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Not long after the New Year, my friend and neighbor here in Zacatitos, Marilyn Z, sent me an email saying that, at 81 years of age, she had lost her battle with cancer and had passed on to the other side.

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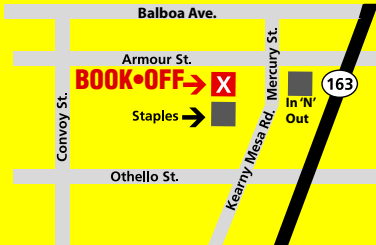


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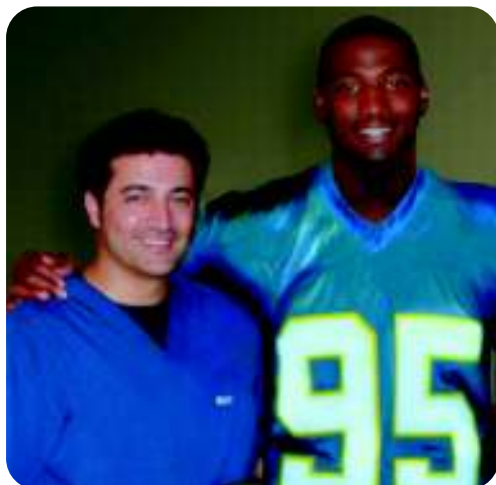
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Price of influence Though it says it is hard up for money to fund the daily workings of government, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors is looking for a new lobbyist to influence affairs in the murky halls of Washington, D.C. According to a recent request for proposal, the representative would “foster strong bipartisan working relationships with officials in DC, provide advice and assistance on federal issues, and/or advocate County positions on legislative/regulatory matters.” The proposed contract, for a one-year term beginning next January, with four two-year extension options, is worth between \$250,000 and \$500,000 a year. Bids were due September 18, with the lucky lobbyist set to be selected by the board of supervisors on November 3.

According to an attendance record for a “pre RFP conference” with county staff on September 1, at least three groups have displayed an interest: Dutko Worldwide/NSI, American Capitol Group, and Van Scoyoc Associates. The latter bills itself as the “largest independent lobbying firm” in the capital and does work for SAIC, the local defense contractor that just announced it is moving its headquarters out of town.

Van Scoyoc is noted for its success in getting members of Congress to earmark federal dollars for the firm’s clients. According to a recent report by the D.C.-based Center for Public Integrity, in 2008 SAIC got two earmarks worth \$4.4 million for “battlefield sensor netting and bioterrorism detection systems,” thanks to GOP congressman **C.W. “Bill” Young** of Florida. Former Young legislative aide **Bryan Blom** is now a government relations manager for Van Scoyoc, and SAIC’s PAC gave Young’s campaign \$20,500, with another \$2250 contributed by company executives. Van Scoyoc told the center that Blom never lobbied Young.

This June, *USA Today* reported that Van Scoyoc had contributed \$2500 to the U.S. Capitol Historical Society for purchase of portraits of San Bernardino representative **Jerry Lewis** and two other GOP members of Congress. Lewis is a longtime friend of former San Diego congressman **Bill Lowery**, who was also involved in controversial earmarks. An aide told the paper Lewis had not solicited the contribution. “No one who has met with Congressman Lewis with business before Congress or the appropriations committee has mentioned the portrait or any donations that have been made,” he said in an email. A county spokeswoman says the process is on schedule, but she couldn’t provide details.

Top cash givers Politics is a year-around game, and the San Diego congressional delegation is busier than ever collecting money for next year’s reelection races. But sometimes it takes a bit of detective work to find out where the money is coming from.



Eric Cantor

On the GOP side, top giver to coastal congressman **Brian Bilbray** is a political action committee run by Republican whip **Eric Cantor** of Virginia called Every Republican Is Crucial. Bilbray got \$10,000 from the committee. Top donors to Cantor’s PAC included NORPAC, a pro-Israel group, with \$24,660; MacAndrews & Forbes, a holding company owned by billionaire **Ronald O. Perelman**, that gave \$15,000; and Altria Group, the big tobacco company, that kicked in \$5000. Bilbray’s next-highest donor was defense contractor SAIC, Inc., which, along with some of its employees, gave a total of \$6400.

SAIC and employees were also kind to North County GOP congressman **Darrell Issa**, giving \$15,400. He picked up \$5000 each from AT&T and the National Rural Letter Carriers Association. Top donor to **Duncan D. Hunter**, another Republican congressman, who is in his first term after succeeding his father, was defense contractor General Dynamics with \$7500; SAIC checked in with \$6250; and Honeywell International, also big in military business, gave \$5500. Democrat **Susan Davis** collected \$5000 from the Operating Engineers Union; \$3400 from cell phone giant Qualcomm; and \$2500 from defense contractor BAE Systems. South Bay Democrat **Bob Filner** got \$10,000 from the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union; another \$10,000 from the United Transportation Union; and \$5000 from defense contractor Cubic Corporation.

Mega-bucks The City of San Diego has formed a “multi-department Mass Care and Shelter Planning Committee” to put together a plan to use Qualcomm Stadium during disasters such as the October 2007 wildfires. According to a recent request for proposal, the City will pay \$24,000 to a consultant for “research and development of a mega-shelter plan format, and identification of critical plan components, content, and requirements for the effective activation and operation of a mega-shelter at Qualcomm Stadium.”



— Matt Potter

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Make the Victim Pay

By Don Bauder

Comic Woody Allen once postulated that murderers should be given the death penalty before they commit the crime,

thus sparing the life of the victim. That’s typical of Woody’s wild imagination, but it’s no wilder than what’s happening on today’s regulatory scene: corporate wrongdoers want their victims to pick up the tab for companies’ misbehavior, and pro-business government regulators nod approvingly.

You don’t believe that? Get this: San Diego Gas and Electric is asking the Public Utilities Commission to charge ratepayers \$28.9 million a year because the company wants protection from soaring insurance costs resulting from the company’s negligence in wildfire prevention. The commission’s own

Consumer Protection and Safety Division, along with the California Department of



Forestry and Fire Protection (called Cal Fire), found that in the Witch Creek and Rice

Canyon fires of 2007, SDG&E was in violation of state utility rules. The company didn’t properly maintain and run transmission and operation lines by following such safety measures as keeping trees away from those lines.

What’s more, SDG&E did not cooperate in a timely fashion in the probe, according to investigators at the Consumer Protection and Safety Division. Then, the utility tried to get the com-

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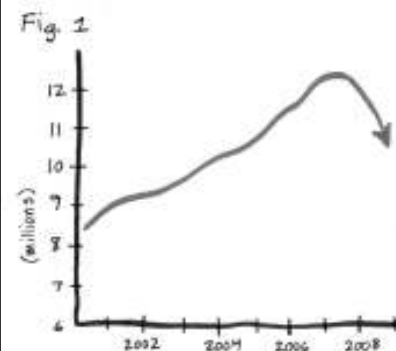
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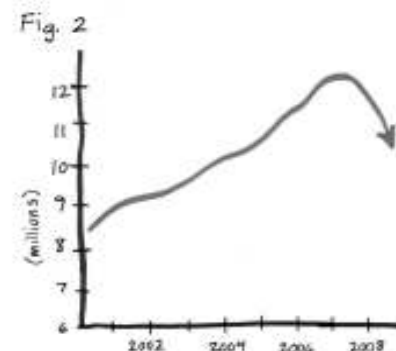
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Dogs' Deathbed Gift

By Sheila Pell

At 2:00 a.m. on August 26, Donna Liebrich left San Diego and headed east on I-8 for the Mexican border. Mexicali,

her destination, is a good two-hour drive, depending on the Border Patrol checkpoint and other unknowns. As she drove into the mountains, Liebrich focused on the mission. Officials estimated it would take 26 bottles of Zoletil and 26 bottles of xylazine each month

regions, according to the 2007 documentary *Companions to None*. The film took three years to complete, including the year it took filmmaker Bill Buchanan to obtain permission in Mexico to show scenes of electrocution.

For years, animal advo-



Trucks at the Tijuana perrera

mainly into population control.

One San Diego rescue group, however, was founded solely to improve end-of-life conditions. The nonprofit Animal Advocates of the

sure the dogs have humane euthanasia." Also on the itinerary: making sure dogs have food and water in their final days. Tijuana's *perrera* holds dogs for three days in case owners show up, which Revelan says happens "hardly ever."

United Hope for Animals, a nonprofit organization, has been funding Animal Advocates with three-month grants, which cover the cost of the euthanasia drugs (\$3000 per month) and the \$80-a-week salary of a full-time worker in Tijuana. Mexican vets are working on a plan to purchase the drugs in Mexico, where they are less expensive. "There is no need to have someone on site in Rosarito," Revelan says, "because those kennels have been compared to the Hilton." But Revelan wishes the grant afforded them help in Ensenada and Tecate. "We know they use humane euthanasia," she says, "but we don't know what the

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to humanely dispatch 3000 dogs, the number impounded by Mexicali's federal *perrera* in July. As the sky lightened, she picked up the pace in order to make it by 5:00 a.m., when the daily execution of dogs begins.

For Liebrich, the sun rose over a far brighter "sacrifice day," as the daily euthanasia of dogs is termed in Mexico, where the method used almost everywhere is electrocution. One week earlier, Mexicali — Baja's capital — joined Tijuana, Tecate, Ensenada, and Rosarito, as well as Saltillo, in the state of Coahuila, in trading that practice for lethal injection, which animal advocates refer to as "humane euthanasia." That puts much of northern Baja ahead of the pack in this country of over 100 million people — where dogs outnumber humans in some

cates on both sides of the border have decried Mexico's use of electrocution to euthanize unwanted animals. But most efforts to better the lives of dogs have focused on how those lives begin, not end. U.S.- and Mexico-based groups have put their resources

United States was launched in January 2009 by Marlene Revelan, Donna Liebrich, Erica Reynolds, and Laura Sandoval. "Only six locations in Mexico use lethal injection," Revelan says. "Our purpose is to go back and forth to Mexico six days a week to make



Tijuana's perrera

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Stopped in Their Tracks

Balboa Park — At about 5:30 p.m. on October 1, cops swarmed the grounds outside the park's Sixth Avenue bathroom across



Arrested in Balboa Park

from St. Paul's Cathedral. Soon after, a tall, thin man wearing sweatpants, sneakers, and a baseball cap lay face-down on the ground in handcuffs. Officers wearing latex gloves searched the scene, eventually carrying away a plastic evidence bag.

The suspect, who was unshaven and appeared calm but distressed, turned away from a reporter's camera. Two women dressed in jogging clothes stood over him and chatted with the cops. The man had "exposed himself," according to one of the police officers.

By Sheila Pell, 10/2

Killed for Dollars

Tijuana — As 18-year-old José de Jesús Lamas Herrera walked along Virgo



Mario Ezequiel Pérez Casillas and Ignacio Gerardo Casillas Ramírez

Street on June 28 in Colonia Reacomodo Sánchez Taboada, someone walked up to him, pulled out a pistol, and shot him dead. Authorities now say they

know who did it and why — for \$1000.

During the weekend of September 26, acting on an arrest warrant, police took Mario Ezequiel Pérez Casillas and Ignacio Gerardo Casillas Ramírez into custody on charges of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder, the state attorney general announced in a press release.

Pérez Casillas and Casillas Ramírez were allegedly paid \$1000 for the killing by an unknown third party, the attorney general said.

The pair allegedly went out in search of Lamas Herrera after receiving the hit money, and, once they found him, Casillas Ramírez shot the 18-year-old dead with a single gunshot to his head, said the attorney general. Once the two men were satisfied the wounded man was not moving, they split the \$1000 between them and ran away, according to the press release.

By Bob McPhail, 10/3

French Scope in Mexico

Ensenada — France has cut a deal with the Baja California government to house a French-made robotic telescope that will track the celestial movements of a French satellite known as SVOM, which is to be launched in 2012.

According to the daily *Frontera*, the project will be located in the Sierra de San Pedro Martir, a mountainous area outside Ensenada, because of its alignment with the trajectory of

the satellite and the area's unusually clear skies devoid of light pollution.

The French ambassador to Mexico will visit

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Make the victim pay

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were destroyed or damaged in those two fires. The residents were SDG&E customers. Now those same customers, known as ratepayers in utility lingo, are being asked to pick up the tab for the utility's increased insurance costs. The company wants its shareholders to get

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off the hook on this expense. UCAN says it's "the most arrogant and bizarre rate hike ever demanded by a utility."

Says Michael Shames, head of Utility Consumers' Action Network, "SDG&E creates a fire that causes ratepayers damages and then tries to get the same ratepayers to pick up the cost. There is no accountability." The consumer group has filed

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protests against the utility's attempt to recoup costs from victims. Utility Consumers' Action Network also wrote the state insurance commissioner, complaining that "the state's insurers are cutting availability and increasing costs for fire-related insurance." The insurance companies are leaving the state "high and dry."

Similarly, Ruth Hendricks, a customer of San Diego Gas and Electric, filed a protest. "SDG&E's failure to comply with fire safety rules was sys-

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temic and was based upon an apparent business decision to operate its business at unsafe levels of risk," says her filing. The utility's "negligent, reckless and knowing conduct resulted in predictable massive losses."

"The idea that SDG&E would go to the Public Utilities Commission and ask them to make ratepayers pay for the company's negligent behavior shows how absurd this is," says Mike Aguirre, Hendricks's attorney. "The best way to get SDG&E to be more careful is for the commissioners to do something that affects the company's bottom line."

But Shames holds out little hope that the Public Utilities Commission will do the right thing. The agency is "blatantly utility-friendly," says Charles Langley of UCAN. In attempting to get the commission to let it systematically shut off power to the backcountry during

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fire season, SDG&E noted that its own equipment had caused 167 fires in the five and a half years ended in mid-March of this year.

The notion that victims should pay for a company's malfeasance has rankled Judge Jed Rakoff of U.S. District Court in Manhattan. The case before him revolves around Bank of America's severely ailing Merrill Lynch, consummated early this year. Close observers of this imbroglio believe that during the banking crisis of late 2008, the U.S. Treasury Department and Federal Reserve pressured B of A into making the deal and not backing out after it became clear that the original price was absurdly high.

The Securities and Exchange Commission, which is supposed to regulate Wall

Street, this year charged that Bank of America "materially lied" to its shareholders by not disclosing billions in bonuses that would be paid to Merrill executives when the merger went through. Presumably, the shareholders might have nixed the deal had they known of this largesse for a loser.

The New York attorney general and a House of Representatives committee are looking into the matter. So is a criminal grand jury, reportedly. Bank of America's claims that it did inform its shareholders simply make no sense. The Securities and Exchange Commission took its usual easy way out: Bank of America agreed to pay a fine of \$33 million without admitting or denying guilt. It's called a "consent decree." Wags describe it thusly: "I didn't do it, but I will never do it again."

The securities agency wraps up 90 percent of its cases through settlements.

But Rakoff was not buying the B of A agreement. "Shareholders who were the victims of the bank's alleged misconduct now pay the penalty for that misconduct," he wrote in a scathing decision rejecting the settlement. "If the bank is innocent of lying to its shareholders, why is it prepared to pay \$33 million of its shareholders' money as a penalty for lying to them?"

The bank said it took advice from its lawyers, and they are protected by the lawyer-client privilege. The securities agency asked the bank to waive the privilege, but it refused. So the agency said that pursuing the matter any further would be too expensive and time-consuming. Rakoff would have none of it: he wants the miscreants identified.

The judge says the case has to go to trial in February. The securities agency, although defending the original consent decree, says it will go to court and possibly make more charges against B of A. Cynics wonder what

will happen, because it certainly appears that Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke and then-Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson may have been the bad guys holding the gun to the bank's head.

San Diegan Gary Aguirre (Mike's brother), who has been fighting the Securities and Exchange Commission for years, admires Rakoff's courage and logic. The agency fired Gary Aguirre when he wanted to pursue one of Wall Street's biggest big shots. Two congressional committees studied the matter and concluded Gary was right and the agency wrong. "It is utterly amazing to me that with the change of the guard at the SEC, they don't at least put on a pretense of getting serious about regulation," he says.

And that's the point: there is general agreement that there must be more regulation, particularly of the financial industry. But if the corporate wrongdoers can pass on the cleanup costs to their victims, what's the use? ■

Dogs' deathbed

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other conditions are like.

"Every month, thousands of dogs are killed," Revelan says. "The numbers are staggering." The estimated monthly average: Tijuana, 1000; Rosarito, 200; Ensenada, 1000; Tecate, 100; Saltillo, 1000; and Mexicali, as the group just learned, 3000. (San Diego's three county-run shelters — in Carlsbad, Bonita, and Mission Valley — combined killed 2205 stray dogs in fiscal year 2008-2009, according to county statistics.)

Although United Hope helped Tijuana switch to using humane euthanasia about three years ago, Rosarito, Ensenada, and Tecate started only this year. Animal Advocates and other Mexican and American groups, hopeful that euthanasia drugs could be provided to more locations in Mexico, met at the university in Mexicali in early August to discuss strategy.

Then on August 18, Revelan received a call from Dr.

Joaquín Villaseñor, the director of Rosarito's *perrera*, who told her that the director of the *perrera* in Mexicali, Dr. David Ibarra Ojeda, "had called him to set up a meeting to discuss humane euthanasia." The meeting was set for the following morning at 8:00.

To reach Mexicali in time for the meeting, Revelan and Liebrich left San Diego at 5:00 the next morning. They found the federal *perrera* "clean and under control," as Revelan describes it. "There were hardly any dogs even barking." The two women were joined in Ibarra's office by Dr. Villaseñor; Dr. Marco Antonio Tapia Miranda, the director of Tijuana's *perrera*; and Craig Neilson of the spay-neuter group Give Some Life Foundation. (Dr. Villaseñor is a cofounder of Give Some Life.)

"Dr. Ibarra walked into the room, handed out his business card, and said, 'I run this place,'" Revelan relates. Villaseñor and Tapia described to Ibarra how their *perreras* had transitioned to euthanasia by injection, explaining



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that, thanks to funding from United Hope for Animals and implementation by Animal Advocates, there are no electrocutions in Tijuana, Rosarito, Tecate, or Ensenada. Ibarra spoke mostly in Spanish, with Villaseñor translating his words for the English-only speakers. "But we could tell that things were going well," Revelan says, "because everyone was agreeing and shaking their heads yes as they spoke Spanish."

"After what seemed like hours, Dr. Ibarra said that he would have no problem having his employees perform the procedure and, in fact, two already know how to do it." Liebrich requested that someone from Animal Advocates be there to make sure the drugs were used properly on the dogs. Ibarra replied that they could be there any time to supervise his workers.

Mexicali's federal *perrera*

employs 18 workers, but Revelan says the *perrera* would like twice as many "and more trucks." Currently, six trucks scour the streets from morning to closing time, picking up strays. Each has room for 20 dogs. If only five of the trucks bring back 20 dogs each day, Revelan says, "They have their daily quota. I truly believe they pick up at least 100 dogs a day. Tijuana has only two trucks," she says, "and one is usually not working." But Tijuana "puts down over 100 dogs a day with far less staff and one-third of the trucks."

Tijuana humanely euthanizes well over ten dogs each hour, Revelan says. "It's just a tiny needle in the back leg, and within minutes the dog is completely out. Then a second needle that takes probably a minute or two."

She adds that in Tijuana, "We are right there all the time. We know the dogs and are there when every single one is put down. There are no closed doors — even to the public. We are trying to convince Tijuana to put some down the same day they are caught, the ones in bad shape." Rarely do owners show up, but they hold the dogs for three days, she says, "and when it is over the weekend, it can be longer."

In the wake of recent disease outbreaks and mass culling of dogs, Revelan says the number impounded is increasing "due to greater pressure on animal control and people turning in their dogs because they think they carry a contagious disease."

It would not be more time-consuming, Ibarra told them,

to use injections. With electrocution, workers often get bitten when putting cables on the dogs. "So I guess they process each dog individually," Revelan says. "I immediately asked to change the conversation because none of us, at that point, wanted the details."

Revelan has never witnessed electrocution but knows she may have to if she wants to keep raising awareness

about the procedure, which is said to be not only excruciatingly painful but slow and prone to errors. She gives credit to Liebrich for continuing with the work, despite the daily traumas. "I have never seen a dog brought into the *perrera* that has been burned, beaten, or hit by a car. She has."

Revelan stresses that their territory is huge, the drive to Mexicali long, and "four peo-

ple cannot be everywhere," but she says the group isn't quitting as long as electrocution is still in use. "We will continue our efforts throughout all of the kennels that are willing to change over but don't have the money." That includes Mexicali's smaller state *perrera*, which holds only about 20 dogs.

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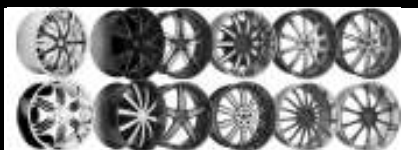
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Reality In Writing

I was crying (laughing) over Diva's column this week ("Diary of a Diva," October 1). Me being "Mom" to Barb and Stephanie's actual mom, I knew of these antics but would allow them to go in one ear and out the other when told of these. But to see these in writing, boy, puts a new twist on reality.

Carole Kelsall
via email

Grim Expectations

In agreement with and response to T.B. Beaudeau's October 1 "Stringers" Tijuana article ("Whaddya Gonna Do?"), I know of no Anglo using the pedestrian bridge who was not attacked and robbed in September, myself included. Tourism nonexistent, Mexico released 4000 prison inmates into downtown Tijuana to save money.

Several victims have been volunteers helping the poor, which has caused at least one major help program to close. Padre Chava's free breakfast for 300 to 600 people is no more. Callejon Zeta also had to cut back on its meals due to money robbed.

Yellow Cab Tijuana is implicated ("Cabs vs. Coach," by Bob McPhail, same issue, two articles later), as everyone either needs to use Yellow Cab or the bridge. Drivers get five times the going cab rate, as part of a border taxi cartel. Right now, the minimum wage in TJ is 25 cents (U.S.) per hour, or \$3 for a 12-hour day. Yellow Cab drivers get \$5 just to take you seven blocks to downtown. But, it's a very dangerous

seven blocks. Ultimately, the solution is to close the San Ysidro crossing as being in too dangerous a neighborhood and open several new crossings a long way from downtown Tijuana. In the meantime, if you go to Tijuana, expect to be robbed.

John Kitchin
via email

Headline Hijinks

Re "Pop Goes Pop Warner" ("City Lights," October 1).

Good article outlining the tensions arising from expanding uses at Hoover, the impacts to neighbors, and the loss of the field's use to a kids' sports program.

But your headline writer, looking for a clever alliterative hook, got it wrong. As the writer Dorian Hargrove notes in his lead, the Balboa Raiders are members of the San Diego Youth Football League, an affiliate of the American Youth Football organization. "Pop Warner" (aka "Pop Warner Little Scholars Inc.") is a completely different organization. Both programs run youth football and cheer programs, but "Pop Warner" shouldn't be used as a synonym for youth football, any more than "Kleenex" should be used for "facial tissues." It's a separate brand.

Just thought you might like to clear up confusion in your production staff.

Scott Tillson
via email

Eeeek! Chanel No. 5!

I'm very allergic to nicotine ("Holy Smokes!" Letters, October 1). Other types of smoke do not affect me so violently, although I'm not too happy around diesel smoke or manufactured illegal drugs. Some perfumes make me faint.

Dale Anne Thompson
Clairemont

Cheer The Reaper

I was puzzled by the item in "Under the Radar" in the October 1 issue concerning a failure of the General Atomics MQ-9 "Reaper" unmanned aircraft. The item reports that a Reaper "lost contact with its ground-based controllers" during a mission in Afghanistan and had to be shot down by an F-15

fighter/interceptor. The article goes on to report the Air Force statement that "this was the first Reaper of its particular model to go out of control." However, the next sentence seems to contradict this comment, stating that: "Reliability issues have shadowed the General Atomics drone program from its beginning." No information is given as to what those reliability issues might be. The obvious fact is that because this particular mission was being handled by an unmanned aircraft, we do not have a pilot who is dead, injured, or held captive by the Taliban or some Afghan warlord. All aircraft are subject to failure, and this is one of the reasons that UAVs (drones) are so valuable for many missions. I commend General Atomics for producing the Reaper, which in this case precluded potential loss of a human life when the inevitable equipment failure occurred. By the way, I have no financial interest in, or contact with, General Atomics.

Steven S. Kane
via email

Gimme More

Re "San Diego Became a Beautiful Blonde" (Cover Story, September 24).

More please! I hope you'll give Siobhan Braun her own weekly piece. She reads like a younger, fresher Anne Albright, whose remarkable column on her life with five children, 12 and under, was discontinued years ago. No skills? Not so. Ms. Braun is a talented, budding writer who is able to make even the mundane details of everyday life fascinating. I'll be looking for more from her.

Name Withheld by Request

Strange Days

"San Diego Became a Beautiful Blonde" (Cover Story, September 24) was a very touching read. How must it feel like being a fish out of water when newcomers are thrust into the California or San Diego scene without preparation.

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or seeing kids running around at all hours neglected?

I am a native, and yet sometimes I am befuddled by some of the weird stuff that goes on around me. At least the author had a nice family to buffer her somewhat from all the strange days. Yeah, the land of fruits and nuts is not always what it's cracked up to be, and this interesting article was a perfect example of that. Keep up the good work here on cover stories.

Gail Powell
via email

We Promo?

I was quite disappointed, to say the least, in reading the article "San Diego Became a Beautiful Blonde" (Cover Story, September 24). I thought *you* were the authority on promoting San Diego. Frankly, I was surprised you would even print a negative article like that. Even when the author tried to be positive, it was with a lackluster shine.

I am proud to say San Diego has every activity here you could think of and can do almost anything year-round. We sometimes take for granted we live in a resort community! This year my family did a staycation because of that exact reason (well, that and the economy) and had a memorable time! (And we used the *Reader* to plan a lot of it!)

We are in driving distance to snow in the mountains (drive to, not shovel daily), riding motorcycles in the desert, surfing at the beach, and scenic beauty all around. If the author decided to live in the armpit of San Diego, that is her own fault. Sure, there are some not-nice areas and people, but every state has them. I visited Minnesota last year, very down-home, good ol' American people, with picturesque surroundings, but some of the areas (and people) were *more* questionable, run-down, dilapidated, and downright ghetto in their own right, kind of like the movie *Deliverance* (sorry, I had to go there).

Imagine a Californian going out to the Midwest,

staying for a few years, and degrading the terrible weather and the slow-paced, cousin-marrying town they moved to. I'm sure the locals wouldn't be too happy. Might get their pitchforks and have an old-fashioned lynching.

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AKs For The Elite

Re Bob Dorn's whining (Letters, September 24) that "praise for lukewarm machos carrying empty political guns" is a sign that the *Reader* could be working for the Republican National Committee.

I fail to see how protesting the never-ending efforts of our government (composed almost entirely of Republicans and Democrats) to make law-abiding citizens defenseless, or near defenseless, on behalf of criminals is a party issue.

But if you want to make it so, know that "gun control" was originally for disarming African Americans on behalf of violent racists and today has rendered the ancient, fundamental human right of self-defense into a taxed privilege for the elite (through various forms of bribery or thousands of dollars in legal fees).

If you're concerned about racism, as your highlighting "foreign pedicabbies" seems to indicate, why not be even more concerned about your government's decades of systemic racism and elitism?

Name Withheld
via email

We Were Metal

In regards to the "Blurt" section, "Secret Assassin," September 3 by Jay Allen Sanford. I enjoyed the story primarily because it mentioned the '80s metal scene in San Diego. Assassin were a heavy metal

band that I thought would become the next Mötley Crüe. In fact, Assassin had more talent than any L.A. band. All the horrible glam bands — they were all s***. Assassin was voted best local heavy metal band in all of San Diego in 1985.

For those of you who question San Diego's metal scene in the 1980s, here is a brief reminder of what was happening. The following heavy metal bands played live consistently here in San Diego: Aircraft, Prowler, Sabatage, Victim, Ragged Lace, Kaos, Chalace, Stress, Guardian, Snakebyte, Bible Black, Street Liegal, Shok, Twin Wire, Britton, Sin, Aslan, Elysian, Destiny's Choice, Suspicion, Mistreated, etc. Contrary to belief or disbelief, there were venues to play in. Adams Avenue Theater, the Rock Palace, Carnation Hall, Silverado Ballroom, Winters Hall, Palisades Theater, the Bacchanal, SDSU's Backdoor, Park Place, Wabash Hall, Straita Head Sound, Rios, the Stratus, La Paloma Theatre, the Spirit, the old Roxy Theater; also the Fox Theater, Lyric Theater, the California Theatre, which were larger venues.

It is safe to say that we had no problem within the San Diego local metal community. The promoters and the venue owners were very involved and organized, supportive in every way. In early 1983, KGB-FM contributed to the cause, creating the first-of-its-kind KGB *Metal Shop*, hosted by DJ Pat Martin, on Saturday night at midnight. Pat would spin records and answer the phone for two hours. The demand for metal was overwhelming. *Metal Shop* was another success story throughout the '80s.

Also, we can't forget the free publication S.D. *Loud and Clear* metal magazine that made its debut in early 1985, the zine designed and created by Tom Farrwell. The first year, it went 20,000 circulation. By 1986 it reached 50,000. Metal was alive and well here in San Diego. In fact, almost every conceivable heavy metal band that you can think of from L.A.

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September 17, 1983, KGB-FM presented Sky Show 8. Def Leppard, Mötley Crüe, and Uriah Heep performed at Jack Murphy Stadium to a crowd of 50,000. Another estimated 5000 partiers were in the parking lot, enjoying the freedom of grilling hamburgers, hot dogs, steaks, and chicken and drinking cold beer with a couple of thousand friends and neighbors who had decided the parking lot was the place to be, with no restrictions. In fact, the atmosphere was almost surreal. One thing for sure,

to enjoy the full impact of the gigantic KGB fireworks display, the parking lot was the best and was as close to ground zero as possible. The fallout zone, as I used to say. KGB employees actually handed out cardboard 3-D glasses to protect your eyes from falling ash. Protecting your clothes and hair was another story.

So, as you can see, San Diego is rich in metal history and events. And, of course, times have changed, but the memories are everlasting. One thing is certain, the 1980s were the best of times for all things metal.

Tony D. Metal
Spring Valley

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Blurt ("More Pig-Head Press")

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Posted by LEEWILLIAMS on Sept. 28, 12:07 p.m.

Seth, as I'm sure you know my "quote" was Ken paraphrasing what I was saying. The SDMA's are more affiliated with citybeat than the reader (thus the stacks of citybeat by the entrance) and the overall feeling at the award show was that a change is needed in the nomination and voting process... that's what peo-

ple were talking about. That's all I was saying.

Ken, We will continue to do whatever comes to our minds... without a thought of what you or any other "journalist" or "critic" has to say about it. Everything original and creative has at one time been critiqued harshly by those who don't appreciate or understand it, if artists lived with those critical words in their minds nothing would ever be created out of pure inspiration.

And I hope you continue to feel free enough to keep quoting a mock rockumentary that (I think) was made for the sole purpose of helping lazy rock critics get \$50

bucks for their blurt article... (You should watch "The pick of destiny", It's what the younger cats are comparing things to now... just lookin out)

Thank you for giving legitimacy to "eclectic art rock" I just pulled that out of my a** to counter "vegan death metal" (which I may have made up as well) I'm not one to label musical genres unless it's for a joke. I make music, I don't label it.

You would have to pay for pigs heads, that's you. We don't go out and look for ideas... our ideas come to us.

Peace, love and burrito

fixings.

-Lee

Posted by Seth on Sept. 29, 1:24 a.m.

I figured as much Lee. I wrote what I did above more as a clarification for anyone reading this. It wasn't so much directed towards you, but more the lazy author. And I would add that your guys' performance was one of the few highlights of the evening. I told Adam that the other night and it's a shame it was such a s***ty experience for you guys all around.



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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Heymatt!

I don't know what to do. I'm only in high school, but I found a gray hair on the side of my head a few days ago. My hair is turning gray already. What's making this happen? Do you know what's going to happen to me? Does this mean I'm getting old faster than my friends? How can a teenager get gray hair? I really hate this and hope there is something I can do to stop it.

