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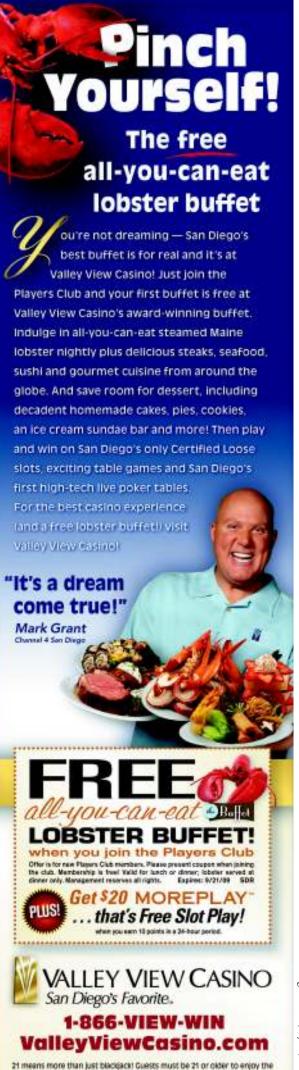
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erful Senate budget committee, currently enmeshed in California's fiscal meltdown, raised \$11,821 for her so-called state office-holder account during the six months ending this June. Donations to the fund — which under state law can be used for such personal

perks as travel and food, as well as consulting services, as long as used for an officeholder-related purpose by the candidate or his or her spouse — included \$1000 each from the Agricultural Council of California, the California Association of Dental Plans, and the California Building Industry Association. Givers of \$1500 each included the Wine Institute, Chevron Corporation, and CGI, Inc. The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians kicked in \$3000. The Ducheny fund had already banked \$44,435 from previous periods; during the first half of this year it spent a total of \$36,268 on a variety of trips and restaurant meals. It also paid more than \$17,495.35 to the Southern Group, a firm run by **Al Ducheny**, the senator's husband. Travel-related expenditures included a \$113 room at the Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C. during April's Council of State Governments meeting; a \$145 stay at Las Brisas resort in La Paz, Mexico, in "preparation for the Legislative Forum of the Three Californias" on March 29; \$472 at the Hotel Marina La Paz for the same purpose; \$716 in airline tickets on Aeromexico to the event for both Ducheny and her husband; and \$659 in airfare on Continental Airlines for Al Ducheny to a Border Legislators Meeting in Tampico, Mexico, in February. The Ducheny fund's most favored eatery was San Diego's own Athens Market Taverna, with 14 separate dines averaging about \$60 each, for a total of \$723.38. A total of \$128.31 was spent on two meetings at the IB Forum Sports Bar in Imperial Beach, where the Duchenys live. The fund also paid out a total of \$142.99 to Beachside Station in Imperial Beach, according to the filing.

Green pastures It turns out that former executive vice president of the San Diego Unified Port District **Dan Wilkens**, who announced his retirement last fall, hasn't strayed too far from the agency. Wilkens, who left at the same time as his boss, ex—port president and CEO **Bruce Hollingsworth**, announced in a September 8 port news release that "I work for Bruce. Since he is leaving, I

want to assist him in that transition. But after that, I prefer to move on with the next chapter of my life. We made a pact a long time ago when we started in these positions and we've stuck to it." Former Coast Guard Vice Adm. **Charles D. Wurster** took over from Hollingsworth in January, despite fire from an array of critics, including ex—port commissioner and banker **Peter Davis**, who questioned whether he had the business experience to oversee the port district's vast port-



Bruce Hollingswort

which generates about \$88 million in revenue from lease payments each year. Wurster responded that he would delegate those management chores to experts, and though it wasn't reported, one of the experts was the newly retired Wilkens. Under terms

folio of waterfront real estate,

of a contract between his "Dan Wilkens Company" and the port filed on January 6, Wilkens is being paid a "not-to-exceed total of \$72,000 and up to \$16,000 in travel and reimbursable expenses, for a maximum not-to-exceed total of \$98,000" for service from January 5 to December 30. His duties include providing "strategic advice and counseling on govern-

ment relations and community relations generally," specifically, "State legislation with regards to the initiative process and State Lands issues" and "Federal and state funding for infrastructure projects." Meanwhile, Wilkens's former position as executive vice



Charles D. Wurster

president has been assumed by **Ellen Corey Born**, assistant port attorney since 2000.

Reality check The Cato Institute, the libertarian-leaning Washington-based



think tank, is conducting its annual Cato University next week at the Rancho Bernardo Inn. It's billed as an opportunity to explore "how the state has expanded during times of crises; the threats to liberty, privacy, and independence, as the rush for government-imposed solu-

tions (and, hence, *power*) increases in pace; and, what can be done to restrain — or reverse — its growth."

- Matt Potter

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Bang! Bang! Pay Up

By Don Bauder

ooking better dead than alive." Morticians boast of it. So do Mafia hit men.

Now, it appears, holders of some corporate

bonds are secretly putting their faith in that declaration. Because of a dubious kind of derivative, the credit default swap, certain owners of corporate bonds would rather see a company die than work its way out of its problems.

Two companies alleged to be possible victims of their own bloodthirsty bondholders are once-proud newspaper empires: Gannett, the largest newspaper chain, and McClatchy, the third largest. Both companies are burdened with entirely too much debt. But both claim they will survive their debt struggles.

But get this: Morningstar, the stock-rating firm, says that shares of Gannett — \$91.38 — are worth \$2.00. At midday Monday they sold for \$5.06. And McClatchy? Its stock sold

that in 2004 sold for



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for \$76.05 in 2005. Morningstar says the fair value is \$0 — nada. The debt is so

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high and business so bad that "management will eventually have to manage the company to appease creditors [particularly bondholders] at the expense of equity shareholders," says Morningstar. "Given the priority claim McClatchy's creditors have on its assets, we think shareholders are at risk of being left emptyhanded." On Monday the stock traded for 51 cents.

This alleged problem has



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Big Agency Burns Little Volunteers

By Joe Deegan

he history of wildfires in San Diego's backcountry has yielded a vigorous volunteer firefighting subculture. Its founda-

tions are self-reliance, strong community involvement, ingenuity, independence, and thrift. Today, those who embody the tradition feel threatened. They perceive the enemy to be the new San Diego County Fire Authority.

A plan to consolidate fire departments, both professional and volunteer, has been use, a regional firefighting agency.

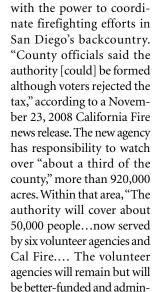
So the County asked citizens to fund it. But at the polls last fall, voters narrowly defeated a \$52-a-year parceltax initiative to consolidate all fire departments in the region. The plan had wider support than the outcome indicates, as a two-thirds vote



the pet project of county supervisor Dianne Jacob since the mid-1990s. But after the 2003 Cedar fire, according to the Los Angeles Times on October 31, 2003, Jacob conceded that "even with [consolidation], there is a dark cloud over all of us called lack of adequate resources."

On May 29, 2008, the County Grand Jury pinned the blame for wildfire damage on too much trust in backcountry volunteer fire departments. The report suggested that people were acting as if it was still "the 'Old West,' when people banded together and formed groups to protect themselves." What is needed, according to the report, is what most large counties

was required for passage. In the wake of defeat and anticipation of more big wildfires, a familiar rant went up that San Diegans are too cheap to pay for government services.



But Jacob had Plan B ready

to go, a \$15.5 million agency

"The fire authority is one of the first steps in the process of creating a countywide agency," the news release continued. "Jacob said she hopes to expand the regional authority within the next two years to include other parts of the

istered by a fire warden, a new

position."

unincorporated county now served by rural fire districts. After that, urban areas served by fire departments would be included."

Gerald Sanders

The good news for the volunteer firefighters seemed to be the \$95 to \$110 per 24hour shift they're set to receive under the new plan. But as paid employees, they had to qualify for workers' compensation. And that meant passing a physical exam, as well as background and credit check, conditions of the contract the County offered them, A number of volunteers are in their 70s and/or out of shape. So many resisted signing the contract, saying they were thinking over their decision until the last minute of an initial July 1 deadline the County gave them. But on June 24, the County told the volunteers they had until the next day to sign or lose the opportunity to fight future backcountry fires.

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Shelter Valley Volunteer Fire Department station

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Dinky Break

UCSD—Chancellor Marye Anne Fox announced on July 15 a temporary reduction in parking fees for faculty, staff, and students. Starting August 1, 2009,



annual parking fees will be reduced by 5 percent. The reduction will be effective through June 30, 2010. Meter, monthly, and visitor parking fees are expected to remain the same.

"Transportation Services recognizes the need to assist its valued campus community," said Fox in a campus-wide notice.

The UCSD community has about 28,000 students and faculty members and approximately 27,000 staff members. The school is San Diego County's thirdlargest employer. The University of California is facing a 20 percent decrease in state funding.

"Maybe they can keep the fees the same and use the money they're planning on losing from the [parking fee] reduction to subsidize our higher tuition costs instead," suggested a UCSD student.

By Nathaniel Uy, 7/19

Comments

1. Wow, a 5 percent break! The story doesn't mention just how costly it is to park on that campus.

No mention in the story of the zealous parking enforcement they employ at UCSD (typical of all urban UC campuses).

I am a bit sympa-

thetic because the demand for spaces was very high early in the day — exactly why I don't know. By midafternoon, the lots were half-empty.

Bv Visduh 9:17 p.m., Jul 19

- 2. The UCSD website lists annual student permit fees as follows:
 - S Student: \$732
 - **B** Staff (Graduate Student): \$972

Assuming this does not yet reflect the 5 percent discount, S and B parkers are due to save \$36.60 and \$48.60, respectively.

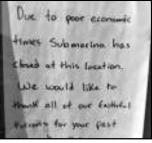
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Restaurants at Rest

Chula Vista — On Saturday, July 18, I went to the Submarina sandwich shop on Otay Lakes Road, near the intersection of East H Street, and discovered that the shop had been closed permanently. A handwritten sign posted on the door read, "Due to poor economic times Submarina has closed at this location."

This Submarina closing follows the failure of the two other Submarinas in Chula Vista over the past year.

Submarina is not the only Chula Vista restaurant that's closed during the past year. The sand-



Submarina closes sign

wich shop joined the list $\frac{\nabla}{\epsilon}$ that includes: Gandolfo's Deli, Pei Wei (owned by P.F. Chang's), Trophy's (in the newer Village Walk at $\stackrel{\underline{\mu}}{\prec}$ Eastlake), Carino's Italian ⁵ restaurant on Otay Lakes

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Bang bang pay up

peeled off its debt. The deal for Copley, which was basically for the value of real estate, might not have gone through if the company had been laden with debt. Although she almost certainly had never heard of credit default swaps or even derivatives, Helen Copley understood that debt is dangerous: creditors can kill.

Charles Brandes of Brandes Investment Partners, a San Diego money manager who built the county's most expensive house (once said to be worth \$60 million), believes in buying out-offavor stocks. By late 2007, the firm owned 14.63 percent of McClatchy stock. It originally bought it at \$44.50. The year before, McClatchy had taken on \$2.5 billion in debt to buy Knight Ridder. At the time, McClatchy shares were selling above

\$50. "McClatchy overpaid for the Knight Ridder acquisition," says Morningstar in a gross understatement. The Brandes firm as of March 31 owned only 3.11 percent of McClatchy stock — having taken a beating on its bottom-fishing adventure.

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The Brandes firm once owned 11.25 percent of Gannett, having bought in between \$53 and \$58. The stake is now down to 9.72 percent, but Brandes is still the largest institutional shareholder of Gannett. The firm also made bad bets on Freddie Mac, the Royal Bank of Scotland, Ford, General Motors, Kodak, and the former Washington Mutual and Countrywide Financial. Charles Brandes's money-management firm had \$111.6 billion under management at the end of 2007. After this year's first quarter, the total was down to \$33.3 billion, as the firm consistently underperformed benchmarks such as the

Standard & Poor's 500.

A credit default swap is like bond insurance. The buyer of a bond purchases this coverage by promising to pay regular premiums to another party (say, an insurance company, pension fund, or hedge fund), which, in turn, agrees to pay for losses in the event of bankruptcy, restructuring, or default. Credit default swaps are clearly insurance and from the beginning should have been regulated by states. Had that happened, the current financial crisis may have been softened. But authorities wanted swaps to be free of regulation. American International Group, the big insurer, got into trouble by guaranteeing too much corporate debt. When failures started tumbling in a domino effect (which American International should have foreseen), the government felt it had to bail American International out.

In a comprehensive arti-

cle June 19, Richard Morgan of TheDeal Magazine described the pickle that Gannett got itself in. The company's debt obligations fall due within three years. Gannett should have stretched out the maturities to, say, ten years. An inordinately large number of Gannett bondholders protected themselves with credit default swaps. In April, the company offered bondholders significantly higher yields if they would agree to lengthen maturities. But not that many took the bait.

"Gannett as we know it will be lucky to last through 2011," wrote Morgan, noting that in February, Moody's Investors Service cut the company's debt rating to junk. The company has to raise \$400 million between now and mid-2011. One bond expert told Morgan, "Frankly, many of their bondholders would rather they default" because of the insurance those bondholders have. Gannett says it has the capacity to pay its debts, but another analyst says, "Bondholders are saying that they're hedged and that they basically want the company to die."

McClatchy's situation is similar. Standard & Poor's rates its debt at CC, which is as low a junk bond rating as you can have short of default. Credit analysts say it is at risk of defaulting by year-end. It has axed about a third of its employees and eliminated its dividend. Recently, the company asked bondholders to exchange their existing bonds for new notes. Few took up the offer. Forbes magazine figures that the bondholders would have had to accept 25 to 33 cents on the dollar. "Credit default swap contracts usually pay a full dollar," explains Forbes. If the economy and the newspaper industry turn upward, McClatchy could make it, says Forbes. But bondholders don't seem to

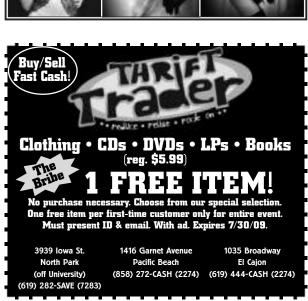
feel that is a good bet.

MediaDailyNews says that the bondholders' lack of interest in McClatchy's bond exchange could be a good thing—"a signal that creditors don't believe there is an immediate threat of McClatchy defaulting on its debt." On the other hand, the bondholders "may have quietly arranged insurance for their debts in the form of credit default swaps, in which case, it would mean the opposite — that they believe a default to be likely and are hoping to collect more money on their default insurance."

A big worry is that this economy is not showing signs of recovering. That could result in even more financial setbacks for newspapers, more corporate defaults, and more bond insurers getting into trouble. Then the bondholders might wish they had taken Gannett's and McClatchy's offers. ■









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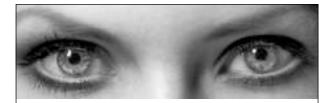
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During the period of midto late June, the Ramona Sentinel and North County Times aired out volunteer firefighters' grievances about having to take the physical exam. One fire chief stated that some volunteers feared an exam failure would mean they wouldn't be able to qualify for health insurance in the future. The newspaper accounts focused mainly on the volunteer departments surrounding



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To get a different perspective, I speak with three volunteers from the Shelter Valley Volunteer Fire Department. Shelter Valley lies 16 miles east and downhill from Julian. All three of the volunteers concurred that the physical exam constitutes a serious issue for many firefighters who still have much to contribute. Fire operations chief Tony Mayors, who is 53, tells me he knows he can't pass the exam due to his high blood pressure. But he has been a volunteer in Shelter Valley for 12 years and the operations chief for 5. He believes his experience of fighting fires in the area is still a valuable

Mayors eventually did fail the physical, but, the County has not rejected him outright. Instead, he's been placed on hold while officials try to figure out how he might be used. "I think I should still be able to go out on calls," Mayors says. "Call it quality control or whatever you want, but I've been doing this so long I can correct less experienced firefighters' mistakes when I see them. That's why I became a chief. I know I can't carry a hundred-pound fire hose up a steep hill. But I can hardly be useful in my own way if I'm not allowed to go out on

calls." I speak about the issue with Gig Conaughton, a spokesman for the County's Department of Planning and Land Use, the administrative home for the new fire authority. Conaughton tells me the County cannot even allow volunteers to perform field supervision if they can't pass the physical. "Think about it," he says. "Somebody who goes out on a call might suddenly face a dangerous situation where they're needed to help. It wouldn't be safe. We [do] have one to three administrative positions that experienced chiefs could be offered."

Gerald Sanders is currently the administrative chief at the Shelter Valley department. He has worked as a local volunteer for 30 years. He is 78 years old. "I know I could pass the physical," he tells me, "because I walk eight miles every other day." But these days, he confines himself to the "technical issues and paperwork."

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For years, Sanders has written grants for the Shelter Valley department. He thinks the money he has brought in totals somewhere near \$800,000. With some of it, the department bought several of its own trucks, including one brush clearer and a small fire engine, and converted a station wagon into a medical emergency response vehicle. The department also built the Shelter Valley fire station.

The County gave Shelter Valley another truck. But it's a bulky gas guzzler, says Sanders, and his colleagues agree. "The ladder is so high on the truck," says Tony Mayors, "that you'd have to be seven feet tall to pull it out."

Does the County prefer, I ask, that you use that truck?

"Yes, it's got their name real big on the door," says Mayors, laughing. "Our trucks have a small Shelter Valley logo."

What would have happened if the volunteer departments did not sign the county contracts? "They would have taken our equipment and buildings," Gerald Sanders tells me, "and replaced our volunteers with Cal Fire firefighters. Of course, the professionals would fight the fires as well as we have. But we have a record of having never missed a call out here and never having anyone get hurt. The Shelter Valley department covers a 582-squaremile area, so that's not too bad. And one thing we do know better than outsiders is the terrain, all the little canyons. We've been to every one of them.

"But only 10 percent of our calls are fire related," Sanders continues. "The rest are emergency rescues. For stopping fire, the biggest need in the backcountry is brush control around people's properties. If the County wanted to help us, they would do more of that. But they don't have the personnel to do it."

I ask the County's Gig

Conaughton how brush management is handled. "The County has an ongoing relationship with Cal Fire regarding brush and weed control," he writes me by email. "We loan budgeted equipment (trucks) to Cal Fire, which provides manpower to do inspections. Our County Code Enforcement follows up if

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Ron Thornhill used to drive Shelter Valley's fire engine. Not anymore. He decided not to take the physical even though he's 50 and believes he would pass it. Thornhill is the angriest of the men I speak with. His biggest concern is the money the County is spending on its new fire authority.

abatement is called for."

"The volunteers were doing a very good job," says Thornhill, "and doing it for nothing. I can't tell you the number of small fires we stopped before they got going. If they reach the top of the hill and there's a Santa Ana wind, you're going to get the next Cedar fire. But that never happened on our

"Now the County comes along and is going to spend \$15 million and not do any better than we've been doing. And we did it free.

"I heard the County is renting a house for Cal Fire firefighters who will come in here from the outside and work out of our station. That's new salaries they'll pay and new benefits packages and new workmen's comp payments they'll make with taxpayer dollars. Today, I went down and turned in my equipment. No more firefighting for me." Thornhill is not the only one. Of 12 original volunteers, 6 decided to take the physical. Among those 6, 2 passed to become County-approved firefighters.

I confirm with the County's Conaughton that two Cal Fire firefighters, one an officer, will live in a rented building at Shelter Valley. He wants to emphasize, however, that the new guys will become members of the Shelter Valley community.

It's a touchy point for operations chief Tony Mayors. "Yeah," he says, "they say the



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Meanwhile, Cal Fire firefighters have been rotating in and out of Shelter Valley, making it difficult for local volunteers to help them learn locations. And fiscal reality may be setting in. In talks with their new supervisors, chiefs Sanders and Mayors have learned that the County probably can't afford to keep two Cal Fire firefighters permanently stationed in Shelter Valley. Since the local volunteer force has been "decimated," in the words of Sanders, new volunteers will have to come from outside the area, and none will be officers. The Mount Laguna Volunteer Fire Department is already sending down new

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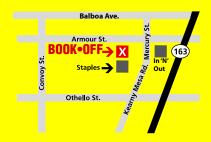
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volunteers.

There may be hope that some of the lost Shelter Valley volunteers might still contribute. There has been a tiny bit of progress, Sanders tells me. "The County agreed to allow us mediation on points of dispute. But they've reserved the right to walk away from talks after ten days. Which means that if they don't like something we want, they can wait ten days."■

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Road, Noodles & Co. on the comer of Eastlake Parkway and Otay Lakes Road.

By Gian Ghio, 7/19

Comments

1. The Submarina in CMR owned by the founder's son is selling the franchise and moving to Texas. After growing up with and working at the RB and 4S Ranch Subways, I think Submarina is a Godsend. I'm a Chicago boy born and bred and I KNOW good subs. We can all thank Bush for this mess.

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By PistolPete 11:17 p.m., Jul 19

2. Okay, Pete, do tell us: where are the best subs in the county? Enquiring mouths want to know.

By russl 12:50 a.m., Jul 20

3. Local delis (RB area): Either Chicago on a Bun or SiDNY's.

Local chains: Like I said, Submarina is a Godsend.

Best sandwich tasted thus far in the 4 years I've lived here: Lido's FTW!

There's also a new place in Esco that I tried the other day. I believe it's called Big Bear Sub Shop. It's on El Norte Pkwy in the Vons shopping center. They have a pretty good hot pastrami.

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On July 8, I came across another severed cat portion, this time on 30th Street near Kalmia. Same portion, same condition.

By Edmundo Dela, 7/16/09

Comments

1. Whoever does this: I'm in the area of these killings — and let this be a warning — if you do anything to any of my pets, may the state intervene before I get my revenge!!!

> By crossingtracksgallery 3:12 p.m., Jul 16



2. This reminds me of when I was in middle school back in 2001, 7th grade. There was a spot in the field where we used to run our Friday's Mile. Every day, a new dead cat was scattered around.

I know for sure they didn't die from natural causes. Some of the guts were tied up into a bow and a pair of legs were sticking out of the ground. I remember one time there was one of those devil stars drawn on the dirt withcat parts around it. Could it have been some sick devil freak? I'll never know...

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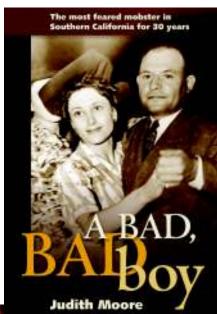
"Killing fellow mobsters was his specialty."

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Judith Moore spent 10 years following the traces of Mafia hit man Frank Bompensiero, who came from Sicily via Milwaukee to L.A. and San Diego.

Moore, who passed away in 2006, was an NEA and Guggenheim fellow whose memoir Fat Girl was published to much critical acclaim.

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> Bv XxUrDaddvxX 5:11 p.m., Jul 16

3. To whoever killed that cat: you will be discovered, and you will likely face jail time.

> By MaidenHead 7:14 p.m., Jul 16

4. Don't let me be the one to catch this sick person because I promise it'll be over for that individual!

> By ChuckMac619 7:15 p.m., Jul 16

5. That was my neighborhood just before I moved away. Cats were disappearing all over the place. People kept saying it was a coyote, but I knew someone was taking these cats and hurting them.

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By magicsfive 7:27 p.m., Jul 16

Stickin' It to the Litter

Downtown San Diego — Strolling on the boardwalk through Seaport Village on the afternoon of July 15, I admired the shops along the footpath between the Midway and the convention center.

Something on the ground in front of me caught my eye: all over were what appeared to be black stickers about the size of address labels. Looking closer, I noticed that words were printed on them and that they were sticking to small objects on the ground — cigarette butts!

The stickers read, "Cig-

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arette butts are litter." There must have been about 50 of these stickers affixed to all the ciga-

> rette butts that were strewn across the boardwalk.

By Jenna Hurgin, 7/19 Comments

1. Give me an ashtray and I'll gladly refrain from littering. It's not rocket science, guys...

> By PistolPete 11:18 p.m., Jul 19

2. I carry a portable ashtray, a small foil-lined pocket from a Japanese dollar store. It extinguishes the butts and allows one to store them relatively odor-free until a trash can comes along.

> By SDaniels 12:31 a.m., Jul 20

3. I mostly just flick the

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Deep Into Guns

Very good article ("They Carry Guns," Cover Story, July 16). Rosa deserves credit for researching deep into this topic. It is a very rare thing this day and age to get a fair article on the topic of guns and gun rights. Most are just inaccurate fear-mongering. This one takes the time to find the real message and the real people involved. Thanks!

Paul Higgins via email

No Good Guns

Is it possible to be more irresponsible than to publish an article encouraging even more people (God only knows how many unstable people included) to walk around with weapons — loaded or not ("They Carry Guns," Cover Story, July 16)? This has absolutely nothing to do with testing legal rights (just an excuse to carry firearms). You must know

that, having interviewed these people. Please, for everyone's well-being, try to be a little more responsible in the future!

> Name Withheld by Request

Proless, Conless

I am very impressed with Ms. Jurjevics's article ("They Carry Guns," Cover Story, July 16): very professional, even-handed and comprehensive. Many people in the online gun community advise against talking to any reporters, assuming that they would only produce antigun propaganda. I am delighted that I can point to at least one writer who simply presents the facts without sermonizing on the pros or cons. This is the highquality writing that I've come to expect in the *Reader*.

Tom Simpson via email

Story Hits Bullseye

Thank you for publishing the column by Rosa Jurjevics about open carrying of guns ("They Carry Guns," Cover Story, July 16). It was very educational and wellwritten.

Ron Jones via email

Not Overtly Psychotic

Re: "The American Board of Nonexistence," "City Lights," July 2

Dear Mr. Holman:

As you know, the undersigned represents Dr. Stephen Doyne, Ph.D. In response to your e-mails of July 3 and 10, 2009, we request that you pull the entire story from your website and issue an apology directly to Dr. Doyne.

As you correctly note, the information in the article by Mr. Grimm is a summation of the complaint of Dr. Tadros. However, nowhere in the article is there any notation that the article is based (1) only on allegations contained in the complaint, (2) that nothing hasbeen proven, and (3) that Dr. Doyne categorically denies

each and every allegation. In fact, the article is written in such a fashion as to cause the reader of the article to believe that Mr. Grimm has reviewed the entire court file, that Dr. Doyne is not contesting theallegations, and that the allegations are true.

As you further note, there is no "Answer" to the Complaint of Dr. Tadros filed by Dr. Doyne. In legal proceedings, the fact that an "Answer" is not on file does not mean that the defendant tacitly admits the allegations. Dr. Doyne has timely responded to the complaint by filing a Special Motion to Strike Pursuant to C.C.P. § 425.16. In this Motion, Dr. Doyne has provided uncontroverted evidence, not allegations, of his training and experience in response to the unsupported allegations of Dr. Tadros.

As I informed you, Dr.

Doyne has documentation of all of the training and experience which Dr. Tadros has criticized in the pending lawsuit. Dr. Doyne stands by his record of education and experience in providing testimony to the court in child custody evaluations.

Turning briefly to the facts of the case:

1. Dr. Steve K.D. Eichel's article never states that the American College of Forensic Examiners Institute (ACFEI) issued his cat any credentials. He states that the cat was issued credentials by the American Psychotherapy Association, which was founded by individuals associated with the American College of Forensic Examiners. He never states how these individuals were associated with the ACFEI, that the American Psychotherapy Association is in itself associated with the ACFEI, or that the ACFEI issued his cat any credentials. You and your readers can easily confirm this by reviewing the article, which is located at www. dreichel.com/dr_zoe.htm. Any representation that the cat was issued a credential by the ACFEI is false.

2. Dr. Doyne has been a member in good standing with the American College of Forensic Examiners Institute since 1997. The ACFEI is an independent, scientific, and professional association representing forensic examiners worldwide. He has held a Diplomate status with the American Board of Forensic Examiners since 1997 and with the American Board of Psychological Specialties. To become a Diplomate, you have to: (1) be a member in good standing of the American College of Forensic

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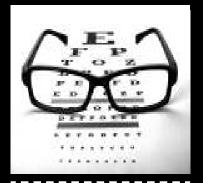








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3. Dr. Doyne served as an

versity of San Diego School of Law in the '70s. He taught a course called Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation at the school. The Dean who hired him, Dean Wechstein, has since died. Unfortunately, Dr. Doyne does not keep his records of employment for 30 years, and I know of no one who does. We did contact the Dean's office staff to obtain documents to verify his employment; the staff informed us that they do not keep records thirty years back. However, we were able to locate the individual who trained Dr. Doyne for the position, Rodney Jones. He is a member of the California Bar and provided a declaration attached to Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Supplemental Brief Regarding Mixed Causes of Action Under Anti-SLAPP filed on or about April 24, 2009. In the declaration, he confirms the employment of Dr. Doyne at USD.

adjunct professor at the Uni-

4. Dr. Doyne was also an instructor at the University of California, San Diego around 1972. Again, Dr. Doyne does not keep records of his employment for 30 years. We have attached to the Opposition to Plaintiff's Supplemental Brief Regard-

ing Mixed Causes of Action Under Anti-SLAPP filed on or about April 24, 2009, a copy of a course catalog which identified Dr. Doyne as an instructor. This course catalogue provides undisputed proof that Dr. Doyne taught at UCSD.

5. Dr. Tadros' insistence that Dr. Doyne was not employed as an instructor at California School of Professional Psychology/CSPP (now Alliant University) is ludicrous, and Dr. Tadros and his attorney know this and are simply manipulating you for the publicity. We have filed in our original anti-SLAPP motion a declaration of Dr. James Chipps, Ph.D., who hired Dr. Doyne to be an instructor. Dr. Steve Bucky, Ph.D., has also provided a declaration that Dr. Dovne taught at the school but that the school has no records because they were destroyed. Again, had Mr. Grimm reviewed the court record, he would have easily ascertained this fact. I invite you to review the file, which has now been transferred to Judge Jay M. Bloom in Department C-70. If you are unable to find these declarations in the court file, please feel free to call either of these gentlemen at Alliant to confirm

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STRAIGHTFROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Last year that weatherman on Channel 9 (KUU-UUUSI) said that, under the right, very unusual weather conditions.

it was possible to see Hawaii from Del Mar. He said it was due to inversions or something like that. He said this was true, not

a joke. I have never heard anything about this before or since. Is it possible, or is this guy just hallucinating?

— Mark in Santee

We had to give this one to Grandma Alice. Usually she doesn't want anything to do with us (though she has agreed to bake lots of pies to help keep our energy up). But when she heard that we were calling John Coleman (Mr. KUU-UUUSI), she flew into the office, grabbed the phone out of my hand, and laid on her most alluring Grandma voice. John Coleman makes Grandma's heart go pitty-pat. She wasn't going to miss this opportunity. By the end of the conversation, Grandma was giddy as a schoolgirl. Too dizzy to think. We helped her back to the kitchen, toweled her off, and made her a cup of tea. We haven't seen her this crazed since Kenny Rogers winked at her in the middle of a concert. Grandma insists he did wink and it was aimed directly at her.

Luckily, we got enough information out of her to shed some light on Mark's question. KUSI's weatherperson admits that no one has actually seen Hawaii from Del Mar, but based on scientific scribblings it just maybe, might possibly, theoretically happen. And, he says, it's because of superior mirages. Those aren't mirages that are a whole lot better than other mirages; they're images of objects that appear to be above their actual physical location. Think of old sailors' tales of seeing ships flying through the clouds. The ships are on the sea, but atmospheric conditions make them appear to a viewer as being well above the horizon.

How to explain this. Well, first of all, think of the earth as being wrapped in layers of atmosphere. As you move from the outer layer to the inner layer, each is denser than the last. Second of all, when light rays pass through each layer, the change in density makes the light bend. And remember, any objects we see are visible because of light rays bouncing off the object we're looking at.

So, say there's a fierce temperature inversion going on around your house. That is, cold air is trapped under layers of warm air. Any light passing through the inversion would be

bent downward once it hit the denser cold air. So under the right conditions, if you're gazing off to the horizon, light from an object beyond the horizon could be bent enough around the

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in your field of vision. And it's a real image. If you were lucky enough to have a camera with you, you could click it and post it

curve of Earth to appear

with your tweet about the event. We tried to find the Guinness Book record for

the distance of superior images, but no luck. The best we could do for confirmed sightings was a cityscape with a tower and flashing

across Lake Michigan. The viewer was on the lake shore in

red light viewed

Michigan, looking west across the very cold lake. After some investigating, it was confirmed that the image he saw was downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 75 miles away. That would place the original image well beyond the viewer's horizon. So that's how we might maybe see Hawaii from Del Mar, but don't waste too much time looking for it.

One last Grandma note. Her conversation ended with John Coleman giving her KUU-UUUSI lessons. Turns out the secret is starting out with the proper squeak in the back of the throat. Grandma's in the kitchen every day refining her technique. It's very annoying.

Erection Lasting More Than Four Hours!

[re crane construction, July 16 column] I was involved in this specific project, and the "construction" (erection is a more appropriate term) of these cranes was far, far different than you describe. In fact, it was quite a story...! The cranes were erected using a ringer-type crane. But first, the soft soils at the site had to be reinforced to support the ringer. The actual cranes were shipped in parts from another country. Getting the parts ashore was even problematic because the piers at the shipyard did not have the strength to support the parts of the cranes. But to their great credit, the men and women at the shipyard "got 'er done!" - Bob Garner

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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

In Praise of T.O.



Terrell Owens

he T.O. Show debuted on VH1 Monday night and was immediately panned by critics. Detractors thought the show was contrived and phony, not like Big Brother, Ghost Hunters, Pimp My Ride, Dog the Bounty Hunter, Fear Factor, Wife Swap, Celebrity Rehab 2, and a couple hundred more.

It's only been one episode, but, so far, I'd put T.O.'s show in the top 25 percent of the genre. The program opens with Owens moping around his Miami base camp. He's just been fired by Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. Bummer. We learn Owens employs two publicists, Monique Jackson and Kita Williams, who, strange as this may seem, happen to be his close personal friends. Monique and Kita fly to Miami to be with their biggest client and closest personal friend during this dark, unhappy time.

T.O. is depressed and the publicists devise a plan to get him out of no-beach, no-nightlife, no-fun Miami to somewhere quiet so he can think about his future. A retreat kind of place, away from all the distractions brought on by the responsibilities of worldwide fame and adulation. One of the publicists explains, "The plan is to help Terrell work on his image, find him a quality woman, and figure out what the heck he's going to do after football." The publicists decide he should go to L.A., live in a hip mansion set in the hills overlooking Glob City, and get his life back together.

So, whaddya know, just like that, Terrell and his posse of one, sidekick Pablo Cosby, fly to L.A. and are met by his best friends, the publicists. The gang drives to a hip mansion, set in the hills overlooking Glob City, where T.O. will live with his posse of one, happily allowing his BFs to drop by every day and bitch at him for going to the clubs and partying. Clubs and partying in L.A....who knew?

When you see T.O. flirting with the real estate agent or sitting in the hot tub with the real estate agent or kissing the real estate agent, it's hard to remember that it's not that easy to do.

The idea here, and in the arts generally, is you don't want consumers to look behind the curtain. You want to make it so no one notices how much work it takes to make it look like it takes no work at all.

Regard the best actor in the series so far, ex-fiancée Felisha Terrell, who enters at the end of episode one. The two met in 2004, got engaged, then separated in 2006 due to Terrell's infidelity. Duh. At least that's what it says on the show.

The show was shot in March, and before that, one would assume Felisha had to have an agreement on money, sign contracts, and time to look over the storyline. She is a professional actor and has appeared in 15 episodes of *Days of Our Lives*, one episode of *Entourage* and *Fantasy Island*, and, briefly, in the 2008 movie *Get Smart*. She's on T.O.'s show as ex-fiancée who may still love our hero. Does a good job, by the way.

There is nothing spontaneous about the show, and that's a good thing. Spontaneity can be impossibly boring. While Felisha sits on her couch wondering if she and T.O. should reunite, there's a 20-man VH1 crew in the room with her. More worker drones are back in the office and others toil away in postproduction.

The wretchedly hack dialogue is no worse than any other reality shows and better than most. It does the job. When you watch T.O. and Felisha, you don't think about the dialogue, the film editors, the 20-man film crew; you think about the storyline, the beefcake, the gorgeous ex-fiancée, and Frick and Frack, the publicists.

What's actually happening is T.O. traveling on the same well-worn path other end-of-the-road NFL superstars used. He's played for San Francisco, Philadelphia, Dallas, and now the big drop over the cliff, Buffalo. Owens signed a one-year guaranteed contract for \$6 million.

Buffalo is a place where everything has gone wrong. The city has lost 55 percent of its population in the past 75 years, nearly one-third of its residents are classified as poor, unemployment is 15 percent and rising... Think of it this way: have you ever wanted to move to Buffalo? Do you know anyone who has?

T.O. is looking for work. Having your own reality show is not a bad way of auditioning for a job in Mediaworld when NFL days are done. This show is especially impressive since T.O. is the executive producer. He's the man in charge of the product. He's the boss, and he's proved, indisputably, that he's smart enough to be the boss.

T. G. I. F.

BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

"If we're separated, we meet back here... under the Wonder Weiner sign."

It's over, you know that. But it's not. It's never over. Year after year it comes back; and every goober, his brother, and his family will be there jamming traffic for miles on three freeways, choking the exit ramps, Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Via de la Valle, the MiraCosta College parking lot, one at those horse stables, and then Torrey Pines High School. That's the one your wife picks. "It's the biggest,

hon. It'll never fill up."

Oh, but it does. A million and a quarter funseeking and (you think) remarkably heavy adults and their equally substantial offspring have gathered from San Diego County and (you're sure) Orange County as well on Friday, this third of July, for a record attendance at the San Diego County Fair, once the Del Mar Fair. So many of them (you suspect) appear to be descendants of the extras in that movie Deliverance.

You've been in traffic from Vista for an hour, and you get to the end of a kilometer-long line to board a school-bus shuttle to the fairground entrance. After 50 minutes in line at the high school lot, you pick up an "Official Program and Family Fun Guide." You will have only another 20 minutes in line in which to study it; but no worries (as you've come to say, like the kids), you have another full hour on the bus in traffic through Del Mar.

"We've got to decide now," you announce to your wife and teenage son over the grinding of the bus's transmission in low gear and horns sounding in the gridlocked traffic on Del Mar Heights Road, "The watermelon-seed-spitting contest or the corn-husking competition. Looks like they're both at the same time." You know this isn't true, but you say nothing. You need to account for your whereabouts while your wife chases down the rumor of a *Hee-Haw* Tribute Comedy Troupe, featuring a live appear-

ance from Roy Clark. *Still alive?* you think. Good for him. Roy's gotta be your age.

It is 12:23 once you enter the main gate beneath the Day-Glo banner announcing the fair's theme this year: Music Mania. "Okay, if we're separated, we meet back here every hour on the hour under the Wonder Weiner sign." Your son is checking out a girl with a hoop earring studded to her navel, hanging like a door-knocker over her baby-fat belly.

"You come with me, Dwayne," your wife says to the heir to your throne.

"I'm not doing that hillbilly crap!" Dwayne's calling over his shoulder, referring to watermelons and corn husks as he stalks away from his parents, the back of his mohawked skull merging into shaved ones and backward baseball caps. He walks toward a sound stage in the distance with a band's name bannered above: Lipstick N Leather.

"Okay, I'm, uh, going to the garden show, hon."

Smiling at your wife, you say, "Okay. I'll get coffee and wait here." She slips into the jostling flow of humanity. You know she's really in search of Roy Clark. Meanwhile, you have scoped out the map in the program and spot the sign for the Tequila Bar. Moving toward it,

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you're arrested by the pleasant strumming of an amplified acoustic guitar. In a moment you hear the soothing, reverberating voice of a young woman.

Turning your head, you see a solar-powered stage (another banner proclaims) to your left and a young, very pretty woman singing (what you later learn to be) an original composition, "Same Sad Story." This moves you in ways you don't quite understand, and

you find yourself rooted before the stage, listening to this fetching, slim cherub. You are painfully aware that you could be her father, but the appeal of her music is hardly that of the lascivious. Same sad story, indeed. When she finishes to the applause of some 50 or 60 pacified audience members chomping sausage sandwiches or BBQ beef, you approach and ask the singer her name. You could have sworn she said Don Ameche, but no, it's Dawn Mitschele, and she hands you her CD *In the Moonlight.*

Thanking her, you study the liner notes. She begins to perform the CD's title song as you discover "Same Sad Story" was a collaboration between Mitschele and guitarist-pianist Jeremiah Chmielewski. You hear "Kiss You" and "Old Weathered Fences" and others not on the disc. You have forgotten about tequila — even coffee.

The hour comes round, and there is your spouse at your side but not Dwayne. "Ogling the young lady, hon? Make you feel young?"

You grunt and don't answer. Here comes Dwayne with a new T-shirt, the band Republican Vomit featured on its front. Had you answered your wife, it would have been, "Young? No. Reminds me I've got hair in my ears."

"Let's catch the Camel Dairy Show," she says.



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Crasher

GPS YOURSELF

by Josh Board

n days that are known as party days, I try to challenge myself. I've had a few New Year's Eves when I went to over five parties in one night.

This past Fourth of July, I had five invites. First, my girlfriend and I went to Paul's party in Bay Park. I started talking basketball with a guy after overhearing him say he was supposed to bring a friend that was the sixth man at LSU, behind Pistol Pete Maravich. I asked if he went on to play pro ball. The guy said, "Sort of. He played for the Washington Generals, the team that goes against the Globetrotters."

Paul had a couple toy fox terriers running around. One was named Scooter. I said, "My friend had a rabbit named Scooter. Is that a common name for pets?"

He replied, "It's common for me." He then talked about how the name came about.

"Online, we saw this service that shows what breed of dog is best for you. I had never heard of fox terriers before that. An ad in the paper had them for sale in Alpine. Someone was selling a scooter on the opposite page, so we picked that as a name. I guess his name could've easily been Wheelbarrow or Lawnmower."





Left: the ice luge; Right: women dancing in front of the go-go dancers

Someone had moved a TV outside. A baseball game was on. One person walked by and was bummed. He said he was recording the game at home and didn't want to know the outcome. He reached over and turned the volume down. A few people yelled at him. I asked him why he didn't watch it there, at the party. He paused before saying, "Well...then I can't fast-forward

"You can't video me dancing. My agent would get pissed."

through the commercials."

I told him I thought baseball was boring, and he asked, "Why are you staring at the TV then?" During a commercial, I grabbed a cupcake and headed to Clairemont for the next party. I got there at 9:00 p.m., an hour after it started. The crowd was relatively small, especially for this huge backyard that had a swimming pool, Jacuzzi, ice luge, two tables for beer pong (with one game going strong), two Porta Pottis, a DJ, and street tacos being made. There were also a few security guys to keep crashers out.

You know the crowd is small when you overhear a woman come out of the Porta Potti and say, "I was the first one to use that. I could tell because the toilet paper hadn't been torn off."

We didn't eat at Paul's because even though he provided food from the barbecue, he had asked that folks bring side dishes or their own bottles. We felt guilty that we didn't stop for something (we were pressed for time).

We waited 15 minutes before we saw a line of people go for the tacos. As we approached, we heard a guy say to a girl, "Okay, it's safe to go over there now. We aren't the first."

While we were in line for the tacos, I noticed a chocolate fountain inside the house. Marshmallows and fruits surrounded the fountain. I asked Greg, one of the guys throwing the party, about the chocolate fountain. He said only women were allowed inside.

He then asked if I was the party crasher. When I told him I was (thinking he would be like Willie Wonka and lead me to the chocolate), he said, "You wrote about a party I was at before. You talked about me falling down and getting a bloody knee. I hope you don't write about that again."

I replied, "Well…don't fall." When we sat down to eat our

When we sat down to eat our tacos and chips and salsa, we noticed lots of people showing up.

David, one of the residents, said, "I think it was a low turnout because people were at parties during the day and just stayed where they were. Or they went to watch fireworks. I saw fireworks when I was six, and that's covered me to this day."

The women we sat next to were having an interesting conversation. One said she was hungover

in L.A. the previous day and had to GPS herself to find out where she was. Her friend replied, "That's why you need to see the movie *The Hangover.*"

Three of the women were married, and one was single. It sounded as if they were trying to talk the single girl out of getting married. They had a variety of horror stories to share. My girlfriend glanced at me taking notes and said, "You shouldn't write any of those stories."

Instead, I figured I'd write about the patriotic guy. His shorts were red, white, and blue. He told me, "I bought these seven years ago. I only wear them on the Fourth. Each year, I work out less and less and always fear they won't fit. This year, they were tight. But I still got them on."

When I started getting the video camera going, one person said, "You can't video me dancing. My agent would get pissed."

I saw that go-go dancers were on platforms in different sections of the backyard. I figured they'd get pissed at a guy with a camera.

I realized that I'd earlier heard two guys discussing where the gogo dancers were. One of them had said, "If they don't show up, you're getting up there and dancing."

