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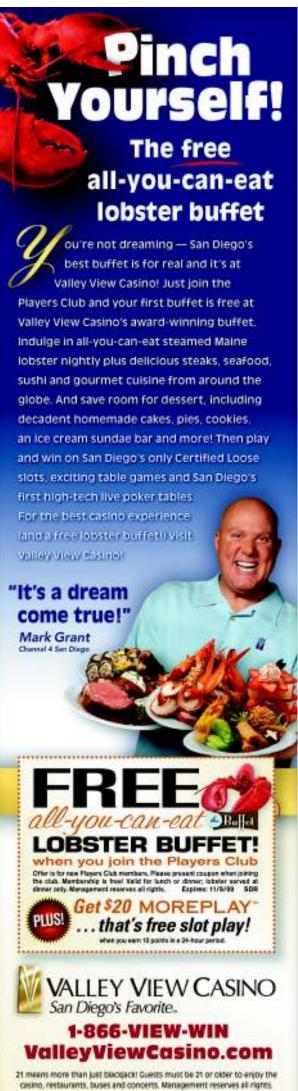
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Hush money The San Diego County Office of Education has come out the apparent



winner in a lawsuit against Infinite Campus, an educational software outfit hired to produce a "student information system" that allegedly failed to deliver. But for some reason, it is trying to hide the news from the public. The story begins back on Novem-

ber 12 of last year when the office filed a breachof-contract suit in federal court saying that it had contracted with the Blaine, Minnesota, firm to create a computer system that would manage student records for 26 small public school districts throughout the county, along with 12 in Imperial County, 2 in Orange, and 22 charter schools.

The complaint alleged that throughout 2007, Infinite Campus repeatedly promised to fix numerous bugs in the software. "The county was lulled into waiting for a workable system to support its needs," the suit said, but the company never delivered and ultimately terminated the agreement in April 2008. "As a result of Infinite Campus' failure to create the system required by the RFP [request for proposal], the county was left without an alternative but to resume a prior method to comply with State Reporting Requirements at great expense to the county." The software provider responded by filing a counterclaim, alleging it was owed \$259,812 in

But on June 9 of this year, according to a settlement agreement obtained from the Office of Education after a request made under the state's Public Records Act, Infinite Campus suddenly agreed to pay the County \$290,000 to end the matter. Details beyond that are scarce, since both Infinite and the County agreed "that they shall not publicize the existence of this Agreement or the terms of this Agreement absent a Public Records Act request, except to their tax accountants and/or attorneys, or as necessary for the enforcement or compliance with this Agreement."

The parties also agreed "they will not make, or cause to be made, any public statements, disclosures or publications which portray unfavorably, reflect adversely on, or discuss any Party's performance of any of the prior agreements among the Parties." The agreement added that "in the event they are questioned" about the case, Infinite Campus and County "will represent that they have amicably resolved their issues with one another and shall not make any additional representations or comments on the subject of said lawsuit or this Agreement." Neither Infinite Campus nor the office of education responded to requests for comment by press time.

Fee for services A political committee controlled by San Diego city councilman Carl DeMaio has paid \$8482 to a GOP consulting firm currently in the middle of a conflict-of-interest controversy regarding its ties to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Last Thursday, the firm, Mercury Public Affairs, was slated to get a \$9 million public relations contract from the state's high-speed rail commission. Steve Schmidt, who managed the governor's 2006 reelection campaign, and Adam Mendelsohn, another longtime Schwarzenegger strategist, are both Mercury partners, and two commission staffers who promoted the Mercury contract are ex-Mendelsohn coworkers, the L.A. Times reported.



door of legislators and former state officials and state employees going from public service to private PR firms," Kathay Feng, executive director of California Common Cause, told the paper. As a result of the controversy, the vote on the contract was

"We are seeing a revolving

delayed until next month.

DeMaio, who is widely viewed as having ambitions far beyond the city council and as wanting to cement his ties to state Republicans, paid Mercury to develop "potential ballot measures on pension reform, labor cost containment, campaign finance reform, the conduct of elections, and opposition to tax increases," according to a July 31 filing.

R.I.P. Helix High alumnus **Jack Felson** — a onetime San Diego politico with close ties to then-county supervisor Roger Hedgecock has died at 71 at a cancer clinic in Bavaria, Germany. Beginning in the early 1980s, Felson, an ex-Hedgecock aide, along with lobbyist and lawyer Mike McDade, another former Hedgecock staffer and campaign intimate, were at the

center of a long-running controversy over campaign contributions and the role they played in promoting Honey Springs, a 2000-acre project east of Jamul that sought to build 860 "environmentally sensitive" houses and a small sewage plant. Bill Press, a former top aide to then-Gover-



Roger Hedgecock

nor Jerry Brown, also worked to grease the skids for the development. In 1982, Hedgecock and the board approved a scaled-down version of the plan, which later died after years of litigation and the financial setbacks of its promoter, **Damon Siskin**.

- Matt Potter

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Chargers Won't Fulfill Desires in San Diego

By Don Bauder

xperts say the San Diego Chargers could make the Super Bowl this year. However, the team's desire to build a new stadium in

San Diego could be - well, economically in Superable.

The team now plays at Qualcomm Stadium, which is a black hole for the City of San Diego but a super-ecstatic hole for the Chargers. It costs the City \$2.8 million a year to put on Chargers games, while the team's rent is capped at a mere \$2.5 million, down from \$7 million under a former, more favorable agreement. This sweetheart rent deal is one reason that the team's debt-to-value ratio is only 14 percent, about in the middle of teams in the National Football League, according to Forbes magazine.

But as Forbes points out,

the teams that have (or will soon get) new or elaborately rehabbed stadiums are the most valuable. The ten richest teams.

just ahead of the Chargers, whose value is calculated at \$917 million.) "New stadiums generate revenue for teams that is unshared by the rest of the

Houston Texans, Philadelphia

Eagles, Tampa Bay Buccaneers,

Chicago Bears, and Denver

Broncos — almost all playing

in palaces. (A team's worth

doesn't necessarily correlate with on-the-field performance.

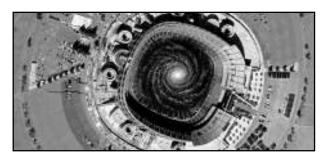
Last year's Super Bowl winner,

the Pittsburgh Steelers, are val-

ued 16th of 32 teams, and the

squad that almost beat them,

the Arizona Cardinals, are 23rd,



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teams in the NFL," says Chargers spokesman Mark Fabiani. The new stadiums bring luxury and club seat sales, advertising rights, and sponsorship income that a team can keep for itself. Ergo, the Chargers want a new facility. And, insists Fabiani, "Our search remains focused in San Diego County." And that is the hole in the

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If We're the Best, **Imagine the Worst**

By Joe Deegan

ark-Elliott Lugo, who is an end looking 59 years old, might well be the poster child in the San Diego public

transit system's campaign to increase ridership. Lugo has been taking San Diego buses for over 40 years. He has never owned a car. He's doing quite well, thank you.

"I got the learner's permit in high school," Lugo tells me in a workroom at the Taylor Branch Library in Pacific Beach. He is the art curator for the San Diego Public Library. "The only time I've ever driven a car was when I had to take driver education in high school. I know that every young male in America, the first thing he wants is a car. It was probably my upbringing. My mother was from New York, a city that has excellent public transit.

was named the nation's outstanding transit system, he nearly fell off his passenger seat. Lugo thinks local transit, with such notable exceptions as the trolley, has been getting worse year by year.

In July, the American Public Transportation Association in Washington, D.C., awarded San Diego for being the outstanding system among those in the United States and Canada that operate 30 million trips or more annually. A formal presentation will take place at the organization's annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, this October. San Diego hosted the event last year.

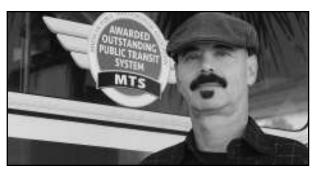
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"I was never interested in cars. In retrospect, I'm glad, because the money I've saved from never having a car has enabled me to buy a house. And I have a major art collection as well, a museum-quality collection. I've spent quite a lot of money on art but still not as much as a car would have been over the years. I'd rather have a piece of art than a car, anyway."

But when Lugo learned recently that the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

what impressed the association about San Diego's system. Spokeswoman Virginia Miller tells me that her organization picked a team of industry and transit-supplier experts to judge the competitors, who provided information in two major categories, quantitative and qualitative. The quantitative category was weighted two-thirds to one-third over the qualitative. In the quantitative category, over the past three years the San Diego transit system both buses and trolley — per-



Mark-Elliott Lugo

formed especially well in ridership, up 12.3 percent; preventable accidents, down 14 percent; fare-box revenue, up 12 percent; and driver-related complaints, down 26.8 percent. In passengers per revenue hour, local officials claimed to be "up 200 percent on some routes where [the system] reallocated resources from lowproductive to high-productive areas."

The qualitative category contained nine subcategories more difficult to measure. They included financial management, safety, minority and women advancement, marketing, community relations, policy and administration, attendance and employee costs, operational efficiencies, and customer service. According to Miller, the American Public Transportation Association's award is the most prestigious in the industry. "San Diegans should be especially proud of their transit system," she says in closing our conversation. In an editorial on August 15, the Union-Tribune gushed over the award. As of this writing, the transit agency is running a flashing ad on SignOn-SanDiego, the *U-T*'s website.

That Mark Lugo is not so proud of his transit system gets me to wondering. On my own regular transit trips, I talk to many people who greatly appreciate how the Metropolitan Transit System allows them to do without a car almost daily. On the other hand, complaints are legion. After KFMB-TV, Channel 8, announced the transit award on July 31, the station's website received 23 comments, 21 of them critical or even expressing ridicule.

Are complaining riders and

a proud Metropolitan Transit System two ships passing in the night? Among the competition's subcategories, customer service sticks out as the two parties' possible point of contact. I ask the transit system's Rob Schupp if the award application included a customer-satisfaction survey. No, he said, but "many of the other factors that we found we are improving point to better customer service. Take greater ridership and safety," he says, "or fewer customer complaints and greater on-time performance."

Schupp says the transit system measures on-time performance by sending undercover people on buses and by global positioning technology. "All the buses that aren't contracted out, which are about half those on the streets, have global positioning that allows them to be monitored." According to figures the system provided, its on-time performance has improved by 6 percent over the past three years.

But late-running buses are

one of Mark Lugo's major gripes. His work requires him to visit artists all over San Diego County, and if he misses a connection due to his bus being late, his day might be ruined. Route 30 in and out of Pacific Beach is one he takes frequently, and it's constantly late. "For one thing, the scheduling isn't done right," says Lugo, who notices that at many transfer points, one bus leaves at the same time another is arriving. That's fine if your bus is right on time, but there are too many things that can happen on a trip to make a bus late. "Trouble that drivers have strapping in wheelchairs is one exam-

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Not Kidnapped

Downtown San Diego — **Two** females were able to escape an attempted kidnapping on Tuesday, September 1, at approximately 2:35 p.m. in front of the Lew's Market on Imperial Avenue.

According to a police dispatcher, the suspect was described as Hispanic in his late 30s, driving a newer model Ford F-150. According to police radio chatter, the man attempted to grab both of the females and pull them into his vehicle. Both females reportedly resisted the man and ran back into the market, where they contacted police.

By Nathaniel Uy, 9/2

Palm Tree Down

Tijuana — A less-than-successful effort of a resident to remove a palm tree resulted in the local fire department's assistance in a neighborhood approximately 12 miles east of central Tijuana on the afternoon of September 1.



A palm tree is tangled in power lines

The resident, who preferred to remain anonymous, succeeded in downing the unwanted palm, but when the tree toppled onto a nearby power line, neighbors summoned the fire department.

Using a chainsaw, rope, and other instruments to prevent the tree from dragging down power lines and poles, after 15 minutes the tree was halved and then quartered once on the ground.

By David Alton Dodd, 9/2

Soft Crash

University City — **Approx**imately 12:00 pm on Saturday, September 5th, a black compact car plowed through a hedge divider of the Vons shopping center parking lot on Arriba



Vons shopping center on Arriba Street

Street. The driver appeared to have stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake. The driver, along with his passenger, seemed to have been UCSD students.

By Rachel Bridges, 9/7

Hell's Kitchen

Downtown San Diego — As a heat wave ripped through Southern California on Friday, August 27, it became too much for one customer at the C Street Jack in the Box. At about 2 p.m., the man was waving back and forth like a palm tree on a windy day, apparently suffering from heat stroke.

A concerned crowd gathered, and people were keen to help, but a fire truck and an ambulance came to the aid of the man, who was taken to a hospital by the paramedics.

By Laura Duffy, 9/2

Reverse Flood

Tijuana — High schools here are being inundated with newly arrived students from San Diego and the influx is presenting $\stackrel{S}{=}$ unusual problems for its school system.

Ampero Lopez Lopez, coordinator of the Bina-Migrante group, points $\ddot{\exists}$ out that 30 percent of the high school students trying to enroll in TJ schools

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Chargers

Chargers' plans. "The Chargers are trying to pound a round object — their desire for a new stadium — into a square hole which is economic reality," says Mike Aguirre, former city attorney with whom Fabiani constantly tussled. (Fabiani alluded to Aguirre's "toxic, bilious personality," while Aguirre allegedly called team owner Alex Spanos "a welfare queen." I can't argue with Aguirre's characterization: I have described pro football team owners—and bankers getting bailouts — in the same terms.)

The Chargers claim they want to build a privately financed stadium somewhere in the county, whether it be Oceanside, Escondido, East Village near Petco Park, or elsewhere. The team wants to fill the luxury and club seats and attract advertising, including naming rights, in a metro area without the necessary economic base. County incomes are low compared with the cost of liv-

ing, and local companies tend to be small, capital-intensive, and cerebral. (How many biotech and telecom executives would entertain clients at a football game?)

Fabiani says that the ability to sell these upscale products "in an NFL marketplace will determine whether a new, privately financed stadium is financially feasible." But there is a change in that marketplace: companies are slashing entertainment budgets and banning employees from taking expensive freebies, such as football tickets. Corporations may sensibly put fewer dollars into sports advertising and promotion, such as naming rights. Money is tight. Since the Chargers claim a new stadium will be privately financed, "The team will be required to borrow hundreds of millions of dollars to finance the project," says Fabiani. "So we need to be sure that sales from the new stadium will support the significant private debt." That's the hole the team may tumble into.

There are other negative economic factors: any new, privately financed stadium (even if land, development rights, and infrastructure were subsidized by government) would have to be accompanied by "gargantuan real estate development with commercial and residential properties integrated with the stadium," says former councilmember Bruce Henderson, who adds that "without extraordinary growth in population, there is no indication that such a project would be viable in the next decade."

Think back just a few years ago. The Chargers were looking for a development partner so they could construct 6000 housing units, a hotel, offices, and other commercial buildings at the Qualcomm site, where a new stadium would be built. When no development partner surfaced, Fabiani said one reason was Aguirre's obstinacy. But what would have happened if that project had gone ahead? Throughout the county, condos, hotels - residential and commercial real estate of all kinds - have hit the skids. That's what would have happened to the Qualcomm project. "It is likely that the private developer would have been forced to delay some or all of the urban village project," waiting for the economy to recover, concedes Fabiani.

"It would have been a disaster," says Aguirre. Henderson agrees and chuckles that he and Aguirre should get a bouquet of flowers from the Chargers. (Actually, Henderson never thought that proposal was a serious one.)

A privately financed Chargers stadium is not going to make it in the county. And governments don't have the funds to provide subsidies. That leaves locations outside of San Diego. Las Vegas, with whom the Chargers have had contact, is in worse economic shape than San Diego, at least in real estate.

The one logical candidate is the City of Industry, a snug and smug town of only 88 tightly controlled voters in

southeast Los Angeles County, just north of Orange County. Developer Ed Roski, a close personal friend of Alex Spanos, says he will build a stadium that will be mainly financed privately. The accommodating town early this year passed a bond measure to provide half a billion dollars of infrastructure improvement. (The vote was 60 to 1, and civic leaders may be trying to find out who that one dissident is.)

The L.A./Orange County market is the nation's second largest, with 13 million people. Inclusion of Riverside and San Bernardino adds another 4.1 million. San Diego is the nation's 17th-largest market at 3 million. Unlike San Diego, the L.A. area has a broad and deep mix of businesses to spend on sports luxuries. "If the NFL cobbles together government and private subsidies for a new stadium in Southern California over the next decade or so, it will be built in L.A.," says Henderson. On the bright side, he points out that Qualcomm

Stadium is one of the best in the world for football, and the Chargers are making a bundle of money playing in it.

It's generally believed that if Roski builds the stadium, he will want at least part ownership of a team. Fabiani says that pro sports owners through the years have sold stakes in their teams for various reasons. "So an owner would probably never rule out such a possibility — but as I've said, the Chargers' search remains focused in San Diego County."

But Henderson says the Chargers are looking at local sites only because they will have to prove to the NFL that they gave San Diego every chance. Also, if the Chargers wait until after the 2010 season to announce they are leaving, they will only be obligated to pay \$25.8 million of the remaining debt from the 1998 remodel of the stadium. If they make the announcement this season, it will be more than double that.

For Chargers fans, this may be holey depressing. ■

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Just like last year, coaches, parents and players can contribute to the "Red Zone" by commenting on posts and by posting their own editorial content, videos and photos, both on the main page and on individual team

Coverage has started with season previews of the five defending section champions. The blog is located at: www.sdreader.com/football.

What is new inside the "Red Zone" this season?

The "Red Zone" has a **YouTube** channel. Expect more video highlights in

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Daily content. Starting in the regular season, the "Red Zone" will feature daily content:

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If you have any questions or comments about the "Red Zone," please email redzone@sandiegoreader.com or call Anthony Gentile at 760.505.6938.



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Imagine the worst

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ple, or buses get caught in intersections with long wait times at signals, such as in the Sports Arena area or the Golden Triangle, or people slow the buses while they struggle to slip dollar bills into the fare boxes. Many drivers are very good to wait a little longer for passengers that are arriving on another bus, but some of them are sticklers for leaving exactly on schedule," says Lugo.

"And it takes too long to go anywhere," he continues, citing the hour and a half he spends going from Pacific Beach to Ocean Beach. There are two ways to make the trip, says Lugo, Route 30 to Old Town, where Route 35 into Ocean Beach starts. Or Routes 8 and 9 go along Mission Bay Drive to Midway Drive, where passengers can transfer to the 35 turning onto West Point Loma Boulevard. "But you know it takes too long when a kid on a skateboard gets off the bus and beats it to the destination."

Another complaint of many people is that there is no bus service in most locations after 10:30 at night. Someone who wants to go to the Gaslamp Quarter for a little nightlife must take a \$30 taxi ride home. They might just want to avoid driving after having drinks. And Lugo maintains that the situation causes lost revenues to downtown businesses.

Further, maintains Lugo, there has been a "gradual and constant erosion over the years of frequency of service and shortening or discontinuing routes." For example, last year the transit system was going to discontinue Route 923 going out of Ocean Beach and along Harbor Drive to downtown. That one finally turned Lugo into an activist, he says. He began informing all the establishments that might be affected. Although the transit system argued that the route didn't carry enough passengers, it was going by Point Loma High School, the airport, the Ocean Beach and Point Loma hostels, and many other businesses along the way. Lugo's activism

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forced a compromise with transit. Instead of discontinuing the route, officials cut its frequency in half. On weekends, it runs only every hour. "I don't think any buses should run hourly," says Lugo, "because if one breaks down, a person could stand there waiting for close to two hours." The transit system's gen-

eral thinking about weekends perplexes Lugo. Buses going to the beach, such as Route 30, are often reduced in frequency from every 15 minutes to every half hour. "But many people go to the beach on weekends," he says. "And every year, transit changes to a reduced winter schedule on Labor Day, apparently because they think fewer people will be going to the beach. In fact, some of our hottest days come after September 7 [this year's Labor Day], and loads of people get on the bus heading for the beach. They include many tourists, such as young Europeans."

Does the transit system, I ask Rob Schupp, take passengers' views into consideration when hiking fares and making route changes? He assures me it does, that many meetings were announced for public comment before both last January's changes and those of 2007. Lugo has been to them. They are so crowded you can hardly get in, he says. Even then, many are held during most people's working hours.

After my meeting with Lugo, I walk the block from the Taylor Branch Library to Grand Avenue, where I wait for the bus I need to get home, Route 30. I am pleased that it comes in a reasonable time. But I get onto a bus with standing room only, a human sitting in every seat or looming over every square foot of the aisle. Several stops disgorge enough passengers for a few of us to sit down. Several more stops and a new passenger boards. As the bus lunges forward, he falls backward and lands on my lap.

Route 30 is likely to become even more crowded. Last week, the transit system announced, among other cuts in service, that Routes 8 and 9 would start running less frequently.

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lack documentation of their schooling in the U.S., having neither a record of their academic achievement (grades) nor proof of grade level. As a result, they are not being allowed to enroll and attend the Mexican schools.

By T.B. Beaudeau, 9/7

Not Enough Warning

North Park — A 28-yearold male from North Park died by suicide early Wednesday morning, September 2, after hanging himself.

At 1:10 a.m., San Diego Police responded to a residence on Florida Street between University and Lincoln Avenues after a woman called 911 and told police she spoke with her friend who said he was going to hang himself.

When police arrived, they found the male unconscious and not breathing.

Police called for paramedics, who responded to the scene. According to a police report, medics performed CPR for 20 minutes before they transported the patient to a local hospital.

At 2:34 a.m., the coroner at the hospital pronounced the male subject dead.

By Steve Horvath, 9/7

Hope You Like Jammin'

Chula Vista — On September 2 - one week after Caltrans activated the meters on the Telegraph Canyon Road onramp to the 805 — they activated the meters on the Olympic Parkway onramp.

Traffic congestion in and around the onramp has increased since the activation, although not as much as the ramp from **Telegraph Canyon Road. Oleander Avenue seems** to be a trouble spot, and many vehicles drive south on this street to make the right turn onto Olympic

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When the meters are active during high-volume hours, the traffic backs up onto Olympic Parkway for about half a mile. Vehicles that are turning right onto Olympic Parkway from Oleander have to wait for some space to clear before they can make their turn. The green rightturn signal typically allows three cars to turn before the light turns red again. Compounding the problem is the fact that vehi-

cles are not allowed to make a right turn on red due to poor visibility at that intersection.

By Gian Ghio, 9/5

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Local Sea Water for Drinking — FinallyCarlsbad — Poseidon

Resources plans to build, in the western basin of Carlsbad's Agua Hedionda Lagoon, the western hemisphere's largest ocean water desalinization plant. Already home to a power plant, an aqua farm, and the SeaWorld research hatchery, the \$300 million project will provide



Carlsbad's Agua Hedionda Lagoon

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Agencies like the California Coastal Commission, San Diego Regional **Water Quality Control** Board, and numerous environmental groups tried to put up as many roadblocks as possible. Kimberly Hale, spokesperson for Posei-

don said, "We've now been in the permit process during the terms of three presidents."

On Thursday, September 3, the final permit hurdle was cleared. The Coastal Commission struck a deal with Poseidon Resources that allows the project to "proceed without delay." The plant should begin pumping drinking water in 2011.

By Ken Harrison, 9/7

Behind Imaginary Enemy Lines

Oceanside — Whether or not it was Oceanside city

councilmember Jerome Kern's intention to turn the December 8 recall election into a war against labor unions is speculation, but one thing is for sure — that's what happened.

In the months since the recall campaign began an effort brought forth by 20 Oceansiders accusing Kern of being in the pocket of big development — it has grown into a war between labor and nonlabor factions. According to Kern and his supporters, Oceanside's police and

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Correction

Last week's cover story, "Puppeteers," stated that Steven Hadley was Valerie Stallings's chief of staff and that he'd hired Michael Zucchet. According to Hadley, he was never Stallings's chief of staff and he did not hire Zucchet.

Cover Girl's Ears

Love the cover photo ("Puppeteers," September 3). Where can folks get the ears? Good story too, but not much about the cover girl in it.

> Name Withheld by Request via email

Random Emerald

I am really offended that you put Democrat Marti Emerald on your cover as being a puppet (September 3). I found nothing in your article to indicate that her chief of staff was overbearing. She is a union person and a member of the board. If you thought Ms. Emerald was especially guilty, you should have indicated so. Just picking her out at random is not fair. You should have put them all on the cover.

Also, once again, you are so sure that Inzunza is guilty and do not indicate that the Christians and FBI set him up and entrapped him. There is nothing criminal in either giving a campaign contribution or in asking that a law be changed.

It is obviously a setup, and you should be weekly investigating the much more massive corruption of real estate and Republicans that have put us in debt regarding stadiums and convention centers,

which are not public business. Valerie Sanfilippo via email

Homework Is Required

Your cartoon of Susan Golding, John Moores, and the ballpark brings back bitter memories (Neal Obermeyer, September 3). Unlike most voters gulled by Golding in 1998, I did my homework, studied the details, and ran the numbers. I then went to the city council and confronted the mayor at public-comment time, explaining how unrealistic the projections were.

I pointed out that, even if all 2500 new hotel rooms Golding predicted mysteriously appeared (11 years later they haven't), each would need to rent for \$200 a night, 365 days a year to come close to servicing the debt on the ballpark bonds.

Golding brushed aside my concerns, claiming that the new hotels would not only easily service the debt with a bonanza of new TOT revenue, it might well finance the proposed new main library as well! When last I checked, we were paying over \$10 million interest annually on the ballpark bonds, much of it in lieu of needed services and infrastructure repairs.

I retell this sad tale as a

reminder to voters to do their homework on any new pro-

Lover List

Why is Jay Allen Sanford so upset (Letters, September 3)? Gee...

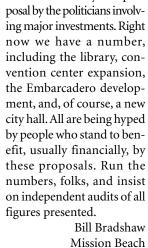
Oh, by the way, yes, Diana Death is my girlfriend and Maren Parusel my ex-girlfriend, but Mr. Sanford forgot to mention that Dave Humphries is my secret lover!

Hector Peñalosa

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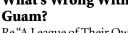
Re "A League of Their Own" ("Sporting Box," September 3). I'm writing in regard to this paragraph: "Bad: Team names suck. Las Vegas Locomotives. California (San Francisco) Redwoods.

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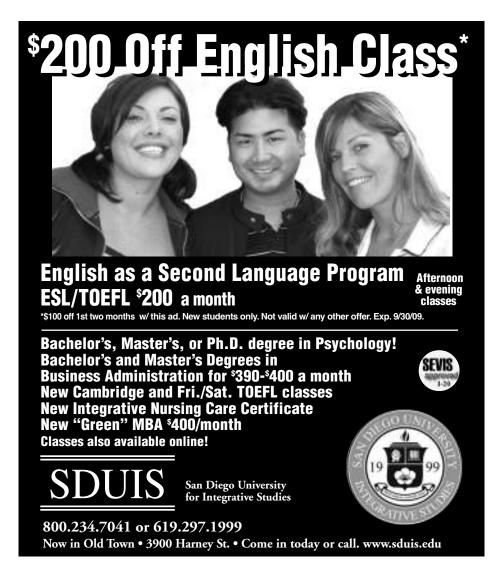


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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Matt, please:

The other night me and my friends were partying up pretty well, and my girlfriend got kind of hysterical laughing at something and after a while she was staggering around saying she couldn't breathe. Somebody went into the kitchen and came out with an old paper bag with grease stains on it and told her to breathe into the bag to get her breath back. She didn't like the grease stains and didn't want to do it, but her friend grabbed the back of her head and stuck her face into the bag and said, "Breathe!" She didn't have much choice then. After a while she was fine, even though she said she thought she smelled like Swiss cheese. Why does it work for somebody to breathe into a bag if they're gasping for air? I've heard about this before, but it doesn't make

— The Host, via email

much sense to me.

Wow. Quite a shindig. Thanks for the details. Sorry we missed it, sort of. I hope she now knows she's better off smelling like old deli products than being out cold on the floor. Her friend did her a favor, under the circumstances. It all has to do with blood chemistry, though, so I doubt that there were too many partiers who could have told you what was going on.

I can't imagine what your girlfriend's blood chemistry looked like when she got the breathless giggles, so we'll just explain this as if it were just normal. Not likely, but what the heck. So, assume her blood had a nice, neat acid/base balance. Not too much carbon dioxide, not too much bicarbonate. When these two get out of balance, blood goes either too acidic (too much carbon dioxide) or too alkaline, and something needs to be done.

In your girlfriend's case, she was hyperventilating (breathing too fast). Since we exhale carbon dioxide, she was depleting this from her blood through her lungs. Consider these repair choices to bring blood acids and bases into balance: (1) wait for her kidneys to make the proper exchanges of bicarb; (2) slow her breathing rate; (3) inhale a bunch of CO₂. The fastest fix is to suck up carbon dioxide. How to do this kinda on the fly? Breathe into a bag, which will capture the CO₂ she breathes out and then allow her to suck more of it in again. Blood exchange through the lungs is faster than exchange through the kidneys, so she's up and partying again in no time. The greasy bag just created a mini CO₂-loaded atmosphere.

Hev there, M.A.:

I have lots of large rosebushes but one particular freaky one: a yellow tall rosebush was grow-

ing what I thought were kumquats! I called the smartest man I know, my Pop, and he said only way possible for that is if someone grafted a kumquat tree to rosebush. I then found out these little orange balls growing are rose hips. So, here's

> my question: Is it rare for a rosebush to produce rose hips? Are rose hips not an ingredient in, say, face creams, etc.? Can I cut open those suckers, market them, and he rich?

Kelly Gleeson, Mission Valley

You're maybe a millennium out of touch with the rose-hip world. They might have been shockers to you, but roses grow, hips follow after the bloom has died. It has always been this way. Hips — round and red, oblong and orange, many shapes and colors — are the rose's fruits that contain the rose's seeds. Cut them open and

make a fortune? Only if you can think of some use other than what's already out there: tea. soup, pie, rose oil, perfumes, vitamin C supplement, jelly, jam, alcoholic drinks, animal feed, potpourri, rosewater syrup for Middle Eastern desserts like baklava, and medicine for colds

Hey, Matt!

What's up with the measures of rainfall? I understand that some sort of vertical-sided test tube is used to measure rainfall. But I have much more water in flowerpots, wheelbarrows, etc. in my backyard after a rain than the weatherman reports. How can I have four inches of water in a wheelbarrow when it only rained half an inch last night?

— Mark from Carlsbad

Rain collected in one standard rain-gauge tube probably doesn't give a true reading of how much rain has fallen in a given area around the gauge. Rain is caught in a funnel, then runs into the tube, so the number you get reflects true rainfall over only a few square inches. But your wide-open wheelbarrow doesn't give a useful number because there are no other wheelbarrows to compare it to, unlike standard rain gauges. The widemouthed barrow collects more water than the gauge. An areal reading of rainfall — the mean value of several rain gauges over a specific area — is also a little wacky. Say your five gauges read .55", .87", 5.40", and 2.33", the mean is 2.21", which probably seems all wrong if you live close to the .55-inch gauge. So, rainfall numbers are relative. Comparative. The gauges need to be standard.

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SportingBox

BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Homeless SDSU Football Coach



he Chargers are playing at Oakland Monday night, on the B side of ESPN's double-header. Normally, I don't count watching a game that includes the Raiders as more interesting than watching termites colonize the back-porch steps. It was the news that Raiders head coach Tom Cable allegedly sucker-punched his subaltern, Randy Hanson, breaking Hanson's jaw, causing not one but two Hanson trips to hospital, and the announced-but-unseen involvement of the Napa Police Department and NFL lifestyle marshals that got my

So, I'm looking for a column headline. Let's see..."Homeless SDSU Football Assistant Finds Work as Owner's Mascot." Or, "Homeless SDSU Football Assistant Says, 'Two Years in the NFL and I'm Already Head Coach." Or, "Homeless SDSU Football Assistant Screams, 'I Will Kill You!'"

Every statement is media-true in that it's been reported in the press, but there's something missing. Cable was a homeless SDSU graduate assistant, and he was in the NFL for a paltry two years before becoming interim head coach, and he did, allegedly, promise to terminate with extreme prejudice a junior coach. All media-true except...allegedly attacking a fellow coach in a room full of witnesses...a toady doesn't do that.

Cable has lived a coach's life: offensive and defensive tackle on the Snohomish High School football team, four years as offensive guard for the University of Idaho, stayed on as a graduate assistant for two more years, then to San Diego State for a year as an unpaid, homeless, graduate assistant, then a year at Fullerton State as defensive line coach, a year at UNLV as offensive line coach, Cal for six years, Colorado for a couple years, last one as offensive coordinator, back to Idaho as head coach, lasted four years, then a couple

years at UCLA as offensive coordinator, then up to the NFL as Atlanta's offensive line coach, then Oakland, same position, then Raiders interim head coach, and, finally, February 4, 2009, knighted head coach.

Couple things stand out. Cable's always had a job, ten jobs in 20 years, but continuous football employment. He's only been head coach once, for Idaho, which doesn't earn him props since he'd already spent six years at Idaho as a player and graduate assistant. He was fired after amassing a dismal 11-35 record. Cable got to the NFL in 2006 as a humble line coach. Now turn around, take a deep breath, and behold: Al Davis makes him a prince. At the press conference announcing Cable's investiture, someone left a mic open and you can hear Al talking to one of his flunkies, "Who's going to introduce Tom Cable? I don't know that much about him. Get something, get his press packet."

This could only happen in Raidersworld. Still, no matter how he got there, Cable is an official NFL head coach now, and that is money in the bank for the rest of his life.

And here he is, brass ring in his pocket, just scored a job as rare and hard to get as Dear Leader, allegedly sucker-punching an assistant coach in front of other coaches, then wrestling said assistant coach to the ground while screaming, "I am going to kill you. I am going to kill you." Does not fit.

Okay, who is Randy Hanson, alleged victim? Hanson was born in Sacramento, played quarterback at San Joaquin Delta College (Stockton), Walla Walla Community College, and Pacific University (Forest Grove, Oregon). Part-time coach at Eastern Washington University, graduate assistant at the University of Washington (defensive line and special teams), back to Eastern Washington as assistant secondary coach, then Portland State as secondary and specialteams coach. Hanson made the leap to the NFL with the Minnesota Vikings as offensive assistant/assistant quarterbacks coach in 2003, moved to St. Louis Rams in 2006, and on to Oakland as assistant defensive line coach the following year. Hanson made his NFL debut three years before Cable cashed his first pro paycheck.

Hanson did not get along with the previous Oakland head coach who once suspended him for five days. On the other hand, he was lauded by Oakland's defensive coordinator. Minnesota's head coach praised him, and he did a good enough job at St. Louis to come to the attention of Al Davis, who personally hired him. Does not fit.

I wonder what would make it fit? Well, one rumor has it that Hanson was a snitch and that's why Cable hated him to the point of allegedly launching a physical attack coupled with a promise of murder.

But if you believe that, then you'd have to believe Al Davis hired someone just to spy on and rat out his own coaches. Is that possible?

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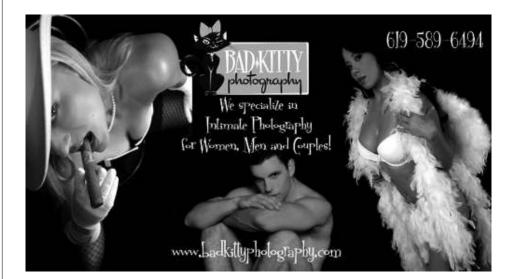
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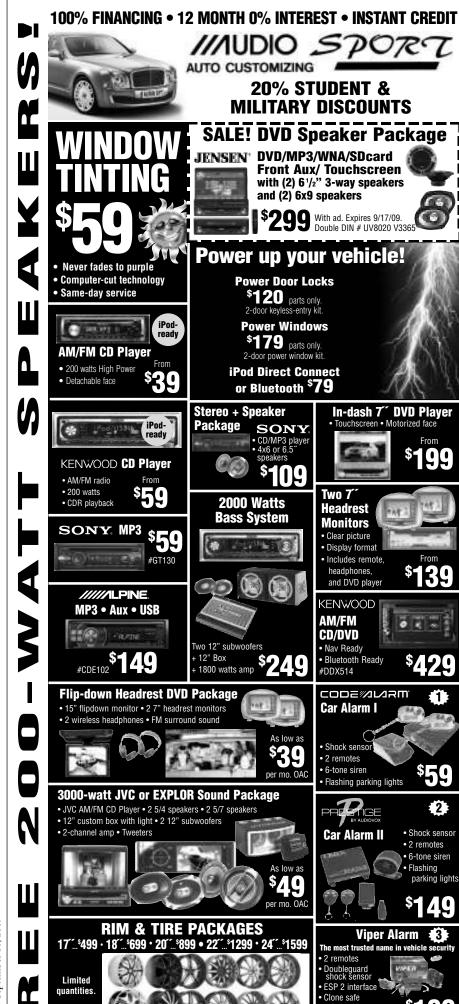
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St. Augustine quarterback Evan Crower rolls out

Saints beat Lancers for first time in school history

St. Augustine knocked off Carlsbad 15-14 at Mater Dei High School — the school's first win over the Lancers in six meetings.

"I didn't know that," Saints junior quarterback Evan Crower said about the win. "The last three years it was always a close game but they came out on top."

With 2:54 left, Crower rolled out and found senior receiver Sam Macias in the front of the end zone from five yards out to put St. Augustine ahead by one.

"It was a shallow out, but the guy was right there, so I kind of bubbled out to help my quarterback out," Macias said. "He saw me, and I just scored."

After a failed two-point conversion, Carlsbad started the ensuing drive on their own eight-yard line. A 35-yard run from senior Michael Taele got the Lancers to midfield and two plays later a halfback pass from Taele to receiver Justin Freeman gave Carlsbad first down on the St. Augustine 18-yard line with under two minutes left in the game.

By Anthony Gentile

"He's the real deal," Carlsbad head coach Bob McAllister said of Taele. "He had a very good game tonight — take away the fumble. He played very very well."

Three plays after the halfback pass, Carlsbad set up to kick a game-winning 28-yard field goal and it looked as if the Lancers would escape with victory. But the snap was too tall for holder Jason DeHay and rolled back to the 33-yard line where Saints senior Chris Guarin corralled it from a pack of players. From that point, St. Augustine was able to run out the clock.

Norsemen fall to one of Maryland's best

Valhalla hung with a fast, physical Our Lady of Good Counsel team for three quarters at home on Friday night. But the Falcons, one of the best teams from the state of Maryland, were too much for the Norsemen, who fell 28-16 in their season opener. "They are a physical team, and they have some studs," said Valhalla coach Steve Sutton. "But our kids weren't intimidated."

After Good Counsel scored a touchdown on their opening drive both defenses tightened. With 5:21 left in the first half, Valhalla made it 7-7 when quarterback Pete Thomas scored on an option keeper from four yards out. The teams went into the locker rooms tied.

The Norsemen took their only lead of the game on their first drive of the second half when Thomas kicked a 36-yard knuckleball through the uprights to cap a six-minute drive and put Valhalla ahead 10-7.

Good Counsel took the lead back with a 60-yard touchdown drive, though they missed the extra point. On the first play of the fourth quarter, Thomas dropped back to pass and his screen pass was picked off and returned for a touchdown. The Falcons would extend their lead to 28-10 before Valhalla added a late touchdown.



Valhalla receiver Nino Mallory gets away from Good Counsel linebacker Chris Pitsenberger

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T. G. I. F.

BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

"I write songs for love and...I write for revenge."

Gregory Page is back from Australia, where he toured on his own, then hooked up with Steve Poltz to re-form the Rugburns Down Under. Page being the rugburn — or "Sideburn," as he termed it. "Always a bridesmaid," he said. I owed Page from 17 years ago when he, Poltz, and Jewel opened for Dylan at a concert at the Embarcadero. I was stuck in the back and could not see that Page wasn't Robert Driscoll (another sideburn of Poltz's at the time), and so that's what I called him in a review of the show.

Page and I also played in the same band at different times: Jose Sinatra and the Troy Dante Inferno. Page replaced me on bass after my tenure of some years, played all the wrong parts, but that's all right. His forte is composition and guitars with more than four strings as evidenced by his first of an indefinite string of Saturday-night shows at Café Libertalia (aka Java Joe's, Thursday through Sunday nights), at 3834

Fifth Avenue in Hillcrest, near the corner of University Avenue.

For 90 minutes, beginning with an engaging and sometimes look-Ma, handless panache on the omnichord, the singer-songwriter entertained about as thoroughly as one could ask for. If you, as you may, think that Page needs no more local promotion, you could be right about the local part. It is wider promotion that is needed here. Who else would you have in mind for a tastefully considered and original Louis Armstrong pastiche, a Noel Coward finale live-voiced over an original recording of "I'll See You Again" (with, I assume, a digitally eighty-sixed Coward), and the same deal with Ted Lewis's summer of 1930 number-two hit record, "On the Sunny Side of the Street"?

And if you're among the handful who thought Page's previous originals, say, off the Love Made Me Drunk CD, were a tad depressing, youshuddabeenthere for his heartfelt and life-affirma-

tive delivery of "Everyone's Happy." Even I momentarily forgot that everything sucks. With his presentation of both recent and brand-new "stuff I haven't yet attached myself to, should I?", he asked the 30 or so audience members. Like "Diamonds and Rocks," "I Don't Like You (Anymore)," and "Ocean of Memories" (sung with Jason Mraz on the CD), complete with a freaking great Travis-picking interlude in one of them (I forgot which) re-announcing Page's presence in town, a lyrical and moving wake-up call to one of San Diego's unplumbed cultural resources.

All these songs (not the Lewis or Coward) are included on Page's 2009 CD Bird in a Cage. For the newer tunes, he is in the process of financing studio

Page will engage the audience with intersong patter, such as his imitation of himself as a preadolescent Londoner prancing around in his Middlesex bedroom in his underwear to Oueen records and speaking with an accent like the Geico lizard on the telly. During this reminiscence, maintaining this fully retrieved accent, he ended all his sentences with questions, didn't he? He even told a conventional joke. "What does Kenny G. say when he gets in an elevator? This

place rocks!"

"I write songs for story," he told us, the audience, "I write songs for love, and...I write for revenge." He mentioned listening to Louis Armstrong recently, as he sort of cleared his 1963 Montgomery Ward hollowbody, single cutaway guitar's throat before launching into "Promise of a Dream." He added, "Good artists borrow. Great artists steal."

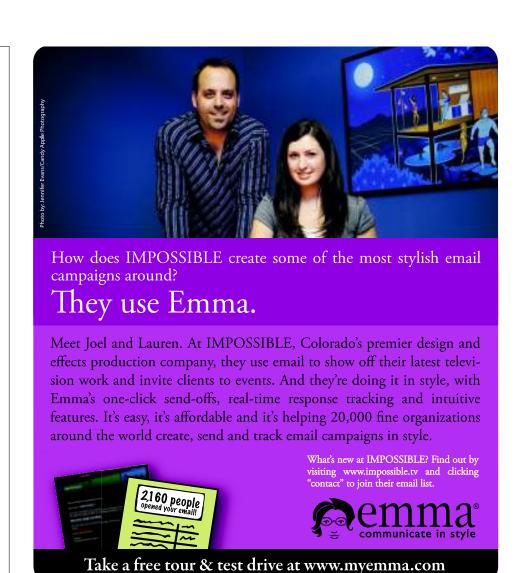
At a deuce table on Fifth Avenue's sidewalk,

Page told me about his London childhood. Born in England, he arrived here in 1976 in North Park, near Gregory Street, no less. "They knew I was coming, my grandfather said, and named it after me." His mother had a rock career with the Beat Chicks, who opened for the Beatles on a European tour. One stop on the tour was a bullfight arena in Spain where, Page told me, Paul McCartney covered the infant Page's eyes during the slaughtering coup delivered by the matador. "Why couldn't it have been John Lennon though?" Page asked no one in particular on Fifth Avenue. "But would he have covered my eyes? Maybe not, but life would have been so different.

"The jazzy stuff is all new," Page continued. Echoes of Wes Montgomery and Joe Pass are evidenced in this stuff, something previously unnoted, at least by me, on CDs such as Love Made Me Drunk, Sleeping Dogs, the Mraz-produced Knife in My Chest, Unhappy Hour, or his first, The Romantic Adventures of Harry.

Not to write a conventional review disguised as a column, and not to be didactic or promotional in any way, but if you don't like Page's stuff, there's something wrong with you.

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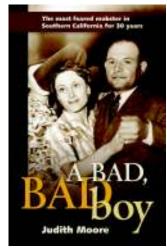
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Moore went a long way from Fat Girl to A Bad, Bad Boy. I wonder what she would have done next.



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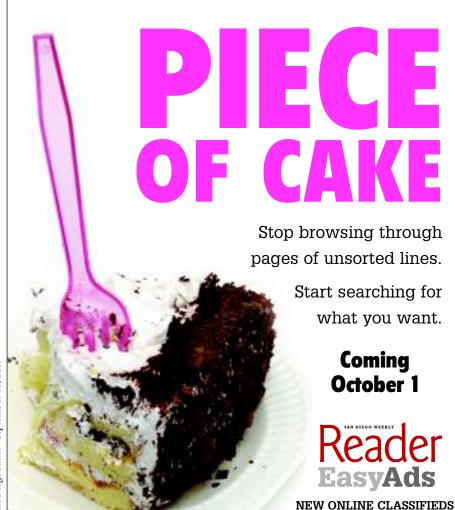
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The experience had them telling fish stories and planning their next excursion. It had hubby Patrick moaning about learning how

to tie knots and Eve needing to find appropriate fishing gear for my little anglers.

"You can get out of it what you put into it," said Dan Hart, owner of Hook, Line & Sinker (619-224-1336). "If you want to get really involved in it, there are people that own 40 fishing rods and go fishing every weekend. It just depends on how much you want to get into it. You can be successful at any level."

I'm not sold on the sport yet, so a decent beginner rod and reel and supplies will do.

"If you are just fishing offshore or out of one of the local piers," said Hart, "you can buy a little combo that is as inexpensive as \$29 for a spinning rod and a reel. Daiwa Combos will work great for that [Daiwa D-Shock Combos, \$29]."

For beginners, explained Hart, "If they fish on a public pier, like the Shelter Island Pier or Ocean Beach Pier, they don't need to buy a fishing license, which saves a bunch of money. If they want to surf-fish on the beach, they need to buy a California fishing license, which for a resident costs \$45.95. So, we send beginners to a pier so they can figure out if they like fishing before they go spend the money on a license."

The thought of spending \$45.95 per kid just to be able to fish legally had me considering ways to talk them out of fishing — until I talked to David at the Point Loma Sport Chalet. "Kids generally don't need a license to fish unless they are over 16," he explained. "If it is a private lake, you'll have to buy a pass to the lake. Whoever owns the lake usually will sell day passes. But an adult will have to buy the private lake pass in addition to a fishing license."

