through Wednesday, October 7. 619-298-3830. Saturday, September 19, 6pm; free. Gallery a.k.a., 3830 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Split, Splice, Splay, Display" Opening reception for exhibition of new works by Roman de Salvo. "Pulling from the structure and maze forms created in his previous conduit works, the new body of work...explores de Salvo's fascination with wood and the natural patterns found in its structure." Closes Saturday, October 17. 858-454-3409. Thursday, September 17, 6pm; free. Quint Contemporary Art, 7739 Drury Lane. (LA JOLLA)

"Tender Rivers" Reception for painters Stephen Pentak and Bob

Nugent, whose paintings focus on "beauty of some of nature's most vulnerable places." View through Sunday, November 15. 858-793-4442. Thursday, September 17, 6pm; free. Susan Street Fine Art Gallery, 415 South Cedros Avenue #160. (SOLANA BEACH)

Faculty Art Exhibit Opening reception for annual display of artwork by MiraCosta College's art faculty. Through Thursday, October 1. 760-795-6657. Friday, September 18, 6:30pm; free. Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

IN PERSON

"Coffee Shoppe 2009" Enjoy the annual student-run variety show presentation by school's theater department. 619-628-5700. Thursday, September 17, 7pm; \$5-\$7. Mar Vista High School, 505 Elm Avenue. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"Funkiest Hat Night" Conscious Comedy Explosion convenes for fun with standup comedian Big Wood, whose "comedy is what they call 'real talk.'" Wear your best "fall" hats to "make all eyes turn on you." Host: Danny Boy. Musical grooves by DJ Bishop. 619-564-4425. Friday, September 18, 8pm; \$7-\$12. 18 and up. Upaka Center, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Impossible Visions" Sebastian presents "his magical dinner show," with guest J. Sanchez. Din-

ner: 6pm; show: 8pm. Reservations: 858-344-6981. Wednesdays, 6pm; \$20. The Comedy Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

"Intimate Miracles" Sebastian presents "close-up" magic show. Tickets include two drinks. RSVP: 619-865-2973. Friday, September 18, 8pm; \$20. Wine Cabana, 2539 Congress Street. (OLD TOWN)

"Music, Medicine, and the Magic of Harp" Amy Lynn Kaner, M.D., describes medical, health benefits of music and plays harp to demonstrate its soothing qualities. 760-753-7376. Wednesday, September 23, 6:30pm; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Nomadic Circus" Danyavaad and the Shimmy Sisters perform. 619-884-7707. Wednesday, September 23, 9pm; free. 21 and up. Stage Saloon, 762 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Beer Show" Technomania Circus "celebrates everyone's favorite drink." 619-231-1950. Saturday, September 19, 8pm; \$10. 21 and up. The Center for Amusing Arts, 2438 Commercial Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"Third Thursday" Scott G. Kyle — author of *The Power Curve: Smart Investing Using Dividends, Options, and the Magic of Compounding* — shares investment tips and "no-nonsense advice" to eliminate common money-losing behaviors. 619-232-4855. Thursday, September 17, 6:30pm; free. The

Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House, 835 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

"Tosh.0" Stand-up comedian Daniel Tosh from Comedy Central entertains. 800-585-3737. Saturday, September 19, 7:30pm; \$25-\$35. Pala Casino, 35008 Pala Temecula Road. (PALA)

A Bad, Bad Boy San Diego Reader editor/owner Jim Holman and senior editor Matt Potter read from Judith Moore's book, a collection of stories about Southern California mafioso Frank "Bomp" Bompensiero. 619-482-9883. To buy *A Bad, Bad Boy*, go to the Reader's book page. Saturday, September 19, 4pm; free. Borders Books and Music — Chula Vista, 878 EastLake Parkway. (CHULA VISTA)

Where Hope Begins Co-authors Caitlin Rother and Alysia Sofios talk about, sign their new book. 619-295-2201. Wednesday, September 23, 7pm; free. Borders Books and Music — Mission Valley, 1072 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

A Life-Changing Program! Debbie Ford signs, discusses *The 21-Day Consciousness Cleanse*. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, September 22, 5:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Author Talk Local author Caitlin Rother signs, talks about her five books, including the newest, *Body Parts* and *Where Hope Begins*. 858-618-1814. Saturday, September 19, 2pm; free. Borders Books and Music — Carmel Mountain,

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Chronicle of a Bustling Megalopolis Journalist David Lida discusses, signs *First Stop in the New World: Mexico City, the Capital of the 21st Century*. Book "captures the kaleidoscopic nature of life in a city...hanging in limbo between the developed and underdeveloped worlds." 858-456-1800. Tuesday, September 22, 7pm; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Comedy on the Crest Improv sketch comedy show by members of Comedy Under Construction. 858-550-8088. Wednesdays, 8pm; through Wednesday, November 18, \$5. 14 and up. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Meet a Post-Punk Hero! Renowned poet Eileen Myles reads from her new book *The Importance of Being Iceland*. "Myles has always operated in the art, writing, and queer performance scenes as a kind of observant *flâneur*." 858-456-1800. Saturday, September 19, 7pm; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Squeaky-Clean Comedy! Family-friendly shows for all ages. 858-433-1457. Saturdays, 7pm; \$5. Naveed's Comedy Club at Bella Roma Pizza and Restaurant, 6830 La Jolla Boulevard #103. (LA JOLLA)

Star Awards San Diego Performing Arts League's annual tribute to volunteers who work for San Diego arts organizations. Evening includes performances by Gustavo Romero, Broadway cast of *Long Story Short*, California Ballet, SDSU Musical Theatre performers, North Coast Singers, ACT San Diego, San Diego Youth Symphony, Coronado School for the Arts student performers, San Diego Children's Choir, others. 619-497-5000. Monday, September 21, 7:30pm; \$35. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Travel Enthusiast? Writer, nature enthusiast Bette Blaydes Pegas discusses her new travel memoir *Chasing a Dream in the Galapagos: A Personal Evolution*. Presentation includes slide show of photographs from her recent trip to the Galapagos. Book signing follows. 619-670-5198. Saturday, September 19, 1pm; \$5. Heritage of the Americas Museum, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Urban Comedy on Offer! "One Mike...San Diego: The Comedy Show" features Terrell Battle, Cool Aide, and Henry Coleman, hosted by Aida Rodriguez. 619-708-7975. Sunday, September 20, 8pm; \$10-\$15. 21 and up. 809 Lounge, 503 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Wanna Feel Like a Star? Sing to gain experience during "Live Band Night." 619-996-8908. Friday, September 18, 7pm; \$5. Connect the Dots Entertainment, 2110 Hancock Street. (MISSION HILLS)

West Coast Funnies Comedy variety show with Kurt Swann combines sketch and stand-up comedy. Headliner: John C. McDonnell. 619-997-3033. Saturday, September 19, 8pm; \$15-\$20. 16 and up. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2808 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

LECTURES

"And Many More, Sir" Mira-Costa College English professor and "18th-Century aficionado" Rob Archer discusses lexicographer/poet/journalist/scholar/critic/moralist/raconteur/provocateur Samuel Johnson for LIFE learning group in room 1068 (2:30pm). This talk follows Palomar College president Robert P. Deegan focusing on "Enriching Palomar College" (1pm). 760-721-8124. Friday, September 18, 1pm; free. Mira-Costa College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"Artists' Books and Their Stories" "Artists who choose books as vehicles for their art have evolved in the last few years to a group of determined authors/artists that insist on visual and literal interplay in their work." Jill Berry discusses work by many artists, their particular stories. Presented with San Diego Book Arts. 858-454-5872. Friday, September 18, 7:30pm; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Baja California: The Hope for an Alternative Future" Na-



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"Collaborating for Children"

Law professor Janet Weinstein examines "Why We Need to Move Away from the Adversarial System." Weinstein "proposes a new approach to better serve the child's best interests in a family law case." 619-531-3900. Tuesday, September 22, 12 noon; free-\$5. San Diego County Public Law Library, 1105 Front Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Discovering Financial Solutions for Editors"

Chris Blentzas of Edward Jones Investments speaks for San Diego Professional Editors Network (SD/PEN). RSVP: 619-281-6951. Thursday, September 17, 6:30pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"Dive Into Drip"

Kathy Eagle, director of ornamental horticulture at Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino, teaches how to tune up existing irrigation to make it water smart. Gain introduction to drip irrigation, pros and cons of drippers, appropriate applications for drip, demonstration of basic drip system installation. Reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, September 19, 9am; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Early National City"

Coauthors Marilyn Carnes and Matthew Nye focus on history of National City and its many firsts for "Third Thursday Author Series." Fee: \$35 at door includes lecture, book; pay \$15 for lecture only. Tickets: 619-297-9327. Thursday, September 17, 6pm; \$15-\$35. Adobe Chapel, 3963 Conde Street. (OLD TOWN)

"Generational Shifts: Aging, Work, and Retirement"

James W. Walker explores ways in which baby boomer generation, as it matures, continues to change American landscape. San Diego Independent Scholars meet in Chancellor's Complex room 111A. 760-751-3094 or 619-296-4055. Saturday, September 19, 1:30pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"H₂O 911!"

Concerned about current water shortage? Join Vickie Driver for "fast and furious introduction to dealing with our water shortage." Learn simple steps for saving water and money inside and outside home. Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Tuesday, September 22, 6pm; \$20-\$30. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Introduction to (Pet) Reiki"

"Reiki is used to accelerate the natural healing process and provide relaxation in both animals and humans." Reiki may help enhance your pet's positive behaviors while relieving pain, stress. Class is for

people only. Registration: 619-243-3424. Thursday, September 17, 6:30pm; \$12. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

"Menu for the Future"

Take this "Northwest Earth Institute course exploring the connection between food and sustainability." Donation. 619-298-9978 x8014. Sunday, September 20, 1pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

"Modern Libraries in San Diego County"

Architect Manuel Oncina — who has designed many of SD's community libraries — opens Friends of San Diego Architecture's fall season. Discussion follows lecture. Requested donation: \$5. 619-224-8584. Saturday, September 19, 9:30am. NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"New Innovations at Golden Artist Colors"

"Professional Artist Lecture" series continues when Pasadena artist Chris Cozen presents "a technical review of acrylics and their varied application possibilities." Expect information on pigments, viscosities, gels, media, more. For artists of all levels. RSVP: 619-236-0011. Wednesday, September 23, 6pm; \$5-\$10. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Publishing a Family History Book in the Internet Age"

Tom Underhill divulges ways "to preserve your genealogy for generations to come and get new people excited about the past" when Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego (10:15am). User groups meet for Family Tree Maker, RootsMagic, and user group on "Computer Genealogy 101" (9am). 619-426-8295. Saturday, September 19, 9am; free. Robinson Audi-

torium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Save Water, Build Habitat"

Mike Evans, co-founder of Tree of Life Nursery, chronicles "why we should use California natives in our urban and suburban gardens, and the crucial need to build habitat within the urban environment" when California Native Plant Society gathers in room 101. Bring mystery plants for identification. 619-6303-9120. Tuesday, Septem-

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ber 22, 7:30pm; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Big Picture" "Climate Change Week" activities include presentation, discussion with Lisa Shaffer, executive director of UCSD's Sustainability Solutions Institute. Event hosted by United Nations Association of San Diego begins at 6pm in Santa Fe Room. 619-233-3970. Monday, September 21, 6pm; free. Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Geology of Earth" Kirk Keigel presents program for Vista Gem and Mineral Society. 760-724-0395. Thursday, September 17, 7pm; free. McClellan Senior Center at Brengle Terrace Park, 1400 Vale Terrace. (VISTA)

The Language of Palekh: From Devotion to Decoration Art history professor Wendy Salmond explores how style of modern Palekh painting was invented, what it borrowed from icons, and how it adapted and "re-purposed" technique of icon painting during "Art in the Evening" lecture. 619-239-5548. Thursday, September 17, 5:30pm; \$25-\$35. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

AIDS/HIV Education Medical library faculty from Pacific College

of Oriental Medicine lead instructional workshop to teach patrons skills to access information about HIV/AIDS online. Learn to use widely available and authoritative online resources to answer questions about HIV/AIDS, gain information about clinical trials, current treatment and guidelines, alternative therapies, FDA-approved and investigational drugs, other news. 619-236-5800. Wednesday, September 23, 6pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Defending a Civil Suit? Attorney Eric Fagan is author of *How to Defend Your Own Civil Suit*, an instruction book for consumers who represent themselves in civil lawsuits. Fagan will explore four options available to those who get sued. 619-531-3900. Wednesday, September 23, noon; free-\$5. San Diego County Public Law Library, 1105 Front Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Get Educated (on HIV/AIDS) Medical library faculty from Pacific College of Oriental Medicine lead instructional workshop to teach patrons skills to access information about HIV/AIDS online. Learn to use widely available and authoritative online resources to answer questions about HIV/AIDS, gain information about clinical trials, current treatment and guidelines, alternative therapies, FDA-approved and investigational drugs, other news. 619-533-3902. Monday, September 21, 6pm; free. Col-

lege-Rolando Library, 6600 Montezuma Road. (COLLEGE AREA)

Going Solar? Baker Electric solar team on hand to answer questions, provide information about neighborhood solar program. Learn of "long-term environmental and financial benefits that come with owning and creating your own electricity." 877-543-8765. Sunday, September 20, 11am; free. San Elijo Hills Community Center, 1105 Elfin Forest Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Heading to College? Learn about maximizing financial aid, scholarships, SAT/ACT scores, tax strategies, more during college funding strategies workshop hosted by National College Funding Strategies. Recommended reservations: 619-579-0728. Monday, September 21, 6:30pm; free. 13 and up. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Hillside Gardening Landscape designer Connie Beck shows "how to make the most of gardening on a slope," focusing on erosion control, plant choices, terracing, retaining walls. Required registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Thursday, September 17, 6pm; \$25. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Home Grown: Fall Planting Keep the veggies growing year-round after you attend community gardening seminar with master gardeners Diane Hollister and Pete Ash hosted by Agri Service Inc. Reser-

vations: 800-262-4167 x4. Saturday, September 19, 1:30pm; free. El Corazon compost facility, 3210 Oceanside Boulevard. (OCEANSIDE)

How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Dog Workshop covers topics such as house training, socialization with people and other animals, calmness in home, communication with your dog, basic nutrition, more. For people only. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. Tuesday, September 22, 6:30pm; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Hummers! Learn "everything you want to know about hummingbirds" when Denise Gillem shows pictures, share stories, answers questions about these amazing little birds for MiraCosta Horticulture Club in student center. Visitors welcome. 760-729-8172. Saturday, September 19, 12:45pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Is Religion All in Your Head? "Is God just a concept, an idea-virus that infects our lives and culture?" Darrel Ray discusses his new book *The God Virus: How Religion Infects Our Lives and Culture* for Humanist Association of San Diego. 619-646-2191. Saturday, September 19, noon; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Making the Most of the Murals Chicano Park is home to more than 40 historic murals. When

San Diego County Archaeological Society meets, Marty Rosen, heritage resource coordinator for Caltrans District 11, discusses history of the murals, Caltrans' success obtaining a \$1.6 million grant to restore them, restoration work starting in six months. 858-538-0935. Tuesday, September 22, 7:30pm; free. Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Meet the Natives Landscape designer Doug Kalal focuses on "Thirty Great Drought-Tolerant Plants for Your Garden," including salvias and California natives. 619-200-7066. Tuesday, September 22, 6:30pm; free. La Mesa Library, 8074 Allison Avenue. (LA MESA)

Smart Irrigation Landscape designer Jan Tubiolo focuses on "Irrigation System Design" for ongoing "Design Your Landscape" class. Learn to plan your new, water-smart irrigation. Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Wednesday, September 23, 6pm; \$25-\$35. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Sogetsu School Ikebana Learn basics of Sogetsu style ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement) from Yumi Rakers. Materials list upon required advance registration. Fee: \$15 per session, or \$40 for three sessions. Registration: 619-232-2721. Tuesdays, 9:30am; through Tuesday, October 27, \$15. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Wanna Grow Orchids? Learn about orchids during gardening class. 619-224-8271. Saturday, September 19, 9am; free. Walter Andersen Nursery — San Diego, 3264 Enterprise Street. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

What's Happening on the Border? John Fanestil and Jill Holslin present "Life on the Line

— Immigration Reform from a Human Perspective" for Activist San Diego. Learn latest on negotiations to restore public access to Friendship Park when these Friends of Friendship Park coalition members speak. Donation. 619-528-8383. Monday, September 21, 7pm. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Who Was Billy Meier? Find out when Terry Luallin, MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) "research specialist in nuclear physics and investigative UFO researcher," presents "The Billy Meier Case Revisited After 30 Years." 760-753-2456. Sunday, September 20, 6pm; free. Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Winter Veg Richard Wright focuses on winter vegetables during gardening class. 858-513-4900. Saturday, September 19, 9:30am; free. Walter Andersen Nursery — Poway, 12755 Danielson Court. (POWAY)

Women of Achievement Nobel Prize winners discussed by author Judith L. Hand when Humanist Fellowship gathers. 619-670-4159 or 619-544-0640. Sunday, September 20, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

"Walk Like MADD 2009" This 5k fun walk is fundraiser for MADD San Diego County, with live music, food, health and safety fair, kids' zone, teen zone, memorials, in Liberty Station area. Donation. 858-564-0780. Saturday, September 19, 8am. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

Football Season Arrives San Diego Chargers host Baltimore

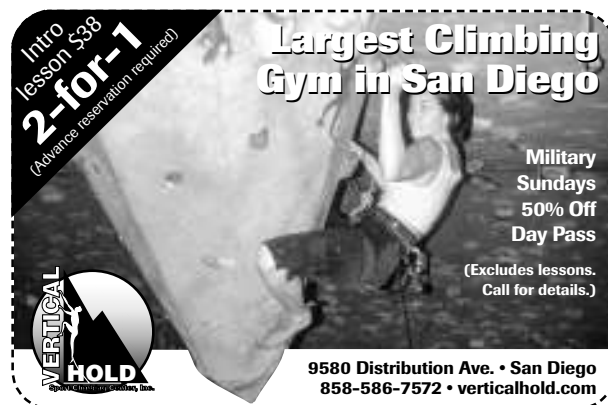


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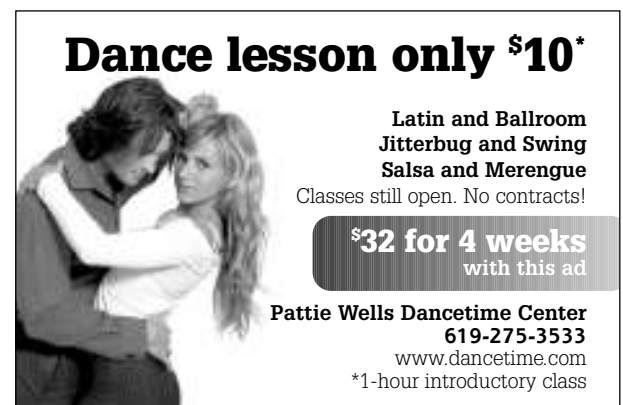
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OMBAC Classic Long Board Surfing Contest Nostalgic competition provides opportunity for surfers to gather, surf with their vintage surfboards on north side of pier. Free for spectators; day-of-event fee to compete is \$35. Surfers: check-in at 7:30am, starts at 8:30am. 619-913-1663. Saturday, September 19, 8:30am. Crystal Pier, Garnet Avenue at Ocean Boulevard. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Rancho Santa Fe Ramble Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society for 35-mile group ride. 619-697-6309. Tuesday, September 22, 9:15am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Rancho Valencia Cup Finals San Diego Polo Club hosts competition and 7th Chukker Party. Preliminary matches at 1:30pm, feature match at 3pm. Parking: \$5. 858-750-6841. Sunday, September 20, 1:30pm; \$10-\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Signature 5 County Horse Show 858-481-9085. Saturday,

September 19, 8am; Sunday, September 20, 8am; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Snorkel with Sharks! Adventures among harmless leopard sharks, guitarfish, and smooth hound sharks during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Saturday, September 19, 8am; \$30. 10 and up. La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro. (LA JOLLA)

Touring the Town Join Knickerbikers bicyclists for ride starting at South Shores boat ramp, heading around Mission Bay, Sunset Cliffs, and Harbor Island. Bring money for Liberty Station lunch. 619-255-2890. Sunday, September 20, 8:30am; free. South Shores Park, 500 Sea World Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

UCI BMX Supercross World Cup Event held in conjunction with American Bicycle Association's U.S. Open Amateur National event on a newly constructed ABA BMX track. "Elite riders and Olympic athletes from all over the globe will compete." 480-961-1903. Thursday, September 17, 9am and 5:30pm; Friday, September 18, 2pm; Saturday, September 19, 3:30pm; \$10. U.S. Olympic Training Center, 2800 Olympic Parkway. (CHULA VISTA)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Birch Aquarium at Scripps Facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Jolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge" examines science behind climate change; "Art of Deception" explores undersea camouflage. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, bamboo, and wobbegong sharks. 2300 Expedition Way, 858-534-3474. (LA JOLLA)

California Surf Museum Along with a timeline of surfboards, featured opening exhibit at new location is "Sidewalk Surfers," offering historic look at roots of skateboarding. The skateboard evolved as a method of enjoying feeling of surfing while waves were flat or inaccessible. Display focuses on surf-

board shapers and professional riders and their skateboard models over the years. 312 Pier View Way, 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center Interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors use a bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

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Mingei International Museum "Masters of Mid-Century California Modernism — Evelyn and Jerome Ackerman," continuing through Sunday, October 18, presents overview of duo's 50-year collaborative partnership, focusing on their work in decorative art and design. These Los Angeles-based artists shared their interest in, and devotion to, principles of modern

design — as defined by Bauhaus philosophy of integrating fine art and craftsmanship with industrial practices to produce quality products. Their body of work is remarkable for its diversity of styles, techniques, materials.

"Sonabai: Another Way of Seeing" continues through Sunday, September 5, 2010. The self-taught artist lived in enforced isolation for 15 years in a remote village in central India, developing an innovative art form that she later taught to other artists. Exhibition includes 33 sculptures by Sonabai and her family as well as 38 works by four artists trained by Sonabai. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Olaf Wieghest Museum Displays paintings and prints by Olaf Wieghest and features exhibits of other artists' American West art. Adjacent to museum is courtyard with cactus gardens, 20x20-foot reproduction of Wieghest's painting *Navajos at Castle Creek*, and original restored home Wieghest lived in for many years starting in 1945. 131 Rea Ave., 619-590-3431. (EL CAJON)

San Diego Museum of Art "Calder Jewelry" boasts approximately 90 works by the famed modernist — including necklaces, bracelets, brooches, earrings and tiaras — demonstrating the artist's love of abstraction and his mastery of this wearable art form. "Conceiving of his objects as 'wearable

mobiles,' Calder individually hammered, chiseled, shaped, and composed more than 1800 pieces of jewelry." Closes Sunday, January 3, 2010.