I talked my girlfriend into going inside and getting us some



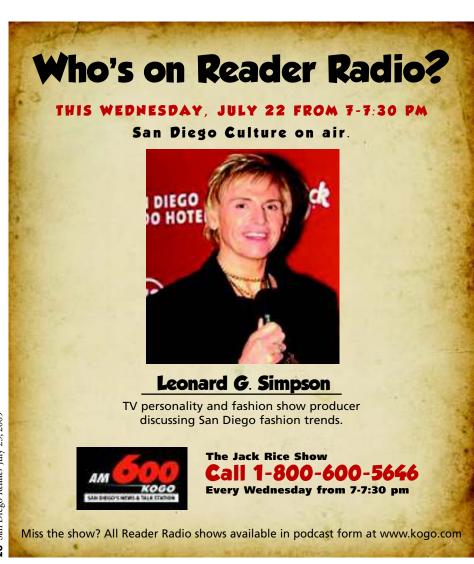




chocolate-covered fruit. She came back with a banana slice and strawberry. I asked why she only got two pieces, and she said, "Well...there were a few girls standing there. I didn't want to look like I was taking a huge plate. I couldn't explain that it was for me to share with someone outside."

There was a huge bar with cute women slinging drinks. They had a wide variety of alcohol. They weren't charging, and there was no tip jar.

One woman was working the ice luge and doing a great job of talking people into drinking from it. I asked her what was the craziest thing she ever witnessed while serving booze through the luge, and she said, "This is my first time working the ice luge, but my friend said someone once threw up after the shot hit their mouth. I think it was a mix of tequila, vodka, and Jägermeister. And I imagine when that happens, the luge is done for the night." ■



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Tiffany is tall;

her chunky red heels — dark red, bordering on purple — make her taller. Red seams run up the back of her black stockings to the hem of her black dress, patterned with white polka dots. Her hair is up, and the whole effect is that of a sultrified '40s getup, except maybe not so many girls in the '40s had "OCEANSIDE" tattooed in elaborate script along the back of their neckline.

Tiffany is standing in the gallery of Escondido's California Center for the Arts, outside the great exhibit hall that will house Escondido's Fashion Week 2009 (brought to you by Angelo Damante at Mercedes-Benz of Escondido). She is chatting with Rita, who is working the table advertising Palomar College's Fashion Merchandising & Design Department. Tiffany designs handbags and is considering paying the \$50 to exhibit her wares at MODA, the college's annual fashion show. "MODA

started almost 20 years ago," says Rita. "We had 200 people in the audience. Now we have 500 — industry people, designers...Our students are doing the dressing for the models tonight, and some of them have actually created costumes for the show."

Tiffany is not exhibiting her wares tonight, but plenty of other people are. Tables run the length of the gallery, their occupants pitching Better Home Design Services, Soulful Slings, hair salons, jewelry

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companies — and NuSkin. "Instead of your old skin," offers the pitchwoman. "This device actually reads your face and stops your skin from aging — a miracle machine, I call it." Outside, in the smooth concrete courtyard, attendees sample sushi rolls and drink Stone beers from the bottle. For every artfully slinky silver sheath dress drizzling down to ankle length, there is something short and spangled and a little bit snug around belly and thigh; either way, folks are dressed, including and perhaps especially the trio of young ladies standing at the gallery entrance and sporting kicky, summery maps.

Tonight is Recycled Fashion Night, and the trio are walking examples of what you can do with the contents of your glove

box now that Google Maps and GPS have made paper maps obsolete: you can make them into dresses. Strappy dresses, dresses with cinched waists and pleats, dresses with scoop necks and frilly bits around the shoulder. You can set the land above and the sea below or let highway lines lend a patchwork Harlequin feel.

Nearby, someone has signed a Fashion Week banner: "I love my Escondido like I love my fashion — innovative and exciting!"

Julianne Jones, owner of Studio 158 Hair Salon on the east side of Escondido's Grand Avenue, had an idea: something very much along the lines of "Hey, everybody, let's put on a show!"

"In the '80s, we did what were called 'Hair Wars," she recalls. "It was staged at a bar, and every salon had to do a vignette — something theatrical to show off their work." In that spirit, "I had an idea to do a hair competition between salons; we were going to call it 'Showcase Salons: Grand Avenue." The competition would most definitely have included Shawna Cruise's Loft Hair Design, just across Broadway on Grand Avenue's west side.

"But in the middle of that conversation," continues Jones, "Deborah calls and says, 'Can you come down here? We're having a discussion about fashion shows, and maybe doing a fashion week." (That would be Deborah Rosen, CEO of the Escondido Downtown Business Association.) "I said, 'Oh, my gosh, that's exactly

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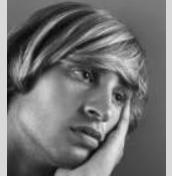
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The result was Downtown Fashion Week 2009, "a great collaboration between artists and designers and creative people from all over San Diego and Orange County and Los Angeles." And also, from just a block away: behind the low-slung Art Deco façade of the Escondido Arts Partnership Municipal Gallery. Once inside, you can buy (among other artworks) an "Echo Tote," locally designed and stitched together from 90 percent recycled materials by Renée Richetts. And if you'd come here after last year's Fashion Week San Diego, you could have bought the recycled dress she constructed out of oversized Comic-Con goodie bags.

"We've been doing recycled fashion shows for the general public for the past five years," says gallery

director Wendy Wilson (who left a gig writing for television to come home to Escondido and regroup). "A lot of our artists were already working with those materials. Artists don't have much money, and there's been a resurgence of that whole idea of taking an object and giving it a new purpose. Sometimes, you look at the outfits, and you don't even realize that it's made from recycled materials — they reinvent it. It's really cool. We'd bring in somebody from EDCO who handled recycled materials as a judge, and then also an artist." When Jones, Rosen & Co. started looking around for ways to fill six nights' worth of events, Wilson and her recycled fashions were close at hand (and oodles of fun!).

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Haute Trash

Hanging grids studded with glowing glass cones serve as chandeliers to light the pale gray exhibit hall that will house the show. Rows of chairs form a U around the shiny white catwalk; a projector screen shields the entrance to backstage. While attendees mill about, looking for their names among the



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reserved VIP seats nearest the action, a fit young man — possibly a model but definitely not modeling — slips out from behind the screen and struts down the catwalk. He is grinning, arms outstretched. He is King of the World. When he reaches the end of the walk, he hops down and heads out the hall door — breaking the fourth wall. "No!" cries DBA events manager Danielle Aeling, skipping down from her perch in the DJ booth and following the man out the door. The goal here is professionalism, and dude just went strictly amateur.

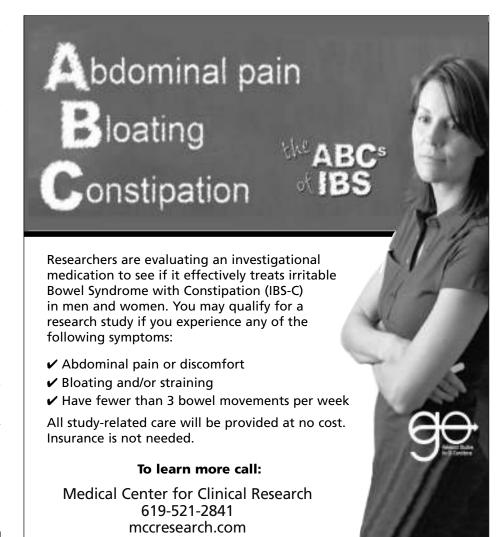
At 7:40, the lights go down, and the beat-heavy music swells and people finish buying their drinks at the bar and sit down. Ally Bling Bling, producer and cohost of the online radio

show Art Rocks!, eases out from behind the screen wearing high-waisted jeans and a black top that is tied in front. A painting of Salvador Dalí adorns the denim clinging to her right leg, Frida Kahlo, her left. "I've got a recycled look myself!" she declares. "I love fashion — my mother was a fashion designer." Bling Bling gives a shimmyshake, and parts of the audience send up a cheer. She introduces the judges — including the winner of last year's recycled show, Tania Diaz and the show is on.

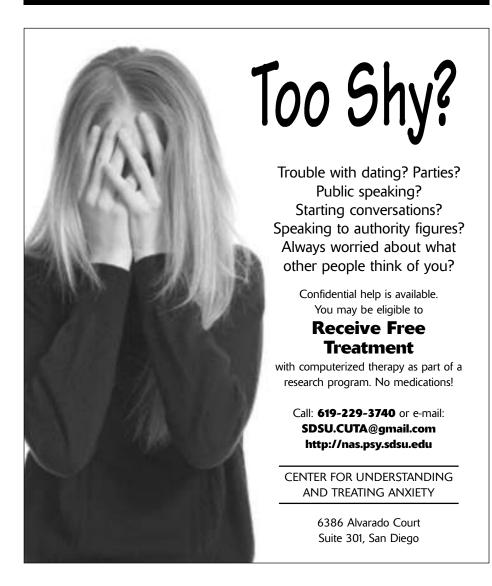
What follows is both astonishing and delightful, and my only wish is for a program, something that will explain the makeup of each outfit as it is borne down the catwalk. Okay, I can tell that a skirt is mostly greeting cards, but

is that wrapping paper underneath? A dress made from magazine fashion ads — how meta! But is that Saran Wrap giving it that sheen and cardboard giving it that shape? Some of the very best outfits don't look recycled at all. This may be a testament to the genius of the designer, but it sets up a disassociation in the audience, and the response tends to be muted. And even when the source material is clear, fortune tends to favor the bold. One of my favorite outfits is built from a corrugated cardboard bodice and a brown butcher-paper skirt; something about the shape and the way the pink crepe trim offsets the brown just charms me. But the crowd seems to disagree.

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Tania, curious as to her criteria. "I was looking for originality and a little bit of complexity of texture," she tells me. "And also, movement and flow. And if it's modern — something you would wear now."

While the judges are doing their judging, Ally reappears and invites questions. Someone asks how long the various pieces took to make. A young woman answers — she had constructed a lavender ball gown of fairytale proportions entirely out of paper — crumpled puffs for the bodice above and a great crinkly billow of skirt and petticoats below. "My dog peed on the first one I made," she admitted, "so I made this one in a day." Others are obviously the product of much longer labors, but the point here is how it shows, not how it wears, and her oneday job stacks up nicely.

In the end, the winner is also the clear crowd favorite: a bathing costume — bottom, top, skirt, and hat — made from the panels of brightly colored beach balls. It's eye-catching, adorable,

and cheeky — the blowup nozzles placed directly over the nipples — and well-built to boot. (The designers, Judy Nielsen and Shaun Muscolo, live in northern California, where they form part of the Haute Trash design collective.) Third prize goes to a couple of youngsters who built their bodices from '60s-era English floral wallpaper they dug out of the rubbish (and who fashioned their skirts from mattress covers). And second prize goes to one Linda Shaffer, for her trio of shopping-bag dresses: Target, Nordstrom Rack, and Stater Bros. (The Target Dress drew the first big cheer of the night, the woots and applause mixed with the laughter that comes from recognition.) "I just want you to know that I bought stuff from all these stores!" she proclaims as she accepts the \$300 prize. "Thank you very much!"

You Need the Pop of Visual Impact

Linda Shaffer's Carlsbad home is a lovely Spanishstyle jumble set amid thousands of similarly lovely

Spanish-style jumbles, except that hers features a silver Porsche hood on the dining-room wall, offset by an orange safety cone on the floor. "I've been using recycled materials in my work for a long time," she offers. "My neighbor was bringing this to the trash, and I said, 'Can I have that?' She got busy with her paintbrushes, affixed some shards of broken mirror, and.... The piece is called *Changing Lanes*. My daughter was in a horrible car crash, and she just walked away. I thought, 'Oh, my goodness, isn't that right — sometimes, you're just happy to be alive and who cares about the car?' That was the energy for that." The jewelry studio is upstairs on the landing; the kilns and workbench are in the garage. Shaffer has been making art of one sort or another for over 20 years, but this was her first attempt at clothing.

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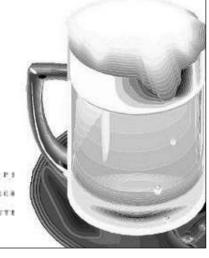
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dress" is, understandably, not on the list, but when the Escondido Arts Partnership put out a call for recycled fashion, Shaffer found her inspiration in the designer-friendly superstore. "I got home, cut the bottom off a bag, put it on over my head, and thought, 'I can do this.' I just started cutting and sewing. I double-stitched, tried to make it as tough as possible, because I didn't know how it would work on a human. And I realized that I probably needed two layers so it wouldn't look too sheer." (Another designer's dress, made from single-layer kitchen trash bags, proved a touch translucent under the runway spotlights.)

Stitched one atop the other, two bags naturally made a sort of straight-bodied Flapper dress; Shaf-

fer highlighted the effect with a frill at the hem and a fringy collar. But the main thing is still that great swath of red-and-white targets running down the front and back. "I wanted to focus on the logos," explains Shaffer, "because that's what's recognizable. You need the pop of visual impact right away. One of the artists at the show made the dress and handbag from recycled thread she really made her own fabric. Up close, it was magnificent, but on the runway, you didn't understand what it was made from."

Shaffer's Target Flapper dress made itself perfectly clear; the Nordstrom Rack halter dress, less so—partly because the logo didn't stand out sharply enough against the shiny blue background. "I have

'Nordstrom Rack' right across the chest — I think we all need a little humor in our art." But unless vou looked ver-r-ry closely, you'd miss it. And even if you noticed that, you'd probably still miss noticing that the cover-up jacket was crocheted from quarter-inch plastic strips of bags from Stater Bros. "I didn't know how much skin to show, so I thought I'd make a little jacket, and then I thought, 'Well, everybody needs a handbag.' I started cutting strips of plastic..." and suddenly, it was goodbye to two months of weekends (Shaffer has a day job teaching at MiraCosta College).

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cled show. "I decided the price by asking, 'What would you pay for a designer dress?' There's no way you're going to get your money out of the time it takes to make it. There are a lot of calls for recycled art from museums — I'm responding to one from the Phillips Museum in Philadelphia. A woman entered a show at the Santa Ana Museum and sold her pieces right out of the exhibit. And Haute Trash invited me to be a guest designer. It was just hysterically fun. One lady wrote to me and said, 'Do you have that in a size 14?' "

Molly Ringwald Became an Icon for Her

Designer Stacie May has a day job as well — decorating and designing for special events at local casinos. But unlike Shaffer, she's hoping to give it up someday and make her living in fashion. That may account for her more old-fashioned notions about pricing: "I kind of keep logs. I keep track of how long it takes me to make something and how much the materials cost, and then I go from there. But I want to make it affordable — I don't want to overcharge."

It begins with a sketch — in this case, of a sage-green dress: the Tracy May. ("I name all my dresses after girls I know.") Overlapping panels of fabric in front form a deep V neckline, then merge into a straightforward drop from the waist. The sleeves spice things up — the panels held together on top by white lace appliqués and pouf-

ing out below the elbow.

After the sketch, "I take fabric and start draping it, and if it ends up doing different things, the dress may turn into something else. That's what happened with this one. It started out with a lot more structure, but the fabric was so flowy, it ended up being much more of a Greek goddess dress. My sketch had a more fitted look to the arm, and the fabric in back wasn't supposed to dip down as much as it did. But it looked so pretty, and the fabric lay perfectly. And because it did that deep scoop, I had to add this tie across the top of the back so that the dress wouldn't fall off, and that element ended up being the best finishing touch on it." Final price: \$158.

That lightweight knit fabric ended up being a silent partner in the design. "I chose it for the color and because I had it in stock. I have a few wholesalers that I work with, and there are a few people on eBay that I continually buy from because they sell vintage fabrics that you can't find anymore. I usually get enough to do at least a size run — 0–12 or 0–14."

The vintage thing is nothing new for May. "I have always been surrounded by things from different eras. A lot of my inspiration comes from growing up in a household where my parents collected antiques. They used to go to flea markets; my dad collected pinup art."

May is 36, which means she was around

13 when she saw Pretty in Pink; the amateur seamstress at the story's heart made actress Molly Ringwald a star and became an icon for May. But long before Ringwald pieced together that improbable prom dress, recalls May, "I used to sew and knit and crochet little Barbie clothes for my dolls — just out of scraps of fabric my mom had. I would cut sleeves and hand-sew them right on the doll. I waited a long time to use the sewing machine — until I was about 10. That's when I really took off. I did about two commercial patterns before I started doing my own thing — I'd take a regular sleeve and make it a bell sleeve to give it a little more flow. Or I'd take cut squares out of them, then throw them together into a skirt. I experimented all through high school," before leaving her native Philadelphia for the newish fashion department at Georgia's Savannah College of Art & Design. (These days, she resides in North Park.)

After college..."I would make things for myself or my friends. I did some costuming for a while for the Poor Players, the local Shakespeare troupe. But I had to be in the right state of mind to start making a business out of it because it's so personal for me. It was difficult to put it out there." San Diego's 2008 Fashion Week proved to be the right moment. Photographers started calling. Then Scottsdale Fashion Week. Now, Escondido. (And soon, Las Vegas.)

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Ah, the Bedazzler!

Stacie May is one of four local designers exhibiting at Thursday night's Designer Showcase. At \$22, the general-admission tickets are only \$2 more than Tuesday's, but it's still clear that the business at hand has taken a turn for the serious. These are designers on display, people trying to make a living. On Tuesday, events coordinator Danielle Aeling wore a sheer black tank over a strappy white tank that left her bra straps exposed, and her blonde hair fell straight down her back. Tonight, her hair is bound up into a miniature beehive, and the sheer laver is black lace over a short black dress. Leopard-print wedges provide the only note of frivolity. (Aeling proves to be something of a sartorial barom-

eter in this regard. For Saturday's Grand Finale (general-admission tickets, \$35) her ensemble will be even glammier — the hair down and done into open curls, the sheer black lace more ornate, floor length, and more revealing of the white satin sheath below.)

After recognizing various City personages, Deborah Rosen gives up the microphone to KUSI style reporter Leonard Simpson, who is dressed, from necktie to shoes, entirely in black. Simpson announces that "the best way to get dressed every day, I've realized as I've gotten older, is to put on the gloves of compassion and the coat of courage." But his focus turns quickly to more lighthearted forms of adornment. "Fashion is an

expression of art that really lends itself to making you happy, even if you're just creating it at home with your Stitch Witchery from QVC and your Bedazzler!"

Ah, the Bedazzler hallowed icon of the '70s, now resurrected by nostalgia's powerful elixir. This segue is going to be a little bumpy because I think a gold sequin belt over a striped tutu is the closest thing to Bedazzledon rhinestones I see in Sela's collection, which opens Thursday's show. But nostalgia? Nostalgia is out in force, perhaps most dramatically in the form of calf-high leggings worn under shorts: black vinyl, aqua, and yes, gold lamé. Hello, late '70s/early '80s. Ditto the chocolatebrown gym shorts with tan piping along their scalloped edges.

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It's Fun to Wear a **Tutu Out**

Most of Sela's nostalgia trips are much less dramatic. What's more, they're often accompanied by elements that look forward instead of back. "We use eco-friendly fabric in about half our line," explains Lauren Farnham over breakfast in San Clemente. (Sela is made up of Farnham and Sydney Hensler and is based out of Orange County.) "Recycled synthetic fibers, organic cotton. And then for the other half, the blanks — undecorated Tshirts — are not necessarily eco-friendly, but even there, we're using recycled trims and hang tags. We'll buy old T-shirts in a thrift store and cut them up to make pockets. A neighbor gave us old curtains, and we cut them

up to make labels." (It's all sort of the opposite of the days when they both worked at Oakley, doing product design for athletic wear. Then, it would take eight samples to make a single garment.)

"We're a small company right now," says Hensler, "so it doesn't really make sense to get into fabric liability. We buy blanks and then print and embellish them. We love the burnout look," a process that leaves the blanks looking streaked and worn to the point of being threadbare without actually being, you know, worn out. After that, the girls go to work on the graphics, and the gentle rush of nostalgia

Hensler drapes a burned-out pink tee across her front and gives me a tour. "This one is an ode

to our elementary school days." (Hensler is 25; Farnham is 27.) "So here's an old-school computer," and naturally, it is shooting out Shazam-style lightning bolts, plus a couple of stitch lines for contrast. One of the bolts touches "the Trapper Keeper unicorn"; another "Gem from the old cartoon." Riding a third is a covered wagon from the classic video game Oregon Trail, accompanied by a gameplay announcement: "Sally has influenza." "People don't even realize it until you point it out, but once you do, they're, like, 'Dude! That's Oregon Trail...'

Farnham finishes the thought: "...I have to have that shirt."

However, that shirt has a \$52 suggested retail price, whereas a similarly themed "You Have Died

of Dysentery" T-shirt at BustedTees.com will run you only \$20. What's the difference — besides the addition of unicorns and Gem? Well, for starters, there are those burnedout blanks — fitted, made in the USA, and running \$7-\$9 apiece. Then add in the hand-placed graphics. "It's an expensive type of printing," says Farnham, "but it will never wear away — the colors become part of the fabric fiber. You get great detail and a really nice handfeel." But where screenprinting might cost a quarter, sublimating is something like \$5 a print. Then toss in a 40-60 percent markup at the retail end of things — it ain't easy out there for a boutique. And finally, says Farnham...it's fashion. "The way we see

it, it's not just a T-shirt —

it's a top. With everything that goes on it, it's already accessorized."

This is not just about those extra stitch lines. A pre-pinned brooch rests up near the left shoulder, fashioned from a rounded chunk of yellow foursquare ball. Bits of lace

the brand, and the brand is personal, nostalgic (sometimes for things as far back as Jean Harlow), and quirky. Making pockets from old T-shirts means that not every pocket will be identical. It takes a certain sort of daring to go out on the town in a tutu —

"I have to have that shirt."

and leopard-print fabric mark one side as up. On the back, a hand-painted button breaks the monotonous expanse of stretched fabric. "And it comes with a slap bracelet — those dangerous things you wore in elementary school," adds Hensler.

The value comes from

one of Sela's cut-and-sew pieces. "We design to different personalities," says Hensler. "Some people love it, and some people don't get it. The people who love it understand where we're coming from. It's fun to wear a tutu out. We're kind of a collaboration of designers doing a

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Thirty-five-year-old Michael Stiska takes a similar tack, except weekly. And while he'll draw his own designs and find his own fabrics, he's not cutting out his own pockets. He has pattern-makers and sewing contractors for that, leaving him free to push the name. (The focus on promotion fits with his background. After getting an undergraduate degree in theater design from SDSU, he wound up doing nightclub promotions for a while before heading up to the Art Institute of Chicago.)

"I work with Johnny Tran," says Stiska, who gave his surname to his line of shirts. "He's a promoter with Sugar River. They do events all over, and I'm a weekly guest at Johnny V on Garnet. They have live music, and they have people doing live painting and making jewelry — trying to create a scene. If I make a couple of hundred bucks, I'm happy. I do domestic production, so my cost is closer to \$20, \$25" than to the

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\$10-\$12 he could pay for a shirt fabricated in China. "Typical retail would be \$65–\$90, depending on the price of the fabric. The flannels I use are a little more pricey. If someone buys a lot of shirts, I'll give them a drink ticket." Stiska also works with DJ/events promoter Shane Baker, who happens to be running the booth and the beats that fill the cavernous exhibit hall at Escondido's Downtown Fashion Week. "They were looking for a guy for Thursday night, to break things up a little bit - gender-wise - and my name came up. I ran with it."

"Looking for a guy" meant "looking for a guy who designs menswear." Stiska mostly does men's button-down shirts, and listening to the hoots and applause from the crowd

as the light plays across the rigid landscape of one model's exposed abdomen, I feel a little bad for the designer. People might remember the model's cocked hat and enormous belt buckle, but the shirt is just going to be the thing he unbuttoned to reveal the goodies underneath.

any sort of distance. Twenty feet out, you have a hard time seeing the custom buttons featuring the Stiska logo, the quietly contrasting fabric patterns on a bib front...even an orange French cuff at the end of a white sleeve might slip past you if the dude is buff enough. Maybe it's better

"I try to stay up on trends but not copy them."

But then again, appearing here is all about building the brand, and if people remember liking the Stiska show, then maybe it's not quite so important why they liked it. And in all honesty, it's kind of tough to appreciate what Stiska's up to from

just to let folks holler at washboard abs and hope they remember your name.

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in the garage. "I'm opening a new account because of the show," he beams over lunch at D.Z. Akin's. "Lauren Tammariello at Bacio Boutique is one of the directors at Escondido Fashion Week, and I'm going to get some stuff in her store. And I'll be doing a show in North Park with Leonard Simpson in mid-May. And I just came from Pure in Hillcrest, where, oddly enough, there was a guy buying six of my shirts. It's always good to see sales."

The stylistic range for men's button-down shirts is somewhat limited; nobody's really interested in buttons up the back or elbow-length sleeves. So Stiska does a lot of tweaking around with established models. "I look at art, and I look at vintage advertising. And I try to stay up on trends but not copy them." The result might be an extra point along the edge of a Western collar, a yoke that curls down into something approaching a fleurde-lis, or a built-in undersleeve on a bowling shirt. (This last charms me outright — a formalized version of something you might actually see in a bowling alley. Sort of like Dvořák gussying up those "Hungarian Dances.") Sometimes he'll get dramatic with asymmetrical patterns and dangly strips of fabric that might be functional but really aren't. But that's the exception. "I don't make a million of them," he says of his more eclectic offerings, "but people do buy them."

Have I Mentioned the Dancers?

...I don't think I have. Shame on me. They hail from Georgia's School of Dance in Escondido; Julianne Jones at Studio 158 uses them for all her

theatrical performances. They actually kicked things off on Tuesday night, setting the mood with mock model-marching to a pounding beat, their heads dipping backward with

every step. Halfway through the evening, they ramped up a full-on routine, dancing to Michael Iackson's "Thriller" in full Fashion Zombie regalia, bits of bright tulle flaring out from their shredded black ensembles. The audience ate it up. On Thursday, they play '50s-era bathing beauties, and two of them introduce each designer by walking the

runway dressed as Ladies Who Shop, complete with fabulous housecoats and bags brimming with tissue paper.

Saturday will see them perform as showgirls in feathered headdresses and will also provide occasion for a tribute to school founder Georgia Copeland. "She worked in vaudeville," Bob Gilson will say. "She dated Al Capone's

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brother and was one of the original Goldwyn Girls. She danced in numerous Fred Astaire movies and worked with Lucille Ball. She opened the first dance studio in Escondido in 1951; my wife Sue is the current owner. Georgia would be very proud."

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The dancers are fit, amazingly so. But they are valued first for how they move, not how they look — or more particularly, how they look while modeling designer clothes on a runway, where the spotlight glares on every departure from the model form. So it's hard not to notice the range of body shapes, much wider than that found among the models with whom they

share the stage.

But as my ancient digital camera strains to capture the figures sashaving past, it becomes clear that if all models share a certain length of bone, they most certainly do not all move exactly alike. It's not just a question of bounce in the step, or even of precision. Once you reach the end of the runway, there are choices to be made. Do you hit one point and then swoop through the rest of your turn, or do you pause a second time, giving equal displays to each part of the audience? When your moment ends, do you turn forward or spin back to start your long trek offstage? Eyes forward, or head to the side? Cheyenne Jones says it depends. "I just look at the clothes and pick something that would go with it."

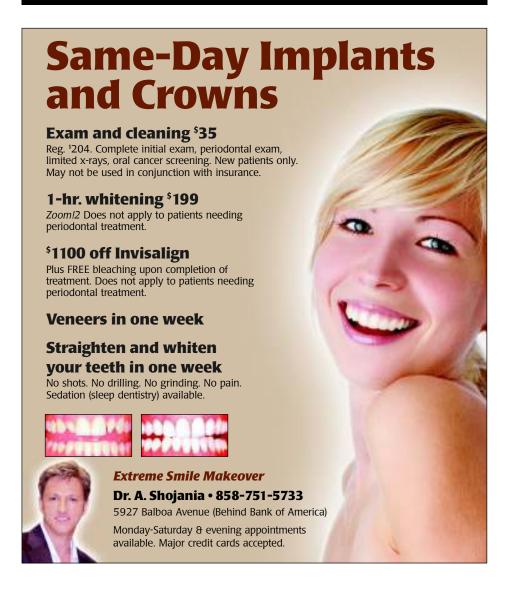
Jones is a 15-year-old Pine Valley girl, but she's been 5'11" since she was 13, and it was then that people started in with "Oh, you're so tall - you should be a model." She looked around at various programs, raised money from her family, and enrolled with the John Robert Powers School System "for acting, modeling, and dancing. They teach you the basic stuff at first — how to walk and pose."

She started with a bridal show in Point Loma; she was 14. "From there, I branched off into working with different designers, and they taught me more. The trainer from John Robert Powers works with Macy's, so he started giving me those shows, and I think that's where almost all the designers

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found me. The most I've gotten is about \$100 an hour; I think that was for a Macy's show."

Jones's face is just a shade removed from the expected proportions there is a certain length and breadth of cheek that sets her apart, for good or ill, depending on the whims of the fashion world. Her face and height are Nature's business; for everything else, there is the strict application of industry. "I run about six miles every day — at least four days a week," she begins, explaining her selfimposed regimen. "I have to go to the gym at least three days a week, and right now, I'm on all-protein shakes. That's tough. If I do go out to eat, I have to have a salad fruit or salad, always. Try to stay away from red

meat, stick to white meat — I guess because it's easier to digest.

"Your weight doesn't matter. It's the inches — all over. You have to be a certain waist size, and everything else. You do it by inches, because sizes vary from designer to

Victoria's Secret–Sports Illustrated type, which is really what my body is. Successful, to me, means just accomplishing the dreams you set for yourself in the beginning. I've always wanted to work with Sports Illustrated and Calvin Klein and to go to

"It wasn't New York Fashion Week, but it was like L.A. Fashion Week."

designer, but it's the same inches all around the world. The waist, I think, has to be from 23 to 26 inches." Because, you know, she's not a waif. "My mom never really wanted me to get bony-skinny. She wants me to be more of the fit,

different places in the world to model — see different cultures."

Of course, getting to that top-of-the-mountain level is difficult bordering on impossible. Shortcuts — say, keeping one's inches in line via a heady

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and cocaine — are tempting. "I've seen models do it, live off that, and it's not something I want to do," protests Jones. "I think it's more rewarding if you do it the right way. You didn't cheat through it. It's an easy way of getting out of working really hard. About 90 percent of the girls I've been with gave up; the eating was most of it. But the girls who stayed with it are really growing together."

mix of coffee, cigarettes,

Any night that there are models working the runway during Fashion Week, Jones is there preparation starts around 1:00 p.m. "We sit around for probably the first hour, until the designers show up. Then they pick the models they want, or the models that were assigned to them, and we start trying on clothes. They pick this or that outfit and tell you to try it on. From there, we go to hair and makeup, which takes two to three hours. Every day is a different hairstyle some of them very big." ("Architectural" is the adjective that springs to mind.) "Then we just sit around and talk until the show."

It's the Fabric that **Determines the Dress**

"It was a real fashion week," says Janice Jaraicie from behind her desk in the offices of Gentex Fashions, Inc. (home of her Nelli brand of clothing). "The format was like other fashion weeks, the layout. It looked like fashion week; it felt like a real fashion show. Everything flowed; it was really organized. Of course, it wasn't New York Fashion Week, but it was like L.A. Fashion Week. I enjoyed that — I really, really did." Though she doesn't look it, Jaraicie is the veteran of the bunch; her first line came out in

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2000. Where the girls from Sela are going shop to shop and putting together window displays, J is talking about road reps, the decline of showrooms, and the rise of internet shopping. When she calls it a real fashion week, you have the sense that she's been to a few that weren't.

The Gentex offices are tucked into an industrial strip in northern Escondido, just off the 78. There isn't a lot of room for stuff — but then, there doesn't need to be. The rack containing this season's line of dresses fits neatly along one wall. There's a space for J to work and a Chinese calendar on the wall. The cal-

endar helps explain the smallness; a lot of Nelli is happening elsewhere. "We have an office in Hong Kong," explains J. "All production is done over there, and shipping is done from over there. We don't have a middleman. I go over between three and five times a year to take care of production and pick new fabrics and meet with my factories."

Fabric-picking is the fun part. "A lot of my pieces are silk. I can show you the different types." She pulls out a short, tomatored number; the black band at the bottom is overlaid with white flowers that spray upward toward the shoulder. "I had to

print my own fabric on this one. I'll cut out pictures and say, 'I want these type of flowers.' They'll spread it around, and then the factory will come back and help me fill in the spaces. Other times, I'll send pictures of sketches. She picks up another dress. This one, if you translate it from the Chinese, is 'electric silk,' but that's not quite the word in English. It's very expensive — look how fine it is." J drapes the dress's outer sheath over my hand, and the fabric practically disappears — I'm looking at my fingers, tinted black and white. "It's the way they wash the silk that gets it that fine." (The dress runs about

\$140, she says — a little less than she'd like to charge, but the market is tough right now. "A lot of stores are closing.")

Jaraicie knows the silk's name in Chinese, but it's not a Chinese silk — it's Japanese. "I used to travel to Japan to pick some of the fabrics there. They've got the best quality; even Italian designers will buy fabric from Japan. But they're so popular now that they have free-standing stores in Hong Kong. You pay a little bit more, but you save on airfare and a translator — I speak Chinese. I lived there for almost two months when I was starting out. I'm half-Chinese myself, and my uncle does sportswear in Asia. He flew me out there to show me the ropes." (The partnership with her uncle didn't ever take

shape — activewear and "feminine, pretty dresses" don't really go hand-inhand. But he provided support at the outset, and that was enough.)

It's not all sprays of jungle fauna. "I like simple things, so I use a lot of plain silk. I don't use too many prints because I don't want my things to become dated. And sometimes, it's the fabric that's available that determines the dress. The people that have these fabrics are ahead of us — they know what's coming in fashion more than a year in advance. This season's collection is jewel-toned for fall emeralds are in, rubies are in." (And it's the colors that are really going to vary season to season in the Nelli line. Details — sleeves vs. straps, trims, etc. may change, but her basic

body shapes, together with her devotion to silks and silk blends, remain constant.) "But I'm not going to use a color that I know most people cannot wear, like moldy green. I like girls to look pretty, and I want to sell clothes that are going to make girls look pretty."

What Goes into a \$575 Dress?

Saturday night. The big finale. I treat myself to a \$10 shot of Patrón Silver from the bar. Tonight, I'm here to see 25-year-old Lauren Edleson's Siren collection. She's been here all week, reveling in the rise of San Diego - Edleson lives in L.A., but she's a graduate of Poway High. She debuted her first collection last year at L.A.'s fashion week; this year, she's bringing it home. "I think having something like this contributes to the city, gives another feel to it," she says. "I'm excited to be part of something that's pushing that movement a little bit." (She is here at the invitation of Deborah Rosen, who read a story about her in the Poway Chieftan.)

Tonight, she says, "I'm going to be debuting my Siren collection. 'Siren' has a double meaning — first, the sirens from Greek mythology; there's a little bit of the Greek goddess factor thrown in. Second, the sirens from the '40s and '50s — Grace Kelly, Audrey Hepburn. I majored in film at the University of Texas, and I've always taken inspiration from that — sort of taking what I see and translating it. Making it modern and wearable."

The Eliza dress, for instance. "I was watching My Fair Lady, the racetrack scene — it was directly inspired by that. Her dress was white with huge bows all around —

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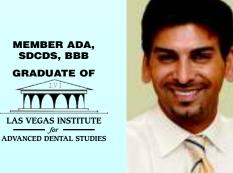


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I'm sure most people remember it. I loved it, and I wanted to make it more wearable, more modern, but still keep the bow accent. Originally, I envisioned it with a diagonal slash across the bodice of the dress, with a bow closer to the shoulder — more similar to what Audrey Hepburn actually wore. But as I worked on it — I make all my own samples — I found that I didn't want it to be such a direct correlation. It just seemed a little too much. I liked the simplicity of keeping the bow on the waistline. It's less costumey."

The Eliza dress sells for \$575 on Edleson's website. About the relatively high price tag, she says, "I look for things that I can have forever and wear forever. The quality is as good as it can get. Production is done in L.A. — a lot of my stuff has hand-sewn detail, and I have to have fairly easy access to it while it's being made, so that I can fix anything that needs fixing. And I do my fabric sourcing in downtown L.A. — I can spend hours down there, choosing my palette."

Most of the designers from Thursday night have products for sale on their websites, but Edleson has built a bit of herself into her online brand. "I do a monthly newsletter that gives updates as far as new pieces or new collections. Or I'll put in behind-thescenes clips from runway shows and events. With the rise of reality TV, that sort of stuff is becoming more popular. When I first started, I had a lot of friends who were curious about how it works, what goes on. I started sending them little snippets — I think it's a nice way of making the product more personal, more relatable. It's pretty intriguing if you don't know too much about it."

Edleson, however, does know — and did know, from her precollegiate days as a model. It taught her about "the whole process of how clothes get sold" before she ever knew she wanted to sell them. Right up through college, she was happy just making them. "I always liked making my own clothes, and when I was in Austin, my friends started requesting pieces that I made. And then random people on the street would stop me, and I'd end up designing something specifically for

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Damante deflects the praise with a joke and a compliment of his own. "They asked me to do the swimwear, but I didn't fit into the swimsuit. But ladies and gentlemen, I would be doing you a disservice if you did not see this beautiful lady up front. So if you don't mind, we're going to walk the aisle together." And so they do.

"This year has exceeded last year in every way," beams Damante. "It's been packed; it's been sold out. I think it's going to be an event we can look forward to having every year." The lights dim, the music starts, the models walk, and the cameras click away. ■

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A Walk on the Stingaree Side, PART 4

WALTER BELLON.

In 1936, Max Miller's *I Cover the Waterfront* became a national best-seller. Miller wrote about San Diego's tough harbor district, its "land sharks" and "bruisers." Fifty-five-year-old Wal-

Bellon did. In 1910, the Health Department chose him to clean up the notorious red-light district. The task took six years, and during that time Bellon became, in his words, "the most hated man in San Diego."

"I LET IT BE KNOWN THAT I DID NOT FRIGHTEN EASILY."

ter Bellon read the book and roared: it was "mostly junk" and "had no punch." By the time Miller came on the scene, Bellon huffed, "San Diego's waterfront was as clean as a hound's tooth, also the Stingaree. He knew nothing of the past!" When he was 12, in 1893, Bellon quit the fifth grade and worked at an iron foundry in Trenton, New Jersey. He lifted heavy weights from bench molds 12 hours a day, Monday–Saturday, for \$2 a week. He always bragged about his strength. "I could swing a wicked right," he wrote in his "Memoirs," and his left "carried T.N.T." As a light-heavyweight boxer in the Army, he earned a reputation among the "cauliflower ears."

After serving in the Spanish-American War—he enlisted at 17 — Bellon worked as an apprentice plumber in the rougher parts of Trenton. "I always kept aloof, but I never backed away. Standing one's ground is always an asset when confronted by a bully."

Bellon came to San Diego in 1908. He'd heard about the climate, and when he arrived on January 17, the temperature was 72. He decided to stay, working as a steam fitter, for \$4.59 a day, and parttime plumbing inspector



Walter Bellon, c. 1915

for the city.

In 1910, Dr. Francis Mead, chief of the health department, took Bellon aside. San Diego is hosting the World's Fair in 1915, he said. The City wants to clean up the waterfront, the red-light (Stingaree) district, and Chinatown. Would Bellon inspect these areas for





sanitation problems and unsafe structures?

Bellon thought about it. Offhand, he estimated that over 100 buildings in "the lower part of town" were nowhere near code. Shanties in the tidelands teetered on stilts. Large vermin infested the clapboard saloons and brothels in the Stingaree. Redwood shacks in Chinatown had neither plumbing nor ventilation.

Prominent San Diegans owned property in the Stingaree, the City's most lucrative district, and their hired hands, called "enforcers," took "a proprietary interest in maintaining the status

"For a city official to tangle with a recipient of this tainted business was suicide," Bellon wrote. And law enforcement would be no help. There were so few officers in 1910 that they rarely patrolled the district, which policed itself.

Bellon took the job not for the \$90 per month, he said, but for the "personal challenge." And though Dr. Mead tried several times to convince him, Bellon refused a bodyguard. "I was the only one confident of success," he said. "Even other health employees would ask when I would throw in the sponge."

He made his first rounds in September of 1910. His companion, Dr. Mead, had never been to the Stingaree. Dressed in business suits and bowler hats, they went straight to Pete Cassidy's notorious saloon at 452 Fifth Avenue. The owner, in his mid-50s with a face as scarred by fists and broken bottles as wrinkled by time, was one of San Diego's most infamous entrepreneurs. In 1898, during a court trial, when the bailiff called Cassidy's name, many in the room craned their necks to glimpse the legend they'd heard so much about.

"Just here to inspect conditions," Bellon told Cassidy. "Health department."

Bellon and Mead moved through the bar, taking mental notes. As they were about to enter the back rooms, the sites of high-stakes card games and dopers high on opium, one of Cassidy's enforcers stood before them, legs spread, arms crossed, chin belligerent.

"It's my job," Bellon said, sidestepping the thug and entering one of the Stingaree's most infamous — and, it turned out, grimy — inner sanctums.

"The hoodlums...were tough," Bellon wrote, "and so was I. I let it be known that I did not frighten easily."

Bellon and Mead went to the cribs behind Cassidy's. The "working man's brothel" consisted of 20 board-andbatten, one-room shacks where, writes Bellon, "on a busy evening, ladies with tarnished hangovers were there to greet you." Instead, on this Saturday morning, two of Cassidy's enforcers, Hosterder and Pigeon, blocked their

way. "No one permitted," one said. "Private grounds."

"Make no backward step," Bellon whispered to Mead, whose first inclination was to do just that, since black pistol handles protruded from the men's shoul-

der holsters. Bellon pinched his left bicep close to his side, bulging his coat, and pretended to conceal a handgun as well. This trick became standard procedure during inspections.

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www.ShumwayCosmeticSurgery.com www.abetterbreastaug.com brand of courtesy the strongarm thugs handed me. They were never sure if I was armed or not." Bellon was conducting a complete survey of the district, he explained to the enforcers, and would make recommendations and post citations. The health department's concerned with how people are living, he said, not with "what they're doing."

Bellon wasn't sure how they'd react. At that time, even among "the best citizens, health inspection was not regarded as essential." He gave Hosterder and Pigeon two weeks to ponder his request. As he and Mead left the stockade-like compound, maybe 40 pairs of eyes followed their every step from behind dusty curtains and doors ajar.

Two weeks later, Bellon inspected the cribs, joined by assistant district attorney Shelley J. Higgins, who one day would decide the prostitutes' fate in court.

Above the doors hung goodluck charms and women's names: Sadie, Gwendolyn, Ethelryda. Inside, "where light was seldom seen," Bellon and Higgins found no toilets (no plumbing, for that matter), lice, clusters of thick mold, gunk.

"Every city has girls like those living on the fringe of the evening hour, making excitement pay the bill," he wrote. "You call them play girls, but these girls play for keeps." Though he found them "disreputable," Bellon conceded that "these unfortunates had sunk so low in the scales of human misery, there was no return."

Wide-eyed Higgins, who like Dr. Mead was new to the district, had a different reaction: "Whatever may have been their behavior in secret, in public their comportment certainly was no indication. Their appearance was circumspect."

The men went across the street to the Stables, a

long row of cribs that resembled horses' stalls, in Wildcat Alley. Inside a crib — where "fast blondes served slow gin" — they found a bed, maybe a chair. A wash bowl and pitcher "served as plumbing." When the time came, Bellon noted to Higgins, these shacks would have to go: for sanitary, not sanctimonious, reasons.

They crossed Third to Chinatown. "These Orientals were fine people," Bellon wrote, "and their only desire was to be left alone." The architecture resembled a maze constructed from the center out: a second room grew from the original, then others sprawled from them in all directions, each with 50 feet of floor space at best. The architects "built the outside walls around the rooms" and left out the windows.

Bellon and Higgins found the inside rooms "as dark as rat holes," with neither light nor air. They found few mattresses, just planks

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That puzzled Bellon, because his carbon dioxide tests of the sleeping quarters showed 80 parts of CO₂ per 10,000 — a high percentage of impure air that could almost "strangle" a person.

After his initial inspections, even though newspapers had announced his aims, most San Diegans didn't think Bellon was serious. People had screamed "slam the lid on the Stingaree" for decades, even before it got its name. Was the selfrighteous Bellon just a grufftalking, civic bluff?

People began to question his intentions. "The females were nervous," he said. "They were willing to talk, and I was willing to listen." A large percentage of the prostitutes had come to San Diego for their health — pulmonary ailments and a fear of TB so when Bellon announced his mission, he says, "all seemed to agree that something must be done." He spoke of improving conditions, not moving them out.