As far as equipment goes, "Ugly Stik is a good beginner pole," David said, "but those are mostly freshwater. They usually use a Shakespeare reel, which is a pretty good reel.

"If they fish on a public pier, they don't need to buy a fishing license."

The \$40 rod-and-reel combo comes with 100 yards of line, but no hooks, weights, or swivels. But for saltwater, Shimano or Daiwa are real popular reels. The cheapest saltwater setup is going to be \$50."

When it comes to reels, there are three main types. "There are the spinning reel,

the bait-cast reel, and the spin-cast reel. The spinning wheel is what

most people use. With the spinning wheel, you have to hold the line with your finger, and then unlock your reel, and then as you throw it you have to let go with your finger at the same time. So, kids can have trouble with that type of reel. The benefit of a spinning reel is it doesn't

tangle, but you have to use your finger to cast, so it takes a little more practice with the cast.

"The bait-cast reel is usually what more advanced fishermen use. They are really easy to cast, but they tend to get tangled a lot easier if you don't reel in as carefully as you should. So, if kids get a little hasty with a fish, they can tangle the line.

"And then there is kind of a hybrid called a spin cast, and that's for kids. It is really easy

to cast, really easy to reel in...the line doesn't tangle too much on it.

Most kids' poles will come with the spin cast, it's the one with the little button in the back that they push and once they let go it starts casting."

When it comes to kids' poles, "Zebco is a real popular company," David explained. "I have the Zebco 404 for kids [\$20],

which comes with a spin-cast reel, a rod, and a little bit of tackle — some bobbers, a couple lures, some hooks, a few weights, and a jig head or two.

"Tackle boxes are pretty simple," he added. "You can get advanced ones that hold everything you need for fishing, but for kids, probably just a little Plano box [Plano medium ProLatch StowAway Box, \$4.49]. They make tackle boxes, all the way from lunchbox-looking ones to big sport-bag-looking ones."

Sport Chalet carries a book: *Practical Fishing Knots* (**\$12.95**). I think I'll pick one up for Patrick.

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Huff-Puff

James Cain held no patent on deadly love triangles.

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The September Issue. R.J. Cutler's documentary version of The Devil Wears Prada, a revealing inside look at the putting-together of

the year's fattest issue of *Vogue*, what turns out to be history's fattest issue ever. The bleeding and sweating, the fight-

ing and dying, over the tiniest details will retain a degree of fascination no matter how trivial the details. (E.g., cover girl Sienna Miller's teeth, hair, etc. How does she dare show her face in public?) From a certain angle, the more trivial, the more fascinating. Editorin-Chief Anna Wintour, Meryl Streep's counterpart, is touted as "the single most important figure in the fashion industry" and "the most powerful woman in the United States," yet she remains, with or without sunglasses, somewhat remote and inscrutable behind a severe, face-hiding bob, like curtains closing on her nose — while never receding into Streepian caricature. Her long-time and less-groomed associate, Creative Director Grace Coddington, confides much more to the camera, and rallies much more sympathy to her causes.

Earth Days. Latest in a rash of fires

lit on screen for the environmental movement. Documentarist Robert Stone, stepping back for the long view, gathers

his fuel from the origins of the movement, the publication in 1962 of Rachel Carson's Silent Spring, the mobilization that led up to the first Earth Day in 1970, the gaining momentum that ran into the stiff resistance of the Reagan Administration. The like-minded, solemn, humorless talking heads — Stewart Udall, Stewart Brand, Paul Ehrlich, Dennis Meadows, Denis Haves, Stephanie Mills, Hunter Lovins, Pete McCloskey, Rusty Schweickart — are more flatteringly photographed than the average talking head, and the archive clips are frequently touching, whether the Madison Avenue pipedreams of an affluent and efficient post-WWII America or the raw news footage of



Jerichow

shaggy-haired idealists from the Vietnam era. The faithful will get their fix.

Jerichow. The Reading Gaslamp last week had the makings of a Nina Hoss film festival, positioning this newer showcase under the same roof with the already situated *A Woman in Berlin*. The sunken-cheeked willowy blonde, no longer starving under Russian occupation at the end of the Second World

War, is now the modern-day wife of a suspicious and abusive Turkish-born snack-bar entrepreneur, in Christian Petzold's German translation of James M. Cain's *The Postman Always Rings Twice*. Of course James Cain held no patent on deadly love triangles, and indeed the cucumber harvest here brings to mind Elmore Leonard's facsimile, *The Big Bounce*—not the dread-

ful movie remake of five years ago but the underappreciated adaptation of forty ago. (Excellent, educational shots, in the bargain, of the pickle pickers stretched out prone on the slow-moving mechanical rig, a couple of feet above the ground.) The third side of the triangle is a stone-faced loner and Afghanistan army vet played by Benno Fürmann, hired away from the cucum-



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ber crop to chauffeur the Turk after the latter's license gets lifted for drunk driving, exposing the hireling to the daily allure of his employer's wife, a good-looking albeit unglamorous and unconniving *femme fatale*. This unpretentious bare-bones rehash, too elemental for copyright infringement, justifies itself not by the altered ironic ending (a bit too ironic for belief) but by the filmmaker's precise, understated, no-waste style, with dexterous use of subjective cameras from differing points of view.

9. If you've been waiting for the Rob Marshall musical remake of Fellini's 8½, be warned that this isn't it. (That would be Nine - not an Arabic numeral but letters of the Latin alphabet.) This — not to be confused, either, with District 9, though no great harm if it were to be so confused — is a postapocalyptic computer cartoon by Shane Acker, set in a rusty, dusty, colordeprived future. "But life," intones the rumbling narrator at the outset, "must go on," even if only in the form of Lilliputian cloth-doll automatons hounded by Brobdingnagian mechanized cutlery. The realistic graphic style recalls the stop-motion Coraline earlier this year in its endless devotion to tactility — the gunnysack skin of the automatons, the grainy wood, the weathered metal — and since the line between live action and computer animation continues to narrow and to blur, it would be no problem to populate the very same terrain with flesh-and-blood people instead of their disembodied voices (Elijah Wood, John C. Reilly, Christopher Plummer, Jennifer Connelly, Martin Landau). The engulfing visual experience provides sufficient distraction from, or compensation for, the rudimentary conflict of rebels against machines.

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

pleas of his prey: "Well, I'm not going to keep you long."

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

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

need the work. Badly. ■

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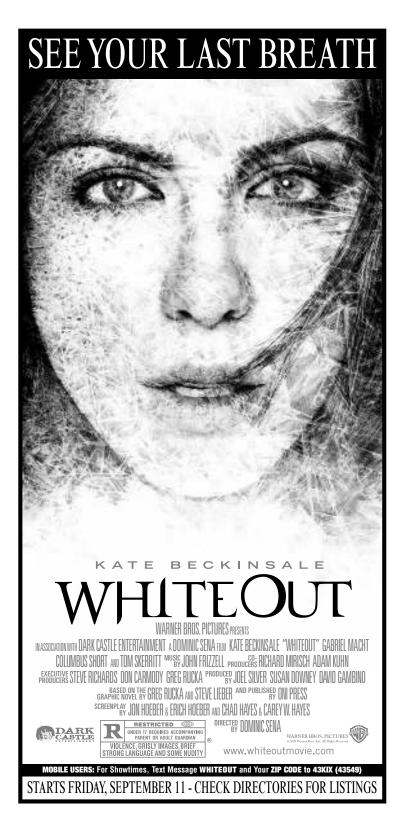
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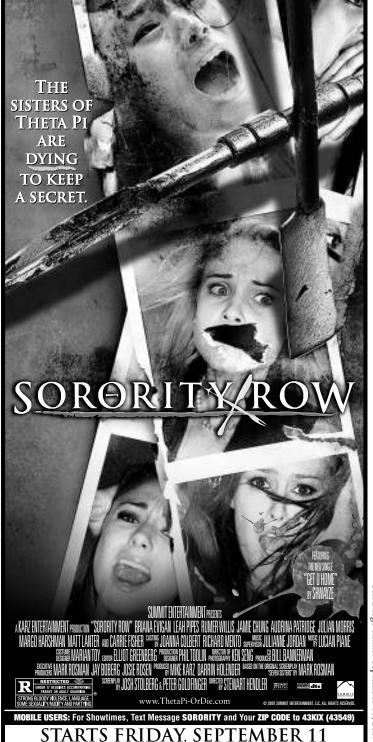
The Baader Meinhof Complex — Uli Edel's docudrama on the German radical terrorist organization of the 1970s, with

Moritz Bleibtreu, Martina Gedeck, Bruno Ganz.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/11)

Cold Souls — Off the same wall as Being John Malkovich. Paul Giamatti, being Paul Giamatti, is feeling the burden of his soul in the course of rehearsals for a stage production of Uncle Vanya, unable to locate the requisite lightness of touch. At the sugges tion of his agent, the dyspeptic actor tries an option he had never before heard of, though it's been written up in The New Yorker and listed in the Yellow Pages: soul removal and temporary storage. The resulting lightness, plus emptiness, plus ennui, only worsens his portrayal, so he tries the stopgap solution of renting the soul of an anonymous Russian poet. (The Russians are world leaders in soul trafficking.) By the time he decides he wants his own soul back, it — the exact likeness of a chickpea — has been stolen and transplanted into a Russian TV soap-opera actress under the misapprehension she was getting the soul of Al Pa-





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cino (who's not, let's be clear, in the movie) Synopsis cannot help but overplay the zaniness. Writer and director Sophie Barthes, whether or not burdened by her own soul. likewise lacks the requisite lightness of touch. An oatmeal-gray image, a whisperquiet sound level, and a drifting plot propulsion combine to immerse any whimsicality into a miasma of angst and anomie, more suited perhaps to an adaptation of a Camus novel. Even a fantasy, or especially a fantasy, will be expected to some degree to define its terms, to give the audience in this instance an idea of what a soul consists of. what constitutes its purview, what differentiates it from, say, the prefrontal cortex. It's apparent from Giamatti's performance that he was given no idea either. David Strathairn, Emily Watson, Dina Korzun, Katheryn Winnick. 2009.

• (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 9/11)

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

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Earth Days — Reviewed this issue. With Steward Udall, Denis Hayes, Paul Ehrlich, Stephanie Mills, and Stewart Brand; directed by Robert Stone.

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

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CEN-

TER 10; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; SAN-TEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SOUARE 14)

500 Days of Summer — Chronicle of the relationship of a young couple brought together at the office, a greeting-card company, through their shared taste for the music of the Smiths, among other things: "She likes Magritte and Hopper!" It is a maddeningly mixed experience, beginning (and continuing) with the two leads. A dimply Joseph Gordon-Levitt, often a tortured soul on screen (*Mysterious Skin, Brick, The Lookout*, etc.), proves himself capable of being a real charmer, a chick-flick dreamboat who believes wholeheartedly in the preordained One-and-Only and who deserves better than his halfhearted object of desire:

"There's no such thing as love. It's fantasy." As the latter — Summer is her name, 500 days her shelf life - Zooey Deschanel is by contrast her usual saucer-eyed, spacey, sedated, affectless self, some of which may be ascribed to the character, but most of which must be ascribed to the actress, and all of which tends to signal and soften the bumps in the road, the body blows, ("You should know up front," intones the off-and-on omniscient narrator, "that this is not a love story.") The main gimmick of the film, the directorial debut of Marc Webb, is not just its nonlinear narrative but its advance identification of each and every scene by its placement on the timeline (Day 488... 1. 299...), something like an Alain Resnais film with a road map and rounded edges. The resulting juxtaposition of discordant

moods, often for facile comic effect, is no longer fresh, yet forever ageless. Bits of cleverness, plentiful enough, are balanced equally by bits of cutesiness. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST CINE-MAS; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SOLJARE 14)

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

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Gamer — Futuristic action film starring Gerard Butler and co-directed by Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor. (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra — Like Transformers, this enterprise — this franchise — has put the merchandising first, succeeding as opposed to preceding a line of toys. (Trademark Hasbro.) The movie, opening deflatingly in 17th-century France before advancing to a science-fictional "not too distant future," is a live-action cartoon from the maker of The Mummy and The Mummy Returns, Stephen Sommers, or at any rate is live-action as far as its actors, Channing Tatum, Marlon Wayans, Sienna Miller, Dennis Quaid, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Christopher Eccleston, et al., though the actual action is predominantly computer-generated cartoon, dead and deadening on arrival. It comes to a bitter end when a sequel is pledged: "You know, Duke, this has only just begun." Gulp. 2009.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard -

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

• (MISSION VALLEY 20)

Gotta Dance — Documentary by Dori Berinstein on a senior citizens' hip-hop team for the NBA New Jersey Nets. (GASLAMP 15, FROM 9/11)

The Hangover — Sledgehammer comedy about four buddies (Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis, Justin Bartha) who go to Vegas for a bachelor party and wake up the morning after with no memory of the night before, a tiger in the bathroom, a baby in the closet, and the mystery of a missing bridegroom. Boys will be bores. With Heather Graham, Ken Jeong, Jeffrey Tambor, and, as himself, Mike Tyson; directed by Todd Phillips. 2009.

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



Harry Potter and the Half-Blood

Prince — Part VI — Pot VI — comes close to a complete cheat. The once child actors, children no more, are developing faster than the story, and indeed the foretold war with the Dark Lord tends here to be crowded out by assorted amorous 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 one by David Yates, is no longer in evidence, as we begin a new school year with a new guest star in the cast, Jim Broadbent (more or less assuming the prior guest spots of Imelda Staunton and Miranda Richardson) as the faculty's new Potions Master, first introduced in disguise as an overstuffed armchair, a promising shape-shifting gift never glimpsed again. The laden production muggy atmosphere, congested décors, piles of bric-a-brac, oodles of CGI — further gums up the plot machinery, impedes forward progress; and the infrequent action, when it comes, comes out of nowhere and quickly returns thereto. Toward the end, the sustained scene in the cavern does attain a degree of creepiness, not hard to do when you've got a battalion of the mutant offspring of Gollum from Lord of the Rings, and this admittedly is followed by a Major Development. To get to that, however, oughtn't to have required a two-and-a-halfhour running time. If anything, we seem further from a final resolution than we seemed at the finish of the previous episode, with two more still to go. The entire series shapes up as the exemplary oppo site of economical storytelling, and the exasperated spectator can but concur with the character who declares at the curtain, "It was all a waste, all of it." Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Michael Gambon, Alan Rickman. 2009.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

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 neces sarily 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. 2008. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

I Can Do Bad All by Myself — Director and star Tyler Perry reprises his Madea persona, with Taraji P. Henson. (FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER 10: MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; FROM 9/11)

Inglourious Basterds - Quentin Tarantino takes no more than the risible title from Enzo G. Castellari's Dirty Dozen knockoff of 1978, and respells, misspells, that. (Did he ponder Basturds as possibly funnier?) Much of the movie, a revisionist revisitation of the French theater of operations in the Second World War, is unapologetically, unsanctimoniously silly. Yet the revisions give you plenty to chew on. You need no extraordinary expertise to realize that Tarantino has played fast and loose with the facts of how and when the Third Reich fell, has indeed set sail into a parallel universe. The size of the falsification (a Big Lie about the foremost perpetrator of the Big Lie) is the difference between just another sneaky Hollywood falsification and a brazen joke on all such falsifications. It perhaps goes without saving that Tarantino's treatment of Nazis is not motivated by any sense of horror and outrage (never mind sanctimony) over the philosophy of Aryan supremacy, the death camps, and so on much less by any desire to "understand," but solely by the need of a universally acceptable villain. He wants to do nothing more to Nazis, nothing worse, than to conventionalize them, fictionalize them, Knowingly nudging his depiction beyond the silly and into the campy, he lures you onto the battlefield of aesthetics, safely away from politics. Once there, he's got you where he wants you. Where his movie can better repel attack. In the end — at the close of two and a half hours — it stands as arguably his best-made to date, scene after scene meticulously shaped and timed, not to mention gleamingly photographed by Robert Richardson. While he is serious where it counts — the architectonic solidity, the painstaking precision, the creative flair, of the camera angles and compositions — he

is also funny wherever he chooses, picking his spots and racking up an impressive ratio of successes to attempts. Brad Pitt, Christoph Waltz, Mélanie Laurent, Daniel Brühl, Diane Kruger. 2009.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VAL-LEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER 10: LA JOLLA 12: LA PALOMA, FROM 9/11; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Jerichow — Reviewed this issue. With Benno Fürmann, Nina Hoss, and Hilmi Sözen; written and directed by Christian Petzold.

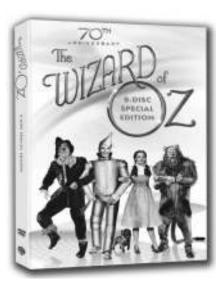
★★ (GASLAMP 15)

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





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just half the time, to be with Julia; and we should probably be grateful to writer-director Nora Ephron, whose title comes from Powell's blown-up blog but whose source material expanded to encompass Child's autobiography, that we have Julia-slash-Meryl even half the time. It could have been less. Stanley Tucci, Chris Messina, Jane Lynch. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROME-NADE 24; TOWN SOUARE 14)

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, Ouizzical Face, or Noncommittal Face, every bit as expressive as the Jack-in-the-Box of fast-food TV ads. It's quite astonishing how even the most modest-budget science fiction now approximates the nonpareil special effects of the Kubrick monument of forty years ago. 2009.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

My One and Only — Reviewed this issue. With Renée Zellweger, Logan Lerman, Mark Rendall, and Kevin Bacon; directed by Richard Loncraine.

- (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)
- **9** Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Elijah Wood, Christopher Plummer, John C. Reilly, and Jennifer Connelly; directed by Shane Acker.
- ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Play the Game — Reviewed this issue. With Paul Campbell, Andy Griffith, Marla Sokoloff, and Doris Roberts; written and directed by Marc Fienberg.

• (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 9/11)

Ponyo — Hayao Miyazaki further postpones his announced retirement three feature films earlier, and appears to reverse the slippage of his hand-drawn purism into corner-cutting computer animation, reverting to a simpler, less congested style than in Spirited Away and even more Howl's Moving Castle. His famous sensitivity to nature is immediately on display with the plunge into a teeming underwater world dominated at first by jellyfish and soon turning up a school of human-headed wigglies identified eventually as goldfish, one of whom nurses an overwhelming urge to become head-to-toe human (which means, high on the list, to eat ham) and to escape the dominion of her inexplicably humanoid father: "If you could only remain innocent and pure forever." Some lip service gets paid to the precarious ecological balance, but no narrative developments quite live up to the apocalyptic rhetoric. A modest fairy tale of personal liberation (fashioned loosely after The Little Mermaid of Hans Christian Andersen), with its ambiguous father figures and idealized mothers, proves nevertheless to be compelling enough on its own; and the sustained climax rises sufficiently high with the coming of a typhoon, the slanting



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rain and bending wind, the swelling whale-like waves, the flooding of a landscape we have come to know well, the navigating of the roads by fish in place of cars, and the presto-change-o transformation of a toy boat into a serviceable little putt-putt to navigate the surface. With the voices of Tina Fey, Liam Neeson, Cate Blanchett, Matt Damon, Noah Cyrus (little sister of Miley), and Frankie Jonas (little brother of the Jonas Brothers). 2009.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SOUARE 14)

The September Issue — Reviewed this issue. With Anna Wintour, Grace Coddington, and Thakoon Panichgul; directed by R.J. Cutler.

 $\bigstar \bigstar$ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 9/11)

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

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Sorority Row — Serial killer on campus, with Briana Evigan, Rumer Willis, and Carrie Fisher, directed by Stewart Hendler. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/11)

Spellbound — Hitchcock's psychoanalytic murder mystery makes use of the subject, indifferently, just for a fresh new gimmick (a Freudian sleuth played by Ingrid Bergman in eyeglasses) instead of for its real possibilities. Where those possibilities start is in Gregory Peck's private stifled panics about any kind of striation on a white background (the impression of fork tines on a tablecloth, the tracks of children's sleds on newfallen snow), and where those possibilities vanish completely is in the silly dream sequence devised, self-servingly, by Salvador Dali. 1945.

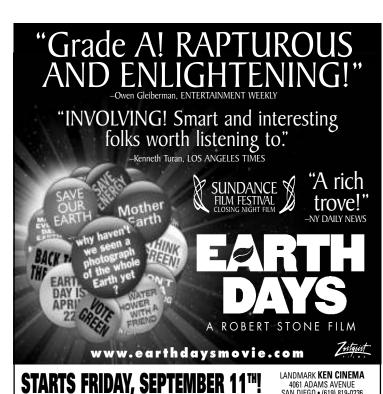
★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 9/10 THROUGH 12. 8:30 P.M.)

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 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



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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. ★★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

still banking on the critical goodwill since *Brokeback Mountain*, whips up some innocuous nostalgia around the milestone music festival of the summer of 1969, a fortieth-anniversary fictionalized addendum to Michael Wadleigh's official Woodstock. complete with imitative split-screen effects. This docucomedy, so to call it, never gets near the music — no nearer than the emblematic mud slide - so that the movie lacks a proper payoff, unless you can count the paint-by-computer acid trip or (cashing in a Brokeback dividend) the homosexual coming-out. It lacks, to put a finer point on it, a sense of purpose, a raison d'être. A few feigned tensions arise along the way -Mafia buttinskies, inhospitable townsfolk, congested traffic — but nothing to derail the prevailing love-in. We get our fill, never fear, of "far out" and "cool" and "groovy and "heavy," and we get a handful of hindsight drolleries: "Can you believe it? A dollar for water!" Imelda Staunton, a bulldog in two-toned glasses frames, claims the limelight from both the protagonist (her on-screen son) and a supporting cast of half a million, in the part of a Russian Jewish immigrant who, as proprietress of the mom-and-pop El Monaco Motel, pinches pennies on a pathological scale (one dollar per towel), an irresistible candidate for a hash brownie. A yardstick, that brownie, of

the filmmaker's docile conventionality. With Demetri Martin, Henry Goodman, Liev Schreiber, Jonathan Groff, Eugene Levy, Emile Hirsch. 2009.

★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Time Traveler's Wife — Lifetime Channel science fiction to do with a passive time-tripper who has no control over his departures or arrivals (leaving behind a pile of clothes and taking with him only his birthday suit) and no power to alter events. One can't be sure that these rules are strictly adhered to. The lifelong love affair that begins with a naked adult man and a six-yearold girl seems to have potential as a metaphor of female lovalty and male inconstancy, but despite the ardent efforts of Rachel McAdams (especially) and Eric Bana, the potential gives way to gloss and goo. Directed by Robert Schwentke. 2009. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

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" soliloguy). With Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Tyrese Gibson, and Ramon Rodriguez; directed by Michael Bay. 2009.

• (GASLAMP 15)

The Ugly Truth — Cool-blonde control freak and dark hairy caveman (Katherine Heigl, Gerard Butler) in a conflict of

philosophies, personalities, and sexualities, behind the scenes at a Sacramento TV morning talk show. The road to the predictable and inevitable is paved with, among other things, a pair of vibrating panties, the remote control in the wrong hands at the wrong time. Hard to imagine Katharine Hepburn or Jean Arthur at that spot in the road. With Bree Turner, Eric Winter, Cheryl Hines, and John Michael Higgins; directed by Robert Luketic. 2009 • (FASHION VALLEY 18: PALM PROMENADE 24)

Whiteout — South Pole suspense film with Kate Beckinsale, Gabriel Macht, and Tom Skerritt, directed by Dominic Sena. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14: FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14: SANTEE DRIVE IN: TOWN SQUARE 14: FROM 9/11)

A Woman in Berlin — German dramatization of an incendiary wartime diary published at the end of the Fifties by "Anonyma," an account of the Russian occupation after the fall of Berlin. Filmmaker Max Färberböck narrows his gaze, and ours, to a single neglected facet of the war: the ancient and abiding practice of mass rape as one of the unquestioned spoils of the conqueror, and the pragmatic survival methods of its victims. The protagonist's — the diarist's — eventual arrangement with the chiselled and lacquered Red Army commander, a "pact with the devil" to insulate her from taking on all comers (pun sternly discouraged), is a war-story commonplace. But the narrowness of focus and the wealth of rub-your-nose-in-it circumstantial detail go beyond the common. One woman can bump into an old friend in the street and ask without preamble, "How many?" - and we understand fully what she's talking about. Färberböck's tough-minded nonjudgmentalism does not exactly find its purest expression, its kindred spirit, in the grab-bag vacillation and noncommitment of the visual style. His willy-nilly switches in approach — the firmly planted dramatic up-shot alternated with the hand-held scramble, the taut deep-focus composition set beside the mushy telephoto compression — give the spectacle a gumminess as treacherous, in its way, as the subject matter. The soaring interest of one image offers no assurance against the plummeting interest of the next. Nina Hoss, Yevgeni Sidikhin, Rudiger Vogler, Irm Herrmann.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

World's Greatest Dad — Pitch-dark comedy, truly (if briefly) switching off the lights midway through, built around a hangdog high-school poetry teacher and unpublished writer, as well as around his more popular and successful rival in the English department (printed in The New Yorker on first try), his sweet-talking secret lover in the art department ("Cupcake," "Cheesecake," etc., addressed in turn as "Honeydew Melon," "Watermelon Sherbet," etc.), and his nihilistic unreachable sullen son: "Movies are for losers and art fags." The last-mentioned (the Brillo-haired, potty-mouthed Daryl Sabara), a monstrous mutation of a teenage type, attracts the strongest interest, but he — without giving away too much of the plot - cannot sustain the film. Several of the supporting characters are well and amusingly delineated, but in the title role, Robin Williams, he of the fishhooked mouth and stitchedtight eyes, proves too heavy for the lighter bits and too light for the heavier. His microphone mercifully is cut during his impassioned pitch for the Oscar, letting a muffling pop song carry the emotion. Bobcat Goldthwait, who puts in an appearance uncredited as a Hollywood limo driver, wrote

and directed in his fatiguingly combative manner. With Alexie Gilmore, Henry Simmons, Geoff Pierson, and "introducing Bruce Hornsby as 'Bruce Hornsby'." 2009. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg - Documentary disinterment of a half-forgotten (or more than half), and deservedly remembered, radio and television trailblazer, Gertrude Berg, the writer and star of the approachably ethnic sitcom, The Goldbergs. Her warmth emerges even through the degraded broadcast footage (only the final 1955 season comes through sharp and clear), the degradation somehow underscoring the preciousness. Aviva Kempner, who directed *The Life and Times of Hank* Greenberg about another Jewish trailblazer, makes rather unscrupulous use of archive clips (Chaplin's The Immigrants, the Marx Brothers in The Cocoanuts, Jolson in The Jazz Singer, and the like) to get away whenever possible from the talking heads (Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Susan Stamberg, Gary David Goldberg, Norman Lear, biographer Glenn Smith, assorted collaborators and descendants). When the chronology runs into the subject of radio, shots of people listening to a radio will illustrate that invention. When the musical theme of the show falls under discussion, a shot of an orchestra will reveal where music comes from. And when a library gets mentioned, there will be shots of libraries for anyone unfamiliar with such institutions. The talking heads dominate, even so. 2009.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) It Might Get Loud (PG); The September Issue (PG 13); World's Greatest Dad (PG-13); 500 Days of Summer (PG 13): The Hurt Locker (R); The Baader Meinhof Complex

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1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Adventures in Wild California (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 4:00; Amazing Journeys (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00, 6:00 Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 2:00, 6:00; **Under the Sea** (G) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All by Myself (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:20, 8:00, 10:40 Call theater for program information.

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264

District 9 (R); Extract (R); The Final Destination (R); Gamer (R); I Can Do Bad All by Myself (PG-13); Inglourious Basterds (R); Julie and Julia (PG-13); 9 (PG-13); Sorority Row (R); Whiteout (R)

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) The Final Destination (R); Halloween II (R); Inglourious Basterds (R); Whiteout (R)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

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



The Final Destination 3D (R) (11:15 1:30 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; Whiteout (R) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:30 10:00; Sorority Row (R) (12:00 2:30) 5:15 8:00 10:30; I Can Do Bad All By **Myself** (PG-13) (11:00 1:45) 4:45 7:30 10:15; **9** (PG-13) (11:00 1:00 3:15) 5:30 7:45 10:00; Gamer (R) (11:00 1:15 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:30: **Halloween II** (R) (12:30 3:00) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Inglourious Basterds (R) (12:15 3:30) 7:00 10:15; **District 9** (R) (11:15 1:45) 4:15 7:15 10:15; The Time Traveler's Wife (PG-13) (2:00) 7:15 9:45; No 9:45 Sat.; **Shorts** (PG) (11:15) 4:30: The Haunted World of El Superbeasto (R) 10:00 PM Sat. only; Bionicle: The Legend Reborn (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun.

No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (858-558-2262) All about Steve (PG-13); District 9 (R); Extract (R); The Final Destination (R); Gamer (R); G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13); I Can Do Bad All by Myself (PG-13); Inglourious Basterds (R): 9 (PG-13): Ponvo (G) Sorority Row (R); The Time Traveler's Wife (R); Whiteout (R)

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) District 9 (R); Extract (R); The Final Destination (R); 500 Days of Summer (PG-13) G-Force (PG): Gamer (R): G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13); Halloween II (R); The Hangover (R); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG); I Can Do Bad All by Myself (PG-13); Inglourious Basterds (R); Julie and Julia (PG-13); 9 (PG-13); Ponyo (G); Shorts (PG); Sorority Row (R); Star Trek (PG-13); The Time Traveler's Wife (R); The Ugly Truth (R); Whiteout (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16

1025 Tierra del Rey (off 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) District 9 (R); Extract (R); The Final Destination (R); G-Force (PG); Gamer (R); G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13); Halloween II (R); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG); I Can Do Bad All by Myself (PG-13); Inglourious Basterds (R); 9 (PG-13); Shorts (PG); Sorority Row (R); The Time Traveler's Wife (R); Whiteout (R)

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) I Can Do Bad All by Myself (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 4:00) 7:15, 10:00 Call theater for program information.

FALLBROOK

River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



The Final Destination 3D (R) (11:30 2:15) 4:15 6:15 8:15 10:30; Whiteout (R)(12:15 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30, **Gamer** (R) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:30: District 9 (R) (11:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; Julie and Julia (PG) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:30 10:15; Inglourious Basterds (R) (12:45 4:00) 7:15 10:30; Thomas and Friends: Hero of the Rails (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only

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POWAY

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



 $\label{eq:Whiteout} \begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Whiteout} \ (R) \ (11:30 \ 2:00) \ 4:30 \ 7:15 \ 10:00; \\ \textbf{Sorority Row} \ (R) \ (10:15 \ 12:45 \ 3:15) \ 5:45 \ 8:15 \end{tabular}$ 10:45; I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG-13) (10:15 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00; **9** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; Extract (R) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:00 7:30 9:45; **Gamer** (R) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:15 8:30 10:45; All about Steve (PG-13) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **In**glourious Basterds (R) (12:00 3:30) 7:00 10:15; District 9 (R) (10:30 1:15) 4:15 7:15 10:00; No 10:30 am on Sat. & Sun.; Julie and Julia (PG) (11:00 1:45) 4:45 7:45 10:30; Shorts (PG) (10:00 3:00); Bionicle: The Legend Reborn (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

VISTA

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

All about Steve (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:30, 10:00; **District 9** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05; **Extract** (R) Fri. Sun. (12:30, 2:50, 5:15) 7:35, 9:50; **The Final Destination** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:30, 3:40, 5:50) 8:10, 10:10; Gamer (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:20, 9:40; G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:05, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:05; **Julie and Julia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 2:00, 4:45) 7:35, 10:20; **9** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 12:40, 1:20, 2:45, 3:30, 5:05, 5:40) 7:10, 7:50, 9:20, 10:00; Sorority Row (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:50, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; The Time Traveler's Wife (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40); I Can Do Bad All **by Myself** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 11:45, 1:45, 2:20, 4:20, 5:00) 7:05, 7:40, 9:40, 10:15; Whiteout (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:00, 5:30) 7:15, 8:00, 9:45, 10:20

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) All about Steve (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:15, 4:35) 6:50, 9:00 Sun. (12:00, 2:15, 4:35) 6:50; Inglourious Basterds (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:35) 7:00, 10:05 Sun. (12:15, 3:35) 7:00; I Can Do Bad All by Myself (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55 Sun. (11:55, 2:30. 5:00) 7:30; **Whiteout** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15, 9:35 Sun. (12:05, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

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



Whiteout (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45: Gamer (R) (11:30 2:00) 4:30 7:15 9:45: All about Steve (PG-13) (10:00 12:15 2:45) $\begin{array}{l} 5:15\ 7:45\ 10:15; \textbf{Inglourious Basterds}\ (R)\\ (12:00\ 3:45)\ 7:00\ 10:15; \textbf{District 9}\ (R)\ (10:30\ 10:30) \end{array}$ 1:15) 4:15 7:15 10:00; The Time Traveler's Wife (PG-13) (11:15) 4:45 10:00; No 11:15 am Sat. & Sun.; **Ponyo** (G) (2:15) 7:30; **Bionicle: The Legend Reborn** (G) I10:30 am Sat.-Sun. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thurs

Flower Hill 4

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



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

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

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

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

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



Whiteout (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Extract (R) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; No 10 am on Sat. & Sun.; All about Steve (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; Inglourious Basterds (R) (12:00 3:30) 7:15 10:30; **District 9** (R) (11:15 2:15) 5:00 7:45 10:45; **Julie and Julia** (PG) (10:30 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:15; Bionicle: The Legend Reborn (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

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



The Final Destination 3D (R) (11:00 1:00 3:15) 5:30 7:45 9:45; **The Final Destination** (11:30 2:00) 4:15 6:30 8:30 10:45; **Whiteout** (R) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Sorority Row (R) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 8:00 10:30; I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG-13) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:15 10:00; 9 (PG-13) (11:15 1:30 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Extract** (R) (12:00 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; Will also play at 10:00 am on Wed. only; Gamer (R) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 6:00 8:15 10:30; All about Steve (PG-13) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; No 12:30 on Sat. & Sun.; **Hal-loween II** (R) (11:45 2:15) 4:45 7:15 9:45; No 7:15 Thu.; Inglourious Basterds (R) (12:00 3:45) 7:00 10:15; District 9 (R) (11:15 2:15) 5:00 7:45 10:15; G.I Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13) (11:15) 4:45 10:15; No 10:15 pm Sat.; No 11:15 am Sun.; Ponyo (G) (2:00) 7:30; The Haunted World of El Superbeasto (R) 10:00 PM Sat. only; Luisa Fernanda Opera 10:30 AM Sun. only; Bionicle: The Legend Reborn (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only: Cinderella Ballet 7 pm Thu. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Oceanside 16

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by Barbarella

The tendency to whining and complaining may be taken as the surest sign of little souls and inferior intellects.

— Lord Jeffrey

struggled to maintain a deadpan expression, using what was left of my energy to fight the impulse to break into a full-blown guffaw followed by a rolling of my eyes that would take my entire head along for the ride. You have to be cordial, said a calm, firm voice in my head. But how can I when this is so unbelievably asinine? answered another, in the high pitch of a tired child. Before my inner adult could quibble back, both voices were silenced by a wail that originated from outside of my skull: "So? What are you going to do about this important issue?" (I learned long ago that every issue at a homeowner's association meeting is "important.")

"What would you have me do," I answered, "stand on the corner all day and night and reprimand people

"What would you have me do, stand on the corner all day and night and reprimand people?"

who don't pick up after their dogs?" Careful, the calm voice in my head returned to warn, don't say anything you might regr — "You live in a city, you deal with assholes. Our management company is not responsible for policing random acts of inconsideration, and, personally, I don't have time to deal with this shit — no pun

Board-domme

intended. Next?"

An older man, a nice guy whose face I knew but whose name escaped me, raised his hand slowly. I nodded for him to go ahead while suppressing a knowing sigh: he had come to the last two meetings to complain about some mystery noise that keeps him up at night. I listened to this third recitation of his grievance and proffered the same answer I'd given him twice before, my tone imbued with the patience and understanding his innocent elderliness elicits in me.

"I'm sorry you are suffering from this nuisance, but in order to help you, I need to know where the noise is coming from. I can't send a violation notice to every unit that is adjacent to yours." I suggested, as I had in the past, that he try introducing himself to his neighbors and politely inquire as to the source of the sound. "When it comes to noise complaints, I like to give people the benefit of the doubt — always try to resolve the issue in person. It promotes communal

courtesy. You never know," I said, with more optimism than I felt, "whoever it is might not be aware of the problem."

It was David who insisted I volunteer to be on the board of our homeowners' association. "You're the people person," he'd said. It was our first home (still is), and we wanted to protect our investment by getting involved in the implementation of everything, as the building was brand spanking new. That was four years ago.

"I'm not sure I'm up for doing it again," I said as we walked home from the last meeting.

"When is the annual election?"

"Next month," I answered. "I'm just so jaded. The stupid complaints, and most of them are *so* stupid. The imprudent suggestions, like requiring all guests be approved and identified *in advance*, or shutting down one of the elevators to decrease our carbon footprint. Like I'm going to check with someone every time my dad wants to visit? And you want to decrease your carbon footprint? How 'bout you don't drive that SUV or have that kid."

"They're not all bad," David said, and he had a point. There are the shining examples, the handful of involved homeowners, the ones I consider "good neighbors" — considerate, helpful, sensible. For them, I didn't mind the many hours spent mediating on a variety of issues, working out the budget, monitoring the emails, choosing high-quality-but-low-cost vendors, running meetings, and all the other responsibilities that come with the unpaid gig. What I minded were the

incessant complaints.

Some people seem to regard kvetching as a hobby. For example, one guy has fussed about noise in the neighborhood from day one. I once suggested to him that perhaps a building constructed in the city between a few prominent nightclubs isn't the best choice of residence for a seeker of peace and quiet. In response to my reasonable observation, which I'd communicated politely in an attempt to offer perspective, I received an onslaught of threats. I quote, from one such email: "...it would prove to be very disadvantageous for this building's reputation, if for example a news story in the local media were developed explaining the disappointment of moving into a new, upscale and expensive condominium only to find it was so poorly managed and where anything goes." He accused me of not doing my job, an interesting prospect when one considers the job of a board member is to decide where association funds are allocated and to enforce the rules and regulations as set forth in the building's governing documents, not to stand outside the club and hush bar patrons. I'm not sure what sparked his next statement, but it made me chuckle: "Let me assure you, you do NOT want to get into a pissing match with me." He went on to say something about how I'd better look for good counsel, yada, yada, yada. None of this concerned me, as the more blustery browbeaters rarely follow through on their threats, and when it comes to "pissing," I'm confident in both my distance and accuracy.

Four years later, the same person





continues to bellyache about noise in the neighborhood and most recently has threatened to write a letter to the editor of the Union-Tribune in a supposed bid to drive down property values. When I saw this latest gripe/threat, I sighed, shook my head, and thought, Really? This is how you want to spend your time? Moving to a condo in the middle of a city and complaining about noise is like waltzing into Chuck E. Cheese and demanding the manager ban children.

I realize complaints are part of the territory — how else would I be able to enforce our rules if I were not notified of those who break them? It's the end-





less nitpicking over petty issues that I have no surefire way of preventing that I find exasperating (e.g., skateboarders in the alley, theft in a parking garage, a particularly hot day outside).

"So?" David asked, as we arrived to our home sweet home, the one I work so hard to protect and improve. "You going to run?"

"For all the drama and annoyance it brings, I like making sure things are running smoothly and that our considerable fees are not being squandered on stupid shit," I said. "Last year I lowered our dues by tightening our budget and hired better window-washing and janitorial companies. I installed new security cameras and dealt with

numerous individual issues. True, I was assaulted in the hallways countless times by people who don't even bother to say hello, but then I get to bitch to you at the end of the day about how thankless the job is. So, in short, yes. I already sent in my candidacy form."



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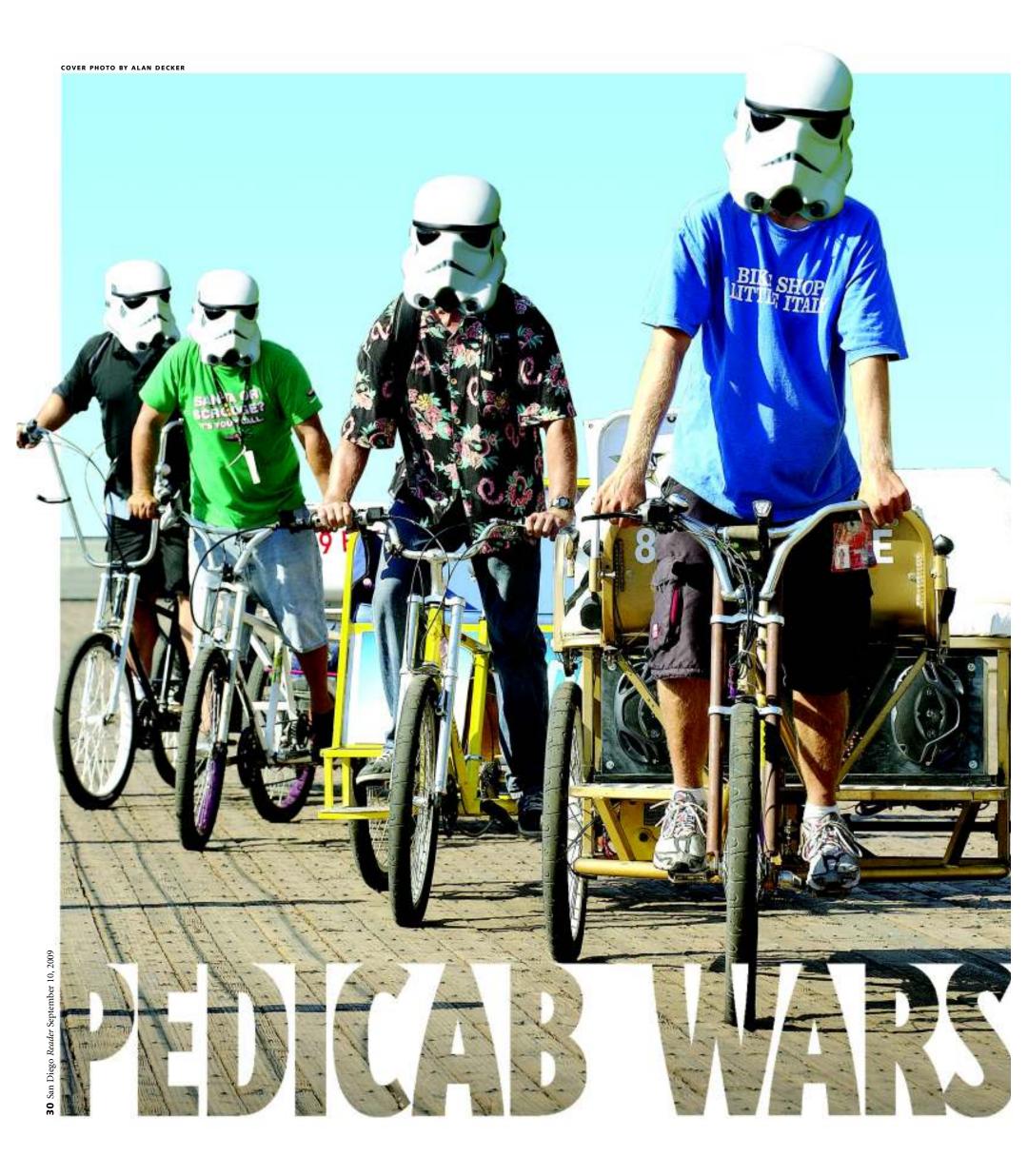
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Roll 'em!

"God, I hate them [foreigners]. Why can't I kill one of them?"

Straight-to-camera, Guy Harinton yells, "Why can't I kill one of them little fuckers?!" He's frothing. Here, at the Embarcadero's Coronado ferry landing, a foreign-student pedicab driver has just ridden off with a load of tourists who want to do the San Diego Seal Tours' amphibious bus/boat ride that starts from Seaport Village.

"He's taking them down there to the Seal tour, knowing it's closed!

"You want to see me get upset? Now I'm going to get upset! I hate those little bastards, I hate 'em, hate 'em, hate 'em! God DAMN, those little fuckers are getting us! One of these times, I'm going to fuck them up real! God damn it, what has happened to this business?... I'm just going to start smashing them. No questions, no rules anymore, just smash them in the face."

He cuts off when some tourists appear.

"Ladies, how about a little ride today...?"

This is how bad it's gotten, the tension between local pedicab riders and the foreign students who swell their ranks in summertime till they outnumber locals about six to one. This explosion is part of 60-year-old ex-chef Harinton's pedicab life, captured on video by fellow pedicab rider Paul Reeves and filmmaker Rigo Reyes.

But Reeves and Reyes's documentary was made before the death-by-pedicab of visiting retired schoolteacher Sharon Miller last Fourth of July. She was a passenger in a pedicab ridden by a Turkish student. That event has worsened the conflict, bringing public attention to the perceived "problem" of downtown's pedicabs: they're overpopulated and underregulated.

And that's what has brought me to Martin Luther King Promenade, between First and Second Avenues, alongside the trolley tracks.

It seems incredible that someone could die here, in this innocent spot. After all, it's a pedestrian way fenced off from the craziness of downtown, the Gaslamp, and the ballpark, a place where you might saunter with a lover or meander with your dog. Yet here Mrs. Miller fatally tumbled out of San Diego's most benign form of public transport, a pedicab.

Suddenly, people were calling pedicab drivers "killers." Letter-writers wanted them banned, city councilmembers wanted updates on regulation recommendations. Above all, people complained, there were just too many of them

competing for customers in the restricted space of the Gaslamp and competing with cars for space on the streets, especially on Fifth Avenue. City staff admitted they issued as many permits as were requested each year, about 500 for the actual pedicabs and over 800 to "operators," that is, the pedicab riders. Training was up to the pedicab companies. Seat belts were mandatory, but not necessarily the wearing of them. There was also evidence of tension between some American pedicab drivers and some of the foreign nationals here for the summer. Pedicab owners hiring Americans accused other

owners of turning the

industry into a foreign-

labor sweatshop, forcing

foreign students to gouge

customers just to break

even. Owners of pedicab fleets who hired foreign students said that these students were more motivated than American *pedicabistas*. Ethicists debated the morality of using

an open pedicab in a pedestrian area was a frighteningly arbitrary tragedy for the Millers, and for Sukru Safa Cinar, the 23-year-old Turkish student who was the rider lation of posted signs, San Diego police Assistant Chief Guy Swanger said.

The 60-year-old Illinois resident, who was in San Diego with her husband to attend a national

Most customers are tourists. Locals get in when they're drunk.

humans to physically pull other humans around town

One thing has become plain: After a century in the shadow of the internal-combustion engine, the nonpolluting pedicab, the much-maligned rickshaw, maybe the first significantly green transportation initiative since the bicycle, is back.