"In the Company Manner," on display through Sunday, September 27, explores aspects of works in museum's Edwin Binney 3rd Collection of Indian Painting. Exhibition features works by Indian artists who adjusted their painting styles to suit tastes of British patrons affiliated with East India Company during 18th and 19th Centuries in India.

"Oceanic Art: A Celebration of Form" features 97 works of art primarily from Melanesia and Polynesia, as well as objects from Micronesia and Taiwan. Closes Sunday, January 3, 2010. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum "Gunther von Hagens' Body Worlds 2 and The Brain — Our Three-Pound Gem: The Original Exhibition of Real Human Bodies" showcases "the original, precedent-setting public anatomical exhibitions of real human bodies, by physician, anatomist, and inventor of Plastination, Dr. Gunther von Hagens." Exhibition offers visitors in-depth view of the intricately designed human body, comparative anatomy showing wellness and disease, and mysterious world of the brain. Closes Sunday, October 4.

Imagery by *National Geographic* photographer/author/expedition leader Ralph Lee Hopkins is gathered in "Baja California," opening Saturday, September 19, and continuing through Sunday, January 3. In addition to photographs by Hopkins, images by American and Mexican photographers may be seen.

Also on view: "Fossil Mysteries," a permanent exhibition. From dinosaurs to mastodons, discover the rich fossil history of our region. Current "giant-screen films" are *Human Body: Pushing The Limits — Brain Power, Planet Earth: Pole to Pole and Ocean Oasis*. 1788 El Prado, 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

USS Midway Museum Permanent exhibits include 25 restored aircraft. Former World War II pilots and other veterans share personal stories with guests in front of a restored SBD Dauntless dive bomber on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays. Navy knot-tying demonstrations and activities for youngsters offered most weekends. Self-guided audio tour narrated by former *Midway* sailors. 910 North Harbor Dr., 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

Veterans Museum and Memorial Center Memorial to men and women who served in U.S. Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and Wartime Merchant Marine. Located in the former San Diego Naval Hospital Chapel, the museum features original service-inspired stained glass, as well as historical murals painted by Richard DeRosset. Main exhibit hall features displays, exhibits of historic artifacts, documents, photographs, memorabilia, artwork honoring men and women who served. Museum is also home to San Diego Vietnam Peace Memorial and Veterans Memorial Garden. 2115 Park Blvd., 619-239-2300. (BALBOA PARK)

Wells Fargo History Museum Museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House. 2733 San Diego Ave., 619-238-3929. (OLD TOWN)

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Problems at the Palace “It’s just sitting there empty,” says local reggae radio personality Makeda “Dread” Cheatom of the 1800-capacity Tijuana

eral years, then a video arcade, then a disco.” Schiffman says Iguanas had a rare magic to it. “You were seeing a show in a foreign country. It had a surreal

blurt

the inside track

venue named Iguanas. “We’re coming in to reclaim it.” Iguana’s will have its first headlining show in over 15 years next February, says Cheatom, who has booked the room for her annual Bob Marley Day event.

Promoter Harlan Schiffman, who promoted most of Iguanas shows 15–20 years ago, says the owners of the building wanted it to be used every night as a bar instead of just two or three times a week as a concert venue.

“The last show there was Sepultura.” He says the unexpected closure of the venue caused him to move a 1994 Ramones show to UCSD. “After Iguana’s, it was a bar for sev-

design. There was a spiral staircase that dropped down into the sunken floor.” Guests could watch the bands in the pit or from two other levels.



MAKEDA DREAD RECLAIMS IGUANAS

“You had the feeling you were in a palace.”

But there were problems at the palace, recalls

Schiffman. “Someone would always come along and insist that money be paid or the equipment would be seized. The incidents were few, but occasionally donations had to be made.... It was always a bit of a gamble to do shows there, but now it is definitely more of a concern. The violence rate has escalated. The dynamics are...different. You have to have a visa to go down there now.”

Cheatom says one way she plans to make it safer is by having buses take fans from San Ysidro directly to the venue and then back again after the show.

“People are afraid [to promote shows in Mexico],” admits Cheatom. “You have to really know Tijuana. It’s like a jungle out there, but you just have to know what you’re doing and deal with people.” She says she will bring down a security crew from the U.S. to help with the show. “They just can’t carry guns. You have to have your own cartel,” she joked.

Cheatom thinks the recent decriminalization of small amounts of marijuana in Mexico will help the tourist industry rebound. “They are doing everything they can to turn Mexico around. Pretty soon it’s going to be like Amsterdam down there. Tourism will rise back up.”

The Bob Marley Days event at Iguanas will be February 12 and 13, 2010, and

will feature Don Carlos, the Skatalites, Inner Circle, and Gondwana from Chile. The \$15 tickets will be available in November at the World Beat Center in Balboa Park and D’Volada in Tijuana.

— Ken Leighton

The Geography of Jazz

The East West Quintet’s name says a lot, geographically speaking. If you pick up the jazz-rock combo’s ambitious second album (this year’s *Vast*), you will see a shout-out to their East Coast base on closing track “Brooklyn.” As for the “West” of the quintet, three of the five members hail from San Diego.

EWQ keyboardist Michael Cassidy is the son of Steven Cassidy, a UCSD professor who is also an accomplished pianist. Cassidy, who grew up in Del Mar and graduated from the Bishop’s School in La Jolla in 1998, acknowledged his dad as “my first piano teacher, and I still take classical lessons from him when we’re both in the same city.” He and EWQ’s guitarist Simon Kafka, a 2001 graduate of the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts and former Mission Hills resident, augment their incomes

in NYC by teaching music. Bassist Benjamin Campbell, another SDSCPA grad (’99), has music-making in his DNA: his father Glen plays cello and his mother Rebekah plays viola in the San Diego Symphony.

“Being in Brooklyn has influenced our music a great deal.... We all moved to New York to be a part of an East Coast creative music scene

together...[so] we all knew each other before moving to New York.”

The East West Quintet returns to play Dizzy’s at its new downtown San Diego Wine & Culinary Center location on Wednesday, September 23.

— David Stampone

See this week’s music feature for more on the East West Quintet.



EAST MEETS WEST IN THE EWQ

but still have strong roots in California,” said Cassidy. (They recorded *Vast* in San Clemente and released it on the SoCal label Native Language.) “Ben and I were both in ska bands in high school for the very brief period of time that ska was popular in the ’90s. We knew each other but did not become friends until USC [where the three of them went to college]. Ben and Simon were friends in high school and played in the school jazz band

Swank, Hip, Sophisticated “We’re putting two and a half million dollars into the building,” says Ernie Hahn, general manager of the Sports Arena for the past 13 years. “It’s been a year since AEG Live became a majority-owner partner, and since there’s no new arena being built for a while in San Diego, AEG is modernizing the facility with creature comforts like LCD TV screens, redoing the

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stage right, which will be put aside for our club members."

Annual membership is \$2450, with the option to purchase up to four "dedicated seating" tickets for events you want to attend.

The 42-year-old Hahn grew up locally, with parents who were San Diego Mariners hockey season ticket holders in the '70s ("Lower level one, two seats on the end, across from the visiting penalty box"). He began at the facility as an event coordinator



RENDERING OF ARENA CLUB'S FUTURE LOOK

holders" in the old Arena Club space, set to open later this year. Club 3500 (the facility's address) will be 6500 square feet, with a 350-person capacity accessed via membership only. "When you walk in," says Hahn, "it's going to feel like a downtown club — really swank, hip, sophisticated. It'll be close to a dedicated seating section at

dinator in June of 1991.

As for selling naming rights to the building after a short-lived stint as the iPayOne Center, Hahn says, "Through the global partnerships division of AEG, we're working with a lot of sponsors, some who just recently stepped up, and we're in discussions with a couple who will hopefully bid or ulti-



mately come in as a naming-rights partner."

AEG sold naming rights for Berlin's 02 Arena last year for \$37.5 million.

— Jay Allen Sanford

When I Say "Ocean," You Say "Side" Members of North County bands Wanted Dead and Iriaside have come together to form Sound System. Wanted Dead is a hardcore street-punk band known for their wild stage presence, anti-authority anthems, and raucous fans. Iriaside inspires more of a good-times vibe, playing reggae, rock, and hip-hop.

So what do you get when from-the-streets, for-the-streets vendetta rock meets beachy head-bobbers? These bands may seem like opposites, but their ties to one another in the North County scene have been growing.

Beyond their ability to

draw crowds is their enthusiasm for Oceanside. It is not uncommon to go to a Wanted Dead show in Escondido or Carlsbad and hear someone yell "O'SIDE!" between songs. Iriaside gigs often have band-crowd interaction in the vein of "When I say 'ocean,' you say 'side!'"

According to singer Skillet, the "O'side pride" comes from the fact that "Oceanside is one of the last old-school beach communities that isn't really upscale and clean-cut.... It's the kind of town you think about when you listen to ska or skate-punk. I also think it's 'cause we're like the underdog of all the SD beach communities. When someone says, 'Oh, you're from Oceanside,' they say it with a snobby tone, [but] we're always quick to represent."

Wanted Dead front man Skillet teamed up with Iriaside's Ben Blessing, Stevo, and Sid Hilarides to form Sound System because "I've

gonna come out in any music that I do."

Forged from punk rock and reggae, Sound System will unveil their "old-school, tat-



FORGED FROM PUNK AND REGGAE (SOUND SYSTEM)

always liked that kind of music [ska]...and at this stage in my life, now that I'm a father, I want to play shows that my kids and my parents would be able to enjoyably attend, do something that has a good vibe. I'm always gonna be a punk rocker, so I think that's

tooted, SoCal ska-rock" Friday night, September 18, at Blurt contributor Ken Leighton's Royal Dive in O'side.

— Adam Crawley

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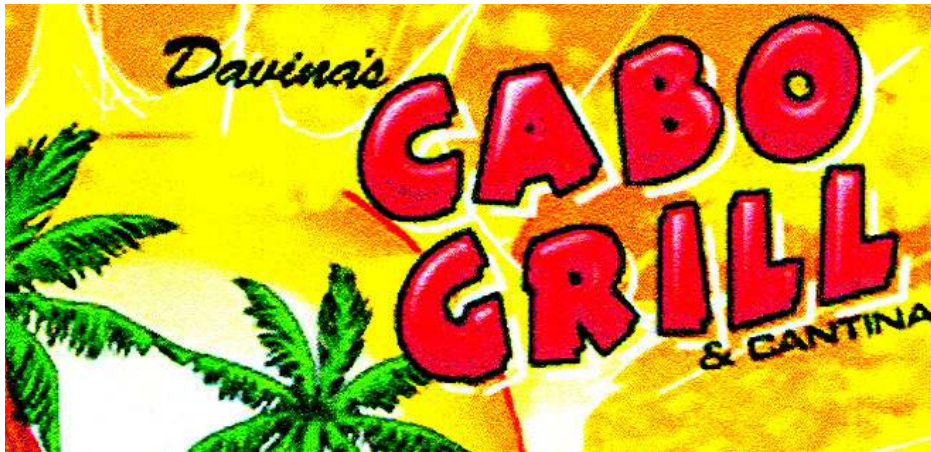
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Belly Up brings a bucket of Southern-fried psych rock to the club tonight with Phoenix family band the **Meat Puppets**, Athens, GA's **Dead Confederate**, and Austinites **Ume**.



MEAT PUPPETS AT BELLY UP

Puppets Curt and Cris Kirkwood have lived the rock-roll cliché, done the implosion thing, and last year regrouped as a trio to record and release their 12th proper *Sewn Together*, a title that pretty much tells the tale on this collection. Revisit their mid-'80s output, when the brothers passed from punk to prettier pastures. The Kirkwoods are best known for appearing beside Kurt Cobain on Nirvana's landmark *Unplugged* set. Cobain played three tracks off *Meat Puppets II* (1984) that night. Dead Confederate's debut *Wrecking Ball* is hoisting high hopes for the alt-rocking quintet whose sound is loud and lazy in a good way.... Bay Area brahs **Michael Franti & Spearhead** hit House of Blues behind last year's *All Rebel Rockers*. Their single "Say Hey (I Love You)," which is equal parts reggae, trip-hop, and pop, is burning up the charts right now. Check it: myspace.com/michaelfranti.... And melodic punk trio **Gran Sasso** will set the Casbah stage for L.A. faves **Happy Hollows**.

Friday 18

Viejas books Vegas quartet the **Killers** out at their East County casino for the hot ticket Friday night. The Grammy nominees have been a commercial coup for Island Records, racking repeated radio hits and going triple and quadruple platinum on consecutive records. Really? I have no idea who this band is.... For those of you not going to see the Killers, Georgia jam band **Gov't Mule** dops into House of Blues before their new one *By a Thread*,

not due to drop till next month.... She-punk super-group the **Chelsea Girls** (with players from the Donnas, Nashville Pussy, and Hole) stack at Brick by Brick.... **Lanterns** and **By Sunlight** bring the indie bright to campus collective Ché Café.... Soma stages blisteringly loud and fast Buffalo band **Every Time I Die** with U.K. metalcore kids **Bring Me the Horizon**.... And Ruby Room fills an alt-rock bill with Chi-town four-piece **Oh My God** and local keepers **Dynamite Walls**, **Royal Campaign**, and the yummy-sounding **Brandy Alexander Band** (occupational hazard).

Saturday 19

Sucks to be Saturday this week. Well, not totally, as Long Beach funky soul brothers **War** ("Spill the Wine," "Cisco Kid," "Why Can't We Be Friends?") overtake Anthology. Singer Lonnie Jordan (born in San Diego) is the sole original member behind the big band but last year saw fit to record and release the current crew doing *Greatest Hits Live*.... Huntington punx **Guttermouth** hit the beach at Canes with loud-and-fast locals **Authentic Sellout** and a CD-releasing **Mower**. The O.B. band's new one is called *Make It a Double* and is available via Suburban Noize Records.



2UP AT CHÉ CAFÉ

Sunday 20

Things pick up up Sunday when J-pop duo **2Up** drop on Ché Café with (check this quadraphonic bill) the **Dabbers**, the **Vaginals**, and **Rats Eyes**. Yow-to-the-za, that's a lot of tasty noise-pop for six bucks. You have to go to myspace.com/2up and give a listen to "Dokurodan." Now!...

Acceptable alternatives include, from the '80s, boy-girl band and someday Rock and Roll Hall of Famers the **Bee Five Twos** at Belly Up or the **Psychedelic Furs** at Alice's House of Blues and New Wave...and, from the future, indie-pop collective **Most Serene Republic** (there's seven of 'em and, guess what, they're from Canada) with Dago faves **Da Bears** at Bar Pink.

Monday 21

Anti-Monday meet-uppers get a good one in **Pains of Being Pure at Heart**. The NYC fuzz-pop quartet was saved from blog-world boosterism this year when *Pitchfork* put their eponymous debut in its Best New Releases bin and wrote of the record, "...likely to appeal to listeners beyond online name-droppers and Brooklyn scenesters." (Who do they think their readers are, anyway?) (Don't look at me like that.) The

Depreciation Guild and **Cymbals Eat Guitars** — not to be confused with Boy Eats Drum Machine or, God forbid, Jimmy Eat World — will set the Midtown stage.... And House of Blues hosts a couple of nights of punk-rock sock-hops when L.A. act **Flogging Molly** checks in with **Hepcat** and **Fritz & the Tantrums**.

Tuesday 22

I've always wanted to watch this guy do what he does. I'm sure there's nothing to "see," but his sound's a trip aesthetic, man. Let's go when Phil Everum's **Mount Eerie** casts its pall over Ché Café Tuesday night. The new one, *Wind's Song*, has been deemed a black metal album by the doofi who think way too much about this crapola, but it is *glacial*. Hearing less and less of the old creaking carnival of the Microphones, which was wonderful, and more sonic confidence. Also on the bill, we get **Tara Jane O'Neil**, **Karl Blau**, and **No Kids**. Been a generous week from Ché Café. They're calling this one, appropriately enough, the Disorientation Fest.... Miss the door there, just continue up the 5 to Belly Up, where granddaddy of geek rock **Stan Ridgway** joins **Sara Petite**...or



MOUNT EERIE AT CHÉ CAFÉ

turn yourself around to Casbah, where Brooklyn psych rockers **Amazing Baby** play from *Rewild*. Like-minded Los Angelinos the **Entrance Band** and SD's fresh-faced players the **New Archaic** up first.

Wednesday 23

Hump night has hometown hardcore hits **Battalion of Saints** marching into Radio Room. Singer George Anthony and a new crew intend to pick up where signature disc *Second Coming* left off. Taang! Records in Hillcrest has all your out-of-print BattSaints needs. Check out their hits-disc comp *Death-R-U's* for a primer. **River Bottom Nightmare**, **Action Now**, and **Band of Orcs** fill this first-rate punk-rawk bill.... At the other end of the aural spectrum, Norwegian pop pinup **Sondre Lerche** plays Casbah behind New York acoustic **JBM**.... House of Blues hosts alt-pop act **Better Than Ezra**.... and '80s radio hits **Living Colour** wash up at beach bar Canes.



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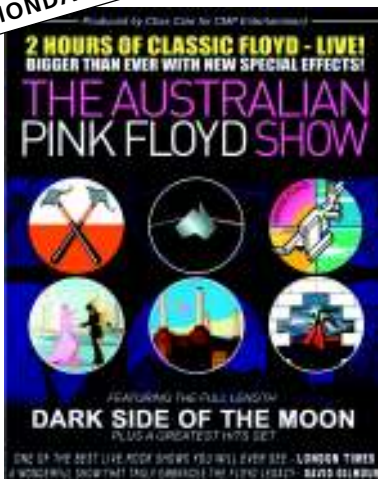
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High Notes

"It breaks my heart to see Marlon Brando play a piano duet with a midget."

The East West Quintet may be Brooklyn-based, but three of the band's five members are from San Diego and migrated east, hence the band name.

"My parents are both members of the San Diego Symphony," says bassist Benjamin Campbell, who spent last month at the La Jolla Playhouse playing with the onstage band in B.D. Wong's *Herringbone*. Keyboardist Mike Cassidy's father is a professor at UCSD, and guitarist Simon Kafka grew up in San Diego.

"Our music falls between genres, somewhere between jazz and indie rock," says Benjamin. "We started as twentysomething jazz musicians who were burnt out on jazz and felt more like rocking. So we quit being dogmatic and started incorporating all the other musical influences we've had, all the way back to San Diego."

Simon describes the band's music as "instrumental rock music with improvisation." Mike says, "Think Art Blakey meets Radiohead."

Touring behind their new album *Vast*, the East West Quintet hits Dizzy's downtown on Wednesday, September 23.

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Benjamin: "Grizzly Bear, *Veckatimest*. Amazing singing and innovative orchestrations, with a ton of great bass sounds. I love how a track will start in an extremely pared-down, minimal presentation and evolve into a majestically huge emotive expression."

Simon: "The Who, *Live at Leeds (Deluxe Edition)*. I love their group sound because it's really powerful and intense, especially live. They play *Tommy* from start to finish without stopping, and it's incredible."

Mike: "Aretha Franklin, *Rare and Unreleased*. It's great to hear Aretha singing on something that was never meant to make it onto an album. It's full of risks, mistakes, and a whole lot of character."

MOST VISITED WEBSITES?

Benjamin:

1. icanhascheezburger.com. "Anthropomorphized cats are really funny."

2. bikesnobnyc.blogspot.com. "Snobby is not only a hilarious critic of many cycling affectations, but he's also a great writer."

3. craigslist.org. "What can I say? I love a good deal. I've purchased espresso machines, basses, effects pedals, bikes, furniture, and more."

Simon:

1. talkingpointsmemo.com. "It's a great news site and blog."

2. thedailyshow.com. "I love watching that show!"

Mike:

1. hulu.com. "I don't have a TV, but I still like to watch TV."

WORST MOVIE EVER?

Benjamin: "Dario Argento's *The Mother of Tears*. This might not count because this movie was so bad it was good. I love the mom throwing the baby off of the bridge, as well as Italian actors with questionable training trying to sell the script in English."

Simon: "*Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*. Indiana Jones must have Nazi villains to be awesome. They should have learned that lesson after *Temple of Doom*."

Mike: "*The Island of Doctor Moreau*. It breaks my heart to see Marlon Brando play a piano duet with a midget on a miniature piano."

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Simon Kafka, Mike Cassidy, Ben Campbell

BEST VIDEO GAME?

Benjamin: "Super Mario Brothers 3. It never gets old, and the addition of the frog suit was a real boon to the game."

Simon: "Occasionally I'll play some Tetris. It's a classic."

Mike: "Super Mario World for Super Nintendo. For me, this was the apex of video games. It was all downhill from there."

BEST THING YOU'VE EVER WON?

Benjamin: "When I was 11, I won two rose tarantulas from the San Diego Herpetological Society raffle."

Simon: "I won the sixth-grade presidential election at Dewey Elementary School."

Mike: "In the summer of '89, I won a giant stuffed Gummy at the Del Mar Fair."

NAME YOUR POISON...

Benjamin: "Cappuccino made by our own per-

sonal in-band barista and trumpet player Phil Rodriguez, my coffee mentor."

Simon: "I enjoy a cold beer from time to time."

Mike: "A good whiskey on the rocks."

BIGGEST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE BROOKLYN AND SAN DIEGO MUSIC SCENES?

Benjamin: "The sheer quantity of musicians and bands [in Brooklyn]. There are so many amazing musicians in my neighborhood alone. It's generally really hard to hear a shitty band."

Simon: "I would say that the music in Brooklyn might lean toward being more experimental and not nearly as laid-back."

Mike: "Brooklyn is so flooded with musicians that you really have to find your voice to be heard."

See this week's *Blurt* by David Stampone for more on the East West Quintet. ■

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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

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Friday, 7pm — Los Tres de Habana. Cuban/pop/rock. \$20.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Y&T. Metal/rock. \$20.

AcousticMusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
Friday, 7:30pm — Pieta Brown. Country/folk. \$20.

Alpine Inn: 2225 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-5172.
Friday, 9pm — Rockstreet. Covers/standards/rock. Free.

Saturday, 9pm — Stone Wolf. Rock.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
Friday, 7:30pm — Oleta Adams. Gospel/jazz/soul. \$34. 9:30pm — Haute Chile. Covers/standards. \$15.
Saturday, 7:30pm and 9:30pm — War. Funk/rock. \$36-\$46.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Stanley Jordan. Jazz guitarist. \$28.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-454-5872.
Monday, noon — The Ian Tordella Jazz Trio. Jazz. Free.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
Thursday, 10pm — The Death Eaters. With Duel of the Century. Indie/rock. Free.
Friday, 10pm — Scarlet Symphony. With Weatherbox. Indie/rock. Free.
Sunday, 10pm — The Most Serene Republic. With Da Bears. Alternative/indie. Free.
Wednesday, 10pm — Linnzi Zaorski. Jazz/swing. Free.