Bellon soon became a target. At 10 a.m., every time he turned the corner of Third and I(sland) and entered Chinatown, he saw at least 50 people on the street. They'd be gone in 30 seconds. "They avoided me as if I had smallpox."

Bellon befriended the district's leaders: Ah Ouin, Tom Kay, Tom Huck, and others. The legendary "mayor of Chinatown," Ah Quin owned a restaurant on Third, half a block south of I(sland). Unlike most Chinese, who saw Bellon as another symbol of the white harassment that forced an estimated 65 percent to flee San Diego and return to China in 1910, Ah Quin befriended the inspector.

Ah Quin invited Bellon to dinner. Long discussions ensued, in English, which Quin spoke fluently. Quin became more than an ally; he spread the word about improvements and became one of the first Chinese to install plumbing in his home.

Ah Quin introduced Bellon to Chinatown. Bellon grew accustomed to the pungent scent of joss sticks, thin smoke rising before religious icons, and the clack of dominoes coming from numerous, small redwood dwellings on I Street between Second and Third.

Opium was legal in small amounts in 1910. Bellon watched addicts "make and smoke their pills and slumber." He kept his distance. "Dopesters are a dangerous breed; treat them kindly, then leave them alone. I had enough trouble and did not want to add to it."

Bellon took two years to make his survey. In that time, he ate in Chinatown's restaurants and made "small purchases" in their stores. He never forced his authority west of Third Street. Once the Chinese understood his intentions — thanks to Ah Quin and Tom Huck more appeared on the streets

when he walked by. "Many nodded, some saluted, others spoke."

Stingaree denizens east of Chinatown were another matter. From Third Street to Twelfth, and down to the waterfront, Bellon heard

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He was the secretary and "public agent" for the San Diego Rifle Club, which published members' scores every Tuesday morning. His were always among the highest, he bragged, and he made sure his opponents heard about his marksmanship: "Tough men have respect for one who knows how to handle a six gun."

In 1912, Bellon moved into the final phase of his "slum radication." He'd served notices on those buildings needing improvement. Some responded. Those beyond repair received condemnations. When occupants had to find new lodgings, many of the elderly

went to Associated Charities. Crawfish Charlie, who had lived in his apartment for over 30 years, expressed gratitude. But even though Bellon claimed that "their welfare was much improved," not all went happily, and he admitted that a large number of suddenly homeless residents "felt badly wounded by this health movement." He moved them anyway.

For the demolition phase, Bellon hired a threeman wrecking crew. They had two options: tear down structures with axes, crowbars, and sledgehammers; or torch them to the ground. Sanitary conditions determined which. They would burn the buildings "overrun with vermin" under the watchful eye of the fire department.

Those owners who had made no changes in a year kept a wait-and-see attitude. To prove he wanted "cooperation, or else," Bellon announced his first strate-

gic assault: 13 buildings, many on pilings joined by a plank walkway, at the foot of Eighth. The area, aptly named Pirates' Cove, was far more dangerous than the Stingaree. Thieves and guano poachers ruled the rundown locale. If Bellon could succeed here — literally set hell on fire — he'd send a clear message uptown.

The San Diego Union rarely mentioned his crusade, Bellon said, because it refused to reveal the "families of respectability" who owned condemned properties. Even though the papers made no announcement, when the morning came for demolition, over 1000 San Diegans came to see the spectacle at the foot of Eighth.

Firemen moved from structure to structure, making sure everyone had been evacuated. Aided by onlookers — as curious to see if Bellon meant business as they were to see a conflagration — firemen cleared debris from the surrounding area.

Pacing like a general before a decisive battle, Bellon consulted his charts, dramatically pointed here and there, and gave stern orders, in part to assure the crowd he was in charge.

Bellon, who later became a San Diego County supervisor for the First District, relished the spotlight. He stepped on a prominent rise, holding a torch in his hand. The crowd quieted down. But before he could cross the railroad tracks and ignite the structures, a sliver of smoke snaked toward the sky from behind a condemned building. It rose and grew into a twisting pillar, the tip curved inland by the sea breeze. Flames spread below. The building, little more than a kindling skeleton, exploded into a giant orange ball. Firebrands shot sideways. They speared adjoining structures, which cracked into flame like incendiary dominoes. Firemen raced to the perimeter. Bucket brigades followed, at the ready. The crowd roared, awed by the fireworks.

Was Bellon's raised torch a signal to begin, or did an outsider start the fire? Bellon made it look as if all had gone according to plan. So did new health supervisor, Dr. A.E. Banks, who shook Bellon's hand and patted his back. Great job, he said for all to hear. Our crusade has begun!

"A clever trick," he whispered to Bellon. "The health authorities can't be blamed for an act they didn't do."

In his "Memoirs," however, Bellon confessed he was as surprised as the crowd. He had no clue who or what started the fire. He saw no one, and the firemen had assured him the area was clear. The blaze, which burned the 13 structures and harmed no others, just...happened.

"It was certainly well timed," he wrote. "I received

commendation of the highest order."

Next time: Bellon's future assignments would prove less miraculous.

QUOTATIONS:

1. Bellon, "Memoirs": "Many events concerning Health Matters were never told or written because of political repercussions. However, they are written here."

2. Bellon neither smoked nor drank: "One glass of wine," he quoted a proverb, "the man drinks wine; Two glasses of wine, wine drinks wine; Three glasses of wine, wine drinks man."

3. Bellon's eulogy for Ah Quin concludes: "He looked on the loveliness of the world and aided in correcting its imperfections."

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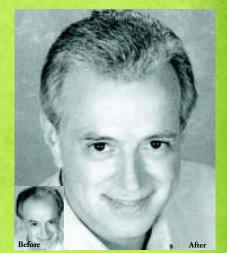
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I would hope that upon review and confirmation of

this information the *Reader* will realize that they have been provided misinformation by Dr. Tadros and his attorney to obtain an unfair advantage in this litigation and destroy Dr. Doyne's illustrious career. I am sure that the *Reader* has no intent or desire to be used as a pawn in litigation. Therefore, we respectfully request that you pull the story from your website and issue a formal apology directly to Dr. Doyne.

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I think the article that Ernie did was great.

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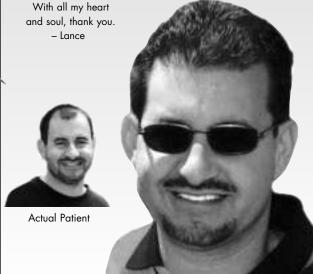
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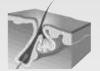
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AND WELCOME TO IT

Thursday, July 23

GO BANANAS!

Captain Feathersword, Henry the Octopus, and Dorothy the Dinosaur are just some of the friends joining kidfaves the Wiggles as they perform songs from their latest album, The Wiggles Go Bananas, at the San Diego Civic Theatre.

COOL CUISINE

What if your food choices had more of an impact on global warming than the car you drive? Eugene Cordero discusses his book, Cool Cuisine: Taking the Bite Out of Global Warming, at the Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center in Imperial Beach. See IN PERSON, page 56.

See **FOR KIDS**, page 55.

Friday, July 24

A BAD, BAD **BOY Judith** Moore's new book

is about the Mafia —



San Diego Reader editor/owner Jim Holman and senior editor Matt Potter will read from Moore's collection of stories about Southern California mafioso Frank Bompensiero.

See IN PERSON, page 56.

MOXIE: MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

Enjoy an evening out with dinner and a murder — a murder for which you may prove to be a suspect! Arrive in character and play your part, all the while dining on a three-course meal. See **THEATER**, page 110.

Saturday, July 25

STAGECOACH DAYS

Beginning in 1857, stage lines passed through rural San Diego, moving passengers, freight, and mail. For this stagecoach-themed event, Old Town will feature wagon rides, wagons on display, a demonstration by the Mexican women's equestrian precision riding team, blacksmithing, and more. See SPECIAL, page 62.

PINE VALLEY DAYS

The Mountain Empire Men's Club invites you to head east for a full day of Pine Valley fun, including breakfast burritos at Pine Valley Club House, a parade along historic Old Highway 80, games, live music, a deep-pit barbecue, a climbing wall, and more. See SPECIAL, page 62.

Sunday, July 26

EXTREME AUTOFEST

What car show would be complete without a bikini contest? Check out hundreds of customized cars, trucks, SUVs, and motorcycles at this ninth annual car show and concert, including DJs, a lowrider hop, and, yes, bikinis. See **SPECIAL**, page 62.

Monday, July 27

ADVANCED ROCK **PAINTING: MAMMALS**

In this class for children aged 8 to 14, you can paint your own rock pet. "Not your average painted rocks" with mere splotches of color, mind you — these challenging designs include deer, coyote, and rabbits. See FOR KIDS, page 54.

DON'T **DRESS FOR DINNER**

There's a little chameleon in all of us. Each of Marc Camoletti's characters in this production

morphs into different personalities to suit different people in their lives. Newcomer Jacque Wilke, as Suzette, performs "an unforgettable costume change," thanks to designer Michelle Hunt Souza. See **THEATER**, page 109.

Tuesday, July 28

PIECING TOGETHER FAMILY **HISTORIES**

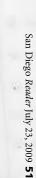
How deep do the roots of your family tree go? Certified genealogist Jean Wilcox Hibben presents "Getting Family History Information through the Back Door" for the North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Nonmembers welcome. See **LECTURES**, page 57.

Wednesday, July 29

BECOMING A BABYSITTER

Babysitting can be a great way for adolescents to get to know their neighbors...and make a little cash. Learn the basics of caring for little ones — including important safety procedures — during this babysitter training class for those 11 and up.

See FOR KIDS, page 55.



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

The Point Loma peninsula has a split personality. In the north, block upon block of houses spread over the peninsula's broad spine. Military land and park space (Cabrillo National Monument) encompass the peninsula's narrower south end. To get an inside look at the whole of the peninsula — at a leisurely pace, compared to a car ride — consider the circuitous, 16-mile-long bicycle route described here and arrowed on the adjacent map. Take along a street map of San Diego to gather more details or to help you improvise a route similar to the one sketched here.

Begin at Collier Park, one block north of Voltaire Street and west of Nimitz Boulevard. Make your way southwest toward Sunset Cliffs Boulevard over the rectangular grid of residential streets on Ocean Beach's more serene east side. On Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, south of Point Loma Avenue, you approach the brink of the wave-battered Sunset Cliffs. These structurally weak bluffs, made of sandstone, are eroding at a rate that is among the fastest anywhere along the California coast.

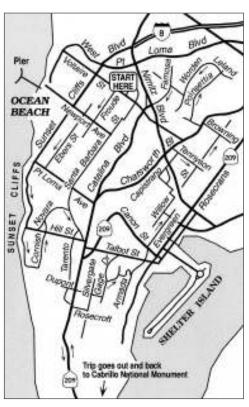
At Ladera Street, turn inland and pedal sharply uphill for two blocks to Cornish Drive. Go left and continue on Cornish past Hill Street to



"New" Point Loma Lighthouse

Novara Street. (Hill Street may be used to short-cut the arrowed route, but it's extremely steep.) Curve right, following Novara Street, then Santa Barbara Street. Mission Bay, Pacific Beach, and part of the La Jolla coast can be glimpsed in the north. Use Tarento Drive, crossing Hill Street again, to reach Catalina Boulevard, where you turn right.

Catalina Boulevard becomes Cabrillo Memorial Drive as you pass the Navy reservation gate (public admitted starting at 9 a.m. daily). Using the bike lane on the road shoulder. enjoy the next 2.5 miles of undulating roadway, with bay and city views on the left and ocean views on the right. At the road's end lies Cabrillo National Monument's entrance booth, a good place to turn around and pedal north back up the peninsula — unless you want to pay the small fee to enter the monument itself. A great side trip within the monument itself (adding two extra



miles) involves swooping down the hill toward the "new" Point Loma Light-

house and the nearby tidepools on the Pacific side of the peninsula.

POINT LOMA BIKE RIDE

Pump and glide over Point Loma's hilly terrain.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 7 miles Biking length: 16 miles Difficulty: Moderately strenuous

Back outside the Navy reservation gate, go $\frac{1}{3}$ mile north on Catalina Boulevard, and then turn right onto Rosecroft Lane. Take short segments of Silvergate Avenue. Dupont Street. and Gage Drive. Turn right at Charles Street (a short, and very steep uphill); make a left at Bangor Place: and make a right at Golden Park Avenue, Pause at Lucinda Street (one of San Diego's steepest streets) and decide whether your brakes can handle the descent. Walk don't ride - down if you want to have more than a few seconds to enjoy the startling view of the bay and the city.

At the bottom of the Lucinda Street hill, curve around to Armada Terrace and continue descending to Talbot Street. Jog left to Evergreen, then later Willow Street, in a neighborhood historically settled by fishermen of Portuguese descent. After some further zigzagging, staying west of busy Nimitz Boulevard, find Capistrano Street and go across Nimitz (or else vou may cross Nimitz at the traffic light on Chatsworth one block away). Pedal uphill on Capistrano to Tennyson, then go right and continue sharply uphill to Willow Street. Turn left on Willow and freewheel through the stylish, but airport-noiseimpacted Loma Portal district.

You may conclude the ride by returning to Collier Park, circuitous as always, on residential streets (arrowed on the map) overlooking Mission Bay and Ocean Beach.

Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

HOW TO SEND US YOUR

LISTING: Contributions must be received by 5 pm Friday the week prior to publication for consideration. Do not phone. Send a complete description of the event. including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a contact phone number, and a phone number (including area code) for public information to READER EVENTS, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at SDReader.com by clicking on the events section.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Cabaret 2009" Hillcrest Wind Ensemble performs with conductor John Winkelman. 619-692-2077 x814. Saturday, July 25, 7pm; \$15-\$25. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South (MISSION WALLEY)

"Summer Spectacular Concert" North Coast Symphony plays "popular and light classical pieces," including selections from Copland's "Rodeo," movie scores. 760-230-2515. Saturday, July 25, 3pm; \$8-\$10. Seacoast Community Church, 1050 Regal Road.

"Video Games Live" San Diego Symphony "combines memorable video game music with synchronized lighting, game and costume contests, and lots of new material" during Summer Pops concert. Evening concludes with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Thursday, July 23, 7:30pm; \$15-\$75. Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

"Up, Up, and Away!" Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. — from the Fifth Dimension — perform for Summer Pops series with San Diego Symphony. Evenings conclude with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Friday, July 24, 7:30pm; Saturday, July 25, 7:30pm; \$15-\$75. Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

Athenaeum Summer Festival 2009 Pianist Gustavo Romero commemorates 200th anniversary of death of Franz Joseph Haydn, 200th anniversary of birth of Felix Mendelssohn, and 250th anniversary of birth of George Frideric Handel during series featuring works by these composers. Series tickets: \$92-\$152. 858-454-5872. Sunday, July 26, 4pm; \$92-\$152. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Award-Winning Organist

American organist Tom Trenney plays for Summer International Organ Festival. He is "winner of many American Guild of Organist awards." 619-702-8138. Monday, July 27, 7:30pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Civic Organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Sunday, July 26, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Adams Project Performance Soprano Julia Kermott joined by

Soprano Julia Kermott joined by accompanist Renee Calvo in concert. 858-573-5007. Thursday, July 23, 10:30am; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

DANCE

"Dance n' Dine" The PGK Project hosts performances by 2toGroove, Culture Shock, Eveoke Dance Theatre, Flamenco Arana, Stella Nova Dance Company, Urban Tribal Dance Company, Parade Dance Company to benefit Celebrate Dance Festival. Fee includes three-course meal, wine, performance. Reservations: 619-474-3222. Saturday, July 25, 7pm; \$45. Café La Maze, 1441 Highland Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

"Milonga Nocturna" Dance to "some of the best Argentine tangos" played by Sabah. 858-565-9575. Saturday, July 25, 9pm; \$10. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

"Pre-Hispanic Dance and Music" Xavier Quijas Yxayotl brings native culture performances of ancestral music from Maya, Aztec, Tarahumara, Tepehuane, Yaqui, other indigenous pre-Hispanic peoples of Meso-America. Enjoy traditional music of ancient Mexico, Aztec dance performances, Mayan rhythms. 619-230-1190. Sunday, July 26, 6:30pm; \$5. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Ballroom Dance Mary Manzella hosts ballroom, Latin, swing dance. Each dance begins with lesson, followed by two and a half hours of dancing. 858-565-9575. Wednesdays, 7:30pm; \$8. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard.

Belly Dance Show Mimi the belly dancer entertains. 858-784-0515. Saturday, July 25, 7:30pm; free. Ali Baba Restaurant, 421 E. Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Cajun and Zydeco Dancing Zydeco lesson and dance. Beginners' dance lessons at 7pm; open dancing to recorded tunes 8pm. 619-857-8409. Tuesdays, 7pm; \$5. Tio Leo's, 5302 Napa Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Contra Dance and Dinner Graham Hempel calls, Old Twine provides music for dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage at 8pm. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30pm. Optional potluck supper at 6:30pm; bring some food/beverages to share. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, July 25, 6:30pm; \$7. Trinity United

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Islas Coronados, Mexico

By John Kanlund

A short trip out from our beautiful Pacific Coast is a vast world of nature. Yes, nature, it does exist and you do not need to visit the San Diego Zoo to see it. Darwin's islands may lie in another

hemisphere, but just off the coast from the millions of Californians who call San Diego home is a distant land.

The Coronado Islands are home to many species not seen anywhere outside of the Alta and Baja California region.

The tour heads out to sea and you feel an immediate Robinson Crusoe effect come over you — daydreams of leaving the house in Poway behind and fishing for a living come to mind. Here time stops and you can indulge in the tranquility.

Just beyond the limits of San Diego's coastline, the cruise heads toward the islands. Here you may see nature in all of its beauty. After roaming the islands for a portion of the five-anda-half-hour tour, you return to

civilization.

The Islas Coronados tour is a great experience to be had for any novice environmentalist. For about \$50 a person, you can plan one of the most memorable trips around San Diego.

Board the Harbor Tours cruise from the Embarcadero on Harbor Drive remember to pack a lunch, sunblock, a hat, jacket and a good digital camera.

California Academy of Science Museum, **San Francisco**

By Janette Lanz

Nowadays, more and more people are becoming eco-conscious — even busi-

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spooks69: The Fremont Street Experience in Las Vegas



gklefkowitz: Paradise Inn at Mt. Rainier Nat'l Park, WA. The ceiling of this rustic retreat is adorned with handpainted lanterns that feature local flora



eftonge: Bison bull keeping his eye on his herd in Girdwood, AK, Big Game Alaska Wildlife Center (a wildlife rehabilitation center)



misshottie45: Sundown in Minnesota



SF museum's "living roof"

nesses are "going green." Adding to this trend is the world's greenest museum, the California Academy of Science Museum. Located in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, this modernized museum has a living roof consisting of native plants that aid in insulation. Solar panels are mounted on the roof. Walk inside a four-story glass dome rainforest featuring bats, butterflies, and a cocoa tree. It ends with an elevator ride down to the "flooded forest," which is a tunneled aquarium. Also nearby are the Morrison Planetarium, Kimball Natural History Museum, Steinhart Aquarium and the Naturalist Center. And don't miss the rare albino alligator, Claude, on exhibit.

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Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn

English Country Dancing Chris Page calls for English country dancing. 858-676-9731. Thursday, July 23, 6pm; Sunday, July 26, 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Hot Salsa Party Dance the night away with bachata, merengue, and salsa, hosted by DJ El Hombre Misterioso. Class at 8pm (free); dancing starts at 9pm. Parties planned fourth Saturday each month. 858-270-7100. Saturday, July 25, 8pm; \$10. Cheek 2 Cheek Dance Studio, 4360 Morena Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Salsa Workshop Learn how to salsa during class. Singles and couples welcome. 858-270-7100. Sunday, July 26, 1pm; free. Cheek 2

BIG BEAR

COOL CABINS

Cheek Dance Studio, 4360 Morena Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Scandinavian Dance Party Enjoy live music for dancing. Bring snack to share, 619-281-5656. Wednesday, July 29, 7:30pm; \$8. Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Swing Classes Firehouse swing school's classes include "Lindy Hop 1" instruction focusing on "side Charleston, skip-up to tuck turn" for beginners; "hitting-the-breaks with cool dips and tricks" during "Swing Sampler Series" for beginning and intermediate swing dancers. Class fee includes admission to Firehouse Swing Dance (8-11:30pm). Fee: \$15 per class or \$50

for four weeks. All ages. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, July 29, 7pm; \$15-\$50. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Woman's Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

Three Candles on the Dance Floor? Dancing After School hosts third anniversary party with introductory tango lessons for beginners (6pm), salsa for beginners (7pm), salsa for intermediates (7:45pm), open dancing to Luna Llena and various DJs (8:30-midnight), 619-200-7124, Friday, July 24, 6pm; \$10-\$15. 18 and up. Schroeder's at Tango Del Rev. 3567 Del Rey Street. (CLAIREMONT)

FILM

"Dive-In Theatre" "Cinema social" combines "eclectic film choices," food, drink, light conversation at hotel's poolside lounge and theater located outdoors. This week, take in the 1971 cult classic Harold and Maude. Reservations: 619-226-6100. Wednesday, July 29. 8pm; free. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street, (POINT LOMA)

Days of Dirt Enjoy this Allout Productions film during San Diego Mountain Bike Association's "Thursday Bike Movie Night," 619-922-0446. Thursday, July 23, 7:30pm; \$5. 21 and up. The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

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Great Wines are Closer Than You Think!

By Kathleen Cuban

Where are the great wines of California? If your thoughts jump to Northern California's Napa/Sonoma region, then you're missing the wines of Paso Robles in Central California. Paso Robles boasts over 200 wineries nestled in the beautiful rolling hills of San Luis Obispo County. Not only is it much closer to San Diego than Napa and Sonoma, it is also much less commercialized.

My husband Jack and I, avid wine lovers, travel up there at least twice a

year. We have our favorites that we always visit, but we make a point to try a new winery each time. During our last trip we discovered Croad Vineyards, a picturesque, mission-style winery perched on a hilltop with a 360-degree view of the countryside. The owner, Martin Croad from New Zealand, specializes in Rhone-style wines. He eagerly shared his wine and story, along with some sausages right from the "barbie."

As we winded our way along the twisty mountain road, we couldn't help but admire the uninterrupted vistas of rolling hills covered in vineyards, live oaks, and wild mustard. Paso was experiencing their version of June gloom,

but it was much prettier than San Diego's. The clouds were big puffy stacks as opposed to our flat, gray blanket covering, and plenty of sun broke through in the afternoons. It was a fun, relaxing trip.

Las Vegas's Chinatown

By John Kanlund

It is a cool 60 degrees outside and the crowd is watching in amazement at what can only be the strangest site in our modern universe: Las Vegas's Chinatown.

Though much smaller then San Francisco's famous C-town, the community nevertheless is large and grow-



LV's Chinatown

ing in Vegas. Adding to the mixture of cultures, Chinatown celebrations are frequented by Vegas's large Hispanic population.

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promised. Bring blankets, low chairs. Fun starts at 5pm, movie begins at dusk (around 8pm). Saturday, July 25, 5pm; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Scribble.08 Mark Murphy's art film documentary is made up of eight five-minute segments about inspiration, artistic motivation, "prolific output of Joe Sorren, Martha Rich, Kevin Christy, Jeff Soto, Tim Biskup, Camille Rose Garcia, and the Clayton Brothers." Screening complemented by 25 original paintings by James Jean, Kent Williams, Cathie Bleck, others. Live music by Manuok. 619-234-8371. Thursday, July 23,

6:30pm; free. Wonderhaus Bakery, 171 14th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Surf's Up Movies in the Park series continues at Viejas Outlet Center. 619-659-2070. Tuesday, July 28, 8pm; free. Viejas Casino, 5005 Willows Road. (ALPINE)

Waltz with Bashir The agony of Middle East violence is documented in Ari Folman's animated film, screening for Film Forum. Film was "conceived as a journey in search of Folman's lost memories from the 1982 Lebanon War." In Hebrew with English subtitles. 619-236-5800. Monday, July 27, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

War on Democracy Documentary by John Pilger focusing on political state of Latin America is described as "a rebuke of both the United States' intervention in foreign countries' domestic politics and its War on Terrorism." Film Forum screening. 619-236-5800. Saturday, July 25, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street.

Screen on the Green 2009 Series begins with introduction by guests from Comic-Con; guest curated by Dan Bennett and San Diego International Children's Film Festival. Screenings of *Once Upon a Tide, Abridged, Iz — the*

Spirit of Aloha, Karma Cafe take place on east lawn. 619-232-7931. Friday, July 24, 8pm; free. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

FOOD & DRINK

Caymus Tasting Wines from Caymus Vineyards showcased. 760-591-9113. Friday, July 24, 5pm; Saturday, July 25, 5pm; \$15-\$20. 21 and up. Vino 100, 133 South Las Posas Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Epicurean Adventure Through

Europe Beer and cheese regional pairing spotlights several different regions from around world. "Beer and Cheese Guru" Bill Sysak partners seven regional brews with artisanal cheeses from same territories. Reservations: 760-471-4999. Sunday, July 26, 2:30pm and 5pm; \$30. 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Let the Flames Fly! Enjoy "fiery yet fun competition"; bring friends, form a team, cook, compete, eat. Chef Marc divides guests into three groups; each group prepares menu, sets up buffet presentation for din-

ner. Groups then judged on presentation, preparation, taste. Everyone enjoys complete dinner. Reservations: 858-638-1400. Tuesday, July 28, 6pm; \$55. 18 and up. Behind the Scenes Catering Co., 9888 Waples Street. (MIRA MESA)

Taste of Temecula Weins Cellars in Temecula plans wine tasting of six of their varietals, including orange-infused sparkling wine, reserve Syrah, Sangiovese, others. Fee includes tasting and appetizers. Art on display by Wendy Starling and Nicole B. Schmidt, who will be on hand to talk about their work. 760-757-1037. Saturday, July 25, 6pm; \$15.21 and up. Vine to Glass, 210-A N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

Wine Tasting Chula Vista Golf Course hosts wine tasting with "strategically planned appetizers and delicious wines from domestic and Spanish providers," entertainment, vendors, and a sommelier to answer questions. 619-479-4141 x225. Friday, July 24, 4pm; \$35. 21 and up. Chula Vista Golf Course, 4475 Bonita Road. (BONITA)



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"America's View of the World"

Reception for this interactive installation for teens by artist Tim Schwartz, examining how Americans view rest of world. During reception, participants are encouraged to return to see final incarnation of the work, which includes two months' worth of news analysis. Exhibit closes Friday, July 24. 619-233-8792. Thursday, July 23, 5pm. The New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue.

"Palekh Inspired" Family Storytelling Professional storyteller Harlynne 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, July 25, 11am; free. 5 and up. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"So You Think You Can Dance?"

Dance competition for those in 7th-12th grades. Competitors judged by three-person panel; prizes for all contestants. Registration, information: 760-602-2058. Thursday, July 23, 7pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Les Misérables San Diego Junior Theatre presents school edition of "the most popular musical in the world, chronicling Jean Valjean's struggles against injustice in 19th-Century France." Performance on Saturday, August 8, is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 2pm; Saturdays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, August 9, \$8-\$13. 10 and up. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

The Three Wishes Puppet Express and Eva Kvaas perform. 619-544-9203. Thursday, July 23, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Friday, July 24, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Saturday, July 25, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, July 26, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; free-\$5. 4 and up. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Pirate Paul's Pirate Party You're invited to Big Joe Production marionette shows. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, July 29, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5.4 and up.

9203. Wednesday, July 29, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. 4 and up. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West.

Becoming a Babysitter Learn basics of child- and babysitting safety during babysitter training class. Registration: 800-727-4777. Wednesday, July 29, 9am; \$60. 11 and up. Scripps Mende Well Being Center at University Towne Centre, 4305 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Go Bananas! The Wiggles "are setting out on their wildest adventure to date" with new songs from their latest album *The Wiggles Go Ba-*

nanas. The Wiggles, Captain Feathersword, Dorothy the Dinosaur, Henry the Octopus, Wags the Dog, the Wiggly Dancers invite their fans to join them. 619-570-1100. Thursday, July 23, 3pm and 7pm; \$15-\$32. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Open Studios Art making workshop in conjunction with "Cannon Invitational" exhibition. Participants create works of art to take home; materials provided. 760-

434-2904. Saturday, July 25, 11am; free. William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Young Adult Fantasy Authors Nancy Holder and Debbie Viguie sign and discuss *Wicked: Resurrection*, their fifth novel of the Cahors witches. 858-268-4747. Tuesday, July 28, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blyd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Youngsters' Fishing Tournament Anglers 6-15 invited to compete. Registration at 9am, fishing from 10am-1pm, awards at 2pm. 619-

Registration at 9am, Iishing from 10am-1pm, awards at 2pm. 619-234-8793. Saturday, July 25, 9am; free. 6 and up. Shelter Island Pier, 1776 Shelter Island Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Young Naturalists Hike Outing led by naturalist D.J. Summers promises easy hike along a nature trail, followed by craft at picnic area. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Sun-

day, July 26, 1pm; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

GALLERIES

"A Slice of Life" Reception for exhibition of work by Neil Greenstein, whose show is on display along with "Between the Sun and the Sand" by Glen Maxion and Suzanne LaJoie's "Natural Instinct." Also on view: juried,

awarded artwork from "Outstanding Visual Artists" of region. Through Sunday, August 23. 619-236-0011. Friday, July 24, 6pm; \$3. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado.

"Contemporary Masters of Fine Art Photography" Opening reception for show of "imagery by nationally and internationally acclaimed photographers," including Frans Lanting and Art Wolfe of



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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

National Geographic. Also on view: works by Bill Atkinson, Christopher Burkett, Elizabeth Carmel, Charles Cramer, Mitch Dobrowner, Duby Tal and Linde Waidhofer. Closes Sunday, October 11. 858-720-1121. Saturday, July 25, 6pm; free. Ordover Gallery, 410 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Inspirations" Opening reception for exhibit of painting and mixed-media work by Kathleen Blavatt, whose "style combines realism and abstract techniques in pieces that are rich with vibrant colors and energy." Closes Friday, September 25. 619-534-8120. Saturday, July 25, 5pm; free. Edgeware Gallery, 4186 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

"No Borders" Opening reception for exhibition of work by artists from Tijuana, U.S., Mexicali, and Peru. Closes Sunday, August 23. 858-774-1286. Friday, July 24, 7pm. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

"Out of the Blue" Receptions for "wavescape artists" Ashton Howard and Wade Koniakowsky. 858-259-8920. Friday, July 24,

OUT & ABOUT

DIVE-IN THEATRE
Harold and Maude,
the Pearl Hotel,
Wednesday, July 29.

(SEE FILM)



5pm; Saturday, July 25, 5pm. Ocean Art, 346 South Cedros Avenue, Suite A. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Point of View" Reception for exhibition of fine art photography by Janine Free, Dana Levine, Jan Thompson, Lev Tsimring, and Judi Works in Gallery 21. Show closes Monday, August 3. 858-490-0470. Saturday, July 25, 1pm; free. Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

"Summer at the Shores" Opening reception for exhibition of painting and photography by artists Marilyn Callipari, Kris de-Young, Carole Duebbert, Cynthia Hedgecock. Closes Sunday, August 2. 858-459-1196. Saturday, July 25, 4pm; free. La Jolla Art Association

Gallery, 8100 Paseo del Ocaso, suite B. (LA JOLLA)

Arty Party Reception for 40 artists of San Dieguito Art Guild, exhibiting pottery, sculpture, photography, watercolor, acrylic, oil and pastel paintings, jewelry, gourd art, more. 760-942-3636. Saturday, July 25, 5pm; free. Off Track 2 Gallery, 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

IN PERSON

"Inspir-tainment" NuExperience presents "Love Vibrations," a "love-based spoken-word" event with work by local poets, vocalists, musicians. 619-491-3087. Monday,

July 27, 7pm; free. San Diego Center for Spiritual Living, 1009 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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 mobster Frank "Bomp" Bompensiero. 619-667-2870. To buy A Bad, Bad Boy, go to the Reader's book page. Thursday, July 23, 7pm; Friday, July 24, 6:30pm; Saturday, July 25, 7pm; Free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. (LA MESA)

Cool Cuisine Eugene Cordero discusses his recent book, subtitled Taking the Bite Out of Global Warming. What if your food choices have more profound impact on global warming than the car you drive? Books available for purchase. Vegan food samples, book-signing follows talk. 619-575-3613. Thursday, July 23, 6:30pm; free. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Coyote Heart Author Paula Margulies reads, signs copies of her debut novel. 619-667-2870. Saturday, July 25, 2pm; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. (LA MESA)

One of a Kind! West Coast Funnies comedy variety show with Kurt Swann features *Last Comic Standing* runner-up Marcus. Show combines sketch comedy with "Daily Show-type current events"

newscast" surrounding show's centerpiece of professional stand-up comedy, presented in talk-show style. 619-997-3033. Saturday, July 25, 8pm; \$15-\$20. 17 and up. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2808 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

Speculative Fiction Author Elizabeth Hand signs her literary thriller *Generation Loss.* 858-268-4747. Wednesday, July 29, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

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)

Wheaton, Books, Beer Enjoy "tasty craft brews" and visit by Wil Wheaton, reading from his writing. In addition to his acting career, Wheaton has written three books as well as articles, blogs, memoirs. He'll also introduce "Stone Late-Night Movie" screening of *Matrix Reloaded*, with commentary by Rifftrax. 760-471-4999. Thursday, July 23, 6pm; free. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Wine n' Writers Kitty Morse — author of Cooking at the Kasbah: Recipes from my Moroccan Kitchen and The California Farm Cookbook — speaks for literary wine series. Talk followed by book-signing; books available for purchase. 619-564-7700. Wednesday, July 29,

6pm; free. Tango Wine Company, 2161 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

LECTURES

"Be Your Own Bank" Author Pamela Yellen (Bank on Yourself: The Life-Changing Secret to Growing and Protecting Your Financial Future) "discusses how to get back every penny you pay in interest on your cars, vacations, and houses and become your own source of financing." 760-438-9095. Thursday, July 23, 7pm; free. 18 and up. Hilton Del Mar, 15575 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

"Challenges Facing Obama" James Goldsborough, author of Misfortunes of Wealth, speaks when Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meets in community room. Goldsborough is journalist whose 40-year career focused on foreign affairs; he's currently a columnist for Voice of San Diego. Signing follows. 858-259-5690. Saturday, July 25, 11am; free. La Jolla Village Square, 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Giving Peace a Chance" Israeli Miko Peled and Palestinian Nader Elbanna "were born enemies but overcame their prejudices to become friends and establish a foundation providing humanitarian aid to civilians injured in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict." Duo speaks at 2pm for Life at Mira-Costa group. Event begins at 1pm when Dana Kern describes journey from "being a preemie weighing less than two pounds at birth, through the medical challenges, and becoming an 'A' student." 760-721-8124. Friday, July 24, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"Justice Delayed or Justice Denied?" "Critical look at our broken justice system" offered by Reverend Joy Dale. Donation. 619-298-9978 x8014. Thursday, July 23, 6:30pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

"Living From the Miraculous" Author John Maxwell Taylor leads class based on "extraordinary world view of George Ivanovich Gurdjieff." Participants "perform various exercises to 'wake up' and have a vivid experience of being truly alive." 858-453-9830. Sunday, July 26, 12 noon; \$20. One Heart One Mind Center for Spiritual Living, 10225 Barnes Canyon Road, Suite C-100. (SORRENTO WALLEY)

"Sonabai Rajawar — Visionary Artist" Art historian/cultural anthropologist/photographer/author Stephen Huyler first traveled in 2001 to remote central Indian village of Puhputra to document life of Sonabai Rajawar for a chapter in his book *Daughters of India*. Huyler will share Rajawar's story, contextualize her work, "discuss how her vision and creativity can be universally inspiring." 619-239-0003 x405. Wednesday, July 29, 5:30pm; \$5-\$10. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)











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"The Lore of Loar" Music historian/author Roger Siminoff discusses life, work of Lloyd A. Loar, a musician and acoustical engineer who pioneered development of musical instruments in the early 1900s through 1950s. 760-438-5996. Saturday, July 25, 2pm; free\$10. Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"There's a Snake in My Bra" Reverend Patti Paris focuses on "issues surrounding our responsibility for wise stewardship in a very unusual and entertaining manner." Musical guest: Paula Brandes. Offering. 619-303-6609. Wednesday, July 29, 7:30pm; 14 and up. Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (IJERRASANTA)

"Toss the Turf: Less Water, Less Grass, More Fun!" Vickie Driver presents short course in turf removal. Tips for evaluating soil, tuning up irrigation system, ideas for "a beautiful low-water landscape in lieu of lawn." Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, July 25, 9am; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"When All Is Not Equal" Alana Cordy-Collins and Rose Tyson of USD's anthropology department present talk subtitled "Reassessing the Moche Giants' Age at Death" for San Diego County Archaeological Society. Listen to "report on their research on five skeletons the first giants ever reported archaeologically in the Americas excavated in Peru earlier in this decade." Why were they so tall? Outdoors; bring your own seating. 858-538-0935. Saturday, July 25, 8pm; free. Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canvonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

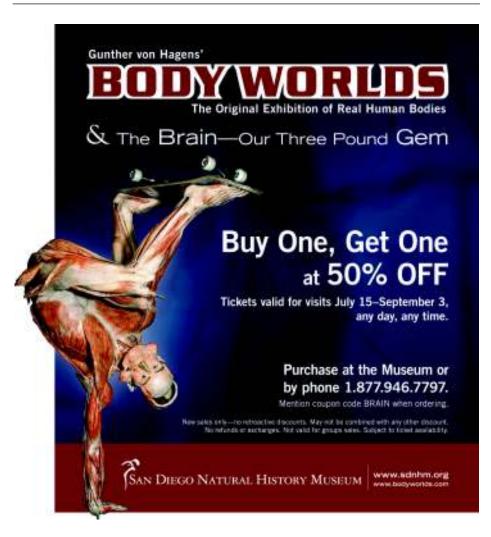
Crochet Circle Beginners learn basics, crochet "vets" trade secrets. Asia Bur-Min provides instruction. Bring crochet hooks, yarn. All ages, all skill levels. 858-573-5007. Monday, July 27, 6:30pm; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Get to Know Some California Natives Native plant specialist
John Barry and landscape designer
Greg Rubin discuss "how to make
pleasing, water-saving landscape
designs." Donation. 619-298-9978
x8014. Thursday, July 23, 6:30pm.
First Unitarian Universalist
Church of San Diego, 4190 Front

Long-Form Improv Actor/writer/comedian Jason Horton leads comedy improv workshop. Learn and exercise long-form techniques in a "rehearsal-style setting, with plenty of stage time, and feedback." 619-840-3284. Saturday, July 25, 12:30pm; \$15-\$20. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Piecing Together Family Histories Certified genealogist and genealogy instructor Jean Wilcox Hibben presents "Deliveries in the Rear! Getting Family History Information through the Back Door" for North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Nonmembers welcome. 858-509-4937.







Tuesday, July 28, 10am; free. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Right to Die? Faye Girsh examines "the current state of the right-to-die movement" when San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry gathers. 619-421-5844. Sunday, July 26, 7pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

What's the 48-Hour Film Project? Seminars for those interested in competing in 48-Hour Film Project. Learn about produc-

ing, directing. Questions answered by panel of filmmakers. Attendees may form a team or join an existing team as "talent or crew." 858-551-8385. Saturday, July 25, 10am; \$15. Saville Theatre at San Diego City College, 14th and C Street. (DOWNTOWN)

OUTDOORS

Ocean Water Temperatures

are peaking late this month — or are likely to peak in August — as a result of many weeks of summer sunshine and warm coastal air temperatures. While the water offshore seldom exceeds 70 degrees Fahrenheit, shallow-water temperatures of 70-80 degrees are not un-

common on gently shelving beaches late in the day. Wide, sandy beaches such as Coronado, south Mission Beach, and La Jolla Shores are now at their best for comfortable bathing.

Elderberry, a common bush or small tree found from San Diego County's coastal canyons to the mountain slopes around Julian and Palomar, is in fruit this month. The branches carry myriads of tiny bluish fruits covered with a white powder. The fruits have traditionally been used for various drinks and preserves.

The Thin Crescent Moon returns to the evening sky Thursday, July 23, visible only during evening twilight before it quickly sets in the west. Notice how the sharp-tipped lunar cusps point to the upper left and away from the sun, whose glare will be evident on the northwest horizon until well after sunset. With every passing evening, the increasingly thicker crescent will be spotted in twilight higher than and farther to the left of its initial position on Thursday.

The Delta Aquarid Meteor Shower, typically one of the year's ten best showers, embellishes the dark, early-morning sky during July's final week. In the hour or two before dawn (no later than 4:30am) you should see about 10-20 meteors under clear, unobstructed skies, as long as you are far from city lights.

"Kumeyaay Uses of Native Plants in the Otay River Valley"





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"Rewarding Workout" Naturalist Don Parnell leads "sometimes strenuous but always interesting" ten-mile hike promising some of the best hills on the ranch." Expect to be on trails for about 4.5 hours; bring snack, minimum of two liters of water. 760-839-4680. Saturday, July 25, 8am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

"Under the Canopy of Oaks" Enjoy trail guide-led interpretive walk, learn about diverse habitats defining S.D. landscape from coast to desert, the connected ecosystem of plants, insects, wildlife. Also promised: history of Native Americans and pioneers. 619-668-3281. Saturday, July 25, 9:30am; Sunday, July 26, 9:30am; Wednesday, July 29, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

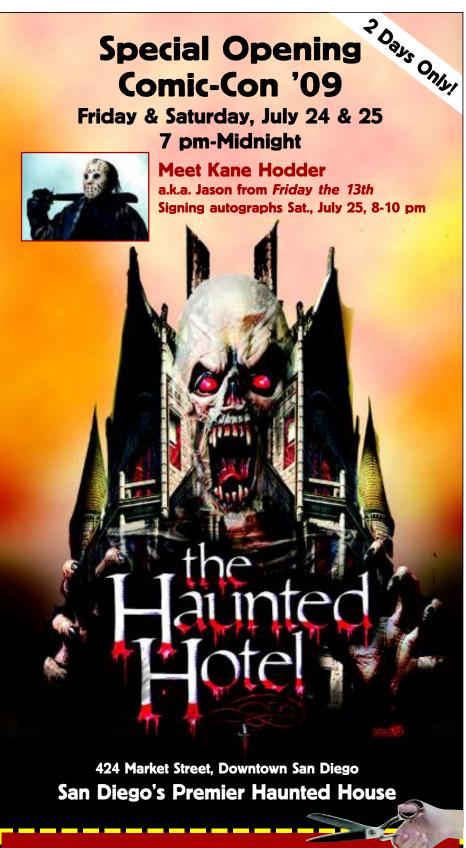
Audubon Society Bird Walk Bring binoculars and drinking water to explore Tecolote Canyon. 858-581-9944. Saturday, July 25, 9am: free, Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Beat the Heat Start the morning strolling in shade of oaks, sycamore, willows, and poplars near Kumeyaay Lake, San Diego River, and historic Padre Dam during trail guide-led interpretive walk. Hear about local flora, fauna, and a bit of Kumevaav and mission history. 619-668-3281. Saturday, July 25, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Coastal Dune Habitat **Restoration Project** Volunteers invited to help save, restore "one of the last remaining coastal dune habitats in San Diego." 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. Meet in grassy area at western end of Voltaire Avenue. 619-297-7380. Saturday, July 25, 9am; free. Dog Beach Ocean Beach, West Point Loma Boulevard and Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Desert Garden Tour Bizarre trees, cacti, succulents showcased when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden. 619-235-1122. Saturday, July 25, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

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flowers along the trails." 760-436-3944. Saturdays, 10am; free. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Finding Feathered Friends

Learn five simple steps for identifying birds at a glance, how to use a field guide (bring yours if you have one) during birding basics class. 619-668-3281. Saturday, July 25, 1pm; free, Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Loop Walk to Waterfall Naturalist Linda King leads moderately paced loop walk to waterfall and Carson's Crossing. Park at end of Park Village Road near utility gate, kiosk. 858-484-3219. Sunday, July 26, 4pm; free. Del Mar Mesa trailhead, 7107 Park Village Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Mystery Walk Naturalist Kathleen Flanagan leads fast-paced, strenuous walk of about seven miles based on makeup of the group. Expect "a lot of map reading." Bring a minimum of two liters of water, layer your clothing. 760-839-4680. Friday, July 24, 6am;

OUT & ABOUT

EXTREME AUTOFEST

Sunday, July 26, Qualcomm Stadium.

(SEE SPECIAL)



free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Trash Pickup in López Canyon

Help clean trash out of natural areas in López Canyon. 858-538-8066. Sunday, July 26, 9am; free. López Ridge Park, 7245 Calle Cristobal. (MIRA MESA)

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, July 25, 9:50am; \$8-\$15. 10 and up. Horton Square, 225 Broadway.