— No Name, No Place

Grandma swears that dealing with elves made her hair turn gray practically overnight. We were pretty sympathetic; but as it turns out, the science guys say with certainty, coping with stress, even elf-generated stress, doesn't cause gray hair. The main culprit in premature graying is genetics. That goes for Grandma and most likely goes for you, too. Somewhere in your genetic makeup is an instruction that shuts off the hair-color faucet earlier than other people. And we should say right away that premature gray hair doesn't indicate a premature aging of any other part of your body. Science hasn't found any link between premature gray hair and premature death. So, calm down and start looking for a nice hair-color product while we explain what's up.

Head hair grows faster than any other body hair. A single strand lives four, maybe five years, then falls out and a new one takes its place. After eight or ten cycles, melanin, the hair-color substance, starts pooping out and hair begins to turn gray. Actually, the hair shaft becomes clear when the melanin splits, but it looks gray because you're seeing surrounding dark hair through the clear shaft.

Caucasians tend to gray earlier than other groups — around 40, maybe even 30. African-heritage people gray in their 40s or 50s. Asians a little later. One set of scientists opines that hydrogen peroxide that slowly builds up in the hair follicle eventually blocks the normal synthesis of melanin, causing graying. Like bleaching your hair from the inside out. And these ages of graying are averages. As you've found out, there's some variation. Teenage graying is unusual but not unheard of.

In spite of what you might read, there's really nothing you can eat or do to change your situation. No strange Indian berries

or yogic mantras. There is an outside chance that your premature graying might be linked to a thyroid or nutrition disorder, but that's a medical situation, so check it out with your doc. Odds are, though, you're perfectly fine, just acquiring a distinguished look way early.

Heymatt:

I can't help noticing, as I sit here in my cubicle, endlessly shuffling papers and marking up documents with my yellow, pink, and blue highlighters, that the new marks are much brighter than the marks I made the day before. Are these markers radioactive, and is the reason they lose intensity so fast because they are shedding electrons quicker than a chunk of cesium in Chernobyl? The label tells me that they are "ACI certified AP nontoxic (conforms to ASTM D4236)." Is there really a governing body in charge of highlighter safety?

— Glowing in Sorrento Valley

One governing body? When it comes to marking pens, we're such boobs it takes two governing bodies to protect us from ourselves. You know every office has somebody who tries to crack up the joint by walking around with stuff stuck up his nose. If he uses markers but forgets to put the caps on them first, he could be in big trouble. The ACMI obviously has anticipated that scenario. They're the Art and Creative Materials Institute, a trade group founded in 1946 to test art materials for safety. "ACMI certified AP" means the formula for your marking-pen ink has been reviewed by toxicologists and declared safe to stick up your nose.

The standards the ACMI uses for potentially toxic markers are the same as those developed by the American Society for Testing and Materials. This is a much older trade group that sets safety and performance standards for, well, just about everything, as far as I can tell. D4236 is the ASTM's five-page "Standard Practices for Labeling Art Materials for Chronic Health Hazards." So, if one day the guy with the markers up his nose sticks his head into your cube and finds you passed out with pink and yellow markers in your hands, it won't be from the ink fumes. Just boredom. Oh, yeah. And the highlighters fade fast because they contain less pigment and color stabilizer than regular markers so you can read the text through the marks. Less pigment, faster fading. It can also be affected by the type of paper you're shuffling.

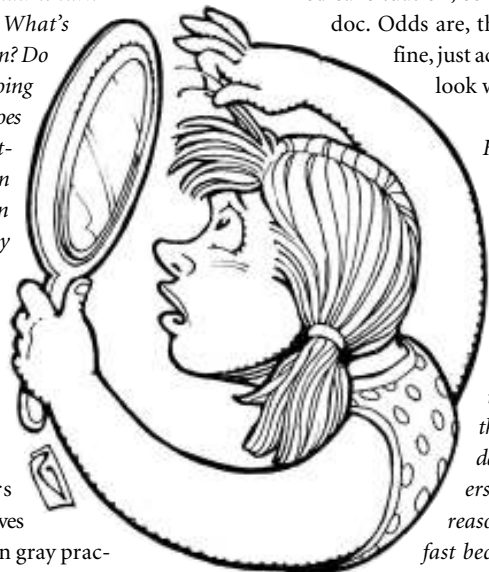


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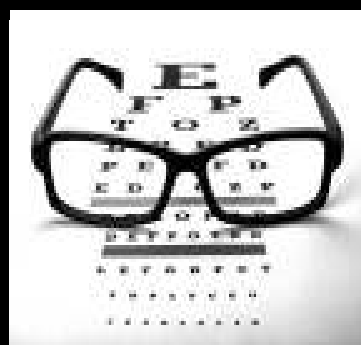
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By Anthony Gentile



Escondido players run through the banner after halftime

Game of the Week: Rancho Bernardo at Escondido

Posted October 3, 2009

On the first drive of Friday night's game between Rancho Bernardo and Escondido, the Broncos shut down running back Ricky Seale and the Cougars' offense. Seale was nearly unstoppable for the rest of the game, helping Escondido to a 35-7 win.

"I thought tonight was a perfect performance. It was a great atmosphere, it was homecoming," Seale said. "Everyone from school was here, all our friends were here. All around it was a good night."

Seale broke a scoreless tie midway through the first quarter with an 81-yard touchdown run. The Cougars scored on three of their next four drives before halftime, including another 81-yard scoring run by Seale.

"It just kind of happened," Seale said about the touchdown runs. "On the first run, I just made a couple moves and I realized nobody was next to me. The next one was the same thing. They were a better defense than they looked like. They hit really hard. We just got lucky and the seams opened up for us."

Rancho Bernardo showed signs of life after halftime, taking the opening drive of the second half inside Escondido's five-yard line. But Escondido defensive back Riley Wilson ended that drive — and any chance of a comeback — with an interception in the end zone.

Seale had 25 carries for 290 yards and three touchdowns despite facing a Rancho Bernardo defense with a game plan focused on stopping him.

Fourth-ranked Escondido (4-0) will look to stay perfect when they host Vista this week. Rancho Bernardo (3-1) will open Palomar League play at home against Carlsbad.

San Diego Section Building a Strong Rep

Posted October 2, 2009

Oceanside's win last Friday over national power

Long Beach Poly was a landmark win not only for the Pirates but for the San Diego Section as a whole. This season, section schools have made waves by taking on — and beating — some of the best programs both inside and outside of California.

"We were challenging ourselves as a team, and we were trying to represent not just ourselves but also the county of San Diego," Oceanside head coach John Carroll said after the Pirates beat Poly.

Local schools started flexing their muscle from the season's opening whistle. On September 4, Oceanside and Bonita Vista notched wins over Nevada schools Shadow Ridge and Reed. And Valhalla hung with Our Lady of Good Counsel, currently ranked third in Maryland by *MDVarsity.com*, for three quarters before losing 28-16.

The following week, section schools went 5-2 against out-of-section opponents. The biggest win of that weekend was Francis Parker's 35-20 win over St. Margaret's of San Juan Capistrano on September 11, snapping the Tartans' state-best 44-game winning streak.

After Coronado knocked off Laguna Beach on September 18, the section notched a pair of big wins last week. In addition to Oceanside's win over Poly, La Costa Canyon knocked off Santa Margarita 28-14 on the road.



Oceanside is one of a handful of San Diego Section teams that have beaten out-of-section opponents

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T.G.I.F.

BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

"In my five quarterback sacks I removed the ball three freakin' times."

(Part II)

My friend Christian Cullen was telling me a story of how he was robbed in his apartment at dead-blank, carotid-artery range by two inept assailants with a .45. They mistook Cullen for a major marijuana dealer instead of the minor dealer he was back in 1996. The men were African-American, he told me. In the end, they tied him up, took a quarter-ounce of grass, \$150, and Cullen's phone card.

"I busted out of the Christmas-tree lights [they'd tied me with] in about one-and-a-half seconds," he continued. "I looked through the small peephole on my door and saw the backs of their heads as they ran away. I ran out the back door to alert my neighbor — who'd already confronted the men with his empty shotgun — that they were gone. Nothing else really happened. I stayed home the rest of the day, seething, still terrified. I'd had guns pointed at me by cops, but, you know, right up against your..." It is 13 years later, and the only ease Cullen finds is in the number of times he has retold the story.

The day after the robbery, Cullen had a football game to play with more than 20 black teammates or opponents he had been playing with for months. "I was the only white guy playing with these men for all this time. They called me Big Homie. I showed up late at Water Tower Park, what they now call Ted Williams Field, in North Park. It was halftime. My team was down 28-0. In the huddle they asked, 'Where you been?' I said I just got robbed by these two [expletive deleted]. The guys didn't like that. I said, 'Well, the good news is, everybody on the other team looks just like the guys that robbed me.' They laughed;

they were more than okay with it."

Cullen went on to accomplish five quarterback sacks in the second half. "We ended up winning 56-49. In my five quarterback sacks, I removed the ball three freakin' times and it was recovered twice by my team with one of the guys going for a 99-yard return for a touchdown.

"Also, I almost got in a fight that day. Someone didn't like how well I was playing. He took out my ankles. I took umbrage at that and gave him what-for from the other side of the ball. While he was standing there threatening me, one of his own teammates — must have weighed 275 — wrapped him up and dragged him away and said, 'Don't be fuckin' with Big Homie. He'll rip your fuckin' head right off.' That ended up being probably the best defensive performance of my entire life. I was voted MVP of the team."

Cullen shifted gears in his narrative as if *enough about glory days*, or possibly he was embarrassed at the anger that prompted such aggressive athleticism that day. "About three weeks later I got my phone bill. It included all the charges on the phone card that was stolen from me. Within four hours of the armed robbery there was a call to Bakersfield, a three-hour phone call. So, I got on the phone and with my best cop's voice [Cullen had extensive training as a policeman but eventually chose otherwise], and I

called that number. A young girl answered. I said, 'This is Detective Sergeant Richardson of the SDPD.

We're investigating a burglary...' I didn't

even finish, and this girl started singing like she was on *Amer-*

ican Idol. 'Yeah, his name is James K., and he lives at blah blah Market Street in San Diego.'

"I staked out his home every night for two weeks with no luck." James K. was, as they say, in the wind. "As far as that game," Cullen blurted this out as if there were some mystery here, "that was fueled by anger. That is the absolute best emotion to have as a football player — defensive football player, I guess. It really seems to help. He stared off, reflecting. "It seems to add to any talent that might be missing." It is not exactly as if it was the first time this has occurred to him, but a sense of astonishment was still there.

It might be noted that these events followed on the heels of another home robbery two years earlier; a similar deal involving twisted violence and revenge. In the wake of these things it is interesting to note Cullen's fascination with and enthusiasm for the oratory of Barack Obama during the Democratic Convention. "I was more than happy to work for him some 40 hours a week, working the phones from my house. I just wish he would start steamrolling again. Like, now."

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Rush to Judgment

Campion can often be candidly carnal, and she certainly here is highly sensual.

You simply wish to nip over to France for a couple, three weeks, prior to the full-on rush of prize-hunters in the year's final quarter, and you find on your return that new movies by Jane Campion, Michael Moore, Steven Soderbergh, and the Coen brothers are already or imminently

in play. Where summer seems to start earlier and earlier, so now does fall. Add to that a prescheduled four hours in the dentist's chair and an unscheduled crashed computer, taking with it all the secret codes essential to translate the peckings on the keyboard into a professionally formatted newspaper column, and the weary wayfarer might well yearn to have hunkered down till springtime within the fortified walls of medieval Carcassonne. All of which is by way of explaining that for the foreseeable future I shall have to dish out more injustice even than usual, and that, given the rpm of the revolving door at the multiplex, I may just have to wave bye-bye to the likes of *Cloudy*

with a *Chance of Meatballs*, *I Hope They Serve Beer in Heaven*, *I Can Do Bad All by Myself*, *All about Steve*, *Love Happens*, *Fame*, *Gamer*, *Pandorum*, *Sorority Row*, *Jennifer's Body*, and I don't know what all.

The Campion, *Bright Star*, deserves the fullest and fairest justice, and by itself pro-

vides sufficient reason to abandon thoughts of hibernation. As recounted by the filmmaker, unusually taking sole screenwriting credit in addition to directing, the ill-starred love story of John Keats and Fanny Brawne is such as to make us ask ourselves when we last had on screen a love story we could believe in. (*In the Mood for Love*, maybe? 2001?) That, or more exactly the believability part of it, is truly saying something when the principal characters are so prone to recite poetry extemporaneously, not only the poet who wrote it — the perfect Platonic ideal of the Poet, or at any rate the Romantic incarnation of him, the poet who first brought into verse a personal, a confidential



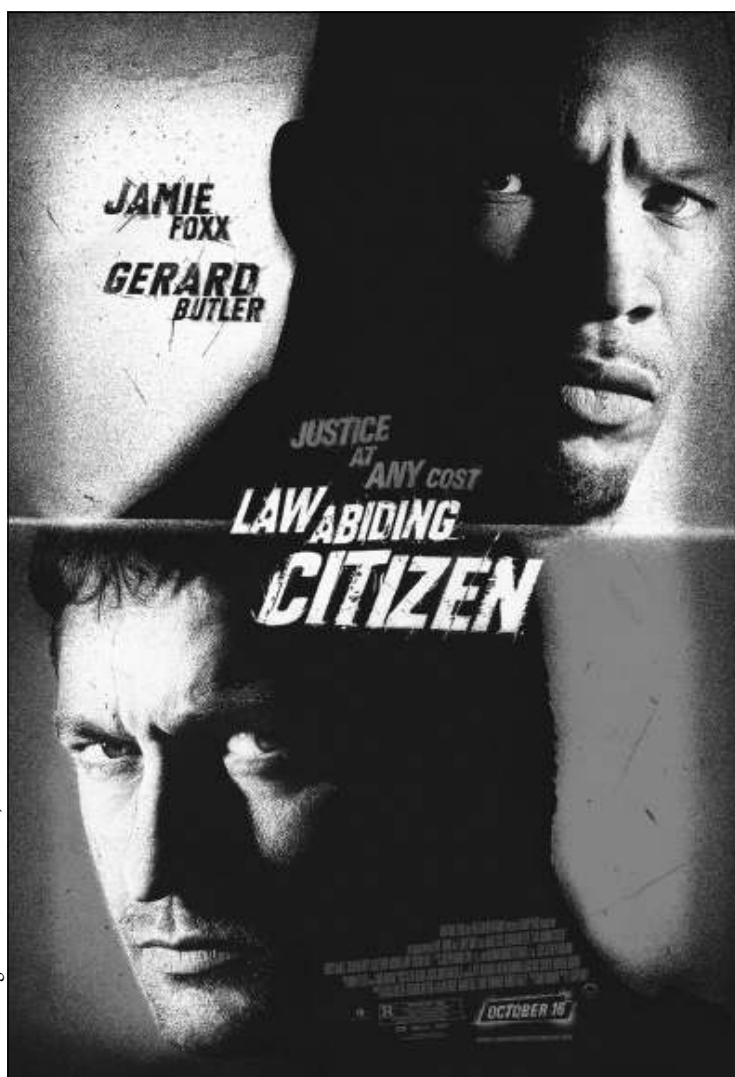
Bright Star

voice — but also the smitten one who, having invested in a copy of *Endymion* “to see if he's an idiot or not,” has committed his words to memory: incontrovertible evidence of love. There is, what's more, some high-flown talk of poetry in a private tutorial (“Poems are a strain to work out,” complains the beginning student), although a pedant might insist on pointing out that

Keats's famous dictum about poetry coming as naturally as leaves to a tree was no more than a rationale for his handicapping reluctance to rewrite and revise.

This is a closely observed affair, followed with patience and fascination, from spark to flame, a bonding of hearts with no assistance from lower organs, what once went unashamedly

and today goes blushing by the name of True Love. With or without a capital “R,” *Bright Star* is a deeply romantic movie. Campion can often be candidly carnal, as in *Sweetie*, *The Piano*, *Holy Smoke*, and *In the Cut*, and she certainly here is highly sensual, making great play of birdsong, breezes, snow, rain, gauze curtains, flapping sheets on clotheslines, a roomful of butter-



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flies, a human nest in a treetop, and while the inevitable Vermeer white light is nothing to get excited about, the color loses none of its vividness and precision for its paleness and delicacy. But the expressions of passion per se have been strictly limited to things like tender touches, first kiss, love letters, fetishistic fondling, and the physical pain of separation. The dirty deed is never approached, unless you can see a symbol in the needlework of the heroine, a cutting-edge fashionista of the early 19th Century, inspiration for some delightful period costumes. Abbie Cornish, a sort of plumper, healthier, not to mention younger Nicole Kidman, and a fey Ben Whishaw are completely convincing and captivating as the lovers, but then there isn't a wrong note down to the last and least of the cast members (special mention, all the same, of Paul Schneider as Keats's protective, possessive, misogynistic, boorishly plaid-pantsed fellow poet, Edie Martin as Fanny's precocious carrot-haired little sister, Kerry Fox as their fretful though unmeddlesome mother, and Antonia Campbell-Hughes as the overawed illiterate maid). If I were to hunt out a misstep in the movie I would have to go as far into it as the clichéd hair-shearing of the heroine and her soliloquized sonnet after getting the news of Keats's death. This thoroughly enveloping movie had to let you go sometime. It may just let you go a minute or two early.

The Moore, *Capitalism: A Love Story*, needless to say is not a love story, believable or otherwise. "Capitalism is an evil, and you cannot regulate evil." In other words, *Capitalism: A Horror Story*, the moral of which might best be summed up as capitalism, no; democracy, yes — a tricky distinction for simpletons who think the only alternative to capitalism is totalitarian communism. Moore's shtick as the schlumpy crusader, the Lieutenant Columbo of the Radical Left, has gotten a little tired, or maybe it's just Moore himself who has gotten tired, but in any case he now seems less funny and less inclined to be so than in the past. And as the wit and the invention have thinned, the whine and the sneer in his voice have proportionately thickened. He has still dug up some treasures of found footage (an educational documentary on the fall of Ancient Rome, a Ronald Reagan cowboy film, a newsreel of the near-death FDR proposing his Second Bill of Rights), and he engineers some amusing juxtapositions in the editing room, yet the vast bulk of his movie divides into arbitrary anecdotes of human interest, on the one hand, and on the other a rehash of a subject already well and recently covered, the Meltdown and the Bailout.

More simply, economics is by nature a dull subject on screen, and Moore has managed insufficiently to enliven it.

The Soderbergh, *The Informant!*, serves as a fact-based fictional ancillary to the Moore, detailing an impenetrable case of corporate skullduggery blown wide open by an ambiguous black-hatted whistleblower. It is the most challenging of the director's three or four films so far this year — *Che: Part One*, *Che: Part Two*, and *The Girlfriend Experience* — if only because of its placement in the mainstream multiplex instead of the broad-minded art house: a kind of anti-Hitchcock suspense comedy, grudgingly putting any cards at all on the table, keeping the surprises coming only by keeping us in the dark, flouting the Master's tried-and-true method of fully briefing us. (It's also anti-Hitchcock in its rosy, fuzzy, vaporous image.) The hero's meandering stream-of-consciousness narration ("I like my hands. I think they're my favorite part of my body") gives us constant clues as to the variety of nut we are dealing with; and the exclamation point in the title, the anachronistic Groovy Sixties lettering, and the

chipper Marvin Hamlisch background music, all to ensure that we know this is a comedy, seem outsized for the actual level of amusement: seldom laugh-out-loud but often lip-twisting. Matt Damon puts up some surprisingly strong competition for future William Macy roles, in a stick-on mustache and a crimped hairpiece which he waits an hour and a half to tug at, giving up all pretense of fooling anyone, and waits all the way to the epilogue to remove altogether. Scott Bakula effortlessly upstages him as the flat-haired, furrowed-browed straight man, a straight-arrow FBI guy. Luckily for Damon, Bakula is much off-screen.

The Coen brothers', opening Friday, will have to wait. Not to be coy about it, *A Serious Man* is a special movie; like *Bright Star*, made out of the purest artistic impulse, to please its maker, and let the filmgoer catch up if he can. It, no matter how short a time it may stay in theaters, should outrun the entire generation and the next. I will do it injustice as soon as possible. I regret, meantime, that before it exited the Gaslamp theater I could say nothing about Jia Zhangke's rueful rumi-

nation on a factory closing in contemporary China, *24 City*, a visually eloquent talking-heads movie, or really talking torsos against meaningful backgrounds, dispensing an indeterminable blend of truth and fiction (Joan Chen interviewed as a woman widely recognized as looking like Joan Chen). All I can do with it is snap it up as an appetizer to the San Diego Asian Film Festival, "2 Weeks, 200 Films, Endless Possibilities," October 15 through 29 at the UltraStar Mission Valley in Hazard Center (sdaff.org). Overlappingly but more intermittently, the San Diego Italian Film Festival, featuring a retrospective of director Paolo Virzì, runs from October 15 through November 7 at the Museum of Photographic Arts in Balboa Park (sandiegoitalianfilmfestival.com). And before all that, the San Diego Latino Film Festival juggles two films throughout the next week in its monthly Cinema en Tu Idioma series, Pablo Traperó's *Leonera* from Argentina and Pablo Larrain's *Tony Manero* from Chile, at the UltraStar Mission Valley. Finally, Friday evening at 7:00 at the D.G. Wills bookstore in La Jolla there will be a "hometown" launch party of

the long-aborning *Farber on Film: The Complete Film Writings of Manny Farber*, just over a year after the author's death, with his widow and late-period collaborator, Patricia Patterson, in attendance, along with the book's editor, Robert Polito. Something else to which to mete out injustice. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Amreeka — Divorced Palestinian single mother (Nisreen Faour, a good actress in bad photography) moves to Illinois for a better life at the worst time — the thick of Operation Iraqi Freedom — and settles for a demeaning job at White Castle ("Support our oops" on the signboard outside), meets a sympathetic Jewish school principal ("You're not at all fat"), and imparts her wisdom to her troubled teenage son ("The important thing is that you can't let anyone question who you are"). Semi-autobiographical work by writer-director Cherien Dabis, didactic and preachy despite the sincerest efforts to maintain a sense of humor. With Melkar Muallem, Hiam Abbass,

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★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 10/2; FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Capitalism: A Love Story — Reviewed this issue. With Michael Moore; written and directed by Moore.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs — Computer-animated children’s fantasy in 3-D, co-directed by Phil Lord and Chris Miller.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Coco before Chanel — Biographical tale of fashion designer Gabrielle “Coco” Chanel, starring Audrey Tautou, written and directed by Anne Fontaine.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Couples Retreat — Peter Billingsley’s relationship comedy with Vince Vaughn, Malin Akerman, Jason Bateman, Kristen Bell, Jon Favreau, Kristin Davis.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/9)

The Cove — Call-to-action documentary by Louie Psihoyos, rather like a magnified detail from *The End of the Line*, a tight focus on a “little town with a really big secret,” the Japanese fishing port of Taiji, where an estimated twenty-three thousand dolphins and porpoises are covertly slaughtered every year. Upon his return from there, Psihoyos has pictures of the blood-red water to prove it. His chief guide and ally in this endeavor is Ric O’Barry, the one-time dolphin trainer on the *Flipper* TV series in the Sixties, who flipped (if you will) when the aquatic star of the show, real name Kathy, committed “suicide.” In large part the film is composed of standard talking-heads sermonettes, but it also records the hugger-mugger “mission” of an Ocean’s Eleven commando team in the field: high-def video cameras concealed in fake rocks, and so forth. The operation, for all its justifiable paranoia, doesn’t approach the pitch of excitement we would expect of a fictional thriller. But if it is not quite tense, at least it’s present-tense. 2009.
★★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 10/9)

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.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Extract — Mike Judge, the *Office Space* man, never mind the Beavis and Butt-head man, goes blue-collar at a food flavoring factory, where his fund of observations of workers on the job proves skimpier. The owner and central character comes close to a complete cipher, although Jason Bateman’s flat-tire facial expressions serve as an adequate cover. Around him are more players than Judge can juggle — Kristen Wiig, Mila Kunis, Ben Affleck, J.K. Simmons, Clifton Collins, Jr., Gene Simmons, others — but at least two of them look likely to survive as memorable: the dim-witted, frosted-haired junior gigolo (Dustin Milligan) and, even likelier, the obtuse intrusive neighbor (David Koechner), guarding the adjacent driveway no less zealously than Cerberus the gate of Hades, incapable of cutting the conversation short, picking up the pace, or hearing the pleas of his prey: “Well, I’m not going to keep you long.” 2009.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Informant! — Reviewed this issue. With Matt Damon, Melanie Lynskey, Scott Bakula, Tom Smothers, and Dick Smothers; directed by Steven Soderbergh.
★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 saying that Tarantino’s treatment of Nazis is not motivated by any sense of horror and outrage (never mind sanctimony) over the philosophy of Aryan supremacy, the death camps, and so on, much less by any desire to “understand,” but solely by the need of a universally acceptable villain. He wants to do nothing more to Nazis, nothing worse, than to conventionalize them, fictionalize them. Knowingly nudging his depiction beyond the silly and into the campy, he lures you onto the battlefield of aesthetics, safely away from politics. Once there, he’s got you where he wants you. Where his movie can better repel attack. In the end — at the close of two and a half hours — it stands as arguably his best-made to date, scene after scene meticulously shaped and timed, not to mention gleamingly photographed by Robert Richardson. While he is serious where it counts — the architectonic solidity, the painstaking precision, the creative flair, of the camera angles and compositions — he is also funny wherever he chooses, picking his spots and racking up an impressive ratio of successes to attempts. Brad Pitt, Christoph Waltz, Mélanie Laurent, Daniel Brühl, Diane Kruger. 2009.
★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIS-

SION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Invention of Lying — High-concept comedy with and from Ricky Gervais, co-writing and co-directing with Matthew Robinson. It’s set in an alternative universe where everyone by nature tells the brutal truth (even advertisers: “Pepsi, When They Don’t Have Coke”), until the brutalized short portly hero, unable to make his rent, makes an evolutionary leap to deceit, and goes on from there to invent religion. The concept is certainly cheeky, if uncertainly funny, but the *de rigueur* romance takes it into sappy platitudes on skin-deep beauty and inner worth. With Jennifer Garner, Rob Lowe, Tina Fey, Louis C.K., Jonah Hill, Jason Bateman, Jeffrey Tambor, and uncredited cameos for Philip Seymour Hoffman and Edward Norton. 2009.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; 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.
★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 10/9)

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

Lynch. 2009.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; GASLAMP 15; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Maltese Falcon — The third and the most revered (but, please, not the definitive) movie version of Hammett’s mystery novel. It insists on the fun involved in private-eye escapades, as it wobbles underneath the consequences of some whimsical casting and playing — Sidney Greenstreet, Peter Lorre, Elisha Cook, Mary Astor, and Bogart as Spade. This is John Huston’s first directing job, and he seems determined to make a lark of it. Some of that spirit is contagious. 1941.
★★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 10/8 THROUGH 10, 7:30 P.M.)

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

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Paris — Multiple storylines encircle many facets of the French capital. The city looks splendid; the not very compelling characters (the brink-of-death Romain Duris excepted) keep getting in the way. Several liberating bits of dance, strictly gratuitous. With Juliette Binoche, Fabrice Luchini, Albert Dupontel, François Cluzet, and Mélanie Laurent; directed by Cédric Klapisch. 2008.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The September Issue — R.J. Cutler’s documentary version of *The Devil Wears Prada*, a revealing inside look at the putting-together of the year’s fattest issue of *Vogue*, what turns out to be history’s fattest issue ever. The bleeding and sweating, the fighting and dying, over the tiniest details will retain a degree of fascination no matter how trivial the details. (E.g., cover girl Sienna Miller’s teeth, hair, etc. How does she dare show her face in public?) From a certain angle, the more trivial, the more fascinating. Editor-in-Chief Anna Wintour, Meryl Streep’s counterpart, is touted as “the single most important figure in the fashion industry” and “the most powerful woman in the United States,” yet she remains, with or without sunglasses, somewhat remote and inscrutable — behind a severe, face-hiding bob, like curtains closing on her nose — while never receding into Streepian caricature. Her long-time and less-groomed associate, Creative Director Grace Coddington, confides much more to the camera, and rallies much more sympathy to her causes. 2009.
★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 10/9)

A Serious Man — Reviewed next issue. With Michael Stuhlbarg, Sari Lennick, Richard Kind, and Aaron Wolff; written and directed by Joel and Ethan Coen.
★★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 10/9)



Still Walking — Japanese family gathering written and directed by Hirokazu Kore-eda of *After Life* and *Nobody Knows*. (KEN, 10/9 THROUGH 15)

Surrogates — Vicarious living, virtual living, through flawless androids, so that this indeterminate future often bears an eerie likeness to a Ross Hunter production at Universal Studios *circa* 1959: “Life... only better.” The basic situation is confusing enough without the murder mystery and the experimental zap gun that fries not just the brains of the robots but those of the distant humans hooked up to them. What’s clear is the science-fiction fundamental of dehumanization and rehumanization. With Bruce Willis, Radha Mitchell, Rosamund Pike, Ving Rhames, and James Cromwell; directed by Jonathan Mostow. 2009.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Toy Story — From Disney, the self-proclaimed First Fully Computer-Animated Feature Film: reason enough to disdain it on general principle. Reason in particular, and in plenty, is provided by the horrible *forms* of the figures — closer to Puppets, Claymation, Gumby, Speedy Alka-Seltzer, and the Pillsbury Doughboy than to the Disney family of cartoon characters. (Must we now include this with *Snow White*, *Pinocchio*, and the rest, in the studio’s animation library?) The premise — the activities, the feelings, the rivalries of assorted toys when their owner is out of sight — cannot bear much thinking about; the gags are rapid-fire and sophisticated; the few Randy Newman tunes do not bog things down; and the end is mercifully not far off. With the voices of Tom Hanks (as Woody the pull-string cowboy) and Tim Allen (Buzz Lightyear, battery-operated Space Ranger); directed by John Lasseter. 1995.
★ (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Toy Story 2 — A sure bet to be enjoyed by all who enjoyed the first one. And endured by most others. The central theme of the built-in obsolescence of children’s toys — Woody, the pull-string cowboy, has suffered a torn shoulder and is retired to the shelf while his owner goes off to summer camp

without him — gives rise to some difficult, even painful, questions on aging, mortality, the instability of relationships, the impermanence of love, and the like. (“Do you really think Andy is going to take you to *college*? Or on his *honeymoon*?”) The easy answers will doubtless be more soothing the younger you are. Parents, in consequence, are to be cautioned not for their kids’ sake, but for their own sake. On another front, the advances in computer animation since the original *Toy Story* are plain to see, particularly in the depth of field (including at times an artificially blurry foreground), the openness and airiness of the space, and the lifelikeness of some of the human figures (all the way to nose hairs and a bad comb-over). Sometimes it is hard to know, or to remember, what you are looking at. This development, if you are old enough to be unsoothed by the aforementioned easy answers, is apt to be too fraught with misgivings and forebodings (where will it lead? where will it end?) to be entirely enjoyable. With the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Joan Cusack, Kelsey Grammer, Wayne Knight; directed by John Lasseter. 1999.
★ (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Trucker — Michelle Monaghan as an independent truck driver reunited with her estranged young son, directed by James Mottern. (GASLAMP 15, FROM 10/9)



The Way We Get By — Aron Gaudet’s documentary on three senior citizens who volunteer as greeters for returning U.S. soldiers. (GASLAMP 15, FROM 10/9)

Whip It — Petite, apathetic Ellen Page finds a new calling — as “Babe Ruthless” — in the rough-and-tumble of Austin roller derby, leading to a calendar conflict between the championship game and, her mother’s dearest dream, the Blue-bonnet Beauty Pageant. Drew Barrymore, who plays a minor supporting part, takes to the director’s chair, a bully pulpit from which to spread the gospel of cuteness: a feeble feminist fable, all sugar, no spice, with nice photography by Robert Yeoman but unexciting, unconvincing sports action. Marcia Gay Harden, Daniel Stern, Alia Shawkat, Landon Pigg, Andrew Wilson, Kristen Wiig, Juliette Lewis, Jimmy Fallon. 2009.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Zombieland — Nerdy, neurotic Jesse Eisenberg, the unlikely Texan, narrates a postmodern post-apocalyptic road trip through a population of secondhand flesh-eating zombies, in the company of the only three surviving humans east of Bill Murray’s mansion in Beverly Hills: the Twinkie-craving Woody Harrelson and two scamming sisters, Emma Stone and

Abigail Breslin. Smart-ass comedy, not to say smart, forgetful as it is of its own rules and logic. Directed by Ruben Fleischer. 2009.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; MIS-

SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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Horton Plaza 14
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Capitalism: A Love Story (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:15) 7:15, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:15, 10:10; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG) Fri. (1:05, 3:15, 5:25) 7:35, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35, 9:45; **Couples Retreat** (R) Fri. (1:00, 1:30, 4:05, 4:35) 7:00, 7:30, 9:35, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 1:30) 4:05, 4:35, 7:00, 7:30, 9:35, 10:05; **District 9** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:40, 10:20; **Fame** (PG) Fri. (1:25, 4:20) 7:05, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:05, 9:40; **500 Days of Summer** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 4:40) 7:20, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:40, 7:20, 9:45; **Free Style** (PG) Fri. (1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 8:00, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:30) 7:25, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:25, 10:00; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) Fri. (12:55, 4:10) 7:45 Sat.-Sun.