Beachside Grill: 215 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-433-8850.
Thursday, 8pm — Pyrx. With the Even Keel. Hip-hop/rap.
Friday, 9pm — The Devastators. With Project: Out of Bounds. Reggae/rock.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
Thursday, 8pm — The Meat Puppets. With Dead Confederate and Ume. Alternative/rock. \$14-\$16.
Friday, 9pm — Rubber Subs. With



Chelsea Girls, September 18, Brick by Brick

Rolling the Stones and Damn the Torpedoes. Tributes to the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and Tom Petty. Covers/rock. \$10-\$12.
Saturday, 4pm — The Swingin' Kings. Swing. \$8-\$10. 9pm — Common Sense. Reggae/rock. \$15-\$17.
Sunday, 8pm — The B-52s. Pop/rock. \$69.
Tuesday, 8pm — Stan Ridgway. With Sara Petite. Acoustic/folk. \$15-\$17.
Wednesday, 9pm — The Robert Cray Band. Blues. \$40-\$42.

King Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: 7007 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-295-2464.
Friday, 7pm — David Patrone. With Sky Ladd and Grant Clarkson. Jazz/lounge. Free.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-2989.
Thursday, 9pm — Stone Senses. With Natural Incent and Key West. Reggae/rock/soul.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buena Vista Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Friday, 8pm — Chelsea Girls. With Deeper Purple and the Gift Curse. Covers/rock. \$15-\$29.
Saturday, 8pm — Hell on Heels. Garage/indie/rock.
Sunday, 5:30pm — Acoustic Alliance. Featuring Jessica Lerner, Lindsay White, Podunk Nowhere, Jacqueline Grace, and more. Acoustic/indie. \$8.
Monday, 8pm — Collinz Room. Indie/punk/rock. \$8.
Tuesday, 8pm — Caskets on Parade. With Six Reasons, Flatline, and Skinlab. Metal/rock. \$5.



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Wednesday, 9pm — Charlie Chavez y su Afro Truko. Latin.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.
Thursday, 8pm — Passafire. With Revival, Cualli, and Uproot. Reggae/ska. \$8-\$10.
Friday, 9pm — Wild Child. A tribute to the Doors. \$15.
Saturday, 8pm — Guttermouth. With Authentic Sellout. Punk/rock. \$15.
Wednesday, 8pm — Living Colour. Alternative/funk/metal. \$22.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday, 8:30pm — Gran Sasso. With guests. Punk/rock. \$5.
Friday, 6:30pm — Joshua James and Cory Chisel. Indie/folk/soul. \$8. 9:30pm — Blackout Party. With the Drowning Men and Desert Diamonds. Alternative/bluegrass/rock. \$8.
Saturday, 8:30pm — The Long and Short of It. With Boy Scout, Modern Rifles, and Gravitonium. Rock. \$7.
Sunday, 8:30pm — Joey Cape. With Jon Snodgrass and Chad Rex. Alternative/punk/rock. \$10.
Monday, 8:30pm — The Pains of Being Pure at Heart. With Depreciation Guild and Cymbals Eat Guitars. Experimental/pop. \$12-\$14.
Tuesday, 8:30pm — Amazing Baby. With the Entrance Band and the New Archaic. Indie/rock. \$8-\$10.
Wednesday, 8:30pm — Sondre Lerche. With JBM. Indie/pop. \$15.

Chico Club: 7366 El Cajon Bl., La Mesa, 619-465-4190.
Saturday, 9pm — Last Stand. Rock. Free.

Davina's Cabo Grill: 212 North Tremont St., Oceanside, 760-637-2450.
Thursday, 8pm — Kat Family.
Saturday, 2pm — SuperWave. Surf/rock.
Sunday, 2pm — Still Smokin'. Rock.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
Friday, 9pm, *Saturday*, 9pm — FX5. Covers/standards/dance.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Dr., Downtown, 858-270-7467.
Saturday, 8pm — The Gilbert Castellanos New Latin Jazz Quintet. With Irving Flores, Danny Weller, and Dylan Savage. Bebop/folklorico/jazz. \$12-\$15.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — The East West Quintet. Jazz/pop. \$10-\$15.

Dream Street Live: 2228 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131.
Thursday, 7pm — Beer Money. With Jennie Buss, Amanda Portela, Jessie Taylor & the Riffs, and Alan Silva. Acoustic. Free.

El Cajon Harley-Davidson: 621 El Cajon Blvd, El Cajon, 619-444-1123.
Saturday, 11am — Monsters of Rock. Covers.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
Thursday, 7pm — We Shot the Moon. With Mansions, the Record Life, Dinosaur Party, and guests. Indie/rock. \$10.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.
Friday, 9pm — SM58. Rock.
Saturday, 9pm — Raise the Guns. With guests. Metal. Free.

The Ferry Landing Marketplace: 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-435-8895.
Sunday, 3:30pm — ArtWalk Coronado. Featuring Toquali. World. Free.

Firehouse American Eatery and Lounge: 722 Grand Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-274-3100.
Sunday, noon — The Nena Anderson Trio. Acoustic/country/jazz. Free.

GIO Bistro & Wine Bar : 8384 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-9100.
Friday, 7pm — The Chris Klich Jazz Quartet. Jazz.

Galley at the Marina: 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-

422-5714.
Saturday, 6pm — BlueFrog. Blues/rock.

Georges on Fifth: 835 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-0444.
Thursday, 8pm — The Mar Dels. Covers/standards/rock. Free.

Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.
Saturday — Pitbull. Hip-hop/ reggaeton.

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Sunday, 7:30pm — Paddy Keenan. Acoustic/roots/world.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: 5500 Grossmont Center Dr., La Mesa, 619-713-6900.
Friday, 9pm — Lynette & the Crosstown Hurricanes. Covers/Irish. Free.
Saturday, 9pm — Nemesis. Covers/pop/rock. Free.

Hornblower Cruises: 1066 North Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-686-8715.
Friday, 6:30pm — West of 5. Covers/rock

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Thursday, 8pm — Michael Franti & Spearhead. Funk/hip-hop/reggae. \$25-\$42.
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Wednesday, 8:30pm — Better Than Ezra. Alternative/rock. \$20-\$37.

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Friday, 7:30pm — LeAnn Rimes. Country. \$65.
Monday, 7:30pm — The Australian Pink Floyd Show. A tribute to Pink Floyd. Covers/rock. \$55.

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Thursday, 8pm — The Gregory Page Show. Acoustic.
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Friday, 8pm — Almost Is Nothing. With Dark Possession and Decaying.
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The Kava Lounge: 2812 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-543-0933.
Wednesday, 8pm — Clay Pigeons. With DJ Sinn, Artoo, Future Friends, and Left in Company. Hip-hop. \$7.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848.
Thursday, 9:30pm — Wookie Garcia. Rock. \$5.

Last Call: 4977 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-287-9505.
Wednesday, 9pm — Taters Invaders. Blues/covers/rock. Free.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
Thursday, 9pm — Ernie Halter. With Ali Handel Jackie Daum. Acoustic/pop/folk. \$10.
Saturday, 6pm — The Eben Brooks Band. With Allison Lonsdale. Acoustic. Free.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill: 1107 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5280.
Thursday, 8pm — Big City Shaman. Rock.
Friday, 9pm — The Offbeats. Covers/rock.
Saturday, 9pm — BlueFrog. Blues/rock.
Tuesday, 8pm — 2 Guys Will Move U! Rock.
Wednesday, 8pm — Laguna. Rock.

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Twenty-three years ago, the British music paper *NME (New Musical Express)* released *C86* on cassette, featuring 22 songs by 22 new bands. Soon, music critics started using the term "C86" to describe other bands that featured unschooled voices singing simple melodies along with jangly or distorted guitar. In fact, if you track down the compilation today you might be surprised by how few of the songs really sound like that. Still, the term has come up often over the past couple of years in connection with New York bands like Crystal Stilts and Vivian Girls. But no New York band has done more to associate itself with the tradition than the **Pains of Being Pure at Heart**, who describe themselves on their website as being a

cross between the Pastels and Black Tambourine. Both of those are relatively obscure reference points, but never mind. What's really important is that nothing on the *C86* tape, and precious few of the *C86*-inspired acts to come along after it, have been anywhere near as good as the Pains of Being Pure of Heart.

POBPAH have the slightly fey male-female vocals and fuzzy guitars you might expect from seeing their list of influences. They hit all the bases of anglophilic indie pop, from the reved-up rockers about sunny days to the hazy ballads set to a Phil-Spector-by-way-of-the-Jesus-and-Mary-Chain beat. Their lyrics also show the mix of childlike naïveté and dirty mindedness you might expect from their twee name. So far, predictable. But POBPAH's powerful rhythm



THE PAINS OF BEING PURE AT HEART

section and songwriting chops make them much more than a revival act. Their debut full-length is the best album I've heard this year.

Cymbals Eat Guitars and **Depreciation Guild** also perform.

THE PAINS OF BEING PURE AT HEART: The Casbah, Monday, September 21, 8:30 p.m. \$12 advance; \$14 day of show. 619-232-4355.

The Metaphor Café: 258 East 2nd Ave., Escondido, 760-747-1882.
Friday, 7pm — Tiawnee. With Sid Loco, Roc-Rok, Chaos, Two Nines Plus, and guests. Hip-hop/rap. \$8.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.
Friday, 9pm — Flashback. Rock.
Saturday, 9pm — Bad Landing. Rock.

O'Connells Pub and Nightclub: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.

Friday, 7pm — Fat Man's Misery. Blues/garage/rock. 9pm — Jon Goodhue. With Mr Roarke's Tattoo, Tabernacle, Fat City Reprise, and Stitch Hopeless. Rock.

Saturday, 9pm — Bad Science Fiction. With guests. Experimental/noise/rock. \$5.
Sunday, 9pm — The OtisTurbine. With the Ratbirds. Indie/rock/soul.
Wednesday, 9pm — Kontious & the Ko-Op. Featuring BTA. Hip-hop.

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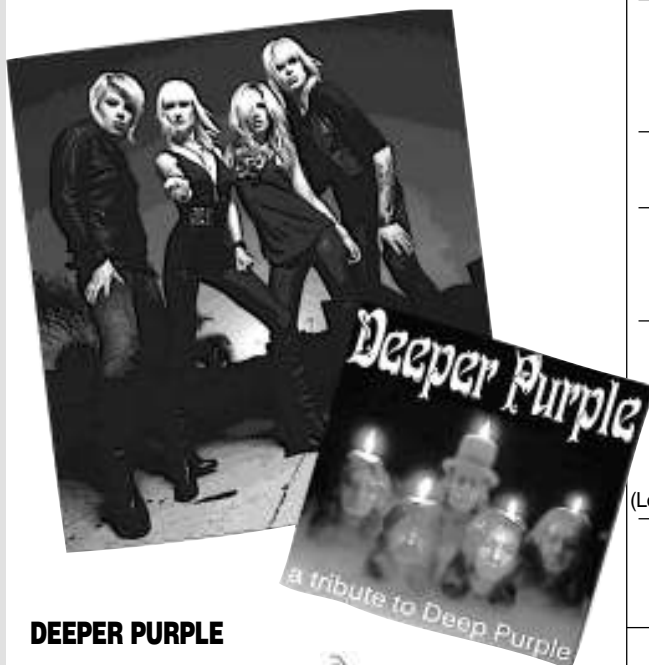
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Monday, 9pm — The Burnsville Band. Blues.
Wednesday, 8pm — The Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues.

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.
Friday, 8pm — Train. Pop/rock. \$55-\$75.
Saturday, 8pm — John Legend. R&B/soul. \$66-\$91.

Queen Bee's Art and Cultural Center: 3925 Ohio St., North Park, 619-255-5147.
Friday, 7pm — Eli August. With Veronique Chevalier and Seth Bedford. Acoustic/alternative. \$8.
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Friday, 9pm — Helicopter. Rock.
Saturday, 9pm — The Alternatives. Rock.

Radio Room: 3519 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-284-3323.
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Friday, 9pm — BlueFrog. Blues/rock.

San Carlos United Methodist Church: 6554 Cowles Mountain Bl., San Carlos, 619-464-4331.
Saturday, 4pm — The Lighthouse Bluegrass Band. Bluegrass.

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Dr., Downtown.

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

What did the critics at *Pitchfork.com* hear when they vetted *Why There Are Mountains*, the debut album from New York's **Cymbals Eat Guitars**? They heard the rumbling, screeching, and howling of an electric guitar (front man **Joseph D'Agostino** likens it to the sound of a "rock orchestra from hell"), explosive vocals, electric piano on reverb, grandiose heart-tug ballads, and cataclysmic build-and-release songs. *Pitchfork* described *Mountains* as an indie road-trip album. They called it a record with a lonesome, if crowded, sound "without hooks and choruses so much as maplike layouts of mountains and sloping valleys." Whatever. I agree with *Pitchfork's* assessment, though, of the band's writing: arresting conclusions and unpredictable structures, they said.

In the end, *Pitchfork* handed the band a sweet 8.3 (out of 10 possible) and identified them as one of the best new bands, guaranteeing that buzz would surround Cymbals Eat Guitars.

The rest of the rock press loves to compare CEG to Pavement. I'll bite. Both bands share the same untucked preppy look, and D'Agostino even plays the same type of guitar as Stephen Malkmus. There are similarities in the sound, but Pavement was boring and CEG is not only interesting, they are also more dynamic and sloppy. But to get at the root of CEG song mentality you have to look past Malkmus and similar predecessors like Dinosaur Jr. and go way back to Elliott Smith. Smith and CEG are clever depressives: "I've been finding clipped-off Parliaments everywhere lately," sings D'Agostino. "I take it as a sign that you're around." Smith: "I had true love/ But made it die/ Pushed it out of the way."

But enough with the comparisons. Live,



CYMBALS EAT GUITARS

CEG is an unanticipated, entertaining band, and a lot of the act is just them working things out. Remember, this group is new — just three years ago, Joe D'Agostino was graduating from high school.

The **Pains of Being Pure at Heart** and **Depreciation Guild** also perform.

CYMBALS EAT GUITARS: The Casbah, Monday, September 21, 8:30 p.m. \$12 advance; \$14 day of show. 619-232-4355.

Sunday, 1pm — The Rhythm Masters. Jazz. Free.

Second Wind (Magnolia): 8528 Magnolia Ave., Santee, 619-596-8350.

Thursday, 9pm — One Theory. Metal/rock.
Monday, 9pm — Catapult? Rock.
Tuesday, 9pm — Shotty. Pop/rock. \$5.
Wednesday, 7pm — Squirrely Arts. With guests. Metal/rock.

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Sunday, 2pm — Jessica Lerner. Acoustic/pop. Free.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
Friday, 7pm — Every Time I Die. With Bring Me the Horizon, Oh Sleeper, and the Architects. Rock. \$16.
Saturday, 7pm — Hello Marquee. With the Day Sets Fire, Let Live, a

Shattered Hope, He Is the Painter, and Elizet. Indie/pop/rock. \$8.
Sunday, 6:30pm — Erin McCarley. With guests. Alternative/pop/rock. \$12.

Monday, 7pm — Placebo. Alternative/indie/rock. \$20.

Spreckels Theatre: 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500.
Friday, 7pm — Sheryn Regis. Pop/rock. \$78-\$98.

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Saturday, 9pm — Foo U. Rock. Free.

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Thursday, 9:30pm — Michael Tiernan. Pop/rock.
Friday, 9:30pm — Kevin Never Talks. With guest. Funk/rock/R&B.
Saturday, 9:30pm — Bare Bones. Blues/rock.
Wednesday, 9:30pm — Joe Marson. Alternative/folk/rock.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-955-8525.
Tuesday, 9pm — Regina Leonard. With Miss Erika Davies and Buried Under Carrots. Acoustic/alternative. Free.

Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St., Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.
Friday, 8pm — The Red Elvises. Surf rock.

Tri-City Wellness Center: 6250 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-931-3171.
Friday, 7pm — Richard Learmont. With guests. World. \$15. 18 and up.

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Wednesday, 8pm — Agua Dulce. With the Jason Chase Trio. Latin. \$5.

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Gods of the Earth
 CD Review
 by Michael Caldwell

The Sword doesn't tinker with the formula they borrow from Black Sabbath, first used to create debut *Age of Winters*.

Instead of trying to reinvent the metal wheel, the Austin-based quartet focuses on the details. That's where the devil resides, and the group

has once again enlisted him into their camp.

With mystical musings and precision riffs, *Gods of the Earth* plays like the soundtrack to classic Conan the Barbarian comics — crushing your enemies as they are driven before you and hearing the wails of their women! There is plenty of crushing, driving, and wailing to be found here, metal fan.

The album's opening salvo, the instrumental "Sundering," evokes a swirling dust storm as the horde approaches. Until the last track, the charge seldom abates. Not since early Iron Maiden has a group perfected such a ferocious gallop. Go to myspace.com/thesword and check out "Fire Lances of the Ancient Hyperzephyrians." It's a prime example of the Sword's mad cavalry charge.

ARTIST: **The Sword**

ALBUM TITLE: **Gods of the Earth**

SONGS: "Sundering," "Frost-Giant's Daughter," "How Heavy This Axe," "Lords," "Fire Lances of the Ancient Hyperzephyrians," "To Take the Black," "Maiden, Mother & Crone," "Under the Boughs," "Black River," "White Sea"

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Never Too Old to Rock

Concert Review
 by Rebecca Marler

I saw AC/DC for the first time at the San Diego Sports Arena in the early '70s and many times since. As a seasoned fan, I wasn't sure what to expect at the arena Sunday night, September 6. Could AC/DC still deliver the rock-and-roll goods?

The Aussie act performed at the top of their game, with a dignity that comes from having done it for over 35 years. I spoke with many die-hard

fans after the show who all agreed that this one was as great as it gets.

Angus Young was as exuberant as ever. Blistering guitar riffs held the nearly sold-out crowd in awe as AC/DC rocked the house with staple treasures such as "For Those About to Rock," "Back in Black," "Hells Bells," "You Shook Me All Night Long," as well as older favorites such as "The Jack," "Whole Lotta Rosie," and "Let There Be Rock."

Singer Brian Johnson belted out the well-known lyrics, hitting most of the high notes, and for any that were missed, the audience gladly obliged by singing along.

All of us gray-haired saints can take heart. We're getting older and older, but this AC/DC show was a reminder that we are in excellent company.



For full reviews, go to sdreader/critic.com

University of San Diego: 5998 Alcalá Park, USD, 619-260-4600.
Thursday, 6pm — Peter Sprague. Jazz. \$55.

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Saturday, 7:30pm — Stacey and the Stimulus Package. Soul/funk.

Viejas Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.
Friday, 8pm — The Killers. Alternative/rock.

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Sunday, 7pm — Ric and Eric. Cabaret/standards. \$15.

WaveHouse Bar & Grill: 3125 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-228-9283.
Saturday, 8pm — Gregory Isaacs. With Live Wyya Band and Tribe of Kings. Reggae. \$30.

Whistle Stop Bar: 2236 Fern St., South Park, 619-284-6784.
Friday, 9pm — DJ Rob Moran. With guests. Brit pop/indie.

Wine Cabana: 2539 Congress St., Old Town, 619-574-WINE.
Sunday, 5pm — Bob Bartosik. Jazz. Free.

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 November 6 — The Battlefield Band.
 November 11 — Hot Buttered Rum.
 November 14 — Peter Mulvey.
 November 21 — Ambrosia.
 November 28 — Po' Girl.
 December 4 — Tom Russell.
 December 13 — John Gorka.

Adams Avenue: 32nd Street & Adams Ave., Normal Heights.
 September 26, September 27 — Adams Avenue Street Fair.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
 September 24 — Stanley Jordan.
 September 25 — The Anthology House Band.
 September 26 — Keiko Matsui.
 September 29 — The Anthology House Band.

September 30 — Gregory Page.
 October 1 — World Party.
 October 2 — Floyd FX.
 October 2 — Radio Latina Salsa Party.
 October 3 — Charmaine Clamour.
 October 6 — The Anthology House Band.
 October 7, October 8, October 9 — Shawn Colvin.
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 October 17 — The Elder Trio.
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 October 29 — NovaMenco.
 November 4 — Jean-Luc Ponty.
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 January 29, January 30 — The Count Basie Orchestra.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-454-5872.
 September 28 — Robin Henkel.
 October 5 — The Jazz Pigs.
 October 19 — Joe Rathburn.
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 November 9 — Gregory Page.

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BY ROSA JURJEVICS

"Swagger Street" by Mag Flux was the most-downloaded MP3 from *SDReader.com* during August. Below is an interview with Mag Flux's M.Y.O.

You mention in your song "Swagger Street" showing your listeners "how we do it in San Diego." How do you do it in San Diego?

We're all about cafés, live shows, spoken-word

poetry, U-31 on Thursdays, and purple spandex with gold trim. Okay, maybe not the spandex, but the gold trim is a keeper. It's all about knowing who you are, being comfortable with who you are, and expressing yourself authentically. That's all swagger is. When you are honest with yourself and being who you are, you become something that no one else can be.

Where does the title of the song come from?

"Swagger Street" is really an expression. It's not a

October 11 — The Quick & Easy Boys.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
 September 24 — Iris Dement.
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 October 30, October 31 — The Nightmare Before Halloween.
 November 2 — Minus the Bear.
 November 4 — Dinosaur Jr.
 November 6, November 7 — The

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 November 11 — Loud & Rich.
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 November 13 — Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations.
 November 14 — Keller Williams.
 November 15 — Pinback.
 November 17 — They Might Be Giants.
 November 18 — David Lindley and John Hammond.
 November 19 — Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers.
 November 20 — West Indian Girl.
 November 22 — B.B. King.
 November 27 — The Aggrolites.
 December 13 — Average White

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 December 17 — Venice.
 December 29 — Cracker and Camper Van Beethoven.

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 October 24 — Lyrics Born.
 October 25 — Peaches.
 October 30 — Inner Circle.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
 September 24 — Kelli Ruddick.
 September 25 — Dillinger Four.
 September 26 — Om.
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 September 28 — The Dodos.
 September 29 — The Horrors.
 September 30 — Asobi Seksu.
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 October 2 — Elvis Perkins in Dearland.
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October 6 — Har Mar Superstar.
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 October 9 — ...And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead.
 October 11 — These Arms Are Snakes.
 October 14 — The Jesus Lizard.
 October 16 — The Soft Pack.
 October 17 — The Black Heart Procession.
 October 24 — Blind Pilot.
 October 31 — The Night Marchers.
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 November 10 — Electric Six.

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 September 25 — Sugar Ray.

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 October 11 — Mutemath.
 October 12 — Moby.
 October 15 — Honor Society.
 October 16 — The Academy Is... and Mayday Parade.
 October 18 — KMFDM.
 October 19 — The Pogues.
 October 20, October 21 — Brand New.