Work Party Join in habitatrestoration 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, July 25, 9am; free. Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve, 2437 Hutchison Street. (VISTA)

SPECIAL

"2009 Cannon Invitational"

Exhibition features work by Joseph Bennett (assemblage), David Fobes (duct tape), Tara Smith (paintings), and Duke Windsor (paintings). These artists were selected from the 26 artists featured in "2009 Juried Biennial" exhibition

by Karen McGuire. 760-602-2021. Thursdays, 11am; Fridays, 11am; Saturdays, 11am; Sundays, 1pm; Tuesdays, 11am; Wednesdays, 11am; through Sunday, August 16, free, William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

"Christmas in July" Spark in the Park (formerly ArtSpark) includes Encinitas School of Music flute choir playing "your favorite holiday music...to set the mood" (12:30-1:15pm) while you wander among art and craft vendors. Photos with Santa for "kids of all ages" (\$5). 760-500-7583. Sunday, July 26, 11am; free. Magee Park, 258 Beech Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

"PopCultour" Comic-Con afterparty with guests including Josh Blaylock, MURS, Jeff Newelt, Eclectic Method, Paul Pope, Hollywood Holt, many others. Requested donation: \$5. 619-235-6699. Saturday, July 25, 9pm; 21 and up. Onyx/Thin, 852 Fifth Av-

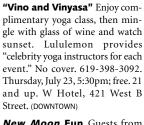
"Proyecto Ollin" Izcalli 2009 summer program continues with workshop on visual arts. Project's goal: "to promote positive self-esteem, goal setting, and a healthy lifestyle through weekly lessons in cultural awareness, history, and artistic expression." Donations accepted. 619-347-8877. Saturday, July 25, 9am. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard, (BALBOA PARK)

"Scarlett Takes Manhattan" Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School convenes for Comic-Con after-party, celebrating release of graphic novel by Dr. Sketchy's creator Molly Crabapple and co-author John Leavitt. Draw burlesque queen Lady Borgia, costumed as graphic's title character (bring your art supplies). Fishnet Follies Burlesque Revue's "Comic Strip 2" show immediately follows. Reservations: 619-501-9325. Friday, July 24, 8pm; \$12. 21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

"Shell-ebration" As part of their 25th anniversary, Michelangelo of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles visits, arriving "in a re-created TMNT party bus (an interactive museum on wheels)" featuring original artifacts spanning their history, gaming stations, more. Martial arts demonstrations planned. 619-421-1282. Monday, July 27, 6pm; free. Pride Martial Arts, 2334 Proctor Valley Road, Suite 101. (CHULA VISTA)

"Sunday's Art in the Alley" Local artists display and sell their work in Artist's Alley, "behind" this gallery. 760-757-5524. Sunday, July 26, 10am; free. JC Gallery & Studio, 212-C N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

"The Art of Puppetry" Discover this ancient art form as you make hand puppets using cloth, papiermâché, found objects. Participants will build a puppet theater, present impromptu skits. Snacks provided. All ages. Fee: \$40 per month or \$25 per class. RSVP: 619-593-2205. Wednesdays, 5pm; through Wednesday, July 29. Sophie's Gallery, 109 Rea Avenue. (EL CAJON)



New Moon Fun Guests from TwilightSeriesTheories.com and others on hand for podcast during "wrist-banded" event at 7:30pm. Guests will sign one Twilight-related item purchased at Borders Gaslamp on event day (signing wristbands issued with purchase, beginning at 10am). 619-702-4200. Thursday, July 23, 10am; free. Borders Books and Music, Gaslamp, 668 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Booster or Watchdog? P&R Discussion Group considers role of the financial press. 619-370-1027. Thursday, July 23, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Christian Business Expo Learn to start business, techniques to help operate it effectively during event hosted by Kingdom Techs "open to all non-adult entertainment business types." Full day of seminars teaching "how to conduct business 'the Right Way." 619-246-6131. Saturday, July 25, 10am; \$75. San Diego Community Concourse, 202 C Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Concentration, Visualization, Meditation Learn techniques for stress reduction, relaxation during free meditation classes, as well as advanced breathing techniques and "essence of yogic philosophy." 619-640-4438. Tuesdays, 7:30pm; through Thursday, December 31, free. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Deconstructing Sun Salutations Robin Oleata teaches "several variations, anatomy, traditions, and associated mantras of sun salutations," 619-640-4438, Sunday, July 26, 1:30pm; \$40, 15 and up. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue, (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Dream of Boating? San Diego Yacht and Boat Show returns for sixth year. 888-BOAT-INFO or 714-633-7581. Thursday, July 23, 12 noon; Friday, July 24, 12 noon; Saturday, July 25, 10am; Sunday, July 26, 10am; free-\$12. Sheraton



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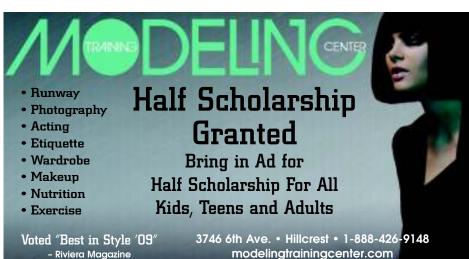
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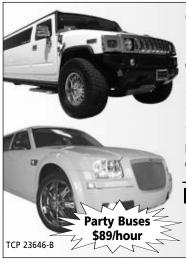
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Extreme Autofest Ninth annual car show and concert features hundreds of customized cars, trucks, SUVs, motorcycles. Show promises concert by Dorrough Music and Roscoe Umali, bikini contest, DJs, lowrider hop, more. 619-407-4180. Sunday, July 26, 11am; \$20. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Get to Know San Diego Writers, Ink Community meeting with information on "exciting events scheduled for the next year," as well as refreshments, prizes, entertainment. 619-284-1343. Monday, July 27, 7pm; free. The Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

It's Paper Theater Time! Exhibit showcases replicas of Victorian-era paper theaters as well as modern versions of the toy. During Victorian era, theatrical playhouses printed fine posters showing architectural elements of their theater; families then created scale models of specific theaters. Condensed scripts were included in poster kits, paper doll players acted in productions. Exhibit continues through July. 858-822-5758. Thursdays, 7:30am; Fridays, 7:30am; Satur-

days, 10am; Sundays, 10am; Mondays, 7:30am; Tuesdays, 7:30am; Wednesdays, 7:30am; through Friday, July 31, free. UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Meeting of the Minds "Thinkers' Gatherings" planned. Draw a topic out of hard hat or bring your own theories and hold court. 619-523-5540. Mondays, 5pm; free. Reds Espresso Gallery, 1017 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

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)

Music, Mantra, and Poetry for Deep Meditation Meditation and live music by Sujantra McKeever and Scott Quinney. 619-640-4438. Friday, July 24, 8pm; free. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Obon Festival Performances, demonstrations, displays in taiko drumming, koto/shakuhachi, tea ceremony, bonsai, calligraphy, and brush painting. Tasting of organic specialty mushrooms. Join in "Bon Odori" Japanese folk dancing (6:30pm). Japanese food for sale until 6pm (or whenever sold out),

carnival games for children. 760-941-8800. Saturday, July 25, noon; Sunday, July 26, noon; free. Vista Buddhist Temple and Japanese Cultural Center, 150 Cedar Road.

Open Cockpit Days Climb aboard four historic aircraft at this Marine Corps aviation museum. 858-693-1723. Saturday, July 25, 9am; Sunday, July 26, 9am; free. Flying Leatherneck Museum, Miramar Road (Marine Corps Air Station). (MIRA MESA)

Pine Valley Days The Mountain Empire Men's Club hosts festivities. Day begins with breakfast burritos at Pine Valley Club House (7am), followed by parade along historic Old Highway 80 (9am). Find craft vendors, games for kids, food, deep-pit barbecue (5pm), horseshoe tournament, climbing wall, "shoot-outs" by Alpine Outlaws and the Hole in the Wall Gang, and more at Pine Valley County Park. Music by Southbound Jonny and the HonkyTonk Kings. 619-473-1096. Saturday, July 25, 7am; free. Pine Valley County Park, 28810 Old Highway 80. (PINE VALLEY)

Planet Illogica Launch Party Artist-based website Planetillogica.com hosts celebration with "fine artists, performance artists, the culinary arts, film, live music, and new friends." Tyler Bates performs "with members of Jane's Addiction, Beck, Alanis Morissette," others. Live painting demonstration by Ron English. 619-234-8371. Friday, July 24, 6:30pm; free. 18 and up. Wonderhaus Bakery, 171 14th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Qi Gong Meditations Healing meditations with Qi Gong and oriental medicine practitioner Dawn Asher. Donation. 917-620-2666. Tuesday, July 28, 7:30pm. Dwell Sanctuary, 3752 Third Avenue. (HILLCREST)

R-Rated Trivia in the North Enjoy trivia, comedy, mini-games. Free to play, bar prizes "up for grabs." 760-944-0233. Monday, July 27, 7:30pm; free. 21 and up. First Street Bar and Grill, 656 S. Coast Hwy. (ENCINITAS)

Shark Week Surfaces! Explorations for all ages into world of these misunderstood ocean predators. Daily activities include encounters with live sharks, shark scavenger hunts, dive shows in kelp forest tank with special shark focus: July 23 (12:30pm). Activities included in admission (free-\$11). 858-534-FISH. Thursday, July 23, 9am; Friday, July 24, 9am. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Stagecoach Days Beginning in 1857, stage lines passed through rural SD, moving passengers, freight, mail. Celebrate travel, transportation in era of "real horsepower—before the train and automobile." Wagon rides, wagons on display, demonstration by Mexican women's equestrian precision riding team, blacksmithing, 19th-century games for children and adults, live music. 619-220-5422. Saturday, July 25, 1pm; free. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Summer Walkabout Explore neighborhood's art galleries, restaurants, cafés, retail shops, businesses. On tap: live music, entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, art workshops, extended hours. Trolley available to transport visitors back and forth between three areas of interest along 30th Street (free). 619-284-7684. Saturday, July 25, 6pm; free. South Park, 30th Street at Juniper Street, (SOUTH PARK)

Support CV! Chula Vista Civic Association hosts first meeting, focusing on many questions facing city. Interested in "responsible planning and development that works for both residents and business"? How about "alternative energy that helps move our city forward into a more 'green' Chula Vista"? 619-261-5214. Wednesday, July 29, 6pm; free. Coin Mart Jewelry, 396 E Street. (CHULA VISTA)

SPORTS

"Battle at the Comicon" Live kick boxing, plus musical concert with Prodigal Sunn of the Wu Tang Clan. Celebrity hosts: Kel Mitchell and Michael Jai White. 650-207-6227. Saturday, July 25, 8pm; \$30. 21 and up. 4th&B, 345 B Street.

"Friday Night Live" American Wrestling Alliance presents "major league of pro wrestling...as all the local top stars come out to bring wrestling back to its glory." 619-284-0925. Friday, July 24, 7pm; \$12-\$15. Unity Lodge, 3366 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

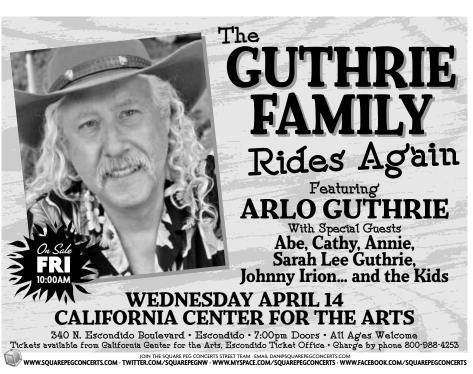
Big Lagoon Ride Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for 50-mile fun ride. Bring money for lunch. 619-647-3212. Saturday, July 25, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY

Hot Summer-Cool Coastal Bike Rally Enjoy clue-based bicycling rally visiting scenic destination points throughout coastal North County; use clue and puzzle-solving skills, knowledge of S.D. to navigate largely flat 15- to 25-mile course to solve clues and navigate course in best time. Bring good map, compass or GPS, smart teammates, cell phone, about \$3 (some clues may require purchase of "a little something"), sense of adventure. Pack picnic lunch, beverages for post-rally party. 760-519-8163. Saturday, July 25, 8:30am; free. Glen Park, 2149 Orinda Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Beach Volleyball "Become the next beach volleyball king or queen" during this "fundraiser for the beautification of S.D. beaches." Competition in three divisions at Mariner's Point, part of Bonita Cove on Mission Bay. 619-888-6743. Saturday, July 25, 8am; \$25. 16 and up. Bonita Cove, 1100 West Mission Bay Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

Running Clinic in the Park Exercise physiologist, coach Dr. Jason Karp divulges "Five Lessons From Physiology and How They Can Make You a Faster Runner" during "laid-back" educational clinic for runners of all abilities. Class begins in Morley Field, at picnic tables near baseball fields. 619-546-8386. Thursday, July 23, 6pm; \$10. (BAL-BOA PARK)

Showpark Racing Festival Horse Show 858-481-9085. Thursday, July 23, 8am; Friday, July 24, 8am; Saturday, July 25, 8am;



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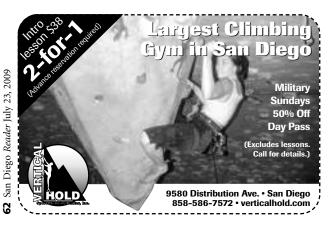
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Sunday, July 26, 8am; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Snorkel with Sharks! Adventures among harmless leopard sharks, guitarfish, and smoothhound sharks during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Sunday, July 26, 8am; \$30. 10 and up. La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro. (LA JOLLA)

The Horses Are on the Track! Del Mar Thoroughbred Club horseracing meet runs July 22-September 9. Handicapping seminars offered Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Handcrafted Beer Festival and Western Regional Chili Cookoff slated for August 1. "Donut

Days" offered August 1 and 29; take in morning workouts with free doughnuts, coffee, orange juice, appearances by jockeys and trainers (free).

Reggae Festival planned Saturday, August 22 (beginning at 3:30pm). Pacific Classic Racing Festival runs September 4-September 7, with \$1 Million Pacific Classic on Sunday, September 6. Labor Day (September 7) is Jockey Photo Day. Season concludes with Party in the Paddock on September 9. 858-755-1141. Thursdays, 2pm; Fridays, 3pm; Saturdays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; Wednesdays, 2pm; through Wednesday, September 9, \$6-\$10. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, (DEL MAR)

Total Combat 34 Live mixed martial arts promised, with "eight action-packed matches leading to the night's main event." Fight card features match between Garv Padilla and Keith Mensing, Nick Garcia versus Iose Carbaial, others. 619-392-4660. Saturday, July 25, 7pm; \$25. Starlight Bowl, South Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

Tough Riders, Nasty Bulls! Professional Bull Riders competition, with approximately 25 cowboys competing each night, plus "bull poker" and "teeter-totter" exhibition events. Tickets available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). 858-755-1161. Saturday, July 25, 8pm; Sunday, July 26, 8pm; \$26-\$66. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard.

MUSEUMS & **PUBLIC ART**

Campo Railroad Museum

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Iim Crow" segregated passenger cars. Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11am, 2:30pm) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. 31123-1/2 Highway 94, 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Centro Cultural Tijuana Center includes Museo de las Californias, cultural and artistic exhibits. "Buda Guanyin: Treasures of Compassion" continues through December. Currently screening in the CE-CUT Omnimax: Vamos a la Luna and India, El Reino del Tigre. 011-52-664-687-9650. Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum See artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. 404 Third Ave., 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum The museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing-crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original Star newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company, 360 Third Ave., 619-427-8092. (CHULA VISTA)

Craftsmanship Museum The Ioe Martin Foundation hosts this museum and machine shop with displays of projects in metal and wood at the small end of the sizescale, including working miniature gas and steam engines, aircraft models, cars, trains, clocks, miniature tools and guns. Machinist mans the shop (Tuesday-Friday) for machining demonstrations.

Museum is also open on first Saturday each month (10am-3pm). 3235 Executive Ridge, 760-727-9492, (VISTA)

Creation Museum A museum contrasting the evolution and creation worldviews. 10946 Woodside Avenue North, 619-448-0900. (SANTEE)

Embarcadero Urban Trees 5 Public art exhibit of 31 "urban trees" along North Embarcadero on Harbor Drive (between cruise ship terminal and Hawthorn Street) continues through July. Artists were supplied with a 12foot-tall pole placed in a concrete planter to serve as tree's base; artists alter the pole by attaching materials to create their sculptures. 619-686-6200. Along Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Gemological Institute of America Museum Permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of iewelry. Reservations are required. 5345 Armada Dr., 800-421-7250. (CARLSBAD)

Heritage Walk Museum The museum includes the restored Victorian house, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park. 321 North Broadway, 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

House of Pacific Relations International Cottages are open every Sunday, noon-4pm, presenting history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. On fourth Tuesday of each month, Children around the World videos screened in Hall of Nations, select cottages open. 2125 Park Blvd., 619-234-0739.

J.A. Cooley Museum An eclectic collection of items - including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections - is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, "some classics and a concept car." 4233 Park Blvd., 619-296-3112, (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic

Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11am, 1pm) and Sundays (noon, 2pm). 6200 Flying Leo Carrillo Lane, 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum Housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. Witherby Street and Hancock St., 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

Mingei International Museum **North County** "Nomadic Legacy: Tent and Textiles of Central Asia and Iran" presents aspects of rich artistic heritage of nomadic culture, traditions with origins in antiquity. Highlights include recent gifts to museum such as a Kyrgyz yurt, Persian bag faces, Central Asian hats. The Kyrgyz yurt — a round, domed, trellis-tent dwelling, 22 feet in diameter won first prize in a national contest celebrating 1000th anniversary of Kyrgyzstan's existence. Also on view: rare Kyrgyz reed screens; Turkoman, Uzbek, and Kazakh costumes and textiles. Exhibit continues through Sunday, August 2. 155 West Grand Ave., 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)



Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown

Works in "Attempt to Raise Hell" are said to "range from poetic meditations on life, death, and religion to political responses that have a contemporary resonance beyond specific historical events." Exhibition includes pieces by Dennis Oppenheim, Vito Acconci, Chris Burden, María Fernanda Cardoso, Russell Crotty, Lewis de-Soto, James Drake, Charles Gaines, Ann Hamilton, Jim Skalman, others. Through Sunday, September 27.

"Octagon" (named for eightsided cages in which mixed martial arts fighters compete) presents photographs by Kevin Lynch, who was given access to document the Ultimate Fighting Championship mixed martial arts athletes, both ringside and behind the scenes. Centerpiece of exhibition is "monumental grid of before-and-after photographs of the competitors prior to and following their matches." Closes Sunday, September 27, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Blvd., 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Photographic Arts "Ansel Adams: A Life's Work'

includes over 80 photographs by the master, celebrates Adams as an artist and conservationist. Exhibit features an overview of Adam's work from his early years in Sierra Nevada and Yosemite Valley to his work in Japanese internment camp at Manzanar, along with his wellknown masterpieces, Closes Sunday, October 4.

The interface between nature and urban technological culture is explored in "Jo Whaley: Theater of Insects." Over the last 25 years, Whaley's photographs have ranged from allegorical nudes to a revision of the "vanitas" still-life tradition to fusion of natural history and environmental issues. Pieces juxtapose organic and man-made elements to reflect issue of environmental degradation in an imaginative manner. Through Tuesday, October 13. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of San Diego History "100 Years of Art," continuing

through March, showcases a century of artwork by San Diego artists. "Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally walk on San Diego"; a map of county extends from wall to wall

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across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society's collection. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

Decades of NASA research and color photography from robotic spacecraft illuminate "Giant Worlds: A Voyage to the Outer Solar System," a three-dimensional, interactive exhibition continuing through Monday, September 7. Exhibition consists of 20 individual exhibits filled with interactive experiences, models, and murals revealing "the grandeur of these amazing planets."

Ongoing exhibitions include "So WATT! An Illuminating Look at Energy," "Aging for All Ages," "Kid City" (for preschoolers). "Escape from Dino Island" is theme for motion simulator ride. Films shown daily in IMAX theater. 1875 El Prado, 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Air and Space Museum "The Da Vinci Experience" reveals how Leonardo Da

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Vinci's conceptual designs for many technological wonders were centuries ahead of their time. "For the past 50 years a group of Florentine artisans have pored over Da Vinci's notes and drawings in an attempt to faithfully create replicas of his many inventions, relying solely on materials that were available in 15th-Century Italy. The result is over two dozen fully functional models, 11 of which are full-sized." The interactive models are displayed with a facsimile of relevant Leonardo Da Vinci drawing. Closes Sunday, January 3, 2010.

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A section of exhibit celebrates 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft, including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of *Spirit of St. Louis*, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane; 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and

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memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center Center hosts monthly archaeological-themed lectures, workshops, and family events on second Saturday of each month. Museum is dedicated to curating and sharing archaeological collections with public for educational, scientific, cultural use. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Rd., 760-291-0370.

San Diego Automotive Museum

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl. 2080 Pan American Plaza, 619-231-2886.

San Diego Hall of Champions Ongoing exhibits include "Bird

Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum is dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement. 2131 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum

"The Art of the Boat — Photos from the Rosenfeld Collection," continuing through Saturday, August 1, is collection of over 40 black-and-white photographs celebrating marriage of great yachts and sea through lenses of fatherand-son team Morris and Stanley Rosenfeld. Duo is renowned for photographs of yachts, tall ships, and speedboats and photography of every America's Cup race from 1885-1992.

Sailor's Days offered Wednesdays through August 26. Guests experience activities such as rope making, moving cargo, raising and lowering sails, more. Children may participate in scavenger hunt to learn about history. "San Diego's Navy," based upon book by same name written by Bruce Linder, is said to be "the only comprehensive exhibit depicting the extraordinary contribution the Navy has made to the history of the San Diego region."

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna-fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The HMS *Surprise*, used in film *Master and Commander*, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick.

Also open for touring: the USS *Dolphin*, also known as the "world's deepest-diving submarine"; and a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, complete research library. 1306 North Harbor Dr., 619-234-9153 (DOWNITOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man "Skull Stories: The Art of Ancient Surgery" marks "the first time the museum will use an entire collection of its own artifacts for an ex-

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hibit display." Trephining, or removing a piece of bone from the skull, is oldest surgical procedure known from antiquity; skulls exhibiting different degrees of healing after trephination will be displayed, as well as skulls that have been trephined using different techniques. Trephination tools, instruments such as obsidian blades, tumis, chisels also displayed.

The "Retablos" exhibit features retablo art of Peru, originating as a popular religious art form during the Romanesque period. Retablos are small portable altars. Exhibition shares information about people who make them: how the events and traditions around them have influenced their lives, specifically featuring Andean artist Nicario Jimenez Quispe. Closes Sunday, January 24.

"Gods and Gold: Ancient Treasures from Mexico to Peru" showcases museum's collections of Mexican, Central American, and South American archaeological objects. Rare gold and jewelry, exotic figurines, intricate stonework, and pottery from the ancient world are on display, as well as a crystal skull, on loan from a private collector. Through Sunday, September 13.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps Through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 1350 El Prado, 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum

The museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. 450 Quail Gardens Dr., 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve Nature center's building is a "green" facility made from recycled materials, using solar panels, irrigated roof plants, recycled water. Facility features an array of interactive exhibits exploring the natural and cultural history of the San Elijo Lagoon, one of the few remaining coastal wetlands in our area. Guided nature walks offered every Saturday (10-11am). 2710 Manchester Ave., 760-436-3944.

San Marcos Historical Society Museum 270 West San Marcos Blvd., 760-744-9025. (SAN MARCOS)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park Commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Selfguided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Rd., 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)





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This Is Not a Good

Time High Tide singer-guitarist Ed Barrena thinks his reggae band may be the last band to play at Canes. High Tide was loading out its gear after playing for some 600 fans last Friday when a fire broke out in the club's kitchen.

axes were running by. One of my buddies who was there shooting us got footage [of the fire]. He sold it to Channel 8."

Authorities estimate a total of \$2 million in damages to the building and its contents. High Tide, however, got

the inside track

"We had just walked out to the car with our gear and we looked up and saw flames shoot up 15 feet from the top

all their gear out unscathed.

"Apparently it was a grease fire from the kitchen. That's what they said it was.



"IT WAS LIKE IT WAS OUT OF A MOVIE" (BARRENA, FAR RIGHT)

of the roof. I said, 'Holy shit, the roof is on fire, we have to get our shit right now.'

"Then the fire trucks got there. It was like it was out of a movie. Firefighters with

It went up the flue and got onto the roof. But my girl said she and her friends could smell fire earlier, before we even played. We had a half-hour set.... Because of all the issues that Canes has, we wonder if we were the last band to ever play [there]."

Insiders say that the lease between Canes owner Eric Leitstein and landlord Tom Lochtefeld is about to expire and that no shows are booked at Canes after September. Lochtefeld owns the Belmont Park complex that houses Canes and the 1100-capacity WaveHouse, which has been presenting national artists during summer months. De La Soul, Reel Big Fish, and Gregory Isaacs are booked to play WaveHouse this summer.

Calls to Lochtefeld's office were not returned. On July 15 a call to Leitstein drew this response: "This is a not a good time. Call back next week."

Matthew Hydar, an inspector with the state's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, says that his agency along with SDPD officers did a facility walkthrough at Canes with the owners of the WaveHouse. He says his department went over the options available to serve alcohol under the new ownership. "But so far they have yet to put an application in," he said on July 15. "And I explained to them that with the State right now, things do not move quickly and that the sooner they turn in an application, the better off they would be."

Leitstein has intimated that he may move his liquor license from Canes to another venue. Hydar says that though that is a possibility, Leitstein has yet to apply to move his license to another address.

"I really like Canes," says High Tide's Barrena. "Some people don't like their security. They aren't exactly customer-service oriented. But they have a lot of major acts that come through there. Local bands get to connect with national bands. Hopefully it doesn't close down. We've been playing there for four years. We've always done good business there."

— Ken Leighton

Cosmic Joke Scott

Wilson's video for his song "Too Tired" matches the tune with an animated film by Takeuchi Taijin, Stop Motion with Wolf and Pig. The video, uploaded to YouTube in April, uses 1300 sequentially shot photographic prints that roll out across a room and all its furniture — an approximation of the frames-persecond method used to create vintage cartoons. In early July, Wilson got a message from a YouTube browser stating, "The Pen Story completely robbed you."

"I did a search on the Pen Story," says Wilson, "and I found a video by Olympus about their cameras that was almost identical to my video." Viewed side by side, the Olympus film and Wilson's

are so similar they could be mistaken as two segments from one long video. The Olympus clip was accompa-

nied on their website with a note reading, "We shot 60,000 pictures, developed 9,600 prints, and shot over 1,800 pictures again...thanks to all the stop-motion artists who inspired us," with no mention of Wilson or Taijin.

After several people posted comments noting the similarities between the Pen Story and the

Wilson/Taijin video, Olympus offered clarification. "Some of the comments we have read suggest that we should mention the creator of A Wolf Loves Pork [not the correct title, but rather the opening text line], Mr. Takeuchi Taijin. While we were looking for a way to realize a story describing 'a journey through time' based on printed images, we were inspired by Mr. Taijin's brilliant work. For this reason, we intentionally quoted his work in our little movie, while showing full respect to his original idea. We didn't mention his name because we did not want to do so without his prior agreement. However...we have decided

to add credits to him and his work, which we obviously absolutely love."

"I still have not heard



TOO TIRED TO FIGHT (WILSON)

from Takeuchi yet, so I don't know what he thinks of all this," says Wilson. "I don't think they owe me anything, but I do think that it's a little weird that this major corporation is plagiarizing someone else's video without their permission."

Wilson also points out similarities between the 2005 video for his song "Coffeehouse 101," which featured around 50 local performers lip-synching a line, with a Nickelback video released two years later using an identical format and cadence, albeit with more famous guests, for their tune "Rockstar."

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"I look at it as a strange cosmic joke," says Wilson. "I don't think it's possible to copyright an idea, so this is a fairly common practice. Although it shouldn't be." — Jay Allen Sanford

Howlin' After Hours

Looking to save money to record their debut six-song EP, North

County folkpunk trio the Howls transformed the online merchandising warehouse in San Marcos where singerguitarist John Cooper used to work into a makeshift recording studio.

Three or four nights a week over the past six months, the Howls would meet at the back door of the warehouse at

around ten o'clock at night, long after the other employees had gone home. Inside, they'd set up three microphones and a Behringer mixer to record their hardfolk tracks.

"We didn't pay anything

to record it. It was rough, but it's amazing the things you think of in the middle of the night. We just saved all of the cash we made at shows for a few months and did all of the tracking ourselves," writes Cooper in a June 24 email.

"It sort of felt like we were sneaking around. Doing it that late, you always wonder if the cops are going to shut you down. It was an unspoken agreement between my boss and I. We



THE HARD-FOLK HOWLERS

never talked about it, but we always had gear there so he had to know."

And now that the band is finished with recording, the Howls are looking for ways to pay for post-production and to raise the money need**OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO:** ENCINITAS









ed to release the self-titled EP in August.

PICTURE SHOW

"At this point we don't have any options other than paying for it ourselves. Just saving and pinching pennies wherever we can. My best guess is that it's going to take around \$600 to get it out."

The Howls play the Epicentre on August 7.

— Dorian Hargrove

National Elvis "I placed fourth at Pechanga's Ultimate Elvis Tribute contest," says Oceanside impersonator James Kruk, "but then I rallied and won first place at the [Del Mar] Fair, beating the second- and third-place contestants from Pechanga. One of the three male judges at Pechanga obviously didn't like me, as he consistently scored me ten points lower than the other two."

The Pechanga competition is part of an annual

national contest run by the Presley estate with a \$25,000 top prize, while the Fair's one-off contest paid Kruk \$1000 for his win. "My act at the Fair was a little different.

from Hawaii eagle jumpsuit, you can't perform songs he didn't do during that era. At the fair, you have a little more freedom, so I could wear the fringe jumpsuit from the '70s



KING KRUK

At Ultimate, you have to be more true to what Elvis would have performed wearing a specific stage outfit. For example, if you wear an Aloha

and still sing songs from the '50s and '60s."

Both Elvis contests attracted impersonators from all over the country, as well as L.A. Elvis impersonator George Thomas (third place in Del Mar) and locals such as Kruk and Paul Monroe (whom Kruk outscored at Pechanga). "San Diego is tough. Paul and I don't gig as often as we'd like. People still sometimes hire terrible Elvises without looking into whether they have rank and standing among Elvis impersonators."

Now that Kruk has achieved contest cred, he's hoping gigs and the attendant paychecks will increase. "I can now say I'm the best in Southern California...officially on the national Elvis map." He plans to compete at the next Ultimate Elvis elimination at Lake Tahoe later this month.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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CLANTE This Week In Music

Thursday 23

Punk perennials **X** mark the spot at Belly Up tonight. J.D. and Exene have spread it 'round in their storied 30-year career, going solo and with the Knitters, but always bring it back to Billy Zoom, D.J. Bonebreak, and

their punkabilly roots. This year saw the L.A. legends outperform their Coachella counterparts and make a trip to Minehead's All Tomorrow's Parties. Long may

Parties. Long may she run.... Jazz trio the **Bad Plus** add class to classic rock at

class to classic rock at Anthology. The Minneapolis avant act

everyone from Bowie to Sabbath. Check out the track list on this year's For All I Care for what's in store ("How Deep Is Your Love," "Barracuda," awesome!)... SD alt-rock throwbacks Fudge
House Trunk Raby make their triumphant return

TIM AND ERIC AWESOME SHOW

House Trunk Baby make their triumphant return at Radio Room. An older, wiser trio now, their melodic-rawk Space takes sound as if they mean bidness. Kids, the Trunk Babies were basement faves — along with Three Mile Pilot and Rocket — when Soma was actually south of Market.... Casbah scores a pop-rock hat-trick, staging Norman, OK's surreal big band Starlight Mints, JP Inc. of Pleaseasaur, and our own Get Back Loretta.... Looks as if 4 et B is catering to the Comic-Con crowd this weekend, booking the very visual (costumes, bodily fluids) nomads of GWAR to play gore rock on Thursday night and Adult Swim's comedic Tim and Eric Awesome Show to play to the crowd on Friday... But make note, Con geeks, Everybody Gets Laid at Bar Pink.

with, appropriately enough, the Old In Out.

Friday 24

Del Mar racetrack kicks off this summer's postrace-in-the-paddock thing with Philly's favorite son **G Love & Special Sauce**. The hip-hop and rock combo is out to tout last year's comebacker

Superhero Brother. Check out revivalist lead single "Peace, Love and Happiness" for the vet's new vibe.... Afterward and upthataway at UCSD, the Loft lists Latin act Pistolera. The she-pop Brooklynites are passing through town on their way to bring big-city musica norteña to Europe.... Curio-pop acts

Casiotone for the
Painfully Alone and
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Owen Ashworth's solo venture, and his latest on Tomlab is the Pitchfork-approved Vs. Children, a treatise on the universal dilemma to breed or not to breed.... Else: odd-pop soloists **Miss Erika Davies** and **Pant Hoots** split the ticket at Whistle Stop...and Radio Room dials in a night of punkabilly bands, featuring the **Chop Tops**, the **Strikers**, and **Knock Em Stiff**. This gig's sponsored by Sailor Jerry, rummies.

Saturday 25

Blazed and Confused

Who let the dogs out? Superawesome punk-rawk trio the **Dogs** of Detroit will be at Bar Pink Saturday night with East County nomads **Slab City** and Zonie power trio **Corvo Radio**. Caught the Dogs at Casbah earlier this year, and though there're no new tricks, the old schtick sticks. They killed.... A dog of another stripe, **Snoop D-o-double-g**, will kick it at Cricket with the pride of O.B., **Slightly Stoopid**. The

SNOOP DOGG AT CRICKET

tour also features **Stephen Marley** and **Mickey Avalon** for one well-rounded, red-eyed blend of reggae dub hop.... Casbah cooks up a "nerd-core" Con after-party with **MC Lars**, new animated shorts by **Cyanide and Happiness**, **Saturday**

Morning Breakfast Cereal Theater, Doomtree, MC Frontalot, and ytcracker. You do the legwork on that list, rastas, I'm going to Chula Veeesta.

Sunday 26

Sunday-nighters, **Stephen Malkmus** of Pavement fame will play Belly
Up. The slingersinger's coming into his own as one the generation's preeminent guitarists, drubbing the slacker tag with inspired riff-heavy jams on last year's crit-hit with the

Jicks, Real Emotional Trash, their fourth proper but first with drummer

their fourth proper but STEPHEN MALKMUS AT BELLY UP first with drummer

Janet Weiss. As of this writing, this set-to-get-to is

not sold out, but it will. It should. I think....
Otherwise, novelty song stylist **Har Mar Superstar** (aka Sean Na Na) hosts the "Lebowski

Superstar (aka Sean Na Na) hosts the "Lebowski Fest San Diego Movie Party" at House of Blues...and radio 94/9 hosts another of its freebies at Casbah with the **Publicists**, the

Bloodflowers, Weezer tribbers **Geezer**, and the **Cankles**, with the **Canton Mudders** in the Atari Lounge and, as always, complimentary greeze and cheese from Lucha Libre.

Monday 27

Back to the Casbah Monday night, as the Middletown mainstay's Anti-Monday meet-up's got a good one with the **Handsome Family**. Family band Brett and Rennie Sparks (hubbie and wife) have for 15 years cooked up country-fried gothic tales for Chicago's Carrot Top label that are at turns funny and horrific. Imagine a songsmithing Cormac McCarthy. Having not heard this year's Honey Moon, recommend early collections such as Through the Trees (Uncut's best new country album of 1998) or 2000's strong song cycle In the Air for primers. In the Air's "So Much Wine" stands as the Handsomes' trademark track. Piano man **Daniel Knox** sets the stage for this dark-pop

double bill.... Belly Up's "Club Up and Up" stages pop-rock by **Irradio** with **CBot and the Paperwork**, while deej **Lord Nelson** spins round sets at the Solana Beach nightspot. Lotsa Sector 9 giveaways, skate rats.

Tuesday 28

Another big ticket at Cricket this week finds Epic act the **Fray** playing the amphitheater on Tuesday night. Though a critical curiosity, the Denver four-piece has enjoyed commercial success with a Grammy nod and *Billboard* hits. This

year's sophomore set is a self-titled affair that finds the piano-pop band at the top of the charts via a pair of smash singles, "You Found Me" and "Never Say Never"....
The Scottish six-piece **Trash Can Sinatras** join NYC's **Brookville** at Casbah for an evening of dramatic-song seriousity.

Wednesday 29

Hump night's a hit, but, like, how do you choose when J-pop duo the **VAMPS** are swooping down on Soma behind their spankingnew debut...Ray Raposa's **Castanets** are premiering their upcoming Rafter-produced disc *Texas Rose, the Thaw, and the Beasts* (not due to drop till September) at Casbah...and down the

street at Anthology, Karl Denson's KD3 will be kicking out their funkedup jazz jams...? My cousin Phil (hey, goomba!) hawks a loogie on his racing form and bets where it lands. Just a thought.... You could stay uptown, but that's no easier, as Portland punks the Wobblies and SD supergroup Rats Eyes (Locust, Sirhan, the Combovers) tear through their 1-2-3-4! happycore at Radio



CASTANETS AT CASBAH

Room...Soda Bar stages Long Beach garage-rock trio and always-fun **Tijuana Panthers**...and Bar Pink's booked '09 breakouts **Christmas Island**, whose In the Red debut *Blackout Summer* is due to drop, like, any day now, with Mexi noise-pop quartet **Ratas del Vaticano**. (They are so going to hell.)

— Barnaby Monk





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Why cover the glam-hair hits instead of playing original music? Singer D.D. Dre Deville says, "For me, it's not 'instead of,' it's 'in addition to.'

I also sing for an original band based in Orange County called Sick Eddy. I enjoy the pride that comes from singing songs I wrote, but I love the enthusiasm and fun that comes with the cover band."

What kind of songs do you play? "Only the best songs that make the young girls cry," says bass player Tommy 2 Tuff, "and make the older ladies throw up their bras."

"We are a party band," says guitarist Guy Gunz. "We can go into any club or party, and people can sing along with the songs we play right from the first song. I have done original music before, and it's great, but I am focusing now on giving people a great time."

Stevie Wilde, on guitar and keys, explains how they choose their set list: "Each member develops her or his wish list. After compiling a master list, we narrow it down by imagining that we're playing those songs in front of a packed tavern."

Drummer Jonny Basher didn't have anything to add, having had one too many shots of Jäger.

LIVE-SHOW ISSUES?

D.D. Dre Deville: "Our poor floor-fan keeps getting hammered! Drop a case on it, I fall off the stage and land on it, someone gets pushed onto

it.... Stevie Wilde's keyboard wires catching on fire during a show was a good one, too."

Tommy 2 Tuff: "Having to change in a bathroom stall really sucks. Ever try putting a wig on without a mirror? Let me tell you, it isn't easy."



BEST GIG?

Tommy 2 Tuff: "Belly Up Tavern, by far. Great stage and sound system and always a

crowd full of hot ladies. They treat you like rock stars. Oh, wait, I am a rock star."

Guy Gunz: "A private party we played recently for a girl's 23rd birthday. The crowd was super fun, and they all dressed up in '80s hair-metal outfits."

Stevie Wilde: "Ocean Beach, Gallagher's. The house is packed shoulder-to-shoulder. At one point I'm on my knees on the floor soloing away, only to look up and realize that an esteemed and respected colleague from work is standing over me, laughing like hell. I'm in drag and leather pants wheedily-deedilying through a Scorpions solo, thinking, I've got an 8 a.m. with this person on Monday to discuss funding for my next project."

WORST GIG?

Guy Gunz: "We played an outdoor gig just over a lunch hour one weekday. The sound was bad, not many people were there, and we all got sunburnt."

Stevie Wilde: "Dive bar in Point Loma. Tumbleweeds are rolling through the place, and the only two people in the bar get into a slap fight during our second set. Lame-ola. I think at the end of the night we were handed \$12 to split amongst all members of the band. I'm sur-



Lipstick N Leather

prised we weren't handed a bill for the electricity used."

SEXIEST SAN DIEGO PERFORMER?

Tommy 2 Tuff: "Have you ever seen me in spandex? Yes, ladies, it's real."

Jonny Basher: "Dre, of course. Have you seen our show and the fan blowing up her skirt all night? Who wouldn't love that?"

IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANYONE...

Stevie Wilde: "Kurt Vonnegut. Between our discussions of the firebombing of Dresden, the poisoning of the planet, and the absolute failure of mankind to nurture anything other than its own myopic self-serving gain, we'd have more than enough comic material to have clam chowder coming out of our noses for hours. But, alas, he's up in heaven now."

Jonny Basher: "I'd love to have lunch with Tommy Lee! It would probably be more of a liquid lunch, and I'd hope he'd bring some of his 'nasty habit' — chick backup singers. Would love to hear more stories from back in the day, some of the crazy times he had on the Strip back then."

LAST BOOK READ?

Guy Gunz: "I read a lot and have read many books of substance, but the last book I happen to have read was How to Make Love Like a Porn Star: A Cautionary Tale by Jenna Jameson. It was a gift — I swear — and I was pretty curious about it. Unfortunately, I thought it was only mildly interesting and not very entertaining."

Stevie Wilde: "Sanatorium under the Sign of the Hourglass, by Bruno Schulz. It's a very good piece, in many ways more intimate and personal than his previous Street of Crocodiles. Yet there's something missing that leaves the reader yearning. The surrealism that so permeated and ultimately defined Street of Crocodiles manifests itself in Sanatorium in the form of an extended and at times derivative stream of consciousness, more often disorienting the reader rather than enchanting her. But none of that prevents the work from being a lyrical masterpiece."



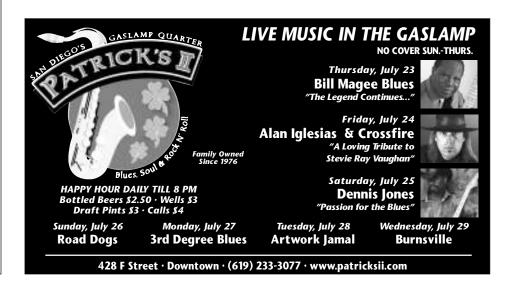
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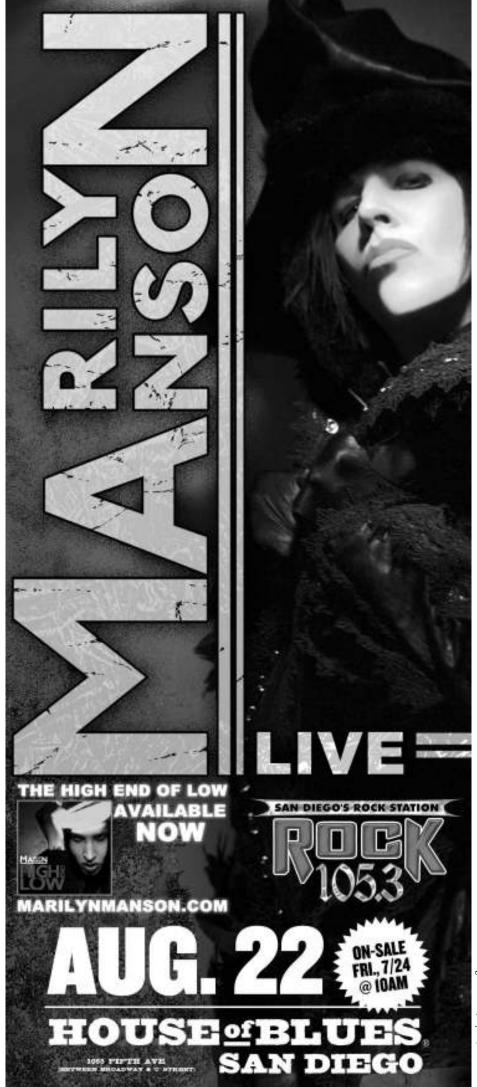
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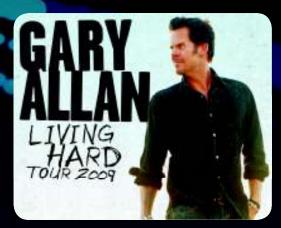




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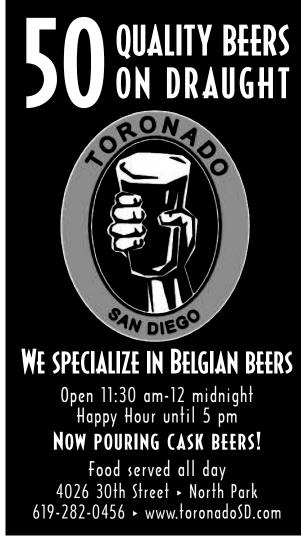






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Thursday, 9:30pm — GWAR. With 3 Inches of Blood, Unholy Pink, and Keith Morris. Metal/rock. 21

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844. Wednesday, 9pm — Sean Austin. Pop/rock.