(12:55) 4:10, 7:45; **The Invention of Lying** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 4:05) 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:05, 7:10, 9:50; **9** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 3:35, 5:40) Sat.-Sun. (1:30, 3:35) 5:40; **Surrogates** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 3:20, 5:35) 7:50, 10:00 Sun. (1:05, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:00; **Toy Story & Toy Story 2 in 3D Double Feature** (G) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 7:00; **Whip It** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 4:25) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:25, 7:20, 9:55

KENSINGTON

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Still Walking (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Sat. & Sun. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:15; **Couples Retreat** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:10) 1:20, 2:00, 4:10, 4:50, 7:00, 7:40, 9:50, 10:30; **Fame** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 10:00; **I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell** (R) Fri. (11:35) 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10 Sat. 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10 Sun. (11:35) 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10; **The Informant!** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; **IngLOURious Basterds** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 3:00, 6:25, 9:45; **The Invention of Lying** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 1:30, 4:15, 6:55, 9:35; **Love Happens** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:55, 4:45, 7:25, 10:20; **Surrogates** (PG-13) Fri. 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15 Sat. (10:05) 12:20, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15 Sun. 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; **Whip It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; **Zombieland** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:25

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Capitalism: A Love Story (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:00) 8:00; Sat. & Sun. (11:00) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; **Capitalism: A Love Story** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. 9:50; Sat. & Sun. 9:50; **The September Issue** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:40), (7:00); Sat. & Sun. (11:45) 2:10, (4:40), 7:00; **Amreeka** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:50) 7:30, 9:40; No 7:30 pm show Tue., 10/13/09; Sat. & Sun. (11:30, 1:40, 4:50) 7:30, 9:40; **Bright Star** (PG) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; Sat. & Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
Call theater for program information.

MISSION HILLS

Cinema under the Stars
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
The Maltese Falcon (NR)Thu.-Sat. 7:30

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
Bright Star (PG) Fri.-Sat. 2:50, 8:20 Sun. (11:10) 4:35, 9:55; **Capitalism: A Love Story** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:20) 1:15, 2:55, 4:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:05 Sun. (10:20) 1:15, 2:55, 4:15, 7:10, 8:00, 10:05; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:35; **Couples Retreat** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15) 12:15, 2:00, 3:00, 4:45, 5:50, 7:30, 8:30, 10:10, 11:10 Sun. (11:15) 12:15, 2:05, 3:00, 4:50, 5:50, 7:30, 8:30, 10:10; **Fame** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 2:15, 5:05, 7:35, 10:15; **Free Style** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:25) 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20 Sun. (10:40) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:05, 10:25; **The Informant!** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:10) 12:45, 3:20, 5:55, 8:25, 11:00 Sun. (10:45) 1:25, 4:05, 6:50, 9:25; **IngLOURious Basterds** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 3:30, 7:10, 10:25 Sun. 12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:50; **The Invention of Lying** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:05) 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:10, 10:45 Sun. (11:35) 2:10, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00; **Love Happens** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:55) 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:55) 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; **Pandorum** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:10, 5:40, 11:05 Sun. 1:50, 7:15; **Surrogates** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00) 12:20, 12:40, 2:35, 4:55, 5:45, 7:05, 9:20, 10:55 Sun. (10:00) 12:20, 12:40, 2:35, 4:55, 5:45, 7:05, 9:20; **Toy Story & Toy Story 2 in 3D Double Feature** (G) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 2:20, 6:10, 10:00 Sun. (11:35) 1:55, 5:40, 9:30; **Whip It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45) 2:30, 5:15, 7:55, 10:35 Sun. (11:45) 2:30, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30; **Zombieland** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:25) 12:05, 1:40, 2:25, 3:55, 4:40, 6:15, 7:00, 8:35, 9:15, 10:50, 11:30 Sun. (11:25) 12:05, 1:40, 2:25, 3:55, 4:40, 6:15, 7:00, 8:35, 9:15

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
Capitalism: A Love Story; Couples Retreat; District 9; Fame; Free Style; The Informant!; The Invention of Lying; 9; Pandorum; Surrogates; Toy Story & Toy Story 2 in 3D Double Feature; Whip It; Zombieland

Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Toy Story & Toy Story 2 in 3D Double Feature (G) (12:00 3:40) 7:30; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:15 9:30; No 9:30 Fri.; **Couples Retreat** (PG-13) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00; **Tony Manero** (R) 10:30 3:30 8:30; **Leonera** (R) 1:00 6:00 10:45; **Capitalism: A Love Story** (R) (11:00 2:00) 5:00 8:00 10:45; **Zombieland** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:30; **The In-**

formant! (R) (11:30 2:15) 5:15 7:45 10:15; No 11:30 & 5:15 Sun.; No 5:15 & 7:45 Tues.; **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only; **La Bayadere Ballet** 10:30 am Sun. only; **Lewis Black: Stark Raving Black** 10 pm Fri., 5 pm Sun., 8 pm Thu.; **I Puritani Opera** 7 pm Thu. only
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
A Serious Man (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; No 7:00 pm show Mon., Tue., 10/12/09, 10/13/09; Sat. & Sun. (11:00) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **A Serious Man** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:30) 8:00; Sat. & Sun. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Coco before Chanel** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:20) 7:10, 9:45; Sat. & Sun. (11:15) 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45; **Paris** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:15) 8:10; Sat. & Sun. (11:30) 2:20, 5:15, 8:10; **The Boys Are Back** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00; Sat. & Sun. (11:45) 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
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EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
All about Steve; Capitalism: A Love Story; Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs; Couples Retreat; Fame; Free Style; I Can Do Bad All by Myself; The Informant!; IngLOURious Basterds; The Invention of Lying; Love Happens; 9; Pandorum; Surrogates; Whip It; Zombieland

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
Capitalism: A Love Story (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:25; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:20, 3:30) 5:35, 7:40, 9:45; **Couples Retreat** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:55, 10:30; **Fame** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:10) 5:05, 9:50; **Free Style** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:30, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05, 10:15; **The Informant!** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 4:35, 7:00; **The Invention of Lying** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; **Love Happens** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:35) 7:25; **Pandorum** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 9:30; **Surrogates** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:00) 4:05, 6:10, 8:15, 10:20; **Toy Story & Toy Story 2 in 3D Double Feature** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 3:40) 7:30; **Zombieland** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 1:55) 4:10, 6:20, 8:30, 10:40

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG) Fri. (2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:00, 7:25, 9:55; **Couples Retreat** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 3:00, 3:30) 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15; **Fame** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:10) 6:55, 9:40; **I Can Do Bad All by Myself** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:55) 6:40; **The Informant!** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 7:10, 9:50; **IngLOURious Basterds** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 3:15) 6:50, 10:10; **The Invention of Lying** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:40) 7:20, 10:20; **Love Happens** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:25) 7:50, 10:30; **9** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:50, 5:10) 7:40, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:10, 7:40, 10:00; **Pandorum** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:35) 9:30; **Surrogates** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:45, 5:05) 8:00, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:05, 8:00, 10:25; **Toy Story & Toy Story 2 in 3D Double Feature** (G) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 7:05; **Whip It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:20) 7:55, 10:35; **Zombieland** (R) Fri. (12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:05, 4:45, 5:20) 7:15, 7:45, 9:35, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:05) 4:45, 5:20, 7:15, 7:45, 9:35, 10:05

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Couples Retreat (R); **The Informant!** (R); **Love Happens** (PG-13); **Surrogates** (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Toy Story & Toy Story 2 in 3D Double Feature (G) (12:00 3:40) 7:30; **Couples Retreat** (PG-13) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:45 10:30; **From Mexico with Love** (PG-13) (11:00 1:30) 4:15 7:15 9:45; **Zombieland** (R) (11:00 1:15 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:30; **Whip It** (PG-13) (12:15 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Love Happens** (PG-13) (1:45) 7:15; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG) (11:45 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **Surrogates** (PG-13) (12:30 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Pandorum** (R) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **9** (PG-13) (11:45 2:00 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Jennifer's Body** (R) (11:15) 4:30 10:00; **Barney: Jungle Friends** (G) 10 am Sat. only; **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Otay Ranch 12
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
Capitalism: A Love Story; Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs; Couples Retreat; Fame; The Invention of Lying; Love Happens; 9; Surrogates; Toy Story & Toy Story 2 in 3D Double Feature; Whip It; Zombieland

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennergy Road (888-262-4386)
All about Steve (PG-13); **Capitalism: A Love Story** (R); **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG); **Couples Retreat** (R); **District 9** (R); **Fame** (PG); **The Final Destination** (R); **Free Style** (PG); **Gamer** (R); **G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra** (PG-13); **The Informant!** (R); **IngLOURious Basterds** (R); **The Invention of Lying** (PG-13); **Jennifer's Body** (R); **Love Happens** (PG-13); **9** (PG-13); **Pandorum** (R); **Sorority Row** (R); **Surrogates** (PG-13); **Whip It** (PG-13); **Zombieland** (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 3:35) 6:45, 9:00; **Couples Retreat** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:25, 10:05; **District 9** (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:15) 6:50, 9:25 Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:15, 6:50, 9:25; **Fame** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:30) 7:15, 9:45; **Free Style** (PG) Fri. (1:25, 4:30) 6:55, 9:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:30, 6:55, 9:15; **I Can Do Bad All by Myself** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:50) 7:05, 9:50; **I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell** (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:45) 7:35, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:45, 7:35, 10:15; **The Informant!** (R) Fri. (12:55, 4:10) 7:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:55) 4:10, 7:30, 10:10; **IngLOURious Basterds** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 6:15, 9:35; **The Invention of Lying** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 4:05) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:35) 4:05, 7:10, 9:40; **Julie and Julia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:40) 6:40, 9:30; **9** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:45, 3:55) 6:50; **Pandorum** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:20p.m.; **Surrogates** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:40, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40, 10:05; **Whip It** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:25) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:25, 7:20, 9:55; **Zombieland** (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:00, 5:20) 7:45, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 7:45, 10:00

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 (888-262-4386)
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG); **Couples Retreat** (R); **Fame** (PG); **Free Style** (PG); **I Can Do Bad All by Myself** (PG-13); **The Invention of Lying** (PG-13); **Jennifer's Body** (R); **9** (PG-13); **Pandorum** (R); **Surrogates** (PG-13); **Toy Story** (G); **Toy Story 2** (G); **Whip It** (PG-13); **Zombieland** (R)

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Top 10 of the Week

Week 6 Top 10

Posted October 4, 2009, 5:29 p.m.

1. Oceanside (II) (5-0) – Rolled in Valley League opener
2. La Costa Canyon (I) (5-0) – Mavs have won 14 in a row
3. Cathedral Catholic (III) (5-0) – Dons riding 26-game winning streak
4. Escondido (I) (4-0) – Seale and Zier take on the Blackshirts this week
5. Eastlake (I) (3-0-2) – Won battle of the Titans
6. Helix (II) (4-1) – Last two wins have come by average of 20
7. Valley Center (IV) (4-0) – Week off to prepare for Valley slate
8. Lincoln (II) (3-0-1) – Face Mission Bay this week
9. Scripps Ranch (II) (3-1) – Fell out of section
10. Mission Bay (IV) (4-0) – Can anyone stop Dillon Baxter?

Game of the week

Rancho Bernardo at Escondido

Posted October 3, 2009, 12:19 a.m.

On the first drive of Friday night's game between Rancho Bernardo and Escondido, the Broncos shut down running back Ricky Seale and the Cougars' offense....

Weekly Scoreboard

Week 5

Posted October 2, 2009, 11:10 p.m.

No. 1 Oceanside 56 at San Marcos 14

at No. 2 La Costa Canyon 38, Rancho Buena Vista 14

No. 3 Cathedral Catholic 48 at San Pasqual 6

at No. 4 Escondido 35, Rancho Bernardo 7....

Sound Off

Who is the most unlikely unbeaten of 2009?

Posted September 30, 2009, 9:36 p.m.

For a team that has finished 3-16 for the past two years and hasn't won more than four games in the past five seasons, it seemed improbable that Orange Glen would do anything different to start this season. That's why at 4-0, the Patriots are the most unlikely unbeaten of the early season....



Best Pics

Week 4
Posted September 29,
2009, 10:30 p.m.



Game of the Week



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homepage.



by Barbarella

That which seems the height of absurdity in one generation often becomes the height of wisdom in another.

— Adlai Stevenson

I sidled up to David and waited for him to finish explaining his artistic process to a group of his admirers. Silent and smiling, I took a moment to savor the vision of my man endearing himself to others with his artistic perfectionism and personal charm.

When I wasn't answering questions about my man's photographs (drawing from an osmotic knowledge acquired from years of gallery sidekicking), I spent my time appraising the trendy attire worn by the fashionistas strolling through the showrooms of Los Angeles's Pacific Design Center. Five hours later, fatigued from sustaining an unnatural level of agreeability, I was finally alone with David in our hotel room.

"Maybe this is just one of those age things that I'm not going to get. You know, like *Gilligan's Island* or *WKRP*."

"How are you feeling?" I asked.

"Good. Well, tired," said David. He sat on the bed and kicked off his shoes. "I was just thinking how nice it would be to have a break."

I removed the clip from my hair, shook out my curls, and sat down beside him. "Isn't this a break? I mean, we're out of town, away from our day-to-day responsibilities. It's nice to be away."

"I mean a *real* break, like a whole week where we don't think about any work at all."

"We'd have to go somewhere far away from civilization," I said. "I love technology, but we're slaves to being connected. The one major downside to working from home is that you never get to go home from work."

David nodded at my observation. Though we spend almost all of our time together, it's rare for us actually to *be* together in that New-Agey presence-of-mind sort of way. At home, we are each at our respective desks from the moment we're awake until we crawl into bed. As times have been getting harder (i.e., galleries closing and our home being worth less than we owe), David and I have been hustling with an ever-increasing intensity. Our "downtime" has been relegated to sharing short breaks throughout the day, during which we're most likely thinking about what we should be doing instead of taking a break.

Over our anniversary weekend, David and I

attended the reception for his exhibition, visited with a handful of friends, and drove to San Luis Obispo to deliver and install one of his pieces. By Sunday morning I began to stress the way I always do on the last day of any trip as I start to visualize the pile of bills, emails, and chores that await me at home.

We were going through our usual checkout checklist, first packing our toiletries, then sweeping the room for any forgotten chargers, when I stopped and said, "Forget about this. We have plenty of time. Let's go have breakfast." I tossed a towel onto the bed to demonstrate my dedication to carefreeness and followed David out the door.

"I have an idea," said David. They were his first words since we were seated, and I was already on my second cup of coffee. I raised my brows in question. "We could make a ritual of doing the Sunday *New York Times* together — lots of people do it."

"Why would we do that? We can read the news on our laptops," I said.

"No, you're missing the point," David said, a frustrated edge creeping into his tone. "It's *not* about reading the news. It's about the Sunday magazine, the crossword —"

"You want to do puzzles together?"

"No!" David took a deep breath and let it out slowly as he considered an alternative approach. "There's an entire mood. Think about a lazy Sunday morning, the early morning light." His voice took on a dreamy quality. "A cup of tea or coffee, both in pajamas." I refrained from pointing out the fact

that we don't own pajamas and replaced the word with "robes" in my imagined scene.

"We're both on the couch, the paper spread out, reading book reviews or theater reviews or lifestyle articles, doing the crossword puzzle. And we might share bits, like the travel section, and have classical music or any kind of music on the stereo. It's relaxing and indulgent. Definitely not the news — we wouldn't be reading articles about what Obama's doing. The point is to escape that."

"Then why not read books?" I said. "Or we can bring our laptops to the couch and read the *New York Times* online."

This time, David laughed. "Maybe it's a generational thing," he said. Because we share so many interests, and people often mistake David and me for being the same age, I tend to forget there are 16 years between us.

"Just because I don't understand it yet doesn't mean I won't like it if I try it," I said. "Hey, why don't we do it today?"

"No, that wouldn't be a proper experience, the whole thing — remember? — the whole thing is to have a lazy Sunday morning. You can't have an un-lazy morning checking out of a hotel and driving home from L.A. and *then* be lazy. It just doesn't work that way. That would be like baking a cake and putting the eggs in after you baked it."

"Maybe you're right," I said. "Maybe this is just one of those age things that I'm not going to get. You know, like *Gilligan's Island* or *WKRP*, or any of those old shows you Netflixed."

"Or *I Dream of Jeannie*," David added.

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"No, I like *I Dream of Jeannie*. Because there's magic in it."

David chuckled and shook his head. "Haven't you ever read newspapers?"

"My dad did," I said. "Oh, wait, yeah, I can remember taking the funnies out on Sundays because they were in color. But I don't understand what the difference is — if you want to read stories, we can read stories online. Heather and Sean have a Kindle. You can get the news on that, and we

wouldn't be distracted by email or other websites. We could focus on the one publication. You know, together."

"Right, while we're popping our frozen entrées in the microwave," David muttered.

"What is that supposed to mean?"

"People sometimes cook because the *process* is relaxing," said David. "Not just to get to the final product. It's not about ingesting the news like it's a pill."

"But we could read our laptops in our...paja-

mas," I said. "First thing in the morning. And we have an instant espresso machine. I could make us coffee."

"No, no, no," David said. "Spreading the *New York Times* out over the floor and sifting through the sections —"

"Sounds messy."

David opened his mouth as if to argue, then dropped his shoulders in defeat and said, "Well, yeah. I guess it does." ■

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Crasher

NO PICTURES, DUDE

by Josh Board

In L.A. at an autograph and collectors' convention, I smiled at Playboy Playmate Candy Clark as I walked by her table. She was charging \$25 for her autograph.

I glanced at her price list and she smiled. I read her bio. I didn't want to seem rude by abruptly walking away. She didn't try a sales pitch but made small talk. Because I've never seen the movie *Decapitated II* or *Devil's Blood*, I had nothing to say and moved on.

As I was leaving, Lou Ferrigno sat down and began talking to her.

I waited in a long line of people to see Ami Dolenz, who's been in many horror movies and mainstream films. In between fans, she hugged her boyfriend. We talked about her dad (who's a Monkee), and then Epstein from *Welcome Back, Kotter* walked over. He interrupted, giving her his card and talking about his MySpace page.

I went back to the *Autograph Magazine* booth. An older guy came over and said he picks up the magazine once in a while. I said it could be conveniently delivered to his home. He replied, "You know what? I'll get a subscription. I'd rather give my



Left: Yoko Ono and Beatles producer George Martin; Right: The author and Tom Jones

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Lou Ferrigno was back at his booth with a long price list: \$25 for an autograph, \$30 for a photo. Someone said it cost more if you asked him to flex his muscles. I said, "You sign autographs, but do you arm wrestle?" I slapped my elbow on the table. He looked at me like I was nuts. A few people laughed. I left

"I'd rather give my \$29.95 to you than Horshack."

before he hurt me.

Many of the cast members of *Grease* were there. I talked to actor Eddie Deezen (*WarGames*,

Zapped). I asked why he wasn't in *Revenge of the Nerds*. He said, "I made a movie with those guys and asked them. They said the joke was getting actors that weren't nerds to look nerdy. People always think I'm from that movie." I told him I like *1941*, despite the fact that it got bad reviews. He said, "It was a little uneven. Someone told me earlier it was their favorite film of all time."

I asked how often he gets recognized. He replied, "Once in a while, every few weeks. Sometimes people think I'm Pee-Wee Herman. One time near a halfway house, they were so sure I was Pee-Wee. It was almost getting violent, so I finally just signed his name for them so I could get out of there."

I overheard a few fans talking. One lamented the expense of the autographs and then said,

"Where else am I going to see them? And look at Jeff Conaway on that *Rehab* show? He might not be around much longer."

I talked to Jamie Donnelly, who played Jan in *Grease*. I pointed to one of the cast members who had his T-birds jacket, and she said, "I asked for my Pink Ladies jacket. They said that stuff had to go back to wardrobe in case they needed to do a reshoot or for other promotional things."

I walked by Annette Cardona, who played Cha-Cha. I asked her if at that time her friends were jealous because she danced with Travolta. She said, "At that time? My friends now are, too!"

I ended up talking the longest with Barry Pearl, who played the role of Doody. He kept his leather jacket from the movie and jokingly said he'd sell it to the highest bidder. About them being hand-painted, he explained, "It looks more authentic for gangs to do that. I mean, the Jets and the Sharks? They had matching jackets. That would never happen."

Pearl told me he was initially reluctant to do shows like this but that a friend said something that made him look at it differently. He told me, "I went

to one, and it looked like a bunch of has-beens. She said I was a 'has-is.'"

I went back to the *Autograph Magazine* booth and met some interesting people. One guy drove to the show from La Mesa, and we talked about his collection of sports autographs.

I talked to another guy who bought a *Wizard of Oz* poster signed by the entire cast, including the paw print of Toto. It cost him over \$50,000.

I talked to Leatherface — actor R.A. Mihailoff, from *Texas Chainsaw Massacre III*. I asked him what was the weirdest thing he's ever signed. He said, "Nothing you can print in your paper." We laughed about the body parts and things he's signed, and he said, "My big pet peeve is napkins or something that doesn't have value. Why would someone want me to sign those?"

I glanced over at the *Grease* booth and saw Jeff Conaway walking with a cane, hunched over as if he were about to die.

I walked over, and he was involved in a conversation with Pearl. I don't normally interrupt, but Pearl wouldn't shut up. I told Conaway, "*Taxi* is the best sitcom ever. A few of my friends think *Seinfeld* is." He replied, "You know why *Taxi* was better?

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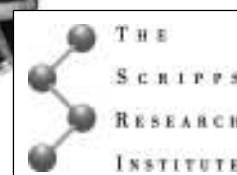
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Because *Seinfeld* was a show about nothing."

I walked over to take a picture of *Tori Spelling*. I figured she was the most famous person there. It would've been *Paula Abdul*, but she canceled at the last minute.

As I focused my camera, a tattooed arm blocked her face. I laughed, thinking the guy was just horsing around, but he wouldn't move his hand. I put my camera down, and he said, "No pictures, dude." I asked why and he said I had to pay for them. I said, "Isn't that only if I want my photo with *Tori*?" She looked uncomfortable. He explained, "You have to pay either way." I told him I was press. He said he didn't care.

Someone who witnessed the incident said I had the right to take a picture of anyone I want out in public.

Back at the *Autograph* booth, one guy was purchasing a few back-issues. He was excited by one with *James Dean* on the cover. His friend had been talking about how expensive some of the autographs were. I said, "Well, I would be glad to sign that magazine for free." The guy said, "Why? Are you in here?" I told him I wrote the story about *David Crosby* flipping me "the byrd" when I met him. He said, "Okay, cool." As I wrote an inscription, I asked his name. He said *Bob*, and I asked him how to spell it.

Another person saw me signing and asked for my autograph. I signed for him, realizing there was a good chance he had no clue who I was...but I wasn't charging \$25.

I left before the show ended because I had to go to a fund-raising event the *Grammys* were having that included *George Martin*. It

would be my last chance at meeting him.

I called my girlfriend from the road. She asked if anyone asked me for my autograph, and I said, "I signed a few." She seemed excited.

I basked in that for a few minutes before explaining, "I'm embarrassed to say, I had to solicit the signatures." She never stopped laughing long enough for me to tell the story.

Author's note: If you go to the Reader website, you can read the rest of the story, which includes my conversations with George Martin, Tom Jones calling my mom, and what Joe Walsh bought for \$15,000. ■

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To ex-wives and the IRS, they might as well be dead.

Not long after the New Year, my friend and neighbor here in Zacatitos, Marilyn Z, sent me an email saying that, at 81 years of age, she had lost her battle with cancer and had passed on to the other side. Marilyn went on to say that when she left her beloved home in Baja to see an oncologist in New York, he told her that although things looked bad, she

still had two treatment options: chemo or radiation.

"Which would you recommend for your wife?" Marilyn asked.

"Well, my wife and I are divorced, I pay her huge sums in alimony, and I hate her dearly. So for her I would recommend both."

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"Then I don't want either," Marilyn said.

"Good choice," the doctor replied.

It was the first time I had ever received an email from the other side, the first time I had ever heard such a thing was possible, but it didn't surprise me at all that it had come from Marilyn. She was always capable of surprises. I once watched her march bravely into surf higher than her head (she was only five feet tall), just for the pleasure of feeling the ocean toss her around. When people asked Marilyn why she painted her house in Zacatitos an outrageous purple and lime-green, she told them, "Because you can't do that in the U.S.!" For her, Baja was a chance to get a little more fun out of life at a time when most people her age were resigned to the slow daily death of TV and

trips to Walmart. Her courage was rewarded with a youthful, irreverent humor and a house full of friends to enjoy it with.

Besides sharing her cache of cold beer with me, when I had no means to keep a beer cold, and

by the case. She told me her philosophy for living in Mexico was the same as living anywhere else: "Don't hurt anybody, and try to help somebody if you can."

And, she said, "Be sure to pay your property tax in January."

afford to retire here with some hope of squandering their old age in a similar way. You might think of this place as another chance at the Leucadia of the '70s, the place and decade my wife and I met. It's beautiful, it's peaceful, and it's still

The gun violence doesn't exist here in Los Cabos.

allowing me to beat her at Scrabble on peaceful Sunday afternoons, Marilyn taught me some of the fundamentals of surviving in Baja: where to buy drinking water safe enough for a gringo's weak stomach; where to find good emergency medical care; where to get *sopa de mariscos* at Mexican — not tourist — prices; and where to get the best deal on Pacifico

So before the end of the month, I took my angelic friend's advice and drove the 10 kilometers of dusty road into San José del Cabo to pay my annual tax.

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nia, the violence and racial tension of Hawaii, and you can get here in just about any vehicle with a thousand miles of abuse left in it. If the Mexicans deported us and shut down the border, we would have to hire coyotes to smuggle us back in.

It's not uncommon to see California's newly arrived surf refugees, like dust-bowl Okies, camped along Baja's beaches in broke-down, rusted-out vans, with an old gray-muzzled dog and a patched-up longboard. To ex-wives and the IRS, they might as well be dead. Their past may have been ugly, but for the first time in a long time they have a future.

As surfers who watched the California coastline ravaged in our lifetimes, we might prefer that people back in the U.S. go right on thinking

Mexico is too dangerous for them to live here. Some surfers here will resent my even talking about how good conditions are, for fear the crowds will become as intolerable as they are in California. And maybe they're right. If Americans prefer to keep their misconceptions about Mexico, maybe it's better things stay that way. But the truth is, except for those bad border towns, most of Baja is a more tranquil place than the typical American city. The gun violence taken for granted in the U.S. as a constitutional right simply doesn't exist here in Los Cabos.

A friend of mine who lives in Northern California, but spends half the year in Baja, was asked by somebody at home, "Isn't it dangerous to go to Mexico?" And my friend said, "Yes, it is.

You have to pass right through L.A."

When my wife and I read a gruesome story about a man from Carlsbad who murdered his parents and fled, possibly to Baja, we were shocked. "That guy better be careful. Doesn't he know it's dangerous down here?"

Of course, our family and friends in the States think my wife and I are crazy for moving here. They watch way too much news on TV and think drug lords in black Escalades sweep through the streets every day, shooting and beheading people. When a friend heard we were moving to Mexico, he asked, "What in the hell inspired that? Insanity?"

"We just felt like somebody needed to move in the other direction," I said.

This misconception of Mexico being more

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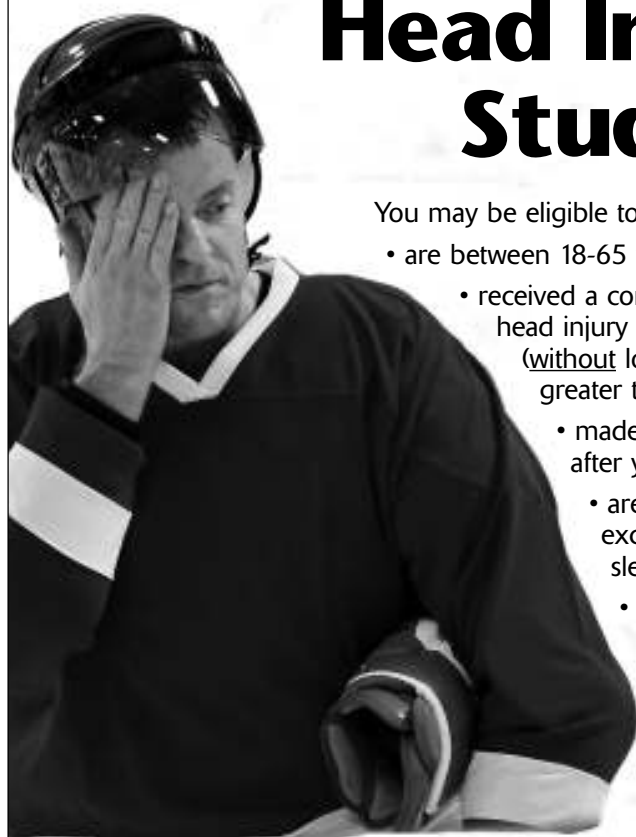
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dangerous than the U.S. hurts Mexico, which depends on the tourist business for about one-third of its revenue. Every time Lou Dobbs, or any of the other angry and embittered commentators on TV news, opens his scowling mouth, a few more Mexicans lose their jobs. This is a very real problem here. The American media's neurotic insistence on portraying Mexico as a more dangerous place than the United States serves no purpose other than to prop up Americans' damaged self-confidence. It hurts hard-working people.

The good thing is, Mexicans always find a way to survive. If the hotel where you worked as a tour guide lays you off after the flu panic, you wash cars in the super-market parking lot. If you lose your job as a waiter after the American bank-

ing crisis, you sell ice cream on the street. If your back gives out after 40 years of laying block, you bag groceries for tips. All Mexicans work.

I took the beach road into San José and stopped along a stretch of white sand and

tranquil place, and it fights to the death. A surfer friend of mine who likes to troll for fish from his paddleboard, trailing a lure from a line strapped to his ankle, was nearly pulled from his board and dragged underwater by a rooster-

Mexicans always find a way to survive.

turquoise-colored water to drink a Pacifico in honor of Marilyn Z. Though she wasn't a fisherman, she was the first to tell me about a beautiful and bizarre-looking beast called a roosterfish that favors this coast. It has a huge silvery dorsal fin like an Aztec headdress and an attitude like a guard dog. It attacks a feathered lure with ferocity totally inappropriate for such a

fish before the 40-pound test line snapped.

A person could live in the American suburbs, quiet as a casket, and never know such a remarkable creature existed.

At La Choya, I stopped for a minute to watch a crew of Mexican block-layers at work. Marilyn told me once, "Stop at any job site in Mexico and breathe the

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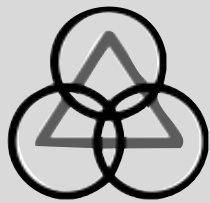


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air. It smells of fabric softener." And she's right. The smell is like a gift of love from the workers' wives, who would never let their men, no matter how humble, go to work in dirty clothes.