October 22 — Lila Downs.
 October 23 — The Sounds.
 October 24 — Tech N9ne.
 October 26 — Regina Spektor.
 October 28 — Flo Rida.
 October 29 — The Bouncing Souls.
 November 1 — Deadmau5.
 November 2 — The Bravery.
 November 3 — The Airborne Toxic Event.
 November 4 — Boyz II Men.
 November 5 — Robert Randolph and the Family Band.
 November 6 — All Time Low.

November 7 — Matt Kearney.
 November 8 — Hanson.
 November 15 — GWAR.
 November 18 — Peter Bjorn & John.
 November 21 — Say Anything.
 November 22 — The Black Crowes.
 December 9 — Skinny Puppy.
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 January 7 — Sonic Youth.
 January 31 — Nile.
 February 5 — Badfish.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
 September 25 — The Beach Boys.
 September 26 — Keali'i Reichel.
 September 27 — Pink Martini.
 September 28, September 29 — Crosby, Stills & Nash.
 October 2 — Chris Botti.
 October 4 — Cecilio & Kapono.
 October 14 — Jesse Cook.
 October 15 — Loggins & Messina.
 October 18 — Roger Daltrey.

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October 17 — Snow Patrol.
October 21 — Rob Thomas.

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September 25 — Ana Gabriel.
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October 2 — Lee Salonga.
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October 16 — Steely Dan.
October 23 — Rob Thomas.
November 5 — Billy Currington.
November 11 — 311.
November 19 — Julio Iglesias.

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October 3 — Jamie Foxx.
November 14 — The Ultimate Doo-Wop Show.
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September 24 — Britney Spears.
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October 18 — Barry Manilow.
November 27 — Kiss.
December 4 — Trans-Siberian Orchestra.
December 12 — Aventura.

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September 25 — Get Back Loretta.
September 26 — Autolux.
September 27 — Dance Gavin Dance.

October 2 — A Dull Science.
October 3 — Adestria.
October 6 — The Almost.
October 7 — Family Force 5.
October 8 — Austrian Death Machine.
October 10 — Mae.
October 11 — A Day to Remember.
October 13 — The Black Dahlia Murder.
October 15 — Passion Pit.
October 16 — Yo La Tengo.
October 24 — Boys Like Girls.
October 27 — Hit the Lights.
November 4 — Thrive.
November 5 — The Dropkick Murphys.
November 11 — Attack Attack.
November 17 — Dashboard Confessional.
November 19 — Finch and Bless the Fall.
November 21 — The Whigs.
December 19 — Saosin.

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September 26 — The Beach Boys.
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Alpine Inn: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.75 wells, house wine, \$4.75 calls.

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The Prado: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$3.50 wells, pints, house wine, house margaritas. Lounge only.

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CARLSBAD

Boar Cross'n: Thursday-Saturday, 8-9pm: \$1 Bud & Bud Light.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 wells, beer, margaritas. \$3 off appetizers.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

Mr. Peabody's: Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 domestic beers, wine, spooli shots, wells + juice. \$3.50 margaritas. Free taco bar 3pm to 6pm with drink purchase.

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CLAIREMONT

Fat Tony's Pizza: Thursday, 5pm-close: \$2 Karl Strauss, \$4 taps.

Viva Vino: Monday-Saturday, all day: \$.99 domestic beer.

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Casa Machado: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.75 domestic, \$3.75 margarita, wells. Free nachos and quesadillas.

Satin Lounge: Thursday, 9pm-close: \$1 Bud drafts. Friday, 9pm-close: \$2 Jager bombs. Saturday, 9pm-close: \$2 wells.

CORONADO

Primavera Ristorante: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off all drinks; \$2 off daily food specials. Wednesday, 5-7pm: Wine night: 1/2-off all bottles, incl. champagne.

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Shimbashi Izakaya: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$5 cocktails, \$5 glass of wine, \$3 draft beer. Sake & appetizer specials. Saturday-Sunday, 12-7pm: \$5 cocktails, \$5 glass of wine, \$3 draft beer, 1/2-off Asahi & Sapporo. Sake & appetizer specials.

DOWNTOWN

Asti Ristorante: Every day, 3-6pm: 1/2-price cocktails & appetizers.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: Friday, \$6 pomegranate martini. Saturday, \$6 cosmos.

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Downtown Johnny Brown's: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic bottled beer, \$3.50 pints of the day. 40% off appetizers.

East Village Tavern and Bowl: Monday-Thursday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. Friday-Saturday, 11pm-close: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 pre-

mium drafts, margaritas. \$4 Jäger, Bacardi, Svedka.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.50 wells. 1/2-off appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, 9am-5pm: \$3.50 wells. 1/2-off appetizers.

The Fish Market: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: \$3.75 draft, \$3.95 wells, \$2.95 domestic beer. \$95 oysters, \$4 fish tacos, \$5.75 mahi mahi sliders.

The Fleetwood: Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: \$4 calls.

Fuddruckers: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all beer, wine. Saturday, 10pm-midnight: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all beer, wine.

Funky Garcia's Mexican Restaurant: Every day, 3pm-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks; \$1.50 carne asada and pollo asado tacos.

Gaslamp Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells. Sunday, all day: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells.

La Gran Tapa: Tuesday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. \$3 tapas. Wednesday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft, 1/2-off select bottles/wine. Thursday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft, \$10 pitcher sangria/draft.

Las Hadas Bar & Grill: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm; 10pm-midnight: \$2 Bud Light/Coors Light drafts, \$3 margaritas, wine, wells, sangria. 1/2-off seafood bar and appetizers.

Jewel Box: Monday, \$2 PBR drafts. Wednesday, 6pm-2am: \$5 Jäger bombs w/military ID. Thursday, 8pm-2am: Industry Night. \$3.75 calls. Must show apron/pay stub.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

La Fiesta: Every day, 5-7pm: 1/2-price calls, wells, tap beers, house wine, house margaritas. 1/2-price appetizers: ceviche, nachos, chicken pizza, taquitos.

The Local: Monday, 4pm-close: \$3 Bud Light, Miller Lite. \$6 burgers. Tuesday, 4pm-close: \$3 Corona, Paci-

fico, Dos Equis. \$2.50 chicken/steak tacos. \$3 lobster/fish tacos. Wednesday, 4pm-close: \$10 big pitchers. \$2 BBQ pork slider, corn dogs. Thursday, 4pm-close: \$3 Jäger, wells, drafts, bottled beer. \$3 lobster tacos. Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, wine, drafts. Saturday, 8-10pm: \$5 premium liquors.

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O'Brothers: Every day, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$5 glass of wine. \$7 sliders with fries.

Patrick's II: Every day, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 bottle beer, \$3 wells, Bud Light pints, \$4 calls, margaritas, Bloody Marys.

RA Sushi: Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm: 1/2-off select sushi & appetizers; \$1 hot sake, \$2 domestics, \$3 wells, imports, \$4 specialty cocktails and wine, \$5 Kinn with sake.

Rock Bottom Brewery, Downtown: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martini.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3.50 margaritas. \$4 Long Islands. \$3-\$5 drafts.

Sally's Seafood on the Water: Monday, 2:30-5:30pm: \$3 local beer on tap. \$3 mini-burgers (blue crab, Kobe-style beef, ahi tuna). Tuesday, 2:30-5:30pm: \$4 margaritas, \$3 Mexican bottled beers. \$3 tacos (tempura shrimp, Asian-pulled pork, fish). Wednesday, 2:30-5:30pm: \$3 hot sake, \$3 Japanese bottled beers. \$2 edamame/miso soup, \$3 hand rolls (Cali Sunset, K's Philly, Hot Tuna, Hot Tail, Spicy Scallop, salmon). Thursday, 2:30-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells/house wine. 1/2-off appetizers (crab cakes, spring rolls, tempura shrimp, pesto fries). Pet friendly w/ treats.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$5 house wine, wells, \$7 Christopher's Cuvee, 12-9pm: tasting flights.

The Shout House: Tuesday, \$2.50 Karls, \$5 cosmos, \$3 fish tacos. Wednesday, \$1.50 domestic bottles, \$3 fish tacos. Thursday, \$2.50 Miller Lite drafts, \$10 Miller High Life buckets, \$2 lunchbox shots. Friday, 6-7pm: \$1 any draft. Sunday, \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wells, wine, Jäger.

Stage Saloon: Every day, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Stout Public House: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 premium pints, \$4 wells, \$5 cosmo, appleini, margarita; 1/2-price appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, till 6pm: \$3 domestic and Canadian bottled beer, \$4 wells, Bloody Mary, \$5 mimosa.

Suite & Tender: Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$20 bottomless wine, 1/2-off specialty cocktails.

T.G.I. Friday's: Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm; 10pm-close: \$3 large domestics & bottled beers, \$4 well/wine, \$5 Ultimate Long Island Ice Teas & Ultimate Margaritas. 1/2-off appetizers.

Tabule: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers. Tuesday, 5pm-close: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, 2-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers.



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El Cajon Grand: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells. Saturday-Sunday, \$5 20-oz. Bloody Mary w/ jumbo shrimp.

Main Tap Tavern: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls. \$5 nachos.

Thornton's Irish Pub and Grill: Wednesday-Sunday, 11-6pm: \$2 wells, \$3 drafts.

ESCONDIDO

Holiday Wine Cellar: Monday, 5:30-7:30pm: \$5 for five wine tastings. Tuesday, 5:30-7:30pm: Beer tasting, \$5 advance; \$10 at the door.

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Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

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Wine Steals: Tuesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

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94th Aero Squadron: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 Bud Light on tap, \$3 wells. Saturday-Sunday, 1/2-price bottles of wine.

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottled beer, \$3 wells, domestic pints. Free munchies.

Shogun Kobe Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: 30% off sushi and rolls (no giant clams, fatty tuna, or sea urchin). 30% off sake and beer.

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: Monday-Thursday, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/draft beer.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

Beauty Bar: Monday, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. Tuesday, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. \$4 Three Olives. Wednesday-Thursday, 3-7pm: \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles. Friday, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. \$3 Fernet.

Kensington Cafe: Every day, 3-7pm: \$3 all beers, \$4-\$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under \$5.25.

LA JOLLA

Beaumont's: Every day, 4-7pm: \$3-5 cocktails, wine, beer.

Clay's La Jolla: Every day, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 sangria, \$6 house wine.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

La Jolla Brew House: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, house drafts. \$4 house wine. \$5 premiums.

The Melting Pot: Every day, 5-7pm: 1/2-off cheese fondue, salads, chocolate fondue.

The Shores Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: Five for \$5 menu food/drink specials. Sunday,

3-7pm: \$7 glass, \$25 pitcher red/white sangria.

Su Casa: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells; 1/2-off appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

Whisknadle: Every day, 5-7pm: \$9 all-you-can-eat tapas.

LA MESA

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm; 10pm-close: \$1.50 off drafts, \$1 off all mixed drinks, bottled beers, glass of wine.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells. \$2.50 domestics. \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Imperial.

The Calypso Café: Every day, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

LINDA VISTA

Brick by Brick: Every day, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

Tio Leo's: Monday, 3-7pm: \$3 pints. \$4 wells, margaritas. Tuesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: Monday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine specials. \$8 margaritas. \$9 martinis.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: \$1 off pints, \$2 off tall beers.

MIRA MESA

The Filling Station: Monday, \$2 kamikazes. Wednesday, premium beer \$3.50/pint. Saturday, \$3 Bloody Marys. Sunday, \$3 mimosas.

MISSION BEACH

Canes: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2.50 beer of the month. \$3 wells, margaritas. \$4 margarita (keep shaker). \$4.95 fiesta nachos, \$3.95 cheese quesadilla, \$4.95 Southwest spring rolls.

Coaster Saloon: Every day, 5-8pm: \$2.50 draft beer, wells. 1/2-off all appetizers. 10pm-12am: \$2.50 draft beer, wells.

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 2-for-1 cocktails, beer, shots. Saturday-Sunday, \$12 Bionic Beavers, \$2.50 kamikazes, \$8 Bud/Bud Light pitchers.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: Every day, 2-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$3 bottles.

Starlite: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. Sunday, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm: \$3 draft beer, \$5 wells, \$6 wine by the glass, \$7 house cocktails.

In Cahoots: Wednesday, \$2 drinks. Friday-Saturday, \$2.50 Coors/Coors Light. Sunday, any drink \$2.50.

NATIONAL CITY

Café La Maze: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

Lai Thai Restaurant: Every day, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

McDini's: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

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Blind Lady Ale House: Tuesday-Friday, 5-6pm: \$20 60-oz. pitcher local beer and margherita pizza. Saturday-Sunday, 11:30am-6pm: \$20 60-oz. pitcher local beer and margherita pizza.

NORTH PARK

Apertivo: Tuesday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: \$3 glass of wine, imported beers. Sunday, all day: \$2.75 glass of wine.

Lips: Sunday, \$5 homojitos. \$10 build-your-own tacos.

Redwing Bar & Grill: Monday-Thursday, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles. Friday-Sunday, 10am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

Toronado: Monday, 11:30am-5pm \$1 off drafts. Tuesday-Sunday, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

True North: Monday, 12pm-close: \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. Tuesday-Saturday, 12pm-7pm: \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. Sunday, 7pm-close: Industry Night, \$3 calls.

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Dream Street Live: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.

Winstons: Monday-Saturday, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

OCEANSIDE

The Flying Bridge: Every day, 4pm-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wine, 20% off appetizers.

Hana Japanese Restaurant: Every day, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off cocktails.

Harney Sushi: Thursday, \$5 specialty cocktails.

PCH Sports Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines. Saturday, 2-8pm: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines. Sunday, 2pm-close: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines.

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$2 cans of Tecate.

OLD TOWN

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JP's Pub: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.

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The Andrews Brothers

Welk Resorts Theatre presents Roger Bean's musical about a USO in WWII where the top acts (including the "Andrews Sisters") fail to show, and a trio of "backstage buffoons" must save the day. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1:45PM AND 8PM THURSDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 1:45PM SUNDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM TUESDAYS, 1:45PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 8.

Cats

For the final production of its summer season, Moonlight Amphitheatre presents the feline musical based on T.S. Eliot's *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*. MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE IN BRENGLER TERRACE PARK, 1200 VALE TERRACE, VISTA. 760-724-2110. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS,

7:30PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23.

Coriolanus

Legend has it that Shakespeare's words flowed unimpeded from mind to pen to paper. Coriolanus, an early Roman warrior, had the same ability. In Shakespeare it's a gift, in Coriolanus a curse, since he cannot be other than himself. Greg Derelian plays Coriolanus at the Old Globe. Though he has an annoying habit of delivering most speeches as HEADLINES, his close-cropped hair and swagger give him instant stature in the modern-dress (circa 1930) production. He could trounce anyone else onstage, which is a problem since stronger opponents would have made the Roman, who fights "dragon-like," even stronger (Steve Rankin's fight choreography, usually an ally, has actors make tentative thrusts and parries, as if careful not to do harm). Darko Tresnjak, an always inventive director, devised some remarkable overlaps: battles and their consequences appear as if coming from the mind of Coriolanus's domineering mother, Volumnia. In Tresnjak's insightful reading, the gods answer her prayers, but in the extreme. Celeste Ciulla's haunted Volumnia watches nightmares unfold as if staring into a furnace. (Note: *Coriolanus* runs in repertory at the Festival Stage.)

Worth a try:

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUESDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25.



Cyrano de Bergerac

Cyrano de Bergerac

Okay, it's a long show — over three hours — but Darko Tresnjak's staging and Patrick Page's commanding performance make the time fly. Everyone probably knows about his nose and how Cyrano became the 17th century equivalent of a "Renaissance Man," skilled and courageous in all things save his heart's desire. One of the fascinating aspects of Page's performance: where most Cyranos accentuate the positive — the panache, the swash-buckling, the Disney of it all — Page faces the rift in the man head on. He admirably walks his own path but pays for being an absolute outsider (in a strange way, the hy-

perverbal, romantic Cyrano resembles Shakespeare's Coriolanus, who also excels at war and walls himself from intimacy). And the witty Roxane (a terrific Dana Green) pays as well. The Old Globe production unfolds like a pageant. Anna R. Oliver's splendid period outfits dazzle the eye, and Christopher R. Walker's sound merits special mention. When Page whispers, every word is clear. (Note: *Cyrano* runs in repertory at the Festival Stage.)

Critic's pick:

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUESDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27.

Dive-In Theatre

San Diego Actors Theatre presents a site-specific piece, featuring an original script, *Fiancée*, performed at the L'Auberge Del Mar lap pool. L'AUBERGE DEL MAR, 1540 CAMINO DEL MAR, DEL MAR. 858-793-6460. 7PM FRIDAY, 7PM SATURDAY.

Drink Me or, The Strange Case of Alice Times T

She's kidding, right? No, Lady Fossimire and her Zero Population Party want to cull at least half the world's people: all the males. Indigents, men only, are disappearing from London. Could it be a highly selective virus or, as some allege, three eerie sisters who practice witchcraft and speak only Jacobean English? Detective Fossimire, scion of Lady E. — and potentially the last of his gender — must find out. For Moxie Theatre, bedecked in Jennifer Brawn Gittings's wispy blue silk, Jo Anne Glover, Morgan Trant, and Melissa Fernandes delight as the mystical, nursery-rhyme-singing trio — some of the sweetest life-snuffers you'd ever want to meet. As long as they're onstage, innocently flitting across David Weiner's two-level London Bridge set, the production's a charmer. Nonmystical scenes have problems in the writing and staging, however. Playwright Mary Fenigar Gail loads them with so much information that the pace bogs and the storyline disappears. In the key role of Detective Fossimire, Stephen Elton's stiff performance lagged behind the others. Kristianne Kurner, Laurie Lehmann-Gray, and Mark C. Petrich make useful contribu-

tions amid pages and pages of exposition. 858-598-7620.

Worth a try:

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 7PM THURSDAYS, 7PM FRIDAYS, 7PM SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27.

Fully Committed

Cygnnet Theatre reprises one of its most popular shows. Air traffic controllers, at least, have each other. Not Sam Pelikowski. He must make all the reservations for a posh New York restaurant. Sam is an aspiring actor lacking a "strong sense of personal entitlement" — just what every irate caller has! When he first performed this one-person show, David McBean earned a Craig Noel Award for excellence. He plays Sam and everyone else, maybe 40 people — the equivalent of memorizing a phone book and making each voice so distinctive you remember it the next time you hear it. McBean, who changes characters as fast as you can say "hold, please," is terrific. Anyone who has ever been an actor or waited tables or taken reservations (a friend of mine who books for a local hotel refers to the public, off the record, as "the beast") will empathize with *Fully Committed*. And, given McBean's special performance, so should everyone else. (Note: due to popular demand, Cygnnet Theatre has extended the run of this show.)

Critic's pick:

MOXIE AT ROLANDO THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BLVD., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20.



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Hamlet

For its 13th annual Free Shakespeare Production, the Coronado Playhouse stages the Bard's tragedy of dilatory revenge. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 4.

The Housewives

In this rock musical comedy, three "young moms get their humble start at the PTA talent show" and become a hit "domestic rock band." TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., DOWNTOWN. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27.

I Love You Because

Marcy's been an ex for two months. She'll be in "rebound time" for another four, says Diana, who has formulas for finding potential mates. Marcy needs an interim dud, the less attractive the better, to help her through "rebound time." In this modern musical remake of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, the women date unlikely men. All fall in love. Joshua Salzman (music) and Ryan Cunningham (lyrics) include almost every scene in the novel (which makes Act 1 run far too long). The energized North Coast Rep production infuses the familiar "opposites attract" cliché with attitude: when genuine feelings blossom, the quartet of allegedly in-the-know New Yorkers must drop armored poses and tough tones — and fess up. Thanks to Ric Simas's sharp direction, a game cast, and a three-piece backup band, they do it in very funny, comical ways.

Worth a try:

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27.

Leaving Iowa

"Are we there yet?" "I wanna Coke!" (or, as my younger brother



Twelfth Night

shouted on similar occasions, "Yer gunna — I'm not gunna"). Tim Clue and Spike Manton's memory-comedy catalogues just about everything ever said during family road trips of yore. What gives the play poignancy: it also articulates what Don Browning — the absent son — left unsaid to his now-departed father. The play and Lamb's Players production begin too over-the-top. Exaggerated squabbles don't prepare the audience for what's to come (amid the din, director Deborah Gilmour Smyth or-chestrated impressive, rapid-fire exchanges). Once the two-act show settles in, it achieves a better balance. On Mike Buckley's imaginative set, a raised map of Iowa spreads across the floor backed by a wall of blown-up travel brochures. Led by David Cochran Heath as the kindly dad, Kerry Meads, Colleen Kollar Smith, and Kurt Norby (doubling as young and old Don) illustrate all the symptoms of mobile cabin fever. Paul Maley and the splendid Cynthia Gerber handle the comedy. They change roles — and Jeanne Reith's funny-accurate outfits — often in seconds.

Worth a try:

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20.

National Comedy Theatre

The National Comedy Theatre presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is "appropriate for all audiences." NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 IN-

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Sealed for Freshness

OnStage Playhouse presents Doug Stone's comedy about a Tupperware party gone awry when five Midwestern housewives "want their dreams back." Sandra Lynn Kraus directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 19.

The Sorrows of Sophia

PowPAC presents Barbara Seagren's melodrama, with "good versus evil in a Wild West showdown," during which audiences are free to "hoot and holler." POWPAC, POWAY'S COMMUNITY THEATRE, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 7PM FRIDAY, 7PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20.

Speed-the-Plow

"I'm a whore and I'm proud of it," boasts Bobby Gould, "but I'm a se-

curé whore." Gould will pay for that bargain-basement hubris in David Mamet's scathing critique of commercial Hollywood. After years in the cubicles, Gould is now head of production and must make a choice: green-light the prison-buddy moneymaker or the "artsy" novel about radiation saving the world. The choice reveals Gould's soul, or lack thereof. Although the Ion Theatre's opening night had yet to internalize Mamet's precise/impressionistic dialogue completely, the cast showed every sign they will. Claudio Raygoza (especially when leaning humpbacked on the desk) adds Richard Nixon notes to his stark portrayal of Gould, the promoted-promoter. Though a little too harried in her early scenes, Sara Beth Morgan nicely unveils the motives behind Karen's "naïveté." And as Charlie Fox, Gould's stooge for 11 years, Matt Scott does some of his best work. Almost every word combines kiss-up fawning with four-alarm rage.

Worth a try:

SUSHI PERFORMANCE & VISUAL ART, 390 11TH AVE., DOWNTOWN. 619-235-8466. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 6:30PM AND 9PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26.

The Taming of the Shrew

Patio Playhouse gives Shakespeare's comedy an updated version, in

which "Kate gets a *Mad Men* treatment." Christa Sherman directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVE., ESCONDIDO. 760-746-6669. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 4.

Things We Want

New Village Arts stages Jonathan Marc Sherman's "darkly comic look at the illusions we have about what makes us happy — and what is within our power to change." Lisa Berger directed. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 11.