Alpine Inn: 2225 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-5172. Thursday, 7pm — Kemosabe. Covers/pop/rock. Free. Friday, 9pm — Rockstreet. Covers/standards/rock. Free. Saturday, 9pm — Stone Wolf.



Aimee Bobruk, July 23, Lestat's Coffee House

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Sunday, 9pm — Loss of Control. Covers/rock. Free.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. Thursday, 7:30pm — The Bad Plus. Jazz. \$20. Friday, 7:30pm — Tizer. Jazz. \$15-\$36. 10pm — Trapt. With Divide the Day and Since October. Rock.

Saturday, 7:30pm and 9:30pm Yesterday. A tribute to the Beatles. Rock. \$23-\$28. Tuesday, 7pm — The Anthology

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Thursday, 7:30pm — Geoffrey Keezer. With the Peter Sprague Ouartet, Jazz, \$19-\$24.

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Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194. Saturday, 9pm — The Dogs. With Stab City and Corvo Radio. Punk/rock. Free. 21 and up.

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Saturday, 9pm — Pato Banton. With Better Chemistry and DJ Carlos Culture. Reggae. \$18-\$20.

21 and up. Sunday, 9pm -— Stephen Malkmus. With the Jicks. Indie/rock, \$15, 21 and up. Monday, 9pm — Irradio. With Cbot & the Paperwork and DJ Lord Nelson. Rock. \$6. 21 and up. Tuesday, 9pm — Stranger. With Dub Traffik Control DJs. Reggae. 21 and up.

Wednesday, 9pm — Luciano. With Lloyd Street Rockers and DJ Carlos Culture. Reggae/roots. 21 and up.

Bing 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.

Bird Park: 28th and Thorn Streets, North Park. Saturday, 5:30pm — Brain Buckit. Blues/rock. Free.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-9300. Wednesday, 9pm - V Child, With the Kyle Van Band. Rock. Free.

Blarney Stone Pub: 5617 Balboa Ave., Clairemont, 858-279

Saturday, 9pm — Dannicus Live. Hardcore/metal/punk. Free.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. Wednesday, 8pm — The Jimmie Van Zant Band. Lynyrd Skynyrd's hits with guests Mississippi Mud Sharks and Good Man Down. Cover/rock. \$15. 21 and up.

Café Libertalia: 3834 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest. Thursday, 8pm — John Katchur, With Jeff Berkley.

Café Sevilla: 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-5979.

Thursday - Charlie Chavez y su Afro Truko, Latin. Sunday — Orquesta Salsa

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Wednesday - Walter II and Orquesta Rumbaney. Salsa/Latin/ tropical.

Calvin's Sports Bar and Restaurant: 28841 Old

Highway 80, Alpine, 619-473-1266.

Saturday, 8pm — The Old Highway 80 Band. Rock.

The Calypso Café: 576 N Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252.

Sunday, 6:30pm — Rick Ross With Freefall. Blues/jazz/soul.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. Thursday, 8:30pm — Starlight Mints. With IP Inc and guests. Indie/pop. \$10. 21 and up. Friday, 8:30pm — Castiotone for the Painfully Alone. With Concern and guests. Experimental/indie. \$10. 21 and up.

Monday, 8:30pm — The Handsome Family, With Daniel Know. Country/gothic. \$12. 21

Chateau Orleans: 926 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-

488-6744. Friday, 6:30pm — Robin Henkel. Blues/jazz.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311. Friday, 8pm — The Feelings Mutual. With Silverleaf and Jamuel Saxon. Alternative. \$6

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Davina's Cabo Grill: 212 North Tremont St., Oceanside, 760-637-2450.

Friday, 6pm — Roots Covenant. Reggae.

Saturday, 2pm — The Moon Doggy Blues Band. Blues. 6pm Stone Senses. Reggae/rock/soul. Sunday, 6pm — Roots Covenant. Reggae.

Wednesday, 8pm — Boombat Basement. Hip-hop.

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club: 2260 Jimmy Durante Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-1141. Friday, 3pm — G. Love & Special Sauce. Alternative/roots/hip-hop. \$3-\$6.

Downtown Café: 182 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Thursday, 6pm — Thursday Jam. Featuring Chet & the Committee. Blues.

Dream Street Live: 2228 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-

Friday, 8pm — Endoxi. With

Drainage X, Dive Bomber, and AEPNIA, Rock,

Tuesday, 7pm — Sean Austin. Pop/rock.

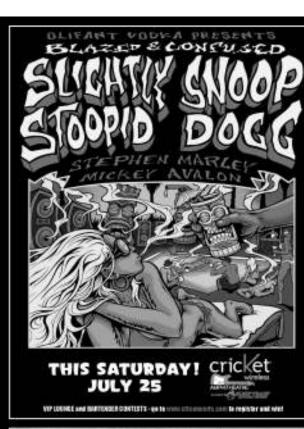
Wednesday - The Veil Between. Rock. 21 and up.

Embarcadero Marina Park South: 206 Marina Park Way, Downtown.

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Saturday, 7pm — David Patrone. With Sky Ladd and Grant Clarkson. Blues/jazz/standards.

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Saturday, 6pm - Joey and the Sting Rays. Blues/country/rock.

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The Harp: 4935 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-0168. Friday, 9pm, Tuesday, 7pm — Chet & the Committee. Blues. Free. 21 and up.

Harry Griffen Regional Park: 9550 Milden St., La Mesa, 619-667-1307.

Sunday, 6pm — The Strange Woods. Acoustic/Celtic/world.

Hennessey's Tavern: 2777 Roosevelt St., Carlsbad, 760-729-6951.

Thursday, 9:30pm — The Band in

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Friday, 9pm — Tony Cummins. World. Free. Saturday, 9pm — Bubba Jam.

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music of Battlestar Galactica. Pop/rock. \$55. 21 and up. Sunday, 8pm — Van Hunt. Performs in the Delta Room. Grindcore. \$15-\$20. 21 and up. Wednesday, 7pm — Gloria Trevi. Latin. \$37-\$57. 21 and up.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Saturday, 8pm — Gary Jules. Pop/rock. \$8. 21 and up.

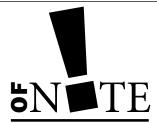
Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577.

Sunday, 8pm — Chicago. Rock. \$86 Tuesday, 7pm — George Thorogood and the Destroyers.

With Jonny Lang. Blues/country/ rock. \$77. Wednesday, 8pm — Earth, Wind, & Fire. Jazz/funk/rock. \$98

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

A friend recently sent me a link to a YouTube video of a Caribbean steel-drum band playing a cover version of Joy Division's "Transmission." It's one of those wonderful cover versions that makes you better appreciate both the original artist and the interpreter. More than that, it reminds you that a great song has a life of its own regardless of who performs it. That kind of cover version is the specialty of jazz artists, who are accustomed to working with a library of old standards and twisting them as far as they can go.

When Minneapolis jazz combo the Bad Plus took on Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit"

in 2002, it was a revelation. This version was instrumental, but still it conveyed all the weird humor and disorientation of Kurt Cobain's lyrics, not to mention the power of the music. After several albums that mixed covers of, say, the Pixies with avant-jazz numbers by the likes of Ornette Coleman, the Bad Plus returned this year with For All I Care, an album made up mostly of reworked versions of pop songs originally performed by artists as dissimilar as Yes, Wilco, the Bee

Gees, Heart, and the Flaming Lips.

The Nirvana songbook makes an appearance again with "Lithium." The big difference this time is that now guest singer Wendy Lewis joins the band. A more flamboyant singer might have used the opportunity to show off her range, but Lewis is refreshingly straightforward. She sounds like

BAD PLUS

a guide who keeps the listener's ears focused on the melody, while the Bad Plus spins off in every direction. The album can change the way you think about some of

BAD PLUS: Anthology, Thursday, July 23, 7:30 p.m. 619-595-0300. \$20.

Wednesday - Custard Pie. Covers/standards.

Lamb's Players Theatre:

1142 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-0600.

Sunday, 7pm — Last Sunday Cabaret. Featuring Season Duffy, Jon Lorenz, Leonard Patton, Colleen Kollar Smith, Deborah Gilmour Smyth, Joy Yandell, and G. Scott Lacy. Jazz/standards. \$15-

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD

Friday, 8pm — Pistolera. Folk/Latin. \$5-\$12.

Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Rd., Valley Center, 866-843-9946.

Thursday, 7pm — Street Heart. Rock. Free.

Friday, 4pm — Caliber. Dance/ funk/rock. 9pm — Siren's Crush. Covers/pop. Free.

Saturday, 4pm — Hot Rod Lincoln. Rockabilly. 9pm — Shockwaves. Rock. Free.

The Marble Room: 535 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-5595. Friday, 6pm — Ashley Matte. Appearing every Friday. Alternative/indie/rock. Free.

The Metaphor Café: 258 East 2nd Ave., Escondido, 760-747-

Saturday, 8pm — Bam. Featuring Bam, Killa K-Doe, Killa Carlito, many more. Hip-hop/rap. \$6.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050. Friday, 9pm — Hear No Evil. Rock.

Saturday, 9pm - Bad Landing. Rock.

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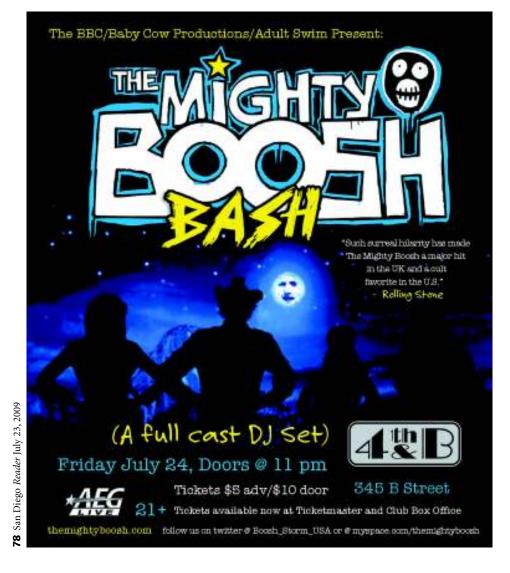
10640 John Jay Hopkins Dr., La Iolla

Sunday, 4pm — Gustavo Romero. Jazz.

North University Community Library: 8820 Judicial Dr., La Jolla, 858-581-9637.

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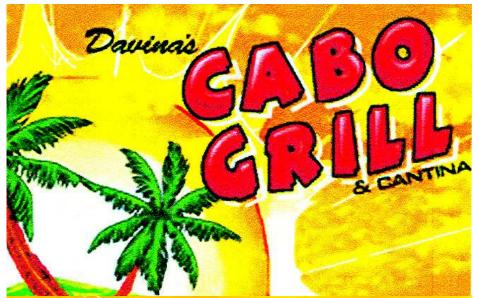
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O'Connells Pub and Nightclub: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-276-5637. Friday, 9:30pm — Astra Kelly. With Echo Revolution, the Napoleon Complex, and Bobby Pena & the Stowaways. Indie/rock. 21 and up.

Saturday, 9:30pm — Arroyo. With 2nd Hand Smoke, Wardo, the Teeth, the Crabs, and the Bartones. Alternative/rock/surf. 21

Sunday, 9:30pm — Spiral Pitfall. With Red City Radio and guests. Rock. 21 and up. Monday, 8pm — Mystery Train.

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Wednesday, 9:30pm — The

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Saturday, 2pm — San Diego City Guard Band, Marches/covers/ standards. Free.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252. Wednesday — Journey. Rock.

Patrick's II: 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077. Friday — Alan Iglesias & Crossfire. A tribute to Stevie Ray Vaughan. Saturday — Dennis Jones.

Blues/rock. Monday — 3rd Degree Blues. Blues Tuesday, 9pm — Artwork Jamal.

Wednesday — The Burnsville Band, Blues,

Poinsettia Park: 6600 Hidden Valley Rd., Carlsbad. Friday, 6pm — Lowrider Band. Latin/funk. Free.

Portugalia: 4839 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678. Wednesday, 7pm — Sharon Hazel Township. Acoustic/indie/rock.

Prescott Promenade: 211 1/2 East Main St., El Cajon. Friday, 6pm — The Farmers. Country/rock. Free.

The Racer's Club: Vía Rapida Poniente 15035, Plaza Mundo Divertido, Baja. Friday, 10pm — La Piedra. Metal/rock. Free. Saturday, 9pm — Iron Maiden Tribute Night. Featuring Legacy. Sentinel, Arturo Ocampo, and the Nfermos Band. Rock. Free.

Rosie O'Grady's: 3402 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-284-

Saturday, 9pm — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. Blues/soul/ rockabilly.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372 Saturday, 9pm — Flattbush. With Upsilon Acrux, the Binges, and Free the Robots. Hardcore/metal. \$5. 21 and up.

San Diego Woman's Club: 2557 Third Ave., Banker's Hill. Friday, 8pm — Amanda Palmer. Alternative/rock.

Santee Trolley Square Town Center: 9884 Mission Gorge Rd.,



BY DAVE GOOD

In high school, a lot of my son's spare time was spent on his Xbox 360, playing video games of mass warfare with a synapse-frving soundtrack of metalcore. He once said that his favorite metalcore group was August Burns Red, and he played me some of his favorite tracks. Fancy meter changes, spooky

minor keys, some light ballads, but for the most part, balls-to-the-wall, lightning-fast riffs played super-clean on twin electric guitars, nimble bass, and drums that sounded like automatic gunfire. A few words about the singing — imagine Cookie Monster screaming, and you've got it.

All that hollering lent the impression that the band members were seeking cathartic release from some kind of broiling substance-induced madness, but that wasn't the case. A lot of metalcore bands — August Burns Red included — are Christian straight-edge. This means no drugs, no booze, and, presumably, no sex out of wedlock. On the surface. metalcore is the marriage of hardcore punk and speed metal, but deep down, metalcore bands and fans are like a headbanging faction of the Promise Keepers. Go figure.

August Burns Red has been around since 2003,

the remnants of a high school band, and their three CDs have seen impressive sales. They are technically brilliant, which is the norm in their sort of music. They play down the Christian straight-edge image thing in public; now and then it surfaces in a nonsecular lyric or two, but no matter. To the casual ear, it's business as usual in a blood-curdling murderous sound on loan from the drugaddled arena behemoths of a generation be-



fore who invented heavy metal. My son eventually became a decent metalcore guitarist himself. His band practices sometimes made my ears ache, but at least I took comfort in the straight-edge thing, in the knowing that he wasn't out there duplicating the rock-androll past of his parents.

AUGUST BURNS RED: Soma, Thursday, July 23, 7 p.m. 619-226-7662. \$15.

Santee, 619-596-5677. Thursday, 6:30pm — Cash'd Out. A tribute to Johnny Cash. Free

Schroeder's at Tango Del Rev: 3567 Del Rev St., Clairemont, 858-794-9044. Sunday, 7pm — The Rob Thorsen Group. Jazz. \$5-\$10. Wednesday, 7pm — Brett Sanders Soul Jazz. Jazz. \$5-\$10.

Scripps Park: 1133 Coast Bl.,

Sunday, 2pm — Joe Rathburn's Island. Rock.

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Dr., Downtown. Sunday, 1pm — The Cat-illacs. Rock. Free.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. Thursday, 7pm — August Burns Red. With Bless the Fall, Enter Shikari, and Iwrestledabearonce. Hardcore/metal. \$15. Friday, 6pm — Thrash and Burn Tour. Featuring DevilDriver and Emmure. Metal/rock. Saturday, 6:30pm — Emery. With Maylene & the Sons of Disaster,

Closure in Moscow, Secret and Whisper, and Kiros. Alternative/rock, \$15. Wednesday, 7pm — Vamps. Rock.

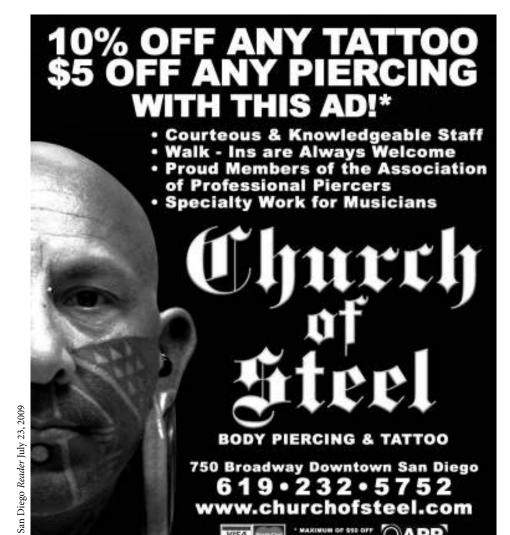
Spreckels Organ Pavilion: 2211 Pan American Rd., Balboa Park

Thursday, 6:15pm — The San Diego Six. Dixieland.

Tuesday, 6:15pm - Bi-Nacional de Mambo Orchestra. Salsa. Free. Wednesday, 6:15pm — Time Machine. Rock. \$9.

Spreckels Park: 601 Orange Ave., Coronado. Sunday, 6pm — Sue Palmer. Jazz. Free.

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Friday, 8pm — The Pine Creek Posse Band. Country. Free. Saturday, 9pm — Dannicus Live. Hardcore/metal/punk. \$5. Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. Thursday - SO3. Alternative rock. Friday - Slim Crowbar & the

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Wednesday, 8pm — Willovealot. Blues/soul. Free.

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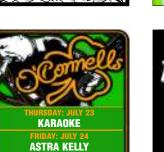
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UPCOMING SHOWS

AcousticMusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal

Heights, 619-303-8176. August 1 — We Five. August 9 — Jesse Winchester. August 15 — Baskery. August 29 — I See Hawks in L.A. September 10 — Cheryl Wheeler. October 1 — Jolie Holland. October 25 — Catie Curtis. October 30 — Tim Flannery. November 6 — The Battlefield Band December 4 — Tom Russell.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. July 30 — The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

July 31 — Lalah Hathaway. August 2 — Marcus Johnson. August 4 — The Anthology House Band

August 5 — Paul Thorn. August 6 — Susan G Komen Benefit Concert.

August 7 — Leela James. August 8 — Firefall.

August 9 — Savoy Brown. August 11 — The Anthology House Band.

August 12 — The Buster Williams Quartet. August 13 — The Jesse Palter

Ouartet. August 14 — Vincent Gallo and

Sean Lennon. August 15, August 16 — The Yellowjackets.

August 18 — The Anthology

House Band. August 19 — Charles McPherson.

August 20 — Musicpalooza Winners: Bands.

August 21 — Fourplay.

August 22 — Sonny Landreth. August 25 — The Anthology House Band.

August 26 — The Duhks. August 27 — The Neo Groove

August 28, August 29 — Strunz & Farah.

September 1 — Natalie Cole. September 2 — Terence Blanchard. September 4 — Bettye Lavette.

September 9, September 10 — Corea, Clarke, & White. September 23, September 24 -

Stanley Iordan. October 7, October 8, October 9 -Shawn Colvin.

October 16 - Michael Burks. October 23 — Blues Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers. November 19 — Iake Shimabukuro.

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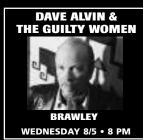


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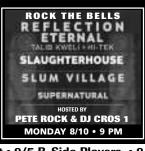














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August 2 — Rebelution.

August 3, August 4 — Toots and

the Maytals. August 5 — Dave Alvin & the

Guilty Women.

August 8 — Stepping Feet.

August 10 — Talib Kweli. August 20 — Cody Chestnutt.

August 22 — Arrested

Development.

August 23 — The Bayou Brothers.

August 24 — Alpha Blondy.

August 26 — Built to Spill.

August 27 — JJ Grey.

August 30 — Survivors Showcase. September 1, September 2 — Israel Vibration.

September 3 — '80s Heat.

September 6 — Pivit.

September 10 - Eddie Money. September 15, September 16 —

Mason Jennings. September 19 — Common Sense.

September 23 — The Robert Cray Band.

October 8 - Groundation.

October 15 — Federico Aubele. October 17 — Buju Banton.

October 20 — Bob Mould.

October 21 - Grizzly Bear. October 22 — Poncho Sanchez.

November 14 — Keller Williams.

November 22 — B.B. King.

December 13 — Average White Band.

December 17 — Venice.

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July 30 — Stellastarr. August 1 - Greg Laswell

August 2 — Company of Thieves.

August 3 — Lymbyc System.

August 4 — Rehab.

August 5 — Bowerbirds.

August 6 — Maren Parusel.

August 7 — Quintron and Ms. Pussycat.

August 8 — Buckfast Superbee. August 10 — American Steel. August 11 — Solilloquists of

Sound. August 12 - Northern Towns.

August 13 — Hotel St. George.

August 14 — The Muffs. August 17 — When Dinosaurs

Ruled the Earth.

August 18 — The Lonely H. August 24 — Built to Spill.

August 26 — The Dirtbombs.

September 17 — The Charlatans. September 23 — Sondre Lerche.

October 4 - School of Seven Bells. October 14 — The Jesus Lizard.

Cricket Wireless

Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.

August 8 — No Doubt.

August 13 — Toby Keith. August 14 — Depeche Mode.

August 22 — Vans Warped Tour.

September 5 — Nickelback September 9 — Def Leppard and

Poison.

September 12 — The Dave

Matthews Band.

September 16 — blink-182. October 2 — Brad Paisley.

October 10 - Marco Antonio Solis

y Pepe Aguilar. October 16 — Jimmy Buffett.

Hard Rock Hotel: 207 Fifth

Ave., Downtown, 866-751-7625. August 2 — N.E.R.D.

September 25 - Sugar Ray. Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-

August 23 — Tom Jones.

September 11 — Gary Allan.

>hometown CDs

Album: Ghostbird (2009)

Artist: Ghostbird

Label: self-released

Where available/price: iTunes, \$6.93; ghostbird.com, \$8 Songs: 1) Toy Soldier 2) Night Kills Day 3) Sing 4) Caroline

5) We're OK 6) The Drug 7) Toy Soldier (video version) Band: Trent Hancock (vocals), Mike Cooper (drums)

Website: myspace.com/ghostbirdmusic

While it relies on electronic looping for accentuation, Ghostbird's debut album is a worthy listen. The first track, "Toy Soldier," is not the most attention-grabbing, but the second song, "Night Kills Day," is more what an opener ought to he. The instrumentation

here - and overall - is wellcomposed, blending light synths with rhythm guitar and steady drums that are featured in surprising solos.

The vocals can be tepid, verging on bubblegum production at times. Whatever distortion effect has been used to obscure the voice is unnec-

essary and distracting. At their best, Hancock and Cooper are alternately ethereal and driving; at their worst, droning.

The lyrics, too, are bumpy. "Used to be so bright, now it's cold as morning light" is one example from "We're OK," a track on which the words are more distinguishable. The song, which is dark and haunting, is well put together, but the mediocre rhyme doesn't do it justice.

The songs have similar arrangements and tend to blend one into the other. But there is a standout – the peppy "Caroline," which is up-tempo jazz-pop, complete with an impressive piano solo. The song showcases the singer's voice at its best and serves as a departure from the rest of the album's electronically accented Postal Service affect.



Though the track seems out of place, it is pleasantly so.

Ghostbird are obviously reaching for that "indie-pop" sound; whether or not they get there is up to the listener.

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October 4 — Vince Gill.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. July 31 — 40 Oz. to Freedom.

August 1 — Lights.

August 2 — Gomez. August 3, August 4 — Toots & the Mavtals.

August 5 — Pat Green.

August 6 — Los Amigos Invisibles. August 7 — Highway 61 Revisited.

August 8 — Who's Bad?

August 12 — Dumpstaphunk.

August 13 — LMFAO.

August 15 — Fan Halen.

August 16 — Down.

August 19 — The Cult. August 20 — Panda.

August 21 — Atmosphere.

August 23 — Babasónicos.

September 3 — Yahir.

September 4 — Mitchel Musso. September 9 — Paolo Nutini.

September 12 — Maximo Park.

September 13 — Lupillo Rivera. September 16 — The Gaslight

Anthem. September 17 — Michael Franti &

Spearhead.

September 18 — Gov't Mule. September 20 — The Psychedelic Furs.

September 22 — Flogging Molly.

September 23 — Better Than Ezra. September 24 — Pitbull.

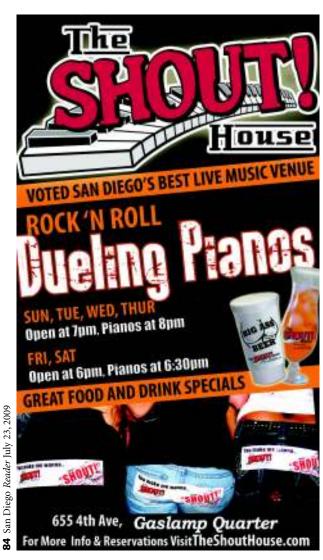
September 25 — The Get Up Kids.

October 1 — Robert Earl Keen.

October 3 — Ingrid Michaelson. October 8 - Reverend Horton

Heat. October 11 - Mutemath.

October 12 — Moby. October 18 — KMFDM.















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October 19 — The Pogues.
October 22 — Lila Downs.
November 4 — Boyz II Men.
November 7 — Matt Kearney.
November 22 — The Black Crowes.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point

Loma, 619-224-3577. August 2 — Hippiefest: A Concert for Peace and Love. August 7 — The Alan Parsons Live

Project.

August 10 — Diana Krall.

August 11 — Lyle Lovett.

August 13 — Jackson Browne. August 14 — America.

August 18 — Tracy Chapman. August 21 — Tower of Power.

August 21 — Tower of Power. August 25 — Chris Isaak.

August 28 — Dave Koz. August 30 — Susan Tedeschi.

September 4 — Bob Weir and RatDog.

September 11 — Air Supply and Christopher Cross.

September 16 — John Legend. September 17 — Bontaj Roulet. September 18 — LeAnn Rimes.

September 18 — LeAnn Rimes. September 21 — The Australian Pink Floyd Show.

September 25 — The Beach Boys. September 26 — Keali'i Reichel. September 27 — Pink Martini.

September 27 — Pilik Martilli. September 28, September 29 — Crosby, Stills, & Nash.

October 2 — Chris Botti.
October 4 — Cecilio & Kapono.
October 14 — Jesse Cook.
October 15 — Loggins & Messina.

Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.

August 4 — Judas Priest. October 17 — Snow Patrol. October 21 — Rob Thomas. **Pala Casino:** 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252. *July 30* — Journey. *August 7* — Bonsallpalooza.

August 7 — Bonsalipalooza.

August 9 — Diana Krall.

August 15 — Lee Rocker.

September 1 — The Pretenders.

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.

August 3 — Sara Evans.

San Diego Sports Arena:

3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171. August 29 — Ricardo Arjona. September 1 — Pedal to the Metal Tour.

September 6 — AC/DC. September 24 — Britney Spears. October 17 — Wisin y Yandel.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. *July 31* — Seconds From Disaster. *August 1* — Lindbergh Skies. *August 2* — Red Jumpsuit Apparatus.

August 8 — Without Warning.
August 15 — Medford Falling.
August 19 — Four Years Strong.
September 14 — The Arctic
Monkeys.

September 18 — Every Time I Die. September 21 — Placebo. September 26 — Autolux. October 16 — Yo La Tengo.

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Rd., Valley Center, 866-843-9946.

August 8 — Dick Fox's Golden Boys.

August 21 — Randy Travis.

September 12 — Three Dog Night.

September 15 — James Taylor.

September 26 — The Beach Boys.

October 3 — The Temptations and

the Four Tops.

October 9 — REO Speedwagon.

Viejas Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947. August 20 — Green Day. August 21 — Kings of Leon. September 18 — The Killers. October 9 — Pearl Jam and Ben Harper.

Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park: 5005 Willows Rd., Alpine, 619-445-5400. August 15 — Los Lonely Boys. October 3 — Brooks & Dunn.

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August 21 — Tony Orlando.

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Air Conditioned Lounge: Fridays: DJ Junior. Disco, funk, and '80s music. Saturdays: Juicy. With Mike Czech and DJ SG. Sundays: Guest DJ Night. Guest

Sundays: Guest DJ Night. Guest DJs to be announced. Mondays: Rock N Bowl. With guest DJ. Tuesdays, 11:30pm: Big Sonic Chill. Sponsored by San Diego's 94.9. Wednesdays: Rotating Crew. Spin house, electro, and hip-hop. 4673 30th St., Normal Heights. 619-501-9831.

Bacchus House: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Club '80s. With DJ Bryan Pollard, DJ Arzola 1, Severin, and guest. \$3-\$5. *Saturday*, 9pm: Therapy. Featuring DJs Bryan Pollard, Detonator, and guests. Gothic/industrial. \$3-\$5. 3054 University Ave., North Park. 619-299-2032

Bar Dynamite: Thursdays, 9pm: Dynamite Thursdays. Featuring Sound Selectors Smoovgroovs, Hobbs One, Eclektic, and Thumbprint. Hiphop/soul/ dancehall. Wednesdays, 9pm: Deep House Nite. DJs Duane, Lil Ryan, and Johnny D spin house music. 1808 West Washington St., Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: *Tuesdays*, 7pm: Basic
Tuesdays. Featuring art, fashion, and music. Free. 410 Tenth Ave.,
Downtown. 619-531-8869.

Beauty Bar: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: Trans Am Tuesdays. New wave '80s dance party with DJ Heather Hardcore. Free. 4746 El Cajon Bl., Kensington-Talmadge. 619-516-4746.

The Brew House at Eastlake: *Saturdays:* Brew 30 DJ. Dance. 871 Showroom Pl., Chula Vista. 619-656-2739.

Café Sevilla: Thursdays, 10pm: DJ New Yo Rican. Salsa. Fridays, 9:30pm: Blazin' Fridays. Hip-hop and reggaeton with Blazin' 98.9. Tuesdays, 10pm: DJ Israel. Bachata. 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown. 619-233-5979.

Calvin's Sports Bar and Restaurant: Fridays, 8pm: DJ Gerry and His Gang. Country/hip-hop/rock. 28841 Old Highway 80, Alpine. 619-473Camel's Breath Inn: Fridays, Saturdays: Live DJ. 21 and up. 10330 Friars Rd., Mission Valley. 619-281-1722.

Candelas: Thursdays: DJ ALA. Deep soulful house music. Fridays: Sessions at 420 Third Avenue. DJ Chris Renzulli and DJ Eric B. Adult/contemporary. 416 Third Ave., Downtown. 619-702-4455.

Confidential: Fridays, 10pm: DJ Henry Diaz. With Tone Capone and Omar. Electronic/hip-hop/ lounge. 901 Fourth Ave., Downtown. 619-696-8888.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: Thursdays, 10:30pm: DJ Earl Henry. Fridays and Saturdays, 10:30pm: DJ Steve Hasty. 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad.

760-729-4695.

Davina's Cabo Grill: Friday, 2pm: DJ Sinn. Top 40/hip-hop/ R&B. Tuesday, 8pm: Armory Massive DJs. Hip-hop/pop. Saturday, 9pm, Sunday, 2pm: DJ Rizz. 212 North Tremont St., Oceanside. 760-637-2450.

Deco's Restaurant & Nightclub: *Thursdays.* Krush. Hosted by Chase Costello, Steve Kamp, Jack Kennedy, and more. Hip-hop/mashups/party rock. 18 and up. 731 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-696-3326.

El Cajon Grand: *Fridays*, 8:30pm: DJ Neko. Spins classic rock and other hits. *Saturdays*, 8:30pm: DJ Chuck. Spins classic rock and other hits. 351 W. Main St., El Cajon. 619-444-0949.

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The Filling Station: *Fridays and Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ Dance Party. 9522 Miramar Rd., Mira Mesa. 858-578-0757.

The Flame: *Wednesdays*, 9pm: Cookies with DJ Dirty Kurty. 3780 Park Bl., Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

The Fleetwood: *Saturdays*: DJ Ramsey. '80s/hip-hop/house. 639 J St., Downtown. 619-702-7700.

Harney Sushi: *Wednesdays*, 9pm: Hot Like Wasabi Wednesdays. With DJ Matty A. Electronic. 3964 Harney St., Old Town. 619-295-3272.

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Wednesdays: DJ Kiki. 2895 University Ave., North Park. 619-295-1688.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, 9pm: DJ Kool T. Spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. 15 and up. Wednesdays, 9pm: Super Summer Wednesdays. Featuring DJ Dizzy D. 15 and up. 775 Metcalf St., Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Jack's La Jolla — Ocean Room: Thursdays and Saturdays, 10pm: Wall Street Bar. DJs and dancing. 7863 Girard Ave., La Jolla. 858-456-8111.

Kadan: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: Darkwave Garden. Featuring B. Pollard, Heather Hardcore, MarieScaryMary, and guests. Gothic/industrial. 4696 30th St., North Park. 619-640-2500.

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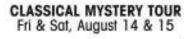
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Wednesdays: DJ Famous Dave. Mixes music videos. 1466 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-270-4030.

Rilev's Music Lounge:

Thursdays: '80s Night. Fridays: Hip-Hop Night. Mondays: College Night. With guest DJ. 2901 Nimitz Bl., Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

Sapphire Mediterranean Cuisine & Lounge: Saturdays, 9pm: DJ KA. With DJ Chuck. Hip-hop/reggaeton. \$5. 4076 Bonita Rd., Bonita, 619-470-8000.

Satin Lounge: Thursdays, 9pm: Hot Latin Beats, Reggaeton, salsa, and meringue. 18 and up. Fridays, 8pm: Funky Fresh Fridays Hip-hop/mash-ups. 18 and up.

Saturdays, 9pm: DJ Dizzy D. Spins hip-hop, old skool, and techno. 18 and up. Wednesdays, 9pm: Blazin' 98.9 Night. With guest DJs. 6195 University Ave., College Area. 619-544-1177.

Side Bar: Thursdays, 9pm: Ruby Thursdays. 536 Market St., Downtown. 619-696-0946

Sixty-Seven Bar and Grill:

Thursdays: Tattoo Thursdays. With DI Viktor and DJ KB. Fridays: DJ Tony Sleeze. Spins Top 40 and hip-hop hits. Saturdays: DJ Girth. Spins hip-hop and rock hits. Sundays: Soul Glo Sundays. With DJ Girth and friends. Wednesdays: Beer Pong. With DJs. 10109 Maine Ave., Lakeside. 619-561-6767.

Soda Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Expressway to Yr Skull. Punk/rap/ rock. Free. 21 and up. 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights. 619-255-

Static Lounge: Saturdays, 9pm: Club Backbeat. Hip-hop/rap. \$15-\$20. 18 and up. Friday, 9pm: Bubble Bath. Featuring go-go dancers. Hip-hop/rap. \$15-\$20. 21 and up. 634 Broadway, Downtown, 619-544-1609

Stingaree: Fridays, 9pm: Live Fridays. Featuring DJs Sanjay and

Jorge Luna. 21 and up. 454 Sixth Ave., Downtown. 619-544-0867.

Tavern at the Beach:

Thursdays, 10pm: DI D-Skwiz. Fridays, 10pm: DJ BDP. Saturdays, 10pm: DJ BDP. With DJ MIC-E. Wednesdays, 10pm; DJ WhO, Hiphop/rock. 1200 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-6066

Tio Leo's: Friday, 9pm: DJ Red Sonya. With Alien Tom. House/electro/funk, \$5, 21 and up. 6333 Mission Gorge Rd., Grantville. 619-280-9944.

True North: Thursdays, 10pm: DJ Bacon Bits. Fridays, 10pm, Fridays: DJ Ramsey. Hip-hop. Sundays, 10pm: DI Walv Mavhem, Mondays, 10pm: DJ Wonderbread. Tuesdays, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hiphop/rock, 3815 30th St., North Park. 619-291-3815.

U-31: Thursdays: Mark Marcelo and Big Willie Styles. With Richy the Kid. '80s/'90s/hip-hop/booty bass. Fridays, 9pm: Feel the Noise. With Gabe Vega and Saul Q. Dance/indie/rock. 21 and up. Sundays, 9pm: Tribe of Kings Featuring DJs Jestor, Peril, Dash Eye, Unite, and Rashi. Reggae. 21 and up. 3112 University Ave., North Park. 619-584-4188.

Voyeur: Saturday, 8pm: Joel Madden. Pop/rock. 755 5th Ave., Downtown, 619-450-6655.

Whistle Stop Bar: Sundays: Night of the Cookers. Listen to classics and favorites from personal jazz record collections. 21 and up. Tuesdays, 9pm: Friends Chill. Board games and mellow grooves every Tuesday night. Free. 21 and up. 2236 Fern St., South Park. 619-284-6784.

Xavier's Bar & Grill:

Thursdays, 9pm: Almost Famous Thursdays. Electro/funk/house. Fridays, 10pm: Red Carpet Fridays. Dance/top 40. Saturdays, 9pm: Special Screening Saturdays. Featuring rotating DJs. 750 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-233-0500.

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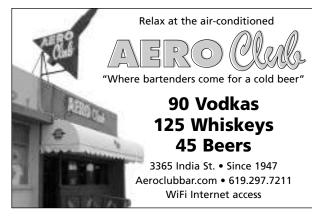
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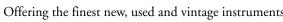
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ALLIED GARDENS

Pal Joey's: Sunday, 7pm-close: \$1

ALPINE

Alpine Inn: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.75 wells, house wine, \$4.75 calls.

BALBOA PARK

The Prado: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$3.50 wells, pints, house wine, house margaritas. Lounge only.

BANKER'S HILL

Azuki Sushi Lounge: Every day. 5-7pm: \$.50 small sake w/ large beer, \$5 house wine, sangria, saketini. Classic sushi rolls \$3.50 and up, specialty rolls \$8-\$9, appetizers \$2-\$8.

Bertrand at Mister A's: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6pm: Specially priced cocktails, beer, wine, small plates on patio.

Wet Stone Wine Bar and Café: Tuesday-Sunday, 5-7pm: \$3 selected craft beers, \$5 sangria, big glasses of wine. \$2 off small bites.

BAY PARK

Offshore: Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$3 sangria, well and micro import, \$5 Tommy Bahama mojitos.

CARLSBAD

The Alley: Every day, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

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.

Fenway's Sports Bar & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm; 10pm-midnight: \$3 domestic, house wine. \$3.50 margarita, Cape Cod.

Greek Village: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-7:30pm: 1/2-off beer, wine by the glass, wells.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

CARMEL VALLEY

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 pints. \$4 wells, house margaritas.

Twenty/20 Bar & Grill: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2 off any drink. \$2 off appetizers.

CHULA VISTA

El Dorado Seafood & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7 pm: \$2 margaritas. \$1.50 tacos.

CLAIREMONT

Fat Tony's Pizza: Thursday, 5pmclose: \$2 Karl Strauss, \$4 taps

Viva Vino: Monday-Saturday, all day: \$.99 domestic beer.

COLLEGE AREA

Casa Machado: Monday-Friday. 4-7pm: \$2.75 domestic, \$3.75 margarita, wells. Free nachos and quesadillas.

Marie Callender's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1.95 draft, \$2.50 well, \$3.50 house margarita. 1/2-price appetizers (in bar only). Saturday-Sunday, \$2 Bloody Mary/mimosa w/ purchase.

Satin Lounge: Thursday, \$1

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, red, white, and champagne.

DEL MAR

Bully's Del Mar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2.75 bottle beer, \$4.50 wells, pints, \$5 well+juice, \$6 wine by glass.

Shimbashi Izakaya: Monday, 4-6pm: Martinis 1/2-off. Tuesday, 4-6pm: \$5 glass of wine. Wednesday, 4-6pm: Ladies' special: \$5 cocktails. *Thursday*, 4-6pm: \$5 Genki cocktail. Friday-Saturday, 4-6pm: 1/2-off Asahi & Sapporo. Sunday, 4-6pm: \$5 Shochu (Japanese vodka).

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: Friday, \$6 pomegranate martini. Saturday, \$6 cosmos.

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$5 Imperia vodka, \$4 local beer, \$6 wine. Free samples of Basic pizza.

The Bitter End: Every day, 5-7pm: All drinks, bottles of wine 1/2-price.

Bondi Bar and Kitchen: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 select beer, wine, spirits

Café Sevilla: Monday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price mojitos. Tuesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price wine bottles. Wednesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price martini. Thursday, Sunday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price sangarita. Friday-Saturday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price garabato.

Candelas: Every day, 5-7pm: All drinks 1/2-price.





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PUB & GRILL

HAPPY HOUR

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 premium 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.

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

Gaslamp Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 pints, house wine, wells (vodka, gin, rum).

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.

Hive Sushi Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$2.49 large sake, \$1.99 drafts (+ \$.99 for sake bomb). \$.99 nigiri (one piece), \$2.99 rolls (eight pieces), hand rolls \$1.99-\$2.99.

House of Blues: Every day, 2-7pm: \$2 drafts, \$3 wells, wine, \$4 martini. \$4.95 any dish.

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: 1/2price 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, Pacifico, Dos Equis. \$2.50 chicken/steak tacos. \$3 lobster/fish tacos. Wednesday, 4pm-close: \$10 big pitchers. \$2 BBQ pork slider, corn dogs. Thursday, 4pmclose: \$3 Jäger, wells, drafts, bottled beer. \$3 lobster tacos. Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, wine, drafts. Saturday, 8

10pm: \$5 premium liquors.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant: Every day. 3-7pm; 9-11:30pm: Wine and drink specials; 1/2-lb. cheeseburgers \$2.95, other \$1.95 specials. Join us for Padres

games, next to Petco Park.

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$5 Haole mai tai, Lilikoi mojito, Coconut Kiss martini, large Sapporo, house wine. \$5 sushi roll specials, pu pu specials.

O'Brothers: Every day, 3:30-6:30pm: \$5 glass of wine, 24-oz. organic beer \$7.

Patrick's II: Every day, 10am-7pm: \$2.50 bottle beer, \$3.25 wells, \$1 off calls. \$3 Bud drafts, \$3.75 import bottles.

RA Sushi: Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm: 1/2-off select sushi & appetizers; \$1 hot sake, \$2 domestics, \$3 wells, imports, \$4 speciality cocktails and wine, \$5 Kinn with sake.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: Monday Friday, 3-6pm: \$3.50 margaritas. \$4 Long Islands. \$3-\$5 drafts.

San Diego Wine and Culinary **Center:** *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-8pm: \$5 house wine, wells, \$7 Christopher's Cuvee, 12-9pm: tasting flights.

Stage Saloon: Every day, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Suite & Tender: Monday-Friday. 5-8pm: \$20 bottomless wine, 1/2-off specialty cocktails.

Taste & Thirst on Fourth: Monday-Saturday, 3-8pm: All drinks

Tivoli Bar: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off pitchers, \$.50 off liquor.

Xavier's Bar & Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-8pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$2 off wine. \$2 off appetizers.

EL CAJON

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, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls. \$5 nachos.

ESCONDIDO

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off bar menu.

GRANTVILLE

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

HILLCREST

Cafe Eleven: Every day, 2-6pm: \$4 house margaritas, \$3 wells, house wine, bottled beer. \$3 appetizers: shrimp cocktail, stuffed mushrooms, thai chicken skewers, more.

Café Bleu: Monday-Saturday, 3-7 pm: \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles.

Wine Steals: Tuesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30 pm: \$2 Bud Light on tap. \$5 martinis. 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.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$1.25 off draft, \$1 off glass of wine.

Pampas Argentine Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 beer/wells. \$4 margaritas/wine specials. \$2.50 empanadas (bar only).

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, 3-7 pm: \$5 wine, \$6 martinis, 1/2-off

select wine bottles. Friday, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes, \$3 Fernet.

The Kensington Club: Every day, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: Monday-Friday. 3-6pm: \$5 fine wine. \$5 appetizers.

LA JOLLA

Azul La Jolla: Every day, Patio menu: Featured items at 1/2-price.

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 Rancherita: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4 wells, \$2.50 domestics, \$2.75 imports.

The Shack Bar & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, domestic taps.

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).

Whisknladle: Every day, 5-7pm: \$9 all-you-can-eat tapas.

LA MESA

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: Every day, 4pm-close: \$1.50 off drafts, \$1 off all mixed drinks, bottled beers, glasses of wine.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: Every day, 4-6pm: \$2 off all cocktails, wine, drafts; \$2 off 8-oz. sirloin.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells. \$2.50 domestics, \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Im-

The Calypso Café: Every day, 5-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

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Rock band every night

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DJ Dance Party 9 pm-1 am Saturday: \$3 Bloody Marys

SUNDAYS
Free Pool All Day
3 Mimosas

Happy Hour

LITTLE ITALY

LINDA VISTA

Anthology: Monday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine specials. \$8 margaritas. \$9 martinis.

Brick by Brick: Every day, 3-6pm:

Tio Leo's: Monday, 3-7pm: \$3

pints. \$4 wells, margaritas. Tuesday-

Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic

drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

\$2.50 house wine, 1/2-off beer,

Illume Bistro: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 draft, \$5 wells, wines, \$7 martinis.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: \$1 off pints, \$2 off tall beers.