Laying block is one of the hardest, most tedious jobs imaginable. But all of Mexico is built of block, and somebody has to do the work. People everywhere who work in crews enjoy a camaraderie that makes the difficult labor more tolerable, and it warms my heart to see how these workers laugh and joke with each other to pass the time. At one point in my life, I worked as hard as they do. I don't miss that work because I know

what it does to your body, and I have the surgery scars to prove it, but I do miss the camaraderie.

All over Mexico you can see older men who have spent a lifetime doing block work. Many of them drag one foot — what neurosurgeons call "foot drop" — as a result of permanent damage to the sciatic nerve. In the U.S., a worker lucky enough to have medical insurance would have surgery to relieve the pain and pressure on the nerve, which results from a herniated spinal disc. In Mexico, the workers often wait until the pain goes away on its own, a sign the sensory nerve has died. But it's also a sign the motor nerve has died

as well, and the muscle will soon atrophy.

Sometimes, when it's hot and the afternoon is long, at these job sites you can hear the maestro singing to his young workers, teaching them how it's possible to make the day pass a little easier. Mexicans have a relationship with work you don't see much in the U.S. anymore. Just watching is an antidote for the anger and pessimism Americans suffer from these days. All the good qualities of character that Americans pride themselves on — honesty, hard work, love of family — can be found in the Mexican people. Mexicans are the kind of people many Americans

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Parkinson's Disease Patients Needed for Learning and Memory Research Study

Who can participate?

- Males and females between the ages of 55 and 80 with a medically confirmed diagnosis of Parkinson's disease
- No other major medical or mental health problems
- No history of alcohol or drug problems

What is involved?

- Participants are asked to come to the San Diego VA Medical Center and take computerized and paper/pencil tests that will evaluate memory and attention
- Three appointments over 2-3 years; each appointment lasts approximately 2-3 hours
- Receive \$10/hour for participation

When will this take place?

- Each appointment will be made to accommodate your schedule, including nights and weekends
- Please call for further information and to determine whether you are appropriate for the study

If interested, call Robin Ellam: 858-552-8585 ext. 5593

Principal Investigator: J. Vincent Filoteo, Ph.D.
VA San Diego Healthcare System and University of California San Diego

Living with Psoriasis?

Therapeutics Clinical Research is conducting a research study of an investigational medication. We are seeking individuals with moderate to severe psoriasis to participate.

We need participants:

- 18-65 years of age and in general good health
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- Lifting, straining or other stressful activity

If you, or someone you know, are suffering from these symptoms, we are seeking women, 18 years of age or older, to take part in a post-approval study to evaluate the long-term safety and effectiveness of a treatment of stress incontinence. To learn more about the study, please contact:

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think they are themselves but haven't truly been for a long time.

My Mexican friend Francisco told me, "When I was growing up, Americans who came here were happy, fun-loving people. I thought I wanted to be like Americans. Now they are angry and afraid. What happened?"

I couldn't really answer him. But I could

as easily have asked why Mexico has to export 10 percent of its population to another country in order for them to earn a living. Mexico has its problems, too.

I started the truck and started to pull out onto the rutted road, when I heard a rooster crow. I slammed on the brakes, thinking the rooster was in front of me,

RESEARCH STUDIES

research study related to **Congestive Heart Failure**

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

3 Requirements for Participation

- Active duty or retired military **only**
- 18-80 years of age (male or female)
- Diagnosed with heart failure (EF \leq 35%)

Study-related medical care and tests will be provided at no cost. Participation is expected to last one year. You will receive \$200 to cover travel.

For more information

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For Newly Diagnosed Type 2 Diabetes

Robert R. Henry, M.D. and his associates at the Center for Metabolic Research at the VA San Diego Healthcare System are currently looking for patients to assess the safety, tolerability and effectiveness of an investigational drug in patients with Type 2 Diabetes.

You may qualify if you are:

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

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

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



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:

- Male or female
- 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.

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Do you suffer from Depression?

Does it feel like nothing matters?

Do you feel lonely and sad most of the time?

If you feel this way, and even if you're on medication, we might be able to help.

Local researchers invite you to take part in a research study. Insurance is not required. Participants will receive treatment for depression and may receive compensation for time and travel. If you're between the ages of 18 and 55 call the confidential recruitment line to learn more and see if you qualify. This may be your first step to feeling better.



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Is your current Schizophrenia medicine treating all your symptoms?

If you are still having trouble with expressing emotions, social interactions, finding motivation to complete tasks, or have a reduced interest in family and friends, consider this research study of an investigational medication that is taken with your current antipsychotic.

In recent years, schizophrenia treatments have improved significantly, however, to date, they've shown success in reducing some symptoms more than others. A study is being conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of an investigational medication for its ability to help reduce negative symptoms of schizophrenia, such as a loss or decrease in ability to express emotion or enjoy pleasures in everyday life.

To prequalify for this study, you must:

- Be 18 to 55 years of age
- Have been diagnosed with schizophrenia for at least two years
- Have negative symptoms of schizophrenia
- Have been on a stable dose of antipsychotic medication for at least 12 weeks
- Not have notable positive symptoms (delusions, unusual thoughts or perceptions) of schizophrenia, AND
- Have no history of psychiatric crises, visits to the emergency room, hospitalization, or increased level of care for at least 12 weeks.

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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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where I couldn't see it. Then I realized it was the ringtone on my Mexican cell phone. It was my mother, back in the U.S. After two years, she's finally accepted the notion that I live in another country, and that if she wants to call me, she has to enter the correct international code. Now she calls me all the time.

Today, she was concerned about the quality of food here. "Do they have good beef?" she wanted to know. Once again, I explained that everything Americans know about raising cattle west of the Mississippi they learned from the Mexicans. Even the word *cowboy* comes from *vaquero*. The Mexicans taught us that in a desert you don't raise cattle the way they do in England, on 40 acres of irrigated pastureland, but on 4000 acres of near wasteland.

The American cowboy may be the very image of Americans, but everything about him, from his hat to his chaps and saddle, came from Mexico. Without Mexicans, the American cowboy on a horse would look and act more like Prince Charles than John Wayne. And yes, Mexico has very good beef.

"But do they know how to butcher it?" my mother asked.

After a while, I parked outside the municipal office, in front of the fire station, where the firemen were selling T-shirts and empanadas to help pay for the cost of fighting fires. Then I took my place in line at the municipal office. It wasn't a long line.

The municipal government in Los Cabos knows it needs to collect more property taxes in order to provide the basic

services its citizens expect, like garbage collection, street repair, and a fireworks display every time Mexico wins a *futbol* match at the world cup. But Mexicans see that in California, where property taxes are one hundred times as high as they are here, the government still can't balance its budget. When things get that bad, not even a movie-star governor can help you. So what would be the point of raising taxes?

To encourage people to pay property taxes on time, the municipal government of Los Cabos offers a 10 percent discount if you pay in the month of January. We Americans like to pay our tax in January, not because we care so much about the \$5 discount, but because that's the way we are. We like to do things on time, or earlier

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Abdominal pain

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the **ABC's**
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Researchers are evaluating an investigational medication to see if it effectively treats irritable Bowel Syndrome with Constipation (IBS-C) in men and women. You may qualify for a research study if you experience any of the following symptoms:

- ✓ Abdominal pain or discomfort
- ✓ Bloating and/or straining
- ✓ Have fewer than 3 bowel movements per week

All study-related care will be provided at no cost. Insurance is not needed.

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Itchy from Eczema?

Therapeutics Clinical Research is conducting an 11-week research study of an investigational topical medication for eczema (also known as atopic dermatitis).

We need participants:

- with eczema of the legs, arms and/or torso
- 18-55 years of age, in general good health
- experiencing moderate to severe itchiness

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if possible, because it allows us the illusion that we have things under control.

Mexicans are more accustomed to living with uncertainty. They don't trust control and aren't fooled by 10 percent discounts. They know very well they can get a 100 percent discount simply by not paying the property tax at all, and the government, understaffed and underfunded, as a good government should be, won't have the resources to collect.

When my turn finally came, I handed the clerk my receipt from last year's taxes, showing my name and property number. The clerk was a tall young man with coffee-colored skin and black hair. He looked at my receipt and asked in Spanish, "Where do you come from?"

"Santa Cruz de Los Zacatitos," I replied.

He nodded patiently. "No, before that."

"Well, California." But I knew as soon as I opened my mouth, it was the wrong thing to say to a Mexican. In the time of the Jesuit and Franciscan padres, there had been an Alta California and a Baja California. Now, in Mexico, there is a Baja California, and a Baja California Sur. In the U.S. we have appropriated the name "California" for ourselves, as if we possess the only California that matters, the one with the 37 million people. Those unfortunate souls who live below the Tijuana Sloughs can call their land whatever amuses them, but certainly not California. That is why Americans refer to Baja California as simply Baja, which often annoys Mexicans, even though they are too well mannered to show it. And that is why Mexicans sometimes refer to Alta California as "that state to the north," as if the misunderstanding

created by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which left Mexico without half its land, will be straightened out in due time, if they only have the patience to wait. And Mexicans do have the

patience to wait.

The young clerk chose not to correct my poor sense of history by bringing up the subject of the Mexican-American War, in which American soldiers invaded San José

del Cabo and established a garrison near the very place I was now standing and later killed one Mexican soldier, Lieutenant José Antonio Mijares, a hero who died defending his country and whose

name is now borne by the boulevard out front, more commonly known as "hotel row," where a hundred or more beefy, sunburned Americans now wandered timidly, ready to scatter at the

sound of gunshots or the sight of a black Escalade.

"No," the clerk said. "I mean before that."

Now I was lost. I had no idea what he meant. This is the most frightening thing about being an

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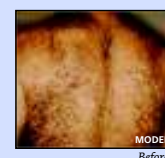
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immigrant, this moment when all communication falls apart. The problem wasn't language — I understood his words well enough. Rather, I suspected, it was a failure to bridge some cultural gap. Was he ridiculing my immigrant status? Implying I might be an illegal alien? No, he looked too sincere. Was he a Mexican evangelical, of which there are many, trying to tempt me into a religious discussion about where we come from and where we are going? No, he had no time for such nonsense. Besides, gringos are the world's greatest exporters of evangelism, from Mormons to Mary Kay Cosmetics. It would be like trying to sell bananas to a Panamanian,

and this young man looked too smart for that.

It's disturbing to have somebody ask you where you come from and not be able to answer them, and it's a question that is more confusing

from this young man that we couldn't understand each other.

Just then my cell phone rang. I slapped at my pants pockets, trying to remember where I'd put it. But this time it

"We are both Vikings with the same name!" Elisio said.

the older you get. If you've been to a lot of places, and lived in many of them, then you might have come from any one. The question raises vague anxieties about who you really are. In any case, wherever I came from, it was a place so different

really was a rooster out on the street.

The clerk smiled at my confusion and raised his palm in a way that said he would clear up our misunderstanding in a moment. He took my 500 pesos, punched a few keys on his computer, and

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The garden is co-headed by City of Carlsbad Parks and Recreation supervisor Michael Bliss and his colleague Connie Kessler.

"It's pretty pain free," he says, of running the garden, as he sits on a picnic bench just outside it. "The gardeners that come out here really love what they're doing, and many of these people have had these plots for years."

The turnover isn't high; there are currently 80 people on the waiting list, which, Bliss says, dates back to 2006.

"I would say the average [time] could probably work out to be about ten years, easy," Bliss says. "We've had some gardeners who have been here a long time. We've got 80 people on the waiting list, so people know, 'Yeah, I want to garden,' but you put them on a list and tell them 'Oh, you're the 81st...' It's tough. It shows you how popular it is. It's a shame. It would be nice if it were bigger."

The city foots the bill for much of the garden, including water and trash pickup, and the Carlsbad parks department spreads the wood chips across the walkway. Whenever needed, an irrigation technician is on call as well. The city spends \$200/month, according to Michael Bliss.

"There's some staff involvement," Bliss says. "You can't let it completely go. You have to make sure it stays

fairly maintained."

As for rules, according to Bliss, it's mostly "common sense stuff. You don't want to keep a lot of junk in your little garden plot. You want to have it maintained, you want to continue on the upkeep, you don't want to let it grow over with weeds. Once you have a garden plot, you don't give it to someone else."

Generally, he doesn't have many problems with rule-breakers, and if someone inadvertently steps outside the boundaries, they are usually cooperative. At the time of this writing, there is a problematic tree that Bliss and his team have decided must be removed.

"We've just got to talk to the gardener," he says. "One of the gardeners said, 'It's starting to shade my area a little too much,' and the tree itself is getting to be too big, so we want to make sure we take care of that. We've sent her a letter, just letting her

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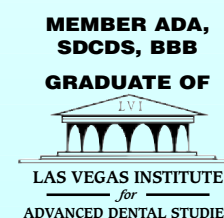


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Aside from that, things are generally quiet around the garden. Bliss has noticed recently that a lot of neighboring cities want to start their own as well.

"I think it's gotten a lot of press recently, more so because the Obamas in the White House are talking about having a vegetable garden," he says. "Governor Schwarzenegger is trying to get something started around the mansion called a Victory Garden. People are jumping on the bandwagon — 'Shoot, if they've got one...'"

He glances at the apricot tree.

"It's a great community asset," he says.

ESCONDIDO COMMUNITY GARDEN

LOCATION: Centre City Parkway between El North Parkway and Mission Ave, Escondido

PLOTS: 80+, 4' x 20'

DUES: \$20/6 months, \$30/year

ELIGIBILITY: Public

WAITING LIST: 7 or 8

SOIL TYPE: Mushroom compost

IRRIGATION: Yes

PLANTS: Vegetables, fruit, and flowers

ORGANIC: Yes

The Encinitas Community Garden is hard to miss. It lines the side of Centre City Parkway, a main drag that leads to the 78 freeway, and tall plants and the roof of a red shed are visible from the road.

Cars race along Centre City Parkway as Beth Mercurio, the garden's founder, sits under a trellis of wisteria.

"[The garden] was an idea that I had because of seeing the City Heights garden," she says, referring to a now-defunct spot. "They had large, dancing wooden vegetables on the fence outside their garden. I was lost down in San Diego and that's what

I found. And I said, 'What the heck is this? Let me write the phone number down.' It started from there. I started contacting people, met a couple of people in the city who were willing to listen..."

Now, the garden, which sits on what Mercurio — her official title is Garden Manager — estimates to be just over two acres of land, is run by a board.

"We have master composters [and] we have gardeners here that just give us their input," she says. "There are about eight people that run it, and we're a well-oiled machine at this point. The garden's been in existence for 15 years. Many of the people on the board have been on the board the whole time."

The land belongs to the city, Mercurio says, and the Escondido Community Garden leases it from the city for a dollar-a-year type of agreement, which, according to Mercurio, is "periodically [paid] in vegetables."

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The garden is laid out on a long stretch of land that is bordered on one side by a dead-ending gravel path. "No unauthorized vehicles," admonishes a sign at the entrance, trying to keep intrusive car traffic to a minimum.

Each plot is lined with gray cinder blocks, some raised higher than others; tilled earth rises in neat rows within them. Some plants are just starting to sprout, while others are getting ready for harvest. They are well and carefully tended. Some gardeners employ creative means for staking and sheltering, for instance, using curved branches to create lattices for their growing vines.

This is, in part, Mercurio points out, due to the differing ethnic backgrounds of the gardeners who work here, many of whom have extensive experience in their home countries.

"We have people from China, from the Philippines, from Iran, from France, from Mexico, so they're from all over the world," Mercurio says. "Many languages are spoken out here. We have seniors that are living nearby in the Salvation Army residence, and they are Chinese. So we have a group of Chinese men and women who walk over here each morning and each afternoon, and they're probably the best gardeners out here."

The cultural diversity, while a point of pride for the garden, at times causes tensions.

"The garden is a microcosm of the world, and the issues and the problems are the same," Mercurio says. "People come from different countries, and perhaps those countries notoriously don't get along, and I find they try

to bring that into the garden."

This was not always easily detected. Mercurio reports that, at times, the origin of a dispute would not be clear until it was pointed out that, perhaps, the individuals involved came from coun-

tries that have historically feuded with one another.

"I think the biggest issue is communication, because we have the different languages and the different culture," she says. "What one person says is not what another per-

son thinks they understand them to say."

Another issue that has popped up, says Mercurio, is the use of space.

"In a lot of the Asian cultures, you don't waste space," she explains. "Space is

at a premium, and the whole idea of these paths and these open areas is difficult for some of our Asian gardeners to understand. They tend to want to plant just anywhere. We try to keep rules — you stay inside your plot — and

I turn around two days later, and I've got plants that are in spots where they're not supposed to be. That type of thing."

People garden for different reasons, Mercurio says. "It provides exercise for [peo-

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She pauses.

"And, for some, it's food that they're growing to eat tonight."

NEW ROOTS COMMUNITY FARM

LOCATION: 54th Street and Chollas Parkway, San Diego

PLOTS: 80

DUES: Sliding scale

ELIGIBILITY: 20 plots will be available to the public

WAITING LIST: N/A

SOIL TYPE: Clay, but will be amended with compost/mulch/manure

IRRIGATION: Yes

PLANTS: Fruits and vegetables

ORGANIC: Yes

The New Roots Community Farm was, at the time of this writing, a project in process [The grand opening was September 10]. Just off of Chol-

las Parkway and 54th Street in City Heights, it's currently being prepped for an irrigation line, and looks like a cleared lot with scattered tunnels of dug earth.

But, soon, says Amy Lint, Community Development Coordinator for the International Rescue Committee, it will be a full-scale organic garden designed to serve the growing refugee population of low-income, urban San Diego. Along with Bilali Muya, who works with the Somali-Bantu Organization, she and her team are laying the groundwork for the garden, which, she estimates, will end up costing around \$200,000. The money comes from a surplus at the International Rescue Committee, an organization dedicated to resettling refugees from all over the world in San Diego, and, with an influx of people arriving from agriculturally centered countries, the need for a garden arose.

"There was some talk

about 'Well, what kind of support could we give this new [population] arriving to the United States? What kind of support could we give them in terms of food or nutrition?' " Lint says. "They come from an agrarian society and what they wanted was land [on which] to grow their own food. So we thought, 'Okay, how would [we] do that? We can't give people individual farms, they're all resettled right in City Heights in dense area, but what we could turn this into is more of an urban farm or a community farm.' So that's how this project got started."

To use the land, which is city owned, Lint and the International Rescue Committee had to obtain a three-year permit, which cost \$20,000.

The parcel — a little over two acres—will have 80 plots. Each plot will be 600 square feet, enough, Lint says, to grow about 40 percent of a food-stamp budget.

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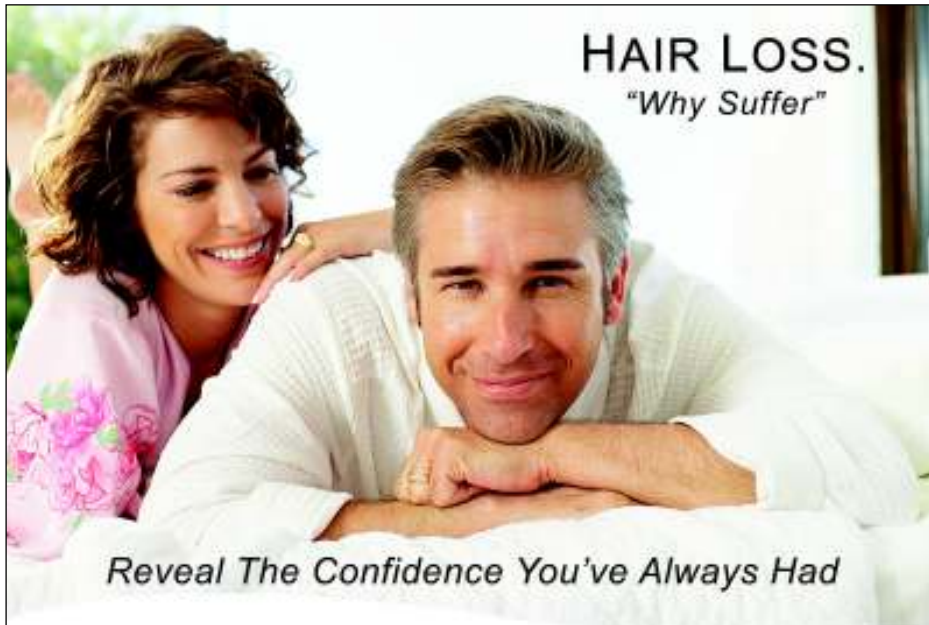


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The idea, Lint says, is to create what she calls a "microenterprise," in which gardeners, who will mostly be recent and not-so-recent refugees from places like Somalia, will be able to grow enough food not only to feed themselves but to sell.

"We try and get people into the job market, and, of course, in this economy right now, it's even more challenging," Lint says. "But our organization is a partner in starting the City Heights Farmers Market, so if they're growing enough food, like small vegetables and such, and they have extra that they can't eat, they can actually take a small amount to the market."

Muya, who immigrated from Somalia four years ago, is also a driving force behind the project and plans to have a plot as well. He will, among other things, be growing sukuma wiki, a kale-like vegetable, which he grew in Somalia.

"I'm just going to grow

the natural food I've been growing my whole life," he says. "I'll be helping the refugees who speak Swahili in my community, as well to try and learn the new way of growing in this urban garden...My whole life I have been a farmer. My father, my grandfather [too]. So it's kind of reminding me that I'm continuing the heritage that I was given."

The land, while it may appear large for such a project, is actually small for farmers like Muya who, says Lint, could farm ten acres by hand if he had to.

"When I brought my community [here] and showed them this area, they kind of laugh[ed]," he says. "One person said, 'This is too small for me!' It's hard for us to get land. It's not like it was back home in Africa."

But, Muya says, having a plot will help his community immensely for a myriad of reasons.

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work,” he says of the Somali refugees. “It can help them spend their food stamps, like having some fresh veggies [that they can] get from their farm, instead of spending a lot on sale day.”

The garden will be primarily divided between several organizations; 20 plots will go to the Somali-Bantu Organization, 20 to the Union of Pan Asian Communities, and 20 Proyecto Casa Saludables. Additionally, 20 plots will be available for use by other members of the San Diego community at large.

“We’d like to have this as a center for not only growing food for the 80 people who have plots here, but for the general public [as well],” says Lint. “Right now, we’re going to get water rations by June or July. Working with different partners, we can have community-education classes here, where people can learn more about water-saving techniques and composting. And that’s open to

the public and free. This is a place where people can see those demonstrations in action and take an outdoor class and just have an afternoon outside and learn.”

OCEAN BEACH COMMUNITY GARDEN

LOCATION: 2351 Soto Street, Ocean Beach

PLOTS: 51,200 square feet, some larger

DUES: \$45/6 months up to \$50/6 months, depending on plot size

ELIGIBILITY: Public

WAITING LIST: 12

SOIL TYPE: Fine sand; amended by gardeners with chicken manure, topsoil, mulches, green sand, blood-meal, bonemeal, and compost.

IRRIGATION: Yes

PLANTS: Vegetables, fruit, flowers

ORGANIC: Yes

The Ocean Beach Community Garden is tucked at the foot of Collier Park on Soto Street, just past a storage shed

and scattering of picnic tables. Fifty-one plots in all, it covers a considerable space, flowers and vegetables co-mining, some plots full, others just turning over after a recent harvest.

The roses in the rose garden, while not in full bloom at the time of this writing, cover a lattice-worked trellis, under which sit two benches for rose-viewing or lounging. A few scarecrows, one with the Chargers bolt emblazoned across its head, rise up from the plots, and they seem to work. There is not a crow in sight.

The garden itself is run by a board of directors, says Margaret Young, who is the community-coordinator contact for the garden.

The board consists of five members “in good standing,” and the official positions are chairperson, a vice chairperson, secretary, treasurer and Young’s own, community-coordinator contact.

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munal areas in that garden," she says, of her position, as she sits on the couch in a house she is looking after for a friend. "I allocate volunteer work, which is mandatory for all gardeners to do at least once a month — they should [that is], but not all do, because they're busy with their lives and work. Or I find somebody at a loose end, and I ask them, 'Can you help out with this, can you help out with that?'"

Young has been gardening all her life. She started by watching and assisting her parents and grandparents in her hometown of Birmingham, England. Once she married and had children, she gardened an acre-wide stretch of land on her own. Now an Ocean Beach resident, she has her own private garden

as well as a plot in the community space.

Many of the gardeners who currently have plots in Ocean Beach are experienced and have been there for a number of years. Some members have had their spaces since the early 2000s; Young has been on the board since 1995.

"In the '90s, there was a big turnover," she says. "The people were of a caliber that thought they wanted a garden and then would give up quite easily and disappear. But not now. People are very settled. They're the right type of people to be gardeners, I would say."

The garden has had a few bumps in the road, including a recent theft of tools and supplies. Overnight, Young says, several people broke in

and stole whatever was on hand.

"They were looking for tool tools, not particularly garden tools, but hammers, saws," she says. "I think they had seen the progress of [our] greenhouse going up, so they were stealing screws and nails. They didn't touch any of the spades in our tool shed, but they certainly went on a big rampage and even took some garden ornaments and a few plants. Worst of all they, they uprooted two or three apple trees and stole those, and one gardener had two potted [citrus] trees, and they stole those too. They broke down the fence at the front, which we've repaired ourselves."

Still, says Young, these incidents are infrequent, and

the garden is mostly a jolly place. During her time, she has piloted several successful programs for the gardeners, their families, and friends, one of which is a garden contest. Judges, including a staff member from the Balboa Park nursery and two park rangers, observe the gardens in secret and vote on them based on plot number only. Young tallies the votes for each category — Best New Garden, Best Salad Garden, and Gardener of the Year, for example — and the winners are announced at an annual party in October.

Last year, to bring everyone together even more, Young and the board threw a July garden party potluck-barbecue, complete with food contest. Each contestant brought a dish made with

something from their garden, whether it was a side or a main meal.

"The treasurer brought along his barbeque pit, and we had the food contest," she says. "We had the potluck, and a wonderful afternoon."

While having a plot can be quite an undertaking, Young says her crop of gardeners is especially dedicated.

"It's a valuable resource to people, especially for apartment-dwellers and condo [owners]," she says, of the garden. "They have this really big feeling for growing vegetables, but they don't have the space to do it. Or they may have a shady balcony and then they get into problems trying to grow stuff."

"If you take a garden, be diligent," she says. "We have a strict board with strict rules,

so the city will not frown on us as an organization. That's basically what we do, try to keep a good standing with the city so that the gate stays open."

VERA HOUSE COMMUNITY GARDEN

LOCATION: Corner of 34th Street and North Mountain View Drive, San Diego

PLOTS: 200 square feet, about 10' x 20'

DUES: 13

ELIGIBILITY: Normal Heights residents have first priority; public

WAITING LIST: 22

SOIL TYPE: Clay and mulch

IRRIGATION: Yes

PLANTS: Fruit, vegetables, and flowers.

ORGANIC: Yes

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nity Garden, the greeter on hand is a feline. A black-and-white longhair, her name is Harmony and she is, as Katherine Rotherham, one of the garden board members, describes, their "organic gopher catcher."

There garden is small, with 11 individual plots and communal herb plot, located on a vacant parcel where 34th Street meets North Mountain View Road in Normal Heights. The streets are tree-lined, picturesque. Neighborhood houses generally have their own well-tended gardens, creating an abundance of plant life on the block.

The lot, according to Rotherham, was once occupied by a small house that had fallen to ruin some time ago. After a fire in Normal Heights, the remains were burned to the ground. The lot remained empty until the garden went in nearly 20 years ago.

"Fran Wilcox started the first community gardens in Normal Heights," Rotherham says, sitting at a small table in the center of the garden. "She had a children's garden at Adams Elementary School and a community garden on Bonnie Court, which is where I-15 is now. When that got taken away, she started looking for another one. She connected up with Lois Miller, who lives down the block here, and they found this place."

The namesake for the garden, Rotherham says, was a neighborhood woman named Vera, who "always thought it would be nice to have flowers" growing on the lot. House died of cancer in the late '80s, and when the garden went in not long after, it was dedicated to her memory.

Everything, Rotherham remembers, in the garden was put in for free by neighborhood dwellers, but not everyone was happy about its progress.

"When it started out, there was a renter next door, and she was very opposed to this garden," she says. "The city attorney had determined that this was an agricultural use

of a residential plot, and it wasn't okay. But he also told us that they were revising the zoning code, and that if we worked with them, we could get community gardens okayed in residential areas."

Members of the Normal Heights community — and others — rallied together, getting petitions signed and attending meetings.

"[TV weatherman] Loren Nancarrow said he'd come out and handcuff himself to a pepper plant," Rotherham says with a smile. "Anyway, we got it into the zoning, and then we were okay here."

And in came the gardeners.

"We have a postman, we have a county worker, we have four retired people, we have a San Diego State professor, substitute teacher," Rotherham says. "I'd say the ages range from the 80s down to the late 30s, early 40s. The college professor brings her two children down. The baby will be here, watching what's going on."

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EASTSIDE COMMUNITY GARDEN

LOCATION: Civic Center Drive and North Weitzel Street, Oceanside

PLOTS: 55, size varies

DUES: None

ELIGIBILITY: : Public

WAITING LIST: no plots currently available

SOIL TYPE: Varies

IRRIGATION: Yes

PLANTS: Fruits and vegetables, some flowers

ORGANIC: Yes

The East Side Community Garden is enormous, as far as community gardens go. Pea plants stand tall on large plots, fenced in by strong string tied to posts, and corn stalks wave in the hot breeze, their husks browning slightly in the sun. The east edge of the garden, which overlooks I-

5, is lined with cacti. Vine-traced trellises stand among the plots, shading plants from the elements, and rows and rows of ground-hugging plants sit in even, unbroken lines.

While Concha Greene, the chairperson for the Oceanside community organization, community assistant for the city of Oceanside, and one of the garden's founders, is not sure of the exact dimensions, it could easily hold a decent-sized condominium complex.

"This was an empty lot that the city owned, and the people in the community needed a garden," says Green, who sits under a shady canopy in the center of the garden. "Most of them lived in apartments, and they didn't have the space, so people in the

community came together and cleaned up this empty lot and proceeded to make a garden for themselves. There were about 50 [people]. They were adults, families, and kids."

They did all the work themselves, hauling out the rocks and debris left over when contractors destroyed the houses that once occupied the plot.

"We had to clear all that stuff out of here," Greene says. We did it with what we had, trucks from people in the community... The labor came from people in the community."

The garden was funded with part of a grant from the California Wellness Foundation, which poured \$1.2 million into the then-struggling Oceanside neighborhood 15

years ago.

"People were able to come and get the vegetables and whatever the gardeners had grown. to help themselves get food on the table, sharing," says Greene. "What they do is most of the residents that have a plot here in the garden have apartments, so when they pick their vegetables, they take it to the apartment complex. and they give them out to the people there."

That's the whole idea of the garden, which is restricted to vegetable- and fruit-growing only. Exchanging and gifting food is key. "Especially, now with the job market the way it is," Greene says. "Plus it provides a little bit of food on the table for the ones that can't really afford it."

Historically, not everyone has followed this rule. One man, Greene reports, even started selling his harvest to a local grocery store.

"I trailed him in my car," she says, with a sly grin. "Some

of the gardeners told me [what he was doing], and that was a big no-no, because that's not what we had built this garden for, for self-profit. We built it to help the community, but evidently this guy was helping himself."

She followed him to the grocery store and watched him unload and make a sale.

"When he tried to deny it I told him 'I saw it with my own eyes.' So that [was] it. Of course, he made it worse for himself by threatening me..."

The man was removed from the garden, along with several others who were using the garden for drinking and parties. Greene, who took an 11-month sick leave from her position, returned to find that some gardeners were taking "women of the night" into the shed — which has since been taken down — after dark.

"What really got me upset was that they started to fight amongst themselves,"

Greene says. "Because one was jealous of the other one. They would say, 'Oh, your plot is bigger' and blah, blah, blah, this and that. When I started back at work, and I called a meeting, we threw out the [offenders], [and] we reorganized. We made them sign a contract that all of the above they were doing was not going to be tolerated, no more excuses, they would be out on the first offense."

Since then, the garden has been peaceful. Greene says that the group handling the plots is now more diverse.

"Before, it was mostly people from the community, mostly Hispanics," she says, "But now that we have some people from the area north of here, we have Vietnamese, we have Japanese, we have Caucasians, we have Mexicans, and we have a few black people who are involved in the garden, which is great to me. Because that's the way it should be."