Twelfth Night

One of the joys of theatergoing is watching a large cast perform with no weak links. When each actor comes back on, you're glad to see them and curious about what they'll do next. The Old Globe's *Twelfth Night*, directed with flair and heart by Paul Mullins, sports such a nicely honed ensemble it's difficult, even unfair, to single out individuals. That said, however, two stand out. James Newcomb's sad-eyed Feste frames the production's sprightly antics with an ancient, this-too-shall-pass wisdom. He isn't just a wise fool. This Feste could have written Ecclesiastes. Patrick Page makes Malvolio the exact opposite. Every moment is

brand-new. His black hair Hitler-slicked across his forehead, Page shows that a little innocence can be a dangerous thing. Mullins smartly reset the play in the Italian Riviera in the 1950s, a choice that lets costume designer Linda Cho work in Technicolor. Ralph Funicello keeps his set static by design. The focus stays, rightfully, on terrific ensemble acting and Shakespeare's menagerie of cross-gendered, cross-gartered maniacs rendered loopy by love. (Note: *Twelfth Night* runs in repertory at the Festival Stage.)

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idence through an unlocked sliding-glass door.

The suspect was described as a Hispanic male in his 20s with a shaved head and wearing a dark blue shirt and baggy jeans. Police radio reported that there was at least one resident who was hiding and "...lying on the floor next to the bed"

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while the suspect was in the home.

As police arrived on the scene, the suspect fled westbound toward the ocean, and witnesses saw him "...running towards the boardwalk."

Minutes after the reported break-in, officers were able to catch up to the man two blocks away on Salem Court.

By Nathaniel Uy, 9/12

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Follow the Ping

Downtown San Diego —

Police searched the Santa Fe train depot for a missing person on Friday night, September 11. They were looking for an Orange County woman who had been reported missing earlier that day. Police described her as a 36-year-old Asian female, about five feet, four inches tall, named Annie.

Shortly after 9:15 p.m., four San Diego police units arrived at the Santa Fe train station on Kettner Boulevard near Broadway.

"We received a ping from her cell phone from a nearby cell tower," said a police officer, "and she might still be in the area."

One of the ticket clerks told the officer, "The last Amtrak train left at 9:15 p.m., but there was a 10:00 p.m. bus to Bakersfield and a Coaster train to Oceanside after the Padres baseball game.... The Pacific Surfliner route is unreserved, so even if she was on one of our trains it may not show on a specific one if she purchased her ticket in advance."

By Steve Horvath, 9/13

Southbound Train

Cardiff — At about 7:15 p.m., Wednesday, September 9, San Diego sheriff's deputies, paramedics, and other emergency personnel responded to a 911 call about a person struck by a train two

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miles north of the Solana Beach station. A 55-year-old man reportedly stepped in front of the southbound Amtrak train.

According to the San Diego County medical examiner's report, "The decedent was identified as Rodrick Loren Jones... who resided with friends in Cardiff-by-the-Sea. On the night of 09/09/09, he walked down to the train tracks near the 100 block of Liverpool Drive. He was witnessed to stand on the tracks of an on-coming train. Upon paramedic's arrival, death was confirmed. The manner of death was listed as suicide, and the cause of death was multiple blunt force trauma."

After the sheriff's department completed its investigation, it released the Amtrak train from the scene. The train from Santa Barbara continued on to San Diego, where it arrived

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over two hours late.

By T.B. Weipert, 9/13

No Trucks

Point Loma — Nearly 200 residents packed the Point Loma Library on the evening of September 9 to discuss a city-approved methane-gas-recycling project.

The project, slated to begin in 2010, involves the trucking of compressed natural gas from the Point Loma Wastewater Facility to two other sites, where it would be utilized to supply renewable energy. The 45-foot, 38-ton trucks would travel along residential surface streets (Catalina and Chatsworth boulevards, as well as Rosecrans Street) six times per night, seven days a week, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

District two councilman Kevin Faulconer, who hosted the meeting, began by announcing a new devel-

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opment: SDG&E and Bio-fuels Energy, the private company heading the project, have agreed to examine the possibility of injecting the gas directly into



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SDG&E's existing fuel lines instead of transporting the gas.

Faulconer credited Point Loma residents for the recent turn of events. "We wouldn't have gotten there without community support — a lot of pressure, a lot of pushing," he said.

John Pedersen, a resident who went door to door for weeks to raise

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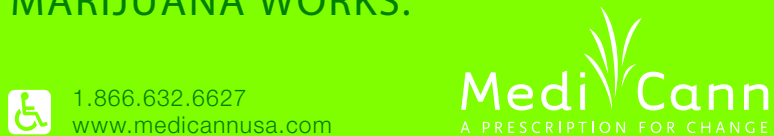
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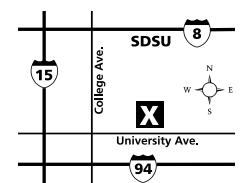
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awareness of the trucking issue, stood before the crowd and voiced his concerns. "If there is an accident that explodes the truck, it has the potential to take out a square mile of homes."

The analysis to determine the impact of injecting the methane gas directly into SDG&E's fuel lines is

expected to take about two months.

By Cindy Winslow, 9/11

Monopoly Money

Downtown San Diego —

Looking to patch the cracks in California's state budget, legislators look to take funds from cities' redevelopment agencies as temporary filler. Statewide, more than \$1.3 billion will be transferred from rede-

velopment accounts to state government coffers. For San Diego redevelopment agencies, that translates to a \$55 million money grab.

At the September 10 Budget and Finance Committee meeting, Janice Weinrick, deputy director of the San Diego Redevelopment Agency and board member for the California Redevelopment Asso-

ciation, told the five committee members that the board plans to file a lawsuit to prevent the transfer of those funds. However, that lawsuit could take years to develop.

In the meantime, the city's redevelopment agencies will be digging into their pockets and shelling out cash. For Centre City Development Corporation that means \$40 million, for the city's Redevelopment Division it's around \$13 million, and for the Southeastern Redevelopment Corporation, they'll have \$2 million less spend-

ing cash.

And while councilmembers Todd Gloria, Marti Emerald, Kevin Faulconer, and Budget and Finance Committee chair Tony Young appeared sympathetic to Weinrick's report on the raid on redevelopment, budgetary watchdog Carl DeMaio didn't show much compassion.

DeMaio delivered a list of projects that he thinks are a waste of time and money: \$700,000 for a study on a downtown library, close to another million on a new city hall, a \$15 million loan to the

Port of San Diego for phase one of the North Embarcadero redevelopment project.

"The state is being absolutely irresponsible in raiding our redevelopment funds, but we must also point the finger locally, to our own abuse of redevelopment dollars as though it's Monopoly money."

By Dorian Hargrove, 9/11

Burrito Money

Mira Mesa — A robbery occurred at Roberto's Taco shop on the corner of Black Mountain Road and Mira Mesa Boulevard at around

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11:55 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8. Two men reportedly went inside the store wearing white bandanas and threatened employees with a knife as they robbed the store of cash. Police reported to the scene to discover that the perpetrators had fled eastbound from the back of the store.

As units in the area were on alert, dispatch relayed additional description of the suspects over police radio — one suspect was wearing a gray shirt and the other a blue shirt. An officer who was at the scene of the incident added, "Both had black baseball caps." No other descriptions of the suspects were issued.

Authorities searched for the two men on Hillery Drive from Black Mountain Road and all the way east near Maya Linda Road. They searched nearby shopping-center parking lots, including the

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area surrounding Edwards Cinemas, but came up empty-handed.

By Nathaniel Uy, 9/10

Top Contestants

Chula Vista — The results have been tallied and the city council has spoken — through a two-paragraph press release dated September 9. The top three finalists to replace councilmember John McCann during his yearlong deployment to Iraq are planning commission member Mitch Thompson, contractor Kevin O'Neill, and former interim port commissioner William Hall.

"I didn't know they were releasing the names, but I did expect them to do so hastily. This isn't a surprise," says Ed Herrera, president of the Chula Vista Civic Association and McCann supporter.

Ever since the council decided to fill McCann's

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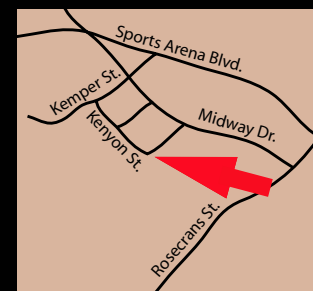
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seat, the name Herrera expected to see was Mitch Thompson's, a political ally to councilmembers Bensoussan, Castaneda, and Ramirez. Thompson was recently selected to head up the effort to increase the city's sales tax.

The city council will hold a special meeting on September 22, at 1 p.m., to conduct interviews with the candidates and decide who will be the next Chula

Vista councilmember.

By Dorian Hargrove, 9/10

H1N1 Takes Another One

Tijuana — According to *Frontera* newspaper, a 27-year-old elementary school teacher who was teaching at a school in Las Playas contracted the swine flu virus on around August 25 and two weeks later died of complications.

The teacher was hospitalized at the time of his death. He was teaching

classes when he first exhibited symptoms and was told by the school's administration to stay home as a matter of policy. It was confirmed during his hospitalization that he had contracted the H1N1 flu virus; however, his death has been attributed to the pneumonia that developed as a complication.

By T.B. Beaudeau, 9/10

Shot in the Dark

Imperial Beach — Shortly before 5:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning, September 8, shots rang out at the Imperial Sands Mobile Home Park. Lupe F, who has lived in the park for 30 years, was getting ready for work and heard some loud bangs but wasn't concerned until she "saw more cops than I've ever seen in my life" descend on her neighbor's green trailer in the 1800 block of Cathy Street.

Her neighbor's son and friend had returned home,



Victim of Imperial Beach shooting

and, according to SDPD Lt. Ernest Herbert, as the friend exited the vehicle, "Two male Hispanics came out of the shadows of the buildings and both shot the victim."

A neighbor reported hearing five gunshots and then the sounds of a car "peeling out," possibly a red Honda that was seen by another resident prowling the small streets before the incident. "Everybody here knows each other," he said.

The victim, possibly in his 30s and not a resident of the park, died at the

scene, and neighbors said their children had to walk by the body on their way to the bus stop.

By Peter C. Salisbury, 9/8

Mayor Just Says No

Downtown San Diego — On September 8, the city council met to discuss forming a medical marijuana task force. All sides were represented except for the San Diego Police Department, the City's Development Services Department, and Mayor Jerry Sanders's office.

Tuesday's meeting wasn't the first time Mayor

Sanders blew off talks about forming a medical marijuana task force. On July 29, when the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services committee discussed creating a task force to establish land-use guidelines for dispensaries to operate under, a member of Mayor Sanders's staff informed the committee that no representatives from the mayor's office or any department under his authority would participate.

"It seems rather odd that the police department wouldn't be here to answer questions and support this undertaking," said councilmember Carl DeMaio from the dais during the September 8 city council meeting.

After public testimony was given, the council voted in favor of creating a medical marijuana task force. Council president Ben Hueso was absent, and councilmember DeMaio opposed the measure.

Nominees for the 11-person medical marijuana task force comprised medical marijuana patients, community planners, legal professionals, and dispensary owners. The final task force will be selected by each council district.

By Dorian Hargrove, 9/9

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Alchemy doesn't turn lead into gold, but its kitchen does turn good ingredients into palate-pleasers. Open seven months and well populated since Day One, it was bound to be a hit, given all the starving grown children of South Park. It's only the third sophisticated restaurant along the whole 30th/Fern Street corridor from Switzer Canyon (dividing North from South Park) down to the concrete banks of the MLK freeway. It's also, to my palate, the top choice. Given the automatic clientele, the food is delightfully better than it has to be — paraphrasing the old Lovin' Spoonful hit, "You didn't have to be so nice, we would have loved you anyway." You sense a bohemian, multi-culti idealism built into the operation here, not solely a raw profit motive — that's the South Park spirit!

Co-owners and former school friends Matt Thomas and Ron Troyamo started renovating the building (a few steps south of well-known Hamilton's Bar) long before the restaurant opened but were foiled by a fire that gutted the property. They resumed and persevered, finally opening last February. The room is bright and golden-toned from all the wood, with local artists' paintings on the walls and a huge "tree" sculpture dominating the dining room. But with uncarpeted floors, unclothed tables, and ambient music played loud, noise bounces around the hard surfaces. Looks great, sounds raucous, getting worse as the night latens and the room fills. That's obviously the 30th Street spirit, too (where the sole island of sonic civility is Ritual Tavern, north of University).

Seasoned local chef Ricardo Heredia worked on the menu with a consulting chef from a chic New York restaurant. The food is light, healthy, sophisticated, designed for the fun of sharing among friends or feeding a happy singleton at the bar. Irene, smart server/sommelier from the late Better Half (for anonymity, I ate there on her night off), has been the house manager since opening, which may be why service seems more professional than at other idealistic restaurants



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on both sides of the canyon.

The menu consists mainly of grazes, ranging from small bites to substantial tapas, with a few full-size entrées and token desserts. "No fries for you this time, young lady," I warned the Lynnester. "Too many other interesting items to try." Mark and tall, dark, Scottish Sue completed the group. We began with a couple of tiny plates called "Snacks." Melitzana Salata with lavash bread was minuscule but lavish in flavor — tender eggplant and puffs of salty cheese (tasted like feta, could be ricotta *salata*) with a gorgeous little salsa of ripe, fresh tomato chunks in herbed olive oil alongside to spread on torn-off pieces of lavash bread. Only problem: no spoon! Eggplant lovers may want one portion per person; I could have made a meal of this dish. Even so, it was eclipsed by winey-sweet piquillo peppers (a flavorful Spanish variety roasted over wood, available canned) stuffed with tender shreds of heritage Berkshire pork — a real "ta-da!" number.

Larger grazes are called "Smalls." The plate of oysters and white gazpacho is small indeed, just two little farm-raised oysters from Carlsbad. They were rich and sweet — sweetened further by a

scattering of champagne grapes, a fresh, clever combination. They came with a shot glass of strange, pale, salty liquid with more grapes atop — unidentifiable and odd. I suspect last winter's green gazpacho (tomatillos) was more rewarding, but I'm a sucker for any oysters this impeccably fresh.

It's also a treat to find *un-fried* calamari, a species adaptable to numerous creations, of which trendy frying is the least exciting. Calamari de Cadiz features juicy, tender rings and tentacles in a mini-casserole with country ham, white wine, and saffron butter, with lemon pugliese bread for dipping. Our table did a lot of dipping. And dipped even more into the sauce for *gambas al ajillo*, a classic Spanish tapa of shrimp served in a cast-iron mini-skillet with a sauce of olive oil, garlic, and pa-

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PICK HITS: Pork-stuffed piquillo peppers; Melitzana Salata (eggplant tapa); Calamari de Cadiz; oyster "gazpacho"; market-fresh vegetable lasagna; crispy Jidori chicken.

NEED TO KNOW: Noisy with hard-edged decor and loud ambient music; raucous on weekends. No reservations for fewer than six. For shortest waits and quietest times, eat early on weeknights. Street parking easy weeknights, competition on weekends from next-door bar patrons. About ten lacto-vegetarian choices (handful of vegan nibbles).

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prika. For Spanish-food veterans Sue and I, it was a good, ordinary rendition. But Lynne and Mark were novices, to my surprise, and they were thrilled, scooping up so much sauce we needed to order extra bread. ("You must eat tapas in PB at Costa Brava," I told them. "You've been missing a great cuisine. And the owner is charming and major cute, too.")

Ceviche of minced fresh local sea bass was pleasing but ordinary, despite some elusive pickled mango supposedly hidden in there and (better



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yet) delicious toasted coriander seeds strewn all around. Long, faintly sweet strips of ripe crisped plantain served alongside weren't fried like *tostones* but lightly brushed with oil and baked. A salad of local avocado and corn with Green Goddess dressing looked impressive — a thick disc of corn kernels surrounded by avocado and cucumber slices — but was mildly disappointing, corn-sweet, but needing a zestier dressing with more acidity or piquancy.

After another scorching day, the night was as warm and humid as New Orleans (evoking “sweet magnolia under the moonlight” — if only!) and we needed a lively cold bottle of white to refresh bodies and souls. The wine list comes in a small heavy booklet, like a pre-teen's diary or photo collection. After a few affordable bottles at the low end of the list, it turns a little steep, but by a good guess I zeroed in on a perfect choice for weather and food, a well-chilled La Craie Vouvray (\$32), a dry Loire-grown Chenin Blanc so fruity and lively it nearly jumped out of the glass. For the second round, nobody wanted anything other than more of the same.

We split two entrées. “Market-fresh” vegetable lasagna came from a list of seasonal summer entrées. Based on delicate, fresh-made thin pasta, it included baby spinach, roasted cremini mushrooms, and grilled eggplant, plus ricotta and fresh mozzarella, basil, and fresh tomato sauce. Grilling the eggplant made it firm-tender, avoiding the oiliness of the sautéed vegetable. Ditto, roasting the mushrooms. With these firm-tender textures, meat was superfluous, even undesirable. “I never thought lasagna could be so light,” said Lynne happily. The essence of balmy late summer, it offered all the indulgence of a classic lasagna, minus the grease.

We were torn between the braised Niman Ranch pork belly and the “crispy-skin Jidori half chicken” for our second entrée. The latter included shiitake dumplings and “Szechuan pepper dust.” That choice suited the heat and also seemed more of a challenge to the kitchen; most local chefs overcook the bird but can't manage a crispy skin. Well, Alchemy got it right — really crisp and pleasingly salty, and tender inside! The doggie bag hinted at the secret: trying it again at home, it tasted brined within an inch of its life, exuding saline solution. The shiitake dumplings (more like half-wontons) were satisfying, simple,

and earthy, the baby bok choy tender and appropriate — but I didn't taste “Szechuan pepper dust” at all. (Just glad the peppers are legal for import again.)

Desserts are sparse. The sole house-made sweet is cranberry bread pudding (dry on the surface, moist and rich inside, heavy whatever way) topped with sexy buttermilk gelato from Gelato Vera. My espresso was well made, a tad bitter but with a thick head of *crema*. Coffees are from Café Moto in North Park. The brand-new weekend brunch menu sounds fabulous, including down-home treats like shrimp with cheddar grits. I wish they made brunch for dinner!

I'm cutting my own throat here because Alchemy is in the neighborhood next door to mine, and I don't want to fight off huge crowds to eat there — but this budget-priced “neighborhood restaurant” is plenty good enough for people of any neighborhood to enjoy. The prices are right, and the food is the way we like to eat now.

Another Cruise to the Barbecue Islands

After the last BBQ roundup, an Encinitas reader enthusiastically suggested a newcomer, Brett's BBQ, where the motto is “If it's not smoked, it's not barbeque.” Right on! A few weeks later, good pal Sam was doing busi-

ness up in Rancho Bernardo. He ate at the original location and brought me back a big bunch of takeout. Since the larger restaurant is in Encinitas, this isn't a definitive report; there may or may not be differences in the meat between the two. I have some problems with the tenderness but also found thrills.

It is definitely real, smoked Q, with pink smoke rings in the meat. The basic style seems Texan, although here they use only hickory, no mesquite. (Not all Q's in Texas use mesquite either.) But of the food from the RB location, only the chicken was tender — I definitely needed teeth for the red meats, which indicates that either the smoker heat is too high (sposed to be “low and slow”) or the cooking times are too long, particularly if the meat is left unattended as it smokes. Both sets of pork ribs (baby back and spare) were a tad dry and tough, and the pulled pork was chewy. (Sam found it slightly greasy; I don't mind that.) The brisket, alas, was cardboard. In European cuisines, this tough, potentially stringy cut of beef is usually moist-cooked by braising, slow-simmering, or stewing (e.g., pot roast, corned beef and cabbage). Texan BBQ champs solve the problem by marinating the brisket and then tending it all night, regularly

brushing it with the drained-off marinade, which now becomes a “mopping sauce” to introduce liquid so that the beef sort of smokes and braises simultaneously. This brisket didn't taste very mopped.

But they're doing a lot of things right. We tend to think of “Texas BBQ” sauce as resembling the thick, tomatoey supermarket sauces darkened with Liquid Smoke. That is not authentic. Brett's BBQ's sauce really tastes Texan: it's a thin, tangy, tomato-vinegar mixture, neither sweet nor hot. (Unlike Oakland, KC, and parts of Tennessee, Texas sauces can be spicier than this but are rarely incendiary.) It's not slathered on, just properly glazed on, with extra sauce served on the side.

The sides I tried were pretty good. Corn pudding was luscious and creamy (and not oversalted!). Potato salad of skin-on red spuds had lots of egg yolk and scallions in the dressing, in the real Southern style of NOLA and the Cajun Triangle — a pleasant surprise. The BBQ baked beans were very sweet, flavorful but, oddly, not smoky enough, despite bits of bacon to add to the smoke-flavor. Hush puppies were dry and leaden; that can happen with takeout.

But best of all — the Texas rope sausage. I've been noticing how a lot of local Qs have

one knockout dish that's completely outside the regular BBQ array. At West Coast BBQ, near Grossmont, it's a gorgeous, genuine Texas beanless chili. (It ought to be a main dish!) At Bull's BBQ, it's the great, dark gumbo and brilliant corn muffins. At Lightnin' Jacks, I liked the light, simple fried catfish (but totally hated the “Cajun” cat).

Here, it's the barbecued Texas rope sausage sandwich (\$7.50) on a roll topped with sautéed onions, peppers, and jack cheese. I'd swear, they must be importing those sausages directly from one of the grand old German smokehouses in Lockhart. As Bob Wills sang, “Take me back to Texas...” They do. These aren't any ordinary sausages; they taste like *Texas* sausages from the masters of the art, and in a sandwich with all those succulent veggies and melted cheese atop, well — they'll take you to Hill Country heaven.