Wine Steals: Wednesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

MIRA MESA

The Filling Station: Monday, \$2 kamikazes. Wednesday, premium beer \$3.50/pint. Saturday, \$3 Bloody Marys. Sunday, \$3 mimosas.

Mira Mesa Lanes: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$7 pitchers. \$3 import pints, \$10 pitchers. \$2.50 wells. \$3.50 chicken strips, chicken wings.

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

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.

Sandbar Sports Grill: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics/ drafts, wells, \$1 off premium beers/wine by the glass, \$3 off pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers. Friday, 4-9pm: 1/2off all drinks.

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

In Cahoots: Wednesday, \$2 drinks. Friday-Saturday, \$2.50 Coors/Coors Light. Sunday, any drink \$2.50.

The Little Fish Market Restaurant: Every day, 4-6pm, 8:30-close: \$4.25 fish tacos, \$3.75 spicy tuna roll, \$4.50 caiun shrimp skewers, more.

NATIONAL CITY

Lai Thai Restaurant: Every day, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

McDini's: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

Air Conditioned Lounge: Monday-Friday, 7-9pm: Everything 1/2-off.

Triple Crown Pub: Saturday, 12-2am: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off beer pitchers, Sunday, 12-5pm; \$1 off all pints, \$2 off beer pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Apertivo: Tuesday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: \$3 glass of wine, imported beers. Sunday, all day: \$2.75 glass of

















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Crazee Burger: Every day, 3-6pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers of beer, \$3.99 select glasses of wine. \$2.99 bratwurst, \$3.99 turkey burger.

Cricket's Pub and Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$2.75 domestic bottles, wells, \$4 margaritas.

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, 6-10pm: \$3 drafts. Tuesday-Sunday, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off

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.

Vesuvio Gourmet & Lounge: Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$5 martinis.

OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$2 off glass of wine, \$3 margaritas. \$2.50 tacos, \$5.25 nachos or wings. Saturday-Sunday, 10am-3pm: \$2.50 mimosas. \$5 Manmosas. \$4 screwdrivers, tequila sunrises, greyhounds.

Dream Street Live: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.

Portugalia: Tuesday-Sunday, 10pm-1am: \$3 domestic beer, \$5 wine; \$4-\$10 food specials.

OCEANSIDE

Harney Sushi: Thursday, \$5 spe-

Sushi in Mission Valley!

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

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Harney Sushi: Wednesday, \$5 specialty cocktails.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: Monday-Thursday, 1-7:10pm: \$7.10 beer & shot. Friday, 1-7:10pm: \$7.10 beer & shot. Two fish tacos for \$7.10. Saturday-Sunday, 12-7pm: \$7 pitchers.

The Australian Pub: Monday-Friday, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands. Saturday, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. Sunday, \$3 Bloody Marvs.

Costa Brava: Every day, 4-7pm: 1/2-price sangria. 1/2-price tapas.

The Dog: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, \$6 pitchers.

Hennessey's Tavern: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$1 off house wine, wells, \$3 well shot/\$4 call shot, \$5 drink specials. Saturday-Sunday, till 1pm: \$3 Bloody Marys.

Johnny V: Tuesday, 4pm-close: \$3 wells, drafts, selected wines. \$1.95 street tacos, \$3 off appetizers. Wednesday, all day: \$3 wells, drafts,

selected wines. Friday, 4-9pm: \$2 drinks. Complimentary appetizers. Saturday, all day: \$2.50 Bud Light bottles, Absolut, \$3 margarita.

Miller's Field: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 wells. \$2 street tacos.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 3-7pm: \$2 wells, house wine. \$3 imports, microbrews.

Moray's Lounge: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: \$4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins, more.

Pacific Beach Ale House: Monday-Saturday, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: Tuesday, \$2.50 Mexican bottled beer, \$3 frozen margaritas. Wednesday, \$2 off all drinks, \$2 beers. Thursday, 8pmclose: \$2 wells, drafts, 1/2-price drinks. Friday, 3-10pm: \$2 drafts, wells, 1/2-price drinks. Saturday, 4-10pm: \$3 wells, wine, drafts.

Sinbad Cafe: Every day, 4-8pm: \$1 drafts, \$1.50 wells, shots, \$2 imports. \$3.50 appetizers. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. \$3 tapas selection.

POINT LOMA

The Boathouse: Every day, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 house margaritas (\$3 Cuervo Gold), \$3 beer of the month, \$4 wine of the month.

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C-Level: Monday-Friday, 3:30-5:30pm: \$3.50 Bud Light, Karl Strauss, Stone IPA, \$5 specialty drinks, wells, house wine. \$5 crispy calamari, ahi tuna poke, steamed Fox River mussels, more.

Extreme Pizza: Monday, all day: \$1.50 domestic drafts, Tuesday, \$6 wine carafes, beer pitchers. Wednesday, \$.50 wings night. Thursday, 3-6pm; 8-10pm: 1/2-off any pizza. Friday, \$18 large pizza and pitcher of beer. Saturday, \$2 bottled beer of the month. Sunday, \$5 domestic beer

Point Loma Sports Grill & Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2price appetizers.

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MOVIE

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

ick of the week, pick of the season to date, is the French *Séraphine*, a speculative, segmentary biography — twenty years in

scope — of an obscure figure from 20th-century art history, Séraphine Louis, *dite* Séraphine de Senlis, a

pious provincial housecleaner by day, and by night a compulsive self-taught painter (under past orders from her guardian angel at the convent), whose secret talent is discovered just before the First World War by one of her cleaning customers, a homosexual German art dealer and critic (discoverer earlier of Henri Rousseau) on sojourn in northern France, a prissy connoisseur preferring the label of Modern Primitives to the veiled insult of Naives. Were any of the townsfolk watching this humble drudge on her daily rounds, taking any notice of her — with her beast-of-burden gait, her bent back and sturdy hips, doughy face and loose strands of hair beneath a comically

small straw hat, an ever-present fringed shawl around her shoulders — they might well have wondered what she was up to, pilfering vials of melted

> candle wax from the church or of blood from a pot of innards in madam's kitchen, plucking fistfuls of wild grass,

communing silently with nature, an instinctive pantheist touching the trees, feeling the wind. They would never guess at the dense patterns of intensely colored fruits, vines, leaves that take shape by candlelight in her shabby apartment.

Well structured, well proportioned, well (if slowly) paced, the film carries out a dispassionate examination of hidden inner worth, long ignored, thrillingly recognized, hazardously overinflated, and — it's not an Andersen fairy tale — ultimately, tormentingly unrewarded. Anyone can relate. Both of the main characters, the painter and her patron, are complicated people, treated with respect but not reverence, tact but not timidity, by film-



Séraphine

maker Martin Provost (a new name over here), and played for full complication and consequent inconsistency and ambiguity by Yolande Moreau and Ulrich Tukur. The latter might most warmly be remembered as the Nazi with a conscience in Costa-Gavras's *Amen*, while the former, primarily a stage actress, and on screen a supporting actress, is apt not to be remem-

bered at all. Instilled with that special French selflessness, that willing subservience to the guiding artistic vision, that Musketeering *esprit de corps*—one for all, all for one—she never raises the least suspicion that she is *acting*, only the total belief in her *being*. She is Séraphine, and Séraphine is she—all one. Nor, in the larger picture, is there the tiniest pinprick in the

tangible illusion of the place and period, the sights, the sounds, the surfaces, the objects, observed with a near scientific exactitude. (A nod of acknowledgment, too, to the spare and unobtrusive but intensifying music of Michael Galasso, string-crazy composer of Wong Kar-wai's *In the Mood for Love*.) The film, simply put, picks you up, sets you down, seals you in. Like magic.



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Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, speaking of magic, 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 hankerings 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 sixth 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-anda-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 (so I hear) 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."

Tetro is a sibling thing, self-importantly mythological, and purportedly semi-autobiographical, about two uncharismatic brothers (Vincent Gallo, Alden Ehrenreich) estranged from their domineering father, a world-famous opera maestro, withdrawn from him all the way to Buenos Aires. Its writer and director, Francis Ford Coppola, has far fallen off the pace of contemporaries like Scorsese and Spielberg, to such extent that the maker of The Godfather and The Conversation is liable to seem to the unfledged filmgoer a figure almost as remote as the maker of The Asphalt Jungle and The Maltese Falcon. (The blink-of-an-eye release of his Youth without Youth in 2007, after ten years' absence, scarcely put him back on the map and into the consciousness.) As if to underline the point, his new film is shot largely in dark

glossy glamorous black-and-white, with stretches of soggily saturated color — oh, that green dress! — reserved for flashbacks and illustrations of the elder brother's autobiographical novel. (The color clip of the Coppélia segment from the Powell-Pressburger Tales of Hoffman, later restaged as a fantasy scene by Coppola himself, was surely chosen as much for the palette as for the echo of the director's surname.) And when the novelist brother likens his Argentine lover to Ava Gardner, the younger brother, voice of the younger generation, has to ask, "Who's Ava Gardner?" Older filmgoers, who do not glaze over at the sight of blackand-white, may find their collective eye caught by some of the baroqueries of the imagery, but they should be in the best position to judge the overall weight loss and compensating pileup of cosmetics.

Unmistaken Child is an engrossing account of the search for the transmigrated soul of Lama Konchog, a Tibetan Buddhist holy man who died in 2001 at age eighty-four, leaving his young, insecure, and sensitively photogenic disciple, Tenzin Zopa, with the unwanted assignment of conducting the search, combing the countryside for signs of an extraordinary one-to-one-and-a-half-year-old. An astrological reading beforehand affords him a couple of John Edward-like alphabetical clues, a ninety-five-percent probability of the father's name beginning with an "A,"

and a letter combination of "ts" in the likely locale, sending him off on foot to the Tsum Valley where he himself originally came from and first met his master. So many documentaries these days - Food Inc., The End of the Line, *Under Our Skin* — are essentially just illustrated lectures, talking-head experts with visual aids. This one, the first effort of Nati Baratz, is a bona fide document, granting privileged access to an arcane process that stretches over five years, searching, finding, testing, verifying. It doesn't go into the mysteries of reincarnation, only the (so to speak) missing-persons detective work. The utilitarian video image is by nature somewhat unappreciative of the physical world, but is itself a document of

the difficulties of the shoot.

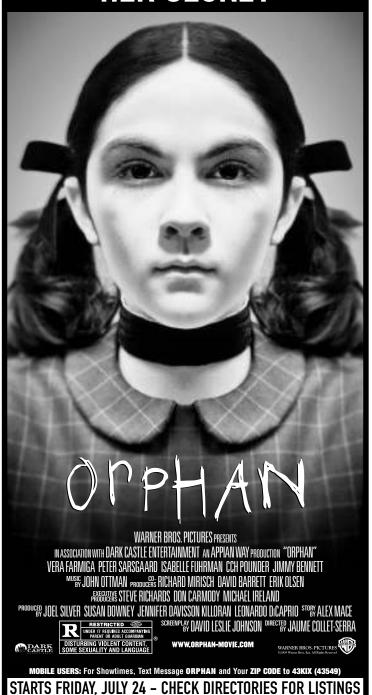
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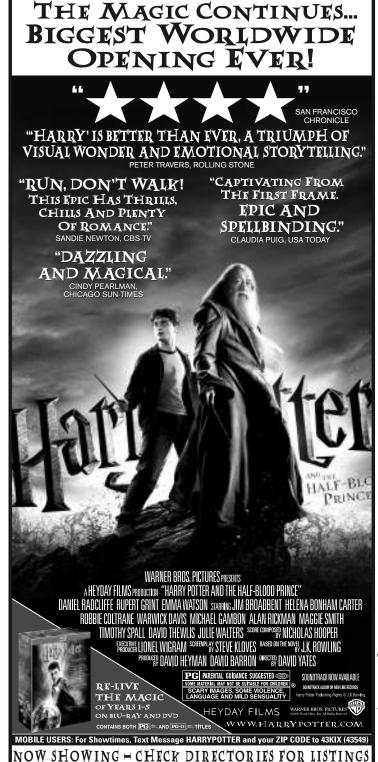
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Barbarella — Chintzy-looking Italian reproduction of the French erotic comic strip, starring the doll-like Jane Fonda under her then-husband Roger Vadim's direction. There are colors and costumes galore in an attempt to look space-y; but this movie, for all its frantic stabs at zaniness, is just barely wittier than the average American astronaut. 1968.

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Blood: The Last Vampire — Live-action replay of a Japanese anime dated 2000, a license for a swordswoman in a sailor dress, or swordsgirl more accurately, to slice-anddice a legion of humanoid demons en route to "the oldest, vilest demon of them all," who killed the heroine's father. Moderately stylish and extravagantly mindless, the movie delivers on the first word of the title — in gelatinous cartoon splashes and splatters — if not on the last word. With Gianna Jun and Allison Miller; directed by Chris Nahon, 2009.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Brüno - A reteaming of the star and director of Borat, Sacha Baron Cohen and Larry Charles respectively, to peddle the same or a similar shtick in a different persona: a different funny accent, different funny wardrobe, different funny hairdo The shtick, should you need to be reminded, is to inflict the persona on unsuspecting innocents untipped that it's a disguise; and the persona on this occasion is a flaming homosexual fashionista (and oxymoronic fascist) out of Austria, dismissed as host of the Funkyzeit TV show after a public

faux pas on a Milan catwalk in a Velcro suit, determined now to start afresh in the U.S. The first and foremost point to be made is that the film is not a mockumentary in the manner of Borat, slightly slicker than it in technique. Most of the time, there is no excuse for a camera to be present, as there was for the Kazakhstan journalist on his journey across America. (Very much a secondary and subordinate point would be that the stereotype of the Third World boor was at least somewhat novel, whereas the stereotype of the Euro swish is no more than yellowed comic book.) There is, in consequence, a precipitous drop in opportunities to ensnare unsuspecting innocents and a steep rise in staged scenes with undeclared actors, thus narrowing the gap - not all that wide to begin with — between the guerrilla comedy of Cohen and the mainstream gonzo comedy of a Ferrell, a Stiller. To be able to believe, or partly believe, or almost believe, in the "reality" of a scene, turns out to be vital to Cohen's identity and individuality. Without it, the guerrilla is shooting blanks. 2009.

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Chéri — A compaction of two Colette novels, written by Christopher Hampton and directed by Stephen Frears, about the grand amour between a brink-of-retirement Parisian courtesan and the androgynous bastard son of an already retired courtesan, the older woman (Michelle Pfeiffer) hitching her wagon to the younger man (Rupert Friend), who after six years together opts to uncouple and then recouple with a woman his own age, the bastard daughter of yet a third courtesan. The mismatch in ages (twenty-three years in real life) is so acutely felt as to give the occasional impression that the film is actually about something more than Belle Epoque clothes, décors, hairstyles, gardens, cars. The proper tone, however, is a struggle, the hardest labor coming from the arch omniscient narrator (director Frears himself), the lilting, mincing, neverletting-up music of Alexandre Desplat, and above all Michelle Pfeiffer, drawing out her vowels in an attempt to convey jadedness and sophistication and to keep pace in that regard with the predominantly British cast, short of doing a full-blown British accent. Kathy Bates, Felicity Jones, Frances Tomelty, Harriet Walter. 2009.

Departures — Japan's Oscar-winner for foreign film is without apology in the sentimental mode, a classification now out of fashion if never (secretly) out of favor. Directed by the veteran Yojiro Takita, it tells of a laid-off cellist, self-admittedly secondrate, who returns from Tokyo to his hometown and answers an ambiguously worded want ad — "working with departures" expecting something like a travel agency and finding instead an "encoffining" service, preparing corpses for burial in front of an audience of their survivors: "It's a niche market." The vocation, though taken to with initial distaste, turns out to be a tailormade cinematic spectacle — a testament to the Japanese capacity to transform a chore into a ritual and an art — and the little

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drolleries of the awkward early stages do not prepare us for such breathless high points as the first time we see the old master at work on a body or the first time the squeamish wife sees her husband, the new apprentice, at the same work. If, especially in those early stages, the apprentice is a bit overacted by Masahiro Motoki, a bit popeyed and drop-jawed, he is more than made up for by the restraint, the repose, the composure of his master, Tsutomu Yamazaki, a face familiar from the works of Juzo Itami, The Funeral, Tampopo, A Taxing Woman. The emotional effect might have been more powerful, or at least met with less resistance, without the syrupy background music. But that's just part of the all-over lack of apology, Manipulation the film may be, but deft manipulation. 2008.

500 Days of Summer — Chronicle of

★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

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

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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. ★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 7/24; HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA JOLLA 12)

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.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

G-Force — Computer-animated guinea pigs, with the voices of Nicolas Cage, Penelope Cruz, Sam Rockwell, Steve Buscemi, directed by Hoyt Yeatman. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSS-MONT 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; FROM 7/24)

The Girl from Monaco — An introspec tive attorney, in the midst of a high-profile murder trial, falls under the spell of a miniskirted coquette who would appear to have slept with half the male population of Monaco, including the lawyer's taciturn bodyguard. Mildly amusing clash of personalities, and, in proportion, mildly disconcerting when it takes a mildly grim turn. Always a pleasure to look at, shot by Patrick Blossier with clarity, sheen, and a full spectrum of color. Fabrice Luchini, Roschdy Zem, Louise Bourgoin, Stéphane Audran: directed by Anne Fontaine. 2008. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

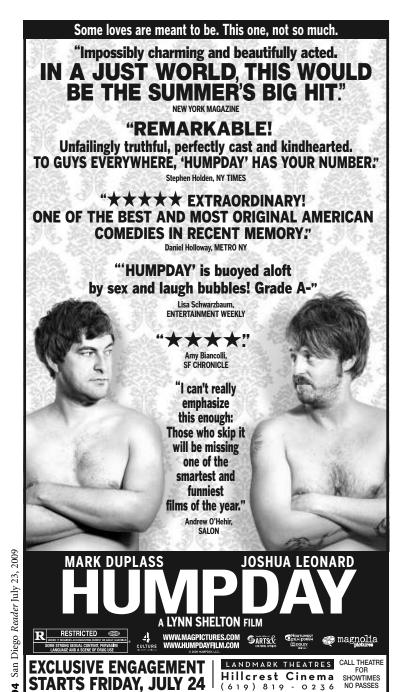
The Hangover — Sledgehammer comedy about four buddies (Bradley Cooper, Ed. Helms, Zach Galifianakis, Justin Bartha) who go to Vegas for a bachelor party and wake up the morning after with no memory of the night before, a tiger in the bathroom, a baby in the closet, and the mystery of a missing bridegroom. Boys will be bores. With Heather Graham, Ken Jeong, Jeffrey Tambor, and, as himself, Mike Tyson; directed by Todd Phillips 2009

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Harry Potter and the Half-Blood

Prince — Reviewed this issue. With Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Michael Gambon, and Jim Broadbent; directed by David Yates. 2009. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL

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How to Be a Serial Killer — Writerdirector Luke Ricci's murderous mockumentary with Dameon Clarke and Matthew Gray Gubler.

(GASLAMP 15, FROM 7/24; PALM PROME NADE 24)

Humpday — Sex comedy starring Mark Duplass and Joshua Leonard, written and directed by Lynn Shelton. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 7/24)

The Hurt Locker - Fictitious countdown of the final six weeks in the twelvemonth tour of an army bomb squad in Baghdad. The living and working conditions in a color-free wasteland appear perfectly credible, and the quasi-sciencefictional details of the job — the spaceman protective suits, the remote-control bombsniffing robot, the tangle of colored wires, the hide-and-seek triggers — are highly enlightening. And the defusing of bombs the constant prospect of their blowing up in our faces - carries a guaranteed tension, as witness such forerunners as Robert Aldrich's Ten Seconds to Hell or Michael Powell's and Emeric Pressburger's The Small Back Room. The ambush in middesert, outside the squad's normal sphere of operations, is if anything even tenser: more unpredictable, more open to possibilities. Kathryn Bigelow, one of the rare female action directors, dead-set on matching any man in muscle, favors here the combatfootage filmmaking style of jostles and jars to the camera, punchy zooms, whiplashing pans, and a chronic shaky hand, not necessarily restricted to scenes of combat. This is trendy at best, a tired cliché at worst. (The amplified heartbeat and the slo-mo explosion ought to be put to bed for a rest period of not less than a generation.) She takes a lot of time on the action scenes, or more broadly the tension scenes, and not much time in between, so that the three principals — Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie, Brian Geraghty, each of them looking the part — are thin on character, static in development, no more than generic as opposed to individual soldiers. With Guy Pearce, Ralph Fiennes, David Morse. 2009. ★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs - A deferral of extinction and a detour to a subterranean tropical paradise, save some rapacious reptiles and a river of molten lava. The intermittent enlivener of the two earlier installments, the obsessive squirrel, is now as tedious as everyone else (in a mating dance, to a Barry White tune, with a bushytailed femme fatale squirrel); and the new character of a one-eyed weasel (voice of Simon Pegg) fails to take up the slack. No more beneficial is the added attraction of 3-D. Extinction can't come soon enough. With the voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, and Queen Latifah; co-directed by Carlos Saldanha and Mike Thurmeier. 2009.

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I Love You, Beth Cooper — The dorky valedictorian of Buffalo Glenn High School reveals in his commencement speech his hidden passion for the head cheerleader. So begins a long night of teen hijinks (or lojinks, better), played for maximum falsity, minimum humanity. With Hayden Panettiere, Paul Rust, Jack T. Carpenter, and

Shawn Roberts; directed by Chris Columbus, 2009.

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Julia — Very large performance in a very long movie, Tilda Swinton as a foulmouthed slatternly alcoholic in a hare brained kidnap scheme. Only when the kidnapped child gets twice kidnapped (the Coens could have wrung some laughs from this) does the suspense begin to build. Too little, too late. With Aidan Gould, Saul Rubinek, Kate Del Castillo; directed by Erick Zonca. 2009.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

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-storysized 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 sci-

ence fiction now approximates the nonpareil special effects of the Kubrick monument of forty years ago. 2009.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 7/24)

My Sister's Keeper — An eleven-yearold girl, "engineered" in a petri dish to be a genetic match for her leukemic older sister, sues her parents for "medical emancipation" — a recipe for a Lifetime Channel movie, with an extra cup of butter in Caleb Deschanel's lighting. Outside of the neversay-die mother, the drama is designed for minimum stickiness and maximum lubrication. Indeed, the dilemma could have been cleared up with a simple family conference in lieu of a court date. Compared with the other tearierking tactics, the interlude of teen romance between the sick sister and a fellow cancer patient is persuasively gentle. With Cameron Diaz, Abigail Breslin, Sofia Vassilieva, Jason Patric, Alec Baldwin, Thomas Dekker, and Joan Cusack; directed by Nick Cassavetes. 2009.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIS-SION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24)

\$9.99 — Animation for adults, not solely because of a sex scene or two but because of the total tapestry of lost souls and losers around an apartment building in Sydney, one of whose residents sends away for a book, at the titular price, that promises to disclose to his uncritical eye the meaning of life: "People always think there's only one meaning, but actually there are six." The painterly, or underground comicky, stopmotion puppets move with the approximate fluidity of the first King Kong, but paradoxically enough they gain some life from the inanimate dim-lit sets, painstakingly detailed in an architectural style we might call Low-Rent Dollhouse. With the voices of Geoffrey Rush, Anthony LaPaglia,







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Samuel Johnson, Joel Edgerton, Claudia Karvan; directed by Tatia Rosenthal. 2009. ★★ (KEN. THROUGH 7/23)

Orphan — Chiller with Vera Farmiga, Peter Sarsgaard, and Isabelle Fuhrman, directed by Jaume Collet-Serra.
(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 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6;

TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 7/24)

Out of the Past — Perhaps the best private-eye movie made in the Forties, when competition was stiffest. The idiomatic narration and dialogue are no doubt funnier now, in unintended ways, than they once were, but Robert Mitchum's narcotized delivery preserves some of the poetry, too. More immune to time's passage is the visual poetry, the leafy shadows of Nicholas Musuraca's photography and the hypnotic rhythms of Jacques Tourneur's direction. The narration, in any event, breaks off halfway through, after we have been brought up to date and have emerged from flashback. At that point, a hauntingly lingered-over image, of Mitchum suited up in

standard P.I. trenchcoat and handsomely framed by a wrought-iron gate, commences the movie's smoothest stretch, as the forces of fate close in for the kill. With Jane Greer and Kirk Douglas; screenplay by Daniel Mainwaring (a.k.a. Geoffrey Homes), adapted from his novel, *Build My Gallows High*. 1947.

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Pink Floyd, the Wall — A sort of "Video Jukebox" selection, but on a very large and very lavish scale, even allowing for the vast amount of footage run through more than once. Blood, dangling telephone receivers, pig-faced masks, more blood, vomitous animation sequences, frenzied camerawork

and cutting, more blood, and so on, are meant to communicate the depth of anguish of a spaced-out rock star and son of a Second World War casualty. Immaturity runs riot. With Bob Geldof; directed by Alan Parker. 1982.

● (KEN, 7/25 MIDNIGHT)

The Proposal — Anne Fletcher's contemporary romantic comedy has a premise no more ridiculous than something that might once have featured Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray. The editor-inchief at Ruick & Hunt Publishers, a transplanted Canadian ice queen slash wicked witch of the north, now threatened with deportation for an expired visa, commands her lackey to marry her, true love following

along lickety-split. The rotelike workingout of the premise appears heedless of the ridiculousness and therefore increasingly ridiculous, heedless in particular of the age difference between Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds, obvious to the naked eye. The two stars nonetheless display a polished smoothness if something less than a Golden Age luster. With Mary Steenburgen, Betty White, Craig T. Nelson, Malin Akerman. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14: POWAY 10: TOWN SOUARE 14)

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Showtimes subject to change. (Bargain showtimes in parentheses.)

CENTRAL

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (877-789-6684)
Brüno (Not Rated); G-Force (Not Rated); The
Hangover (R); Harry Potter and the HalfBlood Prince (Not Rated); Ice Age: Dawn of
the Dinosaurs (PG); Orphan (Not Rated);
The Proposal (PG-13); Public Enemies (Not
Rated); Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
(PG-13); The Ugly Truth (Not Rated); Up
(PG)

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (877-789-6684)
Brüno (Not Rated); G-Force (Not Rated); The
Hangover (R); Harry Potter and the HalfBlood Prince (Not Rated); Ice Age: Dawn of
the Dinosaurs (PG); Orphan (Not Rated);
The Proposal (PG-13); Public Enemies (Not
Rated); Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
(PG-13); The Ugly Truth (Not Rated); Up
(PG)

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (877-789-6684)
Angels and Demons (PG-13); Blood: The Last Vampire (Not Rated); Brüno (Not Rated); Chéri (Not Rated); Departures (PG-13); The Hangover (R); How to Be a Serial Killer (Not Rated); Julia (Not Rated); Orphan (Not Rated); The Proposal (PG-13);

The Stoning of Soraya M. (Not Rated); Year One (Not Rated)

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
G-Force; Harry Potter and the Half-Blood
Prince; Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs;
Moon; My Sister's Keeper; Public Enemies;
Star Trek; The Taking of Pelham 123;
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen; The
Ugly Truth; Up

KENSINGTON

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Pink Floyd, the Wall (R) Sat. (11:55p.m.); Unmistaken Child

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Brüno (Not Rated); 500 Days of Summer (Not Rated); G-Force (Not Rated); The Hangover (R); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (Not Rated); The Hurt Locker (Not Rated); Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG); Orphan (Not Rated); The Proposal (PG-13); Public Enemies (Not Rated); The Ugly Truth (Not Rated)

La Jolla Village

The Girl from Monaco (Not Rated);
Séraphine (Not Rated);
The Stoning of Soraya M. (Not Rated); The Stoning of Soraya M. (Not Rated);

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

MISSION HILLS

Cinema under the Stars

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) Barbarella (PG); Out of the Past (NR)

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Away We Go (R); Brüno (Not Rated); G-Force (Not Rated); The Hangover (R); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (Not Rated); Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG); I Love You, Beth Cooper (Not Rated); My Sister's Keeper (Not Rated); Orphan (Not Rated); The Proposal (PG-13); Public Enemies (Not Rated); Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13); The Ugly Truth (Not Rated); Up (PG)

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



G-Force (G) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:00 7:15 9:30, The Ugly Truth (R) (10:00 12:45 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; Orphan (R) (10:30 1:30) 4:15 7:15 10:15; Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) (10:00 12:00 1:15 3:30) 4:30 7:00 7:45 10:15 11:00; Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:15 7:30 9:45; Brüno (R) (11:30 2:15) 8:00 10:30; Public Enemies (R) 4:45; Sesame Street Dinosaurs (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Brüno (Not Rated); G-Force (Not Rated); The
Hangover (R); Harry Potter and the HalfBlood Prince (Not Rated); Ice Age: Dawn of
the Dinosaurs (PG); My Sister's Keeper
(Not Rated); Orphan (Not Rated); The Proposal (PG-13); Public Enemies (Not Rated);
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
(PG-13); The Ugly Truth (Not Rated); Up
(PG)

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) 500 Days of Summer (Not Rated); Food, Inc. (PG); Humpday (Not Rated); The Hurt Locker (Not Rated); Soul Power (Not Rated)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Call theater for program information

EAST COUNTY EL CAJON

Parkwav Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information.

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (877-789-6684)
Brüno (Not Rated); G-Force (Not Rated); The
Hangover (R); Harry Potter and the HalfBlood Prince (Not Rated); Ice Age: Dawn of
the Dinosaurs (PG); Orphan (Not Rated);
The Proposal (PG-13); Public Enemies (Not

 $Rated); \textbf{The Ugly Truth} \ (Not \ Rated)$

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) G-Force (Not Rated); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (Not Rated); Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG); Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

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



G-Force (G) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:00 7:15 9:30; The Ugly Truth (R) (10:00 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Orphan (R) (11:00 2:00) 4:45 7:30 10:30; Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) (10:00 12:00 1:15 3:30) 4:30 6:00 7:00 7:45 9:15 10:15 11:00; Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) (10:15 10:30 12:30 1:00 3:00 3:15) 5:30 8:00 10:15; Brüno (R) (11:30 1:45 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; Transformers: Re-



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Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262)
Brüno (Not Rated); G-Force (Not Rated); The
Hangover (R); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (Not Rated); Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG); Orphan (Not Rated); The Proposal (PG-13); Public Enemies (Not Rated); Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13); The Ugly Truth (Not Rated)

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Brüno (Not Rated); G-Force (Not Rated); The Hangover (R); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (Not Rated); How to Be a Serial Killer (Not Rated); Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG); I Love You, Beth
Cooper (Not Rated); My Sister's Keeper (Not
Rated); The Proposal (PG-13); Public Enemies (Not Rated); The Taking of Pelham 123 (R); Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13); The Ugly Truth (Not Rated); Up (PG); Year One (Not Rated)

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) Call theater for program information.

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262) Brüno (Not Rated); G-Force (Not Rated); The Hangover (R); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince $(Not\ Rated)$; Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG): I Love You, Beth Cooper (Not Rated); Orphan (Not Rated); The Proposal (PG-13); Public Enemies (Not Rated); Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13); The Ugly Truth (Not Rated)

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information.

FALLBROOK

River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



G-Force (G) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:00 7:15 9:30; The Ugly Truth (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:30; **Orphan** (R) (10:30 1:45) 4:45 7:30 10:45; **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood** Prince (PG) (10:00 12:00 1:15 3:30) 4:30 7:00 7:45 10:15 11:00; Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) (10:15 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:15; Sesame Street Dinosaurs (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



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Fallen (PG 13) (12:30 3:45) 7:15 10:30 *No 7:15 Thu.; **The Proposal** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **The Hangover** (R) (11:00 1:30 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Sesame Street Dinosaurs** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Call theater for program information.

Vista Village

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

Call theater for program information.

NORTH COASTAL CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Call theater for program information.

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

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



G-Force 3D (G) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:00 7:15 9:30; Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) (10:30 12:45 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:15; The

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Flower Hill 4

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



500 Days of Summer (PG 13) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **The Hangover** (R) (10:30 12:45 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Harry Pot**ter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) (10:15 1:30) 4:45 8:15; The Hurt Locker (R) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:15

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469) The Hangover (R)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

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



G-Force 3D (G) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:00 7:15 9:30; The Ugly Truth (R) (10:00 12:30 3:0 \$308.00 10:30; Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) (10:00 1:15) 4:30 7:45
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OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

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



G-Force 3D (G) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:00 7:15 9:30; **G-Force** (G) (11:00 1:15 3:45) 6:00 8:30 10:45; **The Ugly Truth** (R) (10:00 12:45 3:15) 10:45; The Ogly Truth (10:00 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Orphan (R) (10:30 1:45) 4:45 7:30 10:30; Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) (10:00 12:00 1:15 3:30) 4:30 6:00 7:00 7:45 9:30 10:15 11:00; Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) (10:15 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:15; Brüno (R) (11:15 1:30 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Public Enemies** (R) (10:00 1:00) 4:15 7:30 10:30; **I Love You Beth Cooper** (PG 13) (10:30 1:00 3:30); Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG 13) (11:45 3:45) 7:15 10:30; The Proposal (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **The Hangover** (R) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:00; Sesame Street Dinosaurs (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only

Oceanside 16

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Calendar

Public Enemies — John Dillinger revamped for a new century, more particularly Michael Mann-handled: high-def video, flattened perspective, eye-crossing closeups, jittery hand-held camera, frenetic cutting, amped-up sound, and the leg-endary Lady in Red is now (truth be told, among much romanticizing) the lady in orange skirt and white blouse. Pretty Boy Johnny Depp, not to be mistaken for Pretty Boy Floyd (a fleeting appearance by Channing Tatum), is characteristically bland as Dillinger, but Christian Bale as crime buster Melvin Purvis looks like he means business when taking aim with rifle and pistol or firing a tommy gun from the running board $\,$ of a speeding car. Marion Cotillard, Stephen Lang, Stephen Dorff, Billy Crudup, Lili Taylor, Branca Katic. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGH-LANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SOUARE 14) **Séraphine** — Reviewed this issue. With Yolande Moreau, Ulrich Tukur, and Anne Bennent; directed by Martin Provost.

★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 7/24)

Soul Power — Jeffrey Levy-Hinte's musical documentary on the concert accompanying "the Rumble in the Jungle" in Zaire in 1974, featuring James Brown, B.B. King, Miriam Makeba.

(HILLOREST CINEMAS, FROM 7/24)

Star Trek — Enjoyable prequel, thirty years after the same-named debut of the series on the big screen. The chaotic and incoherent prologue might somewhat smother the emotional punch of the birth of James Tiberius Kirk at the same moment as his father's death, but the reintroduction of the old familiar characters — the assembly of the changeless crew for the maiden voyage of the U.S.S. Enterprise — can't help but be fun for initiates. Chris Pine's Kirk, sounding as though modelled on no weightier a prototype than Christian Slater, starts out an obnoxious punk and fails to advance very far beyond that, Zachary Quinto's Spock, on the other hand, has some big ears to fill and fills them fully, achieving that elusive goal of undemonstrative intensity. If it's fair to say that the film, rather than stand on its own, benefits from the groundwork of its forerunners — if it safely and securely goes

where others have gone before — it would

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also be fair to object that the speedy evolution of special effects since the last Star Trek outing, seven years previous, serves to render the "ensuing" adventures anticlimactic. Topping what came before — a petty enough creative impulse in the first place — is in effect topping what came "after." That may not constitute disrespect, but it constitutes disproportion. Director J.J. Abrams's preference for the rambling Steadicam and the trembling closeup reveals him further to be a man of trend as opposed to a man of tradition. With its gigantic hands-of-Freddy-Krueger enemy spaceship, its Mad Max-y tattooed heathens, and its gratuitous CG monsters, the film is, by the standards of the franchise, skimpy on ideas, apart from a bit of time-travel abracadabra that enables Spock to be two places and two ages at once. Which is to say, enables Leonard Nimoy to play a part. Karl Urban, Anton Yelchin, Zoe Saldana, John Cho, Simon

Pegg, Eric Bana. 2009. ★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Stoning of Sorava M. — Endeavoring to drive a wedge even further between Western and Middle Eastern cultures, to foster misunderstanding and foment hostility, filmmaker Cyrus Nowrasteh tells the inflammatory "true story" of the execution of an Iranian wife falsely accused of adultery by a cheating husband who doesn't want to pay for a divorce. Recommended viewing, maybe, for anyone who, in order to be convinced of the barbarity of the practice, needs to see the full cold-blooded preparations of burying the woman up to her hips with arms pinioned at her sides, needs as well to see every blood-drawing stone thrown — some of them in slow-motion, the first few of them thrown preferentially by father, husband, and sons — and needs in addition for the victim to be completely innocent of the charge: an Islamic Ox-Bow Incident. (What? It would be less distasteful if she'd been guilty?) Anyone else will likely be convinced only of the proportionate barbarity, to whatever smaller degree, of the director, with his hammering closeups, his melodramatized villains (the husband's eves narrowing to slits, the mullah's pupils darting side to side), and a moral subtlety that extends no farther than his grudging admission that one or two men in the village might personally be less than eager to pitch in and throw a stone. Shohreh Aghdashloo, Mozhan Marno, Navid Negahban, Ali Pourtash, James Caviezel. 2009.

● (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Taking of Pelham 123 — Buzzedup remake of the 1974 hijacked-subway thriller, a handy yardstick of early-21st-century style: photographic gimmicks (pixillation, slow-motion, blurs, zooms, whatnot), throwaway car crashes, outlandish one-man heroics from the deskbound train dispatcher, inflationism in theme and plot as well as in ransom demand. It took some smarts to retrieve from the vaults a good film that's not well known, but it took some stupids to lose the focus on average New Yorkers under the gun. John Turturro is blessedly low-key as the NYPD hostage negotiator, and Denzel Washington tries valiantly to play down to his character's status in the bureaucracy, but one or two men can't counteract the mood-swinging, scenery-chewing villainy of John Travolta. With James Gandolfini, Michael Rispoli, Luis Guzman; directed by Tony Scott. 2009. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Tetro — Reviewed this issue. With Vincent Gallo, Alden Ehrenreich, Maribel Verdú, and Klaus Maria Brandauer; written and directed by Francis Ford Coppola.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 7/24)

Transformers: Revenge of the

Fallen — Autobots vs. Decepticons, Round Two, a blur of liquidy computer-generated metal (robot design by trash compactor) and a mass — no, a mess — of contradictions: apocalyptic pomposity and low comedy; heavy combat and light casualties; a too-fast pace that attains two and a half hours and total boredom (except perhaps for John Turturro's succinct "one-manalone" soliloquy). With Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Tyrese Gibson,

and Ramon Rodriguez; directed by Michael Bay. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Ugly Truth — Romantic comedy with Katherine Heigl, Gerard Butler, Bree Turner, directed by Robert Luketic. (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; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 7/24)

Unmistaken Child — Reviewed this issue. With Tenzin Zopa; written and directed by Nati Baratz.

★★★ (KEN, 7/24 THROUGH 30)

Up — Pixar computer cartoon weaves a web of delusional whimsy around a cantankerous old widower, not too dissimilar to Clint Eastwood in Gran Torino, determined to live out the dream and the adventure he denied to his lifelong soul mate. To that end, he attaches a forest of helium balloons to his two-story house and sets sail for South America, specifically Paradise Falls, "a Land Lost in Time," the stomping ground of his boyhood idol, an intrepid globe-trotter out of Jules Verne. (If party balloons can serve as a means of intercontinental transport, we can hardly be surprised at finding the boyhood idol still alive and kicking. Or at anything else.) This literal flight of fancy and its touchdown in "paradise" might have been taken as a metaphor of suicide were it not for the roly-poly little stowaway, a Wilderness Explorer in quest of a merit badge for Assisting the Elderly, presumably not including assisted suicide. He assists, rather, in a new lease on life: geriatric swashbuckling. (The old man, voiced by Ed Asner, bears an unmistakable likeness to the Penn State football coach, Joe Paterno, and the kid, Jordan Nagai, is a Baby Buddha.) There seems no intrinsic reason for the insipid graphic style, the vacuum-sealed atmosphere, or the general feel of marshmallow and Styrofoam; no reason, that is, outside the limits of taste and talent among the Pixar people. The one glaring success in the picture is the oversized wide-eyed multicolored exotic bird, its resistance to anthropomorphization, its intractable maniacal birdiness. Co-directed by Pete Docter and Bob Peterson. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Year One — Anachronism-littered buddy comedy about a hunter and a gatherer expelled from their primitive village and followed through a Biblical landscape of Cain and Abel, Abraham and Isaac, Sodom but not Gomorrah: "What transpires within the confines of the walls of Sodom, stays within the confines of the walls of Sodom." Michael Cera, who couldn't remain a contemporary adolescent forever, preserves his delicate and diffident line-delivery even in the rough company of Jack Black. And Hank Azaria, as a fervent Abraham, gets a lot out of the word "God," and he gets it out a lot, sounding like a blend of the televange list, the man who hits his thumb with a hammer, and the cat with a fishbone in its throat. The now routine outtakes in the closing credits carry the usual implication of trying desperately at the last minute to make up for the dearth of laughs in the preceding ninety. With Olivia Wilde, Juno Temple, and David Cross; directed by Harold Ramis. 2009.

(GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)







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Top of the World, Ma!

La Valencia is a sheerly gorgeous hotel. Walking through that Spanish-Moorish tiled lobby en route to the Sky Room elevator, you want to sell your shack and move right in. A small, old-timey operator-run lift, with an accordion-grate steel inner door, takes you up to the restaurant. "Where to?" the operator said. "Top of the world, Ma!" I muttered under my breath (Jimmy Cagney's last words in the Depression-set gangster masterpiece White Heat). I guess the posh atmosphere made my inner-teen-beatnik feel socially split between slumdog Cagney and a regular Sky Room habitué.

The newly redecorated restaurant has dusted away a former fustiness: it's clean and sleek with shiny black and chrome and tall mirrors. The space is divided by pillars into several intimate areas of one or two uncrowded tables each. All 11 tables are decorated with a vase of white roses, and all enjoy panoramic ocean views. A class act, updated.

Sky Room has changed in other ways, too. A bit over a year ago, shortly after its reopening, the Union-Tribune ran a scorching review, noting "soso" food for exorbitant prices. Since then, there have been drastic alterations in menu and personnel. Prices have dropped — still on the steep side, but well below the Gordon Gekko-style "flaunt it while you got it" realms. Most of the ultra-luxury ingredients have disappeared, along with the "Continental" cooking-style and old-fashioned dress rules. (You'll still want to dress nicely to fit in, but jackets aren't required.)

The reopening chef, a young New Zealander, is gone as well. (My dinner was prepared by the young, talented chef de cuisine and executive sous-chef.) The management is currently interviewing candidates for the executive chef position. Perhaps that's why they're offering the alluring bargain prix-fixe meal of \$55 for three choices through August. The tiny restaurant was half empty on a Wednesday night, which is half-priced-



DINING

NAOMI WISE

wine night. Looks as if the long closure for renovations broke the habit-patterns of the "La Jolla blue-hairs" who sustained the old Sky Room.

Sam and I chose the later of two dinner seat-

ings to maximize our eating time and in hopes of catching a sunset. It wasn't a great sunset (marinelayer grays), but it was an amazing view until darkness fell. And only at dark did the music track (some

mild, inconsequential stuff) come on the sound system — before then, luxurious silence.

The menu now tends toward classic California cuisine, relatively simple preparations of fine ingredients with some Asian and Mediterranean flavors — a lot like nearly every other upscale San Diego restaurant, only more expensive than most.

In an exchange of emails (initiated by the announcement of the "bargain" prix fixe), the manager assured me that it would be quite all right to combine both the \$55 three-course tasting meal and the \$75 five-course at the same meal — a good way for a twosome to wring out much of the menu without venturing into the pricier à la carte realm. In practice, the waiter told

us the chef wasn't happy about this order because of the difficulty in timing it. Sam and I passed word to the kitchen that it would work out fine - send out the dishes as they were ready because

we'd be sharing everything anyway.

The breads were interesting — slices of regular baguette, seeded baguette, and whole-wheat olive bread (the last a tad stale-tasting). The water, no extra charge, was glorious Evian. It's a lot better than Golden Hill's natural "mineral water," even when the latter is filtered. After our clotted commute, dodging automotive idiocies on parade, we needed a glass of wine while we perused our menus. The Dutton chardonnay (\$16 per glass) filled the bill deliciously, but had I

Sky Room

★★★½ (Very Good to Excellent)

Hotel Valencia, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771, lavalencia.com/dining.

HOURS: Dinner seatings 5:30-7:15 p.m.; 7:45-9:30 p.m.

PRICES: Three-course prix fixe, \$55; five courses, \$75. À la carte appetizers, \$12-\$27 (caviar service m/p); entrées, \$34-\$45. Wine bottles half-price Wednesday nights.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: California-style, with fine fresh ingredients, Mediterranean and Asian influences. Huge wine list with a few bottles under \$40, many excellent choices about \$60, plus top French bottlings (many with some bottle age on them), including legendary choices (e.g., La Tâche) at four figures. Good but costly half-bottles, steep by the glass.