Mrs. Miller's fall from

that Saturday morning.
From the Channel 10

The fatal accident occurred shortly before noon Saturday on Martin Luther King Promenade. Retired schoolteacher Sharon Miller, who was riding in Cinar's three-wheeled pedal taxi with a friend, fell out as he allegedly swerved side to side on the pedestrian path, where he was riding in vio-

education conference, fell onto a sidewalk and suffered a severe head injury. She was pronounced dead Sunday at UCSD Medical Center in Hillcrest.

How much was the surplus of pedicabs — and the accompanying, sometimes hard-edged competition — the underlying cause of the accident?

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It's around 11:00 p.m. on a Sunday night, downtown, at Fifth and Market. It's not yet kick-thedrunks-out time (that happens around 2:00 a.m.), but everyone's buzzed. Cafés bulge with people sitting, chatting, laughing, spending beaucoup bucks. Table candles wink, glasses clink. A guy plays a beat-up sax, another sings on the sidewalk. Open pedicabs weave slowly through, some with giggling couples aboard, others empty, giving the scene a turn-of-the-century feel — the 19th-20th century. It's like a Pissarro or a Renoir painting. Cars push up Fifth toward Broadway, but people, pedicabs, and the bicycle cops slow traffic down. Yet the cosmopolitanizing effect of the pedicabs is palpable. Drivers shout across Fifth, in Serbian, Russian, Turkish, Polish, Brazilian Portuguese, all letting "their own" know where the business is and talking about food, later, when things have calmed

But it's not calm now. "Hey, Jack!" yells a boozed-up guy who stands at the curb. His buddy's just coming out of a bar. "Race you back to the hotel!" He points to a couple of pedicabs, and a half dozen more descend. But the friends climb aboard the original two. They egg on their riders, who head off uphill, standing on the pedals, calves straining.

down.

A block north, a blond-haired guy leaning against his pedicab calls out to a friend across the road something like "*Idi uhvatiti! Idi uloviti!*" He points at a couple coming out of a restaurant, hesitating at curbside, and his friend jumps on his bike and swoops in on the innocent couple.

"It means 'Go and catch them!' "the guy says.

His name is Novak, and he's a final-year student in economics from Belgrade. "We help each other out. There are maybe 30 of us Serbs here."

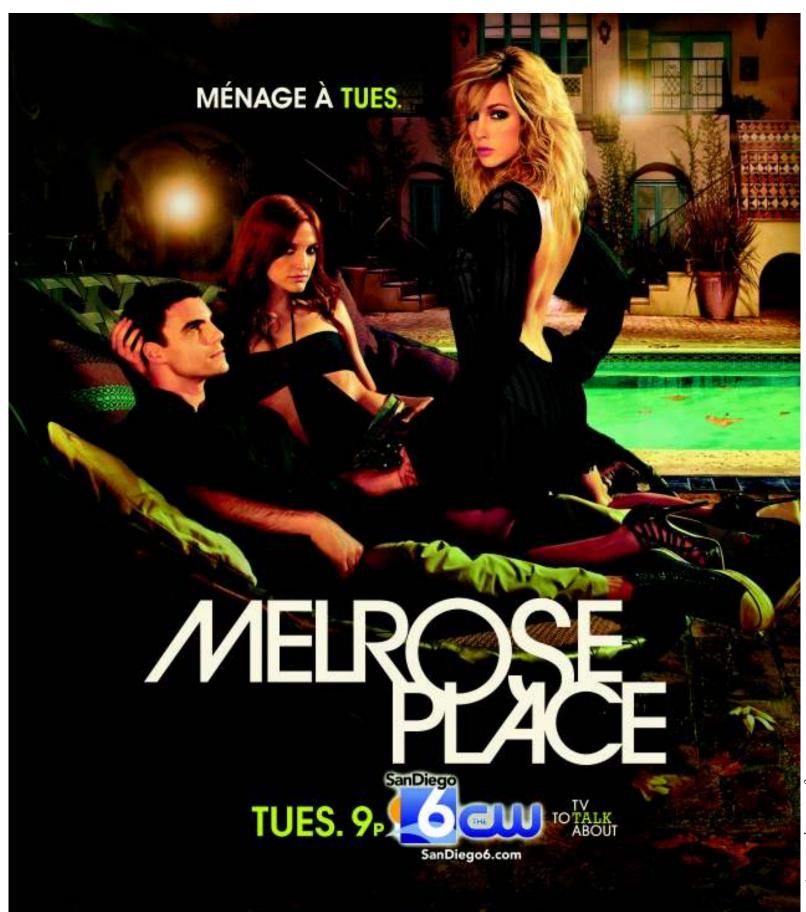
There are as many as 100 pedicabs cruising the area. Their most lucrative

time is the feeding frenzy that takes place between midnight and 2:00–3:00 in the morning, when the Gaslamp's hard-core partiers start emerging from bars and gearing up to go home — to lofts downtown or to conven-

tion hotels. The ride's too short to be profitable for a taxi and too far to walk for a high-heeled date, especially if you're both tipsy. It's the perfect setup for pedicabs.

Novak says the word's out in Serbia's colleges that

San Diego is the place to pick up summer money and learn English and keep fit, all at the same time. "This is a summer-vacation thing. Earn money, travel 'round California and maybe Mexico. I've been here 45 days. There are too many pedicabs, but the money's not bad. Physically, you get in shape in two or three weeks. But it's hard mentally. You may have a whole day with no money. Even if you don't have a ride, you have to pay the daily lease of \$35.



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Menstrual Migraine Headaches

Wishing your period would never come?

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

To possibly qualify:

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

Participants may receive at no cost:

- Study-related examination and consultation with a board-certified physician
- All study-related medications, labs, and Pap smear
- Compensation for your time and travel

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But once you get above \$35, you can relax. Some start at 8:00 in the morning and stay all day. I start around 1:00 in the afternoon and quit after last call. Most customers are tourists. Locals get in when they're drunk. For me, the best tippers are foreigners. People from England. But tourists from Texas are good, too."

A couple of guys cruise past, looking for business.

"We are Kurds, from Turkey," Vahap says, when I catch up. He and Abdullah had high hopes for this trip. "We have been riding for two weeks. In Turkey, everybody says about USA, it's a good country, everything will be good because you are students. We came here through a company. It cost us about \$3000 in exits, passport, visa. We had to borrow."

"We come to U.S.," continues Abdullah, "and it's really for us very bad. They lied to us. The company here is okay, but the Turkish company lied.

They said we'd have a place to live. But they brought us to a hotel, and now we pay \$600 each. Six living in one room. We have to work all day and night to pay this rent and then \$150 a week for each pedicab. And we have to eat. We are not making any money. There are too many riders, not enough customers."

"We gave \$1200 for this form," says Vahap, pulling out his J-1, the 120-day student workstudy application. "But they are free."

RESEARCH STUDIES



Excessive worries?

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Receive Free Treatment

with computerized therapy as part of a research program.

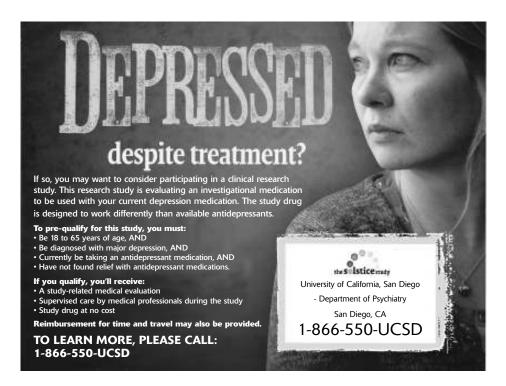
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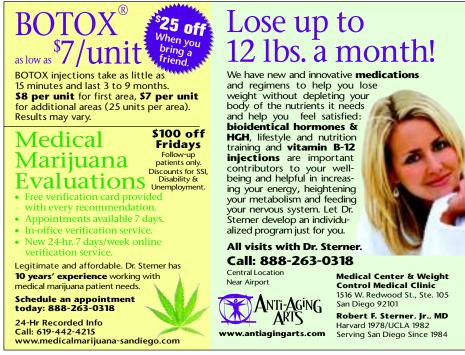
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SDSU.CUTA@gmail.com http://nas.psy.sdsu.edu

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Sprained ankle pain patch study

Local doctors are currently looking for adults who are experiencing pain due to a recent ankle sprain to help evaluate the pain-relieving capabilities of investigational medicated patches when applied directly to the injured ankle.

To be eligible for this study, you must:

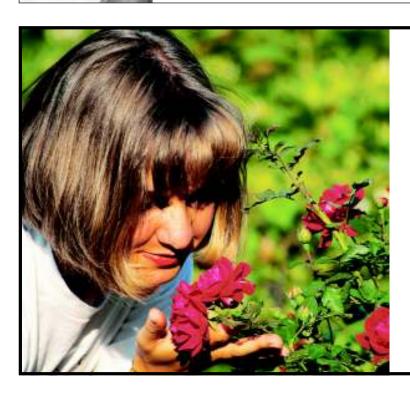
- Be 18 years of age or older, AND
- Be experiencing pain from an ankle sprain that occurred

within the past 48 hours, AND

• Not have taken any pain medication or used compression to treat your ankle sprain.

Qualified participants will receive study-related medical evaluations and study patches at no cost. Reimbursement for time and travel may also be provided.

To learn more about this local study, please contact: San Diego Sports Medicine and Family Health Center • 619-229-3909



CLINICAL RESEARCH

SCHIZOPHRENIA • DEPRESSION • BIPOLAR DISORDER

Researchers at Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital are currently enrolling men and women in inpatient and outpatient studies.

Eligible participants may receive all study-related care at no cost, and may be reimbursed for time and travel.

Participation is confidential and trials are safely conducted under the supervision of experienced physicians and research specialists.

To learn more, call the Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital Clinical Research Center at (858) 694-8350.







Hand Eczema?

Therapeutics Clinical Research, a center of excellence in dermatological care, is conducting a clinical research trial of an investigational medication for hand eczema (also known as hand dermatitis).

We need participants:

- 18-75 years of age
- with hand eczema lasting at least six months

Qualified participants will receive:

- study-related evaluations by a board-certified dermatologist and study medication at no cost
- compensation for time and travel

No insurance required.

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E-mail: <u>info@therapeuticsresearch.com</u> Website: <u>www.therapeuticsresearch.com</u>

THERAPEUTICS

CLINICAL RESEARCH

Vahap is a second-year student in Turkey, art history and journalism. Abdullah studies history and language. They're both 21.

"We were keen to come here," says Vahap. "But our families warned us. We have ten friends who flew back to Turkey this week. They couldn't survive. We must work and at least have some money. We are planning to leave at the end of this month."

Yes, says Abdullah, they knew Sukru Safa Cinar, the Turkish student who had the accident. "He has flown back to Turkey. I saw him. He was in a very, very bad state. He cried. He said [Mrs. Miller and her friend] came and asked the price. They sat down, and he started the ride, and the woman stood

up on the bike and was dancing. He said, 'When I turned back and saw her, she fell off.' The other woman said he [Cinar] hadn't made any mistake. That's why the judge freed him. If she said he had

childhood. "We came here to see another culture," Vahap says. "We have been working every summer since we were nine years old. But now, this fall, we will go back, and no money. It will be very dif-

"Now people say bad things to us. 'You are killers!' "

[been weaving back and forth], he would have been charged. Yet now people say bad things to us. 'You are killers!' 'I don't want to die.' Normally, we took about \$60–\$70 a day. Now everybody's waiting for customers."

Vahap and Abdullah have been friends since

ficult to afford books and accommodation at university. And it is already hard being Kurdish. Abdullah and I are the only ones. Turks don't like Kurdish people."

I can see from their struggles with English how much harder it must be for them to charm tourists

RESEARCH STUDIES

Diabetes Clinical Trial

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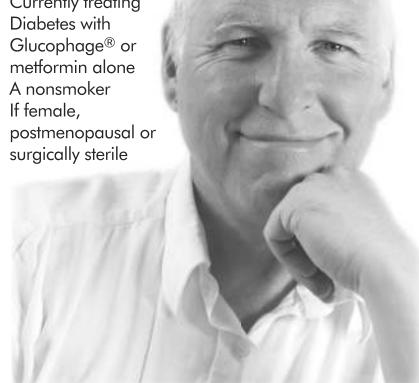
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Qualified participants will receive at no cost:

- Compensation for time and travel
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Where is your focus?

...on your overactive bladder?

Overactive bladder makes it difficult to perform daily activities. You do not know when the sudden, strong urge to urinate will happen.

The Women's Overactive Bladder Study is a research study testing the safety and effectiveness of a new delivery method of an overactive bladder medication for women. Qualified participants:

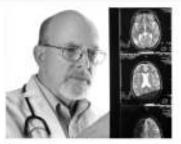
- are women age 18 and older
- are experiencing overactive bladder symptoms with urgency for over 6 months
- have not had three or more urinary tract infections in the past year

Qualified participants will receive study-related exams, lab tests and study drug at no charge.

For more information please call

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Have you ever had a head injury or concussion?



A research study is currently underway for adults who have suffered a mild or moderate head injury or a concussion from a car accident, a sports injury, a job or home accident, or from military duty.

To qualify for this study, participants must:

- Be Between the Ages of 18-65
- Experience Excessive Daytime Sleepiness (EDS)
- · Be in Good General Health

Study-related care is provided at no charge to participants, which includes investigational study medication, study-related physical exams, and laboratory services.

Qualified participants may receive compensation up to \$1,400.00 for time and effort.

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www.AvastraClinicalTrials.com

Need dedicated women 18-35 years of age



Visit clinic twice weekly for 3 months. Willing to wear a hormonal patch applied to the skin. Compensation to \$3100.00. A clinical research study is underway to evaluate an investigational patch applied to the skin requiring twice weekly visits for 3 months. Can you commit?

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Paulie has no such problem. She's a spunky girlrider who has her pedicab parked near the Asti restaurant. "Yes, there are too many of us," she says. "There should be a limit of 300. People are starting to get sick of us. It's not like an entertainment thing in the city anymore. Too many riders shouting, 'Pedicab! Pedicab!' It's not funny."

Paulie says she studies economics at the New Bulgarian University. She learned about the pedicab job through an outfit called International Educational Exchange. She thinks the accident has been played up too much. "There is a crash with cars every second. It hasn't helped our business. But I'll stay till September 20, because I love the city. It's beautiful, clean, so safe. And it's sunny. That's my god, the sun. I think San Diego is a city of heaven. Oh...excuse me."

She has just spotted two men, potential customers, across the road. Men like to be driven by women, just as women prefer male drivers. I watch Paulie coast with her passengers down the gentle slope of F, toward Fourth. She turns in her seat and chats, and the guys laugh

out loud. They're having a good time, nice and slow. You don't get this in a taxicab.

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On the Embarcadero, most days, the J-1's (as the American drivers call the foreign pedicab drivers) make their play at the Midway, where the aircraft carrier's visitors come out looking for a way back to downtown. Americans stake a spot by the Coronado ferry landing, where folks from the ferry and the Star of *India* are likely to want a ride to Seaport Village or up to Horton Plaza. There's nothing official about this. Just an unspoken territorial agreement.

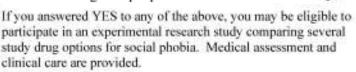
RESEARCH STUDIES



Do You Get Anxious in Social Situations?

Do you:

- Get very NERVOUS around people?
- Fear being the center of attention?
- AVOID going to social events and meeting new people?





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- 3. Compensation for time and travel

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- Take oral medication, insulin or both to control your diabetes

As a qualified participant, you will receive study-related care, study medication and diabetes supplies for up to one year at no cost and may be compensated for time and travel.

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www.newdiabetesstudy.com



Have you or someone you love been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease?

Synergy Research is participating in a nationwide study evaluating the effects of a day nutritional drink on individuals with mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease.

What is the purpose of this study? The purpose of this study is to test whether a nutritional drink is effective and safe for the dietary management of Alzheimer's disease.

What will you be asked to do? You will be asked to consume a nutritional drink once every day for a period of 6 months. During this time, you will be regularly monitored and tested by study staff for any changes in your memory and thinking abilities.

To be eligible to participate in this study, you must be:

- Clinically diagnosed with mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease Taking an FDA-approved medication for Alzheimer's disease (Aricept, Exelon, Razadyne, and/or Namenda) for the past 4 months
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 50 years of age or older
 Not previously diagnosed with vascular dementia, Huntington's disease, Parkinson's disease, or seizures
 Not living in a nursing home
 Able to have a caregiver or study partner be with you during all study visits and telephone calls

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Is DIABETES causing you PAIN in both legs or both feet...

If so, please contact us about our medical research study of an investigational medication for pain in both legs or both feet caused by diabetes.

for at least the past 6 months?

Qualified participants:

- Are 18 to 70 years old Have pain in both legs or both feet caused by diabetes
- Have experienced this pain for at least the past 6 months

Qualified participants will receive all study-related care, evaluations and medication at no charge.

Participation is at no charge and compensation is available for time and travel.

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Do you or someone you know suffer from

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If you are:

- Over the age of 18
- Are in good general health
- Currently on a stable dose of oral NSAID therapy

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- Study-related exams
- Investigational drug
- · Compensation for time and travel

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New Research Study

Investigational use of Tadalafil (Cialis®, erectile dysfunction medication) for Prostate Enlargement

You may qualify if you are:

- · 45 years or older
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 - · Have weak or no erection

Study medication, study-related physical exams, blood tests provided. Compensation for time and travel.

Please call San Diego Clinical Trials: (619) 287-6000

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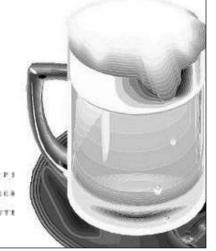
Attn: Heavy Drinkers

Researchers at The Scripps Research Institute are working to develop new treatments for people with alcohol problems.

Is your current alcohol use causing problems with your family, your work, your life? If you want to stop drinking, The Pearson Center for Alcoholism and Addiction Research is conducting a clinical trial to help you reach that goal.

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Do you think your lips are too thin?

If yes, you may qualify for a research study to test an investigational lip treatment.

Qualified participants will be compensated for time and travel.

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THERAPEUTICS

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Research Study

"All right, sir... where can I take you today?" asks Rudy Diggs, wheeling his pedicab to intercept a line of tourists that climbs the gangplank from an arriving ferry. Diggs is tall, African-American, and he doesn't have to shout, not with his resonant tones. He's full of come-on one-liners. "Young ladies? Save those feet, use this seat. Sunglasses get discounts. Why stroll when you can roll?"

"Take a carriage, save the marriage!" chimes his buddy Matt Williams. Matt has weathered cheeks and a red beard and has been pedicabbing for ten years. He wears a green T-shirt that says, "Sometimes I pee when I laugh."

"Save the heels, use the wheels," Rudy says. "Actually, that line's better in the evenings."

"Carryout to the Marriott..."

The guys, including a taxicab driver named Mark Stauffer, who leans against his orange Ramona Cab car, all laugh. Mark's been maybe 10 Brazilians, like four years ago. Now it's climbed to 150, from Colombia, Chile, all over South America."

"Why do they let so many [foreigners] come?"

"Take a carriage, save the marriage!"

stationing his cab here for 30 years.

"If you get somebody to smile, it breaks the ice," Rudy says.

None of the ferry passengers takes the bait. "When the J-1s leave in September, then I start prospering," Matt says. "Except, then, right around Christmastime, here come the J-1s from South America. It started with a trickle,

says Rudy, who is himself relatively new to the game. "They should have a ratio, like two of us to every one of them. Not four of them to one of us.

"This is what I do to eat, pay my bills. I mean, I know this is America: This is the melting pot. People are going to come from everywhere. Still though, man, when people are just out here visiting and they're taking [our jobs], it really hurts."

"I feel bad for the people who have to deal with it, like the tourists," says Mark. "Some don't even speak English. They give tours when they're not even from here. Me, I'm San Diego born and raised. I speak English. I consider myself a professional conversationalist. Most of the rides go to Seaport Village, the Star of India, Gaslamp, ballpark, tours. It's a fun way to get somewhere. If it was up to me, I'd just let Americans be

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research study related to

Congestive **Heart Failure**

VA San Diego and UCSD researchers are conducting a new gene therapy study in men and women with congestive heart failure (CHF).

You may be eligible if you:

- Are a male or female veteran aged 18-80 years of age
- · Have a 3-month or longer history of heart failure Have not been hospitalized for CHF in the past 4 weeks

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For more information:

Please call the research coordinator at (858) 642-3552

Type 2 Diabetic Volunteers Dr. Robert Henry and his associates at the VA Medical Center

are looking for Type 2 Diabetic volunteers to evaluate the effects of dapagliflozin compared to placebo on insulin resistance and insulin secretion.

Approximately 24 weeks total: 11 clinical study site visits (The visits will include an initial screening visit and 10 clinic visits.)

If you meet the following criteria you may be eligible to participate

Inclusion Criteria:

Males or females aged 35 to 70
Diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes
A1c 7.0% to 10.0%

Body Mass Index (BMI) less than or equal to 45 kg/m²
 You must be taking Metformin for at least 12 weeks at a dose of 500mg or greater OR Metformin greater than

or equal to 500 mg plus a sulfonylurea (such as Glyburide and Glipizide or Prandin, Januvia)

• If you are a woman of childbearing potential you must agree to use an adequate method of contraception to

For more information, please contact Catherine DeLue at 858-552-8585 ext. 6740. Qualified participants will be compensated for participation up to \$1,400

out here. [The foreigners] trick people. They say '\$10.' Then they get to the destination, and they say, 'Oh, I meant \$10 a person.' That gets us all a bad name."

Farther down the Embarcadero, I again run into Abdullah Akan, the Kurdish student, riding toward the *Star of India*, trolling for business. In the daylight, I notice that his left arm has been badly burned. "That happened when I was a child, and the Turkish army attacked our village," he says. "They came through in armored cars and started machinegunning our houses. My mother and I lay down on the floor. A pot of boiling water was knocked down by the bullets." He says how lucky people are here in America. How every-

"Traffic is safer. In Turkey, every ten minutes there's a crash." And, he says, nobody here has to spend three months going up into the mountains to collect wood (for fires to heat the house) for the next winter. "It's very different here, about life, arts, culture. But the big shock for me was seeing many homeless people. At home, if somebody has a problem, everybody in the community helps them. Here, people are harder than I believed."

thing is done by machines.

How do American pedicab drivers treat him? "Some, not good. An American driver in front of the Hyatt said, 'I have worked here five years. All Turkish drivers need to go home.' We have to wait in a line for the customers, while they go straight to



Does major depression change your outlook?

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

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

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

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

Ask your doctor if the STEP-D study is right for you.



If you are interested in learning more about this study, please contact:

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

If you or someone you know is:

- \cdot Male or female \cdot Between the ages of 45 and 90
- · Experiencing memory loss? Unable to organize or plan? Forgetting simple tasks?
- · In overall good health

If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be eligible for our research study! If you qualify and choose to participate, you may receive an investigational study medication. You will also receive physician consultations, study-related medical examinations, laboratory evaluations and follow-up visits all at no charge. Health insurance is not required and compensation for time and travel is provided.



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RESEARCH STUDIES



Diabetes Shouldn't Define You

Diabetes impacts the lives of millions of people each year, but it shouldn't define who you are. Physicians are studying an investigational medication compared to an already-approved medication for the treatment of type 2 diabetes.

To qualify you must:

- Be overweight with type 2 diabetes
- Be taking Metformin for diabetes for 3 months or more

If you qualify, you will receive all study-related care, including physical exams, lab services, and study medication. During participation you will remain on Metformin.

To learn more, contact:

San Diego, LLC (619) 481-5252

www.DiabetesClinicalTrials.com

Don't Wait, Participate



Are you living with Depression?

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

You may qualify for this study if you are:

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

Participants will receive:

- · An initial evaluation of past and current mental and physical health
- Access to a team of medical professionals, available for consultation
- · Study-related medical care and monitoring of health
- · Investigational medication or placebo



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Affiliated Research Institute specializes in clinical research programs, both inpatient and outpatient, with an emphasis on psychiatric and neurological disorders.

Outpatient Clinical programs offered at Affiliated Research Institute include:

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the front and take customers. Every time."

He points to the old sailing ship. "Here, I took from the *Star of India* four people. The American rider said to my passengers, 'Just give him a dollar.' I took them four blocks, and they gave me just one dollar. I didn't say anything."

A motorcycle cop rumbles past. I notice he's been speaking to some of the American pedicab guys at the ferry wharf. I'm on my bike, so I pedal like crazy after him and ask if we can talk. "Come under the pine trees where it's cool," he says.

Officer Scott Thompson says that, yes, he knows quite a bit about pedicab issues because he's one of two officers who have been working out the regulations the city council is considering to clear up

some of the problems.

"It's not an easy issue," he says. "Bicycle laws are in place, but the vast number of pedicabs makes them difficult to enforce. My partner and I have been working on the new ordinance for two years. The aim is to create laws

devastated when he found out the woman died. He was a good student, hoping to do his master's here in the U.S. He was clearly remorseful. He in no way anticipated that she would fall out of his cab, hit her head, and die. Witnesses said he was moving from

"I strive to make \$500 a week riding my pedicab."

that are easier to enforce, to reduce the numbers, and to bring pedicab [laws] more into line with those for cars."

And, yes, he interviewed Sukru Safa Cinar, the Turkish student whose passenger died. "He was

left to right. I think he was probably just showing the ladies a good time. Pedicab owners are required to maintain \$1 million in insurance. I'm sure they [the company he leased his pedicab from] will be hearing from the family.

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The pedicab did not have seat belts."

So are foreign students the root of the town's pedicab problems? "They're causing competition, that's for sure," he says. "And the foreign student may not have the pride in the industry that [local drivers] do. Someone who's only here a few months may be more likely to gouge the consumer pricewise because they're leaving. Unlike these guys." He points to where Matt and Rudy and others are still gathered at the ferry landing. "They have to keep their reputation."

There's no way the city can set quotas for foreign students, Thompson says. "That's an immigration issue. The State Department is currently allowing J-1 students to operate pedicabs. So we can't step in."

Thompson says the recently passed city ordinance, which he helped to craft, should help. "Hopefully, the ordinance moves forward. Then a lot of things begin to take effect — the licensing of the pedicabs, equipment requirements, and vehicle inspections — in order for them to get their permits next year, starting in January. The number hasn't been solidified, but pedicab-leasing companies would be required to reduce their fleet by certain percentages."

He says the current proposal is to limit the number of pedicabs in restricted geographical zones, places where oversaturation causes traffic problems, to 250.

So is the city borrowing ideas from other cities — New York, for instance? "Actually, no," Thompson says. "New York has had a problem with pedicabs for years. They've limited their numbers." And the result? "They've had court injunctions placed on that because of restricting fair trade."

Why would San Diego set itself up for similar suits by restricting cab numbers here?

It's Gav Pride Saturday. Roasting hot in the sun. The blast of music and cheers echo as people head to the post-parade concert. Dozens of pedicabis-

tas have puffed up the hill from downtown to capitalize on what was traditionally one of the most lucrative days on their calendar.

The scrappy blond

guy at the head of the line is Sergei Kslytsyn. He looks fresh and cool in the full sun. "It gets hot in summer where I live. I am from Siberia. From Lake Baikal, the world's largest fresh-

water lake. I'm a Russian fighter, hand-to-hand fighter, kickboxing. I am going to Vladivostok to compete when I get back. I study at my university in Irkutsk to become an

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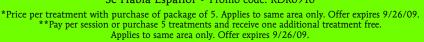


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engineer in oil drilling. I will work for British Petroleum — BP — over there. This job is quite difficult. I am making maybe \$200 a week. But we must pay for our boss \$150 rent. I am working 15 hours a day. I start at 7:00 in the morning and work till bars close. There are maybe 100 Russian students here. I looked for this job, any job [in America], on the internet in Siberia."

While we talk, a Gay Pride reveler jumps into another pedicab that's behind Sergei in the line. The pedicab takes off.

"Hey!" calls Sergei. I wonder if he's going to use his hand-to-hand fighting skills.

But I'm already on my way to the 7-Eleven's parking lot at Fourth and Robinson. I'm hoping to find Paul Reeves, the pedicab documentary-maker.

Today, Paul's like all the other *pedicabistas*. He's out to make a buck off Gay Pride craziness.

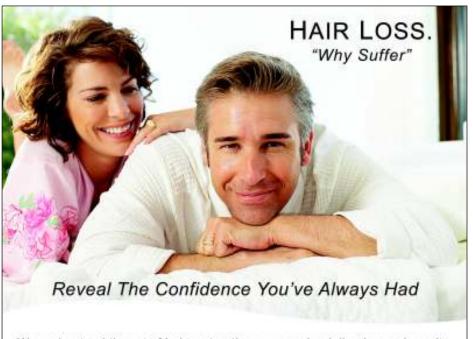
"I started doing this in May of 2006," he says. "I was living downtown and saw a lot of [pedicab] bikes and thought it would be good exercise and would supplement my income. I was teaching ESL [English as a second language] at the time. It was a perfect match with the pedicab business, because with both, you're dealing with people from all over the world.

"I started riding and realized I could just solely ride and pay my bills, which afforded me other opportunities. With teaching, you have to stick to the course book, and once you finish, you go back and start over. It didn't

leave much room for creativity. So I went full-time with the pedicab, and that left me time to study for my real-estate broker's license. And soon I started to sell some real estate. But, of course, lately that market hasn't been good, so I'm relying on my pedicab. I strive to make \$500 a week, not including special events. Today, Gay Pride, I should clear \$500. We'll have this, New Year's Eve, St. Patrick's Day, Comic-Con. These are like bonuses."

But then the accident, Sharon Miller's death, happened. "The larger part of our business comes from females because they wear high heels, and they don't like to walk as much, and men want to impress them by paying for a pedicab. They are good for our business, so this was really

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zone, and I was there less than three minutes. I got a ticket less than half an hour ago. I pulled over in a red zone to take a drink of water. Within 30 seconds, two police officers

drove up on me. I think it's a \$650 fine, but the judge will drop that down. I believe it was more harassment than keeping the streets safe. I don't want to badmouth the police, but

that accident has fostered a negative relationship between them and us."

By the time of the accident, Paul was wrapping the movie-length documentary Human-Powered

(uandiproductions.com) that he and his friend Rigo Reyes had been making since last summer. They concentrated on one man, possibly the oldest pedicab driver in San Diego,

Guy Harinton, who was 59 at the time of filming. Paul gives me a DVD of the doc. I take it home and watch 90 riveting minutes of Guy Harinton facing the daily frustrations of the pedicab rider.

Like, nighttime, down near the convention center.

"Folks! How about a little ride back to the hotel. Star of India? Ten dollars per person for that much of a distance. It's a great deal." A woman in a group of three revelers says she won't pay more than \$20 total. The men with her agree. "I can't compete with a cab, folks," Guy tells them. "I can't go all that way for \$20, folks. That's a mile or more. I'm not doing that." The group gets out of the pedicab and goes looking for a standard taxi.

There are occasional moments of relief, such as after last year's profitable Comic-Con run. Harinton, a one-time compulsive gambler, heads off with his money to lose big at Del Mar. Later, after rebuilding his savings, he goes down to TJ for a little (fully documented) fun with the ladies. Throughout the film, he expresses frustration with the competing summer students. The most explosive moment comes when he boils over at the Embarcadero. He erupts after a Turkish rider takes customers in search of the already-departed amphibious bus tour.

"God, I hate them," he says with fervor. "Why can't I kill one of them little fuckers? In fact, you want to film me hitting that guy? You can. I'll allow you to do that. If he gives me any lip, I'm going to smash him right in the face. And then I expect you two to back me up on that. Witnesses. You will, won't you?"

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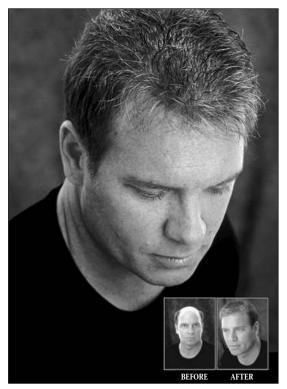
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When the real, actual Guy Harinton turns up here in the San Diego Harbor Excursion's Bay Cafe, he's a lot more relaxed, tanned, in shorts and T-shirt and baseball cap. That doesn't mean he's learned to love the foreign students.

"The first few years I did this, I got along with them fine," he says. "One of my best friends is Turkish. He lives up in L.A. now. He got out of the business. A very, very nice young man. Most of them are not that way. But, see, he's Americanized. A lot of the ones that now have their own companies started out as riders. They rode and rode and saved their money, and they have their green cards. I have no problem with that. It's just the ones that come over for the 120day visas."

He checks the little yellow page he writes up each day, so he doesn't miss any "appointments," opportunities to intercept partying travelers. "Let's see: Amtrak; the Coaster for the ballgame; hotels for dinner hour. Now, today, there aren't any concerts or anything, so I put down what I have to get at the grocery store. I do my shopping on the bike. I live downtown. It's much easier."

Often, one of his "can't miss" reminders is for Pat Edmundson, a Willis Allen Real Estate agent who lives and works downtown. Edmundson uses Harinton regularly for trips around the area. Having regular, local customers is new for Harinton. And who knows? This might be the harbinger of a greener, more pleasant way for everybody to get around downtown. "Pat used to use friends [of mine] who had pedicabs. But they moved to Texas. So she said, 'Guy, I'm going to

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start calling you.' That was 2 1/2 years ago. She called me today. We would all love to cultivate regulars from those who live downtown. But hardly any of the guys have them." One reason Harinton does is because "I'm always available because I ride so much, year-round, not just in summer. I clocked 3810 miles this last ten months. That's like San Diego to Florida and up to New York. Also, most wouldn't be able to take Pat because she's demanding. She has to be places on time. The nice thing about me is I know where she goes: her hairdresser, her chiropractor, her office next to Dick's Last Resort. Then to Ralphs. She goes there a lot. I charge her \$7 each way. A normal customer would be \$12."

But can you earn

money at this game? "Saturday in Balboa Park at the Gay Pride weekend, that had to have been one of my record days," Harinton says. "I rode almost 33 miles in one day. Earnings-wise, I made about \$450. Last year I made \$700. That was because of Proposition 8. They were all assuming it wasn't going to pass. They were all happy about that. But this has been a down year. Not as many people from out of town. Comic-Con used to be really good. My first year, 2004, I made over \$1350 in three days. I didn't even work the Sunday. But last year, I made about \$700."

He has insight on the accident because Sukru Safa Cinar leased his bike from the same shop where Harinton keeps his. "[The owner] Danny's a good

friend of mine. He's a Brazilian, and he leased this bike to the kid, and wouldn't you know, that was one of the only ones he didn't have the chance to put the seat belt on. And the way I understand it, the kid took it by mistake. And wouldn't you know that would have to be the one?"

Cinar's other big mistake, says Harinton, was taking the ladies to the Martin Luther King promenade. "This was Fourth of July. He had to weave around pedestrians. I don't believe he was weaving [to show off]. That's why they're classifying it as an accident. He was weaving [to maneuver] around people. But you don't have to weave if you don't go where you're not supposed to [the narrow walkway beside the trolley tracks].

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The sign's right there. 'No pedicabs.' But again, a lot of them can't speak English too good. I say if you can't read and understand English, why are you here? Personally, I would not allow the J-1s. These kids, from Turkey and Russia, most of them, no matter how new they are when you bring them in, the ones who are [already] here are going to teach them to rob people. That's their m.o. Especially the ones from Turkey. They hate Americans. They're Muslims."

Maybe the only person more anti-J-1 than Harinton is 27-year-old Alex Atkin. Atkin's Little Italy-based pedicab business, Alley Cabs, refuses to lease to J-1s. Atkin is cynical about the council's rush to action with last month's recommendations to cap the number of cabs as well as the number of drivers. He's sees a lawsuit—rich atmosphere favoring what he calls the "J-1" shops and believes the city's solutions are an ill-thought-out knee-jerk reaction to the accident.

"I've been coming to the city council since 2004," he says, "and the city has dedicated absolutely no attention or political will to addressing this problem until now. And now they're just focused on passing these rules that have not been debated in the public. At the committee meeting that passed these rules, 3 spoke in favor of them, 20 people spoke out against them. The 3 in favor all owned 70-plus cabs."

The problem, says Atkin, is that all ships will sink equally when the mandatory shrinkage of pedicabs occurs. So Atkin's, who are American and operating yearround, will be treated on an equal footing with summer-only students from 'Stanbul.

"What they did is, there is a list of all the companies and how many permits they bought as of July 31. Like, my company says 27, Ballpark says 130 or something, West Coast says 80. And, basically, they just took every company and chopped it in half. That is not a good way to do it because not all companies are equal. It's going to cause me to lose half my bikes. I have about 30 people. And such a small percentage of the [drivers out there] are AmeriImmediate tooth replacement!

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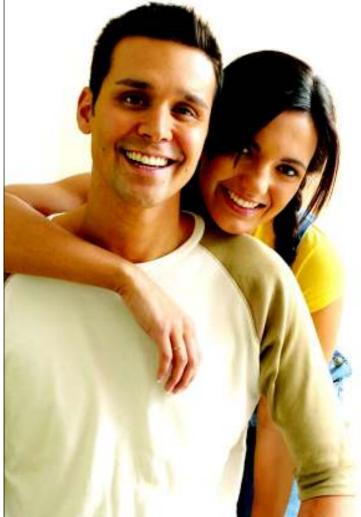
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And Atkin says that

the city proposal doesn't address price gouging. "The city says they're going to have a standardized size of the font [for the lettering on a fare sign], but they're going to let the drivers make up their own language for how much they want to charge. This market is so easy to work in, there should be a standardized rate sheet for every driver, for everywhere in the city, \$5...\$10 for every 15 minutes. There's guys out there right now, they've been here for a week or two, and [their rate card] says, '\$20-\$50

per person.' That ruins it for everyone. That's the exact opposite of what you want to have happen. You should be doing a lot of inexpensive rides. Because if people don't get in pedicabs, they get in taxicabs instead. So you get taxicabs taking people a couple of blocks. That's unprofitably short for taxis. Pedicabs should be complementing the taxicabs."

Atkin believes you can regulate the market best by only regulating the number of drivers. "The market only needs 150–250. When the city says, 'We're going to cap the market,' the bikes are a less important component than the drivers are. These guys have their bikes in empty garages. When their drivers show up, their company is working. You can't have a company without

drivers. But the city is saying, 'We're going to place all the value on the bikes.' In 2007, Ballpark Pedicab recruited 400 drivers for their 100 bikes. So they're recruiting at a four-to-one ratio. Is that going to stop, just because they don't have as many bikes to rent out? Are they going to fight with their lawyers over every permit every time they have an opportunity? Are they going to push out the little guy? Whenever there's a permit available, Ballpark is going to buy it up, buy it up, buy it up, until they own all of them.

"There's a vehicle cap and an operator [driver] cap. I support [only] an operator cap because that way we can prevent the flood of drivers that comes in."

Atkin has mixed feel-

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ings about Officer Thompson, too. "He has good intentions, but he's not trained to write legislation. He is very involved, and he's good about talking and people. But the rules that Thompson's proposing put the burden on the police, who don't want to deal with this problem anymore. It's 'Okay, the cops are going to write a lot of tickets, and that's going to clean things up.' But the city doesn't have the resources to play cat and mouse with the pedicab owners. I would set an operator cap at 250. And starting January 1, come and buy one. You only buy one for yourself. Once you sell 250, you stop selling it. That's it. It doesn't cost anything. It would last for a year. Or quarterly. Right now, the city sells the permits for \$25 each, and last year they sold 1500 of them. So it's about \$40,000 and 1300 people. That's a huge burden to have that many people. My position is, just sell 250 but sell them for \$400, and that way you make \$100,000. So you're more than doubling your [city] revenue and cutting way down on the amount of paperwork. The city wins with less work, and fewer rules to write and enforce, fewer drivers in the street. We want to have a small group of qualified local drivers. Not a large group constantly turning

"The whole idea of having people who are traveling to San Diego and working while they're living here for the summer isn't necessarily wrong. It's just wrong when you're recruiting people only to come and pedicab. I've had plenty of people...like a guy from Australia is here for two years. I'm happy to let him ride the bike. He lives here. His main function isn't to sap money to

take home with him. He's a functioning participant in the economy here."

Atkin says, yes, he's been called a racist. He laughs. "It's difficult." He pauses. "The pedicab industry has been hijacked by a visa scam. And nobody wants to do anything about it."

So, does it take a woman's

death to force the city into action?

"Alex and I have spoken," says city councilmember Marti Emerald, who runs the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, charged with looking into this issue. "I think we're pretty much on the same page. It's important to not only regulate the number of cabs and to make sure that they

all have permits and insurance and safety equipment but also to limit the number of people who can operate the permits. Because, right now, these pedicab operators are not

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required to have California driver's licenses. It'd be a permit, a city-issued permit that would limit the number of drivers and the number of pedicabs as well. As a journalist, I did some stories on this issue for Channel 10. And the business model that's being used by some of these pedicab companies is driven by the foreign students, who are enticed to come here with promises of lucrative jobs. They wind up starving, paying cash up front to rent these pedicabs. So the owners of the pedicabs are making out because they're making free money, and these kids are out there scrambling, working very long hours. They don't know the rules of the road, they're not licensed drivers, and some of them don't even speak our language. They don't understand. And they're so desperate for money, they wind up gouging consumers, nickel-and-diming consumers on rides, and what we saw a few weeks ago was that, in some cases, that could endanger the passengers. This poor woman, Mrs. Miller, who died when she fell out of a pedicab, that was a worst-case scenario. It was part of our concern when back in June we first started talking about it in my Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, and [it's] why we approved a draft ordinance to create more oversight and some regulation

"What I would want to do is limit the number of operator — rider permits to two per pedicab, so you create two jobs on each pedicab."

Finally, Emerald says, she wants to have every pedicab driver obliged to have a California driver's license before they venture out. That could take another year to organize.

From the citizen's point of view, it's a Hobson's choice. On the one hand, it would be good to get predictable prices, less of a scramble out there, maybe even designated pedicab lanes, and qualified drivers. On the other hand, this whole Prague Spring, which has created such a spontaneous United Nations atmosphere in the Gaslamp, in summer, at least, would probably fade. Many feel that the purist approach to Old Town has sapped some of its essential spirit: Might we lose

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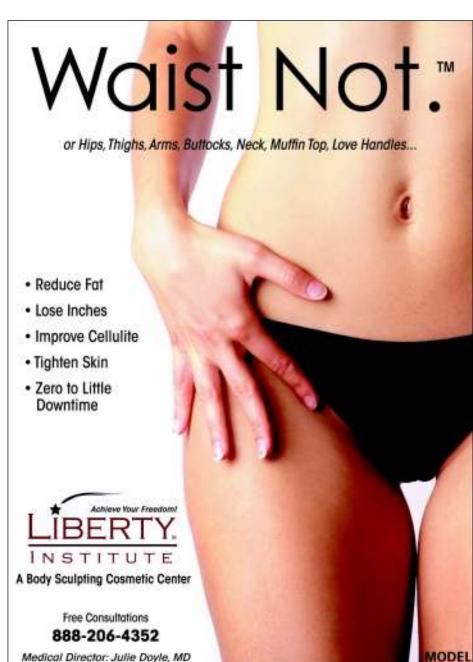
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She would battle Satan and, raising her fists, said, "I certainly shall thump him hard!"

id Smith was disgusted. For three rounds, the iron-jawed middleweight took the fight to Jimmy Meyers, but their bout ended in a draw. After a monster right almost cracked his ribs, Meyers steered clear, and his timidity put the packed house at Dreamland Boxing Arena in a foul mood. The week before, they'd paid top dollar to watch two heavyweights wallflower for ten rounds. The 3000 fans cursed as Meyers left the ring and promoter Jack Keran — who promised gladiatorial fury in every match — climbed in, followed by, of all things, a woman. She was maybe five-foot-three, a tad stocky, with auburn hair piled high. Her starched, white muslin outfit and high-button shoes made her look like a nurse.

Standing in the center of the sweat-and-blood-smeared canvas, the woman — late 20s, early 30s — looked nervous. So did Keran, who forgot to remove his hat in her presence. When the crowd quieted down, he announced her as an evangelist — Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson — and shook as he spoke.

"San Diego needs a revival!" she shouted in a frayed, contralto voice.

The pent-up mob erupted. Waves of boos and hoots hit



Aimee Semple McPherson

her like flurries of punches. Someone shouted, "Heaven peddler!"

The woman announced that starting the next day — Thursday, January 6, 1921 — she would hold revival meetings at the arena. Everyone should come

and "bring the worst sinner in San Diego!"

At those words, the *Union* reported, "many of our prominent citizens ducked their heads." People yelled familiar names. "Hard-faced women," smoking cigarettes and chewing gum, pointed







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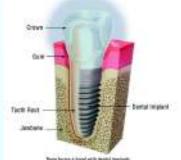
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Then a man in the back row nominated Roseben, the great thoroughbred who'd lost — some said tanked his last three stakes races. The crowd roared approval.

Alert to the moment, the woman changed her tune. She would battle Satan and, raising her fists, said, "I certainly shall thump him hard!" Many cheered, and the woman left the ring feeling, she wrote later, that she had met "the Devil on his own ground." Back in the car, she confessed relief, not knowing "whether to laugh or cry."

When she appeared at Dreamland, Aimee Semple McPherson had yet to become a household name. "The San Diego meetings," writes Edith Blumhofer, set the tone for the year." By the end of 1921, "a succession of such crusades made Sister a national phenomenon, headline news everywhere."

McPherson scheduled a three-week run at the arena, but stayed for five, and held two days of revivals at the Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park. While in San Diego, she discovered how to draw huge numbers. Her goal was saving souls, but the lure became "healing services," laying hands on the sick.

When she arrived, McPherson saw "a dear little city...the 'joy of the whole earth' might well be written on its portals." San Diego, however, "needed a revival if ever a city did." Satan lurked in "this harbor and port, wrecking the bodies and souls of hundreds of young men and women upon the rocks of immorality, gaiety, dancing, smoking, gambling, drinking; for Mexico is but 18 miles away, and Tia Juana [its] Monte Carlo...eats like a festering sore into the purity and morals of them whom the Devil tempts."

McPherson found Dreamland, at the corner of First and A streets, north of the train depot, to be doubly iniquitous. The two-story structure had a boxing arena downstairs, and the Dreamland Marina Dance Hall, where they played the devil's music, upstairs.

Overnight, McPherson's crew converted the arena. Palm fronds and pepper-

"Will we ever be able to make them all hear?" she asked, in a time before microphones.