Brett's BBQ, 1505 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-436-7427; 4S Ranch, 10550 Craftsman Way #185, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-7427, brettsbbq.com. Hours: 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. daily, both locations. Starters, \$5–\$8; sandwiches and meat salads, \$7.50–\$10; smoked plates (with two sides), \$7–\$22; sides, \$1–4 (more for bulk portions). ■

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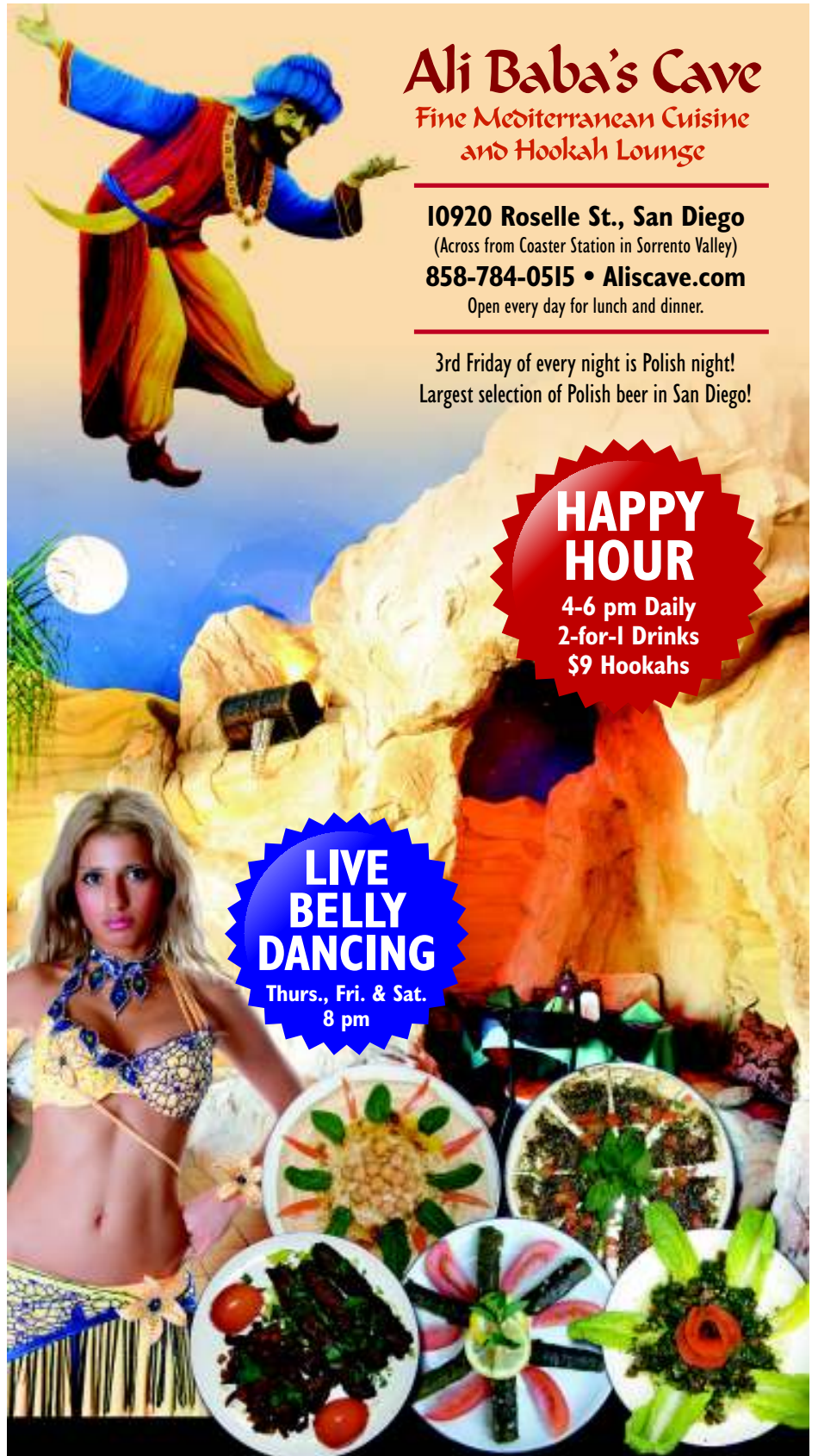
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The Real Middle East Deal

"I used to make these for foreign diplomats in Ankara, the capital of Turkey."

Russ?" "Yup." "It's me. I'm in El Cajon." I'm calling on my first-ever cell phone. Hate the end of freedom. But now I need this thing.

"That Dubai restaurant you were crazy about? It's closed! I need another place. Hongry. Hour to the last bus!"

Russ is my man in El Cajon. Like me, he's gotten himself hooked on Middle Eastern

food, the kabobs, the rice, the Arabian tea, the well, the ceremony. And El Cajon has turned into Middle East Central, foodwise.

"Sorry. You're on your own, man," Russ says. "I don't know what's down that end."

So I head west, back along East Main. Find Italian, Greek, hot dog, but no Middle Eastern. Getting dark. Just about to give up when I notice a country and western-looking place. A big new banner says: "Palms Family Restaurant."

Hmm... The palm trees on the sign look Arabian. Worth a look-see. I walk up onto the veranda and in through the swing door. Whoa. Bi-ig room. Lots of round tables. First two are filled with middle-aged Middle Eastern men playing cards. I cross a doormat that says "Midnight Cafe," pass six-foot-high photos of 1920s downtown Los Angeles and Marilyn with her skirt blowing up. Must be hangovers from the last incarnation. A flat-screen shows Ishtar TV — Middle Eastern music videos.

"You know we serve only Arabic food here, Middle Eastern?" says this well-dressed guy, struggling with his English, as I start to sit down at one of the way-big tables.

"No problem," I say, and wait for him to bring a menu. But "we don't have any yet," he says. "So what can I get?" I ask.

"Kebab, chicken tikka, shawarma, like gyro," he says, pointing to a rotating stack of

skewered, sliced meat. "Escalope, sometimes sandwiches."

As he struggles to make himself understood, I get a little thrill inside. Think I've stumbled across the real thing here. Not a Middle Eastern showcase for westerners, but a meeting place for the locals — Iraqis, Kurds, Syrians.

Naturally, I can't decide, so they decide for me. Plate of two beef shish kebab and shawarma on yellow rice (\$11, and I could've had four kebabs for the same price). I ask for tea, Arab-style — that is, in a glass cup, no milk, with a sugar-shaker to up-end into it.

More people are coming in. Men, that is. Can't tell if they're speaking Arabic or Aramaic or what. The first nice surprise is an appetizer dish that comes with the meal: a little gold-rimmed plate, divided into four, with hummus (chickpea-and-lemon-juice mash), baba ghanoush (mashed roasted eggplant dish with tahini — sesame seed paste — olive oil, lemon, and garlic), tabouleh (a micro-chopped parsley, bulgur wheat, mint, and tomato mini-salad — dee-lish), and the most luscious of all, eggplant salad, which is more like sautéed eggplant strips with red bell peppers. Two hot pita breads steam away in a basket, ready to be ripped and gripped around the appetizers.

Wow. Now the well-dressed waiter brings over a beautiful — and big — square china plate loaded with the two kebabs and a sea of shawarma strips loaded on a pile of yellow rice. Sour, pickled, curried cauliflower, tomato, onions, parsley, and slices of lemon sit around the rim. Wisest thing I do is twist the lemon slices over the rice and meat, 'cause, oh man. What flavors. The shawarma is the best, but those kebabs really fill out the vacant spaces.



"They have excellent appetizers here, like the eggplant and tabouleh," says Jimmy, who's Iraqi Chaldean, from Baghdad. He's at the next table with his friend Sam, also Chaldean. "Everything's fresh. And have you seen the kitchen? Clean."

"They're the best in El Cajon," says Sam. And Sam ought to know. He and his son have been running a restaurant themselves, nearer downtown El Cajon, for ten years. "These people only opened a month ago," he says. "That's why they don't have a menu yet."

Whew. Now I'm outside. Full moon gleams down from above the "Palms" sign. I think back to poor Dubai. Then I remember the place next to it. Baklava place. Sultan Baklava. And, hey, still 20 minutes till that last 815 bus...dessert!

Two minutes later, I'm inside this little palace of baklavas, and this guy Saban is showing me around his display of golden treats. Noodle flour with cream pistachios, donut dough, honey, and rosewater, traditional Turkish with green pistachio...all \$1.50-\$2 each.

I end up trying one of his own inventions, "country-style," with chocolate and pistachios. Not drippingly sweet, which is good. And that flaky phyllo-dough pastry...oh,

man. Little chunk of pink Turkish Delight on the side. "I used to make these for foreign diplomats in Ankara, the capital of Turkey," he says. "But I am Kurdish. Life is not always easy for Kurds there." We talk until I suddenly check the time. Oh, Lord. I get out just in time to see the night's last 815 bus rumble by.

Dammit. Only one way out. Guess this is what cell phones are for.

"Uh, Russ..." ■



Shabon

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The Place: Palms Family Restaurant, 1255 East Main Street (in Main Street Village), El Cajon

Type of Food: Middle Eastern

Prices: (Prices approximate, as menu not yet fixed.) Shawarma sandwich, \$6; kebab sandwich, \$6; appetizer plate (including tabouleh, hummus, baba ghanoush, olives), \$5; four-kebab entrée with rice, veggies, \$11; shawarma with same sides, \$11

Hours: 5:00-11:00 p.m., daily

The Place: Sultan Baklava, 131 Jamacha Road, El Cajon, 619-440-1901

Type of Food: Middle Eastern desserts

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Alpine

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Rd., Alpine, 619-445-9902. Tasteful, ambitious little trattoria with scenic patio dining. The pizzas are outstanding with airy, silken crusts. Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. Expensive.

Baja

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

Big Boy Restaurant Boulevard Agua Caliente #9892, Tijuana, 664-686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food and big gringo breakfasts, this Big Boy knock-off draws a cross-section of Baja's big shots. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive.

La Espadaña Avenida Sanchez Taboada #10813, Tijuana, 664-634-1488. This place does great oven-cooked leg of lamb, tasting like wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its juices with oregano. Terrific flame-grilled beefsteaks, too. Moderate.

Mercado Sobre Ruedas Colonia Lucio Blanco (from Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third), Rosarito. This huge flea market materializes every Sunday (morning to mid-afternoon); food booths offer a carnival of authentic dishes like barbecued mutton, savory Jalisco-style goat stew, street tacos. Rock-bottom prices; cash only.

El Rincón del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Tijuana. Kid for breakfast? You scoop the juices and meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey — like deer or buffalo. Inexpensive.

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 664-686-5640. Steak haven with Old West decor. Entrée price includes soup of roast beef juices, beans, a quesadilla, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, and a beef-liver medley with any cut of steak you want. Or try the *parrillada*, a multi-meat BBQ sizzling on a tabletop grill. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Banker's Hill

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Ave., 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open eatery offers a panoramic city view with a casual-chic, romantic ambience and fine modern French cuisine. Expensive.

Inn at the Park 3615 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-291-0999. Despite a touch of mango here, chipotle there, it's the nice, conservative, meat-and-potatoes comfort food that the regulars here prefer. Wilder hits include calamari fritto misto, duck breast, and coconut-lime crème brûlée. Moderate.

Bonita

Romesco 4346 Bonita Rd., Bonita, 619-475-8627. Sophisticated Mexican

food, including smoked marlin carpaccio, grilled duck breast, escolar. The whole menu is worth exploring, full of surprising treats. Moderate to expensive.

Carlsbad

Armenian Café 3126 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, but even better are the owner's mom's *kibbe* (nut-filled lamb meatball) and rosewater-scented *kashta lea* dessert. Lovely elevated patio. Moderate-plus.

Carmel Valley

Ruth's Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-

Nozomi 3050 Pio Pico Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-7877. Gorgeous Japanese inn-style premises with food ranging from simple *nigiri-zushi* to party rolls to fusion grazing dishes and entrées (including genuine Wagyu beef) and back to Japanese standards. Don't miss the *ankimo* (monkfish liver pâté). Moderate to expensive.

755-1454. Also 1355 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-233-1422. Flash-cooked steaks of USDA Prime, topped with butter and parsley, are the hallmark of this chain. Side dishes are à la carte. The broiled tomatoes are a delight. Very expensive.

Chula Vista

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 386 E. H St., Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. This chain prides itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and sal-

ads. Now it's adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." Moderate.

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. The tasty happy-hour specials make a visit worth the trip: Have a 1/2-pound hamburger with french fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Inexpensive.

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Down-home dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meat-

balls, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Inexpensive.

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Taste of Africa Cuisine 5241 University Ave., City Heights, 619-583-5788. At this gathering place for Somalis, the cuisine combines African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences, emphasizing fish, lamb, and goat meat. Start with a *fadareshin*, a mixed sampler plate of meats, spaghetti, rice, and vegetables. Inexpensive.

College Area

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-229-9050. Classy atmosphere, tame spicing. You'll have to ask for "hot." Chicken *mussaman* is delicious with taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Health treat: *som tum*, green papaya salad. Inexpensive.

Coronado

Candelas on the Bay 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-435-4900. Same serious Mex cuisine as the downtown branch in blissful bayside surroundings, with great happy-hour grazing bargains in the bar. Otherwise expensive.

Costa Azul 1031 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-3525. Enjoy people-watching on the patio, with tasty Mexican seafood like coconut crunchy shrimp, swordfish tacos, lobster burritos. Higher priced: flat-iron steak with Gorgonzola, baby back ribs, garlic Mexican shrimp. Inexpensive to expensive.

Spiro's Gyros 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-435-1225. Watch the sunset sipping Greek wines. Low prices keep Spiro's popular with locals and tourists. Try moussaka or souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Inexpensive.

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Ave., Coronado, 619-435-8110. An island of serenity, with gentle dishes cooked with care. The complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all woes, and the calamari in seafood arrays is knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness. Inexpensive to moderate.

Del Mar

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Rd., Del Mar, 858-259-8138. No mere "pho joint," this gracious restaurant serves exquisite versions of the sophisticated Vietnamese dishes of prewar Saigon. Low-moderate.

Jake's Del Mar Waterfront Grill 1660 Coast Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-2002. Surf 'n' turf by the sea, with a patio overlooking the waves. Menu offers seafood with fusion-y touches. Prime or Choice steaks. Crabby Dungeness crab cake appetizer makes a whole

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Milton's Deli 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. Jewish deli goes multiethnic. Stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned cheese blintzes, *matzo brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Star of India 3860 Valley Centre Dr., Del Mar, 858-792-1111. Also 423 F St., Downtown, 619-234-8000. The lunch buffet can lead you by the nose into Punjabi food. Pick among vegetable *pakora* fritters, eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, *palak paneer* (spinach with curry). Inexpensive to moderate.

Downtown

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar 410 Tenth Ave., Downtown, 619-531-8869. Hipster atmosphere, late-night hours, and thin-crust Connecticut pizzas, which include toppings like mashed potato with bacon and cheese, or Little Neck clams. Inexpensive.

Bay Café 1050 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-595-1083. If famished at the ferry landing, you can eat decent burgers, good clam chowder, or other basic fare in the bare-bones interior, or tote it upstairs to a serene bay-view terrace. Inexpensive.

Blue Point 565 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plush, noisy dining room, pristine

seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops. Expensive.

Café Noir 447 Ninth Ave., Downtown, 619-235-0075. Hip E-Ville scene in antique black house, where food highlights include interesting soup du jour and a *panino* stuffed with grilled chicken, artichoke, cranberries, and Parmesan and cream cheeses. Inexpensive.

Dakota Grill and Spirits 901 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-5554. The two-floor restaurant offers meaty American upscale fare (steaks, ribs, etc.) in plush booths, with a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950s pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. High-moderate to expensive.

The Fish Market 750 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-3474. Additional locations in Solana Beach and Mission Valley. The sushi bar downtown is superb, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. Otherwise, a noisy barn with plain cooking. Moderate to expensive.

Grant Grill 326 Broadway, Downtown, 619-744-2077. Now thoroughly Southern Californian (although they did resurrect the fabled mock turtle soup) with nods to the "slow food" movement. Well-raised meats, local produce. Very expensive.

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Dr., Downtown, 619-298-6802. Amazing bay-view venue with delicious steaks and roast beefs, plus chef Deborah Scott's creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Very expensive.

Kansas City Barbecue 610 W. Market St., Downtown, 619-231-9680. The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are smoky, cooked over an oak-fueled fire, although some diners complain of toughness. Good happy-hour deals. Inexpensive to moderate.

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine

sometimes shares the same chefs and serves the repertory of "northern Indian cuisine made easy." Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 pm.

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-4194. Credible Creole cooking in airy café. Sandwiches include an outstanding oyster po' boy (big juicy oysters, light batter) and a fine, fully packed approximation of a muffaletta. The jambalaya is okay, too. Inexpensive.

Stingaree 454 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-544-0867. The Mediterranean food, sized for grazing or gourmandizing, features premium, naturally raised meats, wild fish, and local organic vegetables, served in a glitzy, clubby setting. Very expensive, but special three-course menu is just \$40.

El Cajon

Chen's Golden Palace 530 N. 2nd St., El Cajon, 619-442-2541. A Lao-Chinese family serves mostly basic Chinese cuisine, plus a few Southeast Asian dishes like Thai spicy shrimp noodles — and good fish 'n' chips. Inexpensive.

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 N. 2nd St., El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage), smoky but uneven in texture. Good fried catfish, fried green tomatoes, ham breakfast. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Encinitas

El Callejon Restaurant 345 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2793. Great atmosphere in a hacienda with multiple rooms and patio spaces, serving zesty mainland Mexican cooking with unusual dishes like shrimp

zarandeados with sauce of chiles, beef in cilantro sauce, and a *parrillada* (mixed grill) to serve two. Moderate.

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlán 290 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612. Also 248 Main St., Vista, 760-758-4531. The food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlán, a small city near Guadalajara. Their specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up by the plate or by the pound. Open late weekends. Inexpensive.

Kealani's 137 W.D St., Encinitas, 760-942-5642. At any hour the food is Hawaiian "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig — zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork. Inexpensive.

The Original 101 Diner 552 First St., Encinitas, 760-753-2123. The down-home cooking includes all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top-sirloin steak and eggs. A bacon-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo, or try spinach salad. Inexpensive.

Escondido

Centre City Café 2680 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-489-6011. Classic American fare, including exemplary chicken-fried steak with a crackly crust and smooth, peppery cream gravy. USDA Choice steaks offered at rock-bottom prices. Huge portions, low prices.

O-Nami North County Fair, 240 E. Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-7522. Also Mission Valley Center, 1640 Camino del Rio North, 619-295-9774. These Japanese buffets offer fresh, artful dishes, including *sunomono* (cucumber salad), teriyakis, sashimis, and sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll, tempura shrimp, guacamole roll, veggies, green tea ice cream. Moderate.

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-740-5963. Recipes are from all of Europe for breads with great textures and depths of flavor. A treat: breakfast on the front porch with cup of espresso and scones. Inexpensive.

Sand Crab Café 2229 Micro Pl., Escondido, 760-480-2722. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked in a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Margarine's the dip, but you can BYO butter and they'll melt it. Inexpensive to moderate.

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Hillcrest

Arrivederci 3845 Fourth St., Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. A narrow, ever-crowded room with a long menu offering a familiar regional Italian potpourri, including reliable veal in a brandy cream sauce, "straw and hay" pesto pasta, shellfish pasta. Moderate.

Baja Betty's 1421 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-269-8510. Extensive cocktail, margarita, and tequila list and regular Cal-Mex food in a lively atmosphere. Inexpensive to moderate.

Bombay Exotic Cuisine of India 3975 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here — lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads and meats, rich and complex but mildly seasoned. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-5555. Moderate.

Ciro's Pizzeria 1202 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-296-2476. Also 534 Market St., Downtown, 619-696-0405. This small pizza parlor has that "back East" feel about it: old-time photos of baseball fields, New York City. Best combo: chicken bacon pesto. Inexpensive.

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. In Chef Deborah Scott's cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest. Good choices include mussels in chipotle cream sauce; spicy, sweet-sour layered jerk chicken; and the signature Skirts on Fire — a tender, grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Extremely noisy. Moderate.

La Posta de Acapulco 3980 Third Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. Several San Diego locations. The carne asada burritos are rich-tasting, fresh, gener-

ous. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with carne asada. Inexpensive.

Saigon on Fifth 3900 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-220-8828. Urbane, French-tinged cuisine of colonial-era Saigon and Hue. Distinctive house specialties include a smoked oyster omelet, coconut shrimp served in the coconut shell, and *bún*, a refreshing spicy noodle salad. Low-moderate.

Imperial Beach

Lydia's Café and Nightclub 1628 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-3603. Easygoing dancing/eatery (since 1957) offers sporadically available entrée platter of *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) and filling snacks like taquitos *cu-caracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream). Inexpensive.

Kearny Mesa

China Max 4698 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. Local Asians flock here for authentic Hong Kong cooking, including seafood in live tanks (black cod, Dungeness crab, abalone), dim sum daily, superb Peking Duck. Even homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crab-meat cakes) sing with flavor. Inexpensive to exorbitant, mainly seafood.

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant 3709 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Among the best Chinese restaurants in the county, local Asians go here for family dinners, dim sum, and Hong Kong specialties. Mainly moderate, with splurges like live fish and Peking duck balanced by down-home dishes. Inexpensive.

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Additional locations in

Poway, Encinitas, and Vista. The Apple Pancake is a batter-filled, five-egg puffed-up paradise with slices from two Granny Smith apples. The German Pancake or Dutch Baby are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the filling mushroom omelet. Inexpensive.

Suzuuya Japanese BBQ 5447 Kearny Villa Rd., Kearny Mesa, 858-505-0611. Japanese BBQ — called *yakiniku*, similar to Korean BBQ (minus the free side dishes) — offers cook-it-yourself over tabletop grills. Kobe boneless short ribs and tongue are the superstars here. Japanese tapas, noodles, tempura, etc. fill out the bill. Inexpensive.

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-488-5900. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Inexpensive.

Kensington-Talmadge

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-281-4014. This comfortable-but-sophisticated neighborhood restaurant has found a fine formula for seasonal California cuisine. Early-bird three-course dinner moderate; regular menu moderate to expensive.

La Jolla

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La Jolla Brew House 7536 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Solid food, like

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Pannikin Coffee & Tea 7467 Girard Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Additional locations in Del Mar and Encinitas. Cute cottage decor. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and breakfast burrito. For lunch try chicken curry or fresh, generous "panwiches" like ham or tuna. Inexpensive.

Tapenade 7612 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-551-7500. Major French chef Jean-Michel Diot presides at this bistro featuring sunny Provençal flavors, where the dishes balance creativity and rigorous technique. Some bargain early-bird dinners. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive (and worth it).

La Mesa

Johnny B's 4728 Fourth St., La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real '50s place with burgers and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. On Sundays (1 to 7pm only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat. Inexpensive.

Lake Murray Café 5465 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-433-0180. Comfort food in generous quantities. All the omelets are four-egggers, with sides like biscuits and gravy. Evening meals include meat loaf, liver and onions, stuffed pork chops, whole (head-on) fish. Inexpensive.

West Coast Barbecue 6126 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-3663. Pit-smoked Texas-style "Q," but more

like the Bushes of Crawford than the soulful South. Best bets are full-flavored ribs, chicken wings, and authentic Texas bean-free chili with classic fixins. Low-moderate.

Ye Olde Bicycle Place and Café 6792 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-582-4024. A bike museum with food offers tasty toasted *panini* and cold sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Leucadia

The Calypso Café 576 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. The cuisine is French, ranging from warhorses like onion soup and coq au vin to Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. Mussels are the specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Upper-moderate.

Lincoln Park

Batter Up! 342 Euclid Ave., Lincoln Park, 619-262-3333. Casual, family-friendly small sports bar (beer only) with big patio offers fried seafood, thick sandwiches, and juicy Angus burgers with creative dressings, all well above the pub-grub norm. Inexpensive.