PICK HITS: Hamachi sashimi; daily vegetable soup; fruits de mer. Good bets à la carte: bouillabaisse; cocoa-crusted venison.

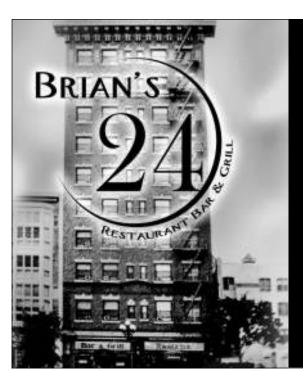
NEED TO KNOW: The three-course \$55 menu expires at the end of August, so reserve now if you want it! Romantic, deluxe atmosphere with stunning wraparound view, quietly dressy. Elevator access via hotel entrance, smaller door left of Whaling Bar entrance. Free valet parking. Later seating allows more leisure (and sunset view in summer).

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looked at the list first, I might have splurged on the French White Burgundy (\$20).

We deliberately chose to eat on a Wednesday, when bottled wines are half price. The list is spectacular, especially if you're not shy about spending your mortgage money on first-growth Bordeaux or Burgundies. Duckhorn Sauvignon, a yummy old favorite, was on offer for \$60, standard restaurant price. Sam, seized by an impulse of saintly



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generosity, told me to pick a Burgundy — his treat. I chose from low on the list — an 11-year-old Joseph Drouhin Clos de Vougeot (\$185). It was still youthful and even a little tannic, and what a treat! Muscular, but supple and complex, it had so much personality it was like having another friend at our table.

I'm not sure the threecourse meal would normally include an *amuse*, but we each received a Chinese porcelain soup spoon filled with exciting, spicy gazpacho topped with minced fresh micro-herbs.

The three-course meal offered a seasonal vegetable soup or salad first. The soup was cream of broccoli, a beautiful composition with swirls of crème fraîche, minced chives, and tiny red specks on top bacon! It tasted less like broccoli than some other veggie that I like better, with a faint, smoky note, the bacon reappearing throughout in firm, meaty bits. "Our chef, Taylor, is a master of soups," said the waiter fondly, collecting the clean empty bowl. "He competes with himself to make 'soup of the week,' 'soup of the month, 'soup of the year.' "

The five-course began with

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hamachi tartare, chopped and shaped into a round mound. Alongside was a puff of avocado mousse and a modest, charming salad of baby beets, tiny Japanese cucumber slices, and greenery in a citrus vinaigrette. Surrounding the tartare were crimson jewels of caviar — beet caviar. Fooled me totally. "I'd order this again anytime," said Sam. Same here.

Next on the higher-priced

spread was a large seared scallop, pale pink inside, served with a heap of tiny fingerling potato slices and another heap of bitter greens with a bacon dressing. We couldn't identify the species of the greens (familiar flavor, but naming them gave us both "senior moments"). The scallop's only sauce seemed to be the clarified butter of the sauté — but scooped onto a bite of baguette, that sauce was pink and smoky. Bacon! "This kitchen seems to tend toward austerity," I observed. "Great ingredients, very plain preparations."

That observation held true for the five-courser's first entrée (of two), grilled Kurobuta pork tenderloin (which is also an entrée choice on the three-course). The chunks of pork were pink inside but excessively charred on the surface, overwhelming the meat's flavor. They were plated over a minuscule slick of "salsa verde," a

dark-green sauce dominated by minced parsley, accompanied by a sweet-tart Asian-oid shredded jicama slaw.

On the three-course dinner, I chose the *fruits de mer*—velvety lemon-thyme linguine in a reduced lobster stock with tomatoes and white wine, topped by fish, lobster, prawns, shelled mussels, and scallops—every species cooked to tender perfection, with that lobstery broth generous in its sensuality. It's comfort food for sophisticates, as pleasing as a back rub.

At the next table, a handsome 30ish couple were planning their "wedding rehearsal dinner." (I overheard them quietly conspiring with the mâitre d'about the catering menu.) The bride-to-be had the bouillabaisse. The groom had the cocoa-dusted venison, huge and fascinating-looking, the deer ribs sticking out like antlers on a big buck. They both seemed very happy with their food, which is why I'd guess these are good bets for entrées. Love may be blind, but I don't think it dims the palate much.

Our server, seeing us repeatedly switch plates (often several times in a single course — "Did you taste this garnish? Try it again!"), was catching on to how foodie-friends eat "family-style" and starting to warm to it. He'd been picking up the amber-glow brother-sister vibe

between Sam and me, and by now he liked it, however exotic it was for Sky Room. "We've been friends sharing our food for years and years," I said. "Friends who eat 'family style' become families." The seven-course dinner has an intermezzo, the three-course doesn't, but it was served to both of us and consisted of a palate-clearing yellow watermelon sorbet, a charmer of a

By the final entrée of the seven-course, the kitchen had "gotten it," too. We each received a half portion of the "Greg Norman" Wagyu steak pavé (which was plenty — half of both halves came home with me). It was also heavily charred (like the pork) on the outside, rare inside, and delicious - if less tender and fatty than other Kobe beef I've tasted. "Who's this Greg Norman character?" I asked Sam. "A golfer," he said. "What does he have to do with Wagyu beef?" I asked. Sam shrugged. Maybe Norman raises it; maybe he takes the calves on rounds of 18 holes. The beef came with superb garnishes: a soft, gentle, finechopped ratatouille, tiny tender onion rings in airborne batter, and a lightly fried, barely battered Japanese green chile, semi-mild, complex, and deepflavored enough I'd like to grow it in my yard next year. With this dish, that fine French Burgundy nearly met its culinary match, meat almost worthy of it (but for that too-bitter black charring). I was losing my Jimmy Cagney under-mind, settling into luxury as though born to it.

For dessert, the three-course offers an artisan cheese plate (how tempting, with wines still left) or a multi-layered Napoleon-like nocciola cake plated over orange balsamic with chocolate gelato. Made by the hotel pastry chef, it is not excessively sweet and is tremendously professional, and French-y. What caught my heart more was the seven-course's lemon verbena sponge cake, made by the Sky Room's own chef, with strawberry gelato and a blueberry Port coulis, with local fruits from Crow's Pass. It's less professional, more of a "grandma-style" dessert, exuding sagacious simplicity.

"I've always wanted to eat at the Sky Room," said Sam. "I'd come back in a snap...." "When you find a proper partner to romance," I teased. But the food actually ranged in quality, from flawless soup and hamachi to interesting beef to over-austere scallop and overcooked pork. I had the sense that the restaurant is holding its breath, awaiting the hiring of the new executive chef. I didn't want to wait; I wanted to try it now, while I

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could afford it, with the \$55 menu. If you've always wanted to eat here but have flinched at the regular prices, this is a good moment to *carpe diem* and see La Jolla and its waters from on top of the world.

More Better Bites at Bargain Prices

Oceanaire has an early-bird three-course prix fixe, \$30 a person, 5:00–7:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday. The chain that owns it is in financial trouble, but the downtown location is a cash cow, so don't worry — other locales may be closing, but ours will be the last to go.

Bandar, the superb Persian in the Gaslamp, is offering three courses, Monday—Thursday, for \$35.

Soleil at K has three courses for \$35, apparently nightly at any hour; no choices of foods; call for details.

Terrible News for Foodies:

The Better Half has abruptly closed, swamped by a load of debt inherited from the previous owner and by the deep recession that's hit Hillcrest perhaps worst of all restaurant-rich neighborhoods. Saying "RIP" isn't good enough for this loss, so I'm bringing out the big-gun words of consolation: *Om, mani padme hum.* Let's hope this jewel soon reincarnates somewhere else.











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Art of the Q

"Didn't we see you singing karaoke at Henry's Pub downtown?"

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know. My friend Naomi's been here. Matter of fact, that's part of why I stopped by. For me, barbecue's like art. I don't know much about it, but I know when I like it. Also, on this

beautiful evening, it's so great to find a barbecue joint pretty much facing America's Finest across the waters.

The sign, "Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q," includes an urban pig wearing a Frank Sinatra hat and shades and a black tie so he looks like some porker wise guy.

Ria and I stand here, looking up at it. "Al Capoink?" I say.

Ria and Carla are buddies. And, yes, this was basically her idea: stop off at the Ferry Landing on the bay side of Coronado for some of "the best ribs in town outside Phil's BBQ" to take home to Carla. 'Course, now that we're here, we're figuring we gotta grab something too. This place is where that great little Thai café used to be, in one of the Landing's dunce-hat kiosks. Now, first thing you see is a stuffed Texas longhorn's head on the wall, behind upside-down tin buckets used as hanging lampshades. Rusty old license plates cover the walls, from Texas, Tennessee, Kansas, Missouri. A massive cooler fills one side, loaded with just about every brand of beer you ever heard of, and then some. "We have over 100," says this gal, Erica. "My favorite's Lindemans' Framboise. It's a Belgian beer." Mmm...tempting.

Erica gives us a couple of menus and sends us out onto their glass-enclosed deck. With the long bench-style picnic tables, you can see that they're aiming for a party atmosphere. Already, a bunch of guys are chompin' and chortlin' down at the other end.

"Ribs," says Ria. "You've gotta have ribs."
But I want to see the whole menu first. Looks like the cheapest things are the smoked chicken wings, a half-dozen for \$5.99. Their take on nachos, "Memphis Nachos," is \$8.99 but looks tempting — they add pulled pork or chicken to the usual pile of gunk and tortilla chips, and

barbecue sauce. "Sweet, hot, and crunchy!" it says. But the main deal is in the "piggy sam'iches" and "piggy plates." Most sam'iches are \$8.99. The main ones are pulled pork or pulled

chicken in a potato bun, with slaw and one side. Those sides range from "pig tails" (curly fries) through onion rings to corn fritters, salad, and baked beans. On the actual piggy plates you get two sides and white bread. They start at \$6.99 for a

"lil' portion" of smoked sausage, to \$9.99 for pulled pork (the big portion's \$12.99) to \$14.99 for half a dozen baby-back ribs (full rack's \$20.95). They also do beef brisket (\$10.99/\$13.99) and grilled Bar-B-Q shrimp (\$11.95/\$14.95). The one thing you shouldn't do is buy the sides separately. Corn fritters will cost you three bucks, fries four, and onion rings'll set you back — whoa — six bucks.

"I'm having the pulled chicken, and you're having the baby-back ribs," Ria says. "Come on. First time, you've got to."

Fifteen bucks, but I guess she's right. What else would you go to a barbecue joint for? Besides, two of the guys along the table, Blane and Aaron, seem to know a bit about it. They say yeah, the ribs are good here. "Meat's cooked well," says Aaron. He should know. He's from Kansas, though today he's having pulled pork. "Spicy sauce is not very good. Not spicy enough. Not enough flavor. But the meat matches up with Kansas City very well."

In the end, Ria and I share our dishes, have a bit of both. The pulled chicken is a little dry, but flavorsome, and tingles your mouth with its spiciness. Or was that the spicy barbecue sauce I gunked on (which tasted fine to me, but as Aaron said, not dragon-breath hot)? But the ribs are great. Full of flavor. "Awesome," says Ria, as she nibbles into hers. "Smoky, tasty, tender, fall-off-the-bone, what more do you want?"

The guys say this is wet sauce on the ribs, not a dry-rub. Wet's a slather, so it delivers a less intense flavor than thick dry-rubs. But it's good

for ribs because it keeps them moist and penetrates better to tenderize them during the long overnight cook. Whatever, this sure tastes good. Plus, we got four sides between us: grilled corn on the cob, two lots of corn fritters, and onion rings. Corn fritters, little balls of cornbread, are like hush puppies. They come with a tub of honey butter. Need that, too, 'cause they're a little dry by their lonesome.

I also shake from a bottle of Trappey's Louisiana Original Recipe Hot Sauce. I'm still lookin' to get beyond tingle to a mule-kick. Trappey's helps, somewhat.

"Hey," says Blane, when Erica comes round to see how we're doin'. "Didn't we see you singing karaoke at Henry's Pub downtown? You sang 'Any Man of Mine,' right? Shania Twain?"

"Wow," says Erica. "You guys get around."

We can't get her to break into song here. *Sigh*. I glance outside. The Coronado Ferry is coming in. The setting sun has turned Diego across the bay into a Golden City. Its rays blast off the glass fronts of downtown's high-rises.

Man. Scary-beautiful. As I say, I don't know much about art, but how about this? A painting



Erica

called *Red Ribs in the Sunset*, showing, like, ribs and this view? View with a Chew. Now that would be art. Art you wanna eat. ■

The Place: Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q, Coronado Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-522-0217 **Type of Food:** Barbecue

Prices: Smoked chicken wings, \$5.99 (half-dozen), \$9.99 (dozen); Memphis nachos, with pulled pork or chicken, \$8.99; pulled pork/chicken in potato bun, one side, \$8.99; Bar-B-Q bacon burger, one side, \$8.99; smoked sausage plate, two sides, \$6.99 (small), \$9.99 (large); pulled-pork plate, two sides, \$9.99/\$12.99; baby-back ribs (half rack, \$14.99, full rack, \$20.95); beef brisket, \$10.99/\$13.99; Bar-B-Q shrimp, \$11.95/\$14.95; pulled-pork salad, \$9.99

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Baja

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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.

Tacos el Francés Paseo de Playas de Tijuana #2553, Tijuana. Cisco the cook flaps the cloth open, pulls a tongue out, plonks it on the chopping block. Chop chop chop. Your first cow-tongue quesadilla? Inexpensive.

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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-andpotatoes comfort food that the regulars here prefer. Wilder hits include calamari fritto misto, duck breast, and coconut-lime crème brûlée. Moderate.

Carlsbad

Armenian Café 3126 Carlsbad Bl., Carlshad, 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.

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. Fresh California cuisine in a luxurious hotel dining room. Moderate to expensive.

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.

Carmel Valley

Ruth's Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-755-1454. 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 salads. 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 meatballs, 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.

Coronado

1500 Ocean 1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-522-8490. Modern Cal cuisine with a blissful bay view and superb ingredients, so finely cooked you'll be thrilled to eat your veggies.

Café 1134 1134 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-1134. Interesting omelets, salads, and *panini* (e.g., roast beef and bleu-cheese crumbles) from a local reincarnation of a Left Bank café to hang out, chat, think deep thoughts. Inexpensive.

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 peoplewatching 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.

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 lunch. Lunch and Sunday brunch moderate, dinner expensive.

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.

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.

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, Downtown, 619-231-6771. The food, served in a classy, comfortable atmosphere, is often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels and, when available, the soft-shell crab. Romantic upstairs dining room. Moderate to expensive.

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-5818. The pub was handcrafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. There's a fine corned beef and cabbage, plus Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, and grilled fish. Moderate.

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.

Gourmet India 810 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-7967. Rare regional delicacies include appetizers of crunchy *sev poori* (wheat wafers with a fresh spicy topping), *bel poori* (India's railway snack), and Chennai's *uttapam*, pancakes. Entrées include *mirchi tikka*, tender tandoori chicken steeped in spicy lime-juice marinade. Moderate.

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

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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.

Vigilucci's Ristorante & Pizzeria 505 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. Also in Carlsbad, Coronado, Oceanside, and La Jolla. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning—that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni), the staff spirited. Pastas moderate, entrées expensive.

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.

Jimmy Carter's Café 3172 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery at the edge of Balboa Park has Indian breakfasts — try chicken curry or pessaratu (mung bean crepe with onions, peppers, ginger, dhal, and chutneys). Good Mexican and decent Chinese food, too. 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.

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 moderate.

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant 3709 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Among the best



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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 ovenbaked alternatives, as is the filling mushroom omelet. Inexpensive.

Suzuya 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 cookit-yourself over tabletop grills. Kobe boneless short ribs and tongue are the superstars here. Japanese tapas, noodles, tempura, etc. fill out the bill. In-

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Ave.,





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

La Jolla

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Bl., La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Great Cove view, with best food at breakfast/brunch: Coast Toast, the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with orange flavor. Coffee is excellent. Mod-

La Jolla Brew House 7536 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Solid food, like the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Russian stout) or the roasted potato. Best of all, the hefty, low-cholesterol buffalo burger. Inexpensive to moderate.

Tapenade 7612 Fav 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 rigor-ous technique. Some bargain early-bird dinners. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive (and worth it).

Whisknladle 1044 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-551-7575. This kitchen bakes its own bread and makes charcuterie/salumi from scratch. Among the pleasures are roasted bone marrow, chorizoand-date fritters, pristine "simply grilled" sustainable fish, and delicate panna cotta. Moderate to expensive.

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. In-

Lake Murray Café 5465 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-433-0180. Comfort food in generous quantities. All the omelets are four-eggers, 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 "O," 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. LowYe 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.

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. Wetaged USDA Prime beefsteaks and roasts with "Continental" sauces, milk-fed calf's liver, plus some seafood and poul-try. 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 goodvalue special, like spaghetti and meat-balls. 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 readymade roux, Cajun tasso (spiced ham), boudin blanc (rice sausage), and crawfish sausage in season. Inexpensive.

Mira Mesa

Abbev's Real Texas Bar-B-O 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, frittata-like uttapams. (Try the last with the delicious, not-too-spicy chili-onion stuffing.) Inexpensive.

Super Buffet 8998 Miramar Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566-1888. Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, satays. The fresh sashimi - such as salmon or tuna is scrumptious. Don't miss the chicken feet. Inexpensive.

Mission Beach

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 terivaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the wellcooked (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.

Saffron Thai Grilled Chicken 3731 India St., Mission Hills, 619-574-0177. Saffron Noodles and Saté is sitdown, all about Thai noodles and saté. Next door, take-out only, owner Su-Mei Yu serves skewered grilled chicken marinated in garlic, ginger, and spices. Delicious green curry, too. Inexpensive.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 English pub grub is bluff and plainspoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing).

Mission Valley

Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. Or try the Bully Burger, French dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

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. In-

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.



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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.

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.

North Park

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th St., North Park, 619-295-1720. The ultimate is Lefty's "stuffed" pizza, a 14-inch, 8-pound monster that needs one hour "make and bake" time. They do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

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 lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout.

The Ritual Tavern 4095 30th St., North Park, 619-283-1618. A quiet, civilized tavern serving Niman meats, idori 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, bready, 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.

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.

Pacific Beach

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Charming setting with folk art, live blues, of fering Louisiana fare in dire need of a refresher course (avoid the jambalaya). Safest choices: crawfish bisque, lush "purple fries" (eggplant), gumbo. Highmoderate.

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 spider rolls are tasty too. Inexpensive to moderate.

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont St., Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. P.B.'s most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold Mex/Asian/Cajun flavors. Salmo over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. Moderate.

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up açai, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast, adding your choices of granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces. Inexpensive.

Point Loma

The Pearl 1410 Rosecrans St., Point Loma, 619-226-6100. The fare is California-eclectic and emphasizes grazing, with local produce and sustainable meat and fish. Candied pork belly, "deconstructed" shrimp nachos, wings du jour, and salmon with skin are among the hits. Moderate.

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 Rosewelt 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

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.

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.

Spring Valley

Ranas 9683 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. Mexico City-style menu includes unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuate* (Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce) and Aztec *huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa). Inexpensive.

University Heights

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4645 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-298-2801. Try the pomegranate soup or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. *Ghourmeh 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.

Valley Center

Fiore's 777 Harrah's Way, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. The casino's most upscale restaurant offers luscious Angus steaks and numerous seafood entrées. For lighter eating there's an oyster bar attached. Best attraction: the long, adventurous wine list. Moderate oyster bar; upper-moderate to very expensive in restaurant.













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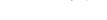


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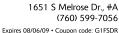


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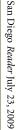
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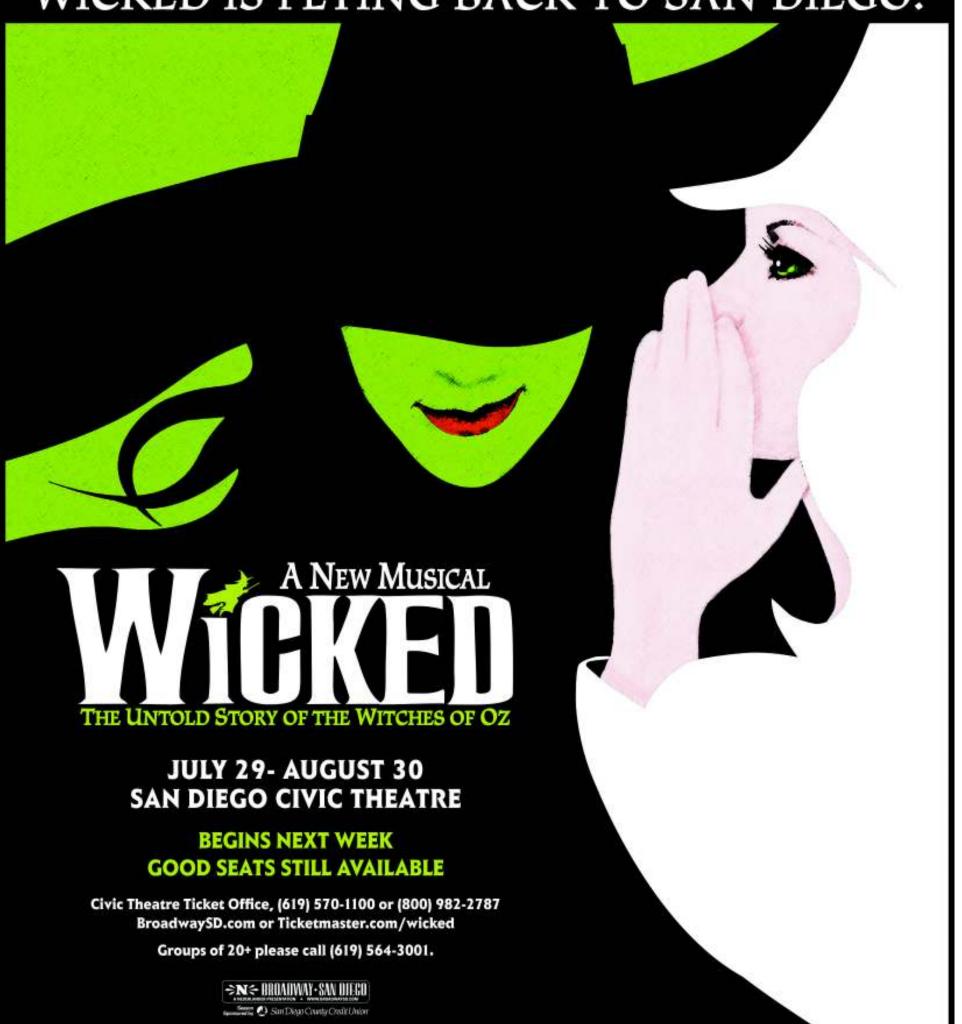




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Bye Bye Birdie

Vanguard presents the musical about rock star Conrad Birdie (i.e., Elvis P.) joining the Army. Jerry Monroe directed, with musical direction by Pamela Monroe and choreography by Linda Weber. 619-224-6263. WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. 3598 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATUR-DAY, 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH JULY 26

Coriolanus

The Old Globe Theatre stages Shakespeare's tragedy about an early Roman warrior as great in battle as he is inept in peacetime. (Note: Coriolanus runs in repertory at the Festival Stage.) OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY. BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUES DAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27

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 swashbuckling, 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 hyperverbal, 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 TUES-DAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27.

Dickinson

Lynx Performance presents William Roetzheim's drama about the poet Emily Dickinson's battle to "evolve her personal, artistic, and sexual identity while battling inner and

outer demons." Al Germani directed.

NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE AND CANDY SHOPPE, 2031 EL CAJON BLVD., NORTH PARK. 619-647-4958. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS THROUGH AUGUST 7

Don't Dress for Dinner

The North Coast Rep is reprising its popular show. Each of Marc Camoletti's characters becomes a different person for different people. Bernard and wife Jacqueline live in a converted barn outside Paris, Both are having affairs, and their lovers, Suzanne and Robert, come to spend the weekend unannounced. Add Suzette, a gourmet cook who makes a wicked sauce veloute, and ruses run riot. The North Coast Rep's production, wonderfully directed by Rosina Reynolds, is unafraid to perform broadly. One wouldn't want a steady diet of this hectic stuff (devices that worked earlier just feel like devices in the last quarter of the two-and-a-half-hour show). But along the way Reynolds and a game cast evoke many good-sized laughs. As Bernard and Robert, Phil Johnson and Christopher M. Williams romp all over Marty Burnett's handsome set, one usually chasing the other with a semilethal weapon. Lisel Gorell-Getz provides icy stares as Jacqueline. Amanda Sitton's Suzanne has little to say, so Sitton fills in with style and subtexts. Newcomer Jacque Wilke's a real find as Suzette and, thanks to designer Michelle Hunt Souza, performs an unforgettable costume change.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURS-DAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 2.

The Fantasticks

This may be the most audienceparticipatory musical of all time. The characters are generic — a boy, a girl, fathers, etc. On a minimalist stage, the performers take an invisible step back, so you can put yourself in their shoes and relive your wake-up call from innocence to experience. El Gallo, it turns out, isn't the one trying to remember, and when Matt and Luisa sing "Soon It's Gonna Rain," you reach for an umbrella. Lamb's Players have given the musical, which ran for 17,000-plus performances, an update. Not all of it works. The set's Vegas-gaudy, especially the yellow circles on the rear wall, which look like Lawrence Welk's bubble machine on 'roids. Director Deborah Gilmour Smyth's cast is multicultural, a refreshing change from the whitebread original (1960), in which outsiders are Other and the El Gallo is Latino, for once (though his voice sounded strained, Mauricio Mendoza gave the abductor strong physicality). The game ensemble cast, including Craig Noel Award-winner Antonio T.J. Johnson, boasts a standout performance: Robert Smyth has a lark as Henry, the old thespian for whom trying to remember — anything is a tale of untold heroism.

Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600 7:30PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH JULY 26.

42nd Street

Moonlight Amphitheatre stages "the ultimate Broadway musical comedy." Can young, almost penniless dancer Peggy Sawyer tap her way to stardom? Jon Engstrom di-

MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE IN BREN-GLE TERRACE PARK, 1200 VALE TER-RACE, VISTA. 760-724-2110. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATUR-DAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM WEDNES-DAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 1.

Fuddy Meers

Point Loma Actors Theatre stages David Lindsay-Abaire's comedy-drama about Claire and her rare disease: whenever she falls asleep, she loses all memory. David Sein directed.

POINT LOMA ASSEMBLY, 3035 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA, 619-225-0044, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 1.

The Glory of Living

InterMission Productions presents Rebecca Gilman's drama about 15vear-old Lisa, her marriage to Clint, an ex-con twice her age, and the crimes she abets. Carla Nell directed. 619-245-4958. 8TEEN ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER, 3925 OHIO ST., NORTH PARK, 8PM FRI-DAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH AU-

Godspell

Lamb's Players presents this musical, by Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak, telling parables of

Jesus as found in the gospel of Matthew. Robert Smyth directed. 619-437-0600.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVE., DOWNTOWN. 619-234-9583. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS 2PM AND 6PM SUNDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

I Take This Man

In Jack Sharkey's screwball comedy, a woman finds an unconscious marathon runner at the finish line. Since nice guys finish last, she reasons, he must be Mr. Right. Sherrie Colbourn directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVE., ESCONDIDO. 760-746-6669. 8PM

FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUN-DAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 2.

The It Girl

Coronado Playhouse presents the West Coast premiere of a musical tribute to the Roaring Twenties, silent films, and Clara Bow. Thomas Fitzpatrick directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATUR-DAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AU-GUST 9.

Jazz Queens Cast **Blue Shadows**

Good title, Good show, Anthony S. Drummond's world-premiere tribute to Dinah Washington and Billie Holiday has rough spots (everything needs tightening, from the dialogue to staging of scenes) but also many gems. Drummond finds similarities between the great divas (each changed names, each suffered horrors, each had addictions). The greatest of these: the astonishing

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"ability to sing amid struggles." We see them onstage, where a whirling glitter ball radiates off lavish dresses, and off-, where pain and abuse give songs like "Ain't Nobody's Business If I Do" and "Is You Is or Is You Ain't My Baby?" an extra dimension. They're for everyone and deeply personal. Candace Ludlow Trotter's Oueen Dinah's a no-nonsense, trash-talking titan (her rendition of "What a Difference a Day Makes," done with a Latin rhythm, comes REAL close to the original). Marion George, the famed gardenia over her left ear, reveals a fragile Billie, especially

when singing the hypnotic "You're My Thrill." Solid support comes from Rhys Greene, Chondra La-Tease Profit, Drummond (who narrates with flair) and quality backup band.

Worth a try.

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, 619-544-1000, 7:30PM THURSDAY, 7:30PM FRIDAY, 7:30PM SATURDAY, 3PM SUNDAY, THROUGH JULY 26.

Joseph and the Amazing **Technicolor Dreamcoat**

Welk Resorts Theatre presents the tongue-in-cheek musical about the parable of Joseph and his brothers with different styles of music. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469, 1:45PM AND 8PM THURSDAYS, 1:45PM FRIDAYS, 1:45PM

Looking for an Echo

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WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 30

DAYS, 1:45PM TUESDAYS, 1:45PM

Sam Cooke's "Chain Gang" sung doo-wop, Bill Withers's "Lean on Me," Gene Chandler's immortal "Duke of Earl" — if these songs evoke ardent memories, then gonay, RUN — to the Ira Aldridge Rep's "a cappella musical revue" of the tunes sung under streetlights as hands warmed over ashcan fires. If not, go anyway and check out nine deft local practitioners who flow through music they've polished for a lifetime. Director Calvin Manson assembled the vocalists who "after 40 years still ain't got a band." Don't need one, with Rodger Varmer's ocean-deep bass papa 000-mow-mowing, Aaron Holland and Roosevelt Carter's leads, and Gary Martin, who sings like Drifter extraordinaire Ben E. King, to whom the two-act show pays a fitting tribute (I'd love to hear their rendition of "There Goes My Baby"). There's a kind of story: rival groups rehearse in a warehouse, in Act 1, and confront each other. In Act 2, all don white sport coats and harmonize - oh, do they ever! The show includes a dinner theater package. 619-283-4574.

Critic's pick. SUNSET TEMPLE THEATRE, 3911 KANSAS ST., NORTH PARK. 8PM FRI-DAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH AU-

Macbeth

For its inaugural production, the Intrepid Shakespeare Company could have made a less-demanding choice than the "Scottish Play." And the uneven, 90-minute version isn't always up to the task. Shakespeare's tragedy sprints by — in modern costumes and ancient weapons its extraordinary poetry and tragic stature at times getting lost in the process. Sean Cox's Macbeth begins too innocent (even though he terrorized his enemy in battle, he sounds like a boyish college student), and he often explains his lines, rather than releasing them on waves of emotion. When the enormity of his crimes overwhelms Macbeth, however, Cox delivers, as

does Christy Yael as Lady M., though she rushes speeches (as if talking to herself). Both actors could taint their performances with a touch more evil. The five-person supporting cast, many in multiple roles, builds atmosphere and momentum (especially Jesse MacKinnon's soft-voiced, furious MacDuff and Eddie Yaroch's almost hypnotic Banquo). Danny Campbell and well-spoken Jason Maddy lend support, and Mark C. Petrich's funny porter provides comic relief. 619-688-9210.

Worth a try.

COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST, 619-688-9210, 8PM THURS-DAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 9

Measure for Measure

Richard Baird and the Poor Players Theatre stage Shakespeare's arch comedy. Baird directed. OFF BROADWAY THEATRE, 131 MAIN ST., VISTA. 760-806-7905. 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SUN-DAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 16.

Moxie: Murder **Mystery Party**

Moxie Theatre's fifth birthday party/fundraiser is an audienceparticipation show in which spectators arrive in character at the La Iolla Playhouse's Forum Theatre. "ready to solve a crime, and one or two may not finish the show alive." 858-598-7620.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD, 858-550-1010. 7PM FRIDAYS, 7PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 1.

Noises Off

It's one thing to put a horse through its paces. Director Sean Murray puts thoroughbred actors through a three-act steeplechase in Michael Frayn's helter-skelter, longish farce about the on- and backstage doings of a British touring company. An excellent cast keeps funny what in lesser hands could become monotonous (the farce piles ineptitude upon ineptitude and loses some oomph by act three). Most of their work resembles a silent film: speechless, they employ often hilarious gestures and

movements (thanks to George Ye's intricate stunts, including Jason Heil's breathtaking spill down the stairs). Rosina Reynolds and Jessica John, Craig Noel Award winners for drama, show they're just as adept at comedy. And Jonathan McMurtry, as a doddering thespian, remains the Clown Prince of same. Sean Fanning's ingenious, eight-door set swivels from on- to backstage. The crew that built it merits special mention.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE — OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 23.

See How They Run

PowPac presents Philip King's farce about a vicarage, visitors, and a busybody neighbor. Raylene J. Wall directed.

POWPAC, POWAY'S COMMUNITY THE-ATER, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATUR-DAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 9.

Seussical the Musical

American Rose Theatre stages the popular musical based on the Dr. Suess characters. Brian Hammond directed.

MT, CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL, 9550 CARMEL MOUNTAIN RD., RANCHO PEÑASOUITOS, 7:30PM THURSDAY. 7:30PM FRIDAY, 2PM AND 7:30PM SAT-URDAY, 2PM AND 6PM SUNDAY, THROUGH JULY 26.

Seven Jewish Children

As part of its Resilience of the Human Spirit Festival, Compass Theatre stages Caryl Churchill's controversial drama about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Federico Moramarco directed. COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. 7PM SUN-DAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 4

Summer Shorts

New Vision Theatre presents its fourth annual collection of tenminute plays selected from hundreds of submissions ("most deal with a real 'slice of life,' but a cou-

ple are, well, out there"). Call the theater for plays, days, and times at 760-439-1543. SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 N. COAST HWY., OCEANSIDE. 760-529-9140. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATUR-DAYS 2PM SUNDAYS THROUGH ALL-GUST 2.

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 Hitlerslicked 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.)

Critic's pick.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS 8PM FRIDAYS 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUES-DAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27

Vox Nova New Play Festival: romeo, Romeo, & Juliet

As part of its new play festival, Vox Nova stages Ruff Yeager's comedy about Shakespeare in Love: "Nancy wants Tracy. Tracy wants Simon. Simon wants Shakespeare." Kim Strassburger directed. 619-482-6372.

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE, 900 OTAY LAKES RD., SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE. 619-482-6367. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS 2PM AND 7:30PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 2.

Welcome to Ramallah

As part of its Resilience of the Spirit Festival, Compass Theatre stages Sonja Linden and Adah Kay's "microcosm of the Jewish-Palestinian conflict." Charlie Riendau directed.

COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. 7:30PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS. THROUGH AUGUST 4

You Can't Take It With You

OnStage Playhouse presents Kaufman and Hart's epic comedy about the eccentric Sycamore family, each member of which marches to a different drummer. Desmond Hassing directed.

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATUR-DAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AU-GUST 1.







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cherry off in an area I know won't burn and throw the butt in a garbage can. Without getting into a heated debate about smokers/ smoking & non-smokers, I've noticed that even in inconspicuous outdoor areas that ashtrays are few and far between. I won't say I've never tossed a butt into the street, but I try my hardest not to.

> By PistolPete 1:33 a.m., Jul 20

4. The world has no obligation to cater to your addiction, and the lack of an ashtray, or even a trash can, does not give you license to litter.

> By rickeysays 2:02 a.m., Jul 20

5. Go to YouTube, look up a video with George Carlin called "Earth+plastic," watch and enjoy. I'm not endorsing that we

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burn batteries, but there has to be a sense of intelligence when it comes to our ecosystem.

> By PistolPete 2:08 a.m., Jul 20

Save Tijuana

Tijuana — This city's historian, Mario Ortiz Villacorta of the Museo del Trompo. criticized city hall last week for not doing more to preserve the older parts of the border metropolis; specifically, the district known as El Centro, which runs through Avenida Revolución, the main tourist drag. Ortiz is calling for a rescue of streets and buildings, which in many cases have been completely abandoned.

"It will require a big investment in money and effort to do it all," he said in an interview with Tijuana's Frontera newspaper. Inside the El Centro district are the notorious Zona Norte nightCITY LIGHTS

clubs, which Ortiz referred to as "a frightening spectacle for tourists because of the proliferation of places where prostitution is practiced, where assaults occur, and where indigents sleep in the streets.'

In recent years, new, wider sidewalks have been added to Revolución and parts of the nightclub district, creating a more spacious, pedestrian-friendly environment, and improvements have been made in the sewer system. Recently, several older budget hotels in the Zona Norte along Calle Artículo 123 (First St.), across from Plaza Santa Cecilia, have undergone face-lifts and interior remodeling.

Bv T.B. Beaudeau, 7/17

Comments

1. Seems to me that in order to save T.J. first thing they need to do is stop the flood north of people that could help

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save their own country. Second is stop the drugs and all the s*** that goes along with it.

> By scottmorse 10:44 a.m., Jul 18

2. Beaudeau: Those "completely abandoned buildings" are privately owned by a handful of extremely wealthy families. They aren't owned by the City of Tijuana, and most have little or no historical value. Ortiz sounds like a moron. Where was he when they bulldozed the old bullring?

Scottmorse: All you have to do is to make all people in the United States not do drugs. If there are no consumers. there will be no drug problem.

> By refriedgringo 12:43 p.m., Jul 18

Uncompliantly Compliant

Golden Hill — Saturday, June 27 was the day Cindy Funkhouser was to host a memorial service for her grandmother at her South Park residence, near the corner of 32nd Street and Elm.

The day started early, at about 7 a.m. Funkhouser was awakened by the sounds of diesel truck engines, chainsaws, and stump grinders.

"I ran out to see what was going on, and company workers with the logo 'WCA' on their shirts and trucks were cutting palm fronds throughout the area," wrote Funkhouser in a June 29 complaint to city arborist Drew Potocki.

"[The] memorial in our home, at 10 a.m., for the passing of our grandmother, was ruined," added Funkhouser.

When the complaint reached the desk of Potocki, though apologetic, he wasn't sure why crews were out trimming palm trees on a Saturday morning. First of all, city contractors don't typically

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work on weekends; second, the city hasn't issued any permits for trimming palm trees for the past 12 months.

So, Funkhouser, a vocal opponent of the Greater Golden Hill maintenance assessment district, did a little more research. She found out that the Greater **Golden Hill Community Development Corporation** hired West Coast Arborists to trim the neighborhood palms, even though the City hadn't issued a permit for that work to be done. Funkhouser voiced concerns that the City might duplicate the tree trimming when projects are restarted, thus doubling up the payment from Greater Golden Hill residents.

"You are correct," responded Potocki. "A trimming permit was not issued to complete the

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palm tree trimming. I have directed the contractor to stop until appropriate permit is obtained."

By Dorian Hargrove, 7/17

Comments

1. Why was it Saturday, June 27? Easy. Allocated funds expired June 30. No time for permits.

> By nostalgic 6:04 a.m., Jul 18

Smokescreen

Chula Vista — One day after **Dustin Vogel went to Chula** Vista city hall and submitted an application to open a medical marijuana collective, an employee from the city's planning department contacted him with news that his application had been declined.

Three weeks later, Vogel said the Chula Vista city attorney's office contacted him. "One of their lawyers said [the City] is going to use a city code that proChula Vista is

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hibits them from issuing licenses to businesses that violate federal law," wrote Vogel in a July 15 email.

According to city attorney Bart Miesfeld, at the July 21 city council meeting, councilmembers will consider imposing a 45day moratorium on new medical marijuana cooperatives opening within city limits.

If passed, Chula Vista will join other cities in San Diego County that prohibit new medical marijuana dispensaries from opening. Last month, the City of Oceanside placed a ten-month ban on marijuana dispensaries, and a few weeks later the Escondido City Council passed

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a 45-day moratorium.

By Dorian Hargrove, 7/16

More Signs

La Jolla — There are nearly a dozen merchants in violation of the ban on Aframe signs in Bird Rock along La Jolla Boulevard. Because of recent cutbacks in code compliance officers, there is little follow-up when merchants fail to comply after being notified of their violation.

After the city spent over \$9 million on improvements in the commercial section of Bird Rock, many of the old illegal signs remain on the new sidewalks—even the new CVS drugstore has added one. One of the goals of the improvements was to make the sidewalks more passable.

By Chris Cott, 7/16/09

Mega Romantic

Ocean Beach — For such a hot day, there were a dis-

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proportionate number of people dressed in black at the end of the Ocean Beach Pier on Saturday afternoon, July 11.

Recruited by Darryl Clark of Carlsbad from among his closest friends, the 70 or so participants were instructed to begin gathering at the end of the pier at 4:30 p.m.

A few of Clark's friends sketched guidelines on the pier in chalk and the Secret Seventy stood, holding their arms out to one another, so that they formed the words "MARRY ME."

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At 5:38 p.m., a helicopter carrying Clark and his girlfriend approached from the north.

By Steve Terry, 7/16/09

Comments

1. Anyone with that many friends is probably a good catch.

By Ponzi 12:13 p.m., Jul 16

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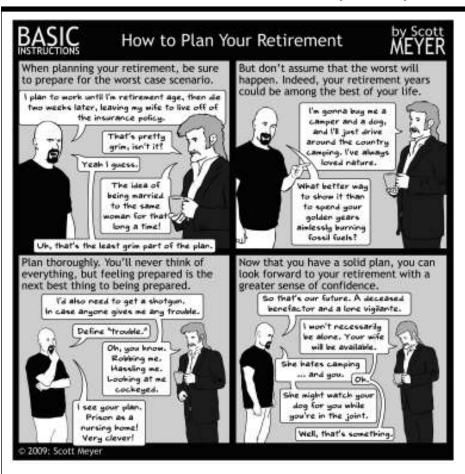
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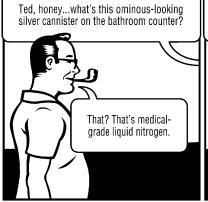
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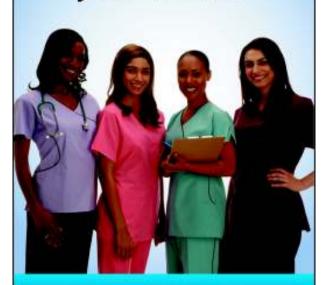
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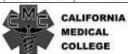
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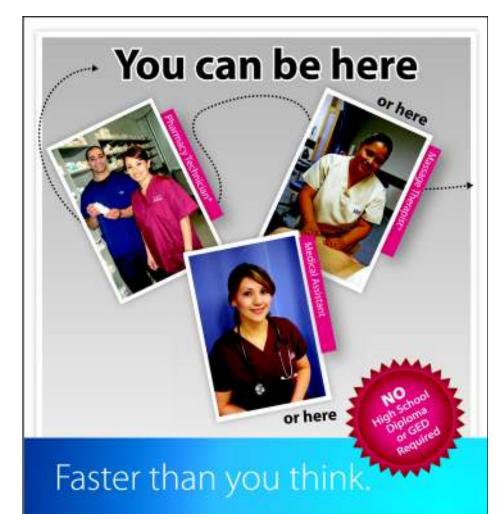


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 $\overline{R^{\text{eally, what wouldn't I sacrifice to}}_{\text{be rich? I'd sacrifice everything,}}$ even relatives. Okay, well...maybe only a second cousin. And I probably wouldn't sacrifice my health. I'd buy a house here and one in Europe. I would get a yacht and black Lamborghini with silver Hello Kitty rims.



Joel Davis Music Teacher University Heights

would sacrifice my job, which I love. But a lot of people probably quit their jobs if they get rich or win the lottery. I've lived being poor for so long, that sacrificing things to be rich would be hard to do. I'm used to living without money, so to sacrifice things now...it's hard to think of what I'd want to give up.



Mike Gee

Manager ${\it Clairemont}$

I would sacrifice my age. I'm 44, and...well, I'd trade that for being 65, if it meant being rich. Obviously younger would be the better direction to go. And, I couldn't trade my age for being over 80. I'd be too old to enjoy the money. If it was being forced to live somewhere in order to have the money, I wouldn't want to be in Phoenix, no matter how much money was involved.



Veronica Abila Makeup Artist North Park

I would give up my boobs. I don't really want them. They're bad on my back. They'll eventually get saggy. I guess if I was rich and gave them up, if I ever changed my mind, I could just buy some new ones. I could have them customized and really pimp them out.