For the first meeting, it didn't matter. The ringside seats were full, the bleachers behind them empty. Jesus came to San Diego, she proclaimed, "and was astounded at the many evils...card parties, theaters, and..."—her

"I can hear!" he proclaimed.

"I CAN HEAR!!"

tree boughs hung from pillars and posts. They replaced the overhead shade with one advertising Jesus. They hoisted a grand piano into the ring, which they scoured as white as McPherson's simple dress, and wove carnations, orange blossoms, and calla lilies into the ropes. McPherson fretted about having to speak in-the-round for the first time, since the audience sat on all four sides.

gaze rose upward — "dance halls, of girls and houses of sin...and beneath the velvet and paints of the wealthy, he saw their evil too."

McPherson mentioned healings during her six years on the tent-and-sawdust circuit: a blind man recovering his sight in Philadelphia; a girl cured of spinal trouble; prostitutes mending their ways on the Barbary Coast. The service — which a biographer called "a fluid form of religious theater" included rousing gospel songs, McPherson banging out the beat on a tambourine. That old-time religion, she sang, "is good for San Diego/ And it's good enough for me."

She conducted meetings twice daily, an afternoon "teaching service," and an evening revival. Audiences remained small.

Across America in 1921, female evangelists were a contradiction in terms. In San Diego, however, they were practically a tradition. Katherine Tingley, "the Purple Mother," had set up her Theosophical Society at Point Loma. In 1905, Teresa Urrea, the "Saint of Cabora" and icon of the anti-Díaz Mexican revolt, came to San Diego and performed healing wonders. As did 72-yearold Maria Woodworth-Etter, her voice barely audible from decades of preaching, in 1916. In effect, San Diego was more than accustomed

to female evangelists. From them, it expected miracles.

McPherson had a "something," a gift she couldn't explain any more than could Urrea, or Woodworth-Etter, or James Moore Hickson, the internationally renowned Episcopalian faith healer whose cures, unlike most, often lasted well beyond the service. McPherson never took credit. "If the eyes of the people are set on me, nothing will happen....I am not a healer. Jesus is the healer. I am only the little office girl who opens the door and says, 'Come

At a healing, the lame must walk, the tubercular breathe, or at least some of them, otherwise the faithful could become disillusioned — especially those who failed to mend — and the preacher castigated. "There is no job in the world so thankless as praying for the afflicted," McPherson wrote years later. "But I have been forced into this sort of

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Historian Carey Mc-Williams, McPherson's longtime neighbor and friend, admired her "goodness and kindness," and refusal to face negativity, but deplored her literal-mindedness and reactionary politics. He saw two sides to her ebullient spirit. "Being in love with her must have been rather like living in a one-room apartment with a radio going full blast night and day." At the same time, "The most important factor in her success was the way she substituted the cheerfulness of the playroom for the gloom of the morgue.

'Seemingly quite by accident," McWilliams added, "she had discovered that healing sessions were immensely valuable as attractions."

On January 15, 1921, to increase audiences at Dreamland, McPherson laid hands during the evening service. As people sang "Nearer My God to Thee," she encouraged the sick and the lame to come forward. "I cannot heal you," she cautioned, and "If you doubt that He can, you will not be cured."

One of the first to climb into the ring, William T. Ewing, said he had been deaf since the Civil War. As the audience swayed to "Nearer My God," and some local ministers prayed, McPherson anointed Ewing's forehead with oil. She clutched his hands and raised her head. She didn't command him to heal. Instead, a witness recounted, she "invited him to join with her in total belief."

Ewing's eyes popped open, as if alerted by a strange sound. "I can hear!" he proclaimed. "I CAN HEAR!!"

The crowd exploded, waving hundreds of handkerchiefs and shouting "Amen!" The roar, like the cannon-fire that had made him deaf, startled Ewing so much he covered his ears with his hands.

A mother carried an ashen-faced infant wrapped in a dusty blanket to the stage. "She accidentally drank a mixture of gasoline and kerosene," the woman said, "which burned its way down

her little mouth" and closed her throat. She couldn't eat or drink. After six operations, "doctors gave her up to die." McPherson prayed. Someone brought a glass of water. The infant took a sip, swallowed freely.

The woman in white rocked back, as if struck by lightning, then exclaimed, "Who could resist a savior such as this?'

"Did Mrs. McPherson aid any of the score of suppliants?" a *Union* reporter asked the next day. "Emphatically yes, if [their] testimony is to be believed."

By evening's end, a painwracked horde surrounded the ring and clogged the aisles. Some waved crutches, others bandaged limbs. All pleaded: "Me! Take me!" An exhausted McPherson raised her right hand for silence. Although she'd planned only two more of these sessions, she said, now she would devote the next two weeks to "divine healing."

During that time, north downtown became thick

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with cars, some doubleparked on the street, some on sidewalks. Discarded crutches and canes leaned against Dreamland's brick facade. Packed houses crammed both the 2:30 and 7:30 services. On January 20, McPherson added a 10:30. Another 3000 people came, but she was too tired to lead it. She had to sneak away to avoid scores of invalids outside, begging for aid. When she took off her shoes, a witness said, water spilled out.

"As soon as one was healed," McPherson wrote, "she ran and told nine others, and brought them too, even telegraphing and rushing the sick on trains." People camped in their cars. Few hotels had vacancies. Dreamland was so stuffed with humanity that every room — including a walkin refrigerator — became a place of prayer. Overflow crowds went to the Lutheran

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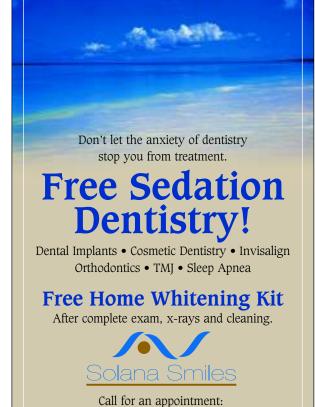
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As she entered the arena for a service, trying not to trip over wheelchairs in the aisles, extended arms and voices hounded her: "Sister when — Sister what about — Cancer—tumor—Benny's rheumatism — mother's cataract - varicose veins husband's paralysis," McPherson wrote. "A dozen people are all pulling us in different directions and trying to talk at once...each in their trembling eagerness interrupting the other till our heads are whirling with confusion."

Her only refuge became the place she dreaded: the boxing ring. "Oh those welcome ropes! So now we realize, as never before, why Christ got into a row boat and pushed away from land in order to talk uninterruptedly to the clamoring and needy throng."

People discovered the friend's house where she was staying. The phone rang nonstop. Some came to testify. Others spoke only in

groans. Mothers thrust babies through her open bedroom window. McPherson moved to a hotel near Balboa Park, where clerks and bellhops promised secrecy in exchange for reserved seats and registration cards for the sick.

One afternoon between services, McPherson was running late. She only had time for a quiet, five-minute meal of steak and potatoes ("to keep up our strength") at the hotel's cafeteria. She sat alone. A woman came to the table. "Excuse me," she said, "but isn't this Sister McPherson?"

When told yes, the woman replied, "Oh! I'm so glad," and waved across the room. "Papa! Come over here and sit down. We can talk to Sister as she eats."

A man in his late 60s held a brown-stained handkerchief to his neck. "Papa has a cancer. It is so painful and raw, just like that steak."

McPherson shuddered and pushed her plate away. She couldn't eat another bite. For once, her goodness and kindness vanished.

The woman kept describing her father's agony. Then stopped. "Oh," she said, "I'm so sorry," and escorted him out.

The contract concluded

after five weeks at Dreamland. But McPherson "had only touched the fringe of that great multitude clamoring for prayer." In her hotel room across from Balboa Park, she envisioned the unthinkable. The reservation system at Dreamland never worked. They tried to admit only those who hadn't come before; they devoted nights to specific groups: service men, employees of department stores, various religious denominations. They extended the run twice, even held services at other churches. And still the multitudes grew.

"How did the Apostles manage their crowds?" McPherson pondered. Then it dawned on her: since San Diego had no building to house so many, why not hold "outdoor services under the canopy of God's blue sky?" But wasn't religion an indoor affair? Didn't it need a church or, in the outskirts, a large canvas tent?

"Never having heard of such a thing being done in modern days, we hesitated a little — 'What would the people think?' Could we do it? Where? When?"

Next time: the Organ Pavilion revivals.

OUOTATIONS: 1. Carey McWilliams: The San Diego revivals "catapulted [McPherson] into the floodlight of unbearable fame." 2. Edith L. Blumhofer: "The

same people who professed a longing for Christ's return and the bliss of heaven eagerly pursued God's miraculous intervention whenever physical ailments beset them. They wanted to go to heaven, but wanted to go without pain or suffering." 3. Anthea Butler: "There's

nothing worse for an evangelist to think than 'If I pray for this person and nothing happens, they'll run me out of town on a rail."

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LETTERS

Florida (Orlando) Tuskers. New York Sentinels. It's like the names were made up by people who live in Guam." What is that last sentence supposed to be conveying?

I agree those names are awful. Terrible, actually. But I'm from Guam, and I fail to see why it's as if they were made up by people living in Guam. Explain, please. Thank you.

> Robert Q. Flores via email

Patrick Daugherty responds: Greetings Robert, It's the nature of humor. Some people will find "Guam" funny, some won't. We agree UFL team names are awful. I chose Guam because it's 6000-plus miles from San Diego. Has nothing to do with Guam other than distance. Bethel, Alaska, or Tierra del Fuego would do as well.

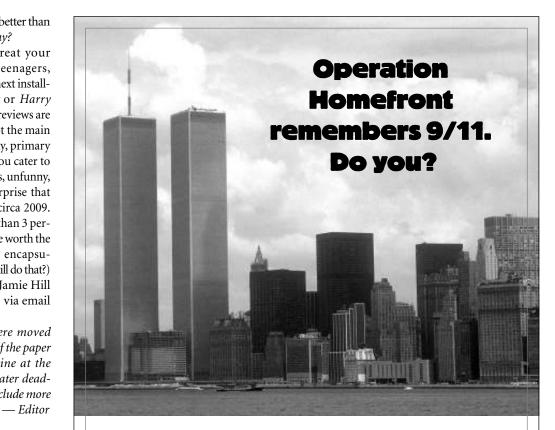
Back, Duncan, Back

I cannot believe the decision you have recently made to place Duncan Shepherd's column at the *front* of your paper. Now, is it because of Duncan himself? Hell no, that guy is one of the best damn movie reviewers ever. I don't even go to the movies, yet I read his reviews. On to the subject matter.

What in the hell are you doing pandering to the Hollywood/video/movie crowd and putting a movie-review column in the front of your paper? I repeat, what the hell? Do you really think your readership base ranks cinema info as the first thing they want out of your paper? You are putting a section on talkies at the front of your paper? Are you no better than People? USA Today?

Please don't treat your readership like teenagers, obsessed with the next installment of Twilight or Harry Potter. The movie reviews are an added extra, not the main course or, dare I say, primary feature. Sad that you cater to the horrid, tasteless, unfunny, and wasteful enterprise that is movie-making circa 2009. I would guess less than 3 percent made today are worth the celluloid they are encapsulated on. (Do they still do that?) Jamie Hill

Movie listings were moved because the front of the paper has a later deadline at the printer, and this later deadline allows us to include more movie showtimes. — Editor



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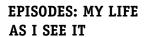
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AND WELCOME TO IT

Thursday | 10

MOSAIC MAKING

For almost 3000 years, humans have used bits of glass and stone to create lasting images. Learn how to make your own mosaic design during this two-session workshop led by Escondido mosaic artist Julie Boegli at the Mingei International Museum. See **SPECIAL**, page 68.





Movie Database — "as a collection of episodes...some episodes are still running, some are in syndication, and some have sadly come to an end." Blaze and his mother, Debra Ginsberg (author of Raising Blaze), will discuss and sign the memoir. See **IN PERSON**, page 73.

Friday | 11

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

The American Wrestling Alliance presents this championship bout between Tommy Wilson and Aerial Star. After gaping at grappling, carry on the party at one of the many watering holes on Adams Avenue. See **SPORTS**, page 76.

ARCHEOLOGY OF MEMORY:

The "Movies That Matter" series continues with the screening of this documentary about Bay Area artist Quique Cruz "as he comes to terms with his arrest, disappearance, and incarceration in Chile's notorious Villa Grimaldi." Also screening: a short by director Ken Loach. Films followed by a panel discussion of human and civil rights with Survivors of Torture, Amnesty International, and the American Civil Liberties Union. See FILM, page 70.

Saturday | 12

WANNA PUT ON A PLAY?

Calling all junior performers!

The San Diego Junior

Theatre hosts this open house featuring age-specific introductory sessions on acting, dancing, and singing. Preschoolers through high school students (and their parents) are invited. See FOR KIDS, page 72.

IT'S A GRAPE DAY!

Did you know there are more antioxidants in a grape than in an açaí? Celebrate the ulti-

mate berry at the Grape Day Festival in Escondido, where you will find plenty of bunches, grape stomping, contests, demonstrations (art, blacksmithing, steam engines),

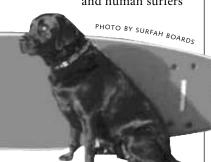
and more. See SPECIAL, page 68.

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Sunday | 13

SURF DOG SURFATHON

Hang ten (or two paws) at this noncompetitive contest, where both dogs and human surfers



will wow spectators to

raise money for the Helen Woodward Animal Center, one wave at a time. Other events include a canine costume contest themed "beach bum and bikini babe." See **SPORTS**, page 76.

WISH UPON A STAR: **DISNEY'S GREATEST HITS**

Before they start listening to Lady Gaga, engage your children in classical music this weekend, when Orchestra Nova and soprano Nicole Werner perform for Disney fans of all ages. Program includes favorites from Mary Poppins, Pinocchio, Snow White, Beauty and the Beast, and more. See CLASSICAL MUSIC, page 69.

Monday | 14

"MICROBES OF THE DEEP: TINY ORGANISMS WITH A GLOBAL IMPACT"

They may be tiny, but microbes matter. Scripps ocean chemist Lihini Aluwihare explains how microbe research helps

"quantify interconnections between the biology, geology, and chemistry of the oceans and ultimately the planet."

See **LECTURES**, page 74.

Tuesday | 15

"BEER U: LAGERS"

It's lager day at Beer University, as Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens sets out to prove that not all lagers are created equal. Return to lager's "respectable roots" and learn how "tasty this traditional beer style can be." Lederhosen optional. See **FOOD & DRINK**, page 71.

Wednesday | 16

LOVE MEMOIRS? FOOD WRITING?

Food, glorious food! New York Times restaurant critic Frank Bruni visits the Neurosciences Institute to speak about his upcoming book, Born Round: The Secret History of a Full-Time Eater, in which he details a life of battling the bulge. See **LECTURES**, page 75.

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

Charmlee Wilderness Park (a.k.a. Charmlee Natural Area), 590 acres of meadow, oak woodland, sage scrub, and chaparral, was first opened to the public in 1981 as a unit of the Los Angeles County park system. Today the City of Malibu administers the park, which lies on that coastal community's western extremity.

Never designed to accommodate a large number of visitors, Charmlee's parking lot is often full on weekends. A spiderweb of trails totaling eight miles covers the park, making it a great place to ramble with familv and friends (and pets) for the purpose of wildflower spotting in spring and ocean watching on any clear day. Those clear days will increase in frequency into late fall and winter, when clear, dry air predominates over the region more often than not.

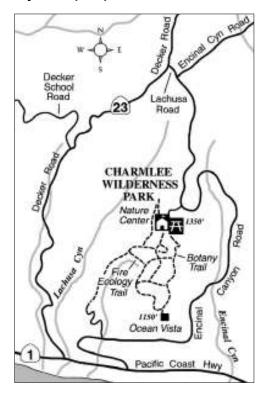
To get to Charmlee Wilderness Park from Santa Monica, drive 25 miles west on Pacific Coast Highway (Highway 1), turn north on Encinal



Winter sunset over Pacific Ocean

Canyon Road, and proceed north four miles to the park's well-marked entrance. Gates are open 8 a.m. to sunset daily. The following is one possible route to follow on foot:

From the parking lot, walk on pavement to the nature center (inside, pick up a guide for the Fire Ecology Trail and other interpretive materials). Bear right on a paved road, soon dirt, that bends north up a slope. Make an acute left turn at the top, follow a ridge road past a hilltop water tank (detour and walk around the tank for a good overview of the park and the ocean), and then curve down to a T-intersection. Jog right, then go left on the Fire Ecology Trail. After a few minutes you will be passing under some firesinged coast live oaks, which are well known for their ability to survive fast-moving wildfires.



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Next, go right on the wide trail that winds along the west edge of Charmlee's large, central meadow, Continue all the way to a dry ridge topped by some old eucalyptus trees and a concrete-lined cistern, both relics of cattle-ranching days. From there descend south (stay right at the next junction) to the "Ocean Vista," which on clear days fulfills what its name suggests. In addition to miles of surf and sand seemingly at your feet, your eyes drink in perhaps a thousand square miles of windruffled ocean.

Circle north from Ocean Vista around the hill with the cistern and then along the

east side of the meadow. When you come to the northeast part of the meadow and the dirt road curves west. pick up the hard-to-spot Botany Trail on the right. It winds through mostly chaparral vegetation and takes you to the picnic area just above your starting point.

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

OUTDOORS

The Time of Sunset changes most rapidly this time of the year. This is mainly because the sun is swinging rapidly south along the ecliptic (its apparent path through the background stars). From the latitude of San Diego, the sun is now setting about 75 seconds earlier every day (equivalent to about nine minutes earlier per week), and its setting position along the horizon shifts southward about one-half degree per day.

Fall Migrant Birds such as wood warblers can be seen at Cabrillo National Monument and its vicinity on Point Loma, Torrey Pines State Reserve, and other parks and open spaces near the San Diego coast. Cooper's or marsh hawks and even peregrine falcons may be seen following or pursuing these smaller birds.

The Highest Tide for September

(a not-very-high +6.2 feet), is predicted for 8:10pm on Wednesday. the 16th. The month's lowest tides (a not-very-low - 0.6 feet) will occur on the mornings of the 16th and 17th at 2:04am and 2:39am, respectively. During September the tidal range is typically minimized. Starting in mid-October, strongly negative tides will begin to occur during the afternoon hours (a much more convenient time for exploring tidepools in the low-lying intertidal zone), and not much in the early morning. By December the highest high tides will crest at about +7 feet and the lowest low tides will sink to nearly -2 feet.

The Waning Crescent Moon and the brilliant planet Venus en-

counter each other at close range in the eastern sky during morning twilight on Wednesday, September 16. Only about 3 degrees of angle will separate the moon from Venus, though Venus (of course) is vastly farther away in space than the moon is.

"Early Birds, Bugs, and Botany"

Naturalist Lee Dezan plans moderate hike about four miles long, along many trails. Participants will see, discuss the ranch's "#1 oddity." Wear hat, treaded footwear, bring water. 760-839-4680. Sunday, September 13, 7am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

"Rattlers and Common Plants"

Naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads moderately strenuous 3.5-mile hike and discusses how to identify potentially dangerous reptiles, their habitats, and plants along trails. Bring water, wear hiking boots. 760-839-4680. Saturday, September 12, 7am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive.

"Safety and Survival" Naturalist Dorothy Klitzing focuses on "Our Families, Our Friends, Our Natural Habitat" while leading hike of approximately two miles. Learn about sheltering in place, fire-safe landscaping, 760-839-4680. Saturday, September 12, 8:30am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

"The Facts of Nature" Trail guides lead short hike, presenting interesting facts, stories about what you see along nature trail. 619-668-3281. Saturday, September 12, 9:30am; Sunday, September 13, 9:30am; Wednesday, September 16, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero erra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours Led on second Saturday of each month, starting at Chinese Historical Museum. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. Saturday. September 12, 11am; \$2. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404

Birding the Beach Barbara Moore leads Audubon Society bird-watching outing. Park in area nearest the river. 858-755-7133. Saturday, September 12, 8am; free. Dog Beach Ocean Beach, West

Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Point Loma Boulevard and Voltaire Street, (OCEAN BEACH)

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Explore Florida Canyon Canvoneers head into this canyon preserved by Helen Witham Chamlee (who founded Canvoneers in 1973). Outing begins in parking lot west of tennis courts. 619-255-0203. Sunday, September 13, 9am; free. Morley Field sports complex, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Meet the Salt Marsh Wetland

Tend California native plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough in this salt marsh wetland. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Saturday, September 12, 9am; free. Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

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, September 11, 6:30am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Native Plant Walk Botanist Dave Flietner of California Native Plant Society leads walk through Balboa Park's Florida Canyon. Flietner will identify cactus and other native plants of local environment, explain the plants' adaptations to our annual months-long drought. 619-297-2957. Sunday, September 13, noon; free. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Palm Walk Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, September 12, 10am. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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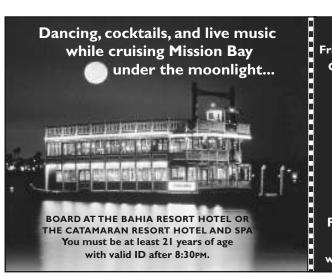
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La Ciudad Perdida

La Ciudad Perdida, Santa Marta, Colombia

By Dominic DeGrazie So, you've tasted the magic of Machu Picchu. Now you look for another adventure — and you hear those fateful words, "La Ciudad Perdida" (The Lost City).

Hidden (literally) in the crevices of northern Colombia's Santa Marta Sierra

Nevada mountain range, La Ciudad Perdida was built by the Tayrona people around 800 AD. Although built approximately 600 years before Machu Picchu, it was "discovered" by looters on the hunt for treasure in 1975 (60 years after Machu Picchu's "discovery").

The six-day trek is not for the feint get ready for perpetually wet hiking boots (and feet), swimming or traversing across multiple rivers, and sleeping on netted hammocks with hungry bugs buzzing outside (among other inconveniences). But on the flipside, get ready to be immersed in an almost untouched world of lush mountainsides and vistas, ancient huts hugging narrow paths, and the ultimate satisfaction, reaching La Ciudad Perdida's welcoming steps deep in the mountain

How to get there: Fly into Cartagena, Colombia. From Cartagena, you can take a short flight or a four-hour bus ride to Santa Marta. Visit buritaca2000.com for more details

Where to stay: From Hotel Miramar (hosteltrail.com/hotelmiramar), tours can be arranged for around \$250.

Warning: Bring bug repellant.

Bubblegum Alley, San Luis Obispo

By Jan Austin

When I first saw Bubblegum Alley in San Luis Obispo, I instantly recognized how it got its name. I wasn't sure whether to be grossed out by the sight of so much used chewing gum or amazed that so many people had contributed to this representation of public art. My reaction was mixed — a bit of "oh, gross" and a lot of fascination.



Bubblegum Alley

For reasons known only to college students, San Luis Obispo (home of California Polytechnic State University) sports a brick alley between 733 and 734 Higuera Street that has been (literally) gummed up since the 1960s.

This sticky landmark is worth the 325-mile drive north. Walls on both sides are covered with thousands of pieces of chewed gum in a rainbow of colors. Perusing the walls is akin to a treasure hunt. I'm awed by the myriad examples of gum art. I discover hearts, peace signs, names, flowers, and faces.

If you feel inclined, leave your mark on this zany wall. There are several gumball machines on Higuera Street. Just chew and apply.

COMMENT

1. It is fascinating and colorful for sure...but it literally stinks lol...but i wouldn't have missed it and contributed my own piece of purple gum:) By magicsfive

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Icamaisa: Me, posing the same way as a statue in front of Schonbrunn Palace in Vienna, Austria



misshottie45: Wall sconce at Hearst



getngoofy: My son and a showgirl at

removed over 950,000 pounds of trash from the San Diego River between Santee and the ocean." Help remove the remaining trash, debris from the river and surrounding area. Meet volunteers in lower parking lot. Tools, supplies provided. Wear clothes that can get a little dirty and sturdy (closed) shoes. 619-297-7380. Saturday, September 12, 9am; free. Mast Park, 9125 Carlton Hills Boulevard, (SANTEE)

San Diego Field Ornithologists Expert birders lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote

Creek. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. Saturday, September 12, 9am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Tracking Walk Easy tracking walk for everyone (beginners and intermediates), starting at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Adobe Ranch House. Learn to track animals, discover their environments. 858-484-3219. Saturday, September 12, 8am; free. Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 12020 Black Mountain Road. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Walk in the Park Join naturalist Dan Cannon on moderately paced four-mile walk through southeast section of ranch; learn about flora and fauna of residents, reserve's recent and ancient history, bit about geology. 760-839-4680. Sunday, September 13, 9am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

> Walk through Grasslands and Woodlands During trail guideled interpretive walk along the river, with "stories and nature knowledge of our native land" for

all ages. 619-668-3281. Saturday, September 12, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Waterfall Hike Take moderately paced loop hike with naturalist Pat Watkins to Carson's Crossing and waterfall. Bring water, wear hiking boots. 858-484-3219. Saturday, September 12, 4pm; free. Del Mar Mesa trailhead, 7107 Park Village Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

SPECIAL

"9/11 Firehouse Foundation Concert" Third annual event raises funds to build permanent firefighter widows and orphans

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more. 858-605-1416. Saturday, September 12, 4pm; \$20-\$30. Firehouse Brewery, 10306 San Diego Mission Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

"A Finer Art Affaire" Over 100 Southern California artists will be exhibiting their work in park at corner of Paseo Delicias and Avenida de Acacias. Multimedia event promises oil and watercolor paintings, pastels, sculpture, woodworking, jewelry in juried art fairs. Jazz guitarists will perform. 858-759-3545. Sunday, September 13, 10am; free. Rancho Santa Fe Art Guild, 6004 Paseo Delicias. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

"Beginning Again: Creating New Intentions" Meditation retreat led by meditation teacher/

practicing psychotherapist/author Sylvia Boorstein. Open to all faiths. Required advance registration: 858-637-3231. Sunday, September 13, 9am; \$60. 14 and up. Congregation Beth El, 8660 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Fixing the U.S. Medical System — Options" Doctors, nurses, insurance reps, and general public will focus on health care reform with P&R Discussion Group. Bring your ideas! 619-370-1027. Thursday, September 10, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Make a Mag" Make a magnet — or wearable art or suncatcher or money — using "ageold process of vitreous enamel on copper." Participants complete a small piece in one session. Materials provided. Registration: 619-424-6646. Monday, September 14, noon; \$30. Golden State Crafts, 642 Dahlia Avenue. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"The Grand Inquisitor" Discuss this parable from Dostoevsky's Brothers Karamazov with San Diego Great Books group. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, September 12, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Heart of Yoga: A Workshop for Beginners" Workshop designed to teach beginners basics of Pilgrimage of the Heart yoga, including essentials of alignment, commonly used vocabulary, breathing techniques, more. 619-640-4438. Saturday, September 12, 1:30pm; \$35-\$40. Pilgrimage of the

Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"The Power of Forgiveness" Meditation retreat led by meditation teacher/practicing psychotherapist/author Sylvia Boorstein. Open to all faiths. Required advance registration: 858-637-3231. Saturday, September 12, 1:30pm; \$30.14 and up. Congregation Beth Israel, 9001 Towne Centre Drive. (IA JOLLA)

"Yoga of Sri Chinmoy" Meditation workshop taught by Sujantra McKeever includes "techniques for meditation and for calming the mind." Explore spiritual teachings of Sri Chinmoy, understand the yogas, more. 619-640-4438. Sunday, September 13, 2:30pm; freed. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

ArtWalk on the Bay Enjoy work by more than 100 artists, interactive art activities, KidsWalk, musical performances. 619-615-1090. Saturday, September 12, 10am; Sunday, September 13, 10am; free. Embarcadero Marina Park North, 849 W Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

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Chen-Style Taijiquan Class Grandmaster Chen Xiaowang leads this original style of taijiquan, more martial in intent and more strenuous in practice than the widely practiced yang style. 619-692-1155. Monday, September 14, 6pm; free. 18 and up. Taoist Sanctuary of San Diego, 4229 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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)

 $\textbf{Craft Club} \ Group \ gathers \ to \ create$ unique items for sale in garden's gift shop. Reservations: 619-232-2721. Monday, September 14, 10am; \$5. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road, (BALBOA PARK)

Festival del Grito Celebrate Mexican Independence Day with artists including Montez de Durango, Banda Machos, Los Rieleros del Norte, Los Buitres de Sinaloa, Larry Hernández, Vilma Díaz v La Sonora, 619-235-0600. Sunday, September 13, noon; free, Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Fiestas Patrias Learn to play cascarones during Mexican Independence Day festivities. Activities include branding, corn husk doll making, relay races, vaquero games, children's games, music performances. Join in the fandango, where everyone can dance to early California music, 619-220-5422, Saturday, September 12, 12:30pm; free. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Found Objects and Mandalas Learn history of folk art, focusing on symbolic work of Southern folk artist Roland Knox during class. Participants pick a personal symbol and chose materials to glue into background patterns outlining the symbol; bring items to incorporate into your piece.

On offer concurrently, "The Art of the Mandala." Mandalas represent a cosmic diagram to remind "us of our relation to the infinite." Make a mandala using collage, drawing, found objects, and painting techniques. For both classes, snacks provided. Reservations: 619-593-2205. Saturday, September 12, 10am; free. Sophie's Gallery, 109 Rea Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Grape Stomp Time! Enjoy traditional Italian festa complete with music by Roman Holiday, barrel tasting, traditional Italian dinner, grape stomping! Tickets: \$65 per person, or \$125 per pair. 858-487-1866. Sunday, September 13, 4pm; \$65. Bernardo Winery, 13330 Paseo del Verano Norte. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Grecian Formula for Fun The 31st annual Greek Festival promises Greek music and dancing, cuisine, children's games, bazaar, deli, import booth. 760-942-0920. Saturday, September 12, 11am; Sunday, September 13, 11am; \$3. Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 3459 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

House of Puerto Rico Group presents ethnic music and dance for lawn program at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, September 13, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boule-

It's a Grape Day! Grape Day Festival begins with "whimsical short hometown parade" along Grand Avenue (9:30am) boasting marching bands, equestrians, walking groups, antique vehicles. Festival in Grape Day Park (9:30am-4pm) promises grapes, grape stomping, entertainment, fun zone, contests, demonstrations (art, blacksmithing, steam engines), vendor booths, museum tours. 760-743-8207. Saturday, September 12, 9:30am; free. Grape Day Park, 321 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

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

La Noche Mexicana Event sponsored by Oceanside Public Library celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month and Mexican independence. 760-435-5600. Tuesday, September 15,

4pm. Oceanside Civic Center, 300 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

Lux at Night Sculptor Elizabeth Turk is current artist-in-residence (September 10-October 3), transforming "solid 400-pound blocks of Sivec and Carrara marble into improbable shapes." Event promises art, wine, music. Turk's work may be viewed through October. 760-436-6611. Wednesday, September 16, 7pm; free, 21 and up. Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real, (ENCINITAS)

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)

Miniature, Toy, Standard! Poodle show. Fee for competitors. 760-310-2073. Saturday, September 12, 8am; Sunday, September 13, 8am; free. Buddy Todd Park, Mesa Drive at Parnassus Circle.

Mosaic Making Create a small decorative mosaic during two-session workshop led by Escondido mosaic artist Julie Boegli in conjunction with "Masters of Mid-. Century California Modernism — Evelyn and Jerome Ackerman." Second class: September 17. Fee includes tools, materials. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x405. Thursday, September 10, 5:30pm; \$65-\$75. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

New Crop of Urban Trees! Dedication of public art exhibit "Urban Trees 6." Event includes family activities, entertainment. Meet artists, view 30 new tree sculptures. 619-686-6281. Saturday, September 12, 11:30am; free. Cruise Ship Terminal, 1140 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

POW/MIA Honor Ceremony Guest speaker is retired Master Sergeant Harris Chuck USMC, who was captured in Guam, sent to Japan during World War II. Hear stories of his experiences. Refreshments to follow. 619-281-0137 or 858-569-6507. Saturday. September 12, 1:30pm; free. VFW Post 3787, 4370 Twain Avenue. (MISSION VALLEY)

Pagan Pride Day Autumn harvest celebrated during day promising fellowship, rituals, workshops, entertainment, information, shopping, at Sixth Avenue and Laurel. Bring a blanket, your drums. Admission: donation of nonperishable food or money for Mama's Kitchen or San Diego Humane Society. 619-244-5694. Saturday, September 12, 9am. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Personal Totems Choose from gallery's tiles, glass, dishes, beads, shells, or bring your own items, to create a mosaic "totem." Fee: \$15 per class, or \$55 for every Wednesday of month. Reservations: 619-593-2205. Wednesdays, 5pm; through Wednesday, September

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Playtime! Play Scrabble and other board games in French. All ages welcome (children must be accompanied by parent). Donations welcome. 858-550-0144. Friday, September 11, 10am. Alliance Française de San Diego, 6640 Lusk Boulevard, Suite 104. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Polynesian Drum and Dance Festival Hawaiian, Tahitian, and Samoan drum and dance styles are celebrated during festival including live music and traditional food. Directed by Patriceann Mead. 760-744-1150 x2453. Friday, September 11, 8pm; Saturday, September 12, 8pm; \$8-\$12. Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference Lectures, tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. Admission is free; \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. Saturday, September 12, noon; Sunday, September 13, noon; free. Alexandra's Bookstore, 3545 Midway Dr., Suite G. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Rhizome Sale! San Diego Iris Society hosts fall rhizome sale in courtyard, with large selection of iris rhizomes in a variety of colors and types, including "rebloomers" for sale. Members of society on hand to answer questions. Sunday, September 13, 10am; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Vista Gem and Mineral Show

Dealers offering gem and lapidary items (for sale), demonstrations, gem identification, more. 760-724-0395. Saturday, September 12, 10am; Sunday, September 13, 9am; free. Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. (MSTA)

Western Hoedown Fundraiser for Ivey Ranch Park Association programs offered for "disabled and able-bodied community" with USMC Mounted Color Guard flag ceremony, barbecue by Outback Steakhouse, kids' corral, horseback-riding demonstrations, buggy rides, live music. 760-722-4839. Saturday, September 12, 3pm; \$40-\$150. Ivey Ranch Park, 110 Rancho del Oro Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Wish Upon a Star: Disney's Greatest Hits" Engage your children in classical music when Orchestra Nova and soprano Nicole Werner perform for Disney fans of all ages. Program highlights "best of the best in the world of Disney, from Mary Poppins and Pinocchio to Snow White and Beauty and the Beast." 800-988-4253. Sunday, September 13, 4pm; \$20-\$50. California Center for the Arts. Escondido.

340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Arias and Duets Tenor Jef Olson and baritone Carlos Oliva plan concert benefiting Woman's Club of Pacific Beach. Program includes selections from *Don Carlos, La Bohème, Pearl Fishers, Tosca.* 858-882-7229. Sunday, September 13, 4pm; \$15. Pacific Beach Woman's Club, 1721 Hornblend Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Classical Music Concert Adrienne Nims, Sheldon Rosenbaum, Laura Thibault in recital. 760-753-1027. Sunday, September 13, 4pm. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 925 Balour Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams performs. 619-702-8138. Sunday, September 13, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Chamber Music Society Fall Concert Series continues with ensemble's performance of Mozart's "Quintet for Piano and Winds in E-flat Major" and "Quintet for Piano and Winds in E-flat Major" by Beethoven. 619-236-5810. Saturday, September 12, 2:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

DANCE

"Hustle Heaven!" Evening begins with hustle lesson, continues as "an '80s-style nightclub experi-

ence featuring classical and contemporary hustle music," West Coast swing, nightclub two-step, Argentine tango, salsa, cha-cha. 858-565-9575. Sunday, September 13, 7pm; \$7. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

"Milonga Nocturna" Dance to "some of the best Argentine tangos" played by Sabah. 858-565-9575. Saturday, September 12, 9pm; \$10. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

"West Coast Swing Mania" NextGen Dance Club invites all West Coast swing dancers for night club two-step and hip-hop swing workshops and dance party featuring music from 1950s to 2009. The \$8 fee includes two workshops and party. 619-275-3533. Saturday, September 12, 7pm; \$8-\$9. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Belly-Dance Show Mimi the bellydancer entertains. No cover. 619-281-7741. Saturday, September 12, 7pm. Troy's Greek Restaurant, 10450 Friars Road. (GRANTVILLE)

Dan Levenson and Kritterband JoAnn Koppany calls when this fiddle master and his band make "incomparable music" for contra dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30pm; dances taught and called to live music 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, September 12, 7:30pm; \$8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

English Country Dancing Guest musician Shira Kammen joins caller Sharon Green for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6pm. 858-676-9731. Saturday, September 12, 6pm; \$8. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Hustle Dance Party Hustle workshop for intermediate/advanced dancers (\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers). Hustle dance party follows 8pm-midnight (\$5 members, \$7 nonmembers), with beginner lesson 8-8:30pm (included in admission). 760-803-9982. Saturday, September 12, 7pm; \$5-\$15. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Blvd., Suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

Israeli Partner Night Dalya teaches "mostly couple dancing, with some teaching." 619-281-5656. Sunday, September 13, 7:30pm; \$7. Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

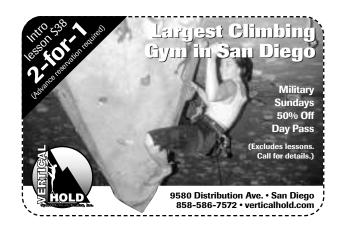
MTV Hip-Hop Ruben "Fusion" Monet — known from MTV and who has worked with Beyonce and Missy Elliott — leads hip-hop classes for adults (Wednesdays) and children (Saturdays). Registration: 858-451-3775. Saturdays, 11am; Wednesdays, 6:15pm; through Wednesday, September 30, \$60. Dance Motions, 12120 Alta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

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

Time to Swing (Dance) Firehouse swing school's classes include "Lindy Hop 1" instruction focusing on eight-count basics; and "Lindy 2" classes on partner Charleston (7-8pm). Class fee includes admission to Firehouse swing dance (8-11:30pm) with music by DJ Jack Pham. Fee: \$15 per class or \$50 for four weeks. All ages. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, September 16, 7pm; \$15-\$50. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Woman's Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

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Nommogeneity by Terrence Stubbs, World Beat Center 7 p.m., Oct. 1, Balboa Park. All other events at City College.

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choices," food, drink, light conversation at hotel's poolside lounge and theater located outdoors. This week: *16 Point Break*. Reservations: 619-226-6100. Wednesday, September 16, 8pm; free. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

"Music and Mirth at the Movies" Enjoy the 1924 Buster Keaton classic comedy Sherlock, Jr. as well as two short-subject films and a classic cartoon, along with live music by renowned film accompanist Philip Carli. American Film Institute ranked this film number 62 in its list of 100 funniest films of all time — what are you waiting for? 619-239-8836. Friday, September 11, 7pm; \$8-\$12. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

"¡Qué Viva! Cine Latino" Enjoy Gael Garcia Bernal and Diego Luna in Carlos Cuarón's *Rudo y Cursi* during event hosted by Media Arts Center San Diego. Evenings begin with "Arte Latino" exhibition, live music (6:30pm); followed by screening of short films and feature film (7:30pm). 619-230-1938. Wednesday, September 16, 6:30pm; free. Otay Ranch Town Center, 2015 Birch Road. (CHULA VISTA)

Archeology of Memory: The Villa Grimaldi "Movies That Matter" series continues with screening of this documentary, following Bay Area artist Quique Cruz "as he comes to terms with his arrest, disappearance, and incarceration in Chile's notorious Villa Grimaldi shortly after the US helped overthrow Allende in 1973." Also screening: Ken Loach's "United Kingdom" segment from 11'09"01 — September 11. After films, panel discussion of human and civil rights with Survivors of Torture, Amnesty International, ACLU. 619-531-8950. Friday, September 11, 7pm; \$7. 15 and up. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

D tour Film Forum series continues with documentary described as "a rock and roll film about life, death, and bodily functions," chronicling Rogue Wave band member Pat Spurgeon's search for a living kidney organ donor, challenges associated with finding a viable match. 619-236-5800. Wednesday, September 16, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Goodbye Solo Ramin Bahrani's 2008 "soulful study of human curiosity and kindness" screens for Film Forum. 619-236-5821. Monday, September 14, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Keita: The Heritage of the Griot This 1995 film from Burkina Faso by Dani Kouyaté screens for African Arts Council at San Diego Museum of Art. "Overlapping narratives intertwine the classic Sundjata epic with a modernday tale about clashing educational methods." 619-232-7931. Sunday, September 13, 2pm; \$3-\$5. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Southie Donnie Wahlberg stars with Rose McGowan in flick screening for Sunday Matinee series. 619-236-5800. Sunday, September 13, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

The Dish This 2000 film set in Australia starring Sam Neill screens for Cinema Society of Carlsbad. Preshow introduction and postshow discussion led by Andy Friedenberg or Ann Zivotsky. 760-602-2026. Saturday, September 12, 1:30pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

War on Terror: Expenditures, Foreign Policy, and Pathways to Peace Debut screening hosted by YOURNETWORK.tv. Learn "true human and financial costs of war, what corporations are shaping our foreign policy, and what people all over the world are doing to restore peace." 619-222-2120. Sunday, September 13, 6:30pm; free. Joyce Beers Commu-







nity Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Beyond Bikes Enjoy film "documenting Red Bull Rampage 2008, one of the most intense free-ride mountain-biking competitions out there" during fund raiser hosted by Beyond Bikes and San Diego Mountain Biking Association. All ages welcome; youths must be accompanied by parents or legal guardians. 760-471-4999. Monday, September 14, 8:30pm; free. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

FOOD & DRINK

"Beer U: Lagers" Not all lagers are created equal. Return "to lager's respectable roots," learn how "tasty this traditional beer style can be.' Lederhosen optional! 760-471-4999. Tuesday, September 15, 7pm; \$20. 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

"Beer for Boobs" Benefit for Breast Cancer 3-Day includes fourcourse dinner (\$30). Keep the souvenir glass for \$5 more. Required reservations: 858-456-6279. Tuesday, September 15, 7pm; \$30-\$35. La Jolla Brew House, 7536 Fay Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

"Farmers, Foragers, and reservations: 619-424-4000 x4476. (CORONADO)

Sunspots and Sipping San Diego Astronomy Association on hand with telescopes equipped for safe solar viewing during brewery's third anniversary party. Also on offer: tasters of local beers. The \$25 fee includes ten tasters, light snacks. 858-513-8070. Saturday, September 12, 1pm; \$25. Lightning Brewery, 13200 Kirkham Way.

Taste the Unknown! Enjoy six wines at boutique offering "unknown wines for great prices." 760591-9113. Friday, September 11, 5pm; Saturday, September 12, 5pm; \$15. 21 and up. Vino 100, 133 South Las Posas Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Traditional Tea Ceremony

Urasenke Tankokai tea instructors plan demonstrations. Learn history of tea ceremony, see how to serve tea in traditional way. Included in garden admission; tea ticket for green tea and dry sweets tasting: \$3. 619-232-2780. Saturday, September 12, 1pm and 2pm; free-\$4.

Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

"Building a Fighter Plane" Experiment with making different styles of paper airplanes during this "Come Fly With Me" family program. Learn the history of aircraft manufacturing in SD in preparation for WWI and WWII, see the different designs that were created. 619-232-6203. Sunday, September 13, 1pm; free-\$5. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Our Naturehood" Learn fun facts about lizards and snakes in your neighborhood during Linda Hawley's program for parents and kids (kindergarten-3rd grade). Enjoy songs, trail walk, take-home craft. Required registration: 619-582-6261. Thursday, September 10,

2pm; free-\$9. 5 and up. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

"The Giant Magic Dragon" Fold a giant origami dragon using very big paper when Lisa Koide Halverson leads "Oh Boy! Origami" class for intermediate level folders (piece has over 18 steps). Required registration: 619-232-2721. Sunday, September 13, 10am; \$8. 8 and up. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Lyle the Crocodile Enjoy the tale of the Primms, who find a crocodile in the tub of their new apartment in New York City, when San Diego Junior Theatre in La Jolla presents this show based on Bernard Waber's book series. Production boasts cast of 20 youths. 619-239-8355. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 2pm and 4pm; Sundays, 2pm and 4pm; through Sunday,

Fishermen" Seasonal dinner series continues with Kanaloa Seafood, allowing guests to dine with those who produce, harvest, catch the ingredients. Four-course menu highlights Santa Barbara spotted prawns, abalone, "other surprises from the sea." Required Wednesday, September 16, 5:30pm; \$48. Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road.

"Spirits of Mexico" In celebration of Mexican independence, master tequila distillers, blenders, authors, tequila aficionados gather for samplings of blancos, anejos, reposados, mezcal, sotol, liqueurs, more. Tickets include two hours of "neat" agave tasting of all participating brands, hors d'oeuvres. 858-523-9020. Saturday, September 12, 6pm; \$40-\$50. 21 and up. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur

Barbecue Party Learn tips of trade from "barbecue experts," enjoy barbecue meal. Event cosponsored by food website Sally's Place. 858-551-4227. Sunday, September 13, 1pm; \$25. Bubba's Smokehouse BBO, 888 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

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September 27, \$11-\$13. Firehouse YMCA Community Center, 7877 Herschel Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Mother Goose You're invited to Big Joe Production marionette shows. 619-544-9203. Thursday, September 10, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, September 11, 10am and 11:30am; Saturday, September 12, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, September 13, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

The Three Little Pigs Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales focus on the pigs "and other funny stories." 619-544-9203. Wednesday, September 16, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Early Ecologist Budding naturalists invited to preschool story time. "Enjoy an imaginative journey into nature through dynamic readings and visits to exhibitions." Recommended for ages 1-5. Included in museum admission (\$13 adults, \$7 children). 619-255-0203.

Thursday, September 10, 11am; San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Lizards and Snakes! Kids (ages two-five) and parents learn "fun facts about lizards and snakes with songs, hands-on materials, short trail walks, and take-home craft" during "Ant-Sized Adventures" led by Linda Hawley. Reservations required: 619-582-6261. Thursday, September 10, 10am; Friday, September 11, 10am; free-\$9. 2 and up. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Make and Fly da Vinci Parachutes During family science day. Sessions last 45 minutes, included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. Saturday, September 12, 12:30pm, 1:30pm and 2:30pm; free-\$15. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA

Wanna Put on a Play? San Diego Junior Theatre hosts open house featuring age-specific introductory sessions on acting, dancing, singing. All ages of kids invited, from preschoolers through high school students (and their parents). Reservations: 619-239-1311. Saturday, September 12,

9am; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

GALLERIES

"Agitprop: Brain Trust" Reception for Agitprop, moving "into a new phase of agitation and propaganda by illustrating some of the work it has done in the past and asking you to participate in future projects by being part of a 'brain trust.'" View installation addressing social economics, art markets, commodities trading, and community engagement through Sunday, October 11. 619-384-7989. Saturday, September 12, 6pm; free. Art Produce Gallery, 3139 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

"Like Water on Rock: Exhibit by the Jewish Women Artists' Network" Opening reception for artists. Title of exhibit relates "phenomenon of the soft continuous drip of water that eventually erodes a hard rock to personal, familial, communal, or global challenge and change." Through Friday, October 30. 858-457-3030. Thursday, September 10, 7:30pm; free. Gotthelf Art Gallery at Lawrence Family Jewish Commu-

nity Center, 4126 Executive Drive.