Linda Vista

Sab-E-Lee 2405 Ulric St., Linda Vista, 858-650-6868. Tiny eatery serving authentic, fiery, fabulous food from northeast Thailand, as spicy as you want. Don't miss onion-rich *tom yum* soup or amazing liver salad. Look for "Linda Vista Food" awning. Cash only, BYO, no reservations, waits at prime-time. Inexpensive.

Little Italy

Anthology 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. User-friendly, modern-American cuisine (local produce, natural meats, wonderful breads) in huge, chic jazz nightclub. Expensive on up, if you drink anything but tap water.

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-233-5757. Wet-aged USDA Prime beefsteaks and roasts with "Continental" sauces, milk-fed calf's liver, plus some seafood and poultry. The chef is one of a few who can manage Beef Wellington correctly. Very expensive.

Logan Heights

La Doña 1784 Newport Ave., Logan Heights, 619-233-4939. This historic café serves home cooking, Mexican style, with super-spicy salsa and meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans, *chicharrones*, *pozole*, and *menudo*. Inexpensive.

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main St., Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Several San Diego locations. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. Inexpensive.

Midway District

Hancock Street Café 3354 Hancock St., Midway District, 619-296-2060. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll throw in a bottle of red wine. Inexpensive.

Mardi Gras Café 3185 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-223-5501. N'awlins-style food to eat in, to go, or to have catered at your party. Deli-grocery also sells the ingredients, including ready-made roux, Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage), and crawfish sausage in season. Inexpensive.

Mira Mesa

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q 6904 Miramar Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566-2333. Texas-style "Q" featuring marinade-mopped meats and poultry smoked "low and slow" over mesquite until tender, with picnic-fare sides. Inexpensive to moderate.

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. Hospitable chef-owner Kim Trang makes excellent *pho bo* (beef noodle soup) but also offers hundreds of other items, all cooked home style. Inexpensive.

Madras Café 9484 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. Vegetarian cuisine of South India, centering on stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp, crepe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, fritata-like *uttapams*. (Try the last with the delicious, not-too-spicy chili-onion stuffing.) Inexpensive.

Mission Beach

Jake's Tiki Bar at Mission Bay Deli 1548 Quivira Way, Mission Beach, 619-223-5056. This everyday deli does the usual sandwiches, burgers, and dogs for boatyard crews — but on Sunday afternoon don't miss the scene at the palapa with beer and live music. It's one

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Saska's & Saska's Sushi 3768 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. Service till midnight or later. Moderate.

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Rd., Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy fish 'n' chips platter. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Izakaya Masa 928 Ft. Stockton Dr., Mission Hills, 619-542-1354. Friendly spot serves interesting Japanese tapas. Among the hits: crunchy, spicy *chuka kurage* (jellyfish salad); fried oysters (*kaki*); ethereal fried tofu in broth; and *kara-age* (spicy fried chicken). Inexpensive to moderate.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India St., Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. English pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing). Inexpensive.

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Ikea Restaurant 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166. Healthy Swedish food amidst Nordic housewares: meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. Inexpensive.

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. Generously sized entrées come with soup or salad and two hefty side dishes. The menu changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Moderate.

National City

Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-474-5546. The soups, *tom kah* (spicy coconut) and *tom yum* (hot and sour), are good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious *panang* coconut-curry sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

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Calendar RESTAURANTS

McDini's 105 E. 8th St., National City, 619-474-6771. Open continuously since 1890 in various locations, now under a new owner who spiffed up the room. The eats are hearty diner-style food like Irish breakfasts, meat loaf sandwiches, roast beef. Inexpensive to moderate.

Normal Heights

Jyoti Bihanga 3351 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Bengali-tinged vegetarian health food from Sri Chinmoy devotees can be delicious. Chutney-topped Neatloaf bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, Infinite Blue (brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing). Inexpensive.

North Park

The Linkery 3794 30th St., North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. The focus is on sausages. Some of the best include the juicy "super bison Mexi-dog," the linguisa, and the Polynesian pork. Moderate.

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-297-4007. Georgian food sings with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht, the lobia bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes moist barbecued beef

and pork and cold-smokes whole trout. Moderate.

The Ritual Tavern 4095 30th St., North Park, 619-283-1618. A quiet, civilized tavern serving Niman meats, Jidori chicken, locally grown organic vegetables, and a mouth-filling, étouffée-thick Saddlebrush (Yankee) gumbo that's not remotely Cajun or Creole (it's got carrots but no okra or filé). Moderate.

Sicilian Thing Pizza 4046 30th St., North Park, 619-282-3000. Sicilian-style pizzas are inch-thick, breadly, but lighter than Chicago deep dish. When you order, they add sauce, cheese, and put it back in the oven to double cook. Open late. Inexpensive.

El Sol Mexican Restaurant 2037 University Ave., North Park, 619-298-0874. Miguel "Nacho" Madera does breakfasts and Mexican food, including seafood (ceviche tostada is great). But if you want *the* burger, ask for his Clintonburger with cheese and bacon. Inexpensive.

Ocean Beach

3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro 2265 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Also 897 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-942-2104. Eclectic dishes designed to go with wine until late evening, with bottles a pittance over retail. Low-moderate.

Portugalia 4839 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678. The menu is split between the homeland and Brazil, including coconut-milk-swathed seafood dishes from tropical Bahia rarely found locally. Enjoy salt cod fritters, fried pastry pockets filled with shrimp, codfish with chickpeas. Moderate.

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Bl., Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. Also 3910 30th St., North Park, 619-574-

1288. Healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in a tropical setting. A big plus: zero attitude. Top picks are the seafood dishes and the house-made mole sauce with a zillion ingredients. Inexpensive.

Oceanside

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-721-0124. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced over salad, and the gyros mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials and meaty burgers. Inexpensive.

Old Town

El Agave 2304 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-220-0692. Serious Mexican food highlighting mainland regional cuisines, including five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas). Moderate.

Pacific Beach

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Charming setting with folk art, live blues, offering Louisiana fare in dire need of a refresher course (avoid the jambalaya). Safest choices: crawfish bisque, lush "purple fries" (eggplant), gumbo. High-moderate.

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475-C Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. Tempting dishes delivered to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. The sushi chefs have the panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls and

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Karinya Thai 825 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. Try *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup), a meal in itself served over a charcoal fire at your table, or *pad talay*, sautéed seafoods in spicy sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

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Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-223-3030. Vintage waterside eatery serves seafood and steaks of uneven quality. Start with clams on the half-shell or clam chowder. Coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure; finfish fare less well. Low-moderate.

Solare Ristorante Lounge 2820 Roosevelt Rd., NTC Promenade, Point Loma, 619-270-9670. Northern Italian cuisine with Asian-fusion touches like a sea bream carpaccio with lychees. The chef cooks from scratch with mainly local or organic ingredients, including Brandt beef. Pastas moderate, entrées expensive.

Solana Beach

California Pizza Kitchen 437 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999. Additional locations in Mission Valley, Carmel Mountain, University City, Vista, Chula Vista. The Original BBQ Chicken Pizza, the chain's first hit, is their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red

onions, and cilantro. Inexpensive to moderate.

Fidel's Little Mexico 749 Genevieve and 607 Valley Avenue (two entrances), Solana Beach, 858-755-5292. Old-line place where the Del Mar race crowd goes for a "safe" Mexican experience. Yet, alluring. Look for happy hour deals. One fat taco will almost fill you up. Inexpensive to moderate.

Sorrento Valley

Corner House Café & Pizzeria 11815 Sorrento Valley Rd., Sorrento Valley, 858-755-3183. You lunch outside in country-style gardens, hidden inside a glossy business park. Sandwiches reign: try the Ironman (chicken, avocado, cheese) or Sorrento's Choice (turkey, cream cheese, sunflower seeds). Sophisticated pastas, too. Inexpensive.

South Park

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape St., South Park, 619-234-5789. Judy "the Beauty" Forman presides over this highly social scene of big healthy breakfasts and lunches, including from-scratch waffles, muffins, omelets and scrambles, vegan choices. Inexpensive.

Southcrest

Sang Dao 4212 National Ave., Southcrest, 619-263-0914. Family-run Laotian restaurant offers delicious, exotically spiced catfish, BBQ beef, *som tum* (papaya salad), and especially the spicy minced meat salad called *larb*, the national dish. Inexpensive.

Spring Valley

Ranas 9683 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. Mexico City-style

menu includes unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuete* (Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce) and *Aztec huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa). Inexpensive.

University City

Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Dr., University City, 858-450-6666. Classic steakhouse atmosphere and menu, with traditional appetizers, wet-aged Prime beefsteaks gas-grilled to order (with potato and vegetable included). Sauces are extra, and a side of creamed spinach is worth its price. Very expensive.

P. F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Dr., University City, 858-458-9007. Additional locations in Mission Valley and Chula Vista. The decor at this busy Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) is fun; the food is mainly mediocre, but the massive Great Wall of Chocolate dessert will knock you over. Moderate.

Venice Ristorante Italiano 4365 Executive Dr., University City, 858-597-1188. Refined northern Italian dishes include an antipasto assortment, lush pastas, and airy gnocchi, while non-clichéd entrées including duck breast with pistachios and veal rack with porcini mushrooms. Long happy hour in bar with deep discounts, otherwise upper-moderate to expensive.

University Heights

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4645 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-298-2801. Try the pomegranate soup or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. *Ghormeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. Inexpensive.

El Zarape 4642 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-682-1652. This stylish little restaurant is proof that not all taco shop food is equal — try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada with generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat, or scallop burritos or well-prepared soups. Inexpensive.

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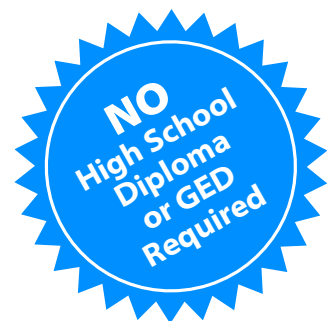
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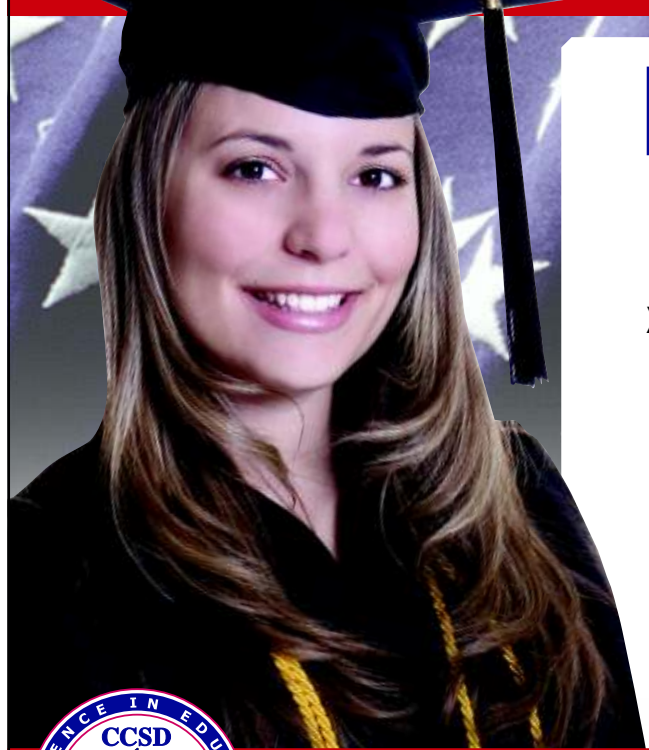
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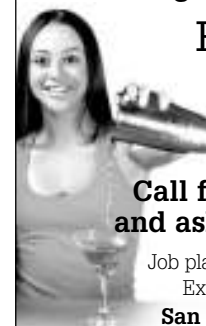
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Great Art!

— “If I had portrayed Hitler in his underpants,” explained Belgian artist Jan Bucquoy at the opening of his museum in July in Brussels, “there would not have been a war.” Bucquoy has displayed, in glass cases, the drawers of prominent Belgians, but also exhibits “Warhol-type” drawings of underwear-clad celebrities as he imag-

ines them (like Margaret Thatcher). As Bucquoy told Reuters: “If you are scared of someone, just imagine them in their underpants. The hierarchy will fall.”

— Another Belgian artist, Jacques Charlier, was rejected by the judges of the Venice Biennale gala when he submitted his poster-sized sketches of other artists’ genitals idiosyncratically drawn to suggest whose belong to whom. For example, Charlier’s representation of the artist Christo (famous for “wrapping” in cloth panels and ribbons such locations as New York City’s Central Park) depicts genitals wrapped up to resemble a parcel. The artists are not named, and guessing their identities from the sketches is part of the show, with prizes for guests who can name 20 of the 100 pieces.

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— After haggling for a while at its June 16 meeting, the county board in Lincoln, Neb., voted, 2-1, to reimburse Shum Darwin for his pants, which went missing at the jail after Darwin was arrested. The city’s liability was clear; the debate was about whether the pants were worth \$12 or \$10. ...

The city council of Brooksville, Fla., by 4-1, adopted an appearance policy in June that requires all municipal employees to wear underwear while on the clock and to make sure it is not visible.

— An investigation by the U.K. TV channel More4 revealed in June that U.K. councils spend the equivalent of \$80 million a year translating their documents into dozens of languages in the cause of “fairness,” even obscure languages that few residents speak. Translations were found in Albanian, Bengali, Kurdish, Somali, Urdu, Gujarati, Punjabi, Sierra Leonean Creole, Karen (eastern Burma), and Ga (Ghana), among others.

Urban Legends Come to Life

— In the American version, cynical cops use a photocopier “connected” by a crude wire to the suspect and a sheet of “he’s lying” paper in the output tray as a “lie detector” test. In July, the Tel Aviv, Israel, police department used a “memory machine” to change the mind of a murder suspect who swore he could not remember anything about the night of the crime. Hooked up to an electrocardiogram machine, the perp was “informed”

that certain squiggles on the paper proved that he did indeed remember and must be hiding details. Andrei Polokhin, 47, then confessed and was charged with fatally stabbing his neighbor.

Least Competent People

— Officers in Forrest City, Ark., arrested Lawrence Harden Jr. in June for robbing a liquor store. They cuffed him, shackled him, and head-stuffed him into their SUV, but he got out and ran away. Police dogs found Harden an hour later, and he was re-cuffed, re-shackled, and re-head-stuffed into a squad car. He got out again and ran away (but was caught again and jailed). ... In a soon-to-be-released memoir, retired Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee, Wis., claims that, at first, he had no idea that priests’ sexual abuse of young boys was a crime. According to the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, Weakland writes, “We all considered sexual abuse of minors as [only] a moral evil.”

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4) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489** or **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to: puzzles@sdiereader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

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Across

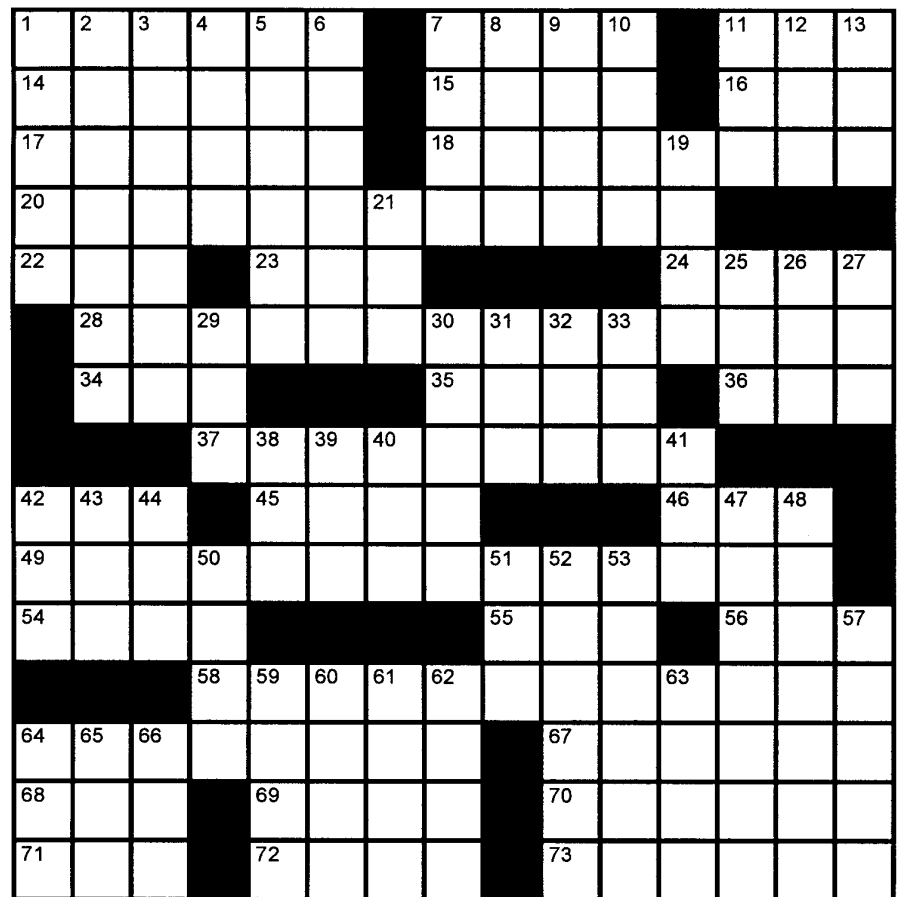
- European peninsula
- Mogadishu-born supermodel
- Kind of master
- "It won't be missed"
- You can see through it
- Send packing

- Fails to
- Admits
- Button-down shirt, pocket protector, thick glasses, etc.?
- Number opposite VI on a clock
- It's a matter of time
- Actor Nicolas
- Pathetically caffeine-addicted person?
- Orchestra sect.
- Raced
- ___ Miss
- This puzzle's theme
- Google search result
- Shadow
- Texter's "I didn't need to know that"
- Aircraft that can also travel by foot?
- Bar ___
- Poisonous: Prefix
- W-2 ID
- Apt comment when being shown a "carotte" or "tomate"?
- Post office alternative
- 1966 Mary Martin musical
- Spot
- They're often drawn
- Director Wes
- Do lunch
- It's listed as a synonym for "jeans" in Roget's Thesaurus
- They're bigots

Down

- The Dow, e.g.
- Gets down
- Mournful poet
- ___ Hashanah
- "The end ___!"

- The world, according to Shakespeare
- Holder of many tracks
- Bryn ___ College
- Hathaway or Heche
- Capone fighter Eliot ___
- Irradiate
- Office phone no.
- Prefix with liberal
- Its acad. is in New London, CT
- ___ Moines
- In the past
- Guy's partner
- Before, poetically
- Before: Prefix
- Filched
- Ball chaser?
- Dude
- Suffix with election
- Former AT&T rival
- Flit (about)
- Gillespie, to friends
- Mo. town
- Kin to -kin
- Harrison of "Cleopatra"
- It's 11 miles NNW of JFK
- Be suspicious
- One who knows the score
- Envoy and Yukon, for two
- School grp.
- "Maury" host
- Curved bench
- Aquarium fish
- List-ending abbr.
- One and only
- Alder or elder
- Minus
- Big kid?
- "What's the ___?"
- Shade of green
- Filming site



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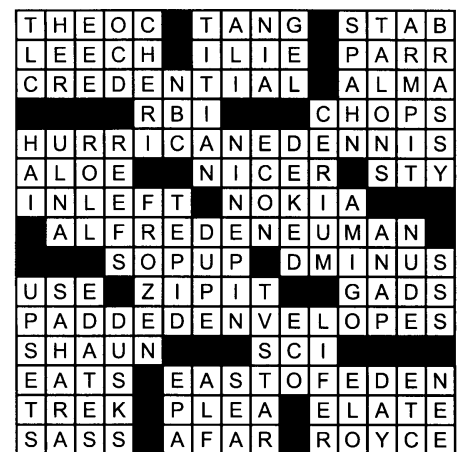
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

Flo Abena, Rancho Peñasquitos, 35. Starship DJs for music needs in NYC/CT.
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 35. Special delivery.
Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 35. Nine still standing at the top as of 9/9/9.
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 35. Fall for trains...SDMRM.
Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 35. Happy Birthday Alexandra! Luv G-ma and G-pa.
Eddie O. Spaghetti, Coronado, 35. IBV143DEB! Dreaming (V's, T's) of a disclaimerless birthday dress! CIUM.
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 35. I love my country - it's the government I don't trust!

Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 34. Teddy says to say Prayer of Jabez.
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 34. Pluck the Ravens! Go Chargers!
Jim Odell, Vista, 34. Anyway, thank you Reader for the Surf shirt.
Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 34. Health is temporary. Immaturity can last a lifetime.
Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 33. Walk backward with your dog and see God.
Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 33. Home run for health care reform!
Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 33. Great to have you back, Annette. You can do it!
Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 32. Post all names - some of us work.

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 32. Everyone dies - but everyone does not truly live.
Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 32. Who said, "1 death: a tragedy; one million deaths: statistics!"
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 32. What does it all mean?
Kyle Matzke, Vista, 32. Single payer healthcare? Taxpayer being single payer!
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 32. Go Chargers!
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 32. Not random.
Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 32. What a problem to have - another vacation.
Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 31. Padres are having a renaissance.
Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 31. Still don't get it!

Craig Curtis, Escondido, 31. My baby loves me like a rock. Rock of ages!
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 31. What this country needs is a good 5-cent health plan.
Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 31. No local blackouts! See you at the Q this Sunday.
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 31. Why dig out the perfectly good middle, Jimmie John?
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 31. Mmmm, apples. What a nice idea!
John Pertle, Santee, 31. Nobody deserves eternal life. It's a free gift. John 3:16.
Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 31. Gotta figure Jack Wilson for next year's congressional sex scandal.
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 31. Why can't a woman be more like a man?

M. Zimmermann, Vista, 31. When you're done learning, you're done.
Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 30. The more I hear the more I worry! God help...
Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 30. I love New York.
Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 30. Congrats Jim, you finally got a T-shirt!
Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 29. I'm going for 29.
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 29. I'll have to gain weight to wear...
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 29. I can think, I can wait, I can fast.
James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 29. Go Padres!
Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 29. Show me where your crossword from...

Tom Seaman, Alpine, 29. Did no one win a T-shirt this week?
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 28. Support term limits for US Congress.
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 28. Hello football season!
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 28. We are the champions - Chula Vista LL.
Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 28. Steve says using Starbucks cup sleeve upside down prevents spills.
Ken A., Ocean Beach, 27. Make the Del Mar patrons eat the dead horses.
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 27. Thanks for the TLC, Liza. Love you.
Manny Faria, Point Loma, 27. Poo, you are my heart and soul! I love you!

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 27.

No playoffs for Chargers this year.

John L. Drehner, North Park, 26. Hell is other people.

George Elam, Vista, 26. SDG&E must pay lobbyists really well.

Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 26. Refer to your Social Security statement's warning.

Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 26. It is gone.