The garden, she says, helped the community come together at a time when it needed it most, 15 years ago.

"We're still fighting the gangs and we're still fighting the drugs, which we'll always be," Greene says, "but at least now it's livable."

Several garden contacts did not return calls for comment. Others preferred not to be included in this article. ■

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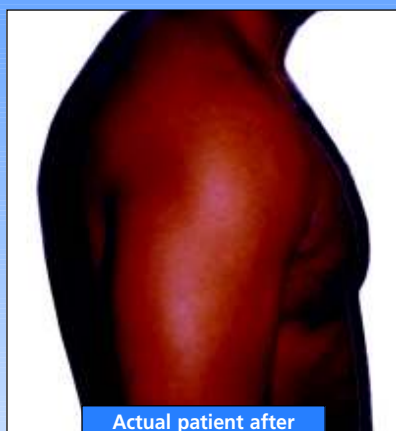
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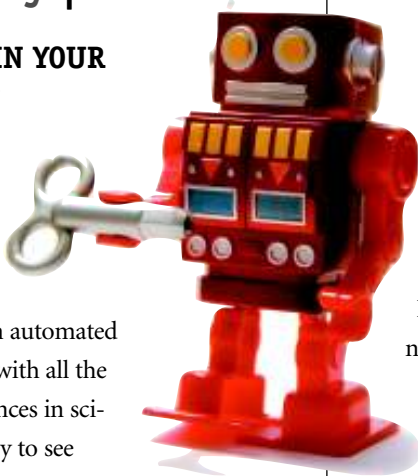
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SAMMY

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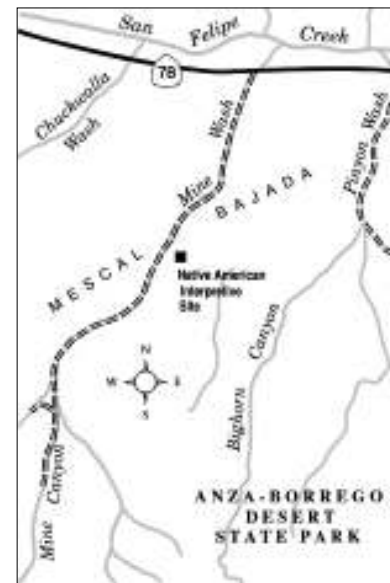
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The next blooming phase of desert annual and perennial plants in Mine Canyon is some months away, so the current appeal of the place centers on its warm, dry weather and the nearly complete absence of sound. Winds tend to be gentle or absent this time of year, and there's hardly a buzzing insect to be found. Only the distant hiss of an occasional high-flying airliner interrupts the silence.

Anza-Borrego has a free-of-charge “open camping” policy that allows you to stay overnight along any park roadway or in any wilderness area. There are limitations, of course. You're not allowed to drive your vehicle off of approved roads, no ground

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The unpaved road into Mine Canyon (which may not be suitable for low-slung passenger cars) intersects Highway 78 at a point about 16 miles east of Julian. More specifically, the intersection is 2.7 miles east of Tamarisk Grove Campground. Look for a sign, on the south side of the highway, designating “Mine Wash,” which is the name of the lower part of the canyon. Work your way up the gently corrugated surface of Mescal Bajada for 1.6 miles to a parking area and interpretive plaque at the foot of a rocky ridge. Scattered amid the eroded granitic boulders and ironwood trees here you'll find old *morteros*, or mortar holes, a sure sign of prehistoric occupation by ancestors of today's Kumeyaay Indians.

As you drive farther along Mine Wash toward the Pinyon Mountains, notice how the vegetation changes from low-desert

types, such as the smoke tree, to agaves and later junipers. Pinyon pines, the namesake of the mountains, grow at still higher elevations.

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OUTDOORS

The Tawny Hues of the black oak tree are just beginning to highlight the slopes of San Diego County's higher mountains. Named for the dark coloring of its bark, especially when wet, the black oak is the only deciduous oak native to the county. Associating with pines, firs, cedars, various evergreen oaks, and occasionally chaparral, the black oak lends a true autumn coloring to popular areas such as the Cuyamaca, Laguna, and Palomar Mountains.

Dense Ground Fogs are a trademark of the onset of autumn along San Diego's coastal strip. Fog materializes during the night and early morning hours when moist marine air that has settled in valleys and low areas is chilled below the dew point. These ground fogs are distinct from the low overcast that usually blankets the coastal strip on late-spring and summer mornings.

Spider Webs, decorated with myriads of tiny dew droplets, are a beautiful sight on foggy autumn mornings. Look for them in San Diego's wild canyons and park areas, or in your own backyard.

The Planet Jupiter Gleams high in the southern sky after dark during the entire month of October. Jupiter's Galilean satellites, the four largest and brightest moons circling the planet, can be easily observed this month using equipment as simple as firmly supported, high-power binoculars. First noted by Galileo in 1609, these satellites noticeably change their configuration from night to night as they swing around the planet.

"Global Warming — The Future at Daley Ranch" Naturalist Dorothy Klitzing leads roughly three-mile hike over many trails, talking about global warming and its effect on our resources. 760-839-4680. Saturday, October 10, 8:30am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours Led on second Saturday of

each month, starting at Chinese Historical Museum. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. Saturday, October 10, 11am; \$2. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Balboa Park Architectural Tours San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours highlighting Spanish Colonial Revival buildings constructed for 1915 and 1935 International Expositions in Balboa Park. Tours start in front of Museum of Man. 619-232-1385. Saturday, October 10, 10am; \$8-\$15. 10 and up. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Blooms, Bugs, Butterflies, Birds Connect to local biological and natural resources during trail guide-led informative walk "through history and nature" at historic Old Mission Dam. 619-668-3281. Saturday, October 10, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

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

Help in Sheppard Canyon Volunteers needed to help with restoration projects at Sheppard Canyon, including invasive plant and tree removal, native plant rescue, more. Some tools available;

bring yours if you have them. RSVP: 858-627-0682. Saturday, October 10, 8am; free. Sheppard Canyon habitat restoration site, 5687 Santo Road. (TIERRASANTA)

Nature Tour of Salt Ponds See birds, learn about salt production during guided walking tour of a portion of salt ponds in South San Diego Bay led by San Diego Audubon. 858-273-7800. Saturday, October 10, 8:30am; free. 8 and up. Salt Works Trailhead, 1470 Bay Boulevard. (CHULA VISTA)

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

Plant the Seeds of Nature Experience beauty of local natural environment on trail guide-led interpretive walk. 619-668-3281. Saturday, October 10, 9:30am; Sunday, October 11, 9:30am; Wednesday, October 14, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

San Diego Field Ornithologists Expert birders lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. Saturday, October 10, 9am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Tracking Walk Easy tracking walk for everyone (beginners and inter-

mediates), starting at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Adobe Ranch House. Learn to track animals, discover their environments. 858-484-3219. Saturday, October 10, 8am; free. Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 12020 Black Mountain Road. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

SPECIAL

"Art at the Creekwalk" Enjoy a walk along creek, meet local artists displaying and selling their art. Workshop for kids. Find event next to Wave Waterpark. 760-224-8737. Sunday, October 11, 10am; free. The Wave Waterpark, 101 Wave Drive. (VISTA)

"Art, Music, and Wine Festival" Experience art by over 50 artists, live music by five bands, fine wines poured by various wineries and food vendors. 866-843-9946. Sunday, October 11, noon; free. 21 and up. Valley View Casino, 16300 Nyemii Pass Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Chad? — The Japanese Tea Ceremony" Museum presents "program to animate the implements of the tea ceremony featured in 'Rite and Ritual' exhibition." Demonstration of tea ceremony and contextualizing of it in the history, philosophy, contemporary understanding of Japanese culture. Seasonally appropriate tea and sweets served. Required reservations: 619-239-0003 x405. Saturday, October 10, 2pm; \$15-\$25. Mingei International Museum

North County, 155 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

"Concentration, Visualization, Meditation" Learn techniques for stress reduction, relaxation during meditation classes, as well as advanced breathing techniques, "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)

"Messages with Love from the Other Side" Clairvoyant medium readings by Reverend Roby Warren, who "will communicate with your loved ones who are no longer with you." Offering. 858-320-0090. Wednesday, October 14, 7pm. Celebration Center for Spiritual Living, 5820 Oberlin Drive #108. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

"Onions and Ogres" Chef Elizabeth — a.k.a. the Opera Singing Chef — shares some of her favorite onion recipes such as onion focaccia (from scratch), caramelized onion and garlic bisque with warlock toes breadsticks, more. Fee includes recipes, tastings with each dish. Required reservations: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, October 10, 1:30pm; \$25-\$30. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

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for “lite frite,” aimed at young children and families (October 17, 18, 24, 25, 31; noon-4pm; \$5). 858-222-4815. Friday, October 9, 7pm; Saturday, October 10, 7pm; \$5-\$12. Target Center, 8235 Mira Mesa Boulevard. (MIRA MESA)

“Surprised by Joy” Awards ceremony for 13 artists working in variety of styles participating in digital art show. Juror: Carolyn O’Barr. Viewing continues through October 17. 858-273-1480. Saturday, October 10, 10am; free. Saint Mark’s United Methodist Church, 3502 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

Baskets and Botany 2009 Celebrate traditions of Southern California Native Americans with performances by local storyteller Abel Silvas, Nyemii Wildcat Singers, Jon Meza Cuero and the Aukas. Basket weaving demonstrations, bird walk, tribal song presentations by Native Kumeyaay people, Sky Hunters raptor education. Food for sale. 858-581-9944. Saturday, October 10, 10am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Bugs and Crime! Forensic entomologist David Faulkner plans slide-illustrated presentation about crime investigation using insects for clues and information. 619-588-3718. Saturday, October 10, 2:30pm; free. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Charger Steve’s Wild Rides and Classic Car Showdown See famous movie cars including General Lee, “a real Bandit” from

Smokey and the Bandit, a time machine from *Back to the Future*, Herbie the Love Bug, a Batmobile, many others. Also on display: monster trucks, funny cars, NASCAR rides, dragsters. Celebrity guest Catherine Back, who played Daisy Duke in *The Dukes of Hazzard*, signs autographs. Entertainment. 619-562-2732. Saturday, October 10, 9am; \$12. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Check-In Time at Haunted Hotel Experience all kinds of scares in this hostelry. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays except October 26 and 27. 619-696-SCARE. Thursdays, 7pm; Fridays, 6pm; Saturdays, 6pm; Sundays, 7pm; Wednesdays, 7pm; through Saturday, October 31, \$14-\$24. 10 and up. Haunted Hotel, 424 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Cherokee Community Cultural Picnic Annual picnic meeting promises State of the Nation speech by Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chad Smith, followed by picnic, arts and crafts demonstrations, games. Bring lawn chairs, food to share. 760-728-1688. Sunday, October 11, 10am; free. De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Coming Out Day — Pride at the Beach Music, food, games, vendors, community group exhibits hosted by LGBT North County community. 760-672-1848. Saturday, October 10, 11am; \$10. Oceanside Pier Plaza Am-

phitheatre, 200 North the Strand. (OCEANSIDE)

Designing a Garden? Professional landscape designer Jude Mendez offers personalized, 45-minute landscape design consultation. Bring photograph of your area, ideas from magazines, project dimensions for practical advice and suggestions for creating a low-water landscape. Required reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Friday, October 9, 5pm; \$60-\$75. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Free Saturday at Lux Art lovers and their families invited to open house with studio tours, refreshments, live music by Zach Ashton. View marble sculpture and paper works by Elizabeth Turk, the most recent resident artist. 760-436-6611. Saturday, October 10, 11am; free. Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

House of Spain Lawn program with ethnic dancing, music, costumes. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. Sunday, October 11, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Sundae Social Multi-congregational event with Dan Sharp of La Jolla Community Church leading the singing, teaching part-singing to “people of all ages, backgrounds, and denominations...to promote Christian unity.” 619-297-4366 x135. Sunday, October 11, 2pm. First United Methodist Church of

San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

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 Jolla Art and Wine Festival Party celebrating La Jolla’s artist colony roots promises juried art exhibit, live music and entertainment, gourmet food vendors, libations from local wineries and breweries, children’s art center. 858-454-1699. Saturday, October 10, 9am; Sunday, October 11, 9am; free-\$7. La Jolla Art and Wine Festival, Girard Avenue at Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

Little Italy Festa Italian American festival promises food, art, retail vendors; two entertainment stages with array of musicians and performers; bocce ball tournament; stickball exhibition game; children’s area. Also planned “Gesso Italian Chalk Painting Contest.” 619-233-3898. Sunday, October 11, 10am; free. (LITTLE ITALY)

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)

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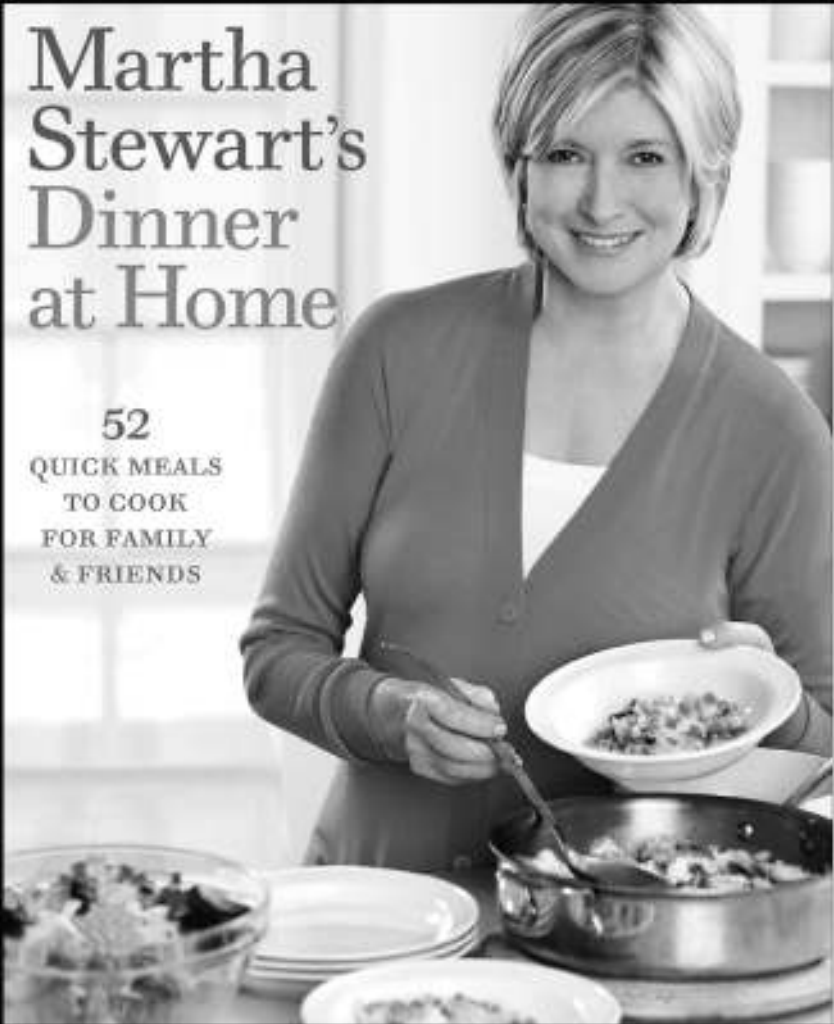
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Papel Picado Time Learn to make these cut-paper banners which have long been a staple of celebrations in Latin America and Mexico. Registration: 619-282-8708. Saturday, October 10, 1pm; \$15. 10 and up. Back from Tomboctou, 3564 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Rev It Up and Go! Fifth Avenue Auto Showcase 2009 promises free viewing "of luxury, high-performance automobiles ranging from the traditional classics to lavish modern vehicles" on Fifth Avenue (between E and Market Streets). While viewing cars along streets of Gaslamp Quarter, enjoy three-course progressive dining experience of house specialties from Gaslamp Quarter restaurants (fee). Dining tickets: 619-233-5008. Sunday, October 11, noon. Gaslamp Quarter. (DOWNTOWN)

Robots in Your Future? Explore resources for all things robotic at Robotic Education Expo, during which Team X Robotics plans "chess throwdown" with human chess club. Presentations, exhibits (from Botball, First Robotics Competitions, iARoC, and Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Competition), SeaBotix, Wintriss

Technical School, Robo X Chess Team, more. In college's student center. 619-517-4288. Saturday, October 10, 9am; free. Cuyamaca College, 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Sacred Craft Consumer Surfboard Expo Expo brings "together all who love surfboards and all things surfboard." Expect "a sea of state-of-the-art surfboards, fins, and gear"; Tribute to the Masters Shape-off, a craftsman competition paying homage to legendary craftsman Dick Brewer in which competing shapers replicate a classic Brewer design; celebrity shaping, seminars by and for shapers, designers. 760-445-9770. Saturday, October 10, 10am; Sunday, October 11, 10am; free-\$5. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Sweet Skulls! Maryann Luera and Ana Ibarra lead class, promising brief Day of the Dead history, symbolism of sugar skulls, and their use in altars. Learn basics of crafting and decorating sugar skulls; each student leaves with completed sugar skull. Required reservations: 619-280-8408. Thursday, October 8, 6pm; Saturday, October 10, 2pm; \$20. Vintage Religion, 3821 32nd Street. (NORTH PARK)

Sweets for the Dead Learn to make sugar skulls and decorate a skull (provided in class) during workshop covering this traditional

Day of the Dead activity. Registration: 619-282-8708. Saturday, October 10, 11am; \$15. 8 and up. Back from Tomboctou, 3564 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Take the Haunted Trail This "all-outdoor haunted attraction," follows mile-long trail through twisted grove of pines and gnarled oaks. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays except October 26 and 27. 619-696-SCARE. Thursdays, 7pm; Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 7pm; Sundays, 7pm; Wednesdays, 7pm; through Saturday, October 31, \$14-\$24. 10 and up. Marston Point, Laurel Street at Sixth Avenue. (BALBOA PARK)

Tam Tam Mandingue! Drumming classes taught by Ali Thomas for beginning- and intermediate-level drummers. Fee: \$40 for 4 classes; \$12 single class. Rental drums available for drop-ins. 619-825-9921. Thursday, October 8, 8pm; \$12-\$40. Well Within Traditional Healing Arts, 555 2nd Street. (ENCINITAS)

Time to Scream! Del Mar "Scaregrounds" hosts annual Scream Zone, boasting "House of Horror" with rooms filled with "terrifying scenes and scares," haunted hayride through haunted barns on racetrack, and "the Chamber," promising "the largest spinning tunnel in San Diego." Call to confirm hours, open dates: 858-755-1161 x2855. Thursdays, 7pm;

Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 7pm; Sundays, 7pm; Mondays, 7pm; Tuesdays, 7pm; Wednesdays, 7pm; through Saturday, October 31, \$14-\$27. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Torch-Worked, Etched, Fused... All manner of items on offer during ninth annual patio show and sale hosted by Art Glass Guild and Art Glass Association of Southern California in studio 25. 619-702-8006. Saturday, October 10, 10am; Sunday, October 11, 10am; free. Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

Train Song Festival San Diego Folk Heritage event promises traditional music inspired by history and culture surrounding railroads. Enjoy performances by Trails and Rails, Baja Blues Boys, Ken Graydon, Tanya Rose, Patty Hall, others. Also planned: kids' railroad costume contest (12:30pm), train stories by Steve Gregory (3:45pm), train-related vendors. 858-668-4576. Saturday, October 10, 10am; free. Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. (POWAY)

Ukes and Hula Ukulele Society of America gathers to play, teach ukulele. People hula as well. 760-729-4131. Thursdays, 6pm; free. Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Velvet Cat Home Tour This year's tour offered by Fallbrook Woman's

Club includes a 900-square-foot tree house built sometime in the 1920s, a Southwestern estate, an "upsidedown house," and a Mediterranean-style home. 760-728-6010. Saturday, October 10, 10am; \$15. Fallbrook Woman's Club, 238 West Mission Road. (FALLBROOK)

What Is Wrong with Congress? Can it be fixed? Consider topic with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, October 8, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

What's the "Hydroponic Wick Method"? Find out when Ag PALS lead workshop to help participants "Build a Sustainable Grow Box." Learn principles of applying hydroponics as a sustainable agriculture and landscape method, then set up grow box with fall veggies, herbs. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, October 10, 9am; \$70-\$90. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Wolf Awareness Week 2009 Celebrate "recovery of the Yellowstone ecosystem" when Emmy Award-winning wildlife cinematographer Bob Landis premieres new footage, speaks about wolf behavior and its impact on Yellowstone National Park. Tickets: \$35 for noon program, \$80 for 4:30pm program. Required reservations: 619-234-WOLF. Saturday,

October 10, noon and 4:30pm; \$35-\$80. California Wolf Center, 18457 Tall Pine Road. (JULIAN)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Angelus Sacred Music Series" Solo organ recital featuring Los Angeles-based artist Andrea Anderson in Founders Chapel, Founders Hall. 619-260-4171. Friday, October 9, 8pm; \$8-\$12. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Invisible Architecture" UCSD pianist Katalin Lukács performs pieces by Sciarrino, Liszt, and UCSD composer Philippe Manoury. 858-534-3229. Thursday, October 8, 8pm; free. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"The French Harpsichord" Blandine Rannou plays selections by Louis, Françoise and Armand-Louis Couperin, Forqueray, and Balbastre on harpsichord for San Diego Early Music Society. 619-291-8246. Friday, October 9, 8pm; \$10-\$22. The Congregational Church of La Jolla, 1216 Cave Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Young Composers" New music from Nathan Singhapok and Jesse Mandapat in Recital Hall, honoring students in composition



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in UCSD's department of music. 858-534-3229. Friday, October 9, 8pm; free. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Classical Music for the Family Soprano Mariko Kanamitsu, pianist Mizue Shapiro, cellist Takashi Kiyozumi perform trios by Handel, Schubert, Bernstein, and Previn; duets for cello and piano by Piazzolla and Chopin; and several pieces for soprano and piano for family music program. 858-522-1668. Wednesday, October 14, 7pm; free. Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Harpichord Concert Harpsichordist Mary Barringer performs for mini-concert series. Bring your lunch! 858-454-5872. Monday, October 12, noon; free. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

Here's to Handel Alison Luedicke (continuo organ) and Victoria Martino (violin) honor the 250th anniversary of death of George Frederic Handel, performing some of Handel's sonatas on a one-of-a-kind, custom-made continuo organ. 858-454-5872. Sunday, October 11, 2pm; \$20-\$25. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

DANCE

"Belly Dance Nights" Belly dance showcase featuring Sabrina, Dilek, Heather, Maha Dansuri. Live drumming by Frank Lazzaro and Cairo Beats. 619-282-0437. Wednesday, October 14, 9pm; \$5. Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Surface Tension" Malashock Dance presents "short pieces that are both physically challenging and emotionally arousing." Program includes *After Dust*, *Apologies from the Lower Deck*, and *Wayward Glances*. 619-544-1000. Saturday, October 10, 8pm; Sunday, October 11, 7pm; \$14-\$28. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

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

Bedouin Bazaar Belly-dancing convention with belly dancing, live music, vendors. Seminars in "Turkish Oriyantal Tanzi," zill combos, Gypsy fusion (\$40). Live music with John Bilezikjian and the Bedouin Bazaar Band. Tickets: \$12 per day, \$20 both days. 619-757-3308. Saturday, October 10, 11am; Sunday, October 11, noon; \$12-\$20. Al Bahr

Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

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

Dance Like No One Is Watching DanceJam hosts "barefoot boogies" every Friday. Contact improvisation classes on second and fourth Friday (8-9pm); improvisational jams with live music and dancers on first and third Fridays. DJs spin dance mixes 9-midnight. Fee: \$10 for class/jam and barefoot boogie; \$5 for barefoot boogie before 9:30pm, \$7 for after 9:30pm. 760-758-8270. Fridays, 8pm. Eveoke Dance Theatre, 2811 University Ave., Suite A. (NORTH PARK)

Fall Studio Showing Take in "A Mexico City Preview" presented by Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theatre, choreographed by Isaacs; danced by principal company dancers Annie Boyer, John Diaz, Bradley Lundberg; and joined by Erica Nordin Ruse from San Francisco. Show will be performed at Teatro de la Danza in Mexico City in mid-October. 619-225-1803. Monday, October 12, 8pm; \$15. Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

Firehouse Swing Matinee Warm up with DJ'ed swing music (3:30-4pm). Beginning swing lesson (4-4:30pm), followed by swing and jazz standards from Beston

Barnett and the Zzymzzy Quartet (4:30-7pm). Swing dance contest with winners awarded tickets to Big Bad Voodoo Daddy show (October 23). 858-395-6060. Sunday, October 11, 3:30pm; \$8-\$10. 21 and up. Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Hustle Dance Party Hustle workshop for intermediate/advanced dancers with Melanie Dawson (\$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, October 10, 7pm; \$5-\$15. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Blvd., Suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

Time to Swing Dance! Firehouse swing school's classes include "Lindy Hop 1b" instruction with Giselle and Nelson focusing on six-count basics; and "Lindy 2" routines with Joel and Emily (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. Dance only: \$8 general, \$5 students. All ages. 858-395-6060. Wednesdays, 7pm; through Wednesday, October 28, \$15-\$50. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Woman's Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

West Coast Swing and Country Dance Party DJ plays West Coast swing, country and western two-step, night club music, and requests for singles, couples. Dance lesson 8pm; open dancing 8:30-10:30pm. First time is free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, October 10, 8pm; \$4-\$7. Pattie Wells' Dance-

time Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

FILM

"Art:21 — Art in the Twenty-First Century" Sneak preview of fifth season of PBS series. See episode 2: "Fantasy" (6:30pm) and episode 3: "Transformation" (8pm). Informal discussion led by Kara Leen following each episode. Required reservations: 760-436-6611. Thursday, October 8, 6:30pm and 8pm; free. Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

13 Most Beautiful "Pop art icon Andy Warhol settled his cool cinematic gaze on a baker's dozen of willing subjects," including Nico, Lou Reed, Edie Sedgwick, Dennis Hopper. Dean and Britta (of Luna) provide live music to accompany these screen tests, shot between 1964 and 1966 at Warhol's Factory. 858-534-TIXS. Friday, October 9, 8pm and 10pm; \$26. The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Buongiorno, Notte (Good Morning, Night) Marco Bellocchio's 2003 film is based on true story of 1978 kidnapping of Aldo Moro by Brigate Rosse (Red Brigades). Film Forum screening in Italian with English subtitles. 619-236-5800. Monday, October 12, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Loose Change 9/11: An American Coup Documentary screening of film "that tears down the official narrative" hosted by 9/11 Truth. Writer, director Dylan Avery answers questions after film. Donation. 619-222-2120. Sunday, October 11, 6:30pm. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Motorcycle Diaries International Film Series continues with story of Ché Guevara, who motorcycled across South America with his friend Alberto Granado in 1951-52; odyssey crystallized Guevara's budding revolutionary beliefs. Screening takes place in room 204; film repeats at 7pm on Ocean-side campus in room 3601. 760-944-4449 x7758. Friday, October 9, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

My Dear Enemy This 2008 South Korean film from Tribeca Film Festival screens for ArtPower! Film series. 858-534-TIXS. Tuesday, October 13, 8pm; \$8. The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

The Color of Freedom Joseph Fiennes and Dennis Haysbert star in this film telling story of a white prison guard who helped incarcerate Nelson Mandela for 27 years. Free popcorn. 858-581-9637. Wednesday, October 14, 7:30pm; free. 17 and up. North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

The Wedding Singer "Dive-in theatre" combines "eclectic film choices," food, drink, light conversation at hotel's poolside lounge and theater (outdoors). Reservations: 619-226-6100. Wednesday, October 14, 8pm; free. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

Why Worry? Silents on Sundays series curated by Kelle Anzalone continues with films from 1923 including *Rythmus 23*. Catch flick in Seuss Room. 858-834-8074. Sunday, October 11, 7pm; free. UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Zuo You (In Love We Trust) This 2007 tale of love, loyalty, and responsibility among China's middle class by Xiaoshuai Wang screens — in Mandarin with English subtitles — for Sunday Matinee series. 619-236-5800. Sunday, October 11, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Celebrate the Spooky See *Coraline* when Carlsbad Library film series continues. Evenings include prefilm (5:30pm) and post-film discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, October 14, 5:30pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

FOOD & DRINK

Oktoberfest Beer and Cheese, Week II Beer and cheese tasting boasts "world-class beers and fine hand-crafted artisan cheeses." Tom Nickel and George Palmer discuss each pairing, offer background on featured beer and cheese. 858-715-1745. Sunday, October 11, 6:30pm;



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Wine and Food Festival Restaurant and winery showcase sponsored by San Diego Coastal Chamber of Commerce and Solana Beach Chamber of Commerce. Tickets: 858-755-4844. Thursday, October 8, 5:30pm; \$50. Hilton Del Mar, 15575 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

FOR KIDS

"An Unscary Story" Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales present *Witches Brew*, a Halloween tale told with hand puppets. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, October 14, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

"Green Skills for Life" Environmentally themed family day prom-

ising range of activities to help children learn skills to help save money, energy, the environment. Exhibitors presenting hands-on activities include Sally Ride Science, San Diego Zoo, San Diego Natural History Museum, Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, Sierra Club, San Diego Junior Theatre, Rerip surfboards. Up to 3 kids under age 12 are free with paid adult admission (\$15). 619-234-8291. Saturday, October 10, 10am. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

"Seeing Spots and Stripes" Take bus tour of zoo, on lookout for zebra stripes, giraffe spots, other animal patterns. Make spots and stripes cookies, hear *Ziggy the Zebra* story. Fee does not include admission to zoo. Required reservations: 619-557-3969. Friday, October 9, 6:30pm; \$12. 3 and up. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

(Lego) Luke, I Am Your Father! Put on your Star Wars costume (if you have one) and enjoy "all things Lego Star Wars." On tap: visits by Star Wars characters, costume contest, activities, food, more, all in celebration of launch of DK's *LEGO Star Wars: The Visual Dictionary*. 858-454-0347. Saturday, October 10, 2pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs You're invited to shows by Gaston's Puppets. 619-544-9203. Thursday, October 8, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, October 9, 10am

and 11:30am; Saturday, October 10, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, October 11, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

All Aboard! Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides. Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. Saturday, October 10, noon; free. Rohr Park, 4548 Sweetwater Road. (BONITA)

Bats: Frightful Faces! Preschoolers (2-5) and parents learn fun facts, take short hike, make craft during Ant-Sized Adventures led by Linda Hawley. 619-582-6261. Thursday, October 8, 10am; Friday, October 9, 10am; Monday, October 12, 10am; Tuesday, October 13, 10am; Wednesday, October 14, 10am; free-\$5. 2 and up. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Dreams Do Come True! Disney on Ice presents "Princess Classics," combining "exceptional moments" from Disney's *Cinderella*, *Aladdin*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Mulan*, and *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. Tale of triumph against evil is told through eyes of seven princesses. 619-220-TIXS. Thursday, October 8, 7:30pm; Friday, October 9, 11am and 7:30pm; Saturday, October 10, 11am, 3:30pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, October 11, 1:30pm and 5:30pm; \$17-\$53. San Diego Sports Arena,

3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

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, October 8, 11am. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Make and Fly Foam and Balsa Gliders During family science day. Sessions last 45 minutes, included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. Saturday, October 10, 2:30pm; free-\$15. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

Story Time with Marie Story program in French. Children must be accompanied by parent. Donation. 858-550-0144. Wednesday, October 14, 10:30am. Alliance Française de San Diego, 6640 Lusk Boulevard Suite 104. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Teen Art Café Teen artists invited to meet other teen artists, take part in art-making activities in conjunction with "Calder Jewelry" exhibition. 619-232-7931. Monday, October 12, 6pm; free. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Tots and Tales Interactive story time for preschoolers with crafts and animals. Reservations: 619-243-3432. Tuesday, October 13,

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10:30am; \$3. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

GALLERIES

"Agitprop: Brain Trust" Closing 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, October 10, 6pm; free. Art Produce Gallery, 3139 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

"Art of Nature" Reception for exhibit by 22 PhotoArts Group members. Through Friday, November 6. 760-480-4101. Saturday, October 10, 5:30pm; free. Inner-Space Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