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Across

- 1. Tolerate
- 5. Aunt
- 11. LP measure
- 14. Photojournalist Robert
- 15. More villainous
- 16. Time worth remembering
- 17. Proceed effortlessly
- 19. French approval
- 20. Madam's partner
- 21. Soused
- 22. Hot
- 23. Cable talk show since 2007

- 27. Egg ____ yung
- 28. He played W. in "W."
- 29. Cost an arm ____ leg
- 31. Go-ahead
- 32. Duke Ellington's "Mood
- 36. Flippered animal of the **Pacific**
- 38. Wear out, potentially
- 39. 75 shares, e.g.
- 40. Long-distance letters
- 41. Songstress Eartha
- 42. Color of "mountain majesties" in "America the Beautiful"
- 44. Fog reduces it: Abbr.
- 45. It's a bunch of dots and dashes
- 50. Olympic sport from Japan
- 51. Agnus
- 52. Palindromic animal
- 53. Israeli gun
- 54. They're nothing to get worried about
- 59. Veep before Al
- 60. "This crossword makes no sense to me!"
- 61. Oompah instrument
- 62. Heart chart, for short
- 63. Baseball general manager Billy and others
- 64. Classic 1957 Bergman film "The Seventh (and this is the seventh of this puzzle)

- 1. Abbr. on top of some emails
- 2. It may be cocked
- 3. Homer's donut seller
- 4. Don't fold or call
- 5. Boos
- 6. Actress Mendes
- 7. Fillmore in the White House

- 8. Philippine seaport
- 9. Simon Baker plays one on TV
- 10. Neighbor of Uru.
- 11. Insurrectionist
- 12. Official stand-in 13. Quite a few
- 18. The "S" in RSVP
- 22. "Where the Wild Things Are" author
- 23. Funnel-shaped
- 24. Surfer wannabe
- 25. Black, to Blake
- 26. Fork prong
- 27 Burkina
- 30. Gridiron star
- 31. Where Regis Philbin went to college
- 33. "As __ __ and breathe!"
- 34. "Roger that"
- 35. Mel and Ed of baseball
- 37. Notes for short people?
- 38. Sch. near the Rio Grande
- 40. Actress Janney
- 43. Dish made with saffron
- 45. Elevator annoyance, for some
- 46. Taking too much
- 47. Fires up
- 48. Poking tool
- 49. Finishes ahead of
- 50. Name in a 1968 Beatles
- 54. There's no truth to it
- 55. Language suffix
- 56. Want to undo
- 57. Wall St. credential
- 58. "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria owner

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Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 27. Gloria Gaynor, Genevieve Gorder might like this puzzle. Mary Arana, Encinitas, 27. Gee, Hope you get a T-shirt. Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach,

looove and happiness! Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 27. Happy Anniversary, my love. Charlotte Brown, Clairemo D. Faulkner, University Heights. 27. Bike nazi chillin! Aloha from

27. Give me another 99 years of

Hanelei Bay. Pedal, pedal, pedal. Ron Meyer, Santee, 27. Hi Hunny, hi Frank - happy July 22. Love

Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 27.

Make your hobby iron horses...

Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 27. Ask the governor why he thinks education isn't important Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 27. Happy Birthday Joey P.!

Jim Odell, Vista, 27.

Eddie O. Spaghettio, Coronado, 27. IVB143DEB! Bacio profundissimo e intenso alla francesca, mi amore! CIUMCIOCCO!

Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 27. Golly gee, goodness gracious, good going. Great game guys/gals. Ric Witt, Clairemont, 27. Julie-O,

Julie-O, wherefore art thou Julie-O? Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 26. No matter what happens, I'll always be there for you.

Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont,

Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 26. Consolidate the mumsers and sink

Vince Cuseo, Vista, 26. Back off, Carolyn Dalton, Escondido,

Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 26. I dread Scott's decision to wade and Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 26.

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 26. No longer perfect, d'oh!

Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 26. www.paintwithdan.com for high quality painting at budget-friendly prices. Julie Osburn, North Park, 26. My heart is heavy as I admit defeat.

Gil Patricio, San Diego, 26. Gee

John Pertle, Santee, 26. Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; John 3:16; Acts 16:31.

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Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 26. Nonnie: Wishing you a very happy birthday! WLY, KDRS

Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach. **26.** Mathematics is not a prerequisite to count your blessings Sheila Agahan-Price,

Oceanside, 25. Another puzzle for the princess. Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 25.

If 4 8 is 16 23 Mega 42, I win. Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 25. Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 25. Rescue a little dog and smile.

Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 25. Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 25. 70 a favorite lass, Happy Birthday, dear Cass! Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 25. Good going, guys. Gonna give grati-tude: GRACIAS. Gotta go...gone!

George Jackson, Oceanside, 25. Sara Khwaja, Poway, 25. I should be able to say something clever.

Jim Koziol, UTC, 25. Hey Mr. President Joe Maginn, Mission Beach, 25.

Life is a grave and I dig it. Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 25. Kyle Matzke, Vista, 25. Liberal mindset that bankrupt CA, want to

redo health care? Robert Ott. Mira Mesa. 25. G

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens,

Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 25. Doing these puzzles with a broken pencil is useless.

Dave Small, San Carlos, 25. Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 25. M. Zimmermann, Vista, 25, "The trouble with Theocracy? Everyone wants to be Theo!" - Dunn

Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 24. Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 24. To get back on your feet - miss 2 car payments!

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

indicates T-shirt winner

Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 24. Craig Curtis, Escondido, 24. Richard, Julie, Andrew, Mya - gracias, we had a areat time!

Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, **24.** This one's for you, babe. Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 24. The trees are drawing me near lggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 24. Gfor Guerrero.

Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 24.

Kiera! Bodo! Happy July! Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 24. Missed by just one little letter Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 24. Go.

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 24. Hi to jury duty buddies.

Martin Soblick, Del Mar, 24. Tom Somich, Clairemont, 24. Get well soon, Debra!

Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 24. Kudos to your ingenious puzzle cre-

Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 24. Happy Birthday Dennis! Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 23. Leslie Chase, Campo, 23. Orange or hot hot hot is 108 degrees. Jon Connor, Oceanside, 23. "Would you give a man a foot massaae?"

Jim Corbett, San Diego, 23. Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 23. First the brain, THEN the eyes! Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 23.

Gee! Awesome puzzle! Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 23. Good arief.

Richard Hutchings, Santee, 23. Gee, a great gem of a glaik or griph! Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 23. Very cool puzzle this week. Thanks

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 23. "Talk is cheap because supply exceeds

demand " - I Inknown Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 23.

Heartland Lions, "we serv James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 23. Go Padres

Michael Panther, Point Loma, 23. Look who's got Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 22. LMWK lives! Watson Fever!

Bill Pischke, Ramona, 23. Feeling Harry Engel, La Jolla, 21. Out of like a cat on an orange tin roof town last week. Put puzzle on your Elizabeth Rainbolt, Mission web.

Manny Faria, Point Loma, 21. Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 23. Pooh. I won the shirt! I love you! Glycoprotein found in connective tis-Willie McGee, San Diego, 21. We don't need no stinking shirt

Douglas Mevers, La Mesa, 21. Birdie, Eagle, Albatross? P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 21. ${\cal G}$

Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 21.

Tom Seaman, Alpine, 21. G, what can we sav? Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 21.

When people run in circles it's a very very mad world.

Dave Washington, La Jolla, 21. Gee that was hard! Westie, San Diego, 21.

Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 20. Can you do the puzzle for me next week?

John L. Drehner, North Park, 20. Orson Wells never did a break dance.

George Elam, Vista. 20. Obama has a full plate. Be patient people! Don Erickson, Carlsbad, 20. Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 20. Hello Paulal

Gerard Hoskins, Bonsall, 20. God is still good.

N.C. Lyman, Poway, 20. Baby Cakes - true love will never fade Matthew Rosello, San Diego, **20.** It is gone.

Nathaniel Uy, East Village, 20. Two whole weeks, wowzers! Tom White, University City, 20. Bruce Bell, South Park, 19. Evelvn Bowser, Hillcrest, 19. Be better Charity.

Joaquin Guerrero, San Marcos, 19. Russia. Iran. and Korea have "preyed" for this man-child.

Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 19. Edward C. Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 19. Aya has arrived, but not her Reader T-shirt

Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista, **18.** Jenna's starting kindergarten! Break over Rach back to school!

Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 18. Linda Millsberg, Santee, 18. Donald Millsberg, Santee, 18. Donna Swing, La Mesa, 18. Jack Tripp, San Diego, 18. Peter Woodbury, Chula Vista

Tom and Jenn, Mira Mesa, 18. You guys are going to Iron Mountain?!?

Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 17. Reabout time for a T-shirt! William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 17. Happy Birthday to Peggy!

Jessie Hansen, Oceanside, 17. Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 17. Are the Padres still in the Pacific Coast League?

Carol Rabner, Escondido, 17. Karen Steepy, Bonita, 17. Robin Suter, La Mesa, 17. Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 16. I never precontrived to tog myself!

Terry Golden, Clairemont, 16. G.R. Morse, San Diego, 16. Interesting puzzle.

Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 15. Sponge Bob was no help this week Jim Hitchcock, Chula Vista, 15. It's hot, Congrats OBMAC champs. E.M. Hutchings, Santee, 15. Joseph Gold, San Diego, 14. You can lead a whore to culture but you

Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 14. Jenny Hughes, Escondido, 14.

Steve Kassiotis, San Diego, 14. Word up G?

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Valley, 23.

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sue? Yeah. I knoew that.

Gee! This was fun.

love New York.

American citizen.

Jav Sato, Carmel Valley, 23.

Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 23.

Berryface = baby boy on his beautiful

Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 23.

Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 22. Not

everything that is learned is taught.

Wally Chapman, Chula Vista,

Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 22. /

Rumir Miravalles, San Diego,

22. Congrats Chino, you're now an

never add "tog" to my vocabulary.

Kay Stefferud, Carlsbad. 22.

Ohio last week. Lake Tahoe next

Estevan Soto, Chula Vista, 22. ///

A. T. Certik, Bonita, 22.

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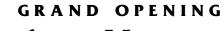
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indicates T-shirt winner

Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 14. I'm now 54, Emerson's 4, and Stella is newly born!

Phil Nichols, Escondido, 14. Thank you for the T-shirt!

N'Namdi Sikumbuzo, Serra Mesa, 14.

Mike Van Nordheim, Poway, 14. Kurt - give it a rest. You're retired

Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 13. Will Obama finish his term? Why should he change now?

Jane Reilly, University City, 13. Rubber Chicken Research Team, Mission Hills, 13. Watch

out for the squid. Susan Williams, North Park, 13. RIP Walter Cronkite.

Steve Gunsolley, Normal Heights, 12. G whiz. Connie Rittichier, Poway, 12. Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 11. Hello my babies! Mommy loves you! Avril Varga, Poway, 11. // Divo

Archie McAllister, Chula Vista, 10. Double digit Drew we love you. Nana and Papa.

Thomas E. Woolf, La Jolla, 10.

Jan Dawson, North Harbor, 9. Jumbo Rafiki, u aligon.

Phyllis Grant, San Diego, 9. This one was tricky. William Nowatnick, Allied

Gardens, 9. Nuthin but a "G" thang baby..

Danny Day, Ocean Beach, 8. Montana Eury, San Diego, 8.

Ecstasy is being and becoming is misery.

Ramiro Murillo, Chula Vista, 8. Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 8. / am counting on you, God!

J. Roncelli, Encinitas, 8. Rhonda, I love summer, I love Pippi, I love you

John Willis, National City, 8. Nobad kitty.

John Halac, Escondido, 7. Sunny Nelson, El Cajon, 7.

Good! Good! These puzzles

Kristin Stuart, Normal Heights. 7. You are the Heath Ledger to my

Julia Stiles Larry Johnsgard, Escondido, 6.

Labas rytas! Paul Wright, Lemon Grove, 6. /s

it peanut butter jelly time yet?

Cassie Bringas, San Diego, 5. If sixteen is sweet, then what be my treat?

Paul Hovey, Clairemont, 5. / like the creativity, DLW!

Naomi Kashiwabara. Clairemont, 5. Fights Alzheimer's. Jerry Klusky, East Village, 5. Celeste Vargas, San Diego, 5. Jacque Glick, El Cajon, 4. *Great*

Diana Holt, Hillcrest, 4. Always have and attitude of gratitude.

Liz Kaye, University Heights, 4. Have mercy on me. I'm a social worker. Butch Rosser, Chula Vista, 4. Stout Pub Fridays and Saturdays! Come dance!

Vanessa Wells, Grant Hill, 4. I'm back. Baby! Dana Bachman, San Diego, 3.

Lovin' it when it all comes together...puzzle solved!

Critter, Linda Vista, 3. Toilet

Andrew Klapoetke-Reese, Hillcrest, 3. Thanks Jo and Deb for

the Pageant of Masters tix! Georgia Konkoly, San Diego, 3. Waiting for Chargers season. Paul Raymond, El Cajon, 3. Viva

Clancy Sloan, Clairemont, 3. Go Celtics

Dave Tomasin, San Diego, 3. Kevin Martin, Rancho

Bernardo, 2. Burned up brother and fired up sister almost home! Lauren McBride, Encinitas, 2. Puppies are a pain.

Deanna McKenzie, San Diego,

2. Just another puzzle solved I hone!

Claire Phillips, Clairemont, 2.

puzzle.

Kyle Sleeth, Scripps Ranch, 2. Being a consumer is not your sole

method of power. Alexandra Barrett, Spring Valley, 1. Finally Nick Bevins, Pacific Beach, 1. This one's for you, Puddin Yoli Brennen, Rancho Santa Fe,

Teresa English, San Diego, 1. /

Laura Fiel, San Diego, 1. Neil Livengood, San Diego, 1. I've got five on it.

Sande Penuliar, Mira Mesa, 1. JM Ross, Carlsbad, 1. Fear the fear monaer!

Martha Speck, Little Italy, 1. Joel Suzuki, Mission Valley, 1. Scott Tuley, El Cajon, 1.

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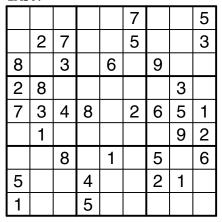
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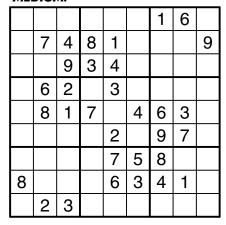
- 6) 5 Reader T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly 7) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided
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EASY:



MEDIUM:



SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

HARD:

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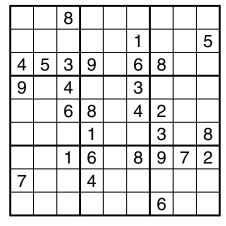
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HARD:

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Mary Arana, Encinitas, 11. Happy Birthday Sarah! Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista, 11. Uggies is a "litter

Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 11. Where there 's love-lovelove-I'll be there- Jimmy Cliff John Prince, Serra Mesa, 11. Fingertips of land, Mesa

de Serra, High overlooking Mission Valley

John Pertle, Santee, 10. Have you recived god's free gift of eternal life?

Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 9. I have no idia what to

Jim Koziol, UTC, 9. Hey Mr President!

Erin Nogle, Ocean Beach, 8. Loving the hot summer. Humphreys and 4 o'clock Fridays! Yeah..

Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 7. Hope I get a T-shirt. Katrina Alcantara, San Diego, 6. "I can't get enough" Emma Gonzales, Chula Vista, 6.

Tristan Meyers, El Cajon, 5. The condom is the glass slipper of our generation.

Kyle Matzke, Vista, 3. Democratic Economic Recovery Plan nothing but hopes and wishes

Ron Athey, Santee, 2. Kung Fu Panda Alice Bryant, Mission Hills, 2. I'll love you forever Djamba sweet pretty face.

Lynn Connearney, Serra Mesa, 2. Thanks for the shirt. Paula Davis, San Diego, 2. Gran thenkss for helping

Chris Siemens, Grantville, 2. Just the easy this time Luke Baja, Fallbrook, 1. I'm great!

David Bombart, Clairemont, 1. Happy anniversary Maydie & Phillip! I love you both

Don Bowman, Santee, 1. I missed a hole-in-one by three strokes

Teresa English, San Deigo, 1. I want to do EVIL! Fieffer Jelden, Vista, 1. My sari goes well with my purple headband.

Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 1. Yeah me!! Don't be hatin'

Tina Mortrud, Chula Vista, 1. I smell like poop. Parker Moskal, San Deigo, 1. I love you Alyssa, Megan, and Leah.

Joel Suzuki, Mission Valley, 1.

Dawn Swajian, Palm Desert, 1. Happy Birthday to

Jeff Web, San Deigo, 1. Everything else is a toughie

Michael Wheeley, Sabre Springs, 1. "Yes Chef Rebecca Wu, San Deigo, 1. / am smart!!

MEDIUM:

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 11. Good luck Lynn! Paul Boland, Bay Park, 9.

Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 8. Pay no... Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 8. Two more weeks 'til

Tiffany Renteria, San Diego, 8. My turtle likes to speed. My turtle drives a mustang.

Dave Small, San Carlos, 8.

Neil Gibbs, , 7. Alzheimer's staved off again! Kodukso, Poway, 7. Come on El Nino!

Becca Cates, Jamul, 4. Gavin is a studmuffin. "May I

Bernie Malihan, Mira Mesa, 4. Emancipate yourself from mental slavery. Hello Bhurd

J.J. Cwiak, San Diego, 3. A - OK

Willy Kell, Valencia Park, 3. Happy half angel, daddy and the doggies love you.

Doug Lukes, Serra Mesa, 3. I told you Jose Villanueva, San Diego, 3. Yo vivo por esos labios carnosos y esos ojo coquetos

Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 2. Be about time for a

Jeff Holthus, Escondido, 2. I love the smell of

nepalm in the morning

and glory begins, yeah yeahhh!!! Elliott Estrine, Poway, 1. Men on the moon 40

Simon Hubble, Alpine, 1. Everyone carry guns, we'll

Dylann Jelden, Vista, 1. I need more daw and uni-

Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 1. We can't wait to love on you, Stella:

They do all equil 49!

granting our wish and reuniting us. Larry Thomas, La Mesa, 1. I got blisters on my fin-

EVIL:

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Margaret Elliott, Rancho Bernardo, 3. Robert

Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 2. A celebration

Henry Chung, San Diego, 1. Today my shot at fame

Frank Kuzinar, Carlsbad, 1. "Will I ever win another

SD_Dan, Pacific Beach, 1. 2qts. of beer an 19 min. Ya

Carlos Tavares, San Marcos, 1. Thank you god for

Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 1. Amazina Chula Vista Nature Center provides beauty & serenity& joy Ezzie VanWynGarden, Lakeside, 1. We've got the

Chhi-Chong Wu, San Diego, 1. I hate dogs

Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 12. Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 9. Off to Ore-

Glenn Walker, La Jolla, 9. Note to Hary; it ain't over

yet!
Sally Lukes, Serra Mesa, 8. Shaddup and finish

Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 5.

vision now let's have some fun!

Marty Sinigayan, Point Loma, 5. Having a bad.... Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 5. Save gods land, stop

Stuart Hesketh, Escondido, 4. Doing evil makes my head hurt!

Dennis Jardim, Oceanside, 4. Raiders Eileen Sprague, Oceanside, 4. Keep em' coming! Guillaume F., Pine Valley, 3. Oui J'ai assure le Pate'

Jaime Rigodon, San Diego, 3. Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 2. Power was out- no

Thomas F., Pau, France, 2, Hi Graupa & GrauMa Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 2. It's a 7! sudoku in ink is

Esther Weisel, Encinitas, 2. Evil is evil Jahari Colon, Southeast San Diego, 1. To the people able to speak, I hear you

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Don Erickson, Carlsbad, 1. Travis Golden, San Deigo, 1. Bill Grant, Hillcrest, 1. Pray for CA

Andy Hadduck, Oceanside, 1. I am VERY STRONG! Ryan Harris, San Diego, 1. Go hard or go home! Birthday Shhh...LOL

Alan Jelden, Vista, 1. I broke the law and I won Sylvia June, El Cajon, 1. Welcome to San Deigo, Mommy Gollie

Ruby May Justice, Santee, 1. Happy 5th Birthday Cailin Ann Rubic, on 8/6

Tom Rudolph, Temecula, 1. I want to wear READER T-shirt in Riverside County

Edvin Shahmoradian, Escondido, 1. Evil is bad! Clancy Sloan, Clairemont, 1. Go Celtics! John Stauch, San Diego, 1. Beat Alzheimer's at Adventures in the Bridge

Dan Toleno, San Carlos, 1. Go shirt works!! David Tomasin, San Diego, 1. Donovan Vick, El Cajon, 1. / love you more! Wan-Chen Wu, San Diego, 1. My mom loves

Sudoku

Daniel Aames, Carmel Valley, 12. I wish the best for

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Penasquitos, 12. Corporations, possessing rights of humanity is insanity! End the

Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 12. Totally, compleatly evil. Should knock some people off the top.

Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 12. Born to be evil or born to

Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 12. Kiera! Bodo! Hip, Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 12. Small scales; Big

PJ Mole, Point Loma, 12. My 2 yr old nephew Bradley is a stud
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 12. Diane's back in

Gregory Parsons, Carlsbad, 12. The light in me sees Susan Williams, North Park, 12. Cardriff, Whales!

Mike Bullock, Rancho Bernardo, 11. Clyde Christie, East Village, 11. Three cheers for Sarah Palin—- America's best perhaps only hope!!! Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 11. Back from vacation! Julio Magno, San Diego, 11. US Postal Sudoku

William Quinter, San Diego, 11. With, Without: Who'd deny that's what the fighting's all baout?

Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 11. Wishing you a very happy birthday! Love DKSR

R. Sloan, Normal Heights, 11. Glenn A. Walker, Pacific Beach, 11. Only among

bullies is iustice a mere word. Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 10. We should be #11 now. Reader please check your records.

Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 10. Quality controle slip ping @ Reader Should be 11. Repeating MSG?

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 10. Hell is other people

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 10. Back from a trip to good old

Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 10. Bycycles save gaso-

Harry Walker, La Jolla, 10. Glenn (LJ), your still behind. Pav me Aug. 1st!

Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 9. Las Vegas gets beastly hot in the summer- Who knew? Guy Fernandes, Pine Valley, 9. Si tu te couches avec le cul aui aratie tu.

Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 9. Adam has now his own place in Cole Manor North. Congratulations!

Susy Parnell, La Mesa, 9. JC Uribe, San Ysidro, 9.

Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 9.

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 9. Shut up, Hang up, and drive Myrna Wosk , La Jolla, 9. Team Myrna and Art

Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 8. Perfect harmony Larry Clark, Clairemont, 8. Medal of Honor Recipient Ed Freeman Died Wendnesday Jun 29th 2009 Evelyn Greco, San Diego, 8.

Jessie Hansen, Encinitas, 8. Blackjack stole my

Steve K. , Ocean Beach, 8, No Comment Ron Lucero, San Diego, 8. God bless to my daugh-

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 8. Evil sudoku hurts

Ken Simmons, San Diego, 8. Smile

Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley, 7.
Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 7. / am counting on... Elizabeth Rainbolt, Mission Valley, 7. TDF- Ventoux stage will tell all.

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 7. Tom Thetford, Lemon Grove, 7.

Paul Wright, Lemon Grove, 7. Good luck Deb.

Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 6. Don't let the government take over health carel

Haley Hodnett, San Diego, 6.

Andrew Klapoetke-Reese, Hillcrest, 6, A halfcentury already? Happy Birthday, John-Love Andy Helen Person, Santee, 6.

Yuko T. , San Diego, 6. So, you're healed. no more

Victor Castaneda, Escondido, 5.

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 5. Susan Irwin, Ocean Beach, 5.

Gordon Kanteena, San Diego, 5. They have only two options, 2 of 4

Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 5. This one's for you, Mom. Hang in there!

Steve Lukefahr, Chula Vista, 5. Wally-forget the

plumber I'm getting some galoshes

Uy Ngo Quoc, Vista, 5. I luv you Beo Ed Vicino, El Cajon, 5. Does this Reader t-shirt make

RJ Carino, San Diego, 4. Now to set a date Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 4. Wally-want some

Thomas Daley, San Diego, 4. Enough is a feast! **Debra Druther, San Diego, 4.** I am a Sudoku master. Now get me a chocolate milk!

Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 4. Does Mary Bentley still

Amanda Peruchiti, El Caion, 4. AP + D forever and

Skully, San Diego, 4. Bike night Desi 'n friends Wednesday at 7pm-by SDMRACING.

Donna Swing, La Mesa, 4. Chris Thelen, University Heights, 4. Religion is for

people who fear death. I'll die agnosti Robert Bradley, Spring Valley, 3. What happened to my last message? -Get back to work-

Donald Erwin, San Marcos, 3. Hi, Junie, Roni & Rita in Michigaan Thinking of you

Mike Goldman, San Carlos, 3.

Harry Graf, Poway, 3. Jerry try a harder one Eden Isordia, La Mesa, 3. Where the wild things are Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 3. Mom and Dad, Happy

Mothers and Fathers day everyday! Martha Speck, Little Italy, 3. Hi Wall. Ted Tarris, Serra Mesa, 3. See you at Comic-con

Tony Zuban, Carmel Valley, 3. I want a T-shirt! Paul Brugger, Downtown, 2. San Diego missas you

George Elam, Vista, 2. Let the horse racing

Lily Gonzalez, Logan Hights, 2. Pride Parade was

Family McBride, Encinitas, 2. I love Paul and my kids Ray Meanor, Alpine, 2, Hi Kylee and Buddy Michael Nowatnick, San Diego, 2. And Kenny says,

Connie Rittichier, Poway, 2.

This is how I do It.

Joe Selig, San Diego, 2. It is better to be quiet an be

Robert Varga, Poway, 2. #3 for me. You called me

Zina Wyman, Carlsbad, 2. Getting better Jim Alexander, La Jolla, 1.

Marvlin Athey, Santee, 1.

Rachel Baker, La Mesa, 1. Live laugh & love with

Chris Campbell, Hillcrest, 1. LOL. Way to easy... Claude Dillard, Escondido, 1. Saw Amber Dubios "missing" Flyer in Telluride, CO last Saturday!

Crystal Howard, Downtown, 1. Express yourself Huber, College, 1.

Terri Hutchinson, San Diego, 1. I was stuck in a Medwin rut- now I'm Evil!

Suhair Idriss, Escondido, 1. There is always a solution

Sally Johnson, Mira Mesa, 1. I earned a t-shirt on

Hugo Lara, Chula Vista, 1. Metarocks coming soon David Lowenkron, San marcos, 1. I still should be

Haley Martin, Rancho Bernardo, 1. Its my 9th birthday. Thanks Dad for helping me!

Rebekah Mathieu, San Diego, 1. Jeasus loves you! Belive in him today.

Karen Meegley, Sorrento Mesa, 1. Darwin was

Lac T Nguyen, San Diego, 1.

Jay Nyhus, San Diego, 1. Jeasus is lord Brian Osborn, Santee, 1. Oh my brain hurts! Hi Kim Bill Petty, Bay Ho, 1. Evil Wins

Sherry Price, El Cajon, 1. I love you Eric! Jeff Reed, San Diego, 1. Piece of cake!

Nicolas Sarkozy, Paris France, 1. Dui J'ai Triche. Et

Nancy Szymezak, Carlsbad, 1. Dexter Tiu, SanDiego, 1. Finally! Finished the evil

Michael Wright, Downtown, 1. Love you Tammy Brandon Kaeli. Have fun at the beach

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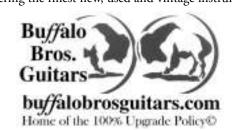
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This week's questions

- 1. What was the name of the health inspector who walked down San Diego's meanest streets?
- 2. "We have over 100," says an employee at Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q...over 100 what?
- 3. What jazz act has distinguished itself by recording songs by Nirvana and the Bee Gees?
- 4. How to Make Love Like a Porn Star was the last book read by which member of Lipstick N Leather?
- 5. What local trio cut their first record in the warehouse the singer-guitarist worked at?
- 6. The "caviar" Naomi thought she was eating actually came from what humble vegetable?
- 7. If all the atmospheric conditions were right, would it be possible to see Hawaii from San Diego?
- 8. The son in John Brizzolara's fictional family wears a T-shirt of a band named _____ Vomit.
- 9. Har Mar Superstar performs and records under what other stage name?
- 10. Name the bakery in Santee that supplies baklava to about 30 San Diego establishments.

Last week's answers

- 1. Martin Singer. (p. 7)
- 2. Yusef Lateef. (p. 88)
- 3. Carlsbad's Chopra Center for Well Being. (p. 78)
- 4. "Pomegranate Cashew Crunch King Salmon." (p. 103)
- 5. Yes. (p. 145)
- 6. A baby crab. (p. 24)
- 7. On the Italian Riviera in the 1950s. (p. 111)
- 8. Axis: Bold as Love by the Jimi Hendrix Experience. (p. 80)
- 9. The "big hole" fills with water. (p. 20)
- 10. Larry Flynt's Hustler Club. (p. 105)

Last Week's Winners:

Jeffrey McMenamin, Mario Campos, Gary Jensen, Candie Smith, and Jessica Bozzo

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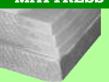
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Saturday, July 25, 10 am-noon - Your Body's Secret Language Revealed! Free workshop. Learn to understand your body's spiritual language and harness your emotions. Carlsbad. myinnerwisdom.com. (760) 692-0252.

Sunday, July 26,1:30-4:30 pm - Deconstructing Sun Salutations with Robin Oleata. \$30-35. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (619) 640-4438.

Sunday, July 26th, 5:00 pm - Tarot Discussion Group, For directions please contact: Adrienne@AdrienneAbeyta.com.

Sunday, July 26 - Book Discussion, The Third Jesus by Deepak Chopra: www.crossroads.org. Crossroads Spiritual Center, 2734 Loker Ave. West, Ste H. 760-431-1831.

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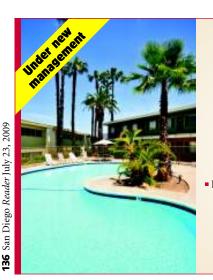
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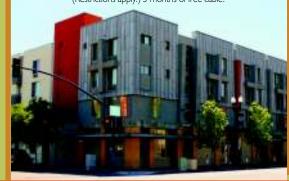
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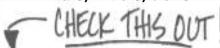
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My friend Mike is turning 40 this month, and he has been making rumblings about baklava instead of birthday cake. "We used to have it as kids," he recalled. "My aunt made it, and she'd bring it whenever she visited. It reminds me of my youth, and I want to be reminded of youth these days."

I knew just who to call: Jeff and Sarka Ugur at the Baklava King in Santee (619-258-5464, baklavaking.com). "I'm from Turkey," said Jeff. "There, baklava is the national dessert. There are baklava stores with 15 different kinds of baklava Here, you see one kind, and it's really thick and too sweet. People don't know how to get it exactly right. But this is a crown dessert — it's 1000 years old and popular from Bosnia all the way to the Great Wall of China. Our mission is to have baklava take its rightful place in American baking, to have it recognized as a world-class

dessert — by making it correctly."

Baklava, said Jeff, "is made primarily from thin sheets of phyllo dough in layers, nuts, and syrup. In the Middle East, the nuts are pistachios. In Greece, they are walnuts. We use only American nuts — it makes it easier to control the quality." The pair use American phyllo as well. "I think that, as a nation, we make some of the best phyllo in the world. When we first started, we bought every dough out there and tested them in baklava.

> Some of them were too hard, some too salty. We kept trying until we found the

perfect one, and one that would ship directly to us. We can keep [phyllo suppliers] posted if there are any fluctuations of quality. I have no problem with machine-made dough as opposed to hand-made. The ingredients are the same, it's just that the machine does the rolling and the extruding.

Sarka described the making: "You lay two sheets of dough down and then butter them...'

"With clarified butter," added Jeff.

"And you do that up to 20 layers, with 2 layers of chopped nuts in between — some people like 1 layer, but we use 2. Proportion is crucial if you change one thing, you have to change everything else, too, or it won't cook correctly. Even the

syrup has to have just the right proportion of water, sugar, and lemon juice — charcoal-filtered water, and fresh lemon juice, cooked in a huge kettle."

The syrup, however, doesn't go on until after the baking. "Once you have all your layers," continued Sarka, "you cut it into the triangles and bake it for approximately half an hour. I have to watch every tray, even though we have precise electric ovens from Germany. You want it to be iust the right shade of brown, top and bottom, and you must get this nice, rounded curve on the top. Then, as soon as it comes out of the oven, you pour the syrup. It should sizzle as you pour — the baklava is absorbing it. If the baklava is too cold, it won't absorb the syrup."

Jeff and Sarka also make burma (Turkish for "twisting") baklava. "We like to call them baklava nut rolls," said Jeff. "We'll do hazelnut, cinnamonwalnut, chocolate, or pistachio." Sarka said she can also blend the variations to order. "For the rolls," she explained, "I take phyllo dough, butter it, add lots of nuts, and then roll it up on a long stick. Then I carefully push the roll off the stick. The layers build up as a roll, and I have to be careful to keep everything consistent — the dough must be of even thickness, with air pockets in it. That helps add crispness."

Jeff said the burma baklava "has a large flavor

profile, which works as a great flavor-pairing with coffee - not too heavy or sweet. You can get a gourmet dessert with coffee, and you can do it inexpensively. Most coffeehouses charge \$2.75 apiece for them."

> Baklava King sells to about 30 coffeehouses and restaurants around San Diego places such as the Living Room in La Jolla, Java Jones's downtown location, Khyber Pass in Hillcrest, and the French Gourmet in Pacific Beach. While it functions primarily as a wholesale bakery, it is possible to

place a retail order by phone for pickup or delivery - or you can order online. Triangles or rolls run \$25 for 24 and \$50 for 48. "We get most of our retail business around the holidays," said Jeff. "We make everything to order nothing sits around the shop. It is best eaten fresh, and it will be fine, unrefrigerated, for up to three days. After that, it will last up to three weeks in the refrigerator. But it is best fresh."

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- A physical fitness video, purportedly made in April by a U.S.-based al-Qaeda operative, gives workout tips to jihadists, urging that they "train as hard as possible" to inflict maximum damage on "the enemies of Allah," according to an ABC News report. Exercises such as crawling long distances on hands and knees are demonstrated by people wearing robes. The narrator discourages using gyms and fitness centers because of the "un-Islamic" music and "semi-naked" women. A video released in May, purportedly from al-Qaeda in Somalia, features an English-speaking rap singer making a recruitment pitch to U.S. and European youth, including such verses as: "Mortar by mortar / Shell by shell /Only going to stop/ When I send them to hell."

Can't Possibly Be True

- When a son, angry that his father had ordered him to clean up his room, screamed at Dad and threw a plate of food across the dinner table, Dad called 911. The son is 28-year-old Andrew Mizsak, who lives rent-free with his parents in the Cleveland suburb of Bedford, Ohio, and is a member of the Bedford School Board (and whose

mom is a city councilwoman). After police arrived, the habitually untidy son apologized and, according to their report, "was sent to his room to clean it. He was crying uncontrollably." Subsequently, the school board punished Andrew by removing two of his duties.

When courts in Nashville, Tenn., get too backed up, a local tradition allows judges to appoint well-known local attorneys to act as "special judges" to help clear dockets. According to a months-long investigation by WTVF-TV, broadcast in April, it appears that at least some of the "special judges" used their power largely to dismiss speeding tickets, including at least one instance of a lawyer's dismissing his own client's ticket. The station found that of almost 1800 speeding tickets dismissed by courts during the time investigated, 1300 were by the "special judges." - The U.S. Air Force has spent an estimated \$25 million training combat pilot Lt. Col. Victor Fehrenbach but is about to discharge him involuntarily because he is gay. Born of military-officer parents, Fehrenbach has earned 30 awards and decorations, with tours flying F-15Es in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq, and was one of the fighters called on to patrol the air space over Washington, D.C., on Sept. 11, 2001. Also about to be discharged solely for being gay is Army infantry officer Daniel Choi, a West Point graduate and Arabic speaker, who would be (based on a 2005 Government Accounting Office report) at least the 56th gay Arabic linguist to be dismissed from the U.S. military since the first terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in 1993.

Inexplicable

- (1) In March, China's Minister of Railways, Liu Zhijun, acknowledged that the government has plans for a rail line connecting Beijing and Taipei, Taiwan (which would involve traversing the Taiwan Strait, which is 108 miles across at its narrowest point), (2) The Czech Republic newspaper Lidove Noviny reported in May that, as late as 1975, the communist government of Czechoslovakia was actively planning to dig a tunnel from that landlocked country underneath Austria and the part of Yugoslavia that is now Slovenia, to give it rail access to the Adriatic Sea, 250 miles away.

Fine Points of the Law

- Kerry Fenton's pub, The Cutting Edge, in Worsbrough, England, initially complied with the 2007

Smoking Act, which prohibits lighting up inside. However, since smoking research is generally carried on indoors, "research" was exempt from the law. Fenton ultimately renamed part of the bar the Smoking Research Centre and allows patrons to smoke provided they fill out questionnaires about their habit. So far, according to a May BBC News report, neither Britain's Home Office nor the local Barnsley council has intervened.

Least Competent Criminals

- Police in Indianapolis charged Fifth Third Bank manager Dwayne Roberts, 31, with arson and theft after the failure of his scheme to cover up embezzlement. Police said that Roberts staged a fire inside a locked vault so that an indeterminable amount of money would burn up, thus perhaps covering his cash shortage. However, after Roberts had set the fire and locked the vault, he realized he had left his keys inside and could not re-open the vault or lock the bank's doors or drive home.

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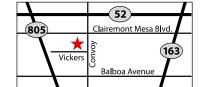
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Thirty Years Ago

Dorie's bedroom was darkened, but there was enough illumination coming from the bathroom for Barbara to see. Dorie was on her side, though only slightly. She had on a highneck, long-sleeve nightgown. Her face was unlined and at peace.

Barbara walked over to the bed and picked up Dorie's hand. It felt like ice. "Oh, Dorie," she sighed, knowing that Phil must be dead too. His mother wouldn't go without

Just as Dorie had always kept her apartment neat and orderly, so she had taken care of her final affairs in an orderly fashion. On the dining room table, she'd laid out and arranged an undated, unsigned suicide note, a last will and testament, a declaration of trust, and all the other birth-death papers.

— "MOTHER & SON," R.W. Dellinger, July 26, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

[D]eterrent music continues to be

used as a racial control at San Diego nightclubs. The manager of a popular Mission Valley club, when promised anonymity, admitted that his disc jockeys manipulate music playlists in order to regulate the number of blacks at his club. While substituting country-western or rock and roll for funk and soul "won't get blacks out of my club, it does get them off the dance floor, and that's okay with my boss," says this manager.

- "COME BACK WHEN YOU'RE WHITE." Paul Krueger, July 26, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

In the early '70s, while making a good living diving for abalone grossing \$9000 in one particularly rich month — Gilbert saw the supply of abalone diminishing dramatically. But state officials and their "archaic regulations," he says, have created a paper nightmare, "making it impossible to get going" with his proposal to make the creatures plentiful once more.

Gilbert wants to seed about four square miles of ocean off Point Loma with days-old abalone larvae spawned by several species: pink, green, red, black, and white. "With an assertive effort, we can seed ten billion living abalone a year," he says. --- CITY LIGHTS: "A LOT OF ABALONE,"

Fifteen Years Ago

Jackie McGrath, July 27, 1989

Mowed lawn grasses seem oddly perverse. Their ideal state is timeless, unchanging, eternal; they grow and grow and grow and never mature. The Telos, the genetically programmed desire, of plant life is to mature and reproduce itself. Nowhere in nature do grass blades grow upward to a two-inch height and then chop themselves off, making themselves perpetually pre-adolescent botanical castrati.

Jenkins's feminist re-reading of the American lawn emphasizes the male role in lawn-making and care and faults the male as an aggressor who wars against Nature to Nature's detriment. "From the male perspective," she writes, "the front lawn is an area to be controlled and mastered.... All intruders must be guarded against and, when found, killed."

"THE UNWRITTEN PAGE IN THE **OPENING BOOK OF EARNEST LIFE."** Judith Moore, July 21, 1994

Ten Years Ago

It is only after he was routinely recognized a genius (incitement to selfindulgence) that he made anything as dreadful as A Clockwork Orange and The Shining. Nothing that came after 2001, in my view, is as vital to his good name as The Killing, Paths of Glory, Lolita, and Dr. Strangelove.

— "1999: A SEX ODYSSEY,"

Duncan Shepherd, July 22, 1999

Five Years Ago

It's not a question of if there is a real estate bubble. It's a question of whether it bursts or slowly leaks air. But one way or another, prices will peak, buyers evaporate, and prices

Come Back When You're White

San Diego Reader, July 26, 1984

soften, drop, or plunge. Overevaluation never goes on forever.

That's bad news for sizzling San Diego. Home prices have moved up more than 40 percent in the past year. The median price (half of home prices are higher, half lower) is now more than \$500,000.

— CITY LIGHTS: "BAD NEWS FOR SIZZLING SAN DIEGO," Don Bauder, July 22, 2004

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Founded locally: 2006 Senior pastor: Jeff Langley Congregation size: 100 Staff size: 1 full-time, 4 part-time

Sunday school enrollment: 35

Annual budget: n/a Weekly giving: n/a

Singles program: small groups

Dress: casual to semiformal, some dresses

Sunday worship: 10 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Website: cloudbreakchurch com

"Begin County Maintained Road," read the sign as I headed out Bernardo Center Drive away from the center of Rancho Bernardo. A right on Dove took me into the depths of 4S Ranch, a development that dodged the cookie-cutter complaint by lavishing its home fronts with a panoply of styles: Red-brick, Spanish, Italianate, even Colonial. And out at the end of 4S Ranch Parkway, in the auditorium of Stone Ranch Elementary School, Cloudbreak Church sought to minister to the community

Cloudbreak is named after the famous

surf spot in Fiji; you get your first hint from the logo projected against the auditorium wall, which depicts a massive wave curling over a cross. So it came as no surprise to see Jeff Langley, a Southern Baptist pastor, presiding in flip-flops. (Actually, "presiding" might be the wrong word. "Don't come expecting to go through rituals," admonished the program, "because that is not what we are focused on.... We are here to talk about the unique and incredible life Jesus has planned for each person who follows Him.")

The announcements proiected on the screen aimed at building fellowship. Family Game Night at the Marcums'; a barbecue and swim at the Rolfsons'; Padre Fellowship Night at Petco on August 21. "After the [game and the] fireworks, we are invited to attend a special fellowship program with several of the Padres and Cardinals, giving their personal testimonies."

The worship band featured a guest on keyboards (from East Texas), but singer Bri Bartlett dominated the

stage as she belted out, "Did you God. "What did you expect feel the darkness tremble/ this morning when you got When all the saints join in one up to come to church?" he song... Dancers who dance asked his congregation as he upon injustice." People sang strode across the floor. "Why along, but it was hard to comdid vou come to Cloudbreak pete with The Voice — its voltoday? Are you expecting God ume and richness and range. to change your life? Because you Applause after each hymn should be." Often, he said, we served to acknowledge that put God in a box, attempting this was not so much someto limit both His involvement thing to move with as it was in our lives and our own hopes something to be moved by. for what He might do for us. Langley grasped the metal The one great exception came when Bartlett slowed things podium and rocked it toward down for the old-time-y"Nothing but the Blood." Then the

congregation made itself heard,

boldly proclaiming a theol-

ogy of total dependence on

the divine and the worthless-

ness of works: "Nothing can

for sin atone...naught of good

that I have done/ Nothing but

fulness, God," proclaimed

Bartlett over the mellow notes

of the keyboard, "and Your

love for Your people. I pray...that

we would be challenged and

offered by Langley's sermon

was, in some way, directed at

But the chief challenge

"We celebrate Your faith-

the blood of Jesus."

himself. "God has put it on my heart that we will be a church that expects Him to move, that is looking for Him to move. Take the time to ask Iesus to do whatever it is because I promise you that every single one of you needs Him to show up somewhere. So I challenge you to do that raise your expectations.... If we're expecting God to do nothing...there's a good chance that He probably isn't going to do anything in our lives; at least, not what He had planned. But if we are looking for something extraordinary — I've just seen it over and over

again - God shows up." As he

Jeff Langley

Cloudbreak Church 4S Ranch

Sermon content ** delivery $\bigstar \bigstar^1/2$ Liturgy $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ Music congregational ** band $\star \star ^{1}/_{2}$ Snacks ** Architecture ** **Friendliness** ** Poor to satisfactory (none) Good

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spoke, Bartlett, now seated in the front row, followed along in her Bible and took careful notes in a pale green journal.

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"Be like Bart," concluded Langley, referring to the blind beggar Bartimaeus, who begged Jesus for healing despite the crowd's insistence that he shut up, then followed Jesus after receiving the healing he longed

But Langley added a couple of caveats, perhaps not so much to temper expectations as to prevent bitterness in times of want: "You need to understand that He has blessed you tremendously.... During life, there's a lot of uncertainty, but that's by design...that's when our faith grows God is longing to have a relationship with vou such that even when vou're going through tough circumstances, you know that God is blessing things in your life. You can sense it because you have a relationship with Jesus Christ."

What happens when we

"God is going to say, 'What did you do with Jesus Christ?" said Langley. "Did you choose Jesus, or did you not?' That's going to be the question. It's not about how great you are. It's about your

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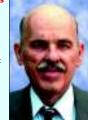
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