Maria Coda, Oceanside, 25. Hi Al and thanks!

Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 24. Elliott, welcome to the Villas!

William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 24. Hon - look at the answers - you're in there!

Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 23.

Love to all.

Edward C Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 23. Aya has been here for six months.

Donna Swing, La Mesa, 23. I'm a proud Mom.

Jenny Hughes, Escondido, 20. Missed by one letter!

Glen and Tesi Chavira-Coumoyer, Chula Vista, 19. Happy Birthday Ethan.

Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 19. Talladega is still two months away...I'm GOING!

Gian Ghio, Chula Vista, 19. RIP Ethel. We'll miss you.

Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 18. How 'bout them Cardinals!

I.C. Garcia, Golden Hill, 18.

Cause you are a lissencephalic

monocovolved small brain

hominid that's...

Marjorie Stewart, Point Loma, 18. Peace, please!

Susan Williams, North Park, 17. Hoping for a healthcare reform

someday soon.

Rubber Chicken Research Team, Mission Hills, 15. Enjoy Stockholm Christina!

Dorothy Kruse, Carlsbad, 14. One more!

F.A. Nalu, El Cajon, 13. These can be so relaxing.

John C. Pipes, Lemon Grove, 13. Obama lied, you lost your job.

Paul Wright, Lemon Grove, 12. Why am I more tired after a vacation?

Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville, 11. And Jayne and David.

Lizzy Henry, Encinitas, 11. Peanuts are legumes, not nuts.

Joe Musser, Encinitas, 11. Keo no ka oe!

Jan Dawson, North Harbor, 10. I am still number one - regardless!

Montana Eury, San Diego, 10. We miss you La Mieu.

Julie and Jacqueline Angelini, University Heights, 10. Happy 24th Teena. Welcome to your mid-20s! \$LOV35F6.

D. Asencio Jr., Ramona, 9. Back on track! Thanks SD Reader!

Alice Bryant, Mission Hills, 9. Welcome home beautiful honey lamb.

Jacque Glick, El Cajon, 8. Still trying to get back on the list.

Kelley Wilson, Santee, 7. I need a T-shirt.

Bob Carlson, Serra Mesa, 6. Go Chargers!

Leslie Wittman, Seattle, 5. Go Sounders.

Norman Williams, San Diego, 4. What da fuss?

Patzy and Leah, El Cajon, 4. SDWO Prepress is the bomb!

Geoffery Martin, San Diego, 3. I think your gun is digging into my hip.

Jon Nunez, Downtown, 3. Portland or Honolulu? Decisions, decisions...

Chris Thelen, University Heights, 3. Can you tell me how to get to Sensimilla Street?

Kenneth Yu, San Diego, 3. What's for dinner?

Eric Cash, Escondido, 2. My daughter Eavan has a huge brain too!

Del Cozart, San Diego, 2. The tourists are gone - let's rock SD.

Emily Marie, North Park, 2. Nee? Very tricky!

Jeff Newman, La Mesa, 2. The Dude abides...

Carly Stone, San Diego, 2. Save California!

Duane Tremaine, East Village, 2. Hither came Conan, late of Cim-meria, dark-haired, sullen-eyed.

Robert Underhill, Del Mar, 2. The public option is not optional.

Samantha Leveira and Matt Palmer, College Area, 2. The needle's freaking out!

David Wray, El Cajon, 1. Skin it Peterkin.

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- 9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

EASY:

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MEDIUM:

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HARD:

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EVIL:

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

6	1	4	7	2	3	5	9	8
5	7	3	8	6	9	1	4	2
9	2	8	4	5	1	6	7	3
8	3	6	2	4	5	7	1	9
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1	4	2	9	8	7	3	6	5
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MEDIUM:

6	7	8	4	2	9	5	3	1
3	5	9	1	6	8	4	7	2
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HARD:

3	5	1	2	9	4	7	6	8
2	8	6	7	1	3	5	9	4
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EVIL:

8	4	2	6	5	9	1	3	7
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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

EASY:

- John Pertle, Santee, 16.** God desires a relationship with you. Believe in Jesus
- Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 14.** Go Chargers!
- Tristan Meyers, El Cajon, 14.** Do you need to...?
- Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 13.** I love Chargers football! Superbowl or bust...
- Don Bowman, Santee, 9.** Phone ringing... Oh my! Be right over! Don't worry!
- Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 7.** May you enjoy peace, joy, and harmony always
- Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 5.** Go Cowboys! Who said "easy" isn't a good thing
- Simon Hubble, Alpine, 4.** President speaks truth, disrespectful, redneck Rethuglican speaks with forked tongue.
- Jason Kron, Lakeside, 3.** Since Cox won't run cable, how about AT&T Fiber optic?

- Ellen Stoekel, Tierrasanta, 3.** I'll be proud to wear my T-shirt
- Christina Chin, La Mesa, 2.** Happy anniversary Greg!
- Kristy L., Santee, 2.** I love you Ryry!
- Chris Dunn, Lemon Grove, 1.** Cass is 11 years old! Go Chargers!
- Jeffory Ross, Chula Vista, 1.** wack you in the jine
- Ed Rull, San Diego, 1.** Have Faith

MEDIUM:

- Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 19.** Shawne, you were our hero
- Kodukso, Poway, 15.** Obama is heading toward being a one hit wonder
- Neil Gibbs, Encinitas, 11.** I finally found the Reader on Wednesday
- Doug Lukes, Serra Mesa, 10.** Those shirts look neat
- Chhi-Chong Wu, San Diego, 9.** I like to sleep now!
- Henry Chung, San Diego, 7.** I Finally got the free t-shirt! Woot Woot!!

- Bernie Malihan, Mira Mesa, 7.** "You lie!" Hi Bhurd!
- Tony Marsh, San Carlos, 7.** Happy belated b-day brother man!!!
- Becca Cates, Jamul, 6.** It's not illegal, just frowned upon
- Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 5.** Support your local record store.
- Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 4.** Look at me, I'm a lady...Not really
- Peach Kay, La Mesa, 2.** I love you forever, Rudy
- Molly Pillsbury, Banker's Hill, 2.** I love you Pannerton!
- Dr. Dave Spera, Point Loma, 2.** Chrissy Love you
- J. Downer, Oceanside, 1.** I love Sudoku
- Adan Zavala Jr, San Diego, 1.** Zuri Love you mom

HARD:

- Glenn R. Walker, La Jolla, 17.** Hi Harry!
- Sally Lukes, Serra Mesa, 15.** Still plugging away
- Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 13.** Last wk. ok 2. Bad fax?
- Marty Sinigayan, Point Loma, 13.** Thanks for my second t-shirt! I love you guys!
- Wan-Chen Wu, San Diego, 9.** It's possibly my last entry this year!
- Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 8.** Quote from Hermann Hesse "Siddhartha"
- Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 7.** Thanks for the tee shirt
- Amanda Garcia, Chula Vista, 5.** Hi Joan. I love you :)
- George Elam, Vista, 3.** He is our president get over it
- Bonnie Conwell, San Diego, 2.** Yeah Park View Little League, Go Chargers
- Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 2.** Same as last week
- Lark Herrick, Alpine, 2.** Charlie and Cleo we miss you
- Stephen Loughrane, Bankers Hill, 2.** Gotta love the rabbits!
- Zina Wyman, Carlsbad, 2.** Same evil 2 weeks in a row Still didn't get it right
- Andy Boucek, El Cajon, 1.** Go Vipers!! Go Dawgs!!
- D.B. Gietzen, Sunset Cliffs, 1.** Always have, still do love Carla. Green Dave DeFoe Streets

- Stanly Breitbard, Los Angeles, 1.** Born in SD
- Yukiko Honda, San Diego, 1.** Happy birthday, Maya Chan!
- Michael Phinney, Serra Mesa, 1.** Welcome home Connor and Irene
- Katie Whelan, Coronado, 1.** And Happy birthday Lloyd Really Late!!

EVIL:

- Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 20.** Make "WAY" 4 End of Health Care "DEBATE"! RIP "GOP"
- Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 20.** That was easy- EVIL same as Last week! Hi Cindy!
- Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 20.** DF, you want remockable? 55 combind wins and zero Tshirts
- P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 20.** Déjà vu
- Michael Panther, Point Loma, 20.** Go Wizards. Beat those grumpy little guys
- Glenn A. Walker, Pacific Beach, 20.** What is "inappropriate text"? An excuse for censorship.
- Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 19.** Ouch!
- Clyde Christie, East Village, 19.** Civilization is a thin and fragile skin covering savagery
- Julio Magno, San Diego, 19.** US Postal Sudoku expert. Happy B-day Justin
- Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 18.** All you need is love- or beer
- Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 18.** Thank you Karen! For your help
- Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 18.** Quite difficult this week
- Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 18.** Citywide Cleanup Day - Saturday, Sept. 19
- Harry Walker, La Jolla, 18.** Hi Glenn R.
- Ric Witt, Clairemont, 17.** If they ever grab the guns we're all gonners!
- Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 16.** Now and forever
- Susan Williams, North Park, 16.** Gonna see Spamalat this weekend. Thanks Andrew
- Mark Xitco, San Diego, 16.** O.K.
- Linda Kokel, Tierrasanta, 15.** Congratulations on your engagement Amber and Dave. We're thrilled

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 15. *Déjà vu all over again*

Delfin Bernardo, National City, 14. *This evil sudoku, done 25 seconds looking down*

Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 13. *Doctor Evil is bored. Is that the best you got?*

Carolyn Woodbury, Chula Vista, 13. *Random list of correct answers is more fair*

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 12. *Support term limits for U.S. Congress!*

Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 12. *Does Mary Bently still play Dominoes? Please call*

Thomas Daley, San Diego, 11. *Remember 9-11*

Susan Irwin, Ocean Beach, 11. *30 min. pretty easy*

Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 11. *Happy Birthday Sept. 10th*

Robert Bradley, Spring Valley, 9. *Déjà vu*

Bill Petty, Bay Ho, 9. *To Old Friends and Good wine, or vice versa*

Kun-Ying Yang, San Diego, 9. *Today is my lucky day*

Greg Chauncey, La Jolla, 8. *Sent from the US Naval Academy-Annapolis Maryland*

Raymond Land, Escondido, 8. *No extremism please!*

Joe Selig, San Diego, 8. *BBQ golf music*

David Schwartz, Clairemont, 8. *Congratulations Kristen and Todd*

Skully, San Diego, 8. *We gonna miss you Monkey boy! Come home safe! SDM*

Chris Thelen, University Heights, 6. *I'm a smoker I'm a choker I'm a midnight toker*

Dan Holslin, San Diego, 4. *Get up, get on, get over it*

Deborah Schultz, El Cajon, 4. *Puzzles ROCK!*

Lynnette Lampton, La Mesa, 3. *I have conquered evil.*

Robert Lindahl, College Area, 3. *Your all I could ever ask for love ya Phyllis*

Anthony Marca, Encinitas, 3. *Go Escondido Chargers*

Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 3. *Get there alive, slow down.*

John Strauch, Point Loma, 3. *Beat Alzheimer's at Adventures in Bridge*

Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 3. *Down with evil*

S. Burak Antikaci, San Diego, 1. *Miss you Songmi, come back soon*

Dick Dawes, Oak Park, 1. *They call me "Dummy"*

Kuoon Tseh, San Diego, 1. *Sorry Monday is Hollyday*

Bill Vaughan, Coronado, 1. *Hey Dominic, Remember our first puzzle*

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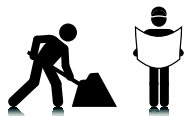
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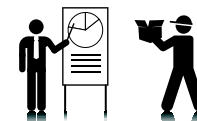
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"Calming Stress with Prayer," Tim Meyers CS. Saturday, Sept. 19, 10am. \$12 entrance to Body Mind Spirit Expo; the talk is free. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, Room #2. Call 619-297-0397 for directions.

EnviroFest. Saturday, Sept. 19, 9am-2pm. San Diego Girls Alliance hosts celebration with environmental science education and arts activities for children, recycling, gardening and composting, face painting, laughter yoga, tai chi, community yoga classes, hip-hop for all ages, public art projects, music and entertainment, food vendors. Free. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. 619-227-6538.

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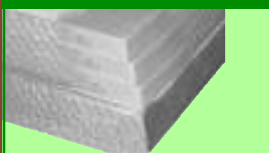


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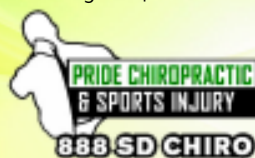
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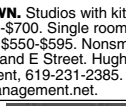


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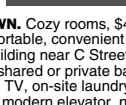
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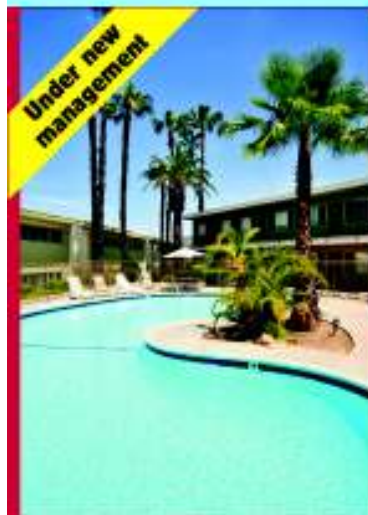
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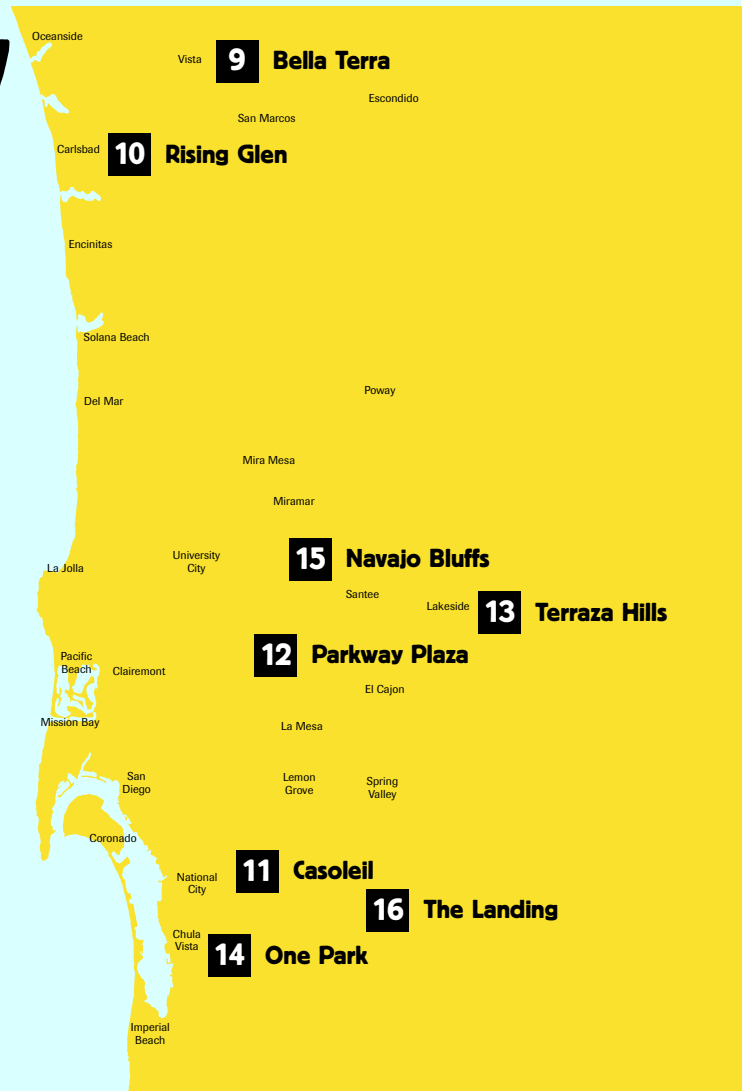
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WILLIE. Was that you getting down at Flannigan's last Saturday? See ya at Ashford & Simpson the 30th. You sure know the moves!

BORED? Let's walk on the beach. Meet me on the rocks behind the Hydra at 5 p.m. I'm the guy in the cut-offs.

— CLASSIFIEDS, September 20, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Those who really take it on the chin during San Diego's summer sight-seeing madness are the answer ladies at the Mission Bay Tourist Information Center. There they sit on their high stools as up to 1500 people stream by the center on a busy summer day.

Wulff recalls answering questions regarding how to preserve a fruitcake and how to make flat-fell seams, and a man called from Buffalo, New York, wanting to know if his wife had filed for divorce.

— CITY LIGHTS: "ALL THE ANSWERS," Abe Opincar, September 20, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

Recently, Neil Morgan's *Tribune* column mentioned that the Zoological Society was formulating a new "mission statement" for the Wild Animal Park. The San Pasqual facility, it noted, has lost money every year except 1982. The item revealed that the park will no longer be marketed as an entertainment but as "a haven for the propagation of endangered species."

In 1983 less than half the number of people who visited the zoo visited the Wild Animal Park. The park ended that year \$720,000 short. The official explanation? The park is "insufficiently attractive to visitors":

its location is somewhat remote, an hour's drive from the nearest major urban center. It is hot — San Pasqual's temperature averages 15 degrees warmer than San Diego's.

— CITY LIGHTS: "THESE WILD IDEAS," Mary Lang, September 21, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

Bridges tell me their life stories. They groan and bitch like aging weightlifters with bad backs and sore knees, then press thousands of tons into the air anyway. Earthquakes make them nervous, tense. Transients camp underneath, blackening their concrete bellies.

I drive the roads of San Diego County with an agenda; you don't know when you might spot another canyon dancer, a concrete Nureyev. I hike gorges and find them in places called Goat Canyon and Pine Valley Creek.

— "WHEN BRIDGES FALL DOWN ENGINEERS LIE AWAKE AT NIGHT," Peter Jensen, September 15, 1994

Ten Years Ago

Labor Day Monday, Megan Reina, a 10th grader at Montgomery High School in the South Bay, saw *The Blair Witch Project* with 11th grader Susan MacKnight and 9th grader Macalah Vanleeuwen. All three are under 17, so how did they get into the R-rated movie? Megan explained that her mom accompanied the girls into the movie and then left them. "She only stayed about five minutes," Megan said.

— CITY LIGHTS: "HOW TO RATE THE RATINGS," James McCoy, September 16, 1999

Five Years Ago

"The worst that ever happened to me was one time when I went down to Chula Vista. Somebody asked me to move his bees. When I left my home, I was on my way to T.J., and I thought, *Piece of cake*. Oh, big mistake. First of all, in San Marcos it was sunny, warm. I thought, *It's going to be a very good day to move*



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those bees. When I got there, the weather was completely different than in San Marcos. It was breezy and cold. It was a very bad time to work with the bees. In that weather, they are all inside.

I got, like, 60 stings in my hands. My hands were big, like Popeye's. — "HIVE MENTALITY," Shari McCullough, September 16, 2004

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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Congregational Christian Church
Address: 2717 University Avenue, North Park, 619-297-3289
Founded locally: 1912
Senior pastor: A. Wayne Riggs
Congregation size: about 50
Staff size: 2
Sunday school enrollment: around 10
Annual budget: \$137,000
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no
Dress: casual to formal
Diversity: diverse
Sunday worship: 9:45 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour
Website: plymouthcongregationalchurch.blogspot.com

Wayne Riggs served as a Navy chaplain from 1957 to 1988. Two years later, he put his collar back on and took over at Plymouth Church. The sleek collection of buildings fronting University Avenue was run down, and he found himself painting over graffiti several times a week. There were 15 worshippers on Sunday, and there was \$100,000 in debt. "We were not going to be able to rebuild an inner-city church as a family church," he realized. "So our mission statement became, 'To serve God by serving the people of this community.'"

Three years after Riggs formulated a bond offering to handle the \$100,000, the church was debt-free. Today, three other churches meet for worship in the spare, modern chapel with the close acoustics — one is Korean, another Hispanic. Six AA groups hold meetings onsite. Riggs opened the school building to Head Start; toy basketball hoops dot the church courtyard. Supportive Parents Information Network, an organization devoted to helping people from welfare to self-sufficiency, has its office upstairs. On Fridays, an East County farmer sends a truckload of produce to the church, "and the folks from SPIN make the calls for people who need it to come in and get it." The paint on the buildings is bright and pristine.

"Congregationalists have really been what some would call 'social activists' forever," said Riggs. "We're the ones who helped with the Underground Railroad in the South. Feed the hungry, heal the sick; ministering to people is how I see the mission of the church."

It does involve politics because poor policy affects poor people, and so you have to change policy. I'm part of something called the Caring Council, and we're trying to get the [San Diego County] Board of Supervisors off peoples' tails. We're the worst county in the nation for food stamps — 35 percent of the people who qualify actually have them, and it's because of the County Board of Supervisors' extreme screening practices. We're the only county in the state with these requirements."

The activist streak showed up in the service as well, during the Prayer Concerns. Said Riggs, "I want to commend again to your prayers the 46 million people in our country who are without health care. I was part of a delegation from Right to Work — four from San Diego and 36 from California — who went back to Washington and talked to our elected representatives. As number 37 among industrialized nations in health care, something must be done. I ask you to keep that in your prayers."

Jack, a congregant, rose

and asked to speak from his pew. "I ask for your prayers today for Senator Dianne Feinstein, who is waffling on this issue, not because there's anything revolutionary, but because it's consistent with our faith." It was not the first or last time we heard from the congregation. They took every other verse on the first Scripture reading from Leviticus: "Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly..." And they joined in the Prayer of Dedication: "Our Heavenly Father, may what we give and what we keep, what we own and what we desire to own, be conformed to Your Holy Will."

Throughout the service, the focus shifted from God to man and back again. After glorifying His name in song, Riggs welcomed a congregant back from the hospital and announced the September birthdays. Then it was back to praise and the Gloria Patri before an account of ailing congregants in need of prayer. "We thank You...for Your presence, and for the presence of



Wayne Riggs

Plymouth Congregational Church North Park

★★½

Sermon content	★★½
delivery	★★
Liturgy	★★★
Music	
congregational	★★
band	★★
Snacks	★★½
Architecture	★★
Friendliness	★★★
Poor to satisfactory	(none)
Good	★
Very good	★★
Excellent	★★★
Extraordinary	★★★★

one another. Our faith is encouraged by the fellowship of this body of faith, and we pray that You will strengthen us."

The mix of heavenly and earthly concern reached its apotheosis in the sermon, which focused on the Golden Rule, laid down by Christ dur-

ing the Sermon on the Mount (just after His promise of "Seek and ye shall find..."): "In all things, do unto others as you would have them do unto you. This is the law and the prophets."

"The Golden Rule," preached Riggs, "says that we can have a part in creating a world where people think and say and do the things for others that they know, in their heart of hearts, are right and good and fair." But, he warned, "unless we link this to the core of our spiritual being, it is not enough. If we are to find the gold in the Golden Rule, we must stay in touch with the God of the Golden Rule, as an asking and seeking people" — simply because "it involves the whole person" and "it's not an easy achievement."

What happens when we die?

"We believe in eternal life," said Riggs.

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