"Image-in Project, Bali" Reception, auction for photographic images taken by underprivileged children in Southeast Asia. "Image-in Project travels to underdeveloped regions with gathered resources, including donated digital cameras, to provide orphaned and/or abandoned children with the opportunity to experience the artistic and creative art of photography." 760-230-2680 or 817-235-2404. Saturday, October 10, 7pm; free. Andrews Gallery, 1002 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (LEUCADIA)

"Legend" Opening reception for exhibition of work by Anjela Piccard, who "slathers paint deep into the canvas, as thick and delicious as a dulce de leche coating." Wow! Artists reception follows on October 10. Through October. 619-297-

9663. Thursday, October 8, 7pm; Saturday, October 10, 7pm; free. Planet Rooth Gallery, 3811 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Nature's Bounty" Reception for Maryellene Deason and Carole Mathios, whose exhibition of paintings in oil, acrylic, mixed media is on display through Thursday, October 15, in Gallery 23. 619-232-3522. Saturday, October 10, 1pm; free. Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

"Striptease" Opening reception for exhibition with work by seven artists "focusing on the beautiful female through a variety of interpretations of the burlesque/pinup theme." Guests encouraged dress in burlesque style; prize for best dressed! Closes Saturday, December 5. 760-781-5779. Saturday, October 10, 6pm. Distinction Gallery, 317 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

"Super Fun" Opening reception for exhibit of work by artist Tony Larson. 858-792-9685. Saturday, October 10, 6pm; free. Project X: Art, 320 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Pre-Katrina Paintings Opening reception for artist Judith Jarcho, displaying paintings from her New Orleans series created before Hurricane Katrina hit. Through Saturday, November 28. 619-462-5760. Friday, October 9, 6pm; free. Gallery La Mesa, 8808 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

IN PERSON

"A Night of Comedy and Wine" Comedy show with headliner Tom Segura, feature act Eddie Pence, host Mal Hall benefiting Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. 619-892-0637. Thursday, October 8, 7pm; \$20. 21 and up. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Global Spirit" Oceanside Music Festival hosts liturgical and world folk music performed by Saint John of Damascus Orthodox Church Choir, North Coast Youth

Singers Chorus, Eastern European folklore music by Zhena Folk Chorus. Offering. 760-433-3632. Sunday, October 11, 2pm. Saint Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, 609 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

"Rhythm and Jazz" Oceanside Music Festival continues with concert by the Blues Pharaohs, Frequency Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and Will Summer. Family pass: \$25. 760-433-3632. Friday, October 9, 7pm; \$10-\$15. Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

"Scared Sh*tless" "So Say We All" convenes for "multimedia extravaganza about surprising, hilarious, heartbreaking, and pants-soiling stories about sheer unmitigated terror!" How can you resist? 801-330-4491. Monday, October 12, 9pm; free. Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Back in Charge! Clinical psychologist, author Dr. Adrienne Ahern discusses and signs her new *Guide to Harnessing the Magic of Your Brain to Create the Life You'll Love*. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, October 14, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Farber on Film Artist Manny Farber was considered by many to have reinvented film criticism with his unusual, pointed prose; while pursuing art full-time, he worked as a film critic from 1940 until late 1970s. Scholar, editor Robert Polito and Farber's wife and collaborator Patricia Patterson discuss *The Complete Film Writings of Manny Farber*. 858-456-1800. Friday, October 9, 7pm; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Ninth Daughter Historical mystery author Barbara Hamilton signs, discusses her new book. 858-268-4747. Sunday, October 11, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Boo the Villain, Cheer the Hero! Time for Julian Triangle Club's annual old-time melodrama and olio, a comedy loosely based

upon Julian history entitled *Flume of Doom, or One Slip Was to Be Her Downfall*. Between acts, enjoy an "olio" (variety show) featuring local talent with guitar and dulcimer players, singers, junior cancan dancers, and (in)famous Julian Floozies. 760-765-1857. Fridays, 7:15pm; Saturdays, 1:15pm and 7:15pm; Sundays, 1:15pm; through Sunday, October 25, free-\$10. Julian Town Hall, 2129 Main Street. (JULIAN)

Celebrity Sonnets Educators, dancers, musicians, actors, authors "bring Shakespeare's sonnets to life" for San Diego Shakespeare Society and you. 619-675-2007. Monday, October 12, 7:30pm; \$10-\$20. The Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Cropper Writers Series Bharati Mukherjee, author of *The Middleman and Other Stories*, winner of 1988 National Book Critics Circle Award, reads from her work for series. Mukherjee is distinguished professor of English at UC Berkeley, and National Endowment for the Arts Award recipient. 619-260-4783. Friday, October 9, 7pm; free. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Hinges Improv Comedy Show Enjoy "Prime Time" show, an homage to fall television shows, "and whatever crazy silliness you bring in your suggestions." Troupe performs series of sketches based upon audience suggestions. Los Angeles entertainers Steve Greene and Jason Horton perform. DJ spins tunes at after party (10pm-midnight). 619-414-7723. Saturday, October 10, 8pm; \$8-\$10. 21 and up. Queen Bee's Art and Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

Horror, Thrills, Suspense! Authors Sarah Langan (*Audrey's Door*), Rhodi Hawk (*The Twisted Ladder*), and Alexandra Sokoloff (*The Unseen*) discuss and sign their books. 858-268-4747. Saturday, October 10, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Laugh It Up "Aaaah...Sh!t Comedy Show" hosted by T'Shaun Barrett, presented by Real West Entertainment every other Wednesday. Free admission for those on guest list (RealWestEntguestlist@yahoo.com). 760-433-8850. Wednesday, October 14, 9pm; \$10. 21 and up. Beachside Grill, 215 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (OCEANSIDE)

Liquid Bells Tibetan Bowl Concert "Damien Rice has completely devoted his life to working with sound vibration as a revealing and healing source of spiritual experience." Vibrations from the 20 Tibetan bowls "take you into a place of deep relaxation and meditation." 619-640-4438. Saturday, October 10, 8pm; \$15. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Russia's Greatest Living Poet! Poet, literary legend Yevgeny Yevtushenko — who has written novels, memoirs, made movies — will discuss his work (in English) and read his poems (in the original Russian). Professor Martha Andresen will read translations of the poems in English. Books available for purchase, signing. 760-602-2012. Thursday, October 8, 7pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Sound Meditation Concert Sarasvati's Dream, Tibetan bowl, and Chiron gong concert by Diane Mandle, who "weaves harmonics of sacred sound." 619 338-9642. Saturday, October 10, 6pm; \$20-\$25. 12 and up. Ginseng Yoga, 2985 Beech Street. (SOUTH PARK)

The Gelato Poetry Series Una Nichols Hynum reads her poetry followed by open-mike perform-

ances. 760-434-1240. Friday, October 9, 7pm; free. Korky's Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

Treasure for Pet Lovers Inspired by his new books — *A Treasury for Dog Lovers* and *A Treasury for Cat Lovers* — Richard Lederer will share wit and wisdom about our most popular pet companions. Books available for purchase, signing. 760-602-2012. Tuesday, October 13, 7pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Why Are Emotions Contagious? UCSD political science professor James H. Fowler divulges the answer to this question, and discusses and signs his new book, *Connected: The Surprising Power of Our Social Networks and How They Shape Our Lives*. 858-454-0347. Thursday, October 8, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

"Climate Conversations" Examine "Climate Change and Prediction" during talk hosted by João Teixeira of Jet Propulsion Laboratory, who highlights major climate changes currently taking place in Earth's climate. Utilization of climate models to predict the future of climate explained in detail. Series moderated by Naomi Oreskes of UCSD. 619-238-1233. Wednesday, October 14, 5:30pm; free. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Development: Creating Sustainable Justice" "Is Health a Human Right?" Panelists from USD Hahn School of Nursing and Health Sciences address experiences from international missions on October 8 (4-5:30), at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice. Keynote speaker is global health advocate Paul Farmer, October 8 (7pm). Lecture is sold out, but overflow seating will be offered at Joan



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"Everyone Is an Athlete" Fitness trainer Paul Chek discusses obstacles "that need and can easily be overcome in training and conditioning any type of person." Paraplegic athlete Briana Walker explains her desire to "Dance Anyway"; she is training with C.H.E.K. Institute to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in January 2010. Donation: \$25, benefiting Fit 4 Kili Climb Project. 800-552-8789. Friday, October 9, 8pm. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2808 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

"How to Get Thousands of Dollars of Free Money for College" Workshop divulging information "regardless of your income level or how good a student you have been." Pizza provided. 760-438-9095. Thursday, October 8, 7:15pm; free. Round Table Pizza, 1161 East Washington Street. (ESCONDIDO)

"Latina Success Conference — Mujeres Con Exito 2009" MANA de San Diego hosts workshops on topics including housing, finance, jobs, leadership, health. Registration: 619-297-0115. Wednesday, October 14, 7:30am; \$30. 17 and up. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Memory, Longing, Desire" UCSD visual art professor Ernest Silva talks about his painting and sculpture for Bronowski Art and Science Forum, offering "a format for intellectual discourse on the commonalities of art and of science." 858-442-3030. Thursday, October 8, 7pm; free. Burnham Institute for Medical Research, 10905 Road to the Cure. (LA JOLLA)

"New Discoveries in Deep-Sea Animal Diversity" Scripps biological oceanographer Greg Rouse unveils latest findings on some of the ocean's most intriguing and least-studied creatures for "Perspectives on Ocean Science Lecture Series." Learn about sophisticated tools oceanographers use to understand evolution of life in ocean. Reservations: 858-534-5771. Monday, October 12, 6:30pm; \$5-\$8. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

"Now Is the Time to Plant!" Designer Jan Tubiolo shares secrets of proper planting techniques and teaches why now is the time to plant water-smart gardens. 619-660-0614 x10. Wednesday, October 14, 6pm; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Petition and Protest in Authoritarian Egypt" Over past 15 years, Egyptian citizens have been increasingly resorting to courts, street protests to demand citizenship rights. What explains rise of street protest, legal mobilization in contemporary Egypt? Mona El-Ghobashy, assistant professor in department of political science at Barnard College, focuses on this question in Eleanor Roosevelt Col-

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lege (ERC) Administration Building room 115. Registration: 858-822-5297. Thursday, October 8, 4pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Photography, Post-Witnessing, and the Holocaust" CSU San Marcos faculty member, Holocaust scholar Andrea Liss examines topics from her recently published book, *Trespassing Through Shadows*, shedding light on "process by which we remember the Holocaust and the critical role that photographs play in stirring and shaping our memory." 760-435-3720. Thursday, October 8, 6:30pm; free-\$5. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

"Seeds of Success" Brian Endress focuses on "Securing San Diego's Incredible Plant Diversity" during talk for San Diego Horticultural Society. Endress is from San Diego Zoo's Institute for Conservation Research. Plant forum follows. 760-295-7089. Monday, October 12, 6pm; free-\$5. Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

"Solar/Sustainable Energy Plans and Rebates for Chula Vista Residents" City of Chula Vista's Department of Conservation and Environmental Services

director Michael Meacham and others discuss options available for Chula Vista residents and the city's recent and upcoming efforts, during Northwest Civic Association's monthly town hall meeting. 619-307-3460. Monday, October 12, 6pm; free. Jimmy's by the Park Restaurant, 333 Third Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

"Space Race Triumphs and Tragedies" Francis French, director of education at San Diego Air and Space Museum, commemorates 40th anniversary year of first moon landings with details of human achievements by both USA and Soviet Union. Talk for LIFE learning group in room 1068 starts at 1pm. Celebrate "Leif Erikson Day at LIFE" when Roy W. Tobin discusses first recorded Nordic explorer to have visited New World, technical aspects of open-ocean voyaging of Viking Age (2:30pm). 760-721-8124. Friday, October 9, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"The Karmic Code" Professional astrologer Dennis Harness explains "Exploring Our Spiritual DNA through Vedic Astrology" for San Diego Astrological Society. 619-307-1636. Friday, October 9, 7:30pm; \$6-\$12. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"The Magic of Turning Underwear Into Outerwear" San Diego Creative Stitchery Guild gathers for lecture and trunk show by Bonnie Cady, who will demon-

strate "how to take your undies and make them beautiful underwear." 619-993-0599. Monday, October 12, 6:30pm; free. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

"The New CD Entertainment Summit" Event to "educate artists, labels, producers, songwriters, and other members in the entertainment industry," with many panel discussions planned. 619-567-3413. Saturday, October 10, 8am; Sunday, October 11, 9am; \$75. Hilton Del Mar, 15575 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

"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." Registration: 858-454-5872. Tuesdays, 7:30pm; through Tuesday, October 13, \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

What's New at Ancestry. com? Randy Seaver examines this "popular subscription genealogy website which is available free at many public libraries" for Computer Genealogy Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Non-members welcome. 760-967-8635. Tuesday, October 13, 10am; free. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

AIDS/HIV Education Medical library faculty from Pacific College of Oriental Medicine lead instruc-

tional workshop to teach patrons skills to access information about HIV/AIDS online. Learn to use widely available and authoritative online resources to answer questions about HIV/AIDS, gain information about clinical trials, current treatment and guidelines, alternative therapies, FDA-approved and investigational drugs, other news. 619-527-3405. Wednesday, October 14, 6pm; free. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

Art Biz! Professional Artist Lecture Series continues when Laurie Ramsey of SCORE San Diego presents "Learn What It Takes to Start Your Art Business." 619-236-0011. Wednesday, October 14, 6pm; \$5-\$10. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Banish Stress of the Collegiate Variety! College Assistance Plus offers workshop entitled "How to Take the Stress Out of Planning and Paying for College" for parents of college-bound students. RSVP: 858-395-6125. Saturday, October 10, 10:30am; free. Encinitas Community and Senior Center, 1140 Oak Crest Park Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Early San Diego Conference Take in panel discussions on Spanish and Mexican history of San Diego by descendants of Old Town's pioneers, local historians. Entertainment, exhibits. 619-709-2062. Saturday, October 10, 8:30am; free. Old San Diego Cultural/His-

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You Are Getting Healthy! Barbara Cox plants "seeds in your subconscious mind that will grow joy, optimism, health, and wellness" during "Self-Hypnosis for Optimal Health." Donation. 619-298-9978 x8014. Tuesday, October 13, 6:30pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

Fishing Fun Catch and release bass fish up to seven pounds. Fishing for all ages. 619-442-9891. Fridays, 5pm; Saturdays, 5pm; Sundays, 5pm; through Saturday, October 31, \$10. Cottonwood Golf Club Bar & Restaurant, 3121 Willow Glen Drive. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

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Jim Beam Surftag Eight to 16 surf teams compete in tag-team tournament format to determine which club has best team of surfers. Free for spectators. 424-653-1900. Saturday, October 10, 7am; free. Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Oktoberfest Ride Join Knickerbikers bicyclists for 25-mile ride out to El Monte Park and then to the German American Club's seasonal festivities (bring money). 619-562-7677. Sunday, October 11, 9:30am. Santee Trolley Square Town Center, 9884 Mission Gorge Road. (SANTEE)

Pedal a Metric Century Little Italy Festa Metric Century promises wave starts from 7-8am, with 25-, 48-, and 60-mile route options towards Otay Lakes. Saturday, October 10, 7am; \$95. County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway. (DOWNTOWN)

Poker Ride and Stride Twin Oaks Valley Equestrian Association hosts annual fundraiser open to walkers and horseback riders. Horseback riders check in at 8am, walkers check in at 9:30am. Fees for non-poker participant: \$35; regular poker participant: \$100; high-stakes poker participant: \$500. Pony rides, petting zoo, line dancing, music by the Wild Oats.

Registration: 760-744-9128. Sunday, October 11, 8am; \$35-\$500. Walnut Grove Park, Olive Street at Sycamore Drive. (SAN MARCOS)

San Marcos Blast Take an "easy" 65-mile bicycle adventure with Bicycle Touring Society riders. 619-255-5360. Sunday, October 11, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Showpark Fall Festival Horse Show 858-481-9085. Thursday, October 8, 8am; Friday, October 9, 8am; Saturday, October 10, 8am; Sunday, October 11, 8am; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Walk on the Wild Side Funds raised during this 2.5-mile walk benefit zoo's polar bear conservation efforts. Route inside zoo passes flamingos, big cats, elephants, polar bears. After event, animal encounters presented by SD Zoo's conservation ambassador Joan Embery, keeper talks, live entertainment, vendor booths. Walkers receive free zoo admission for that day. 619-231-1515. Saturday, October 10, 7:30am; \$20-\$30. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

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MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center Ninth annual “Community Art Show” presented by Chula Vista Art Guild was juried by local artist Jeff Yeomans. See work by local and regional artists through Friday, November 13.

Museum features exhibits of local history and fine arts, striving “to preserve and celebrate the spirit of Bonita in its two spacious galleries.” Stories of Bonita’s 100 year history are told with artifacts, photographs. Displays include Native American culture, lemon orchard period, events of the flood of 1916, and transformation of family life by technology. 4355 Bonita Rd., 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum “Quint: Three Decades of Contemporary Art,” a survey of artists represented by Quint Contemporary Art, explores “how the vision of one local gallery has contributed to the commonwealth” and documents “changes seen in the artistic community of San Diego, in the art world, and for each individual

artist as they have found their notoriety and artistic voice.” Exhibition features paintings, sculptures, installations, drawings and prints by artists such as Jean Lowe, Sol Lewitt, Mel Bochner, Kim MacConnel, Julian Opie, Ryan McGinness, Manny Farber, and Patricia Patterson. Through Thursday, December 31. 340 North Escondido Blvd., 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum “The Many Faces of Cantonese Family Locks” features “a collection of exquisite Chinese locks” from the Qing Dynasty (1638-1911 CE). “From Chinese

character combination locks to animal-shaped padlocks, these antique brass pieces are works of art in themselves.”

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

Chula Vista Heritage Museum “The Way We Learned: Education in the South Bay” illustrates history of buildings, campuses, and people attending school through photographs, artifacts, school annuals, student memorabilia.

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

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

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

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

Embarcadero Urban Trees 5 Public art exhibit of 30 “urban trees” along North Embarcadero on Harbor Drive (between cruise ship terminal and Hawthorn Street). Artists were supplied with a 12-foot-tall pole placed in a concrete planter to serve as tree’s base; artists alter the pole by attaching materials to create their sculptures. 619-686-6200. Along Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

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

Kellogg Library at CSU San Marcos “Earth from Space” features 20 satellite images from the Smithsonian Institute. Pieces offer “rare views of events such as dust storms, wildfires, volcanic eruptions, and hurricanes...accompanied by text explaining satellite imagery and remote-sensing technology.” Closes Saturday, December 19. 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Rd., 760-750-4378. (SAN MARCOS)

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

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum Housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts,

uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. Witherby Street and Hancock St., 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

Mingei International Museum North County “Rite and Ritual: Ceremonial Art Across the Cultures” focuses on beauty of objects used for special familial, tribal, community events in traditional cultures such as birth, childhood, initiation, marriage, death, and festivals and in various religious expressions among the world’s peoples. Closes Saturday, October 16, 2010. 155 West Grand Ave., 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown Closed for installation. Reopens Sunday, October 25. 1100 and 1001 Kettner Blvd., 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Photographic Arts “Picturing the Process: The Photograph as Witness” explores the variety of ways photographers and photographs document people, places, events throughout history. Exhibit from museum’s permanent collection closes Saturday, February 6.

The interface between nature and urban technological culture is explored in “Jo Whaley: Theater of Insects.” Over the last 25 years,

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Whaley's photographs have ranged from allegorical nudes to a revision of the "vanitas" still-life tradition to fusion of natural history and environmental issues. Pieces juxtapose organic and man-made elements to reflect issue of environmental degradation in an imaginative manner. Through Tuesday, October 13.

"Through the Lens: Selections from MoPA's Education Programs" may be seen through Sunday, January 24, showcasing works created by students who have participated in museum programs.

"Beloved Daughters: Photographs by Fazal Sheikh," opening Saturday, October 10, includes over 100 photographs focusing on women in India. "Moksha" explores lives of dispossessed widows cast out by their families, denying them legal, economic, human rights. "Ladli" examines perils faced by girls and young women in modern India. Closes Saturday, January 30. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of San Diego History "100 Years of Art," continuing through March, showcases a century of artwork by San Diego artists. "Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally

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

New Americans Museum in NTC Promenade 2825 Dewey Road Suite 102, 619-255-8908. (POINT LOMA)

New Children's Museum "Animal Art," opening October 11, explores the powerful relationship between humans and animals. How do you communicate and interact with animals? What do you do each day to help save the environment? If you were an animal, what would you be? 200 West Island Ave. 619-233-8792. (DOWNTOWN)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove "Messages from the World: The Story of the Lemon Grove Post Office" follows evolution of local post office from horse and buggy days through modern times. Also on view: a recreation of the Sonka Brother's General Store, "The Children's Room," "The Parents' Room," "The Sewing Room," offering installations evoking life in the parsonage from 1900-1940. 3185 Olive St., 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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

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

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft, including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-

Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of *Spirit of St. Louis*, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane; 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

San Diego Maritime Museum "San Diego's Navy," based upon book by same name written by Bruce Linder, is said to be "the only comprehensive exhibit depicting the extraordinary contribution the Navy has made to the history of the San Diego region."

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

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

San Diego Museum of Man "Skull Stories: The Art of Ancient Surgery" marks "the first time the museum will use an entire collection of its own artifacts for an exhibit display." Trephining, or removing a piece of bone from the skull, is oldest surgical procedure known from antiquity; skulls exhibiting different degrees of healing after trephination will be displayed, as well as skulls that have been trephined using different techniques. Trephination tools, instruments such as obsidian blades, tumis, chisels also displayed.

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

Nicario Jimenez Quispe. Closes Sunday, January 24.

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

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

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

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

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

Timken Museum of Art Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-century American paintings, and Russian icons. *Saint Bartholomew*, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 1500 El Prado, 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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empty niche," says Groset, "but the first hurdles were technical, like shielding the speakers from interference noise that most speakers make when they get near a cell phone." Based in Carlsbad, Groset and company vice president

ing it to people." The 15-watt speakers also work with portable DVD players, Walkmans, and other devices, but Livespeakr (\$79.99 retail) was specifically designed for Apple products such as the iPhone, iPhone 3G, iPhone 3GS, iPod Touch, iPod Touch 2G, and iPod Classic. "We met with Apple up in Cupertino," says DeFay, "but we chose not to do the [license] certification for this product. So, we can't put that it's made for iPod or say it's an Apple-licensed product or put certifications on our boxes, so that hurts us in a way.... Licensing didn't make sense financially, and we wanted to be first to market with a portable speaker system that worked with the iPhone."

"If we had gone with the Apple licensing, it would have taken another year. But we have some other products in development that we hope to work with them on."

Investor DeFay spent several years as a professional poker player, and betting on Livespeakr seems to have paid off. Even without Apple's seal of approval, the duo's company was already one of five nominees in *Wired* magazine's Small Business Program, and Groset has been inducted into the Young Inventor's International Hall of Fame.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Finger-Pickin' Good Local acoustic picker Jim Earp went to the annual Walnut Valley Music Festival in Winfield, Kansas, this year



EARP'S FOURTH-PLACE PLAQUE IS MICROWAVEABLE

and came home with honors. Earp says he tied for fourth place in the International Finger Style Guitar Championship out of a field of 40 competitors from around the globe. Did he win a prize? No, he says. "First-, second-, and third-place winners take home guitars and trophies. I got a nice little plaque that doubles as a microwave hot plate. In fourth place you're an also-ran," he says, "but it's nice."

Earp says that he finds the atmosphere at Winfield (that's what the locals call the festival, now in its 38th year) more collegial than the scene here on his home turf.

"When I made the finals

this year, the second-place winner from last year greeted me and introduced himself and gave me his business card and was all smiles and very

friendly. In contrast, when I do an acoustic showcase in San Diego and there are singer-songwriters onboard, I can usually muster up friendly conversation before the show. But, I am hard-pressed to see those same formerly talkative folks saying so much as a word to me after the show. I chalk it up to the general strong competitiveness that's intrinsic to singer-songwriters and the fact that there isn't always a lot of friendliness from singer-songwriters toward acoustic artists who approach things differently than they do."

What song did Earp play that caught the judges' ears at Winfield? "I performed a

hymn, an arrangement of 'Jesus Loves Me' from my third collection of hymns. I turned it into a Celtic dance piece. I've made the finals twice with that song."

And as for the local attitude? "Suffice it to say, I prefer setting up my own local acoustic-music showcases these days," Earp says. "I just make sure the local songwriters I bring in — most of which are below the local-scene radar — are pretty secure in what they do and don't carry around a lot of the aforementioned baggage."

Earp will host Rebecca's Presents: Acoustic Friends Showcase with Chris Del Priore, Brian Akers, Christiane Lucas, and Jared Lawrence on October 24 at Rebecca's Coffee House in South Park.

— Dave Good

Anthology Hits the Airwaves Starting on October 9, Little Italy venue Anthology will join forces with KPRI (102.1 FM) to broadcast a live, two-hour music show, *Homegrown Fridays Live*.

Airing from 10 p.m. to midnight, additional concerts will take place on October 23, 30 and November 6 and 27. Then, starting in January 2010, the program will become a weekly affair. The first program is set to feature Endoxi, Nova, and Tori Roze.

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iPhones and iPods. The tiny speakers are built onto a protective cradle that holds the device and flips to both portrait (upright) and landscape

Robin DeFay (both aged 25) grew up as friends in San Marcos. "For Livespeakr," says Groset, "we had no background in manufactur-



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Though Anthology books a variety of music, it is known primarily as a jazz club. Michael Pritchard, the venue's director of music operations, sees this program as a way to alter that perception. "It's a way to expand our audience base," he said. "But, it's also a way to showcase what we have to offer here, musically, in San Diego."

Pritchard notes that Anthology and KPRI have co-promoted concerts in the past. "We've been associated with them for various events since we opened two years ago. Basically, we really wanted to partner more with them and do something special on a regular basis. In fact, we ini-

with Cathryn Beeks, host of KPRI's Saturday-night *Homegrown Hour*, to book performers. As for the type of music to expect, "We're looking for bands that fit into the KPRI AAA [adult album alternative] format; though, down the line we may expand that," Pritchard says. "The first few dates will feature three bands, and then in January, we'll go to two groups per show."

According to Beeks, the program is open to all genres, but a performer's draw is a consideration. "There are a lot of artists that want to play on-air, and it's not that they're not great live, but for this, I'm really trying to get the higher-drawing bands so we can keep the thing going."

While the show will be a live concert broadcast, there will be commercial breaks.



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tially talked about this idea a year and a half ago, but the timing wasn't right."

Pritchard will be working

Although the club will use a backline to facilitate quick artist changeovers, Pritchard considers the downtime



between bands to be essential. "During that time, we'll be doing interviews and background stories on the performers," he says.

According to Pritchard, setting up the venue for a radio broadcast wasn't difficult. "Anthology is [a] state-of-the-art [venue] and was constructed with this sort of thing in mind. All we had to do was add one piece of equipment, and we were good to go."

— Bart Mendoza

Norton's Infinite Adventure "I moved to Paris to pursue my own music as a composer," says San Diego singer-guitarist Nick Norton (a Park Tradition, Honest Iago), who last year was awarded a scholarship by the European American Musical Alliance to study composition at the Ecole Normale de Musique

in France. "I got to experience adventures like having to sleep outside a train station, in pouring rain, in a little town in northern France, where Radiohead and Sigur Rós had played, until after the last train back to Paris, where my apartment was."

Improved public transport and budget accommodations were among the perks behind his relocation to London. "The modern classical music scene here is unbelievable. Concerts of music by Messiaen, Xenakis, and many lesser-known composers of the 20th Century and today are extremely well attended. There's an attitude that truly progressive music is a worthwhile thing to spend time on. People [in London] tend to

take 'art music' — though I hate that term — to be more important than we do at home.



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"Part of that is the price of tickets. Seeing the L.A. Philharmonic starts at \$50, while the London Symphony Orchestra has concerts for five bucks. That's why I moved here."

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aside, Norton reports, "The British music industry doesn't seem all that different from America, but the average Brit seems to have less knowledge of underground bands. I think my view might be a bit skewed being in London, where commercialism seems to have run rampant, but the best local scenes here are in the small towns."

Norton is returning soon to San Diego, having made the most of his low-budget overseas adventures. "I once flew to Iceland, on a whim, right after their economy crashed, because I knew that would be the only time I could afford it. I ended up riding a horse through a lava field. That was pretty surreal."

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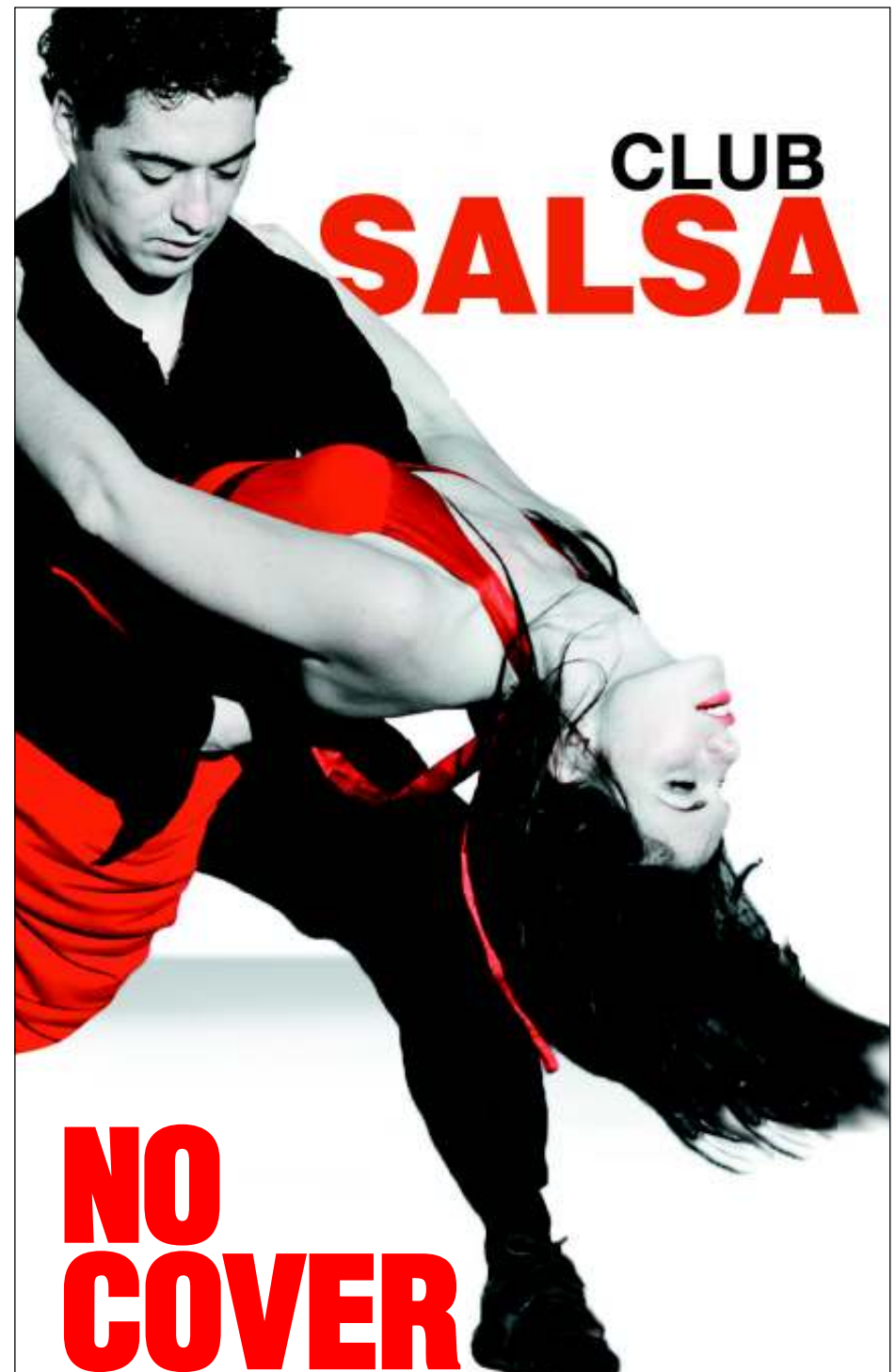
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KID CONGO AT BAR PINK

journeyman guitarist Brian Tristan, former Cramp, former Gun Club, former Bad Seed. Taste the Space takes off his latest In the Red voodoo rocker *Dracula Boots*. Greasy, grimy gopher guts, yo. Garage-stomp numerologists **Drug Wars** will set the stage for this gig

to get to.... Texas trio **Reverend Horton Heat** preaches to the rock-roll choir at House of Blues. The psychobilly saint is out to tout his latest Yep Roc'r, *Laughin' and Cryin' with the Reverend Horton Heat*. Atlanta barroom band **Nashville Pussy** opens the show.... Another Atlanta band, the **Bastard Suns**, a quintet of the ska-punk varietal, will dial in at Radio Room.... And Sonoma, CA's nu-reggae big band **Groundation** jazzes up dem riddims at Belly Up. **DJ Emmanuel** will spin round sets there.