"Nature as Trophy" Reception for exhibition of more than two dozen ceramic sculptures by San Diego artist Jeff Irwin. "Throughout his career, Irwin has used art to grapple with political, social, and environmental issues, especially as they relate to his love of nature and the great outdoors." Artist's talk: October 17, 1pm. View exhibit through Sunday, November 22. 619-238-6627. Sunday, September 13, 1pm; free. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Photo Riot" Reception for PhotoArts Group members celebrating one year anniversary in this location. View show attempting to "get in your face" through Friday, September 25. 760-480-4101. Saturday, September 12, 5:30pm; free. InnerSpace Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

"The Rubins Exhibition"
Artist's reception with hors d'oeuvres and live music. Requested donation for reception: \$20. Exhibit continues through September. 619-593-2205. Friday, September 11, 5:30pm. Sophie's Gallery, 109 Rea Avenue. (EL CAJON)

"This, That, and the Other" Opening reception for exhibition

of work by Eric Wixon, Brent Harada, and Jesse Reno. Artists' reception follows on September 12. Through September. 619-297-9663. Thursday, September 10, 7pm; Saturday, September 12, 6pm; free. Planet Rooth Gallery, 3811 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Untitled" "Ray at Night" reception. Exhibition showcases work by Martha Martin, jfeather, Allen LeMarc. 619-298-3830. Saturday, September 12, 6pm; free. Gallery a.k.a, 3830 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Art Lovers Called! Reception for exhibition of work by Mark Jurecki, Ellen Cramer, Grace Swanson, Alison Christler. Through October. 760-942-3636. Friday, September 11, 5pm; free. Off Track Gallery, 500 Second Street. (ENCINITAS)

Ray at Night Turns 8! Reception for featured artists Orlando Moreno, Abby Martin, Jerrell Conner, Chris Trueman in conjunction with Ray at Night art walk event. Exhibit continues through September. 619-795-4850. Saturday, September 12, 6pm; free. Cirello Gallery, 3803 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

Sculpture in September Artist's reception for sculptor Elaine Seeley, whose work is featured through Saturday, October 3.760-434-8497. Sunday, September 13, 4pm; free.

Carlsbad Oceanside Art League's COAL Gallery, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101. (CARLSBAD)

IN PERSON

"Bollywood Jhankar" Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of USA hosts Bollywood musical program with Bollywood dances and songs performed by professional Indian dancers, entertainers. 858-952-2908. Sunday, September 13, 4pm; \$25. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre. 4126 Executive Drive. (IA JOLLA)

"Party with a Point of View" "One Part Cabaret, One Part Wild!" Centerpiece of evening is two-act cabaret featuring performances by Leigh Scarritt, Paul James Kruse, Robert Brewer, Lisa Payton, Rosina Reynolds, Ron Choularton, M'Lafi Thompson, DeAnna Driscoll, Willie G, Jennifer Leigh Warren, the Needamann Brothers, Street Corner Doo Wop Singers from Ira Aldridge Repertory Players. Reservations: 619-231-3586 x620. Saturday, September 12, 6:30pm; \$75-\$150. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

"Son del Alma" Music and poetry by Mexican-born artist, composer, singer, flamenco guitarist









Cecilia García Amaro. Program celebrates "musical traditions of Mexico," ushers in Hispanic Heritage Month. Reception follows with Amaro, wine tasting from Adobe Guadalupe winery in Baja California. 619-239-0003 x405. Saturday, September 12, 1:30pm; \$15-\$25. Mingei International Museum North County, 155 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

2009 MiraCosta College Faculty Concert Music faculty performs collection of music representative of their current interests, including vocal, piano, guitar, brass performances. Proceeds help fund a MiraCosta music scholarship. 760-795-6815. Friday, September 11, 7:30pm; \$5. MiraCosta College Theatre, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Episodes: My Life as I See It Debut writer Blaze Ginsberg and his mother Debra Ginsberg (author of Raising Blaze) will discuss this high school-years memoir written by Blaze, "a 22-year-old high-functioning autistic student." Booksigning follows. 858-755-3735. Thursday, September 10, 7pm; free. The Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

Homegrown: The Terror Within Bio/cyber-thriller author Cialan Haasnic signs his new book, in which terrorists deliver a bio-engineered pathogen via insects. 858-268-4747. Saturday, September 12, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Les Miserables Fifty teenagers take part in Broadway Theatre Arts Academy's production, directed by Sean Tamburrino. Event in park's amphitheater. 760-888-1989. Thursday, September 10, 8pm; Friday, September 11, 8pm; Saturday, September 12, 8pm; \$12-\$15. Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Moments With Baxter Melissa Joseph brings her therapy dog Baxter along to the library, where she'll discuss and sign books. 760-753-7376. Saturday, September 12, 11am; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

The View From the Bridge Film director Nicholas Meyer discusses. signs his new book, offering an account of his involvement with the Star Trek films: STII: The Wrath of Khan, STIV: The Voyage Home, and STVI: The Undiscovered Country. Costumes encouraged. 858-454-0347. Thursday, September 10, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

A Retelling of Peter Pan Fantasy artist, author Brom signs The Child Thief. 858-268-4747. Sunday, September 13, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302.

Concert at Pier Plaza Imperial Beach's annual concert boasts music by Paul Ingram Jazz (5:30-7:15pm) and TICO Orchestra (7:45-9:15pm). Bring a picnic dinner, blanket for fun on Seacoast Drive (between Elder and Evergreen). 619-423-8301. Saturday, September

12, 5:30pm; free. Portwood Pier Plaza, Seacoast Drive at Imperial Beach Boulevard. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Courtyard Concerts Singersongwriter Deborah Liv Johnson performs her compositions, from blues to ballads. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 858-483-2300, Saturday, September 12, 7:30pm; Christ Lutheran Church, Pacific Beach, 4761 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Handwriting Expert and Mys-

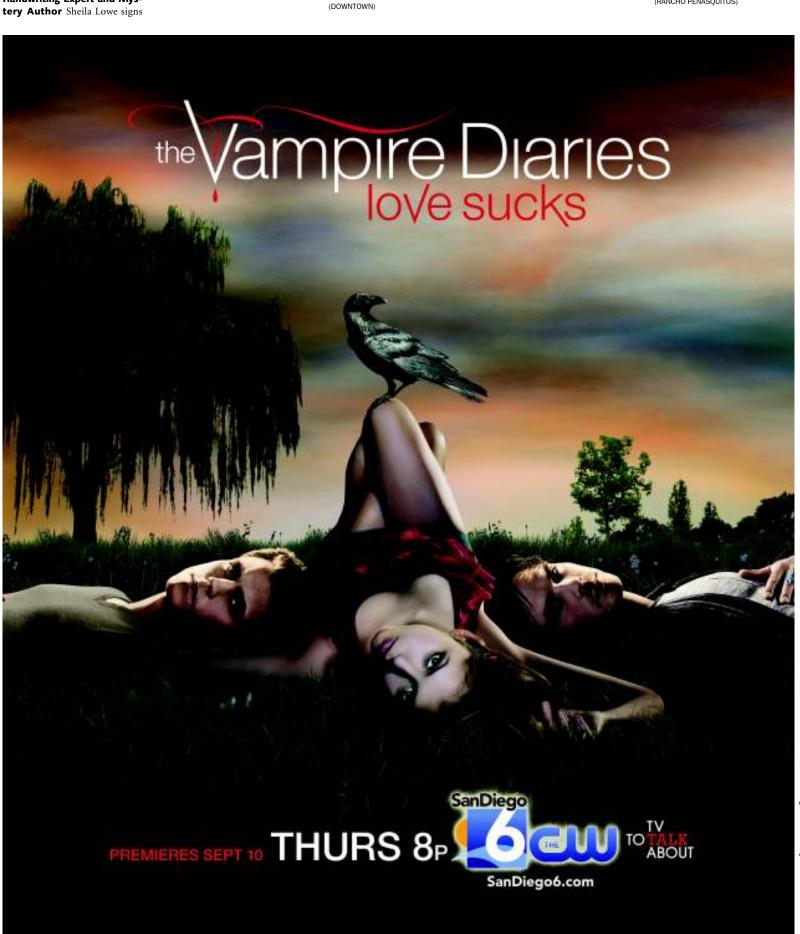
Dead Write, starring a forensic handwriting expert as a main character. 858-268-4747. Friday, September 11, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302, (KEARNY MESA)

Mysterious! Authors Pete Goodman (Smoking Frog Lives!) and William Kent Krueger (Heaven's Keep) visit to sign books. 858-268-4747. Sunday, September 13, 12 noon; free. Mysterious Galaxy

Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Restoration Complete! After five years of restoration, the 1929 Wonder Morton Organ will be unveiled with concert by Chris Gorsuch, the 2008 American Theatre Organ Society Organist of the Year, as well as Jelani Eddington and Russ Peck. 619-570-1100. Sunday, September 13, 2pm; \$20-\$50. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. 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)

The Gelato Poetry Series KEP reads her poetry followed by openmike performances. 760-434-1240. Friday, September 11, 7pm; free. Korky's Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN) Think Outside the Box Sally Gary, author of The Best \$Freebies & Bargains and Deals & Steals in San Diego, speaks for Diamond Gateway Women's Organization. Learn "how she wrote her book," bargains in "the underground world of shopping." Books available for purchase after talk (\$20), 858-672-9236. Thursday, September 10, 7pm; free. 18 and up. Church of the Nazarene, 10060 Carmel Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)





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Want to Be Heard? Open-mike poetry night planned for you "to share your talents." 619-996-8908. Friday, September 11, 7pm; \$5. Connect the Dots Entertainment, 2110 Hancock Street. (MISSION HILLS)

Zoo, Zoo, Zoo — How About You? Meet Suzy Spafford of Suzy's Zoo, who will draw Suzy Ducken and discuss how she created her characters. Part of library's sixthanniversary celebration. 619-531-1539. Wednesday, September 16, 6:30pm; Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street. (POINT LOMA)

LECTURES

"Art History to Art Making: Calder Jewelry" Sandra Sherman, artist and art history professor in jewelry and metalwork program at SDSU, plans lecture on "Calder Jewelry" (included in regular admission). Jewelry and metal sculpture workshop follows talk (\$5). 619-232-7931. Saturday, September 12, 1pm. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Bye Bye Grass! Part One" Gardening expert Nan Sterman divulges methods for "extermination options" for removing lawn, ways to physically remove grass. Part two offered September 12. Reser-

vations: 619-660-0614 x10. Thursday, September 10, 6:30pm; \$45-\$50. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Bye Bye Grass, Part Two" Gardening expert Nan Sterman teaches how to evaluate irrigation, prepare soil, select plants. Reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, September 12, 9am; \$45-\$50. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuvamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"California Invertebrates (Living and Long-Gone)" Did you know land that is now Border Field State Park was once under a couple of hundred feet of water? Scott Rugh from paleontology department at San Diego Natural History Museum focuses on invertebrates and "The Border Field Fossils" for Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series. 619-575-3613. Saturday, September 12, 11am; free. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"California Native Plants for the Garden: A Personal Perspective" Horticulturist David Fross considers history of native plant use, offers reminder that California native plants can serve almost every garden and landscape function during talk for San Diego Horticultural Society. Plant forum follows. 760-295-7089. Monday, September 14, 6pm; free-\$5. Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

"Fighting Cancer With Your Fork" Gain practical overview of nourishing foods essential for health and healing with tips on how to incorporate these easily into your life during talk by Vicky Newman, MS, RD, associate clinical professor at UCSD's Department of Family and Preventive Medicine. Registration: 858-822-2236. Tuesday, September 15, 5pm; free. 18 and up. Moores UCSD Cancer Center, 3855 Health

"Finding Joy Through Music" Workshop combining drumming, breath, movement led by Noelle Pedersen of Resounding Joy, Inc. 619-640-4438. Sunday, September 13, noon; \$15-\$20. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Sciences Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Identity Theft" Identity theft is described as "one of the fastestgrowing crimes in California." Learn how to protect yourself, what to do if someone steals your identity, and how SD's Computer and Technology Center High Tech Response Team can help when City of San Diego public affairs officer Midge Costanza speaks. Registration: 619-464-4331. Monday, September 14, 6:30pm; free. San Carlos United Methodist Church, 6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard. (SAN CARLOS)

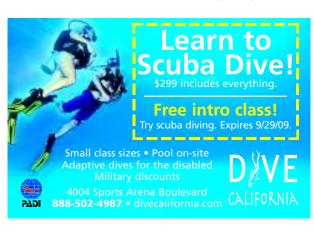
"Jews in France" Alyssa Goldstein Sepinwall, CSU San Marcos professor of history, discusses the Jewish community in contemporary France. 858-268-3674. Friday, September 11, 7:30pm; free. Congregation Dor Hadash, 4858 Ronson Court. (KEARNY MESA)

"Microbes of the Deep: Tiny Organisms with a Global Impact' Scripps ocean chemist Lihini Aluwihare explains how her research helps quantify interconnections between the biology, geology, and chemistry of the oceans and ultimately the planet for "Perspectives on Ocean Science Lecture Series." Reservations: 858-534-5771, Monday, September 14, 6:30pm; \$5-\$8. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

"My Experience with Peaceful, Self-Chosen Death" Hemlock Society gathers for talk by Dr. Dick MacDonald, past president of the World Federation of Right-to-Die Societies. 619-233-4418. Sunday, September 13, 1:30pm; free. 18 and up. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"Our Collective Memory" Author J. Stryker Meyer marks eighth anniversary of 9/11 terrorist attacks, examining what our society retains of the day and what has faded away when LIFE at Mira-Costa meets (1pm).

"We the People" presented by Joseph Andrews of Center for Teaching the Constitution (2:30pm). His courses using Declaration of Independence and Constitution as texts incorporate classical learning techniques. 760-721-8124. Friday, September 11, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)







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"Planetary Pairs" Joe Simpson explores "lower octave/higher octave meaning and relationships of Mercury with Uranus, Venus with Neptune, and Mars with Pluto from their mythological origins, to the astrological correspondences, to their modern-day manifestations" for San Diego Astrological Society. 619-307-1636. Friday, September 11, 7:30pm; \$6-\$12. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"The Past, Present, and Future of San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve" Doug Gibson from San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy plans talk in Student Center Conference Room. Gibson is both executive director and principal scientist of the conservancy. 760-436-3944. Friday, September 11, 7pm; free. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

"Van Gogh and Cézanne" Art history lecture series with Linda Blair focusing on "the art, the

meaning of art in their lives, and the possible relationship between their burdened personalities and the art they produce." Fee for fiveweek series: \$75. Registration: 858-454-5872. Tuesday, September 15, 7:30pm; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (IA JOLLA)

"Wearable Art: What Is Good and What Is Not" San Diego Creative Stitchery Guild meets to hear Mary Lou Rankin focus on the shocking and the fantastic. Rankin is owner of Park Bench Patterns and will bring patterns to sell. 619-993-0599. Monday, September 14, 6:30pm; free. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

"Your Healing Is in Sight" Learn about "the ancient science of iridology from certified iridologist Teri Rounds...and how your eyes hold the keys to discovering your true health." Reservations: 562-243-7359. Monday, September 14, 6:30pm; free. Scripps Mira-

mar Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

College Funding? Learn about maximizing financial aid, scholarships, SAT/ACT scores, tax strategies, more during college funding strategies workshop hosted by National College Funding Strategies. Recommended reservations: 619-579-0728. Tuesday, September 15, 6:30pm; free. 13 and up. Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway. (LEMON GROVE)

Consider Water No matter where you live in the county, the changing water situation affects your future. Find out about those changes from experts during Northwest Civic Association of Chula Vista meeting. 619-476-1738. Monday, September 14, 6pm; free. Seniors on Broadway, 845 Broadway. (CHULA VISTA)

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Mariachi Mariachi historian Gil Sperry, author of *Mariachi for Gringos*, presents look at history, protocol, instruments used to create "this infectious music." 760-753-7376. Wednesday, September 16, 6:30pm; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Funding Culture City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture hosts workshop to inform public about application and review processes for "FY 2011" funding for arts and culture programs. Workshop topics include eligibility requirements, eligible programs and services, how to apply, funding restrictions, matching requirements. Learn about the organizational support program (OSP) in museum's Coast Room. RSVP: 619-236-6788. Thursday, September 10, 2:30pm; free. City of San Diego Ridgehaven Building, 9601 Ridgehaven Court. (KEARNY MESA)

Homebuying from Start to Finish Seminar covering "entire home-buying process from start to finish" hosted by *SDSeminars.com*. Event includes complimentary

wine tasting, food. RSVP: 858-461-1155. Tuesday, September 15, 6:30pm; free. Wine Steals, 2970 Truxtun Road. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Love Memoirs? Food Writing?

New York Times restaurant critic Frank Bruni speaks about his forthcoming book Born Round: The Secret History of a Full-Time Eater for Revelle Forum. Registration: 858-882-8000. Wednesday, September 16, 7pm; \$25. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

See, Touch, Smell! Meet drought-tolerant plants including salvias and California natives when land-scape designer Doug Kalal presents "Thirty Great Drought-Tolerant Plants for Your Garden." 619-200-7066. Saturday, September 12, 12:30pm; free. College-Rolando Library, 6600 Montezuma Road. (COLLEGE AREA)

Sogetsu School Ikebana Learn basics of Sogestsu style ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement)

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

Weave a Scarf Bring a loom (or borrow one), learn how to warp it, and begin simple process of weaving during class led by Christie Dunning. Participants explore, experiment with up to 15 different patterns, using all kinds of yarn. Participants will complete a handwoven scarf. Additional materials fee. 619-223-0058. Sunday, September 13, 10am; \$74-\$86. 16 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

What's "inSite"? Carmen Cuenca — executive director of in-Site, a binational venture focused on commissioning new public projects by artists in SD and Tijuana region — speaks for







Bronowski Art and Science Forum. 858-442-3030. Thursday, September 10, 7pm; free. Burnham Institute for Medical Research, 10905 Road to the Cure. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

"CRY America Walk for Child Rights 2009" All skill levels invited to participate in noncompetitive 5k walk for families, starting at Ouince and Sixth Avenue, On-site registration: 6:30am, Donation, Proceeds benefit Child Rights and You America Inc. 619-200-0336.

Sunday, September 13, 6:30am. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way, (BALBOA PARK)

"Friday Night Live" American Wrestling Alliance presents championship bout between Tommy Wilson and Aerial Star; other bouts between Locura and the Amazing Web, Matt Twizted versus Todd Chandler, S.D. Sanchez versus Nature's Boy Bubba Flair. The "Mirror Image" Ricky Mandell competes against "The Nomad" Damon Devine in a pose off. 619-284-0925. Friday, September 11, 7pm; \$9-\$15. Unity Lodge, 3366 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Grandparents' Day on the Bay" Bring your grandparents for introductory paddling lesson and scenic paddle under Bay Bridge to the Coronado Ferry Landing. Stop at ferry landing for no-host brunch. Fee includes equipment, paddling instruction. No previous kayaking or swimming experience required. 619-255-0203. Sunday, September 13, 9am; \$20-\$65. 6 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA

"San Diego Sites and Sights" Bike historic Old Town, surrounding area during 25-mile outing hosted by Knickerbikers, 619-787-7427. Saturday, September 12, 8:45am; free, Old Town Transit Center, 4005 Taylor Street, (OLD TOWN)

"Surf Dog Surfathon" Helen Woodward Animal Center's noncompetitive event includes onehalf-hour dog surfing contest, beach bum and bikini babe canine costume contest," "doo the dah" team surfing competition. Donation. Registration: 858-756-4117 x312. Sunday, September 13, 8am. Dog Beach Del Mar, 29th Street. (DEL MAR)

"Teens, Jeans, and Dreams' Team penning event raises money for San Pasqual Academy, a boarding school for foster teens. Riders on horseback separate numbered calves from a herd and get them in a pen in least amount of time. 858-755-1161. Saturday, September 12, 6pm; \$15-\$30. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Bonsall Blast San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders head out for 84-mile ride on the coast. 619-426-8192. Sunday, September 13, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Coastal Cruising Knickerbikers bicyclists plan 45-miler along coastal back streets. Bring money for lunch in Carlsbad, 619-255-2890. Sunday, September 13, 8am; Glen Park, 2149 Orinda Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Paddle for Clean Water Surfrider Foundation hosts 18th annual event starting with breakfast for paddlers (9am). Paddle around OB Pier (10am) on any sort of paddlecraft — kayaks, surfboards, body boards, outrigger canoes. Festival includes environmental action and awareness booths, surf lessons, surfboard demo, kids' area, more, 619-804-6264. Sunday, September 13, 9am; free, Ocean Beach Pier, 5091 Niagara Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Padres vs. Rockies San Diego Padres take on the Colorado Rockies. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Friday, September 11, 7:05pm; Saturday, September 12, 7:05pm; Sunday, September 13, 1:05pm; \$7-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard.

Padres vs. Diamondbacks San Diego Padres host the Arizona Diamondbacks. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Monday, September 14, 7:05pm; Tuesday, September 15, 7:05pm; Wednesday, September 16, 12:35pm; \$7-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard, (DOWNTOWN)

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Hip-Hop-Challenged

SDMAs "I don't feel I should have been nominated for the award," says Jimmy Powers of his Best Hip-Hop nomination by tonight's San Diego Music Awards at Viejas. "I've only released a limited-press EP.... I think local artists like Blame One, who hit the top 40 on iTunes this year, should be the ones getting a nomination."

Hip-hop compilation Young Mass Presents: The Best of Daygo City is nominated for Best Hip-Hop Album even though a distribution and promotion deal with Jake Records wasn't in place until after the 2009 nominations were announced.

Blame One says, "I got nominated twice [in the past]. Second time, I didn't even bother to show up.... Those cats don't intend on helping out because they have no desire to understand hip-hop nominees for 2009 are being ridiculed in posts on websites such as Yelp.com and accesshiphop.com. "MC Flow nominated again," complains

shit.... I'm sick and tired of these same lame ass niggas gettin' nominated each year. Getting a SD Music Award is like makin' a shot after the



DIDN'T GET A NOD?

Jen of the rapper's award nod. "Geez. When will people learn? She's terrible. Lame act. Lame weird-ass dancer dressed in American Apparel crap."

Adamnt: "From the outsiders, it looks like...the groups that have the media

buzzer. It don't count, bitch." MarkMyWords: "If the DMV was run by the SDMAs, 12-year-olds without arms and legs would have drivers

licenses sent to their house."

The bands scheduled to appear at SDMA 2009 include Burning of Rome, Scarlet Symphony, Get Back Loretta, the Silent Comedy, Steph Johnson, the San Diego Blues All Stars, and this year's Lifetime Award honorees the Zeros.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Six-String for Sale

A guitar once owned by Jimi "Experience Hendrix LLC makes no claim of ownership concerning the Fender Stratocaster guitar serial number 213078 and will not interfere with any attempt by Greg Dorsett, Rock Stars Guitars, or any subsequent owner to transfer rights in the guitar." The memo dated January 26, 2009, is signed by Janie L. Hendrix, president and CEO of Experience Hendrix LLC.

The guitar had been at the center of controversy for nearly a decade after Dorsett, a San Diego guitar-and-rock memorabilia dealer, attempted to sell it on eBay.

Dorsett owns Rock Stars Guitars. He and partner David Brewis bought the Strat from ex-Hendrix employee Tappy Wright in 1999 for a reported \$60,000. Wright claimed that the late guitarist had made him a gift of the guitar sometime prior to his untimely death in 1970.

On March 12, 2001, the Strat went on eBay for auction. But four days later, eBay officials suspended the auction after receiving emails from Experience Hendrix LLC officials claiming that the guitar was either stolen or had never belonged to Hendrix. The auction was eventually reinstated, but bidding fell off sharply in the remaining days and did not meet the reserve. Dorsett took the guitar off the market. Later that year, he filed a defamation suit against Experience Hendrix LLC in

San Diego Superior Court.

"We wanted to prove that the statement that the guitar was stolen from Jimi Hendrix was false." Dorsett's attorney Michael Guta recalls. "One of the ways we were able to prove it, in addition to other evidence, was that the defendants [Hendrix LLC] wrote up a new letter that said that the guitar had never been Mr. Hendrix's property. And so, the guitar could not be both stolen from him and never his property, so they had an inconsistency in their story,

Norman Harris of Norm's Rare Guitars. "The guitar," he says, "has extensive lefthanded wear [Hendrix was a lefty]. And there are certain things on the guitar that have not been changed since Jimi did the alterations."

In May of 2003, a jury awarded Dorsett a total of \$131,001 in damages.

Hendrix LLC filed an appeal.

In January of this year, the case finally came to a close when Hendrix's heirs and Rock Stars Guitars reached an agreement to set-



IT WAS HIS, NOW IT'S MR. DORSETT'S

which went a long way to proving that the first story that the guitar was stolen was false."

For Dorsett, the truth was always in the guitar's provenance. Aside from Wright's firsthand accounting, there are letters of authentication from rock drummer Carmine Appice and

tle for an undisclosed sum and an agreement in writing that they would make no further claims nor interfere with Dorsett's sale of the guitar.

Michael Guta says the famous guitar is back on the market at an asking price of \$500,000.

— Dave Good

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hip-hop culture."

Another past nominee, Miki Vale, says, "I never went to the award ceremony.... Just do what you do and let the music be your trophy."

Meanwhile, the SDMA

backing win the awards, thus validating all the articles written about them."

Alowishious1: "How come Mitchy Slick wasn't nominated? That right there is proof that it's all bullHendrix is back on the market following years of legal dispute that ended recently with this terse statement:

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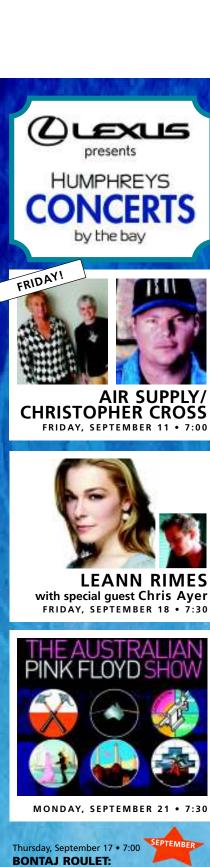




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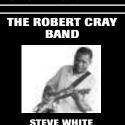
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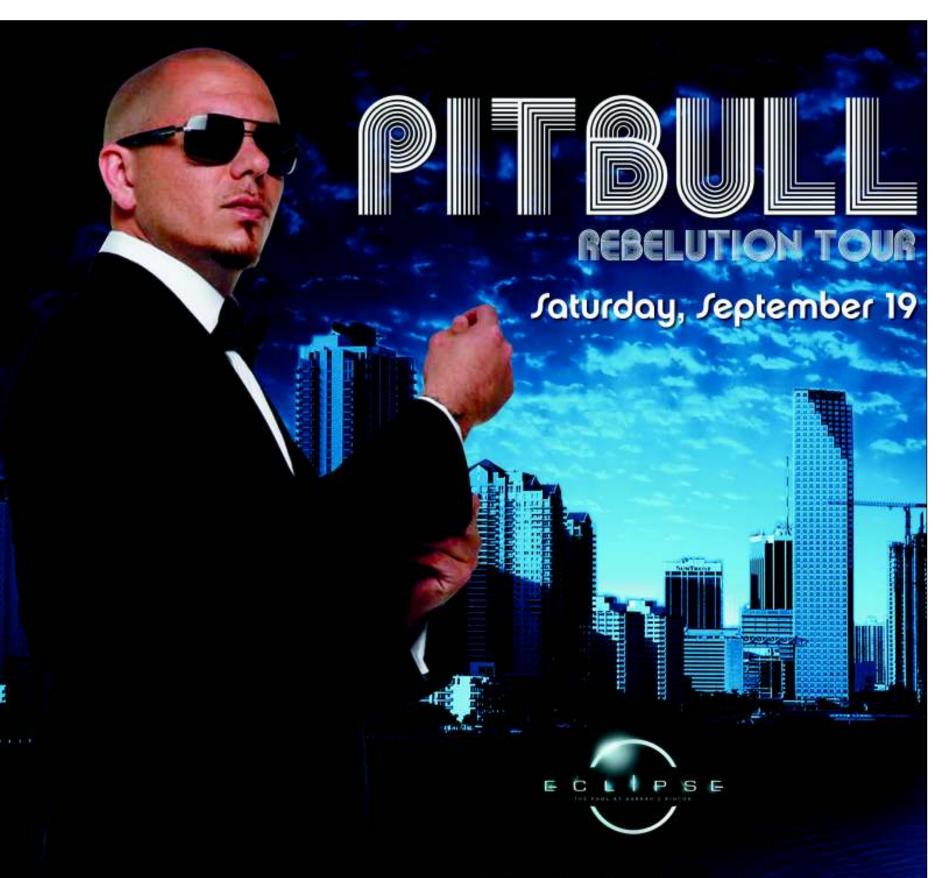
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That Was Then, This Is Buju Lyrics from a 17-yearold song are costing Buju Banton gigs. The Jamaican dancehall singer had some of the dates on his 2006 U.S. tour canceled because his 1992 song "Boom Bye Bye" urges listeners to shoot gay people in the head and douse

them with acid.

Francisco, Las Vegas, Chicago, Houston, Dallas). Neither promoter was involved with Banton's Belly Up show scheduled for October 17.

Belly Up talent buyer Eric Milhouse pointed out that Banton appeared at the Belly Up in 2006 when other dates were canceled. "I wasn't here then, but I heard there were no problems." He says Banton appeared at the Sports Arena in February as part of the Tribute to Reggae Legends festival and that



REGGAE'S BUJU BANTON CLEANS UP HIS ACT

Last week major promoters AEG Live and Live Nation canceled all upcoming Banton shows (L.A., San

there were no protests or incidents. "He played last month at Madison Square Garden, and there was not a

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: DOWNTOWN



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single issue. A week later he had a guest appearance with John Legend, and the New York Post said [Banton's set] was the highlight of the night."

At press time, the Belly Up date and 29 other stops on the current tour had not been canceled.

"But we have heard from concerned folks," says Milhouse. "I'm trying to get a statement from Buju. We want to do the right thing."

"Buju doesn't sing any of those lyrics anymore," says longtime reggae impresario Makeda Dread. She says she's planning to interview Banton and a member of the L.A. Gay Center at the same time on her weekly Reggae Makossa radio show. (This show would have aired on Tuesday, September 8, on FM 102.5.) Dread co-promoted the Reggae Legends Festival.

Iamaican native Ras

Charles owns and operates Yard Sounds Records in Oceanside and hosts the weekly Yard Sounds radio show on KKSM/Palomar College. "He doesn't sing those songs anymore, but those songs still get played and that's why people still associate him with that."

Ken Leighton

Prune Juice Is So Rock 'n' Roll Before Kansas plays Valley View Casino on Saturday, September 12, they need an "articulate female volunteer for merchandise sales" who must be "available one hour prior to doors opening and to remain one hour after performance." Dressing-room requirements include a bag of Jolly Rancher candy ("assorted"), a

half-case each of Sharp's and

O'Doul's nonalcoholic beer

("bottles only"), a six-pack of

7UP ("no Sprite"), a half-gal-

lon of Ocean Spray Ruby Red Tangerine Juice, and one quart of prune juice.

When James Taylor takes the stage at Valley View

Casino on Tuesday, September 15, "There are to be no uniformed guards in front of the stage" during his performance. He expects his dressing room stocked with two bars of Neutrogena soap, two boxes

of Kleenex tissues, a box of Alacer's lemon or lime Emergen-C packs, and that day's copies of the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, and USA Today ("except 'Weekends'").

When blink-182 appears at Cricket Amphitheatre on

Wednesday, September 16, their backstage requirements include six malt nut Power Bars, a box of Cap'n Crunch

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– Jay Allen Sanford

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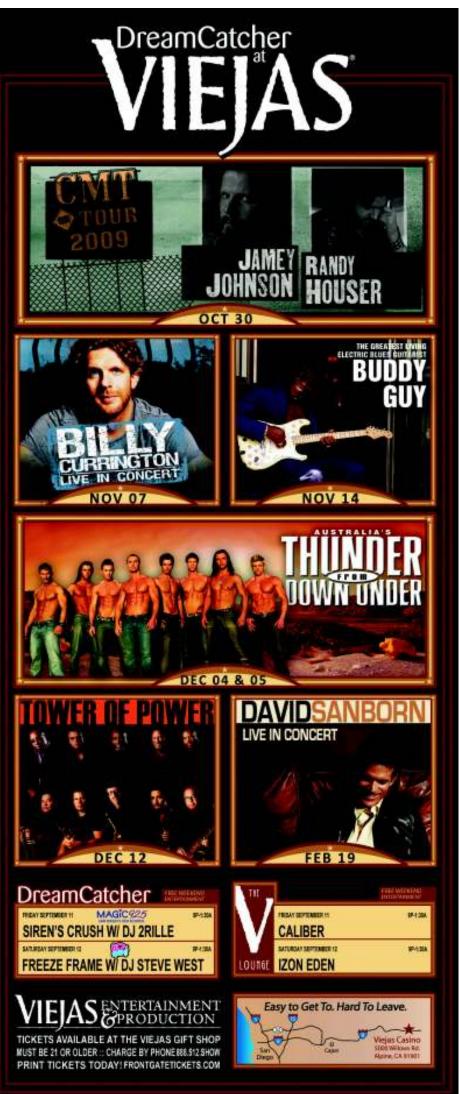
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This Week

Thursday

Bay Area bad boy Too \$hort rolls up on Canes tonight. The 43-year-old rapper has had a comeback with early hits "The Ghetto" and "Gettin' It" becoming anthems for gamers who roll Grand Theft Auto. Shorty broke in the early '80s and was one of the *Billboard* gangstas (along with Diddy, B.I.G., Jay Z, and Snoop) to bust into MTV's poprock-dominated format. In Vegas last week, Too Short was incarcerated for DUI and possession of marijuana Assuming he made bail, he'll be rocking the

TOO SHORT AT CANES

gae rap per **Samoan Irok**.... A family affair at Belly Up has '70s rock-radio hit-maker **Eddie Money** ("Two Tickets to Paradise," "Take Me Home Tonight") and his daughter Jesse sh-sh-shakin the Solana Beach hotspot. Jesse's been part of Dad's road show since she was a toddler. Nowadays, she's singing the Ronnie Spector backing parts and taking a couple of numbers on her own. As part of the MTV reality series Rock the Cradle, Jesse finished last. Ouch.... And you've got two more nights, tonight and tomorrow, of jazz cats Chick Corea, Stanley Clarke, and Lenny White at Little Italy supper club Anthology. This hot-numbers combo is playing two shows a night, one at limo-o'clock and one at cab-o'clock

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"We will...we will...soft rock you!" Uptown sees Ron Fountenberry's folktronica quartet the **SoftLightes** making a rare hometown stop at the Whistle Stop in South Park. The San Diego ex-pats (L.A.) are putting the finishing touches on a new collection possibly called Captain Broken Heart Fights the Infinite Summer. With DJ

Robin Roth in the booth, should be a good'n Chi-town troupe **Yourself and the Air** will be filling up Bar Pink behind last year's Friend of All Breeds, a lighter-than-helium indie-pop collection that smacks of a more modest Modest Mouse and Shins...and Ruby Room checks into Hotel St. George, whose full-length debut City Boy Lemon has garnered the up-and-coming quartet some SDMA nods.... Upcounty, Raconteur **Brendan Benson** joins the **Truckee Brothers** at Belly Up. Benson's fourth solo effort, My Old Familiar Friend, was released last month to critical coos and commercial cha-ching! "A Whole Lot Better" is the collection's go-to track and the song everyone'll be singing along with in Solana Beach.... Way way waaaay up there, in the high desert over Joshua Tree, in a little place called Pioneertown, at a barn-cum-dancehall called Pappy and Harriet's, Camper Van Campout No. 5 kicks up dust under the starlight. Highlights this year're Clem Snide, McCabe and Mrs. Miller, Monks of Doom (!!!), Dawes, and a'course, Camper Van Beethoven and Cracker. If you've never been, you must. Could this be the year?

Saturday

House of Blues was set to host U.K. alt-pop act Maximo Park and local lark Ray Raposa' Castanets, but thankfully that totally odd couple has been nixed. But and however, Raposa's Texas Rose, the Thaw, and the Beasts is due to drop via Asthmatic Kitty next week, and his Castanets will kick off their support tour in Europe at the end of the month.... From Fort Worth, experimental folkies Telegraph Canyon ride into Bar Pink for the bar's "Ray @ Nite rock 'n' roll stew." The septet's out to tout Into the Woods, a collection that has the space and warmth of early Morning Jacket. This'll be the sleeper set this weekend, the one we'll be talking about Monday morning.. Brooklyn pair Kaiser Cartel (that's Courtney Kaiser and Ben Cartel) have an appointment at Beauty Bar. "We've been compared to Gram Parsons and Emmylou Harris," says Ben. "We're more like Lucy and Ricky." Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo's new one is called *March Forth*. Check it out at myspace.com/kaisercartel. Tasty. Hello Drama and Charles Musket in support.... Everyone's favorite collaborator Mark Lanegan (Screaming Trees, QotSA, Greg Dulli, Isobel Campbell) is on



TELEGRAPH CANYON AT BAR PINK

the road with English beats the Soulsavers, an eclectic electric duo well versed in rock 'n' soul. Their new one, Broken, features Lanegan on vocals. Check out their cover of Will Oldham's 'You Will Miss Me When I Burn." The Soulsavers will show you the way at Casbah with Highland Park hottie **Jonneine Zapata** and Aussie ambients **Red Ghost**.... Texas trip-hopper **Devin the** Dude will be out at Canes, continuing the club's conversion to SD's house of hip-hop. 'Bout time someone filled that bill.... Soda Bar stages Saturday's loud-n-fast fare with Long and Short of It, Rats Eyes, and Warez.... While granola goof Dave Matthews and contempo Christians **Switchfoot** play the big ticket at the Cricket.

Sunday

There will be one sonic Sunday-nighter at Radio Room, as SanFran industrial band Ascension E.X. jacks in with "electro-goths" from Spain Larva and like-minded Los Angelinos Starmachines..



ASCENSION E.X. AT RADIO ROOM

Diego" is between Lanterns, United State of Electronica, and the **Jakes**. Don't

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contact, but it's free. And early at 6p.

Monday

"I bet you look good on the dancefloor." From Sheffield, England (or somewhere thereabouts), the Mercury prizewinning Arctic Monkeys swing into Soma, kicking off their U.S.-domination tour right here in America's Finest! The Mercury prize, from what I gather, is like an American Grammy. So, big whup, roight? Don't dismiss the lads so fast, though. Domino last month released their third proper called Humbug, and it's on all the hit crits' lists which means that either the cheez whizzes are aging nicely or they've got one helluva promo team. I dunno which — you know I'm lactose intolerant.

Tuesday

The Loft lists a doozie Tuesday, featuring Chairlift, the Brooklyn band that does that precious Apple jingle — "I tried to do hand-stands for you..." The song is called "Bruises," and it's catapulted these kids. Brit trip-hoppers Micachu and the Shapes supposedly set the stage, and they're really interesting, but I can't find proof if it's for reals, so you do the legwork, wouldja?... Tel Avivian (?) thrash-rock trio



MIKACHU AND THE SHAPES AT THE LOFT

Monotonix join very polite punks Christmas Island and Anavan at Casbah... And folkpop singersonger Mason Jennings checks into Belly Up for

a paiı Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The Minnesotan's out in support of his latest, In the Ever. He'll be joined both nights by like-minded L.A. act the Crash Kings.

Wednesday

Squeeeeezing in your hump-night highlights: **Throw Me the Statue** hurls its indie-pop heaviosity into the Loft behind this year's step-up Creaturesque.... Jersey boys Gaslight Anthem hit House of Blues with Murder by Death... Seattle shoegazers **Levator** join **Roxy Jones** at Soda Bar.... And power-pop rocks the Cricket Wednesday when blink-182, Weezer, Taking Back Sunday, and Asher Roth fill a Teen Beat fantasy bill. Now get out.

- Barnaby Monk



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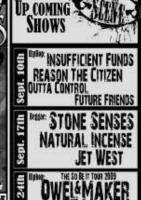
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Bert's Fan

"My gut decision often tends to be the right one."

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f given a chance for an alternate profession, Brenda Xu would work for *Sesame Street*, "writing skits for Bert and Ernie. Bert's such a great 'square' character. I love his mundane sensibilities."

The San Diego resident and UCSD grad — originally from Harbin, China — has been busy recording and playing guitar in local venues on

weekends. When we last talked to her in November 2007, she had just started out, paying her dues and gaining experience at the

acoustic and open-mike nights at Lestat's, Swedenborg Hall, Vinbladh's Swedish Fusion Cafe, Ocean Beach Farmers' Market, and artgallery openings.

"There is no right way to do things, and you just have to learn by trial and error what venues suit your style of music," she says. "How you should promote your music, who can really help you, and who is just telling you things you want to hear. It seems like everyone has advice to offer about how you should go about doing things, but I've found that my gut decision often tends to be the right one."

Playing out has been a test of her confidence. "It took me about a year to really believe that I had something to offer people in terms of music," says Brenda. "That I wanted to and could possibly do it as a career. I still question if I can."

Brenda Xu released a CD in 2007 called It's

True. Out of 60 songs that she wrote for it, 6 made the final cut. Her next release, *A Little Illusion*, will be full-length and is due out this November.

HISTORY OF YOUR GUITAR?

"I bought it from my friend, who purchased it off craigslist. It is a Taylor 310CE and retails for

\$1500, but he got it and sold it to me for \$450 because it has a crack in the back and was Super-Glued together. I

am slightly fearful that it will split open one day while I'm playing."

WHAT ELSE IS TRICKY WHEN PLAYING?

"Trying not to trip on a cable in heels."

FUNNY GIG STORY?

"It was in a small coffeeshop, and there were about six people there. I left my purse on a chair in the back, and during the second song I heard my phone ring. I pretended not to notice and kept on playing. During my third song, the phone rang again — this time continuously — until one of my friends took it out of my purse and then said, 'It's your mom.'"

DO YOU BELIEVE IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT?

"I believe in lust at first sight."



Bronda Xu

BEST THING DONE WHEN DRUNK?

"Singing karaoke."

WORST?

"Singing karaoke."

RECURRING NIGHTMARE?

"My day job. Oh wait, it's not a dream!"

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

"Gregory Page's *All Make Believe*. There's one song that I listen to on repeat: 'Sleeping Dogs.' I love everything about it. And Fiona Apple's *Extraordinary Machine*. She's one of the few artists who has consistently put out great albums. I love her style and candor."

THE WORLD IS ENDING — YOU HAVE FIVE CDs TO RUN AWAY WITH...

1. Smashing Pumpkins, *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness*. "I listened to this album religiously and read all the liner notes when it first came out...I bought it on cassette. They were an amazing band back then."

2. Tori Amos, *Boys for Pele*. "It has everything an album needs to make you feel satisfied after listening to it all the way through."

3. Aimee Mann, *Bachelor No. 2*. "This album changed the way I thought about songwriting. The characters in her songs are so poignant, and her melodies are beautiful."

4. Sarah McLachlan, *Fumbling Towards Ecstasy*. "She explores relationships and internal dialogue like no one I've heard before."

5. My album, *It's True*. "So I can remember what it's like to create music and be inspired to continue creating [after the world ends]."

FAVORITE SAN DIEGO HANGOUTS?

1. Convoy Street in Kearny Mesa. "Because of all the yummy Asian restaurants."

2. Forever 21. "I like to be a girl sometimes."

3. Torrey Pines. "Fresh air is good for the soul."

EARLIEST CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

"Seeing the colors of M&Ms as they melted in my palm."

BEST ADVICE YOU EVER RECEIVED?

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THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY?

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Alpine Inn: 2225 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-5172. *Friday*, 9pm, *Saturday*, 9pm — Nemesis. Covers/pop/rock. Free.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. *Thursday*, 7:30pm and 9:30pm, *Friday*, 7:30pm and 9:30pm — Corea, Clarke & White. Jazz. \$75-\$85



Arctic Monkeys, September 14, Soma

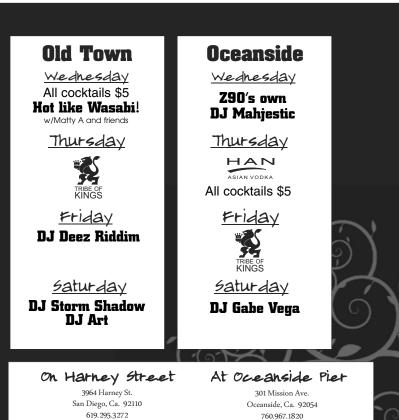
Tuesday, 7pm — The Anthology House Band. Jazz. \$5. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Charles McPherson. Jazz. \$18.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.

Friday, 10pm — Yourself and the Air. With Syndicate. Indie/rock. Free. 21 and up. Saturday, 10pm — Telegraph Canyon. Folk/indie/rock. Free. 21 **Beachside Grill:** 215 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-433-8850. *Friday*, 8pm — Big Fat Soul. Soul. \$7. 21 and up.

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Saturday, 9pm — Hello Drama. With Charles Musket and Kaiser Kartel. Alternative/electronic. \$5. 21

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

Thursday, 8pm — Eddie Money. Rock. \$30-\$32. 21 and up. Friday, 9pm — Brendan Benson. Indie/rock. \$10. 21 and up. Saturday, 9pm — Pine Mountain Logs. With Franklin Lounge Covers/standards. \$16-\$18. 21 and

Sunday, 7:30pm — O2 for Life. Featuring the Mar Dels and Terraplane Sun. Covers/standards/ rock. \$75. 21 and up. Monday, 8pm — The Honey Brothers. Featuring Adrian Grenier. Rock. \$15-\$17. 21 and up. Tuesday, 9pm, Wednesday, 9pm — Mason Jennings. With Crash Kings. Acoustic/indie/rock. \$20. 21 and up.

Bernardo Winery: 13330 Paseo del Verano Norte, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-1866. Saturday, 6pm — Ira B Liss Big Band Jazz Machine. Jazz/pop/ stan-

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.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps: 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, 858-534-3474. Wednesday, 6pm — Venice.

Folk/pop/rock. \$20-\$25. 21 and up.

Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave., North Park, 619-239-8836. Sunday, 7pm — The Esperanza Spalding Quartet. With the Clayton

Brothers Quintet. Jazz.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-9300. Thursday, 9pm — Andy Grammer. With Jaden, Phil Reason, and Shaun T. Morgan. Rock.

Wednesday, 8pm — Roxy Blue. With Dropjoy. Indie/jazz/rock.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-2989. Thursday, 9pm — Insufficient Funds With Reason the Citizen. Outta Control, and Future Friends. Hip-hop. 21 and up.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. Thursday, 8pm — House of Zombie. A tribute to White Zombie with Code and guests. Covers/rock. \$8. 21 and up. Friday, 7pm — Bankers Hill. With Cellphish, Another Vice, and Citradora. Punk/rock. 21 and up. Saturday, 8:30pm — Catburlesque Kittens. With Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. Rock. \$10. 21 and up. Sunday, 8pm — Awaiting Samsara. With Downspell, Fracture Point, Level 13, and Medius. Rock. 21 and

Wednesday, 8pm — Of Mice and Them, Rock, 21 and up.

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

Thursday, 9pm — Orquesta 8.8.

Sunday, 7pm — Orquesta Salsa Caliente. Salsa.

Tuesday, 9pm — Mambo Salvaje. Tropical. Wednesday, 9pm — Orquesta LGC.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. Friday, 9pm — Cash'd Out, A tribute to Johnny Cash. \$15. 21 and up. Saturday, 8:30pm — Devin the

Dude. Hip-hop. \$20. 21 and up.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. Thursday, 8:30pm — Dirty Sweet. With Gringo Starr and Rumspringa. Rock. \$12-\$14. 21 and up. Friday, 8:30pm — The Silent Comedy. With Mississippi Man, Skyline Union, and guests. Indie/rock, \$8-\$10, 21 and up. Saturday, 8:30pm — Soul Savers. With Jonneine Zapata and Redghost. Rock. \$15. 21 and up. Monday, 8:30pm — Team Abraham. With Rademacher, the

Moviegoers, and This Is Manic. Pop. \$7. 21 and up. Tuesday, 8:30pm — Monotonix. With Christmas Island and Anavan. Alternative/rock. \$12-\$14. 21 and

Wednesday, 8:30pm — Red Wire Black Wire. With Long Live Logos and guests. Rock. \$8, 21 and up.

Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-Friday, 6:30pm — Robin Henkel. Blues/jazz.

Chateau Orleans: 926

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

A friend told me she likes **Throw Me the Statue** because they remind her of Guided by Voices. That's kind of odd: TMTS is a one-man project partial to drum machines, synths, and hushed vocals; GBV was sort of the Who of indie rock. But then, TMTS leader **Scott Reitherman** gets compared to a lot of bands, none of whom seem to relate to each other. Poke around on the web, and you'll see him compared to the upbeat Shins, the melancholy Granddaddy, and the psychedelic Elephant 6 collective, along with references to lesser-known acts such as the Microphones and Dismemberment Plan. There's

something familiar about Reitherman's sound, but it's hard to place.

I get the feeling Reitherman likes it that way. "Yucatan Gold," from last year's home-recorded Moonbeams, starts off with a clattering drum machine and a squelchy-sounding synth, introduces a twee-sounding verse that conceals a macabre lyric, then abruptly turns to a creepy minor-key chorus. By the next song on the album, he's sweetly

singing, "This is how we kiss," oh-oh-oh." A couple of songs later he's accompanied by lonely acoustic guitar and glockenspiels while he mopes about how anxious he gets around girls who put little hearts in their handwriting. (Note that he's also got a song about someone named "Lolita" but makes sure to point out that she's over 18.)

On this year's *Creaturesque*, Reitherman has a much bigger, more professional

THROW ME THE STATUE

sound (thanks in part to indie super-producer Phil Ek), and some of the homespun charm is gone. But Reitherman still has that strangely familiar quality that makes TMTS comfortable, even when he's trying to creep you out.

The Brunettes also perform.

THROW ME THE STATUE: The Loft, Wednesday, September 16, 8 p.m. \$10; UCSD student \$8. 858-534-8497.

Saturday, 6pm — Robin Henkel. Blues/jazz. Free.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344. *Friday*, 9pm, *Saturday*, 9pm — Zone 4. Covers/rock.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Dr., Downtown, 858-270-7467. *Thursday*, 8pm — The Coltrane Vibe. A vibraphone tribute to John Coltrane, Jazz. \$10-\$15.

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Saturday, 6pm — Karin Carson. With guests. Jazz. Free.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000. *Friday*, 7pm — The Honorary Title. With Good Old War, Cory Branan, and Call Me the Breeze. Indie/pop/rock. \$10-\$12. *Saturday*, 6:30pm — Thy Kingdom

Come. With Rose from Oblivion, Good Sir, Remains Forgotten, and Light of Doom. Metal. \$7-\$10.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.

Friday, 9pm — Flashback. Covers/rock. Free. 21 and up. Saturday, 9pm — Washing Matilda. Covers/standards. Free. 21 and up.

Four Points by Sheraton:

8110 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa. *Friday*, 8pm — Alien Monster. Rock. \$8.

Saturday, 9pm — Zamore Band. Funk. \$7-\$10.

Georges on Fifth: 835 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-0444. Thursday, 8pm — The Mar Dels. Covers/standards/rock. Free.

Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.

Friday, 8pm — Gary Allan. Country/rock. \$35.

Harry's Bar and American Grill: 4370 La Jolla Village Dr., University City, 858-373-1252. Tuesday, 6pm — The Jaime Valle Jazz Explorations Trio. Jazz.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: 5500 Grossmont Center Dr., La Mesa, 619-713-6900.

Friday, 9pm — Tony Cummins. World. Free. Saturday, 9pm — Donald O'Brien and Brian Baynes. Rock. Free.

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Saturday, 9pm — Mystique. Jazz/funk/R&B.

Tuesday, 8pm — Gene Warren. Folk/blues/rock.

Wednesday, 8pm — Tommy Price. Rock.



BY DAVE GOOD

Growing up in Portland, Oregon, Esperanza Spalding says she got the notion to make music her life's work at the age of four. This, following a television episode of Mr. Rogers Neighborhood in which the cellist Yo-Yo Ma was a guest performer. Thus inspired, Spalding spent the next year teaching herself to play the violin. By the age of five, she had skills enough to land a seat in the all-age Chamber Music Society of Oregon. For the next decade, Spalding would soldier on in classical music, switching at one point to acoustic bass.

"I came into jazz really late," she says by phone from Austin, Texas. "I started studying when I was 15 or 16. The thing that first caught my ear was [Miles Davis's] Kind of Blue. I think that's true for a lot of people." Of the Miles experience, she says, "That's the first time I thought, Damn, that's listening music."

The result of all that is that today, at 24, Esperanza Spalding fronts a jazz quartet. In May of last year she released her debut CD, a self-titled collection of jazz covers and original songs that conjures the Flora Purim and Chick Corea fusion jazz of the '70s. After giving a lis-

ten, I tell her I would change the headline of her publicity release from bassist/vocalist/composer to vocalist/composer/bassist. Lead with the bassist thing, I say, and one expects big bass pyrotechnics, none of which appear on the CD.

"Most people who aren't avid jazz fans don't really enjoy long bass solos," she agrees. In fact, Esperanza is a jazz singer's CD. Sexy in an unselfconscious way, Spalding's delivery is a champagne balloon ride

ESPERANZA SPALDING

through two octaves and three languages. "I definitely felt that — for what I was trying to do with the music - I could reach the people that I wanted to reach more easily through the voice."

The Clayton Brothers Quintet also performs.

ESPERANZA SPALDING: Birch North Park Theatre, "Jazz 88.3 at the Birch," Sunday, September 13, 7 p.m. \$23. 619-388-3037

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Methodist Church: 1501 Kelly St., Oceanside, 760-439-4099. Sunday, 4pm — The Tom Morrow Band, Jazz/pop/standards.

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Monday, 9pm — The Bayou Brothers. Zydeco/blues/R&B. Wednesday, 9pm — Blues Tooth.



Nothing Personal CD Review by Earl Dove

The third effort from Baltimore foursome All Time Low finds the band struggling to establish credibility in the saturated poppunk market. Lead single "Weightless," like a majority of the

record, is by-the-numbers upbeat power pop. "Therapy," the exception in the collection, is an introspective ballad and an example of how the writing and production on Nothing Personal is more ambitious than prior efforts. The album ultimately lacks the hooks and hits of 2007's So Wrong, It's Right.

The songs here seem to be aimed at those who have graduated from Disney rock but who have not yet left for college. For the older listener, a guilty pleasure to sing along to when alone in the

All Time Low plays House of Blues November 6.

ALBUM TITLE: Nothing Personal ARTIST: All Time Low SONGS: Weightless, Sick Little Games, Therapy, Hello Brooklyn, Stella, Lost In Stereo

Music Reviews from Our Readers

War Pigs Worked Concert Review by Kristina Benson

Cake kicked off their Street Scene set with "Frank Sinatra." There was feedback and onstage technical difficulties during the number, Singer John McCrea, said, "We're Cake and we're here to serve vou. Obviously, the people backstage aren't."

It seemed like the only things that worked during the Sacramento act's set

were the disco ball high above the stage and the advertisement screens. as McCrea pointed out in his rants between songs.

Near the end of the show, after McCrea threw out a few complimentary Cake shirts and



did a rousing cover of Black Sabbath's "War Pigs," everyone was on the singer's side. As McCrea started a new line of complaints to his fans about not having a record label anymore and not knowing when they'd release their new CD, my party headed for the exit. We were out of sight when we heard radio smash "The Distance."

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pop/punk.

Pete's Place: 8330 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-464-9535. Saturday, 9:30pm — Fearless in Fairweather. With Fing and Monkey Wagon. Rock. Free.

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Quail Botanical Gardens: 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, 760-436-3036.

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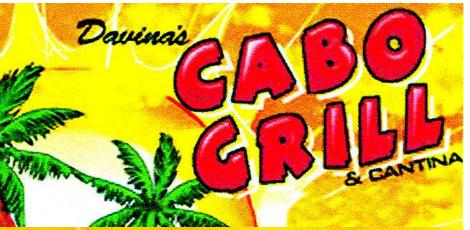
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The Wit's End: 420 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-4848. Saturday, 8pm — Nautical Disaster.

Sunday, 8pm — Sharon Hazel Township. With Chad Cavanaugh. Acoustic/indie/rock.

as i hear it

Artist: Cityzen Song: "Restless" (from myspace.com/cityzenia)

Heard by: Beau Goldner, North Park



bat. It sounded pretty good. It kind of reminded me of an '80s or early-'90s style of rock...maybe even like Danzig. I was mostly listening to the music,

I liked it right off the

but I kind of got the gist of what he was saying. They definitely have talent. It was catchy. I liked the guitar. I'd probably be surfing to that song — some type of activity. The song kind of had a sad side to it but also an upbeat side. It's hard to describe. I could hear that song at the end credits of a movie.

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: Underhill Vortex Song: "Still Life" (from their self-titled CD) Heard by: Victor Villa, El Cajon



sounded kind of like Social Distortion but not in a good way. It was pretty much as if the singer, Mike [Ness], had been on a bad bender and decided to write

It was pretty bad. It

that song. It kind of dragged out and was monotonous. It went on and on, and the whole time you're just waiting for it to be over. Honestly, I don't remember any of the lyrics; it's just not that memorable of a song, especially considering I just heard it a few minutes ago.

Artist: V Child Song: "The Day After" (from myspace.com/vchildband) Heard by: Will Martin, Austin, TX



It was all right. I'm a fan of indie music, and to me this isn't anything special. No offense it's just not my genre. It has the sound of "manufactured rock." It really isn't groundbreaking

whatsoever. I'd say they have a little bit of an influence from Black Sabbath and definitely '90s grunge but more like Nickelback, Creed, or Puddle of Mudd. It's kind of homogenized as far as its sound. You could put that track in the middle of ten others like it and not be able to discern any

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September 22 — Amazing Baby. September 23 — Sondre Lerche.

September 24 — Kelli Ruddick.

September 25 — Dillinger Four.

September 26 — Om. September 28 — The Dodos.

September 29 — The Horrors. September 30 — Asobi Sesku.

October 1 — Daedelus.

October 3 — David Bazan. October 4 - School of Seven Bells.

October 9 — ...And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead.

October 14 — The Jesus Lizard. October 16 — The Soft Pack.

October 17 — The Black Heart Procession.

October 24 — Blind Pilot. October 31 — The Night Marchers.

November 8 — The Revival Tour. November 10 - Electric Six **Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B**

St., Downtown, 619-235-0804. September 29 — Wynton Marsalis and Jazz at Lincoln Center.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050

Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.

October 2 — Brad Paisley. October 10 - Marco Antonio Solis y Pepe Aguilar.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Dr., Downtown, 858-270-7467. September 19 — The Gilbert Castellanos New Latin Jazz Quintet. September 23 — The East West Quintet.

October 13 — Pierre Bensusan.

Hard Rock Hotel: 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 866-751-7625. September 25 — Sugar Ray.



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Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100. September 19 — Pitbull.

September 26 — Grandmaster Flash. September 26 — Chickenfoot.

October 3 — Richie Jen and Rene Lin

October 4 — Vince Gill. October 31 — Alice Cooper. November 7 — The Baytown Band.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. September 17 - Michael Franti & Spearhead. September 18 — Gov't Mule.

September 19 - Paulina Rubio. September 20 — The Psychedelic

September 21, September 22 — Flogging Molly.

September 23 — Better Than Ezra.

September 24 — Pitbull. September 25 — The Get Up Kids.

September 28 — Sonic Youth.

September 30 — Shinedown. October 1 — Robert Earl Keen.

October 2 - Perez Hilton Tour.

October 3 — Ingrid Michaelson.

October 8 — Reverend Horton Heat.

October 9 — Bonfire.

October 11 — Mutemath. October 12 - Moby.

October 15 - Honor Society.

October 16 — The Academy Is...

and Mayday Parade. October 18 — KMFDM.
October 19 — The Pogues.

October 20, October 21 — Brand

October 22 — Lila Downs

October 23 — The Sounds.

October 24 — Tech N9ne.

October 26 — Regina Spektor.

October 29 — The Bouncing Souls. November 1 — Deadmau5.

November 2 — The Bravery.

November 4 - Boyz II Men

November 5 — Robert Randolph

and the Family Band.

November 6 — All Time Low. November 7 — Matt Kearney.

November 8 — Hanson.

November 15 — GWAR.

November 18 - Peter Bjorn & John.

November 21 — Say Anything

November 22 — The Black Crowes.

December 9 — Skinny Puppy.

December 11 — Train.

January 31 — Nile. February 5 — Badfish.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma,

619-224-3577. September 17 - Bontaj Roulet. 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 28, September 29 -

Crosby, Stills & Nash. October 2 — Chris Botti.

October 4 — Cecilio & Kapono.

October 14 — Jesse Cook. October 15 — Loggins & Messina.

October 18 - Roger Daltrey.

Java Joe's at Café Libertalia:

3834 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-9360

September 17 — The Gregory Page Show.

September 18 — Joe Rathburn.

September 19 — Buried Under Carrots.

September 20 — Happy Ron's

Open-Mike Night.

September 24 — The Gregory Page Show.

September 25 — Joey Harris.

September 26 — Trophy Wife. September 27 — Happy Ron's

Open-Mike Night.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr.,

September 24 — Emily Wells and Portable Playback.

September 27 — Luminance.

October 8 — Metronomy.

October 9 - Dean and Britta. October 15 — Patrick Watson.

October 27 — Yasmin Levy.

October 28 — Cyro Baptista's

Banquet of the Spirits. November 2 — Port O'Brien.

November 21 — eighth blackbird.

December 3 — Jenny Scheinman.

February 11 — Brooklyn Rider.

February 16 — Suzanne Vega.

February 18 — Mauger.

March 17 — Kalaman Balogh & the Gypsy Cimalom Band.

Open Air Theatre: 5500

Campanile Dr., SDSU, 619-594-

October 17 - Snow Patrol October 21 — Rob Thomas,

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Talk About a Star



The Esperanza Spalding Quartet plays at Birch North Park Theatre on September 13.

I wanted to hire this kid for a jazz festival in Indiana in the mid '90s. The committee looked at me like I was nuts. I had just passed around his bio sheet. All they could seem to get from the page was that he was 14. Yeah, so? I thought to myself. Mozart wrote music when he was five.

I told the committee I could get a great rate. Of course, we'd have to fly in his mom, too. The bottom line won on paper, and the audience won that summer in Indiana. The kid grew up, is still growing up, and is still an amazing player and composer. He's now a two-time Grammy nominee, festival headliner, and jazz-chart topper.

If you're not hip to Taylor Eigsti, get there. But, this isn't about him. It's about...well, I'm not sure. Is it about jazz and a new generation? Is it about this one girl in particular who is waking up a whole new audience to the sound of jazz?

I got the buzz early on Esperanza Spalding's 2008 release Esperanza because that's what we jazz-radio people do. Then, I got the disc. Call me shallow, but I love

how freakin' cute this woman is! But...what about the chops? Put the CD in and there they were. Those chops. The bass-line chops. The vocal chops. The songwriting and arranging chops. It's all there. And it's all fresh. Even the classics, like "Body and Soul," beautifully bounced up as "Cuerpo v Alma."

So. I guess what this is about is simple: If you think jazz is dead, you're not paying attention. It's a dirty job, but somebody's gotta keep jazz in your face.



DJ: Claudia Russell STATION: KSDS, 88.3 FM SHIFT: 4-6 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Temecula, 951-693-1819. September 18 — Train.

September 19 - John Legend

October 2 — Lee Salonga.

October 8 — Kenny Rogers. October 23 — Rob Thomas.

San Diego Civic Theatre:

1100 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.

October 3 - Jamie Foxx. November 14 — The Ultimate Doo-Wop Show.

December 3 — Mannheim Steamroller.

November 27 — Kiss.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.

September 24 — Britney Spears. October 17 — Wisin y Yandel. October 18 — Barry Manilow.

December 4 — Trans-Siberian Orchestra.

December 12 — Aventura.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.

September 18 — Every Time I Die.

September 19 — Hello Marquee. September 20 — Erin McCarley. September 21 — Placebo.

September 26 — Autolux.

September 27 — Dance Gavin Dance.

October 6 — The Almost.

October 7 — Family Force 5. October 8 — Austrian Death

Machine.

October 10 — Mae. October 11 — A Day to Remember. October 13 — The Black Dahlia

Murder. October 15 - Passion Pit. October 16 — Yo La Tengo. October 24 — Boys Like Girls.

October 27 — Hit the Lights. November 5 — The Dropkick

Murphys.

November 11 — Attack Attack. November 19 — Finch and Bless

Spreckels Theatre: 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-

September 18 - Shervn Regis. October 17 — Rodney Carrington. October 20 — Monsters of Folk.

October 31, November 1 — Puscifer. Valley View Casino: 16300 Nvemii Pass Rd., Valley Center,

866-843-9946. 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. September 18 — The Killers. October 9 — Pearl Jam and Ben Harper.

Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park: 5005 Willows Rd., Alpine, 619-445-5400.

October 3 — Brooks & Dunn. Vieias Casino DreamCatcher Show Room: 5000 Willows Rd., Alpine, 619-445-5400.

October 30 — Jamey Johnson and Randy Houser.

November 7 — Billy Currington. November 14 — Buddy Guy. December 12 — Tower of Power February 19 — David Sanborn.





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Boar Cross'n: Thursday-Saturday, 8-9pm: \$1 Bud & Bud Light.

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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.

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/

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CORONADO

Primavera Ristorante: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off all drinks; \$2 off daily food specials. Wednesday, 5-7pm: Wine night: 1/2-off all bottles, incl. champagne.

Shimbashi Izakaya: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$5 cocktails, \$5 glass of wine, \$3 draft beer. Sake & appetizer specials. Saturday-Sunday, 12-7pm: \$5 cocktails, \$5 glass of wine, \$3 draft beer, 1/2-off Asahi & Sapporo. Sake & appetizer specials.

DOWNTOWN

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.

Café Sevilla: Monday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price mojitos. Tuesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price wine bottles. Wednesdav. 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.

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,

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-Thurs day, 3-6pm; \$3.75 draft, \$3.95 wells, \$2.95 domestic beer. \$.95 oysters, \$4 fish tacos, \$5.75 mahi mahi sliders.

The Fleetwood: Monday-Friday. 5-6pm: \$4 calls.

Fuddruckers: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers, \$1 off all beer, wine, Saturday, 10pm-midnight: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all beer, wine.

Funky Garcia's Mexican Restaurant: Every day, 3pm-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks; \$1.50 carne asada and pollo asado tacos.

Gaslamp Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells. Sunday, all day: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells

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, 4pm-close: \$3 Jäger, wells, drafts, bottled beer, \$3 lobster tacos. Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, wine, drafts. Saturday, 8-10pm: \$5 premium liquors.

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.

Patrick's II: Every day, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 bottle beer, \$3 wells, Bud Light pints, \$4 calls, margaritas, Bloody Marys.

RA Sushi: Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm: 1/2-off select sushi & appetizers: \$1 hot sake, \$2 domestics, \$3 wells, imports, \$4 speciality cocktails and wine, \$5 Kinn with sake.

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San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$5 house wine, wells, \$7 Christopher's Cuvee, 12-9pm: tasting flights.

Tabule: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers. Tuesday, 5pm-close: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, 2-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers.

Taste & Thirst on Fourth: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-8pm: All drinks 2 for 1.

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 CAION

El Cajon Grand: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells. *Saturday-Sunday*, \$5 20-oz. Bloody Mary w/ jumbo shrimp.

Thornton's Irish Pub and Grill: Wednesday-Sunday, 11-6pm: \$2 wells, \$3 drafts.

ESCONDIDO

Holiday Wine Cellar: *Monday*, 5:30-7:30pm: \$5 for five wine tastings. *Tuesday*, 5:30-7:30pm: Beer tasting, \$5 advance; \$10 at the door.

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: Friday-Sunday, 12-4pm: \$5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or 2 Louisiana hot links + bag of chips. 12-4pm: \$1 off all beer/wine/spirits. All day: \$1 off sirloin steaks, surf 'n' turf.

GRANTVILLE

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

HILLCREST

Wine Steals: *Tuesday*, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday*, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 Bud Light on tap, \$3 wells. *Saturday-Sunday*, 1/2-price bottles of wine.

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottled beer, \$3 wells, domestic pints. Free munchies.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$1.25 off draft, \$1 off glass of wine.

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Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

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La Jolla Rancherita: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$4 wells, \$2.50 domestics, \$2.75 imports.

The Melting Pot: *Every day*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off cheese fondue, salads, chocolate fondue.

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LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: *Monday-Friday*, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine specials. \$8 margaritas. \$9 martinis.

Illume Bistro: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 draft, \$5 wells, wines, \$7 martinis.

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Dream Street Live: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.

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333 Pacific: Every day, 3-7pm, 9-10pm: \$7 vodka cocktails (100+ types of vodka), \$7 appetizers (spicy sweet calamari, blue crab eggs, oyster trios, Caesar salad, spicy tuna roll).

The Flying Bridge: Every day, 4pm-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wine, 20% off appetizers.

Hana Japanese Restaurant: Every day, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off

Harney Sushi: Wednesday, \$5 spe-

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 Marys.

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.

Pacific Beach Ale House: Mon*day-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, 8pm-close: \$2 wells, drafts, 1/2-price drinks. Friday, 3-10pm: \$2 drafts, wells, 1/2-price drinks. Saturday, 4-10pm: \$3 wells,

Sinbad Café: Every day, 4-8pm: \$1 drafts, \$1.50 wells, shots, \$2 imports. \$3.50 appetizers. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Tavern at the Beach: Monday-Saturday, 12-7pm: \$3 drafts, bottles, wells, wine. Sunday, 12-7pm: Industry Night: \$3 domestic beers, \$2 make your drink a double, \$3 calls for industry. Pay stub required.

The Turquoise, Café-Bar Eu**ropa:** *Monday-Thursday, Sunday,* 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. \$3 tapas selection.

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The Boathouse: Every day, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 house margaritas (\$3 Cuervo Gold), \$3 beer of the month, \$4 wine of the month.

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.

Riley's Music Lounge: Monday, 4-7pm: \$4 calls. *Tuesday, Sunday,* 4-7pm: \$2.50 pints. *Wednesday,* 4-7pm: \$4 Jäger bombs. *Thursday*, 4-7pm: \$3 kamikazes, \$4 Jäger bombs. Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 calls. Saturday, 4-7pm: \$5 Long Island/Long Beach.

POWAY

Phileas Fogg's Bar & Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints/\$7.95 pitcher, \$3.50 import pints/\$11.95 pitcher. \$2.95 cheese quesadilla, \$3.95 chicken wings, more.

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Café on the Park: Monday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: \$3 wells, \$4 house margaritas, 1/2-off house wine by the glass, \$1 off beer. Complimentary cheese & crackers, 1/2-off appetizers.

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Long Islands. Saturday, \$3 Orange Patron, Tanqueray. Sunday, \$2.50 Bloody Marys.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 8am-11am: \$1.50 drafts, wells.

SOLANA BEACH

The Fish Market: Monday-Friday, 3:30-9:30pm: \$3.50 wells, discounted beer & wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadilla. Saturday-Sunday, 11am-4pm: \$3.50 wells, discounted beer & wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadilla.

Pacific Coast Grill: Every day, 4-7pm: \$5 gold margaritas, \$1 off draft, wells, wines by the glass, 25% off wine bottles.

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Ali Baba's Cave: Every day, 4-6pm: 2-for-1 drinks, \$9 hookahs.

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Alchemy: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.

Hamilton's Tavern and Café: Every day, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

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TIERRASANTA

Bud's Louisiana Café: Tuesday-Friday, 1-2:30pm; 4:30-6pm; 1/2price wine and beer. Saturday, 4:30-6pm: 1/2-price wine and beer.

JP's Pub: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25

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Café Japengo: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, sake, \$4.50 wells. \$4 chicken spring rolls, duck potstick-

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Gulf Coast Grill: Monday, all night: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine. *Tuesday-Sunday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine.

Jumping Bean Cafe & Mexicali Grill: Monday-Saturday, 3-6pm: \$1 Coronitas, Pacifiquitas, \$2 domestic, imports, \$2.75 margaritas, \$3 wells, microbrews, \$4 Leaping Horse wine.















Feasting on Olympus

Looking at the \$20 menus for upcoming Restaurant Week, the sole temptation was Apollonia – but clicking to the website menu, I realized I wanted a whole lot more than \$20 would buy. Here, finally, is a Greek menu that covers the territory, with serious food, not generic Mediterranean fast-food. Greece is islands, yes? So here we have multiple choices of seafoods, not fried calamari alone. Dolmas? Not just ricestuffed grape leaves, but with meat or salmon stuffings. But they really got me with Imam Bayaldi, bestowed (ahem!) on Greece by the Ottoman Conquest — a lush, labor-intensive Turkish stuffed eggplant that nobody else offers, least of all San Diego's few Turkish restaurants.

Apollonia used to be Aesop's Table, one of the Pappas sisters' several restaurants; e.g., Athens Market downtown and Hillcrest's newly closed (boo-hoo) California Cuisine. Two years ago, the owners of PB's popular Cafe Athena bought the place and changed the name. This info is secondhand, because when I phoned, I couldn't reach anybody who knew anything. Reluctantly fielding my call at 4:48 p.m., the day after I ate there, the frazzled hostess was hard pressed to verify hours. She said there'd be nobody around who could answer my other questions that day or the next or... So I left a message and hit Google and a mess of websites, hoping to dig up Apollonia's secret history. Yelp, where I don't much trust the ratings, contributed some interesting input. Most reviews were screaming raves for the food, but a third were howling complaints about service.

Eating on a weeknight, we did fine with the service, after some initial roughness. The hostess showed our fivesome to a table for four, slapping an extra chair and place-setting at the end. As soon as she left, Jim and Fred kidnapped a nearby vacant two-top and an extra chair for purses, et al., which the hostess should have done — food for five needs a six-top. But our waiter, James, was charming and turbo-charged, though there



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were occasional absences while he served other rooms. I suspect the management may demand that wait-staff cover too much territory; this might account for the rude phone reception and the

Yelp yelps. Since the restaurant is in a campus area, it's probably best to bypass weekend date-nights.

We were in one of several small banquet rooms (there are larger

dining rooms, a lounge, and a roofed, heated patio outside). I didn't much notice the decor because it wasn't interesting - spiffed-up sprawling roadhouse with Hellenic tchotchkes. We shared the room with a 12-person, three-generation family banquet, but all was well. Their conversation was quiet, the children happy and good. Greece, cradle of civilization!

I needed an oversized posse to enjoy a feast for the gods and, at Apollonia's prices, could afford one. We disguised ourselves as mortals in the usual Greek-godly fashion. Samurai Jim (Ares) headed the list — he spent 18 months in Greece doing computer security for the Olympics and noshed in numerous regions. He brought honey-

haired Michelle (Helen of Troy) and hairless witty neighbor Fred (Hermes), who was rather quiet that evening, and I invited new friend Debbie (Artemis), another

Greek-travel vet and one of the Cygnet Theatre team that auctioned off me and my posse a few months ago. I, Pallas Athena (wise-guy goddess, sprung from Zeus's head), chose most of the morsels, with input from my fellow deities.

Ninety degrees that night. First: a chilly, citrusy Kim Crawford NZ Sauvignon Blanc. "Ah, this hits the spot!" chorused Michelle and Debbie. "With that, you need some saganaki, flaming sheep-milk cheese," said waiter James. We agreed, adding mezedakia, a combo plate of starters that

Apollonia Greek Bistro

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HOURS: Sunday-Thursday 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., weekends until 10:00.

PRICES: Soups, appetizers, and dips, \$3.19-\$7.69 (combo \$14); salads, \$5-\$9 (more with added proteins); sandwiches, \$6.29-\$8.29; entrées, \$11-\$19 (including combos). Desserts,

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Wide array of Greek dishes includes seafood and vegetarian entrées. Well-chosen, affordable international wines (loads under \$30); full bar, including Greek beer and wines, cocktails.

PICK HITS: Taramasalata (cod roe mousse), rice-stuffed grape leaves, Horiatiki salad with lentil pilaf, moussaka, spinach pastitsio, Imam Bavaldi, desserts. Good bet: vemista (zucchini stuffed with bulgur).

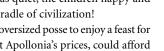
NEED TO KNOW: Numerous choices for vegetarians and vegans (just brush off the feta fluff). Roofed outdoor patio. Kiddie menu, takeout, reasonably priced banquet menus. Service inconsistent, probably best on weeknights. Very busy and potentially noisy on weekends; for quiet, reserve ahead for patio.

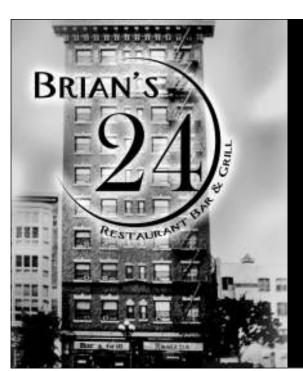
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includes spanakopita (spinach-filo pie in a filo crust), tyropita (feta-filled filo, which never showed), tzatziki yogurt dip, tasty marinated artichokes, feta cubes, and yalandji (rice-stuffed grape leaves), plus — ta-da! — taramasalata (caviar mousse).

Let the last be first, as taramasalata is least known and most addictive. It's a smooth dip of red-cod roe blended with potatoes, olive oil, and





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lemon juice. I used to buy it regularly from an Israeli deli in my old neighborhood. Before the meze platter was gone, my friends were hooked, too.

Yalandii, rice dolma, were a welcome shock to Jim. "Usually, in America," he said, "the filling is very simple and the rolls are swamped in lemon juice. These are really different — complex." The stuffing included diced tomato, onions, red pepper, mint, and pomegranate molasses, with a creaminess hinting of olive oil. The texture was so interesting, I suspected (incorrectly) a few lentils or split peas in there, Persian style. The spanakopita were wonderful. The brandyflamed saganaki ("oo-pa!") of vlahotyri sheep cheese was briefly charming, until it cooled from molten to solid. Gotta gobble that one fast, smeared on pita triangles, before you hit the taramasalata and get fatally distracted.

Jim had been complaining that all the American-Greek joints he's tried serve a "Greek salad" featuring iceberg lettuce, which he never encountered in any Grecian locale. He remembered delicious salads of tomatoes, cucumbers, red onions, and feta. Found! His lost dish is called Horiatiki, "village salad." Although the tomatoes should be riper this time of year, the cuke chunks were seeded, firm, and perfectly salted, and for a few cents extra, instead of pita, we had it served around a lentil-rice pilaf — the very soul of soulfulness, a table favorite. "So fulfilling," sighed Debbie. If you're looking for a light vegetarian meal with perfect nutritional balance that tastes great, this is ideal.

For the entrées, I ordered an affordable Coppola "Diamond" Pinot Noir to complement the lamb dishes — and, to taste a Greek white with the shrimp, a glass of Greek semillon that our waiter talked up, Moschofilero. Rich and only slightly sweet, the white was dynamite — perfect with meze, veggies, or seafood.

For a first-timer, the easiest way to taste enough dishes to find your favorites is via the combination entrées, which feed two. I chose the Vegetarian Phantasia and the Grecian Feast, amended by Shrimp Skorpios and lamb kebabs.

Let the worst come first: I asked for the lamb kebabs rare. "Medium rare?" James asked. "No, dark rosy pink inside." Well, fat chance. Nice surface marinade, but with dry pinkybrown meat, you can't really taste whether it's ram, lamb, or llama. The kebabs (and other plates) came with excellent rice pilaf amended with skillettoasted vermicelli (the original Rice-A-Roni!) and briami, a Greek version of ratatouille with eggplant, zucchini, bell peppers (red and green), tomato, and onion. The broiled shrimp (pleasant, if a tad overcooked) came in a tomato-herb sauce. But the combos were where the action was.

Imam Bayaldi is the centerpiece of the vegetable combo. The name means "the imam fainted." Some say the priest fainted at the rich deliciousness of the olive oil-infused eggplant. Others say it was when he realized how much his cook had spent on expensive

olive oil for a single dish. Here, the dish consists of eggplant stuffed with raisins, walnuts, tomatoes (and, I think, minced onions), baked in fresh tomato sauce. It was meltingly tender — but on the crowded combo plate, too much rice pilaf became stuck to it, dissipating the suave texture with graininess. (I'd prefer it as a solo and also wished I had an additional mouth to try Yemista, a light entrée of summer squash stuffed with bulgur wheat.)

The co-star of the veggie array was something Jim remembered with nostalgia, spinach pastitsio - a rich casserole of herbed spinach, penne (tender, and not in excessive quantity) and pesto, topped with béchamel sauce and melted vlahotvri cheese. Jim was totally happy with it, and I was even happier, because the last time I tried this was at a Greek restaurant in London, ha-ha! (Never, ever eat Greek food in London! That's what Pakistani and Jamaican and Cornish pasties from the pub are for! Eat hot hot curry, eat sizzling jerk!) More yalandji and briami arrived on the platter, along with a tasty baked mini-casserole of small dried fava beans, fassoulia. (Sound familiar, like "pasta fazool"? That's the pronunciation in neighboring Sicily for beans with pasta.)

The highlight of the Grecian Feast was another of Jim's remembered favorites moussaka, a casserole of eggplant, zucchini, and ground lamb, topped (like the spinach pasta) with béchamel and sheep cheese. Perfect! Delicate! Greaseless! You want to dive in head first, lap it up. We left not

a speck. Best moussaka I've ever tasted — lush but ethereal.

The array also included dol-

mathakia (grape leaves stuffed with ground beef, rice, and herbs) and boureki, filo filled with ground lamb, pine nuts, and onion. The dolma filling was excessively salty that night (relieved by tzatziki). The boureki didn't make much impression. Perhaps palate fatigue was afflicting this mortal body that Athena had adopted for the evening (or lifetime). The plate also offered a few gyros. Jim recalled zestfully that, in Greece, the pitas filled with gyros were also often stuffed with french fries. In San Diego, most gyros come from a single gyro-factory, which is why they all taste alike. Here, at least, they were thickly sliced and tender, so you could appreciate the texture. They don't come with fries, of course. On the combo, they're served with pilaf and briami, tzatziki, and pita triangles.

Any palate fatigue vanished with the arrival of desserts. The cinnamon-scented baklava are dripped with unconventional lavender syrup. They aren't excessively sweet, they're fascinating. Crêpe Mavrodaphne suited our sated condition: poached fresh pears in Greek sweet-wine syrup, encased in a light crêpe topped with vanilla ice cream, all ethereal and floaty. Galacto-Boureko, filo rolls filled with orange zest-flavored custard, were drizzled with sexy rosewater syrup. My espresso was awfully bitter. Michelle's Greek coffee tasted like the same stuff, lightly sweetened, but with the standard Levantine sludge underlay. We both amended our potions with splooches of the ice cream from the crêpes. We goddesses can overlook small flaws sometimes if you otherwise please our Olympian palates.

Foodie Books

Frank Bruni, just-departed restaurant critic of the New York Times, will be speaking at the UCSD Revelle Forum series (September 16 at 7:00 p.m.). about his new book, Born Round: The Secret History of a Full-Time Eater. It centers on Bruni's lifelong struggle with being overweight but is not another grim self-helper — he's a charming, humorous writer, painting a vibrant picture of his food-loving Italian family. Part of his growing up was local, in La Jolla! The book's final section is about life as America's most powerful food critic (fewer wigs and disguises than Ruth Reichl). My one disappointment: How did he educate himself to deal with New York's huge array of worldwide ethnic cuisines? Not a word about that. He'll be at the auditorium of the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Admission is \$25, with free parking. Call 858-882-8000 (refer to section ID #073608) or register at revelleforum.ucsd.edu.

Thrilled to hear that "Julia Child Volume I" (that is, the first volume of Mastering the *Art...*) is selling like hot crêpes again, thanks to Julie and Julia. Jacques Pépin is devilish-cute, but foodies need frumpy Julia on the shelf, too. In my early 20s, I saw one of her shows on someone else's TV — the weirdest, plainest woman among all the glamour gals. Loved her and her attitude! I immediately embarked on a garage-sale crawl, certain that I would score a copy of her book. Unlike blogger Julie, I didn't cook every recipe

in it, but eventually cooked twothirds of them. It introduced me to all the great, basic dishes of French cuisine, way before I could afford French restaurants (or airfare). Following those detailed, persnickety recipes taught me technique, the right way to do things. (Makes me a cranky critic sometimes, skeptical of cliché-ridden French menus, knowing I've cooked those very dishes as well - or better, if they're using sleazy shortcuts.) It's still indispensable, even if I now use the recipes more as aide-mémoires, or general guidelines, rather than following them literally. Julia's food does run heavy, not just in butter but in labor-intensive reductions like Sauce Perigourd, staples of Parisian restaurants 50-plus years ago. If you're a foodie, you should probably get it, anyway; think of the recipes as "weekend cooking" for pleasure — there are plenty of reasonably easy, scandalously sensual treats, along with the laborious ones.

In Catching Fire: How Cooking Made Us Human, Richard Wrangham persuasively expounds the exciting idea that the invention of cooking was the crucial step that allowed prehumans to evolve into Homo sapiens, with a big brain, defined sex roles, and ground-dwelling lifestyle. The writing style is simple but dry, sometimes repetitive and defensive — and I hope the science is more accurate than the author's concepts about modern foodstuffs. (His "recipe" for foie gras is an over-elaborate hoot, and he swallows unquestioningly all the myths about Kobe beef.) But if you're curious about how food made us what we are, the ideas are red









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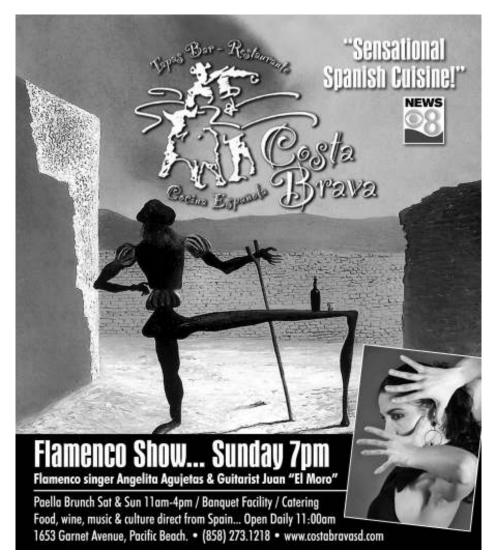
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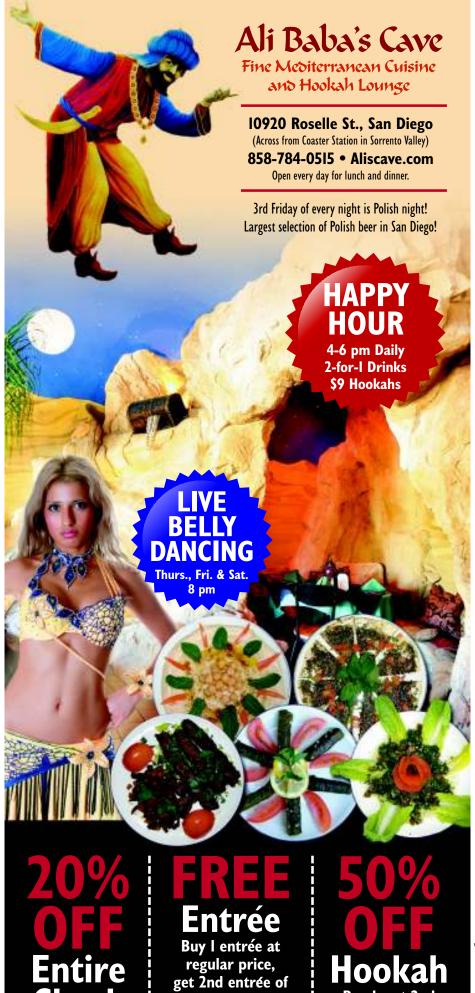
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"You can eat these with clean fingers in your car."

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now why this area's called the 'Stingaree'?" asks Mark. We're at the bottom of Eighth, right where it meets Market, inside this Asian bistro I just happened on

called J. Wok. Mark Richmond's an artist. He painted the huge, crouching tiger that fills one wall.

"Stingaree?" I say. "Uh, no."

"These were mud flats, back in the day," he says, "and workers bringing timber ashore to build

downtown would get stung by the stingrays that lived in the tidal waters. Then, when it got reclaimed and populated by pimps and thieves in the 1880s, people were still getting stung, so the name stuck."

Mark's here to touch up his mural — and to get something to eat. This is lunchtime on a Thursday. Busy. It's kind of brown inside, with a long bar on the right and tables outside. Shape's not much different from when it was Ballpark Pizza, but Mark's orange tiger on the wall tells you we're in a new world.

Looking at the menu, I'd say we're looking at new food, too. Asian fusion. Okay, starters aren't that unheard of. They range from edamame (\$3.75, Japanese, the green soy beans) to fresh spring rolls (\$3.75, Vietnamese) and egg rolls (\$3.75, Chinese). J. Wok wings (\$5.75) are the American contribution. They have four familiar-sounding salads with tofu or chicken (\$6.75) or beef or shrimp (\$7.75), with peanut or miso or spicy lime-juice dressing. But the rest of the menu's interesting. It's divided into "Modern Mix" and "Traditional."

"Modern Mix" does numbers on traditional items. Like, they put Thai chicken satay into a

sandwich (\$6.75) and Korean barbecue beef (\$7.75) — the smoky, slightly sweet kind Koreans call *bulgogi* — gets the Philly treatment in a bun, with cheese and all.

The crispy rolls almost get me. You can have yellow-curry chicken, red-curry with beef, chicken, shrimp, or tofu, spicy basil chicken, or kung pao chicken, all as crispy wraps, any for \$6.75.

"You can eat these with clean fingers in your car," says this guy Justin, who turns out to be coowner with his Thai chef buddy Jit. "Jit came from fine dining in Las Vegas," he says. "But with the downturn, we decided that we would keep the prices down and the food Asian but easy to eat. That's why we set up the 'Modern Mix' section."

For a buck more, you get traditional layouts of the same items but with a side (rice or mixed veggies) and a salad with peanut dressing (\$7.75). Or fried-rice dishes — with the same chicken or tofu (\$6.75) or beef or shrimp (\$7.75), or over pad Thai noodles (\$7.75 and \$8.75).

And that's it, apart from drinks. A short, simple menu that fits on the back of their business card. Cool.

This is when Niki comes over to take my order. She's the waitress, originally from Tokyo. "I was their first customer," she says. "Then I came to work for them."

I ask for a Thai iced coffee. Spot, too late, that they have chrysanthemum tea, which I've always wanted to try. All these "specialty drinks" are \$2.75. Then I order a spicy basil chicken with the house fried rice (could have had brown rice or steamed white rice) and salad with the peanut dressing.

I realize, once I start eating, that from here you can see clear down Eighth to Petco Park's outfield. But I'm more interested in the elegant squarish plate of food in front of me, which takes you clear across the Pacific to that other City of Angels.

Bangkok. Sigh. That basil flavor. As basic to Thai eating as ketchup

is here. The peanutty salad, way-big pile of fried rice, along with this juicy, spicy-hot chicken go down fine and hotter than I thought they'd dare make it in a fusion place. Lots of red peppers in there.

In addition to the mural, Mark designed the elephant logo. The bent trunk forms the *J* of "J. Wok." "This is a partnership of two Asian guys with names that start with *J*," says Mark. "Jit is Thai, Justin was born in Ohio. He's Chinese-American. The menu's mainly Thai, but with a lot of Chinese dishes. So the logo is an elephant — that's Thai — and the main mural is the tiger, the Chinese symbol."



Justin

Plus, I'm guessing, the "jaywalk" J-Wok joke in there was part of the plan, too, right?

We get to talking with Justin. "Actually, I'm an attorney," he says. "I used to work in the DA's office in Sacramento. But I always wanted to get into business. This is my passion project."

Jit hears us yakking about eating in Bangkok and brings out a plate of *kluay tod*, fried bananas (\$3.75), for everyone. The ultimate street food. What a great finale. When I get up to pay, Niki charges only \$11.63. Sweet deal. Looks as if the *kluay tod* was on the house.