Friday 9

Former Luna leaders **Dean & Britta** have returned to Earth with a whole new electro-folk arrangement: just two. And they do a lot of covers. Wareham fans know it's all lush and lilting and thoroughly engaging. And Britta Phillips...OMG! Anyway, anyone interested in the Boston/NYC art-rock scene surrounding Galaxie 500 and Luna should check out Wareham's title *Black Postcards*. Really good

DEAN & BRITTA AT THE LOFT

read. They play the Loft at UCSD Friday night. You should go.... More of the lush stuff at Bar Pink, as Tucson chanteuse **Marianne Dissard** plays the Francophile fare off debut *L'entredeux*, a Calexico-curated collection.... For those thinking meaty, beaty, big, and bouncy, Austinites **...And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead** roll their latest, *The Century of Self*, through Casbah behind the **Future of the Left**.... Soda Bar fills a pop-rock bill with the **Hot Toddlies**, the **Modlins**, and **Foxes**.... And local hit Eddie Vedder returns with his band **Pearl Jam**, which slams on SDSU's Viejas Arena. **Ben Harper** opens, and there's a Target nearby if you want to pick up either of their new discs.



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Saturday 10

"Twelve songs, 12 months, 1 goal," reads the **Mae** website. The Virginia alt-rock trio is releasing a song a month, each a buck, and all proceeds go to "humanitarian aid." They'll visit Soma Saturday night with **Locksley**, **Deas Vail**, and **Good Morning Milo**.... Dead revivalists **Dark Star Orchestra** hit Mission Beach's Wave House Saturday night. Doors at 8p.... The **Rumble: San Diego** hits Casbah with **Fitz & the Tantrums**, **Lady Dottie & the Diamonds**, and the **Blakes**. Smart money's on Lady D. More at myspace.com/therumblefs.

Sunday 11

"Punk as F**k" Andrew Kenny of indie-tastic Texans American Analog Set has a new joint called **Wooden Birds**. Their Barsuk debut is called *Magnolia*, and it's got that AmAnSet vibe, which is a good-to-great thing. The Birds land at Bar Pink with Portland rap-rock trio the **Quick and Easy Boys**.... Seattle math punks **These Arms Are Snakes** slither into Casbah with like-minded locals **Fever**

Sleeves. You know what you get when you put snake arms into fever sleeves, kids? **Spam Hands**, a super-awesome speed-metal uke band from Kenosha. That would be awesome, but they're not on the bill. You actually get Canadian collective **dd/mm/yyyy**, and they're pretty awesome too.... Long Island indie act **As Tall as Lions** has a *Billboard* hit with their

latest arena-pop record *You Can't Take It with You*. The Lions'll den at House of Blues with tour mates **Mutemath**.... And Soma stages Florida pop-punks a **Day to Remember** with Aussie act **Parkway Drive**.

Monday 12

Melodic minimalists **Christmas Island** will drop their In the Red debut disc *Blackout Summer* at Casbah's Anti-Monday meet-up this week. Check the indie kids' sunny punk sounds at myspace.com/xmasisland. The **Intelligence** and **Wounded Lion** are also on the bill.... Outlaw poet **Steve Earle** will play a solo show at Belly Up. The Grammy winner's last studio gig was playing on and producing Joan Baez's comebacker *Day After Tomorrow*, a real cool covers collection for folk-rock fans.... Monday-night mentionables: Electronicat **Moby** hits House of Blues...and NYC band **Bowery Boy Blue** joins **Hey! Ho! Let's Go!** at Ruby Room.

Tuesday 13

British trip-hopper Mike Skinner brings the **Streets** to Belly Up Tuesday night. The artist has had a bit of a critical and commercial slide since his '04 hit *A Grand Don't Come for Free*, and word



THE STREETS AT BELLY UP



THE JESUS LIZARD AT CASBAH

is he's got something "ravey" in the works. Oh, Mike. **Nosaj Thing** and **Hey Champ** will set the Solana Beach stage.... Death-metal doods the **Black Dahlia Murder** bury Soma Tuesday night hot on the heels of their new Metal Blade record *Deflorate*. It means deflower.... And **Nomeansno**. The Canadian math-core crew joins fellow Canuck garage-punks **Pack A.D.** and like-minded locals **Long and Short of It** at Casbah.

Wednesday 14

Still tix at this typing for the **Jesus Lizard** at Casbah. Un-freaking-believable, San Diego. Last Tuesday Touch & Go released a remastered *Down*. With bonus tracks. Why don't you go wrap your mitts around that piece of art-punk perfection, clear Wednesday night, and get on the stick for a ticket? Jesus Lizard. Casbah. Nothing else matters. Oh, except that the ripping **Model/Actress** opens the show, and they are also Club Crawler-tested, Club Crawler-approved.

— Barnaby Monk

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The band self-released their debut single “Dancefloor” earlier this year, and they’re currently working on an EP. They appear with Irradio on Saturday, October 24, at the Tin Can Ale House in Banker’s Hill.

WHAT’S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

Ken Lindstrom

1. The Postal Service, *Give Up*. “These tunes start the day off right.”
2. Glassjaw, *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Silence*. “Wakes me up better than a double shot of espresso.”
3. Detektivbyrån, *Wermland*. “Makes me think of hard times in the old country.”
4. Frank Sinatra, *The Reprise Collection*. “Keeps me classy.”
5. The Ramones, *Loud, Fast*. “Reminds me to keep life punk rock — dirty and simple.”

Ivan Tamayo

1. Johnny Cash, *Greatest Hits*. “Every track hits you like a rock.”

Mitch Scott

1. Does It Offend You, Yeah? *You Have No Idea What You’re Getting Yourself Into*. “I make an ass out of myself to this album.”
2. Pink Floyd, *Dark Side of the Moon*. “Above-average effort of creativity, almost indescribable.”
3. The Locust, *Plague Soundscapes*. “Way ahead of its time.”

Bryan Famous

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1. Silversun Pickups, *Swoon*. “Beautiful, dirty, and rocking all at once.”
2. Castledoor, *Shouting at Mountains*. “Reminds me of autumn leaves falling in Wisconsin.”
3. Miles Davis, *Kind of Blue*. “You can’t f**k with the classics.”

MOST-VISITED WEBSITES?

Lindstrom

1. *Craigslist.org*. “The internet’s trailer-park yard sale is how the band found me.”
2. *Everydayisgarbageday.com*. “Quite possibly the funniest blog on the internet, written by the funniest nihilist on the web.”
3. *Iheartchaos.com*. “It’s like the Grammy awards for internet stupidity and, by extension, the world’s stupidity. My favorite part of the site is called Japan WTF.”

4. *Icanhascheezburger.com*. “Cute kittens with ‘lol-speak’ slogans to brighten up your day.”

Tamayo

1. *Chordie.com*. “I get all the tabs to my favorite songs.”
2. *MySpace.com*. “I keep up on the bands we like in San Diego.”
3. *Geekologie.com*. “Keeps you up on cool tech toys.”

Scott

1. *Facebook.com*. “Instant family reunions without the awkwardness of having to be in their company.”
2. *Yahoo.com*. “Advertisements, MySpace, and Facebook notifications are becoming obsolete.”

FAVORITE QUOTE?

Lindstrom: “When the going gets weird, the weird turn pro.” — Hunter S. Thompson

Tamayo: “This is the strangest life I’ve ever known.”

— Jim Morrison



The Attack

Scott: “I hope life isn’t a big joke, because I don’t get it.” — Jack Handey

WHAT PISSES YOU OFF?

Lindstrom: “People who talk on cell phones while driving. I guess it’s more important to some people to schedule an appointment for a butt wax than to pay attention to the road and not kill the bicyclist next to them.”

Tamayo: “Where music is heading. There are so many bands who have forgotten what rock and roll is.”

Scott: “Lack of support for local bands. Seems nowadays everybody wants a DJ.”

WORST MOVIE EVER?

Tamayo: “*The Happening*, with Marky Mark and his Funky Bunch running away from wind.”

Scott: “*Space Zombie Bingo!!!* I’ll be darned if you can figure out what the heck is going on, but somehow it’s still entertaining.”

Famous: “Anything David Lynch puts out. People try to say it’s all artistic and deep, but honestly, it’s all garbage and doesn’t make any sense.”

BEST THING YOU’VE EVER WON?

Lindstrom: “A second chance.”

Scott: “A fishing-boat potluck in Miami.”

Famous: “Her heart.”

WHAT’S YOUR POISON?

Lindstrom: “Rum ’n’ Coke.”

Tamayo: “Jameson whiskey. D-to-the-capital licious.”

Scott: “Newcastle.”



Famous: “Cerveza and Smartwater.”

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

Tamayo: “I grew up in Ensenada, Mexico.”

Scott: “My age, especially when clean-shaven.”

Famous: “I love to cook.” ■

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AcousticMusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Willy Porter. Acoustic/country/folk. \$20.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Eliza Gilkyson. Acoustic/folk. \$22.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
Thursday, 7:30pm — Shawn Colvin. Acoustic/covers/folk. \$45.
Friday, 9:30pm — Endoxi. With

Nova and Tori Roze. Reggae/rock. \$10.
Friday, 7:30pm — Shawn Colvin. Acoustic/covers/folk. \$45.
Saturday, 7:30pm and 9:30pm — Mindi Abair. Jazz. \$22-\$28.
Tuesday, 7pm — The Anthology House Band. Jazz. \$5.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Randi Driscoll. With Larry Mitchell. Pop/rock. \$18.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
Sunday, 8pm — The Quick & Easy Boys. Funk/punk/rock. 21 and up.

Beachside Grill: 215 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-433-8850.

Saturday, 8pm — Top Shelf. With Lil Hitt. Reggae. \$8. 21 and up.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

Thursday, 9pm — Groundation. Reggae. \$20. 21 and up.

Friday, 9pm — Super Diamond. A tribute to Neil Diamond. \$18-\$20.

Saturday, 4pm — SoulRaye. With Danielle Lo Presti & the Masses. Indie. \$15. 21 and up. 9pm — Cash'd Out. A tribute to Johnny Cash. \$15-\$17.

Sunday, 4pm — The Zzymzzy Quartet. Jazz. \$8-\$10. 21 and up. 10:15pm — Pretty Lights. With DJ Rootz. Dance/rock. \$12-\$14. 21 and up.

Tuesday, 8pm — The Streets. With Nosaj Thing and Hey Champ. Hip-hop/rap. \$23-\$25. 21 and up.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-2989.
Thursday, 9pm — The Minor Keys.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

When the Andy Warhol Museum decided recently to hire a band to write a soundtrack for Warhol's famous silent-film screen tests, it couldn't have picked a more appropriate act than **Dean & Britta**. Watching the resulting DVD, you'll find the images of the glamorous and seedy denizens of Warhol's Factory (Lou Reed, Nico, Edie Sedgwick, and Dennis Hopper among them) are nicely paired with Dean & Britta's beautiful but aloof music. **Dean Wareham** and **Britta Phillips** have been working toward this kind of mix of music and film, sophistication and simplicity since their old band, Luna, broke up in 2005. Maybe longer.

Wareham first gained national attention in Galaxie 500, the band he founded with Damon Krukowski and Naomi Yang when all three were students at Harvard in the late '80s. That band's sparse, slow sound would eventually become a big influence on certain corners of the indie-rock universe. It also set the template for the personal style Wareham has put on ever since — smart, somewhat reserved, and vaguely disreputable. It's a cool persona for the stage, but Wareham uses it even in *Black Postcards: A*

Rock & Roll Romance, a book of memoirs he published to good reviews last year.

Phillips comes from a different direction. She was the singing voice of Jem, the '80s cartoon about a rock star. Later, Phillips played a drug-addicted rocker in the movie *Satisfaction* alongside Julia Roberts and Liam Neeson. She joined Luna in 2000, and after that band's



DEAN & BRITTA

breakup, she and Wareham scored films, including *The Squid and the Whale*. Their first album as a duo, *L'Avventura*, was named after a Michelangelo Antonioni film. Maybe someone will make a movie about Dean & Britta one day.

DEAN & BRITTA: The Loft, Friday, October 9, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. 858-534-8497. \$26.

With the Paragraphs and guests. Rock. 21 and up.
Sunday, 7pm — The Burning of Rome. With Irideside, Reason the Citizen, @TheGents, Language Arts Crew, Motis & Cause, Tactik, and DJ Robi. Indie/reggae/rock.

Borders Books and Music: 3030 Plaza Bonita Rd., National City, 619-479-4732.
Saturday, 7pm — Kim Evans. Acoustic/blues/rock. Free.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buena Vista Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Thursday, 7:30pm — Mark

Mallman. With Hello Drama, No Longer Atlas, Fat City Reprise, and Tan Sister Radio. Indie/rock. \$10. 21 and up.

Friday, 8pm — Planet Asia. With Chase, Eno, Even Keel, and Out of Order. Hip-hop/rap. \$12-\$15. 21 and up.

Saturday, 9pm — Leda Atomica. With On the Line. Alternative/indie/rock. \$8. 21 and up.
Sunday, 8pm — Floater. With the Get Down Automatic. Rock. \$10. 21 and up.

Wednesday, 8pm — The Devil Makes Three. With guests.

Acoustic/blues/punk. \$14-\$15. 21 and up.

Calvin's Sports Bar and Restaurant: 28841 Old Highway 80, Alpine, 619-473-1266.
Friday, 8pm — Majid and His Majik Guitar. Covers/standards.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.
Thursday, 9pm — Keith Haman and His Transcontinental Singers. With Self Preservation, 321 Stereo, and Moxxy Bullets. Rock.
Thursday, 7pm — 321 Stereo. With Self Preservation and Moxxy Bullets.

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Friday, 9pm — Diego Roots. With Mr. Green Project. Reggae. \$20. 21 and up.
Saturday, 9pm — Ooklah the Moc. Reggae/dub/roots. \$20. 21 and up.
Sunday, 9pm — Monsters of Rock. Covers/metal. 21 and up.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
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Sunday, 8:30pm — These Arms Are Snakes. With dd/mm/yyyy and Fever Sleeves. Indie/punk. \$10-\$12. 21 and up.

Monday, 8:30pm — The Intelligence. With Christmas Island and Wounded Lion. Pop/rock. \$8. 21 and up.

Tuesday, 8:30pm — Nomeansno. With Pack AD and the Long and Short of It. Punk. \$15. 21 and up.

Wednesday, 8:30pm — The Jesus Lizard. Rock. 21 and up.

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Saturday, 8pm — Omara Portuondo. Cuban. \$35-\$56.

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Thursday, 6pm — Red Lane. Blues/rock.

Friday, 6pm — Restless Natives. Blues/reggae/rock.

Saturday, 3pm — Billy Watson. Blues/jazz/soul. 6pm — Scott Carter & New Breed. Funk/reggae/rock.

Sunday, 2pm — Fabulous Woodies. Rock. 5pm — Nathan James. Jazz.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.

Saturday, 8pm — Marco Antonio Solis y Pepe Aguilar. Latin. \$35-\$116.

Sunday, 6pm — Jason Mraz. With Brett Dennen and Bushwalla. Acoustic/pop/rock. Free.

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

Friday, 6pm — Franklin Lounge. Bluegrass/country/folk.

Saturday — Subliminal Trip. Rock.

Monday — Steve Payne & Friends. Rock.

Wednesday — Michael Tiernan. Folk.

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El Cajon Grand: 351 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-444-0949.

Friday, 9pm — Stone Wolf. Rock. 21 and up.

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Saturday, 5pm — Karin Carson. With guests. Jazz. Free.

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Sunday, 6:45pm — Horse the band. Electronic/hardcore. \$12.

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa: 9700 North Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-550-1000.

Sunday, 3pm — Gregg Karukas. Jazz. \$37.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.

Friday, 9pm — Dark Possession. Rock. Free. 21 and up.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

When **As Tall as Lions** played the Casbah this summer, **Dan Nigro** told the audience that he'd been waiting 27 years (basically, his entire life) to rock the Casbah. "It was a joke, you know? 'Rock the Casbah,' the Clash song?" The remnants of a high school buddy band that continued into college, As Tall as Lions hail from a part of New York not known for alt or indie rock.

"It's hard coming from Long Island," says Nigro. "Actually, I feel like there's no good music coming out of Long Island, and everybody's kind of stuck in this...I don't know what it is...this cock-rock, jock-rock, or emo type of music. That's really popular there."

Back home, Nigro says, friends, family,

and the band members have formed a sort of music underground through which they filter new and classic pop-rock to each other. "The group that I've discovered recently that's an older group is the Cocteau Twins," he says. "That's my new obsession."

It would be easy to say that As Tall as Lions is knocking at Coldplay's door, but that would be a simplification. A rocker's body with jazz brains, the band's music is anthemic in places, thorny in others. Think of the late Jeff Buckley, who once called his music a "low-down dreamy bit of the psyche, part quagmire and part structure." The same could be said for every song on 2006's *You Can't Take It with You*. Nigro says, "I went through a phase where I listened to Jeff Buckley for probably two years straight. I'm very well versed in Jeff Buckley's catalog."

It turns out the band's name is about showing nerve against bad odds. "When we were



AS TALL AS LIONS

in college, we dropped out to do the band. Our parents were saying, 'What are you doing? Are you crazy?' In that sense, we were standing up for what we believed in, right?"

MuteMath headlines.

AS TALL AS LIONS: House of Blues, Sunday, October 11, 7 p.m. 619-299-2583. \$19.50.

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Four Points by Sheraton: 8110 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa.

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Friendly Grounds Coffee House: 9225 Carlton Hills Bl., Santee, 619-249-0519.

Friday, 7pm — Tom Smerk. Acoustic/folk/rock.

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Friday, 9pm — Tony Cummins. World. Free.

Saturday, 9pm — The Stilettoes. Blues/jazz/rock. Free.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.

Thursday, 7pm — Reverend Horton Heat. With Nashville Pussy.

Rock/rockabilly. \$22-\$37. 21 and up.

Friday, 8pm — Bonfire. A tribute to AC/DC with Platinum Rock Stars. Covers/rock. \$12-\$15. 21 and up.

Sunday, 7pm — MuteMath. With As Tall as Lions. Indie.

Monday, 7:30pm — Moby. Electronic/pop/rock. \$27-\$45. 21 and up.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma,

619-224-3577.

Wednesday, 8pm — Jesse Cook. Flamenco/Latin/jazz. \$37.

The Ivy Hotel: 600 F St., Downtown, 619-814-1000.

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O'Harleys Sports Bar & Grill: 13437 Community Rd., Poway, 858-486-7422. *Thursday*, 9pm — Myron and the Kynptionz. Blues/soul/rock.

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Pal Joey's: 5147 Waring Rd., Allied Gardens, 619-582-6699. *Friday*, 9pm — Night Shift. Rock. Free.

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Wednesday, 9pm — The Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues.

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819. *Thursday*, 8pm — Kenny Rogers. Country. \$60-\$85.

Prohibition: 560 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-8068. *Thursday*, 9pm — David Patrone. With Sky Ladd and Grant Clarkson. Covers/jazz/lounge. Free.

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Friday, 9pm — Radioactive. Rock. *Saturday*, 9pm — The Pheromones. Rock/soul/blues.

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Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St.,

Ramona, 760-789-7008. *Saturday*, 8pm — Pantera'd. Metal/rock. \$15.

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Thursday, 7pm — Austrian Death Machine. With guests. Hardcore/metal. \$12.
Saturday, 7pm — Mae. With Locksley and Deas Vail. Indie/pop/rock. \$15.
Sunday, 6pm — A Day to Remember. With Parkway Dr., In Fear and Faith, and I See Stars. Hardcore/pop/punk. \$16.
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Make It a Double
CD Review
by Michael Caldwell

Few could accuse San Diego metal-core stalwarts Mower of playing it safe. Half of their latest album, *Make It a Double*, is performed as Slower, the group's lounge-inspired alter-ego. "Road Rage" — a punishing blast on their previous effort, *Not for You* — loses none of its impact slowed and turned

down here. Yet, other tracks, regardless of speed or amplification, feel incomplete. "Sicko" is a dizzying 1:50 minute smack upside the head of double-bass drum over shouted lyrics like "The Hippocratic oath buried under fiscal growth." Despite its brevity, the song feels too long. "Sicko" would have worked better as an instrumental, as Anthrax's Rob Caggiano lends a guitar solo that sounds like a dentist's drill.

Mower's sense of humor and sociopolitical lyrics remain intact here, but *Make It a Double* might have been more interesting if the band's split personalities overlapped, maybe by adding more melodic vocals to the heavy tracks. The band remains a brooding storm cloud that has all of the potential to unleash a devastating lightning strike, but too often settles for a rumble.

ARTIST: Mower

LABEL: Suburban Noize

SONGS: "The Party," "Wolves," "The Start," "Shneak," "The Song We Don't Speak Of," "Escaped," "Sicko," "Alien," "Faded," "Road Rage," "Pieces," "Undone," "U Turn," "Shut Up and Skate"

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Old Crow Medicine Show

Concert Review
by Earl Dove

Friday night, September 22, Old Crow Medicine Show took the stage at 4th&B with a driving set of bluegrass, folk, and rock. I first saw these guys in Nashville in 1999, transitioning, at that time, from street performers into the current touring act. They have not lost their roots or energy over the years.

Chuck Mead, lead singer for alt-country act BR549, opened the show with a stripped-down set — just himself and a standup-bass player. Mead ran

through a collection of solo and BR549 material and several classic country covers.

Old Crow charged the stage with a flurry of banjo-, fiddle-, and guitar-infused hillbilly music. The crowd's energy level soared when fiddle player Ketch Secor broke into solos. Vocalist Willie Watson entertained the crowd with an energy and intensity you simply would not expect from such a frail guy.

Chuck Mead joined OCMS on stage for the Moon Mullican classic "Cherokee Boogie." Other highlights included their dedication of the song "Methamphetamine" to the city of El Centro and when the crowd sang along to a rousing version of OCMS hit "Wagon Wheel." For their encore, the band took the stage with electric instruments in a Dylan-esque transition. They played the melancholy and heartfelt "We're All in This Together," followed by covers of the Beatles' "Get Back" and the Waylon Jennings classic "Are You Ready for the Country."



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Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.
Thursday, 9:30pm — The United

Saints of America. Rock.
Friday, 9:30pm — Tornado Magnet. Alternative/country/rock.
Saturday, 9:30pm — The Nards. Rock.
Wednesday, 9:30pm — Justin Newman. Blues/jazz.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-955-8525.
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BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Derren Raser**
Song: **“Home in This Direction”** (from the CD *Home in This Direction*)
Heard by: **Jason B.**, Normal Heights



Jason

The song had a lot of warmth and immediacy to it. It was almost like he was performing that in a bedroom for you. Typically, it's not what I'm into as far as that softer style goes, but he at least has a good ear for melody. Some of the tones on it were really nice. There was spare percussion and a good twang on the guitar. There's a fraction of alt-country in there, but overall, it's singer-songwriter stuff. The lyrics were about running away and escaping and figuring out if that's the course of action for him. There were certain moments that made it worthwhile, but, ultimately, it's tough for me to get into stuff like that.

Artist: **Trophy Wife**
Song: **“Crashing into Walls”** (from their two-track sampler CD)
Heard by: **Miguel Estrada**, Normal Heights



Miguel

I liked the good rhythms that it had. The bass line kicks in real good, and the drums are nice and solid all the way through with the cowbell. It starts off with an older style, almost like country, and then it flows into something edgy like it just wants to go full blast. It mellows out real nice at the end. The guitar reminded me a lot of older Santana. It has that upbeat rhythm and an almost Latin flavor. The only negative thing I could say is that the music drowned out the vocals a little bit, but I'm pretty sure live that could be fixed. It has that quality where 91X could pick it up. I'd rate that song a solid 8 out of 10.

Artist: **The Verso**
Song: **“Stay the Course”** (from the CD *Crime of Love*)
Heard by: **Nick Leutza**, Normal Heights



Nick

I liked it a lot. The first band I think of is Fugazi, but this definitely has more of a popular sound to it, whereas Fugazi is more “punkish,” for lack of a better word. It was like a mixture of slowed-down, post-hardcore music with some of Morrissey's work. It had a constant beat that was very good, and it changed up a little bit. It didn't have a climax or crescendo to the song, and I thought if they had that and pushed it a little more, it could be catchier. I could see them getting radio airplay but not anything that would be as big as a band like Shinedown. I'd give that song an 8 out of 10.

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November 21 — Say Anything.
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Wine Steals: *Wednesday*, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday*, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

MIRA MESA

The Filling Station: *Monday*, \$2 kamikazes. *Wednesday*, premium beer \$3.50/pint. *Saturday*, \$3 Bloody Marys. *Sunday*, \$3 mimosas.

MISSION BEACH

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: 2-for-1 cocktails, beer, shots. *Saturday-Sunday*, \$12 Bionic Beavers, \$2.50 kamikazes, \$8 Bud/Bud Light pitchers.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Every day*, 2-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$3 bottles.

Starlite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. *Sunday*, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

950 Lounge: *Wednesday*, \$3 wells, beer, house wine.

NATIONAL CITY

Lai Thai Restaurant: *Every day*, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Blind Lady Ale House: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-6pm: \$20 60-oz. pitcher local beer and margherita pizza. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11:30am-6pm: \$20 60-oz. pitcher local beer and margherita pizza.

NORTH PARK

Apertivo: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-6:30pm: \$3 glass of wine, imported beers. *Sunday*, all day: \$2.75 glass of wine.

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Monday-Thursday*, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles. *Friday-Sunday*, 10am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

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OCEAN BEACH

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OLD TOWN

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PACIFIC BEACH

The Australian Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands. *Saturday*, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. *Sunday*, \$3 Bloody Marys.

Big Kahuna's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 beer, wine.

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Miller's Field: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 wells. \$2 street tacos.

Sinbad Café: *Every day*, 4-8pm: \$1 drafts, \$1.50 wells, shots, \$2 imports. \$3.50 appetizers. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

POINT LOMA

The Boathouse: *Every day*, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 house margaritas (\$3

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Point Loma Sports Grill & Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers.

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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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SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 8am-11am: \$1.50 drafts, wells.

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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.

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Whistle Stop Bar: *Every day*, 2-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

SPRING VALLEY

California Comfort: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells, house wine. \$5 appetizers.

TIERRASANTA

Bud's Louisiana Café: *Tuesday-Friday*, 1-2:30pm; 4:30-6pm: 1/2-price 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 house wine.

UNIVERSITY CITY

Café Japengo: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, sake, \$4.50 wells. \$4 chicken spring rolls, duck potstickers, California rolls.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Gulf Coast Grill: *Monday*, all night: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine. *Tuesday-Sunday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine.

VISTA

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.

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Rare Burgers? Rarely

Trekking in Nepal involved 25 grueling vegan days of rice, lentils, mustard greens, noodles, barley stew, and boiled potatoes (and one glorious night of smoky yak steak and real mashed potatoes from the best darned Sherpani innkeeper in all of Sagarmatha National Park). When my partner and I returned to Kathmandu, we did what Americans do: we ate thin, well-done buff-burgers at the Thamel branch of Neroli's famous Indian burger and ice cream chain. Unfortunately, the water buffalo must have been local, made from the hunks of carcasses sitting out on the street at the nearby butcher's, covered with flies. We both caught vile cases of salmonella. In the 20 years since then, I've eaten maybe ten burgers.

On October 4, the *New York Times* carried an exhaustive report on a virulent strain of *E. coli* in American ground beef. (The *U-T* reprinted a short extract). This type of bacteria comes from cow poop (not flies): most cattle are fattened up standing cheek-by-cud in crowded feedlots, up to their knees in manure. An FDA honcho quoted in the story was doubtful that the usual health procedures used at home (e.g., cooking the meat well-done and washing the chopping board) were sufficient — this strain of *E. coli* is so evil, it infects even aprons and towels in the same kitchen.

The villain — nearly unavoidable in supermarket ground beef — is mass-processed meat coming from multiple sources, including low-on-the-cow “spare parts” that are most vulnerable to contamination from manure. The parts are all ground together at a mass slaughterhouse/meat processor.

Scarier yet, there's no way consumers can know how thoroughly the mass processors clean their grinders of clinging, germey meat. The FDA is *not* standing by to inspect the equipment at every slaughterhouse and processor; in fact, as the *Times* revealed, they are as protective of the meat industry as they are of the public. When my friend Bruce Aidells was starting up as a sausage-maker, he used a fine, ethical local German sausage processor to



mix his sausage meats — but for uncured (raw meat) sausages like his chicken-apple breakfast links, he had a smaller, separate grinder on the premises reserved for this use alone.

How To Be Safe(r)

If you regularly eat “burger joint” burgers — well, now you know the risk, even if you choose well done.

But if you love burgers, you lower the risks by choosing single-sourced, branded, “free-range,” “natural,” or “grass-fed” ground beef, and/or going to burger joints that grind their own from scratch. At home, you can buy ground meat that's inspected for *E. coli* *after* grinding, or grind the beef yourself from a single hunk of solid meat. (The specific victim the story cited had eaten frozen patties with the classy-sounding “Angus Burgers” label, but Angus is merely a popular breed, not a specific ranch.)

For cooking at home, Costco is the only mass-

market retailer that actually inspects and tests its meat for *E. coli* after grinding. Their ground beef is most likely to be worth a gamble for home-made burgers.

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In restaurants that don't grind their own, look for a brand name or for guarantees of organic, “natural,” free-range, or grass-raised beef. For instance, local Brandt Beef

in Imperial County does herd together their free-range cattle to be finished off on grain, but their feedlot (at least, per their online videos) still leaves room enough for the animals to prance around (so, less filth on the ankles). Better yet, they use a small meat processor in L.A. — the only other client is Matt Rimel's pristine grass-fed Palomar Mountain Beef.

Whether “free-range,” “grass-fed,” or “Kobe,” branded high-class meats can't risk contaminating their names with grinder remnants of meat contaminated by mass-produced beef. Hence, I've

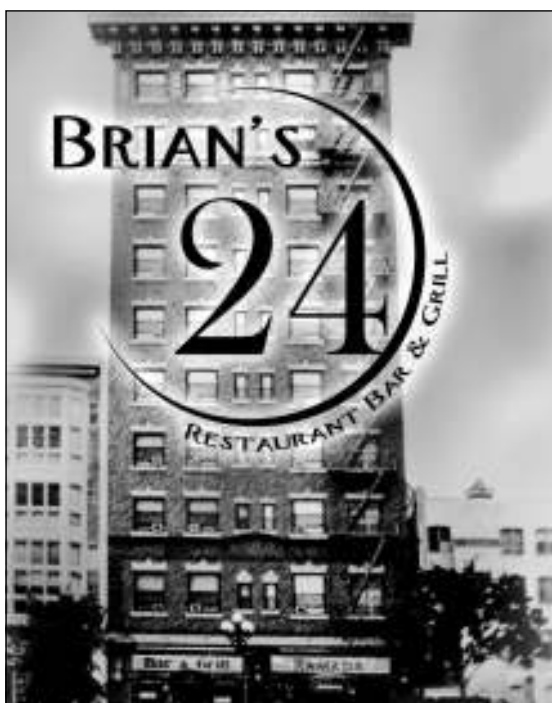
trusted Snake River Kobe and ground bison burgers to make Ethiopian raw-beef “tartare,” *kitfo*. Never any ill effects.