I'll remember this place. Guess it's the elephant in me. \blacksquare

The Place: J. Wok, 744 Market (at Eighth Street), 619-231-1088

Type of Food: Asian fusion

Prices: Edamame, \$3.75; fresh spring rolls, \$3.75; egg rolls, \$3.75; wings, \$5.75; salad with tofu or chicken (\$6.75), beef or shrimp (\$7.75); Thai chicken satay sandwich, \$6.75; Korean BBQ beef Philly-style sandwich, \$7.75; yellow curry chicken crispy roll, \$6.75; red curry with shrimp crispy roll, \$6.75; spicy basil chicken, or kung pao chicken entrée with rice or mixed veggies, and salad, \$7.75; tofu fried rice, \$6.75; pad Thai noodles with beef, \$8.75; Thai iced coffee, \$2.75

Hours: 11:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m., Sunday–Monday; till midnight, Tuesday–Thursday; till 2:00 a.m., Friday–Saturday

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RESTAURANT LISTINGS

A complete searchable list of over 600 restaurants is available online at SanDiegoReader.com. Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a midrange entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$29; very expensive: more than \$30.

Allied Gardens

Brothers Family Restaurant 5150 Waring Rd., Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. All the staples: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Inexpensive.

Alpine

Fred's Old Fashioned Burgers 2754 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-1264. You get a bang for your burger buck, from the junior burger to quarter-pounders and half-pounders to Fred's three-quarter-pound "monster burger." Even the BLT sandwich comes loaded with six slabs of bacon. Inexpensive.

Baja

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

Cien Años Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Tijuana, 664-634-3039. Mexican haute cuisine, with complex sauces based on Mexican ingredients including tropical fruits, nuts, and chili pepers. Treats: mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile-meat mini tacos, posole with crabmeat. Moderate.

Happy Face Restaurant In Plaza Viva Tijuana (near Yellow Cab parking area), Tijuana. Breakfast (all day) includes *chilaquiles* with chips doused in cheese, a thin steak, frijoles, rice, chips, salsa, coffee, and a house salad. Inexpensive.

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67, Rosarito, 661-612-1430. In a restaurant full of caged birds (and a patio with free birds a-wing), enjoy sublime mesquite-grilled aged steaks, quail with garlic sauce, or venison — especially the savory machaca de venado (meat strips with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Mostly moderate; cash only.

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, Tijuana, 664-685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated carne asada, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado. Inexpensive.

Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel (south end of Blvd. Benito Juárez), Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. Somewhat expensive for the area.

Banker's Hill

Hexagone 495 Laurel St., Banker's Hill, 619-236-0467. This urban spinoff of Rancho Bernardo's French Market Grille offers provincial "bourgeois cuisine" (snails, frog legs, bouillabaisse) nearly identical to that of the mother ship — including the inconsistent nightly quality. Moderate to expensive.

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. All-day breakfasts and sandwiches, and at dinner, while there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom style) are the order of the day. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Bay Park

Bay Park Fish Company 4121 Ashton St., Bay Park, 619-276-3474. Go big (surf 'n' turf can cost you thirtyplus) or small: a filling seafood stew or the panko-crusted halibut tacos go for \$10. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive.

Borrego Springs

Olde Homestead Fudge Co. 590 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The chocolate walnut fudge is delicious, but the masterpiece when in season is the Date Shake — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Inexpensive.

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. The most authentic dishes come from the Specialties section of the menu, including a good pork in green chile sauce, enchiladas, and *chilaquiles*. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Cardiff

Beach House 2530 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Cardiff, 760-753-1321. Branch of a beachy mini-chain. Great oceanfront view, but stay with the simplest foods

— burgers, steak, unfussy eggs. Weekend brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive.

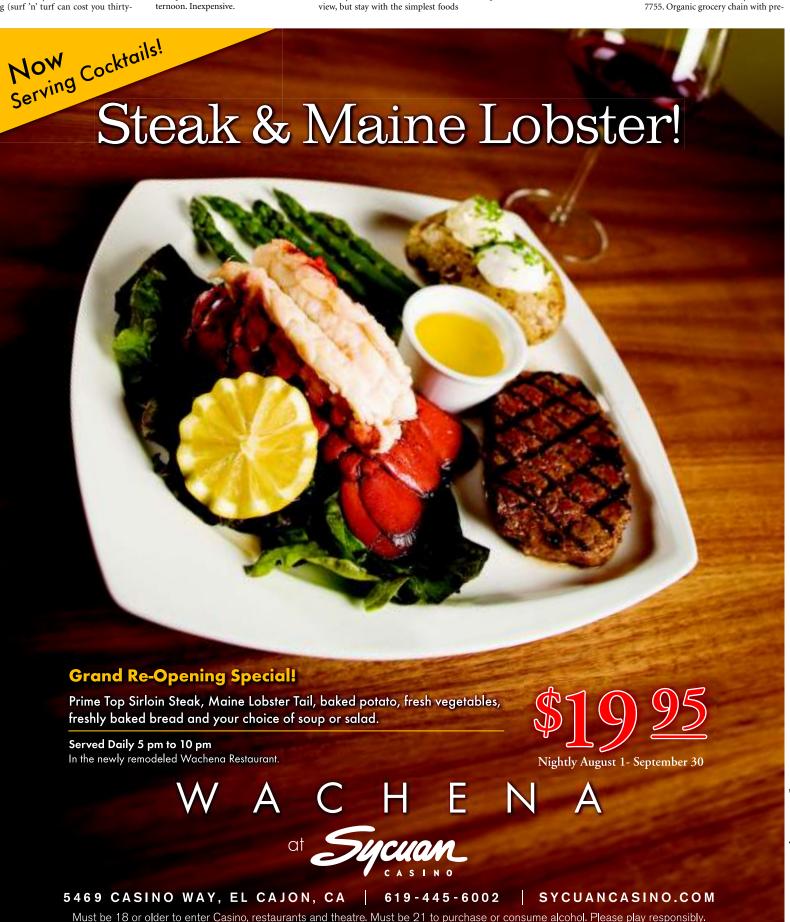
Carlsbad

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex, but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Inexpensive.

Vivace 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. First-class ingredients enliven skillfully executed Italian haute cuisine — think Medici princes, not *mamma mia*. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive.

Carmel Valley

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755. Organic grocery chain with pre-



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pared foods to go. Best deals at the hot case are usually the daily specials, like vegan seitan stew (a low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's jerk turkey in fig sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co. 12840 Carmel Country Rd., Carmel Valley, 858-481-7883. Several San Diego locations. House-made brewskis and American-style pizzas, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate top pings. Also pub grub and vaguely Italian food. Inexpensive.

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza 12925 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-259-6600. Additional locations in La Jolla, La Mesa, Mission Valley, University City, and Downtown. The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordi nary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Inexpensive.

Chollas View

Asia Café 4710 Market St., Chollas View, 619-527-1917. Rare Laotian restaurant's dishes include the famous larb-kai (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Inexpensive.

Chula Vista

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425 5133. Famous for Grandma's buckwheat pancakes, banana-pecan pan-cakes, and rolled pancakes. Other good

bets: deluxe burger with french fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Inexpensive.

Miguel's Cocina 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Additional locations in Coronado and Point Loma. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the shellfishstuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are luscious. Great for kids. Moderate.

Zorba's Greek Buffet 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. Families are here for the buffet, spooning up the spanakopita (spinach in flaky pas try), dolmas (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (egg-plant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Inexpensive.

City Heights

Asmara Eritrean Restaurant

4155 University Ave., City Heights, 619-677-3999. Similar to Ethiopian food, with a long, interesting menu, including a fine three-meat combo platter, luscious veggies. Seasoned to your specifications: "hot" means "hot!" Cash only. Inexpensive.

Canada Steak Burgers 3604 University Ave., City Heights, 619-283-4345. Run by a Greek-American family for 30 years, their hamburgers and especially their steak burgers are nicely seasoned and a great value. Interesting Greek choices include gyros souvlaki (skewered lamb), chicken kebabs. Inexpensive.

College Area

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Rd., College Area, 619-265-0218. A full range of European-Jewish specialties including deli meats and smoked fish, house baked breads and pastries, huge sandwiches and dinner entrées (including a lively Rumanian skirt steak and an ethnic sampler platter). Moderate.

The Living Room Café and Bistro 5900 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-286-8434. Additional locations in Old Town, Point Loma, La Jolla, and National City. This Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with good breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet. Inexpensive.

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-287-3536. The tempura special roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is filled with whitefish and garnishes. The Johnny roll shows octopus at its most tender. Inexpensive to moderate.

Coronado

Bino's European Coffees and **Crepes** 1120 Adella Ave., Coronado, 619-522-0612. House-baked breads and croissants and crunchy imaginative sandwiches like the Brie Fantasy (Brie, chicken, roasted peppers). Bino's Austrian wife makes great Viennese-

style coffee. Inexpensive. Burger Lounge 922 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-6835. Additional locations in Kensington and La Jolla. Their Tallgrass beef is juicy, tastes sweeter, and comes only from grass-fed cattle. Inexpensive, if you avoid extras like fries and onion rings.

Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-522-0217. They call themselves "Memphis style" and indeed cook their meats and tender chicken in a hickory-fueled smoker Consistency problem - some days you taste smoke, other days not a whiff. Local delivery

Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-0454. Classic fine Italian cooking with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are more interesting than the appetizers. The osso buco is outstanding, as is a summertime special of white king salmon. Expensive.

Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-522-0449. Mootime Creamery owner David Spatafore decided to set up a cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white tablecloth, dangling-Chianti-bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out on great pizza and calzone. Inexpensive.

Del Mar

Il Fornaio 1555 Camino del Mar. Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Also 1333 First St., Coronado, 619-437-4911. Regional Italian dishes range from filatino con bistecchina (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy Dijon and salad) to a mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca* alla fiorentina. Great breads, of course. Moderate.

Shimbashi Izakaya Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-523-0479. Izakaya-style restaurant and sake bar with ocean-view dining serving fusion sashimi, tempura, shiitake seafood sandwich, sushi rolls, grilled yakitori, and desserts.

Downtown

Anthony's Fish Grotto 1360 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-5103. Additional locations in La Mesa and Chula Vista. 18 fish to choose from, available seasonally, most prepared simply, Moderate.

Anthony's Fishette 1360 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-5103, Fast fish, mainly fried, but the clam chowder - New England or Fisherman is fresh, thick, tasty. Inexpensive.

Buster's Beach House & Longhoard Bar 807 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-233-4300. The real Buster surfed the world - Baia, Oahu, Fiii, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket. Here there's a surfer-pub dish from each of those waters, not one of them authentic. Bay view. Prices cover the waterfront.

Le Cake Château 1152 Seventh Ave., Downtown, 619-325-0977. This true French pâtisserie offers golden croissants, gorgeous pastries, and terrific lunches including *croque monsieur* (grilled ham-and-cheese sandwich covered with a Mornay sauce) and crepes with seasonal fruit and sweet cream cheese. Inexpensive.

Cheese Shop 427 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-2303. Also 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-

3921. Not much retail cheese anymore. They still have all-cheese sandwiches but now specialize in overstuffed spitroasted meat sandwiches like lamb and roast beef. Inexpensive.

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-236-9236. Enjoy grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, rice dishes, and appetizers like leek ravioli (aushak), leek or meat turnovers (bulanee), and battered vegetables (pakawra), Moderate,

City Pizzeria 1125 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-531-0955. Definitely West Coast pizza, with specialties like the Ranch Chicken pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. Inexpensive.

Croce's 802 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-4355. Live music comes free with dinner. Seasonal, creative menu, but simple dishes are best here, like the shrimp carbonara fettuccine in white garlic cream sauce. Fun people-watching from window tables. Expensive.

Jsix 616 J St., Downtown, 619-531-8744. The chef's charcuterie — sausage, cured beef, and smoked ham — is impossible to pass up. Waitstaff talks up the seafood, but the beef dishes are better - rib eye and Angus short ribs, especially. Grazing meals moderate to expensive, full dinners very

The Mission 1250 J St., Downtown, 619-232-7662. Also 2801 University Ave., North Park, 619-220-8992. Ecoconscious big breakfasts and Chino-Latino lunches in arty surroundings are halfway between health nut and oldtime diner fare. Great eye-opener: bounteous chicken-apple sausage and egg platter. Inexpensive.

Neighborhood 777 G St., Downtown, 619-446-0002. This mainly malepatronized, rackety gastro-pub's menu centers on fine half-pound burgers, plus steak tartare, sweet potato fries with bleu cheese curls, creative deviled eggs, mac 'n' cheese, and big, interesting salads. Inexpensive to very lowmoderate.

Ocean Room and Lounge 630 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-6550. Pleasant dishes include mussels marinière, Cajun seafood pasta, seafood pan roast, and Fanny Bay oysters on the half-shell. Or try the oyster shooters. Expensive (but less than average for the neighborhood).

Operacaffe 835 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-6538. True Tuscan cuisine, not austere but simple and sensual, priced for a song — with salads to sing about, unique Florentine home dishes, and sublime seasonal specials. This one's for us, not conventioneers. Low-moderate.

Organic to Go 1143 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-236-0086. Lunch for most is a lunge at the salad bar, but they make a cheddar albacore tuna melt, a toasted meat loaf sandwich, and

a vegan Thai-style veggie wrap. Other interesting dishes include mango-chutney-curry chicken salad sandwich. Inexpensive.

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-595-7959. The glory days have passed, but starters (mozzarella campagnola, fritto misto) still shine, and pastas can be excellent. Osso buco with marrow is best entrée. Try the lemon torte, leave the cannoli, Expensive on up.

Roy's Marriott Hotel, 333 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-239-7697. Also 8670 Genesee Ave., La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our outpost of top Hawaiian chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain, serving Pacific Rim fusion and sushi on a daily changing, seafood-oriented menu. End with the signature chocolate soufflé. Very expensive.

Royal India 329 Market St., Downtown, 619-269-9999. Standard North Indian Sikh menu. The lunch buffet costs a bit more than rock bottom, but is a decent deal if you care about flavor
— none of the dishes have that sludgy sameness that mars cheaper buffets. Moderate to expensive.

Sadaf 828 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-0008. Also 613 Pearl St., La Jolla, 858-551-0643, Good Persian food, better at the more adult-oriented L.J. branch. Try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or albalou polo (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Inexpensive to moderate.

Salad Style 807 F St., Downtown, 619-255-6731. Original salad concoctions for lunch include Scott's Grilled Skirt Steak, with organic greens, tomatoes, smoky mushrooms, hearts of palm, bleu cheese, red meat. The Totally Vegan, a golden volcano of quinoa and snowy tofu slabs, should be in a gallery. Inexpensive to moderate.

Suite & Tender Hotel Sè, 1047 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-515-3003. Celeb chef Christopher Lee officially presides - phoning it in from Manhattan. Cocktails are more creative than the corporate, Vegas-created "pick hits" menu. Fine raw bar and surf 'n' turf combos won't rock your world. Expensive.

Tabule 535 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-0048. Offshoot of popular Tijuana restaurant offers eclectic, Mexi can-based global fusion including fine steaks, duck, seafood, in unexpected preparations — with glimpses of the owner's native Persia and Southeast Asia, Long menu is made for play, no boredom. Low-moderate to expensive.

Toscana Café and Wine Bar 238 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-5788. This clubby bistro/coffee/wine place offers reasonable breakfasts with organic coffees, lunch specials, and elegant happy-hour specials on bites, wines, upscale beers. Inexpensive to moderate.

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El Cajon

Ali Baba Restaurant 421 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-442-3622. Chaldean specialties served until midnight, in a sheik's oasis" atmosphere, offering airy house-baked bread, kebabs, lamb shanks, yummy "potato pie," and a "Feast for Three" that will feed five. Inexpensive to moderate.

Hacienda Casa Blanca 700 N. nnson Ave., El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Old California-style family-friendly Mexican atmosphere and food, including lively camarones al teauila and enchiladas suizas in tangy green sauce. Brunch and all-day buffet Sundays. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Hammurabi Family Restaurant 401 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-401-3200. This Chaldean eatery in Iraqirich El Cajon offers exotica like stuffed honeycombs and intestines, along with comforting kebabs, marinated lamb shank, crushed wheat pie stuffed with beef, and baklava. Inexpensive to

Jasmine Bistro 315 Parkway Plaza. El Cajon, 619-588-8228. By day, the fare centers on fresh Chinese dim sum (finger food) offered by cart and by menu. At night, multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a pan-Asian panoply. Mainly moderate (except for some spe-

Encinitas

Bubby's Gelato 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3563, Sand wiches include intriguing Mediterranean combinations Gelati are twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs and feature bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Inexpensive.

Kim's Restaurant 745 First St. Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. Huge menu highlighted by Vietnamese house specialties and seafood also includes a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes. Moderate.

Potato Shack Café 120 W. I St., Encinitas, 760-436-1282. American fries (served all you can eat), french fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu. Lunch runs to deli sandwiches (with potatoes) or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Inexpensive

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. The focus is vegan and vegetarian, but they've added fish and a garlicky chicken pizza. Most popular item: falafel burger (made of garbanzo beans) on a bun with melted cheese.

Swami's Café 1163 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. There are standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black-bean burrito, but the emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Inexpensive.

Escondido

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 W. Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-489-6420. Omelets are light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, potato casseroles humongous burgers, and sandwiches Inexpensive.

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Dr., Escondido, 760-746-1444. The margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best The food is a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. A pleasant "enchilada

pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. Inexpensive to moderate

Golden Hill

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. Also 2121 El Cajon Blvd., North Park, 619-294-9417. Real New York pizza, with just-right sauce and crusts thin enough to fold in a V and eat on the run. Better yet: get a whole pie to enjoy at leisure. Neighborhood delivery available. Inexpensive.

Hillcrest

Aladdin's Mediterranean Restaurant 1220 Cleveland Ave. Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. Also 5420 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Clairemont, 858-573-0000. Middle-Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shaw*erma, etc.). Hillcrest branch offers more authentic Lebanese flavors. Inexpensive to moderate.

Café Bleu 530 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-291-1717. French-accented, wine-friendly seasonal cuisine with local produce and grazing options to accompany international wines, including fine mushroom vol-au-vent, short ribs with vanilla sauce. Happy-hour bargains, Sunday \$25 three-course dinner, otherwise moderate/expensive.

Café on Park 3831 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. The place looks trendy, but don't expect PC food. Plates overflow with hearty American fodder. Breakfast especially popular, with huge elaborate scrambles and the prize plate of '49er miners who struck gold: the Hangtown Fry, marinated oysters in scrambled eggs. Moderate.

Crest Café 425 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2910. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is both the boast and the cuisine, including Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, steamed veggie basket, and 11 types of burger (in cluding salmon). Open early to midnight, daily. Inexpensive

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Quick service until 2:30am from a huge menu of vaguely Szechuan-Mandarin fare. Consider fried pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage, curry-tinged Singapore-style rice noodles, shrimp with lobster sauce, scallion ginger chicken.

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. Kazumi's simple but imaginative rolls are distinctively seasoned to flatter the particular fish's flavor. For families, the Ultimate Boat is a huge, encyclopedic platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, vakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Inexpen-

Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro 3940 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295 5560. Witty staffers treat you like dinner guests. Start with chicken or shrimp b'stila in cinnamon-dusted phyllo. Lamb Tagine with honey, nuts, and fruit and Chicken Tagine with olives and lemon are standouts. Moderate.

Ortega's Bistro 141 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the Baja Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling. Fun margarita variations. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive).

The Tractor Room 3687 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. Menu highlights include identical stews of wild boar and buffalo, grilled salmon, and Prime-grade bone-in rib eye, plus good sides of acorn squash and heavy-cream mashed potatoes and gravy. Moderate to very expensive.

Whole Foods Market 711 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. Also 8825 Villa La Jolla Dr., La Jolla, 858-642-6700. Gourmet organic grocery eat-in/take-out selections offer healthy plates like Emerald Mushrooms salad and couscous studded with almonds. raisins, scrambled egg, and veggies. Inexpensive to moderate.

Imperial Beach

Giant Pizza King 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inchwide, foot-long, loaded pizza slices. The fish 'n' chips dish is generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo is a good value. Inexpensive.

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Dr., Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Serious gastronomy, low price. Weekend breakfasts tend to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Creative dinner fare varies nightly. Inexpensive to moderate.

Julian

Jeremy's on the Hill 4354 Highway 78, Julian, 760-765-1587. What a sur- out here, an ambitious, sophisticated, but well-priced, chef-owned, California-fusion eatery, with dishes like brie and mango quesadilla, mushroom burgers, and bison steaks. Inexpensive to moderate.

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taken over by Yankee flying aces, offering classic American fare and mighty cocktails. Moderate.

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. Pass by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and go straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious Japanese chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like a sweet-bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive.

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 4170 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing noodle soups, but there are more elegant house specialties, including the "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. Inexpensive to moderate.

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. Try the Korean BBQ marinated short ribs or thick marbled slices of sirloin, which come with a bevy of small accompaniment dishes. Adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhoe*). Moderate.

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-2788-5883. Local Chinese come here for Shanghai seafood dishes or clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Open to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate.

Spice House Café 9035 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1028. Greek-American cuisine, mainly. We don't know if it's the Ortega chiles or Jack cheese or tangy tomato sauce, but some guys find relief with the Hangover Omelet. Other choices: Portuguese sausage with three eggs and the Italian sausage frittata. Inexpensive.

La Jolla

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill 1271 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-0077. Bond-trader atmosphere, prole prices. Best bang for the buck: the Hot Stock Burger, a half-pound patty with a split Louisiana sausage on top. Inexpensive.

Cliff Hanger Café 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Dr., La Jolla, 858-452-9858. Spectacular ocean view. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there are generous half-pound hamburgers. Inexpensive.

La Jolla Rancherita 7404 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-5877. When local spiny lobsters are in season (typically from late October to about February), here's one place that does them right. The juicy critters come with two melted-butter dips, tart coleslaw, and comforting mashed potatoes. Moderate.

Marrakesh 634 Pearl St., La Jolla, 858-454-2500. A dramatic Moroccan restaurant with tented ceilings and low-banquette "sheik" seating offers five-course prix fixe dinners with superb lentil soup, salad, chicken-filled phyllo pie, entrée, and orange-flower perfumed almond baklava. Best entrées: lamb with honey (when available), chicken with olives, duck. Moderate.

Roppongi 875 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-5252. Gorgeous interior, large, heated street patio, Euro-Asian fusion menu with tapas and sushi as well as entrées. The treats of any size add up to expensive.

The Shores Restaurant 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456-0600. The hotel restaurant with closeup sea views serves "Neighborhood American Cuisine" with a fun wine list. Moderate to high, with weeknight inexpensive happy-hours bites 4 to 6pm

Sky Room La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-3744. After renovation in 2007, Sky Room is now modern, sleek, and quietly chic, with a simplified menu of California cuisine and slightly lower (still steep) prices. The romantic, panoramic view remains, of course. Expensive.

La Taverna 927 Silverado St., La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Italian home-style, including chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage. If the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say "yes." Moderate.

Truluck's The Aventine, 8990 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-453-2583. Florida-based sur' n' turf chain offers rony-free retro '50s décor and dinners featuring crustaceans (including seasonal stone crabs), other seafood, and natural meats — all carelessly cooked, but the meals are piled high with starches. Towering sweet desserts, fun wines. Moderate to very expensive.

La Mesa

Jitters Coffee 8201 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-460-4800. This small corner café is a local morning favorite. Flyin' Hawaiian waffle has macadamias, chocolate, banana syrup, whipped cream, but "plain" standards like the breakfast burrito are plain good. Lunches offer homemade soups, sandwiches, and salads. Inexpensive.

Lemon Grove

Charley's Famous Hamburgers 8213 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. An old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps. The menu is a long list of ham-

burgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebabs. Inexpensive.

Leucadia

La Especial Norte 604 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. It's famed for superb soups — the Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the eggplant soup includes airy little croutons of puffed *relleno* batter. Inexpensive.

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 N. Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. Standard but generous breakfast and lunch fare in an old-time atmosphere has kept the place humming since the 1950s. Specials named after local characters. Inexpensive.

Lincoln Park

Magnolias 342 Euclid Ave., Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. Soul food from Louisiana: the fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. Low-moderate.

Little Italy

Just Burgers 2034 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-234-7900. Juicy, healthy, grass-fed beef from happy healthy cows, with a wide choice of burger garnishes. Not cheap, but congratulations—you're PC. Inexpensive-moderate.

Pappalecco 1602 State St., Little Italy, 619-238-4590. Copy of a café in Pisa that three brothers created there, and now here. Meals are mostly salad-charcuterie-cheese combos. One delicious combo: the Rustico, varied Italian cold cuts with pungent goat cheese and bread. Inexpensive to moderate.

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India St., Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. Succulent veal is expertly grilled, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are zesty. Moderate.

Logan Heights

La Fachada 20 25th St., Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. Open until 3am (and 24 hours on weekends), this restaurant serves both Mexican and Anglo food. Good Western omelet breakfast, great Mexican seafood soups, and fun outdoor eating evenings until 11 pm. Inexpensive.

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Ave., Logan Heights, 619-239-3085. The specialty is fruits — in drinks, salads, and combos like pico de gallo (rooster's beak) with fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber dusted with cayenne). Also meat sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs. Inexpensive

Midway District

Bull's BBQ 1129 W. Morena Bl., Midway District, 619-276-2855. Genuine BBQ, tender meats, and poultry drynbbed with spices, smoked over mesquite-applewood chips, lightly sauced. (Order at the counter.) Masterpiece dish: dark, spicy, filé gumbo, served with a spectacularly moist jalapeño-spiked corn muffin. Patio seating. Moderate.

Mira Mesa

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Classic North Indian menu specializing in tandoori dishes. Numerous vegan and vegetarian choices, too. Buffet lunch daily and some dinners. Inexpensive.

Gateway to India 9520 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566-5522. Friday or Saturday, it's crowded with Indian families coming for the allyou-can-eat buffet of Punjabi and Gujarati specialties, including aloo curry, chhole (garbanzo beans), bengan bartha (eggplant), and sensational Asianmango desserts. Inexpensive.

Mission Beach

The Mission Café and Coffee House 3795 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Eco-conscious breakfasts and lunches. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberrybanana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Gathering Bar and Grill 902 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Familiar comfort fare, like the Southwest burger (avocado, Jack cheese, and salsa) or the Monte Cristo sandwich. Owner does magic card tricks around 6pm some evenings. Inexpensive.

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India St., Mission Hills, 619-299-0333. The deep-fried taquitos are their top-selling item. But try Burrito Indio, a wheat tortilla stuffed with mar-

inated zucchini, corn, beans, onions, cheese, and tomato, and the potato burrito, another good vegetarian choice. Inexpensive.

Mission Valley

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017. Hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Better yet, breakfast around the clock. Inexpensive to moderate.

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill 7007 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-298-1866. Also Escondido, Pacific Beach, Fashion Valley, Chula Vista. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with Angus top sirloins. Inexpensive to moderate.

National City

The Barbecue Pit 920 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-477-2244. Rustic timber, knotty pine, animal heads on the walls, and meats cooked true Southern BBQ style, over oak. Inexpensive.

China Super Buffet 3007 Highland Ave., National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises "over 100 items daily." Many are very good — marinated baby octopuses, mussels topped with melted cheese, roast beef au jus. Plus groaning salad bars, adequate sushi. Inexpensive.

North Park

Apertivo 3926 30th St., North Park, 619-297-7799. Wine-bar/bistro offers tapas of scaled-down Italian classics, including tasty prosciuttowrapped shrimp, eggplant rollatini, lemon cheesecake mousse. Noisy, no reservations, packed on weekends. Inexpensive.

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-295-0156. Now, as in the '30s, chicken pie comes with chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert. Inexpensive.

Sea Rocket Bistro 3382 30th St., North Park, 619-255-7049. Sea urchin bisque and grilled fresh sardines are top picks, along with plump, seared Baja scallops, and any dish with Carlsbad mussels. Noisy room. Moderate.

Urban Solace 3823 30th St., North Park, 619-295-6464. American comfort food with a faint Southern accent, including, sweet potato fries, a big burger made of Brandt Natural Beef "cooked your way" (and rare is reasonably safe). Great "bluegrass brunches" with live music. Moderate.

Zensei Sushi 3396 30th St., North Park, 619-546-6171. The sushi is well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The party rolls (like Stuffed Tomato or Honeymooners) may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Moderate.

Ocean Beach

Roots 4976 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-9000. Tiny vegan-organic eatery offers crunchy wraps like the Thai Peanut and the Arti (artichoke hearts, feta cheese). Interesting sandwiches include portobello mushroom with tomato and provolone on ciabatta or the Avo (avocado, onion, and tomato). Inexpensive to moderate.

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619 222-6686. Lunchtime specials give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo like chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice. Other specials include yaki soba, champon noodle soup, and the chicken bowl. Inexpensive.

Oceanside

Azafran 1001 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-435-0005. Cuban cuisine. Try the house-baked breads, the tender roast pork with garlicky *mojo* sauce, or the traditional Cuban pressed sandwich oozing ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles. Inexpensive.

Hill Street Cafe & Gallery 524 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in O'side, including Cajun chicken for lunch and breakfasts of toftu/spinach scramble and pan perdu (to us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Inexpensive.

Old Town

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs St., Old Town, 619-295-2343. The culinary pick hits of all the Americas including superb Chilean empanadas and pastel de choclo corn pudding, Peru's herbal seco de cordero







Pacific Beach

The French Gourmet 960
Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-4881725. Classic French dishes — paté, ratatouille, calf's liver — in a homey atmosphere. Start off with escargots or mussels and hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Fine dessert pastries and cheese plate. Moderate to expensive.

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. Classy Chinese all-you-can-eatarama offers great surf 'n' turf possibilities, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or crab and roast duck. Or choose mayonnaise mussels or caramel-y Japanese charcoal-grilled eel (unagi) on rice. Inexpensive.

Kono's 704 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. Chow down on a patio on the pier at this inside-outside café, the prototypical California surfer hangout. Tourists and locals alike flock here for generous breakfasts and burgers. Inexpensive.

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Dr., Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Right on the boardwalk with sea view, the prime rib, surf 'n' turf, and tournedos are fine. To beat the big prices, try the beach burger or seared ahi Caesar salad. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive.

Zanzibar Café 976 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-272-4762. Also 707 G St., Downtown, 619-230-0125. Casual food until 11pm or later. The three-egg breakfast scramble is great. So are the avocado fontina cheese omelet and eggs Benedict with non-Canadian bacon, and the indulgent blueberry buttermilk pancakes. Inexpensive.

Point Loma

Roseville 1125 Rosecrans St., Point Loma, 619-450-6800. Chef Amy DiBiase invokes French classics but with twists and local produce, e.g., asparagus subbing for frisée in a bistro salad with pancetta and egg or flawless duck confit that's France's answer to Peking duck. Expensive.

Tender Greens 2400 Historic Decatur Rd., Point Loma, 619-226-6254. This "healthy food" chain features great soups, desserts, and local, organic produce served cafeteria style with or without mesquite-grilled natural beef, freerange chicken, or local tuna in salads or ciabatta sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Ramona

Kountry Kitchen Ramona 826 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-3200. They still open at 5am for the farmers. Try the Italian Sausage breakfast, a sausage with a rich, sharp flavor, with eggs and hash browns. Or the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausage or bacon. Inexpensive.

Rancho Bernardo

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Pl., Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. Authentic Hong Kong cuisine, beautiful setting. Daytime dim sum includes irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to "gold cup" dishes. Try the sea bass with pine nuts. Moderate, with some expensive specialties.

Rancho Santa Fe

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. The daily changing menu sports first-rate modern French/Euro cuisine by chef Martin Woesle. The menu's often most exciting on weeknights, when chefs have time to stretch, but more luxurious dishes appear on weekends. New "bistro menu" of casual French cuisine and weeknight three-course prix fixe offer some affordable choices. Otherwise expensive.

Santee

Los Michoacanos 8001 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, 619-449-9032. Here's generosity: order just one potato taco from Luis Gabriel, and you get tortilla chips and salsa. Then out comes this hot, crisp-shelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and (inside) scrumptious sautéed potatoes. Great terrace view. Inexpensive

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, 619-596-9686. You can't beat their omelets, all 19 of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, cheddar, or American) to the Factory Omelette (a build-yourown: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). Inexpensive.

Scripps Ranch

Chez Nous Gourmet Deli-Café 9821 Carroll Canyon Rd., Scripps Ranch, 858-566-4766. Their roast beef with ginger-garlic and Dijon sandwich, their spicy chicken melt, or the leg of lamb they roast each day to make a juicy lamb sandwich — all original. Inexpensive.

Solana Beach

Nobu Gourmet Japanese Restaurant 315 S. Coast Hwy. 101,
Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. The
friendly sushi bar of our local, not-famous Nobu offers fine classic sushi and
sashimi, or settle into a booth for a
standard Japanese dinner. Try monkfish liver pâté and *chawan mushi* (egg
custard) soup. Mostly moderate; some
delicacies expensive.

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. Favorites from an often-changing menu include white fish served any style, mushroom cappuccino soup, and tarte tatin. Dinners expensive.

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Dr., Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. The sushi is ultra-fresh, and the friendly chefs make their compositions look beautiful. Also Japanese dinners, special *kaiseki* meals, and a *teppan* room. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive.

Sorrento Valley

The Grill 10920 Roselle St., Sorrento Valley, 858-587-7940. The Greek owners give it character with generous but cheap breakfast dishes like the Mediterranean omelet and lunch specials like the luscious Philly cheese steak. Inexpensive.

South Park

Vagabond 2310 30th St., South Park, 619-255-1035. Eclectic bistro fare,

French-based but with ever-changing global menu. Don't miss the *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian seco de carne meat stew. Noisy when full. Moderate

Southcrest

Elaine's Coffee Shoppe 1212 S. 43rd St., Southcrest, 619-264-6525. A bright, '70s-style breakfast-all-day spot where long-time owner Su Cha Yang also caters to vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Try the ham, bacon, mushroom "hunter" omelet, or fill up on the pork chop plate. Inexpensive.

University City

Café Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, University City, 858-450-3355. Chic scene where men with Bentleys and glam gals nibble above-average sushi and Asian fusion, especially on jam-packed Thursday nights. Best bet: graze on appetizers and creative party rolls. No reservations for sushi bar, so come early. Very expensive.

University Heights

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington St., University Heights, 619-296-8268. Open all night on weekends, and late night is a scene. But for many, breakfast is the thing: Charbroiled top sirloin with eggs and potatoes is a Saturday morning treat. Inexpensive.

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama St., University Heights, 619-688-0717. The round Over 900 more restaurant listings at SanDiegoReader.com



Lebanese oven cooks flat bread (sajj) that goes with baba ghanoush (eggplant dip) and fool madamas (fava and garbanzo stew). Must-haves include beef shawerma wrap, falafel wrap, and savory meat pie. Inexpensive.

Muzita Abyssinian Bistro 4651 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-546-7900. Hospitable intro to veg-rich Ethiopian/Eritrean cuisine, served family-style, to eat using healthy wholegrain spongy pancakes to pick up savory morsels. Try Ethiopian beers or crisp honey wine. No wheelchair access to interior. Moderate.

Valencia Park

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Ave., Valencia Park, 619-264-3115. Longstanding soul food restaurant, serving until 1am weekends. Try gravysmothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, and rice, or Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Inexpensive.







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Word of mouth roared through the
North Coast Repertory Theatre: "Burt
Bacharach's coming Friday night!" At first, Steve

Gunderson went into deep *Waiting* for *Guffman* denial. Then the lifelong devotee of Bacharach's music faced the consequences of a dream coming true.

In 1993, *Back to Bacharach and David* opened off-Broadway at Steve McGraw's Cabaret. The *New York Times* called Gunderson's arrangements "musically impeccable" and hailed Kathy Najimy's direction as "a nearly perfect balance between tribute and comedy." *BTB&D* ran for five months. Bacharach never attended.

In the summer of 2006, the North Coast Rep needed to fill a slot in August. They contacted Gunderson, and the show opened with four singers and a three-piece band.

A week later, guess who'll be in the house? At first Gunderson thought it was a "cruel joke." He'd heard that Bacharach was never happy with revues of his work. But what if...?

"The dream of a lifetime" or — the fear grew talons as the day drew nearer — "a nightmare! What if he *hates* what I've done to his music?"

"I wasn't born a musical talent," says Gunder-

son, 52. In his youth, he liked to plunk out TV themes on a piano but never wanted to study. He still can't play his scores like a trained pianist. Music was a hobby. When he was 8, it became an

"That's when I heard 'Walk on By.'" His parents bought him a songbook of Bacharach's music and Hal David's lyrics. He became

fascinated with the "odd time signatures and uneven measures" and grafted them onto his musical lexicon.

"When I was first aware of the Oscars, I wanted 'Look of Love' [from *Casino Royale*] to win Best Song. But 'Talk to the Animals' won for *Dr. Dolittle*, and I knew right then that the Academy Awards were STUPID!"

At Horace Mann Junior High, and later at Crawford High, Gunderson "inducted" Kathy Najimy into Bacharach and David's music "by sheer persistence!" They wrote skits and musical revues and always included a medley by their favorites. "I can still see us," says Najimy, "B&D albums strewn across the floor, Steve playing a little Casio [keyboard]. That music became the soundtrack of our lives."

Gunderson discovered a knack for creating revues. "But most only do the familiar stuff. And



Steve Gunderson and Burt Bacharach

what's the point of that? Why just replay the song?"

Several revues later, including the extremely popular *Suds* (with Melinda Gilb, Bryan Scott, and Javier Velasco), Gunderson envisioned his dream project. "Burt's songs are so familiar, people don't hear how complex and unusually hip they are. Many are like one-act plays."

Amid all his reveries, Gunderson never dreamed that "you know who" and family would have aisle seats, row D, at the North Coast Rep. When Gunderson sang "Alfie," Bacharach would sit on a 45-degree angle to his right, maybe 20 feet away.

"Thirty-minute call," stage manager Elizabeth Stephens announced in the dressing room.

"He CAN'T walk out," Gunderson assured himself a half hour before curtain. "Being with his family'd make too big a scene, wouldn't it?"

The last thing Gunderson wanted was "to embarrass him — okay, that and the next day's headlines shouting, 'BACHARACH BACKS OUT OF *BACK TO!*'"

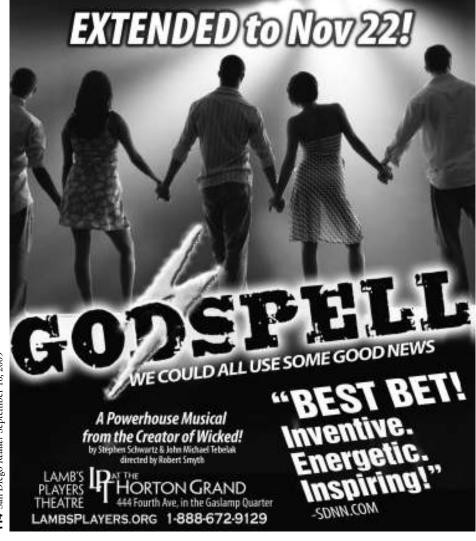
"Fifteen-minute call."

"Omagod!" whispered Melinda Gilb, peeking though the curtain. "There he is!"

"Where?" asked another performer.

"Row four, house left aisle. White shirt, powder blue pullover!"

"Omag...!"





Bacharach was in Del Mar for racing season. His wife Jane saw a poster for *BTB&D* while grocery shopping and bought tickets. Though word was good about the New York production, which Hal David enjoyed, Bacharach admits he was "tentative" when he entered the theater.

"I'm tough on things," Bacharach says today. "I've seen other shows based on my music and they didn't work."

Bacharach went to the Broadway opening of one "as a civilian with no vested interest." He sat next to Elvis Costello and Mike Myers. They watched "Do You Know the Way to San Jose?" done as a barbershop quartet and "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" as a tap number. The songs had no meaning — just vehicles for pizzazz. "This isn't working," Costello grumbled, "at all." Bacharach and Myers nodded amen's.

"It was very hard to be there," says Bacharach, "and I went to North Coast not knowing what to expect."

"Ten-minute call!"

In the audience, Bacharach's presence became one of those

badly kept, well-kept secrets. Neighbors elbow-nudged neighbors and pointed fingers, stomach-level, in his direction.

"FIVE MINUTES!"

Gunderson refused to peek through the curtain. "Truth to tell? I lost confidence, and I pride myself in being a pretty easygoing performer. But as everyone who knows me knows, my music GOD was out there."

The show began. Buoyed by an appreciative audience, which welcomed each song like an old friend, the cast overcame nervousness and settled in, happy to have Bacharach on hand.

Except Gunderson. Some arrangements turned the originals on their head ("Are we really doing 'Close to You' with a quartet of codependent beatniks?"). He also dreaded what would surely be one of the most — if not *the* most — vulnerable artistic moments of his life. He would sing "Alfie" solo. When the song asks the famous question, Gunderson would be saying, in effect, here's what I've been all about.

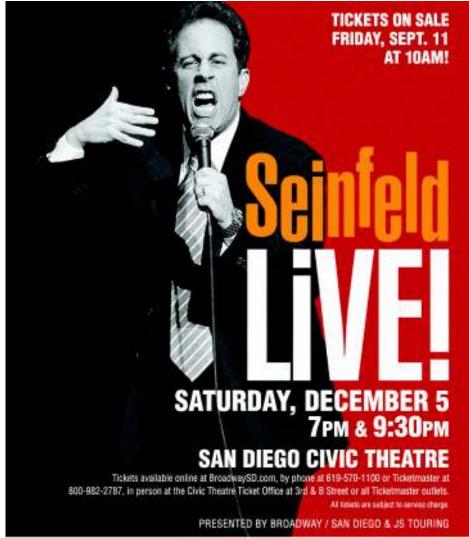
He stood center stage. The lights awoke softly. He began singing and — "panic! My most

out-of-body experience as a performer. Ever!

"But you know, 'Alfie' 's amazing. Hal David's masterpiece journeys to where songs rarely go. I found myself in a drama—and *that* kept me from focusing on Burt and the music and the band and my voice."

Bacharach, it turns out, was won over from the start. "I was tapping my feet and humming along, relaxed and impressed." The arrangements "truly honored the songs. It was my work and it was done classy. Steve didn't just do obvious choices, either. He did a great job with 'I Just Have to Breathe,' which is rarely done."

After the show, Bacharach asked to meet the cast. They filed out onstage, exhausted and flying high. "Who did the charts?" Bacharach asked the musicians. "Steve," they replied. He asked the singers, "Who did the vocals?" Heads nodded toward Gunderson, who stood in a "flop sweat," one-foot onstage, the other angled toward the EXIT sign, should a need to flee prove urgent ("Okay, so he loathed the arrangements, but he stayed for the whole show, didn't he?").







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They shook hands. "It's a shame this is such a small venue," Bacharach said, putting an arm around Gunderson. "More people should see what you've done. I'm calling Hal."

Gunderson drove home that night feeling "a flood of relief, awe, and choked up."

"Burt called the next morning," Hal David remembers. "He fell in love with the show and urged me to see it." David and wife Eunice drove down from L.A. that day. He was struck by the note-to-note sophistication and how Gunderson combines the songs. At the beginning of his career, before he wrote the lyrics for a song, David wrote a short story. He then composed lyrics from the story. "Steve turns these songs — these little stories — into a motion picture!"

That same day, Gunderson saw an unfamiliar number on his cell phone. The message said: "Steve? Burt Bacharach, Give me a call."

"You're a unique musical talent," Bacharach told him on the phone. "I've had a lot of revues, and you're the first I trust to get inside of my music. I want to help the show any way I can."

Gunderson and Naiimy met with Bacharach and his lawyer at the Los Angeles office of BMI

(Broadcast Music, Inc.). On the way up the stairs, Najimy lectured Gunderson on proper take-a-meeting behavior: "He'll be a businessman. So you be too. Professional, okay? Don't go all gushy!"

Inside, Gunderson sat erect, contained: business, not personal. When Bacharach began complimenting the arrangements, Najimy, "so proud to be part of this moment, just lost it!

"Burt, abso-LUTEly! Steve's a genius...we're best friends... how long?? (What's 1972 from...?) — Thirty-seven years!School together...skits, revues like you WOULD NOT BE-LIEVE! So happy for him...one of the best moments of my...

"Burt nods at me," Naiimy recalls with a self-mocking laugh, "then turns and says, 'Now Steve....'

In the parking lot afterward, Gunderson and Najimy "screamed like little kids!"

The meeting led to an expanded, "spruced up" version of BTB&D in Los Angeles at the Music Box last April. The 23 performances drew rave reviews, and a producing team is currently shopping the project around the U.S. and Europe.

"It's such an exciting time for the show," says Gunderson. "And without a doubt, having Burt and Hal so into the proiect and having this relationship with them will be the great

event of my life.

"And you know? It's all by accident. It was something I never would have asked for, let alone dreamed of coming true." ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Cyrano de Bergerac

Okay, it's a long show — over three hours — but Darko Tresniak'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.

"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. 7:30PM THURSDAYS,

8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATUR-DAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NO VEMBER 22.

Hamlet

For its 13th annual Free Shakespeare Production, the Coronado Playhouse stages the Bard's tragedy of dilatory revenge. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY CORONADO 619-435-4856 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUN-DAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 4

Hoover Comes Alive!

La Jolla Playhouse presents Sean Cunningham and Michael Friedman's piece that's "not a play, not a musical, a presidential rock concert."

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY

The Housewives

In this rock musical comedy, three "young moms get their humble start at the PTA talent show" and become a hit "domestic rock band." TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., DOWNTOWN, 8PM THURSDAYS. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27.

I Love You Because

Marcy's been an ex for two months. She'll be in "rebound time" for another four, says Diana, who has formulas for finding potential mates. Marcy needs an interim dud, the less attractive the better, to help her through "rebound time." In this modern musical remake of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice, the women date unlikely men. All fall in love. Joshua Salzman (music) and Ryan Cunningham (lyrics) include almost every scene in the novel (which makes Act 1 run far too long). The energized North Coast Rep production infuses the familopposites attract" cliché with

attitude: when genuine feelings blossom, the quartet of allegedly in-the-know New Yorkers must drop armored poses and tough tones — and fess up. Thanks to Ric Simas's sharp direction, a game cast, and a three-piece backup band, they do it in very funny, comical ways. Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE. 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURS-DAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27.

National Comedy Theatre

The National Comedy Theatre presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is "appropriate for all audiences." NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 IN DIA ST., MISSION HILLS, 619-295-4999. 7:30PM AND 9:45PM FRIDAYS 7:30PM AND 9:45PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED

Sealed for Freshness

OnStage Playhouse presents Doug Stone's comedy about a Tupperware party gone awry when five Midwestern housewives "want their dreams back." Sandra Lynn Kraus directed.

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE.. CHULA VISTA, 619-422-7787, 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATUR-DAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEP-

Shopping & F***ing

According to playwright Mark Ravenhill, there's no difference. In a world where consumerism has become a law of nature, shopping and sex are mere transactions, and the worst thing one can do is feel. The play, part of Britain's "In Yer Face" movement of the '90s, contains graphic sexual and psychological violence. As if these weren't enough, Triad Productions' staging makes the loudest possible choices. The play means to appall (so much that the author wavers between moral urgency and an obvious delight in brutalization; where he actually stands? — a coin-flip). Directed by Adam Parker, the cast begins scenes emotionally where they should end. But when the writing

of a play is "over," as is Ravenhill's, the acting should come "under' the text for full shock effect. The combination of over plus over makes for an evening more in your ear than yer face. COMPASS THEATRE 3704 SIXTH AVE HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. 8PM THURS-DAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 8PM SUNDAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13.

The Sorrows of Sophia

PowPAC presents Barbara Seagren's melodrama, with "good versus evil in a Wild West showdown," during which audiences are free to "hoot and holler."

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Spamalot

Broadway*San Diego hosts a touring production of Monty Python's "musical lovingly ripped off from the motion picture Monty Python and the Holy Grail." Mike Nichols directed.

SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN. 619-570-1100. 7:30PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 1PM AND 6PM

Speed-the-Plow

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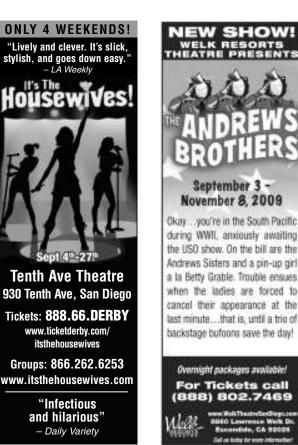
The Taming of the Shrew

Patio Playhouse gives Shakespeare's comedy an updated version, in which "Kate gets a Mad Men treatment." Christa Sherman directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVE., ESCONDIDO, 760-746-6669, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUN-DAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 4.

The 39 Steps Alfred Hitchcock shot his movies

on location, infusing the everyday - like crows on a telephone line — with menace. The 39 Steps, a highly theatrical (albeit lighter than air) take on Hitch's 1935 movie, has no such luxury. The show must generate effects on a bare stage with only trunks, chairs, a wardrobe, and four performers in an aerobic workout that would challenge the hale and buff. Much of the fun comes from seemingly spontaneous inventions, as when Michael Hannay, the harassed Brit, must climb through a window but only has the frame. Since Ted Deasy plays Hannay throughout (and quite well), the other three actors juggle an estimated 130 characters (backstage quick-changes must resemble a sale-table frenzy at Nordy's). Claire Brownell's range from the sultry to - in a touching portrait of a Scottish woman — the truly forlorn. They create so many instantly credible beings Scott Parkinson and Eric Hissom must dream in multiple personalities. Worth a try.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13.





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firefighter unions provided much of the funding for the recall campaign.

At Wednesday's city council meeting, one Oceanside resident added fuel to the political fire.

"Councilmember Jerome Kern really was looking out for the rights of our citizens," Woodrow Higdon said yesterday during public comment, blaming the unions for unfairly targeting the conservative councilmember. "Councilman Kern made the mistake of starting to talk about privatizing different elements of the union for the police and fire departments. No sooner did he start talking about privatizing union operations...did a recall campaign materialize against him.... If you speak out against union, you're going to find yourself in a recall campaign."

During an August 19 phone interview, Kern shared some of the same views, accusing the unions of targeting him because of his anti-labor union, free-market stance. He says the unions are willing to spend thousands of dollars to kick him out of office as a way to prevent him from casting a vote in the upcoming December 31 labor negotiations.

Evan McLaughlin, spokesperson for the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, says Kern is fighting an imaginary enemy.

By Dorian Hargrove, 9/4

Gang Street

Logan Heights — At 6:20 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, San Diego police responded to a 911 call about a shooting in Logan Heights. The reporting party told police dispatchers, "A person was sitting on the hood of a car and

fired six or seven shots with a long gun."

A victim was found by police on the 2600 block of Main Street. Police were told the shooting occurred two blocks away. The caller told the dispatcher that the victim might have been thrown from the car. Police later said, "The Main Street victim had Southeast San Diego tattoos."

The car was described as a white two-door Ford Focus or Dodge Neon and was seen heading west on Main Street. A dispatcher subsequently alerted the units working the case that three Hispanic males in a Dodge Neon had dropped off a victim at the Sharp Coronado Hospital, located at 250 Prospect Place.

At 6:35 p.m., an SDPD dispatcher requested a unit from the southern district to patrol the Coronado Strand, in case suspects were heading south

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after dropping the injured person off at the hospital. Shortly thereafter, a Dodge Neon was found on Second Street, around the corner from the hospital. The police officer who located the vehicle said. "It has blood on the hood and bullet holes."

Police were not sure if there was a second car involved. The victim who was believed to be thrown from the car on Main Street was transported to UCSD Medical Center in Hillcrest, where he later died from his injuries.

By Steve Horvath, 9/3

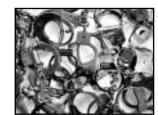
Jailbirds to Fly South?

Tijuana — President of the Asociación de Comerciantes Turisticos de Tijuana, Julián Palombo Saucedo, recently learned that convicted Mexican nationals serving prison time in California may be returning to Mexico via Tijuana.

Palombo's main interest is in increasing inter-



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national tourism for the city.

Crime in TJ could skyrocket 30 percent if the current plan is carried out, according to Palombo. He wants authorities on both sides of the border to work together to smooth any kind of prisoner deportation to Mexico and for California to allow access to CITY LIGHTS

information so tijuanenses can be forewarned of dangerous persons arriving in the city.

By T.B. Beaudeau, 9/1

Comments

1. As a U.S. citizen I agree housing and feeding illegal criminals is not necessarily our job, but to drop them back in TJ is not the right thing to do either. There is no one to take them in so what do we think they will do. The cartels are looking for disposable people so another life of crime won't be a problem not to men-

tion the fact that with the border right there they will just return. More criminals in the US but now free to do more crime. Not a very well thought out solution.

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By rosaritoresident 4:39 p.m., Sep 1

2. Mexican nationals are not necessarily illegal immigrants. They could be legal immigrants that will now be deported because of their crimes. Maybe us Baja residents could all chip in a few bucks and have them

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flown to Chiapas, instead...

By refriedgringo 5:02 p.m., Sep 1

3. 40,000 criminals should not be sent to any one place that doesn't have guards.

By rosaritoresident 5:46 p.m., Sep 1

4. These people are just going to end up back in the U.S. committing crimes. California needs to streamline the appeals process and increase the use of the death penalty.

By poff 8:21 a.m., Sep 2

Cops in Crosshairs

Stockton area of San Diego — Multiple gunshots were fired at police officers at around 2:35 a.m. on Monday, August 31. The shots were reportedly fired from the I-15, between the Market Street southbound onramp and north of Impe-

rial Avenue.

Police officers were on the 3200 block of K Street taking a car-chase suspect into custody as they were shot at. There were no reports of injuries.

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Over police radio, an officer at the scene noted that the shots "...sounded like a rifle." He also added, "The rounds were high velocity." Police dispatch immediately advised all officers to "use high caution."

Two vehicles were seen fleeing southbound on the I-15 after the shooting. Witnesses from the area said that they heard as many as nine shots. Police radio traffic indicated that casings were found on the I-15, approximately 300 feet north of Imperial Avenue. All lanes of the I-15 were closed near Market Street while officers investigated the area.

Preliminary reports over the radio identified one

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of the suspect vehicles as a pickup truck; however, its description was changed to an SUV believed to have been a Ford Explorer. A description of the second vehicle was not given.

The 18-year-old carchase suspect in custody is believed to be connected with the shooting suspects. A Mondaymorning press release from SDPD stated that three vehicles (one was a gray Ford Explorer) were seen just after 2 a.m. at south 28th Street and Everett Avenue. As an officer tried to stop the third vehicle for an expired registration, it fled. Prior to being arrested, the carchase suspect abandoned his vehicle on the 3200 block of K Street, the site where officers took on rifle fire.

By Nathaniel Uv. 9/1/09

Comments

1. Too bad they missed.

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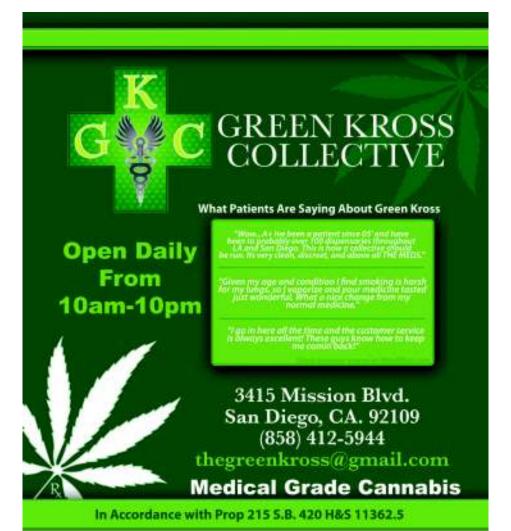
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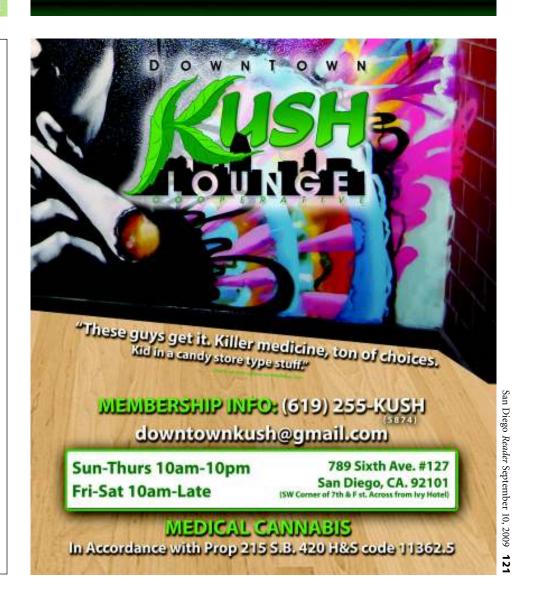
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By PistolPete 1:57 p.m., Sep 1

2. Pete...you're a complete tool, if you think cops should be shot. I mean, let me see if I get this straight. You admit to having loud parties, with drugs and underage drinking. And what? You're mad the cops showed up?

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2:56 p.m., Sep 1

3. I don't call the police. I take care of myself. I HATE cops. Well, 90% of them at least. I've met some REALLY cool cops. I've also met more a**hole cops. My favorite saying when it comes to our LEOs....Save a doughnut, kill a cop. We don't need cops anymore. They've outlived their usefulness. They're called peace officers but

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all they want to do is start trouble. This county By JoshBoard LOVES cops.

> I'm also not pissed at the cops for arresting me or wanting to arrest me when I break the law. They have a job and I can respect that. But if they get shot and killed, I'm going to drink a beer. The day Dan Bessant was murdered, I drank a six-pack.

> > By PistolPete 3:17 p.m., Sep 1

Pedaling Blues

Downtown San Diego — Councilmember Marti Emerald continues to be a driving force behind pedicab regulation reform in the city. Ever since 60-yearold tourist Sharon Miller died as a result of getting thrown from a pedicab on July 4, Emerald has slammed the brakes on a seemingly unregulated industry. "We needed tougher regulations to protect the public, and now we have them," read Emerald's September 1 press release.

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Emerald's release was issued minutes after city council placed new regulations on bicycle taxis. **Those new requirements:** all passengers must wear seat belts; bicycle taxis are banned from sidewalks and from streets with speed limits over 25 miles per hour. And, pedicab operators must display their rates inside the cabs in plain view of passengers.

Emerald doesn't plan to stop there. She wants to reduce the number of operator permits issued each year from 400 to 250.

By Dorian Hargrove, 9/2

Gaslamp Labor Day Revelry

Downtown San Diego — San Diego police were dispatched to several loca-

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tions downtown around 2:00 a.m. Sunday, September 6, including two separate calls 20 minutes apart at the Hard Rock Hotel.

Police responded to a report of a fight in the lobby of the Hard Rock Hotel located at 207 5th Avenue at 1:57 a.m. A second fight was reported in the lobby of the hotel about 20 minutes later, and police were dispatched to the location at 2:18 a.m. Several minutes later a dispatcher told police, "See security personnel on the Sixth Avenue side of the hotel in the security office."

A San Diego dispatcher reported that security from Horton Plaza was chasing suspects involved in an assault. Police near the club Stingaree on Sixth Avenue questioned two persons who were nearby and said, "They were questioning two people but weren't sure if they were victims or suspects." A

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police officer on the scene later said, "A female witness identified the two people as the ones who started the fight."

By Steve Horvath, 9/7

Overblown Warning

Borrego Springs — At 5:46 p.m., on Saturday, September 5, the National Weather Service issued a severe weather warning for northeastern San Diego County, near Borrego Springs. On The Weather Channel, the news crawl bulletin was repeated over and over for about an hour and a half at the bottom of the TV screen.

The bulletin read, "Very heavy rain from a thunderstorm producing flash flooding near Ocotillo Wells. Locations in the warning include but are not limited to Ocotillo Wells. Flash flooding is likely along Old Kane Springs Road...Split Mountain Road...and portions of Highway 78."

At 6:20 p.m., I asked the California Highway Patrol if they received the National Weather Service warning. The dispatcher said they usually only get alerts of major events such as an earthquake or tsunami warning.

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Around 6:30 p.m., I phoned two hotels in the area. Both front desk clerks reported heavy rain in the past hour but said it had stopped by then. I asked how someone living in the desert would know there was a severe weather waming? Veronica at the Borrego Springs Resort simply said, "We pretty much just look up and see it."

In the reported storm epicenter, I spoke with a firefighter at the Ocotillo volunteer fire station. He reported they had some lightning and a little rain, but now just very heavy cloud cover. By 7:30 p.m., the weather service had canceled the warning and reported that the thunderstorms had diminished and moved into Imperial County.

By Ken Harrison, 9/7

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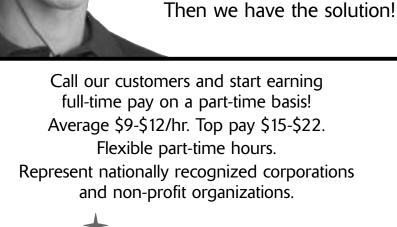
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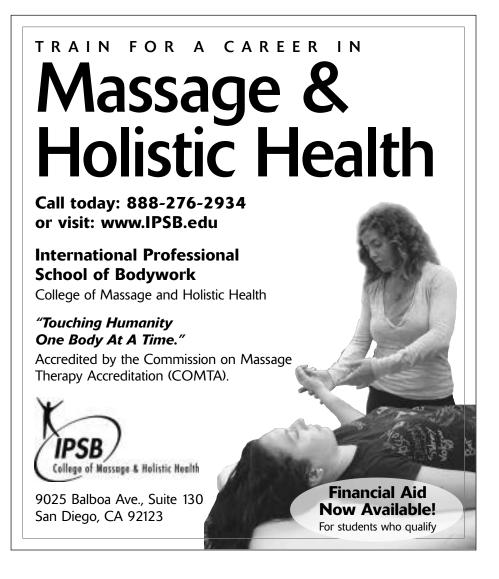
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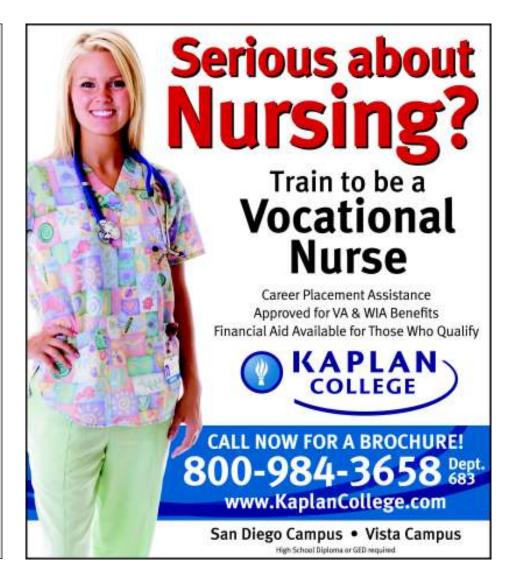
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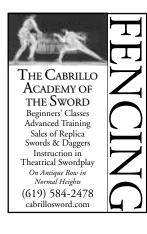
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weekly to contenders chosen randomly!

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Across

- 1. Fox series whose theme song was "California"
- 6. Astronaut's drink
- 10. Effort
- 14. Bloodsucker
- 15. "Would ____ to you?"
- 16. Last of Henry VIII's Catherines

- 17. Diploma, for one
- 19. ____ mater
- 20. Result of a sac fly
- 21. Pork or veal cuts
- 22. Natural event that made the news in 2005
- 29. Burn balm
- 30. More civil
- 31. Farm enclosure
- 32. Positioned like Ted Williams
- 35. Cell phone giant
- 37 Mascot with a missing tooth
- 41. Absorb
- 42. It's near failing
- 44. Milk
- 47. "Quiet!"
- 49. Roams (about)
- 50. Office supplies often lined with bubble wrap
- 54. Snowboarder White
- 55. Zool. or ecol.
- 56. Grub
- 57. Classic 1952 novel ... or an apt description of the circles in this puzzle's grid
- 64. "Star ____
- 65. "Guilty," e.g.
- 66. Give a lift
- 67. Lip
- 68. Off in the distance
- 69. Rolls-____

Down

- 1. Group that sang "Waterfalls"
- 2. Ship's pronoun
- 3. Wide shoe designation
- Condition for TV's Monk: Abbr.
- 5. Funny Oteri
- 6. "Venus of Urbino" painter
- 7. "Obsessed" actress Larter
- 8. Long of "Boyz N the Hood"

- 9. Come together
- Hall of Fame pitcher Warren
- 11. Condor's claws
- 12. Ban site?
- 13. Like trombone music
- 18. TV network with the slogan "Chime In"
- 21. Metal that may ignite if scratched
- 22. Japanese "yes"
- 23. Bone meaning "elbow" in Latin
- 24. Turn at the casino
- 25. Florida Keys features
- 26. It may be right up one's alley
- 27. MBA course
- 28. Faked out, in hockey
- 33. Hardly hot
- 34. Hardly hot
- 36. Pamplona pal
- 38. Take in
- 39. Take ____ (doze)
- 40. Bare
- 43. Sound of bacon frying
- 44. Surprise results
- 45. It's Arabic for "desert"
- 46. Match.com meetings
- 48. Emmy winner, often 51. Sundowns
- 52. Prefix with friendly
- 53. Unpardonable one?
- 57. Agcy. with an acid rain hotline
- 58. 1980s sitcom title role
- 59. Hydrospace
- 60. "Eldorado" grp.
- 61. Calendar square
- 62. And so on: Abbr. 63. Alumna identifier

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

Flo Abena, Rancho Peñasquitos,

34. Go cut some limes. **Mary Arana, Encinitas, 34.** I love you because...

Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 34. Send one solution. Solve or strike out. Sink or swim! Ron Meyer, Santee, 34. Hi

Hunny! I love you!

Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach,

Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 34. Happy
Appiversary, Josiel

Eddie O. Spaghettio, Coronado, **34.** IVB143DEB! Dachario lo stato di falicida permanente! CIUM.

Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 33. Que viva, Otay Ranch Town Center, fabulous fado last Wednesday! Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 33.

Annihilate and humiliate the Raiders!

Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 33. Click "paintwithdan" online. Quality painting, budget-friendly

prices.

Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach,

33. Your attitude can turn any
obstacle into a stepping stone.

Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 32. Yip yip! Ah-ooooo! Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 32. Without a public option it won't be

healthcare reform! **Sara Khwaja, Poway, 32.** Hot enough for ya?

Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 32. Way to go Chula Vista Little Leaguers! Julie Osburn, North Park, 32.
Is it September already?

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 31.
Football is comin'! Go Chargers
Mon night!
Thomas Diehl. Escondido. 31.

Only bureaucrats can say absolutely nothing and mean it.

Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley,

31. Have a good tome in SB. **Ron Hootman, Santee, 31.**Hoot 101: Better eat your spinach! **Kyle Matzke, Vista, 31.** Explain why I should pay for illegal's/non-citing heatthcare.

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 31. I am a liberal from Lakeside. Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 31. The shirt's off my back. Tom Somich, Clairemont, 31.

Del Mar season is over - so saf, so

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 30. Please open a Jimmy John's in SD! Michael Panther, Point Loma, 30. Come up with some better quotes, people - like this one. John Pertle, Santee, 30. John

18:37-38; John 4:24, John 8:31-32;

Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 31. No

Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 30.

Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont,

Craig Curtis, Escondido, 30. Rosie

- are you still my girl? I love you Sugar!

Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 30. Here

Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 30.

Can't wait to see the Chargers vs.

Medicare is a success - let's have

one paver health care.

30. No more Taxi Mom!

we go Steelers, here we go!

Raiders this Monday

John 17:17; John 14:6.

soup for you! No T-shirt for me!

Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 30. If a book about failure doesn't sell, is it successful?

Jav Sato. Carmel Valley, 30.

Happy Birthday Mumsy! One more

year to the big 88 celebration!

Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 30.

Knowledge is free in the library.

Bring your own container:

M. Zimmermann, Vista, 30. Get the facts first. Then distort them.

Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 29.Give me liberty and no government healthcare.

Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 29. / love New York. Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 29.

Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 29. Congrats Park View Little World Champs!

Bill Pischke, Ramona, 29. Love is orange. Enjoy the color.

Leslie Chase, Campo, 28. Welcome Grandpa Al Mauus!
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 28.

That would be his Christian name

Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 28. I hope I make the list. Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 28.

Arnel?

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 28. *Many fortunes smile on the quick witted.*

James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 28. *Go Padres!*

Tom Seaman, Alpine, 28. the 45 MPH couch potato - an adopted greyhound.

Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 28. Go Bucks! Number 9! Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 27.

Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, **27.** I'm not so sure about this one..

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 27. Everyone should read Thmas

Paine/s "Common Sense." Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 27.

MTFBWY! Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 27. Erin, thanks for being my girl.

Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 27. Are they really chosen randomly?

Ken A., Ocean Beach, 26. Chaaaaaaaah!

Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 26. What a wonderful world!

Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach,

26. Happy Birthday Nicole! George Elam, Vista, 25. Bless

all you FFs out there eating smoke.I'm done.

Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista. 25. I don't like people with no

Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 25. Bring on the football seaseon. Go Chargers!

sense of humor

Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 25. It is gone.

Maria Coda, Oceanside, 24. Hi Al and thanks!

Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 23. You know darn well

we never heard of arnel! William Cushing, Rancho

Bernardo, 23. Happy Birthday

Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 22. Love to Eric, Charity.

Edward C. Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 22. Aya is almost 6 months old. Time for a T-shirt.

Donna Swing, La Mesa, 22. Back from Philly.

Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, **20.** Sponge Bob and I are having fun once again.

G.R. Morse, San Diego, 19. Back again.

Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournover, Chula Vista, 18. / like jury duty.

Steve Kassiotis, San Diego, 18. Gonna miss next week for the 8,000 meter challenge.

Don Romero, Ramona, 18. A stink day! Mei Ling loves me so all is good. Susan Williams, North Park,

16. Hoping for no major fires in San Diego this year!

F.A. Nalu, El Cajon, 12. No Big Brother! No stupidvisors!

John C. Pipes, Lemon Grove, 12. Go Obama. Please go!

Big Lex Torres, San Marcos, 12. Ria all over

Joe Musser, Encinitas, 10. Mau ke aloha no Hawaii

Diana Holt, Hillcrest, 9. Happy 1st birthday. Koa!

D. Asencio Jr., Ramona, 8. Ya stumped mr last week!

Alice Bryant, Mission Hills, 8. Diamba darling, I miss you, sweet face

Angela Sturman, Ramona, 8. Time is of the essence.

Linda Morris, Encanto, 6. It's way too hot for San Diego. E-Rone rocks! Amber Rogowicz, Mission Hills,

6. Let's have another CW with a ...

Kelley Wilson, Santee, 6.

School's back in - thank God! I love the Wilsons!

John Alberto, Bonita, 5. Once

Ed Summers, Santee, 4. Sure

do miss your smile Melissa Nicole. Norman Williams, San Diego,

3. What's da fussl? Patzy and Leah, El Caion, 3.

San Diego Bindery rocks! Stephen Loughrane, Bankers

Hill, 2. Rabbits! Carly Stone, San Diego, 2.

Save California!

Chris Thelen, University Heights, 2. Those who read my

words shall pay with their souls! Kenneth Yu, San Diego, 2.

Brevity is the soul of wit. See you soon Pook.

Eric Cash, Escondido, 1. My brain is so huge!

Del Cozart, San Diego, 1. Love Jeremy, Jessica, Jace, and Jessie lames

John Ronald Flanders, , 1, / love the challenge last week.

Emily Marie, North Park, 1. This better make me famous.

Jeff Newman, La Mesa, 1. (In my best Homer Simpson) Woo hoo! Jaime Robinson, La Mesa, 1.

Go team!

Katie Whalen, Coronado, 1. Stop it Tootsie!

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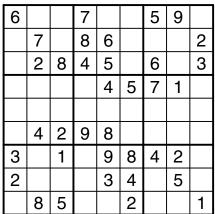
puzzles and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). This is optional, but it's a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

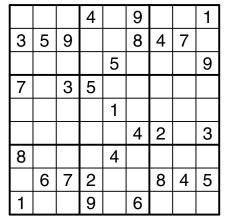
3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months beginning October 1, 2009. Complete the journey

4) Entries must be faxed to 619-233-7907 or mailed to Reader Puzzle P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to: Sudoku@sdreader.com. <u>Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that</u>

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- 6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 7) Late entries will not be considered.
- 8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 9) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

EASY:





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SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

EASY:

Jov E. Fernandez, Chula Vista, 17. I love people who can make

me lauah John Pertle, Santee, 15. Truth is

still truth even if you don't belive it Erin Nogle, Ocean Beach, 14. Today's my birthday! Celebration starts Friday!

Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 13. Go Chargers!

Tristan Meyers, El Cajon, 13. That doesn't look like a vampire, it looks like dracula

Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 12. "It's been a long time, I shouldn't have left vou...

M. Elliott, Ranch Bernardo, 11. California is bizarre

Don Bowman, Santee, 8. /m running out of stamps. Get me a

Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 6. See you at the bon tafest for great

Christy Whitman, La Mesa, 5. Remember 7 days ago? When I wrote this? Haha

Ron Athey, Santee, 4. Perfect Curtis Scott, San Diego, 4. Tivo: Lets have a little fun while

getting it done

Lynn Connearney, Serra Mesa, 3. Good bye visitors. Come back soon. Not to soon.

Max Kappele, San Diego, 3. Summer flew by again

Adan G Zavala, San Diego, 1. Zuri te amo. Forever 5-16-07

MEDIUM:

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 18. Nice job Chula Vista

Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 14. 5 was the turtle who crawled of

to bed Kodukso, Poway, 14. You are sick if you don't want everybody healthy!

Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 14. / Love sudokus!

Chhi-Chong Wu, San Diego, 8. This is a nice work!

Tony Marsh, San Carlos, 6. Took your smart ass punk pill today, did ya?

Kathleen Allegri, Pacific

Beach, 5. I'm back baby! So's NFL Go Chiefs!

Ryan Harris, San Diego, 5. RIP uncal Richard. Thanks 4 your love. We miss U!

Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 3. Happy 11th Birthday Issiah. We love

vou! Mom and Dad Simon Hubble, Alpine, 3.

Wake-up! You're just a pink slip away from being "uninsured"

Robb Dusa, Rancho Peñasquitos, 2. Hope this one wins. Go Chargers!

Geraldina Dang, Kaihea, 1. Love your fait city! Jeoffry Ross, Chula Vista, 1. i

love you kitten Dr. Dave Spera, Point Loma, 1. Cristals my trailor trash beauty

Jorge Valenzuela, Chula Vista, 1. Listen to Ratich the truth! Do it!

Michael Williams, San Diego, 1. Tony is out of Hibernation

HARD:

Glenn R. Walker, La Jolla, 16. How can I be in two places at the same time?

Marty Sinigayan, Point Loma,

12. Sighting, Lady hula hooping a Sam at Peet's in PLI

Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 8. The human face has a concious use it care!

Wan-Chen Wu, San Diego, 8. It's so hot that I have to wear t-shirt Stuart Hesketh, Escondido, 7.

Hi John! Douglas Mevers, La Mesa, 7. Evil and me just don't get along

Dennis Jardim, Oceanside, 6. Probably late

Edvin Shahmoradian, Escondido, 6. It's not personal, Sonny. It's strictly business

Bruce C. Mengler, Solana Beach, 5. That was easy! Duane D. Tremaine, East Village, 5. never give up. Never give in. Never never never never...

Tigger #11 , La Mesa, 4. Dianne, I love you very much!! Best friends forever xoxoxox

Amanda Garcia, Chula Vista, 4. Happy Birthday Briana and Maribel Ayala

Donald Erwin, San Marcos, 2. Welcome to Parker Ross Slockbower, born 9/3/2009

Steve K., Ocean Beach, 2.

Newest climbing gym in Sd- My Garage: hang with SAK

Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville, 1. And Cynthia

Bonnie Conwell, San Diego, 1. Yeah pull Come on Chargers! Mike Golden, San Diego, 1.

Go Charaers Eden Isordia, La Mesa, 1. Yeah! Back to school Gage Elementary

and Patrick Henry High

EVIL: Joe Arbusto, Rancho

Peñasquitos, 19. Glen "P"eck is a DRECK! RUSH is a toilet flush! Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 19. Running out of things to say

NOT! Hi Cindv Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach,

19. Little engines that can... sdmrm.org

P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 19. This was a good one

MIchael Panther, Point Loma, 19. No more complaints about shirts or rules. Celebrate the

puzzles Glenn A. Walker, Pacific Beach, 19. Go Chargers

Clyde Christie, East Village,

18. 3. Worthy EMP read: "one second after"— William Forstchen (novel)

Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 18. After all these years, I can finally say:Thanks for...

Julio Magno, San Diego, 18. US Postal sudoku expert MLS T-1 Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 17. If you can't make Bail- stay in

jail- Chris Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 17. Hi

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 17. We are with you Andrew

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 17. Let the fantasy playoffs begin

Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 17. citywide clean up day saturday

Harry Walker , La Jolla, 17. Glenn, Hi from your brother. Love

you! Hi to Donna Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 15. very cool!

Susan Williams, North Park, 15. Only part time evil. Stubbor-

ness got me here Mark Xitco, San Diego, 15. Oh, well!

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 14. See you at the Padres game on Saturday

Linda Kokel, Tierrasanta, 14.

Thank you Danielle for all you do

Delfin Bernardo, National City, 13. Dennis JoanDion, Ydel, llyn My family w/alice

Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 12.

OK, THAT was evil. And I should know. - Doctor Evil

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, **11.** Readers beware!: Don't run with scissors!

Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 11. Does Mary Bentley still play dominoes? Please call

Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 10. /s it too late to get just a filling? Robert Bradley, Spring Valley, 8. 3rd time's a charm

Bill Petty, Bay Ho, 8. *13272* Happy Birthday to Meeee.¬↑¬↑ Kun-Ying Yang, San Diego, 8. I hope the fire to stop soon!

Greg Chauncey, La Jolla, 7. mailed from maui

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 7. Bai Yuni it's a boy! David Schwartz, Clairemont,

7. Happy Birthday, dad! Joe Selig, San Diego, 7.

Heisenberg effect

Skully, San Diego, 7. Said Hi Monkeyboy, Old Man Steve, gold member and

R1Rabbit

George Elam, Vista, 6. man its hot. Firefighters rock Karen Maegley, Sorrento

Paul Brugger, Downtown, 6.

Hi Lindsay, Sudoku rules. Love dad

Mesa, 6. Stop gettingg on the freeway going 50MPH very dan-

Chris Thelen, University Heights, 5. Those with no soul use cash, check or money orders

Amado Ancheta, San Diego,

2. Happy birthday INL! (Sep2)

Anthony Marca, Encinitas, 2. This is for OG clas of '99!

Michael Phinney, San Diego, 2. Connor & Irene, our names are

in the Reader John Strauch, Point Loma, 2.

Moody Blues-Go Now- 1946 David Traino, New Milford,

2. Welcome to CA, now go Homell

Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 2. HiTim, I did this just for you

Kelsey Durrett, San Diego, 1. T-SHIRT PLEEEAASSEE!

Katie Whelan, Coronado, 1.

Hi Sweetie, Pie, Ollie and even

Michael Whire, Clairmont, 1.

Why are there so many sonas about rainbows? -Kermit

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least one song by Pearl Jam. At least one song o,

That one that's a cover of the old '50s song and goes "Oh where, oh where, can my baby be/ The Lord took her away from me." I sang it to my daughter all the time. I think I know hundreds of songs, but when I'm at karaoke, I realize I don't know all the words. I know all the words to Weezer songs and probably 50 songs by the Counting Crows.



Michelle Arnes Business owner Carlsbad

know numerous songs from Prince and the Scorpions. Probably every song they do, as they're my two favorites. If you're talking about all the words all the way through...probably not all their songs, but most. I like "Take Me With You" by Prince the best. With his songs, it's funny because in concert I saw him, and he took out all the naughty words. It's because he's a Jehovah's Witness.



Heather Dierolf Special ed teacher San Marcos

think I know all the lyrics to lots of songs. But, actually, probably about a dozen. Problem is that I don't pay attention to most songs. I like the music, like the beats, catch the chorus, but the rest is just a mystery When I was young, I used to study songs so I could learn the words. That's why I know the words to some old songs, like the Eagles'"Hotel California" and the Grateful Dead's "Friend of the Devil." My music tastes have changed. Now I prefer the free flow of R&B. My favorite artist at this time is India. Arie. She is poetic, hip, fun, and has lots to say. I want to learn the words to her songs.



Dusty Thedle Between jobs Hillcrest

don't know any songs all the way through. Not even nursery rhymes. Okay, I think I know "The Alphabet Song." Guns 'N Roses are my favorite band, and even songs on *Appetite* for Destruction or Use Your Illusion, I know the chorus and the lyrics in the beginning, but there are parts I don't know. The song I sing at karaoke is "Ring of Fire." And while I'm singing, I have to keep looking at the monitor.



Leslie Catanese Production assistant Serra Mesa

know at least 40 or 50. I'm totally I know at icast 40 of 20.2 a lot of songs from films, especially if they're musicals. I think a lot of people probably know many of the songs from a show like Grease, but I'm into a lot of the musicals, even the ones that can be cheesy. One of my favorites is The Little Shop of Horrors. You can't beat that dentist song. My favorite karaoke song is "Brand New Key." Obviously, I know the words to that.



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'm not sure. Obviously, everyone knows the words to songs like "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." If a song is on the radio, I can sing along to it. It feels like I know all the words. But if the music wasn't playing along with it, I probably wouldn't know the lyrics. My favorite bands are the Beatles, Snow Patrol, and Coldplay. With the Beatles, I probably know a good amount of their songs. I might only know all the words to two or three songs by the other bands.

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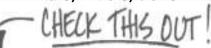
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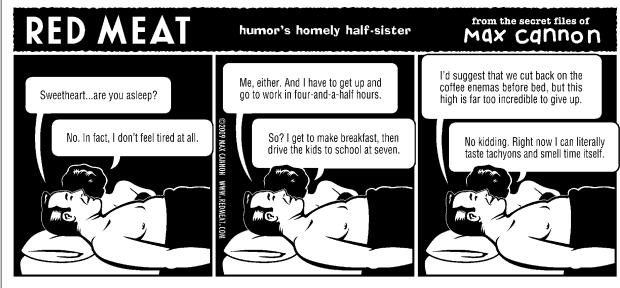
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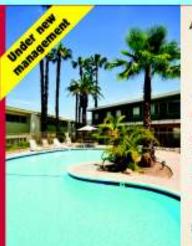
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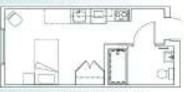
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- Apparently believing that religious competition in the Middle East is not exciting enough already, the television station Kanal T in Istanbul, Turkey, is preparing a reality game-show for September release in which ten certified atheists try to resist conversion by a priest, a rabbi, a Muslim imam, and a Buddhist monk. The exact rules have not been disclosed, but the "winning" convert will receive an expense-paid trip to the holy land of the most persuasive religion (the Vatican, Jerusalem, Mecca, or Tibet). According to a July Reuters report, Turkey's Islamic religious affairs directorate vowed never to cooperate.

Bright Ideas

- By early July, Jonathan Baltesz and his wife and kids were desperate to find their ten-yearold black Labrador mix, Simon, who had run away. They had one more plan, however. The family members urinated into containers and sprinkled the contents at various locales around their town (Bristol, England), laid out so that Simon could follow a trail home. (Results were unavailable at press time.)

The British charter airline Thomas Cook

announced at the gate in the resort island of Mallorca in June that, regardless of seat assignments on a departing flight, passengers should sit toward the rear of the aircraft in order to balance the load (since it was already front-heavy with cargo and therefore harder on the pilot). Not surprisingly, 71 passengers refused to board. (Also, some incoming passengers on that same aircraft, which experienced a similar balance problem, had dropped to their knees in the terminal, kissing the ground, calling the flight their worst ever.)

The Continuing Crisis

- Some parents of students at the Al-Islah Muslim girls' school in Blackburn, England, discovered that a staff secretary, Shifa Patel, 28, had a Facebook page, featuring innocuous photos of herself but dressed in other than her full-body robe and headscarf, which are her everyday school attire. The photos also reveal that she has closecropped hair. One assumption led to another, and soon Patel was accused of being a man who dresses as a woman in order to mingle with females. Patel went to the trouble of getting a doctor's certificate of her gender, but the parents refused to accept it, and in June, Patel (and the school's

headmistress) resigned.

- A young copperhead snake trespassed into a building near Poolesville, Md., in June and delivered several venomous nips to the hand of Sam Pettengill. Fortunately for this snake, it had wandered into a Buddhist temple, and Pettengill had an obligation, according to a Washington Post report, to not kill the snake. Before he set out for the hospital for treatment (which turned out to be four antivenin cycles), Pettengill took the snake in his throbbing, increasingly pain-wracked hand, circled a prayer room three times to bless it, and released it back into the woods.

 Farah Ahmed Omar was appointed recently as chief of Somalia's navy, which ordinarily would be on the front lines against the throng of pirates operating off the country's coast. Omar's job is difficult, though, because the Somalian navy has not a single boat nor a single sailor, and Omar has not been to sea in 23 years. However, he told a reporter he was optimistic that the piracy could be stopped.

People With Issues

Todd Hall, 36, was sentenced to a year in prison after his conviction in Bentonville, Ark.,

in June for biting the toes of his son, which Hall said he did up to age 6 as routine discipline. ... In June in Muncie, Ind., in his second such conviction in seven months, Robert Stahl, 64, was found guilty of resolving disputes with men in their 50s by reaching into their mouths and yanking out their dentures.

Least Competent Criminals

— A Polynesian man in his 20s was being sought as the robber of the Black Diamond Equipment store in Salt Lake City in June. He made off with some gear from the ski and climbing accessory store, but had originally demanded jewelry, as he apparently thought he was knocking off a "diamond" store. ... Motorist Zackary Johnson was arrested in Athens, Ga., in June after pulling over a passing police car to inquire whether he had any warrants outstanding against him. No, answered the officer after a computer check, but he noted that Johnson's driver's license is under suspension, and he was arrested.

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Thirty Years Ago

[Susan] West won a smooth from Sea World's celebrated cetacean last spring when she rode in an asthma benefit bikeathon and finished as a runner-up. She says she hoarded the prize for months.

West recalls that she arrived a few minutes late and the visit began to sour immediately. Greeted stiffly, she was informed that the whale was on a tight schedule and had been parceled out five extra fishes.... Following their instructions, she posed and the photographed "kiss" was over in an instant. West and her friends then made ready to enjoy a visit to the park, only to be informed that the slimy smooth didn't include

— CITY LIGHTS. "WHAT SORT OF WHALE DO YOU THINK I AM?" Jeannette De Wyze. September 13, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Dear Matthew Alice: After viewing a rerun of Helter Skelter on TV one night recently, I was shocked to learn that Manson and his three followers were due for parole in 1978 because of the abolition of the death penalty in California. I would like to know the whereabouts of this psychopath and his three accomplices.

—A terrified La Jollan

I've got disturbing news for you, T.L.J. There were four others who were convicted along with Charles Manson. You forgot Tex Watson. Under California law, prisoners have the right to periodic hearings to set parole dates; this is not being "due for parole." The parole board can set that interval for up to three years. Patricia Kenwinkle, Leslie Van Houten, and Susan Atkins are serving life terms in the California Institute for Women in Frontera; Tex Watson is serving a life sentence in the California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo; and Manson is in the men's prison in Vacaville.

— STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, Matthew Alice, September 13, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

It's conceivable that 50 years from now, tourists will wander out of Mission Bay Park and Old Town and find themselves in the Midway-Rosecrans-Sports Arena area of San Diego. So, the city's planning department wants to establish a "corridor" of restaurants, hotels, and retail stores, making it possible for tourists to eat, sleep, and shop their way to the Cabrillo Monument.

- CITY LIGHTS: "CORRIDOR OF HORROR," Brae Canlen, September 14, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

Bob Dale's image is so familiar that I will remember him until the day I die. I have seen him for so long that when I think of him, he appears only in black-and-white. There are others like him. There was a fellow named, I believe, Johnny Downs, who hosted an afternoon call-in game show for kids. I remember his crew cut, his cardigans, and his rack of keys that held a magic one that, if chosen by a lucky caller, opened a vault of toys that always contained a neat bike.

 AS SEEN ON TV: "HOME SWEET HOME." Abe Opincar, September 1, 1994

Ten Years Ago

David would have loved this, I think to myself as the 1920s Travel Air Biplane taxis out to the runway at Palomar airport. My late brother David, who was ten years my senior, was a pilot for an aerial-photography company out of Burbank. In June of 1994, while circling a target in Banning Pass near Palm Springs, David's plane was struck in midair by an airplane being flown by a student pilot. Both planes went down; David, his photographer, and the student pilot

- "BROTHER WARRIORS TAKE WING," Ernie Grimm, September 9, 1999

Five Years Ago

The passing of Union-Tribune

San Diego Reader, September 13, 1979

owner Helen Copley last month inspired none other than San Diego Unified school-board member Katherine Nakamura to mark the occasion in her own way. "[W]e would like to note that Helen Copley and Joan Kroc will always have many daughters unto the hundredth generation." The letter ran Saturday.

— CITY LIGHTS: "SHARING THEIR MOTHERS," Matt Potter, September 9, 2004

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Founded locally: 1909 Senior pastor: Ted Selgo Congregation size: around 75

Staff size: 5

Sunday school enrollment: few

Annual budget: n/a Weekly giving: n/a Singles program: no

Dress: mostly formal, some semi-formal

Diversity: mostly Caucasian Sunday worship: 10 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour

Last week, I attended services at a church that broke away from the United Church of Christ in 1994. This week, without meaning to, I attended services at a church that broke away from the United Church of Christ in 1909 (and is therefore celebrating its 100th anniversary): Central Congregational Church in La Mesa.

"The main reason was autonomy," explained current pastor Ted Selgo. "We don't have to answer to any hierarchy. When I came here, if they had wanted a liberal, far-out Ph.D. MENSA type, they would have chosen one. If they had wanted a fundamentalist, shouting Baptist-type

preacher, they would have chosen him. There's a Congregational church in North Park where the pastor is a social activist. This church decided, 'We don't want someone in L.A. dictating how we can worship, what belief system we have to have, how we allocate our money.' I was in the Methodist Church for 16 years, and after those years of ecclesiastical control, I love that freedom. I was never a rebel. but John Wesley [founder of Methodism] would have turned over in his grave if he knew what my bishop was attempting to do." Apparently, Selgo's "rebellion" mostly involved defending tradition.

So, it was not a big surprise when a friendly congregant approached me before the service and said, "This is what you might call the traditional Christian service." What that meant, among other things, was the (stately) choir standing and turning toward the (open) Bible planted below the (lit-from-within) cross and singing both the Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father, and to the Son...) and the Doxology (Praise God from whom all blessings flow...). It meant the Lord's Prayer and Benediction and responsive readings: "He reminded me of how He cared for past saints, how He watched over them and kept them through periods of suffering and uncertainty."

Suffering and uncertainty (with God as remedy) sounded again and again in the choir's hymns: "This is my Father's world/ O let me ne'er forget/ That though the wrong seems oft so strong/ God is the ruler yet." "Change and decay in all around I see/ O thou who changest not, abide with me." "When I fear my faith will fail/ Christ will hold me fast/When the tempter would prevail/ He can hold me fast."

Change and decay... "We're a downtown church," said Selgo, "mostly old folks. We had 180 members when I came in '89; now we're around 75. I just did my 327th funeral." After the service, I spoke with a congregant who could recall the days when the congregation numbered over 800. "The demographics changed," she lamented. The worship culture changed, too. Selgo recently lost a couple to The Rock Church. "That's fine," he commented. "They were younger. You won't find this more sedate, prayerful thing at The Rock."

The church building was handsome without being fancy - squarish and solid, with fine-patterned stained glass and brooding woodwork. Vases of irises, tulips, lilies, and daffodils sat on the sills below the windows. I had time to take them in during the long silence following Selgo's invitation to prayer, a silence he broke to praise "men and women of faith who took on their Christian nature and showed a harsh, cruel world that spiritually changed people can be kind and loving and deeply touched by the broken and downtrodden.... O Lord, is it possible for many to quit playing Church and go to their brothers and sisters in need?"

Selgo's sermon swirled around the story of Jesus healing a deaf man, a man He told not to speak of the healing. "Jesus' mission on earth was not to go around healing people; he came to establish the



Ted Selgo

Central Congregational Church La Mesa

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Sermon content

delivery

Extraordinary

Liturgy *** Music congregational band **★**★¹/₂

Snacks **★**¹/₂ Architecture $\bigstar \bigstar^1/_2$ **Friendliness** ***

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Kingdom of God and to establish a church in His name." He ordered silence because "He didn't want to be known as a magical healer." Because if he was, "it would be a sideshow." Cases in point: celebrity faith healers like Aimee Semple McPherson, A.A. Allen, and Oral Roberts. "His was a

healing ministry; it wasn't like Billy Graham, who preached the Gospel of Salvation." Selgo used words such as "psychosomatic suggestion" and "a big show" and contrasted the celebrities with less famous, more nitty-gritty healers: religiously affiliated hospitals, nursing homes, children's homes, and relief agencies. He closed with the command from 1 Peter: "Be compassionate and humble."

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"Well," replied Selgo, "if you're a Christian, you go to heaven, and if you're not, you go to another place." But then he continued. "It's not what we say, it's what our Lord says. We're a biblically based group of people. We're all judged according to the enlightenment we have. There's a verse in the Old Testament that I love very much: 'Shall not the God of the earth be fair?' I like to predicate my beliefs on that."

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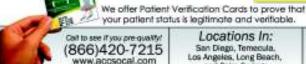
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