DIY Ground Meat

Regular readers may have noticed that I regularly eat raw beef in restaurants as carpaccio, steak tartare, and *kitfo*. The secret is that none of these is made from ground beef; all are made from a single piece of steak, sliced or chopped just before serving. A well-cleaned, refrigerated slab of muscle (that hasn't been sitting out on the hot streets of Kathmandu) is fairly unlikely to harbor serious bacterial contamination.

My friend Teresa, a former restaurateur and cooking teacher from Haiti, taught me an invaluable lesson in cleaning animal proteins, whatever you mean to do with them. (This technique is common all over the Caribbean and throughout West Africa — a brilliant remnant of prerefrigeration eras. If only they'd used it in Nepal!) Cut a lemon or large lime in half (or two, for a larger piece). Lay the meat (or poultry or fish) on a cutting board and, using heavy pressure, rub half the cut citrus all over it, scrubbing hard. Flip and repeat, using the other half of the citrus. Then rinse the meat under very hot tap water until the surface turns gray. (For fish, use cool water.) This procedure removes all traces of the surface moisture that's liable to harbor contaminants.

For burgers, start with a cheap steak (e.g., round, chuck, top sirloin) and trim off silverskin around the edge and excess fat. (Save some fat to add back in; burgers need about 20 percent fat.) After cleaning the meat as above, cut it into manageable chunks. Grind (with some fat) in a meat grinder or run in a food processor until minced. If food-processed, spread meat on a clean cutting board. Quickly, with fingers or tweezers, pull out and discard all the silvery pieces of gristle you can find. (If using an extra-lean cut, you can melt a little butter and mix it into the meat...or, you can



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Calendar RESTAURANTS

plant a pat of butter in the center of your patty.) Season meat as desired. If not using immediately, refrigerate until ready to use.

With these precautions, your risks from a rare or medium-rare burger are minimized (but don't sue me — this is no guarantee). As for supermarket ground beef, I still buy it from time to time to use for long-cooked dishes like Latin American *picadillos* and stews. Never for burgers — not since Nepal. And when I do use

supermarket ground beef from now on, afterward I will sterilize my cutting board with bleach.

Chef Celebration Dinners

The annual Chef Celebration fundraising dinner series is back for its 14th year, with extraordinary dinners hosted by Pamplemousse, 1540 Kitchen, Cowboy Star, Cucina Urbana, and Terra Restaurant. The way these work is: The chef at the host restaurant picks a group of colleagues from other restaurants, and together these chefs plan a dinner with each chef in the group responsible for a single course. Are chefs a

little competitive? Would you guess? The result: fabulous food, as each chef does his very best. (I've eaten a number of these dinners. Believe me.) The chefs donate their time, and many of the ingredients are donated by local farms and food vendors.

The cause is a scholarship fund that sends local working chefs from the lower-to-middle kitchen ranks to the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Napa for hands-on courses from America's top chefs. Many of your favorite local "top toques" benefited from these scholarships back when they were line chefs or

sous chefs.

The dinner series takes place every Tuesday in October. Each dinner requires a \$65 donation per person (plus beverages and tips), with \$35 tax-deductible going toward the nonprofit scholarship fund. (The other \$30 goes to such necessary overhead as kitchen staff, dishwashing, laundry, etc.) For menu information and to make reservations, please contact host restaurants directly by phone or email. For complete details visit chefcelebration.org. Unfortunately, word about these dinners leaked out late this year, so you've already missed the first couple of din-

ners. What's left is still awesome:

Cowboy Star

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thecowboystar.com

Chefs

Victor Jimenez: Cowboy Star
Bernard Guillas: Marine Room
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Tuesday, October 20

505 Laurel Street, Banker's Hill, 619-239-2222;
sdurbankitchen.com

Chefs

Joe Magnanelli and Ben Rollin: Cucina Urbana
Colin MacLaggan: Avenue 5
Nathan Coulon: Quarter Kitchen
Hanis Cavin: Kensington Grill

Kitchen 1540

Tuesday, October 27

1540 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-793-6460;
laubergedelmar.com/kitchen1540
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Dessert Oasis

“Rolando” was dreamed up by developers in the 1920s, to combine “rolling” and “land.”

Anchor: “And now for a special live report from the border, here’s our border-affairs reporter, Ed Bedford. Ed?”

Cue Ed: “Yes, Cindy. I’m actually standing on the border. One foot on either side, my right planted squarely in El Cerrito, my left in Rolando. You may hear some banging in the background. That’s the sound of, uh, pots and pans. Because the extraordinary fact is that this line passes through the entrance of San Diego Desserts. We have Mark here — step a little closer, into the shot, Mark, thanks. Now, you’re the owner of San Diego Desserts. It’s a question of identity, isn’t it? Mark, the world wants to know: What are you, an El Cerritan or a Rolandian?”

“ ’Scuse me. You okay?”

Oh Lord, it’s Mark. He’s shaking my shoulder. Fantasizing again. Been a long day.

“Uh, you were saying...?” I ask.

“Only that the demarcation line between El Cerrito and Rolando runs through our front entrance.”

I’m at 60th and El Cajon because I needed to refuel, fast. Just finished an all-day job up here. Dizzy in the heat. No lunch. Now it’s nearly 8:00 p.m. Saw this low building with a big sign on its roof: “King Pawn.” For a moment I thought it said “King Prawn.” No such luck. But underneath is another sign that says “Desserts.” So I come up, have a look-see, and yes! They’ve added “...and local bistro!” to the title. They do meals, not just desserts. Lunches and dinners, mostly, with a brunch on Sunday. Plus, they have a wall of wine and a cute-looking patio with white trellises and jungle plants and wispy Moroccan drapes. Of course, the main room displays pastries and

cookies and wedding cakes. Guess they are a bakery that grew. Whatever, quite a little dessert oasis — heh-heh — this far up El Cajon.

I go on through and take a seat in the “garden” area, at a table near to where three women and a man are eating and talking up a storm. I want to see what’s on their plates, to get ideas.

One’s got a pasta dish. I check the menu. Fettuccini with

chicken and creamy garlic sauce. That’s \$9, plus \$2 for the chicken. So, we’re talking mid-range, not big-time cheap. The lunches are a little easier on the wallet, in the \$7–\$8 range. A roast-beef sandwich is \$7, quiche is \$8.

The second woman’s eating pâté. Ah, yes. Chicken-liver pâté with, uh, “toast points,” \$6. The gent and the third woman have a salad. I see little fruit quarters scattered around the top, bright red, like mini-watermelons. Must be the figs of the fig salad. That one comes with “mixed greens, goat cheese, and walnut dressing, \$7.”

“Decided?”

It’s Mark, order book in hand. But I’m still checking out the menu. I see braised short-ribs with polenta and a green salsa, the most expensive item at \$12. Or pan-seared chicken breast (\$11), “airline chicken,” whatever that is, over “spinach-Parmesan potatoes.” Roasted salmon’s \$10, chicken pot pie’s \$8, and meat loaf with mash goes for \$10.

There’s another page with appetizers such as poached shrimp (\$7.50), fried polenta (\$7), and a “deconstructed” niçoise salad, meaning items all separated on the plate, I guess (\$9).

Hmm... Kinda hungry. Got a couple of Jacksons aboard, as it happens. So, I go a little crazy and order that fig salad, plus the meat loaf. And, gotta say, when the fig dish arrives,

it’s super-delish. Those little sweet bursts, along with the goat cheese, make for a salad you can actually love. Nothing “eat your greens!” about it. Specially with the interesting bread Mark has brought.

The meat loaf is comfort food, but no way boring. It has bacon on top and good cheesy mashed potatoes. Trouble is, I’m distracted, rap-pin’ with the folks next door. Started when I took their picture for them. Turns out, Charlie’s been a clarinet player with orchestras around the world. Elisa, his wife, is a teacher. Sue’s just spent four years out in the Nicaraguan boonies, helping educate women about preventing cervical cancer. And Tanja, who’s, like, still a wild woman at 84, runs something called the Peace and Democracy Action Group. “It’s simple,” she says. “We’re trying to stop goddamn war.”

After the gang has left, I ask Mark, “So, really, what’s this about being on the border?” That’s when he tells me about the invisible line. And how El Cerrito means “Little Hill,” and the name “Rolando” was dreamed up by developers back in the 1920s, to combine “rolling” and “land.” They gave it a romantic Spanish twist by adding an o at the end.

Who knew? Meantime, I go completely over the top and order a *tres leches* cake (\$4.75) before I’ve finished the meat loaf, seeing as how Mark’s fixing to close. It’s sponge, with layers of that wicked vanilla-fudge-tasting filling that’s addic-



PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

Mark

tive like caramel. I never miss getting a stick of it when I’m in TJ — even if I’m there to see Dr. Solorio, the dentist. This has a less intense taste but makes a nice light end to the meal.

Outside, I cross back into El Cerrito territory and head for the 15 bus stop. Already decided what I’ll have when I bring Carla here. Glass of port (’cause they have that) and a chocolate-caramel bombe, which I almost got instead of the *tres leches*. Oh, man. That should cost about \$12. And if Tanja and Sue and Elisa and Charlie are there, that’ll be the icing on the cake. ■

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Type of Food: American

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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 peppers. 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.

Manzanilla Boulevard Teniente Azueta #139, Ensenada, 646-175-7073. Sophisticated "nuevo" Mexican cuisine at this Euro-style bistro features seasonal menus with fresh-caught seafood, locally grown vegetables, and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill. A spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is a constant. Moderate.

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 spin-off 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 thirty-plus) 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 prepared 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 toppings. 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 ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Inexpensive.

Spices Thai Café 3810 Valley Centre Dr., Carmel Valley, 858-259-0889. Additional locations in Mira Mesa and

Rancho Bernardo. Not only elegant, but the food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Inexpensive to moderate.

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 pancakes, 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 shellfish-stuffed 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 pastry), dolmas (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, 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.

El Borrego Restaurant 4280 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-281-1355. Specializes in fascinating Mexican lamb dishes, including spicy, smoky *mixiote* (lamb cooked inside thin maguey skin) and *pancita*, similar to haggis. Inexpensive.

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Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-229-9050. Classy atmosphere, tame spicing. You'll have to ask for "hot." Chicken *mussaman* is delicious with taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Health treat: *som tum*, green papaya salad. Inexpensive.

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.

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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 available. Moderate.

Mexican Village 126 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-3111. Old restaurant revives with new (Mexican) owner. Old Coronadans say the signature burritos (filled with tripe, pork and potato, chorizo and eggs, etc.) match even their gilded Korea- and Vietnam-era memories. Inexpensive to moderate.

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 *fiatino con bisteccina* (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.

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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.

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 G St., Downtown, 619-696-7220. You sit under poplar trees in a brick patio — and except for the wind, it's blissfully silent. With light fare like quiche, salads, and *panini*, it's the nearest thing to a French country café downtown. Inexpensive.

Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar 807 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-233-4300. The real Buster

surfing the world — Baja, Oahu, Fiji, 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 spit-roasted 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 bet-



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ter — rib eye and Angus short ribs, especially. Grazing meals moderate to expensive, full dinners very expensive.

Maryjane's Coffee Shop Hard Rock Hotel, 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-764-6950. Back to the '50s with frozen peas and instant-tasting mash. The meaty meat loaf may improve on Mom's, but the chicken pot pie is barely better than Morton's. Moderate.

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 conventioners. 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.

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.

East Village

Neighborhood 777 G St., East Village, 619-446-0002. This mainly male-patronized, 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 low-moderate.

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. Johnson Ave., El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Old California-style family-friendly Mexican atmosphere and food, including lively *camarones al tequila* 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 Iraqi-rich 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 expensive.

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 special entrées).

Encinitas

Bubby's Gelato 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. Sandwiches 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. Inexpensive.

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, *shawerma*, 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 ac-

company 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 Home-made Comfort Food” is both the boast and the cuisine, including Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, steamed veggie basket, and 11 types of burger (including 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. Inexpensive.

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, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Inexpensive to moderate.

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-inch-wide, 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 surprise — out here, an ambitious, sophisticated, but well-priced, chef-owned, California-fusion eatery, with dishes like brie and mango quesadilla, mushroom burgers, and steak steaks. Inexpensive to moderate.

Kearny Mesa

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse 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.

Puong 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, 858-278-5883. 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 Hang-over Omelet. Other choices: Portuguese sausage with three eggs and the Italian sausage frittata. Inexpensive.



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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 close-up 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 surf 'n' turf chain offers irony-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.

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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 hamburgers, 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.

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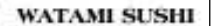
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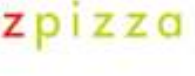


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Calendar RESTAURANTS

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 dry-rubbed with spices, smoked over

mesquite-applewood chips, lightly sauced. (Order at the counter.) Master-piece dish: dark, spicy, file 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 all-you-can-eat buffet of Punjabi and Gujarati specialties, including aloo curry, *chhole* (garbanzo beans), *bengan bartha* (eggplant), and sensational Asian-mango 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, blackberry-banana 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 marinated 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

What the Chef Eats by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

GREEN PAPAYA AND MANGO SEAFOOD SALAD

BY GERALD WARNER

Executive Sushi Chef, Café Japengo

Cooking is a family thing for me. We live in a cul de sac, so sometimes the neighbors come over, too. A lot of times, I cook on the grill. I do steaks and chicken dishes that go with what we grow in our garden. Every night we have a cheese board with dinner. We do some melted Brie and sharp Parmesan before dinner with good wine. Sometimes we have fresh artichokes or other vegetables in season. It's just family time. It's how I grew up.

The kids grew up with me in the garden, planting seeds. My kids pick green

beans and cucumbers and I give them a butter knife so they can help prep salads and cut up vegetables. They love to help. In our garden we grow carrots, asparagus, cucumbers, peas, green beans, corn, and peaches and oranges. We also have chickens so we can always have farm-fresh eggs. I go out with the kids and they have a partnership with what they are eating. Anytime I need to plant I have the kids help. I say, "This is your corn. These are your green beans." I say, "Go get me some carrots," and they feed the tops to the rabbits.

Once I told my kids that if they ate beets it would turn their pee pink. They try things and like them and vegetables become the norm.

I grew up in Poway with a big garden and loved to cook with my mom, slicing and dicing in the kitchen. I was always big into the outdoors, too, and got a degree in fitness from Humboldt State. I started making sushi because my Japanese history professor at Humboldt had a Japanese restaurant and he hired me. I love to fish and bring in abalone, so making



sushi fit right in. When I started at Japengo, I was a little tempura boy in the back of the restaurant and the sushi chefs bossed me around. But I worked my way up the ranks and now I'm the executive sushi chef at Japengo. I love the interaction with people in the restaurant. I ask, "Hey, what do you like?" and when they tell me, I make new combinations of sushi for them.

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 clas-

sics, including tasty prosciutto-wrapped 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. It's easy being green with a menu of sustainable, mainly local seafood and produce. 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 tofu/spinach scramble and *pan perdu* (to us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Inexpensive.

Old Town

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What the Chef Eats

I love to cook. Even when I am off work, I cook.

INGREDIENTS

1 cup shredded green papaya (shoestring style)

1 cup shredded English cucumber (shoestring style)

½ cup strips of fresh mango

¼ cup cleaned cilantro leaves

⅓ cup ponzu (citrus soy sauce)

½ teaspoon grated or minced

ginger (not pickled ginger)

½ teaspoon sesame oil

1 teaspoon toasted sesame seeds

1 teaspoon chili sauce (optional)

½ cup chuka seaweed salad (sometimes called “ocean salad,” available in Asian markets)

1 cup assorted sashimi grade fish (tuna, fresh salmon, yellowtail, octopus, crab)

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* meat stew, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal*. Moderate.

Pacific Beach

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. Classic French dishes — pâté, 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; diners 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, free-range 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-

HOW TO DO IT

Slice papaya and cucumber into very thin, shoestring-size slices or run through a mandolin. Slice fresh mango and chop cilantro. In a medium bowl, mix the ponzu, ginger, sesame oil, sesame seeds, and chili sauce (if desired). Add vegetables, chuka seaweed salad, and fish and gently combine. Serve in bowls or

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 Woelsle. 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

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-your-own: 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

on beveled plates.

NOTE: Sushi ingredients can be purchased at: Catalina Offshore Products. 5202 Lovelock St. San Diego, CA 92110 Phone: 619-297-9797 Fax: 619-297-9799

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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 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 whole-grain spongy pancakes to pick up savory morsels. Try Ethiopian beers or crisp honey wine. No wheelchair access to interior. Moderate.

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Ken Falls Hard

*"I don't believe in God," he says.
"Join the club," says Tamyra.*

Ken Carpenter doesn't look like a dramatic lead. Soft-spoken, bespectacled, a slight humble stoop in the shoulders, the 57-year-old's a successful insurance salesman in Lincoln, Nebraska. He's been with one woman for the past 40 years, and on his own just once in the past 20. In the first few scenes of Tracy Letts's *Man From Nebraska*, Ken and wife

THEATER REVIEW

JEFF SMITH

Nancy have such ingrained routines that lengthy pauses engulf the few words they utter. They've lived this way for decades and will, they're certain, forevermore. The opening scenes are so dull — deliberately — that neither we nor Ken see it coming.

Was it sudden, triggered by his mother's terminal illness, or building up for years? Ken doesn't say. But one night the gravest anxiety attack of all throws him to the floor: "I don't think...there's a God," he tells a stunned Nancy. Asked what he believes in, Ken can only reply, "I don't know."

Though Ken has spasms, the attack isn't physical. Nor is it the sexual yearning of a midlifer bemoaning lost youth. It wasn't even a "decision," he says. Flashes came on him. Now his head is "clear" and he "can't understand the stars." He hasn't just tumbled outside the box. The box has disappeared.

On the advice of his preacher, Ken takes his cri-

sis of faith to England, where he joins up with Tamyra and Harry, artists living, most likely, a permanent economic crisis in London's East End. ("I don't believe in God," he says. "Join the club," says Tamyra.) A kind of cultural exchange takes place: Ken, the emotionally blank have-everything (else), learns from the creative have-nothings.

Man From Nebraska joins a long line of lost-mooring dramas — David Mamet's *Edmond* among them. What separates it from most: Ken really falls hard, his whole existence gouged of meaning; and the playwright pens a subplot you could call *Woman From Nebraska*, since Letts includes wife Nancy's crisis. She too plunges like Icarus, and compared to Ken, her options are less than zilch.

Letts adds drama by creating leads barely able to articulate their pain (they're most eloquent when rendered speechless). For Cygnet Theatre, Brian Redfern's minimal set creates visual silences. Enhanced by Eric Lotze's excellent lighting, the stage can be dead blank or brimming with stars. George Ye's sounds and Jason Connors, combined with Jessica John's detailed costumes, demarcate two worlds: steel guitars and cotton prints for Nebraska; scat and jazz, florid reds and Bo-hunk mufti for England.



Monique Gaffney, Michael Rich Sears in *Man from Nebraska*

Man From Nebraska by Tracy Letts

Cygnnet Theatre, 4040 Twiggs Street, Old Town

Directed by Francis Gercke; cast: Robin Christ, John DeCarlo, Sandra Ellis-Troy, Monique Gaffney, Jeffrey Jones, Linda Libby, Jack Missett, Michael Rich Sears, Amanda Sitton; scenic design, Brian Redfern; costumes, Jessica John; lighting, Eric Lotze; sound, George Ye; composer, Jason Connors

Playing through November 1; Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. 619-337-1525.

The Savannah Disputation by Evan Smith

Old Globe Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park

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The supporting cast brims with sharp cameos, among them: Sandra Ellis-Troy's Cammie, the mother on life-support reduced to begging for food; Jeffrey Jones and Monique Gaffney as the tweaking Brit artistes; Amanda Sitton as purse-lipped daughter Ashley; and Linda Libby, a hoot as a pleasure-loving, modern Wife of Bath.

Michael Rich Sears takes a while to empty Ken convincingly. Gestures indicate but feel unconnected to actual hurt. Once inside, though, Sears expresses how it feels to lose one's sense of permanence.

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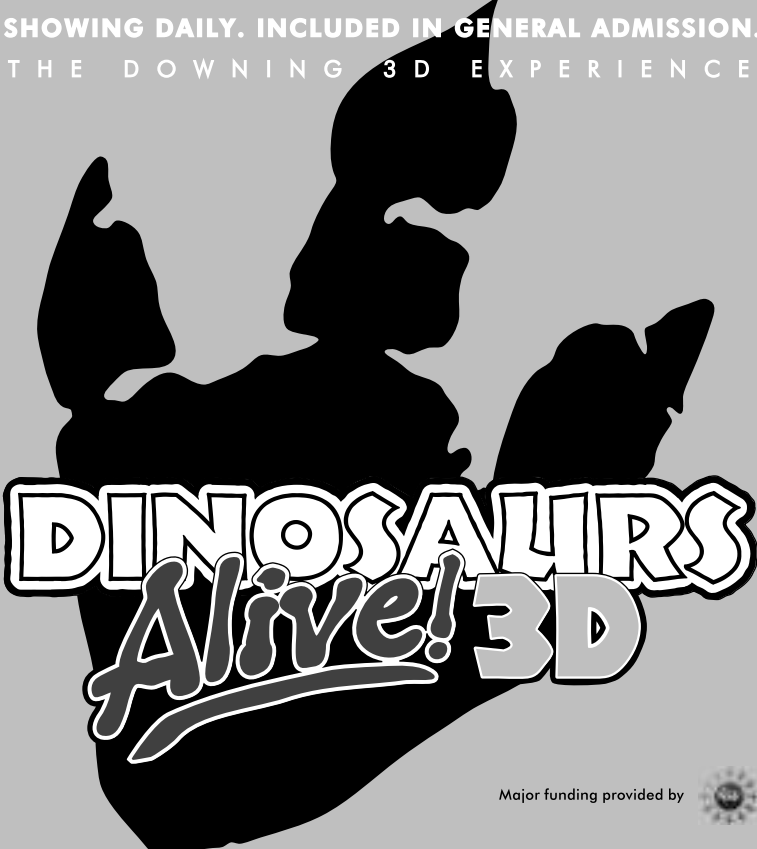
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hundredfold, in part because Melissa's religion uses the word "church" twice in its name. Margaret's quick to shoo Melissa away. You have to, she says, otherwise missionaries like her keep coming back. They're like...cats."

Obviously Melissa's got her hands full and knows it: her cell phone plays the theme from *Mission Impossible*.

Evan Smith's *Savannah Disputation* creates the illusion of one. Melissa squares off with Margaret, her sister Mary, and Father Murphy, their priest. The play takes potshots at religious rigidities. Some strike home (the woman next to me uttered several knowing "mmm-hmms"). But the playwright takes his theme and characters only so far: all four face *Man From Nebraska*-sized crises. But Smith keeps the stakes comparatively small. He'd much rather entertain than enlighten or, perish the thought, offend. The 90-minute play is funny throughout. But it concludes with such a sweet sit-

com gift wrap that the characters return to their one-note ways with most scratches healed by the curtain.

The Old Globe cast received a standing ovation on opening night and deserved one. Throughout Nancy Robinette (beatific Mary), Mikel Sarah Lambert (feisty Margaret), James Sutorious (pensive Father Murphy), and Kimberly Parker Green (perky Melissa) tried to make a joke-driven play character-driven. Their spiky interplay made the ride enjoyable — at least while the ride lasted.

Deb O built her cluttered set on a familiar expression. Piles and piles of Bibles hold up the stage: the foursome literally testifies on stacks of Bibles. ■

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The Andrews Brothers

Like *Forever Plaid*, *The Andrews Brothers* is a musical revue held together by a sketchy plot. When Laverne of the Andrews Sisters has chicken pox, the trio's quarantined. So three male stagehands, burning to strut their stuff, cross-dress as Patty, Laverne, and Maxene. The males entertain the troops with the tight, boogie-woogie harmonies that made the sisters famous — including "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," "Beat Me, Daddy, Eight to the Bar," and "Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen." *Andrews Brothers* won't usurp *Hamlet*'s pedestal in the realms of gold. It's about sheer forget-your-troubles entertainment. And the expert cast at Welk Resorts Theatre provides it. Bets Malone, Jeffrey Parsons, David Engel, and Johnny Bisom have worked together before, and it shows. Their voices blend beautifully. Even their shenanigans are flawless. Musical director Justin Gray added two trumpets to his band. And one of them — don't know which — gets to be the immortal "Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy (of Company B)."

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Creditors

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Fires in Heaven

The Theatre, Inc., of San Diego presents the world premiere of Marianne McDonald's drama about Rabid Al-Adawayii, the eighth-century Sufi saint. Douglas Lay directed. THE THEATRE, INC., 899 C ST., EAST VILLAGE. 619-216-3016. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 24.

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I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

Dagnabit Productions presents the popular "mating game" musical

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I'm Not Rappaport

Picture Murray Burns of *A Thousand Clowns* as an 81-year-old social activist railing against injustices. Place him with the grounded realist Midge, an 80-year-old African-American, and the two men with gray goatees become a modern version of Don Quixote and Sancho. Only the windmills are thugs and pushers and an apartment complex going co-op next month. And society regards Nat and Midge as "ghosts" who belong in a "Home for the Forgotten." *Rappaport* loses credibility when the pair play mobsters to fool a hoodlum, but the play blends an unpopular theme, discrimination against the elderly, with what you could call "sit-down" comedy routines, since Nat and Midge "perform" on a Central Park bench and are very funny. In the Scripps Ranch production (featuring an arched masonry footbridge straight from NYC), Charlie Riendeau sustains Nat's intensities admirably and gives his tall tales an improvisational feel. Noel Award-winner Antonio "TJ" Johnson deftly unreels Midge's barriers and gives him a practical wisdom. It's as if Midge has already read the play and knows he should change benches, but after all, the stories do entertain and keep both men's spirits young. Worth a try.

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Light Up the Sky

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The Savannah Disputation

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cohol or recovery, to unreachable illusions, to love. A year from now each could flip-flop (or skydive ten floors). That said, this is one hip, and hilarious play, especially when young Stella arrives. Shuffle the dialogue and it'd make little difference, since all four roles use an identical, deliberately literate style. But that's where New Village Arts and director Lisa Berger come in: a fine cast grounds each role in telling physicality: gestures and idiosyncrasies. Adam Brick and Tim Parker connect as Sty and Charlie. Rachael Van Wormer (is there anything she can't do?) charms as Stella. Joshua Everett Johnson leaves for New York in a month. As chronically intense Teddy, Johnson, gives local theater

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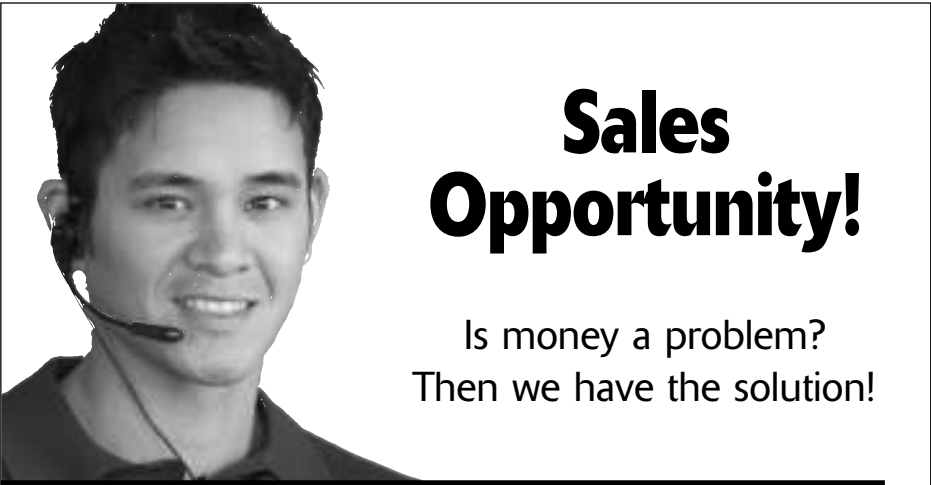
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Baja in October in order to finalize the deal with the governor and initiate construction of the observatory that will house the satellite-tracking superscope.

By T.B. Beaudeau, 10/2

No Nonsense Padre

Tijuana — A priest and a sacristan fought off and subdued a would-be robber at María Madre de la Iglesia parish in Colonia Jardines del Rubí neighborhood on Wednesday

night, September 30, according to a municipal police report.

Father Francisco Javier Montes Ramírez, who is pastor at the church, and sacristan José Alfredo Espinoza Corona told officers they surprised the would-be thief in *flagrante delicto* and that even though the crook threatened to slice up the priest with a pair of scissors, the two men were able to overpower him.

By the time police arrived, Father Montes and Espinoza had sub-

dued Álvaro Domínguez Villa, 30, and then they turned him over to the officers.

The incident at the Catholic church is at least the second in recent weeks in which crime victims have fought back against their attackers.

On the night of September 21, two armed men tried to rob a *tor-tillería* in the Lomas de Amistad neighborhood — only to find angry employees and neighbors not in the mood to be victims. Neighbors were

able to subdue the pair before they could get away. One of the thieves pulled out and fired a revolver, but the bullet hit the thief in his own foot.

Officers said the 1600 pesos taken in the robbery (about \$123) was recovered from the thieves.

By Bob McPhail, 10/2

Porn Peddler in the Parque

Tijuana — An alleged sex offender on the lam from California since 2007 was captured by Baja



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California state police early Wednesday morning, September 30, in front of Parque de la

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Baja California department of public security arrested Thomas Michael Benhoff, 53, "thanks to an anonymous tip," according to Tijuana news outlets.

Mexican authorities earlier had been advised by U.S. officials that Benhoff might be living in Baja California. He faces a California arrest warrant as a "sexual offender."

State police officers who apprehended Ben-

hoff confirmed he was a fugitive from justice in the U.S. at the time of his arrest. The officers said they found Benhoff carrying a small suitcase containing two hard discs with child pornography, a camera, some marijuana, and a folder outlining his criminal record.

Investigators said Benhoff told them he had more pornographic material at his home in Ensenada and allegedly offered to pay a bribe of about \$85

for his release.

By Bob McPhail, 10/1

Blood and Ghosts

Normal Heights— On Thursday, October 1, at the Soda Bar, Los Angeles-based synthpop duo Former Ghosts played their first-ever San Diego show. At some point during the band's set, a man ran into the bar covered in blood, screaming that someone was trying to kill him.

An ambulance and five police cars responded to the scene. Later, someone said that the bloody

man was the victim of a bar fight down the street.

By Karen Guarnotta, 10/2

Tsunami Facers

Cardiff— After the earthquake in Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, the Tsunami Warning Center in Palmer, Alaska, at 7:24 p.m., issued its sixth update for the California and Oregon coast.

The advisory specific for the Southern California area stated, "A tsunami has been generated which could impact the advisory region. Low-lying coastal

areas should be alert to instructions from their local emergency officials.... Persons in tsunami advisory areas should move out of the water...off the beach and out of harbors and marinas."

The advisory stated that the "six to eight inches" of tsunami waves should hit La Jolla at 9:16 p.m. At 9:00 p.m., I parked on the beach-view bluff on San Elijo Avenue, overlooking the reef at Cardiff beach. I placed myself well east of the tsunami evacuation zone signs per-

manently posted at the corner of Coast Highway 101 at Chesterfield Drive.

The floodlights from the Chart House restaurant lit up the shoreline. For 25 minutes, I watched the gently rolling one- to two-foot waves with no notice of increased tidal or wave action. There was, however, very light traffic on the Coast Highway, unusual for that time of night.

At 9:25, I headed for the beach parking area south of the Chart

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House to watch the ocean with 15 other tsunami observers. They said nothing had changed in the past half hour.
By Ken Harrison, 9/30

Train Chatter
Sorrento Valley — An Amtrak passenger train operating from San Diego to Los Angeles Sunday night, September 27, experienced a delay near Sorrento Valley that may have been due to an engine fire.

At about 8:45 p.m., a train dispatcher from the Metrolink San Diego subdivision asked Amtrak train number 595, via a railroad radio frequency, if they needed the fire department to respond. A crewmember from the train reported they were near the Sorrento Valley train station. A few minutes later, the dispatcher told train personnel that the fire department was on the way. An elderly male passenger at the Solana Beach train station who was traveling to Fullerton said an employee at the station announced that "Train 595 had a major mechanical problem and would be delayed. There will be another train in about an hour and it should be about on time." Shortly after 9:00 p.m., the station employee announced that train 595 and 597 would "hook up together" and go to Los Angeles as one train. At about 9:50 p.m. he made an announcement stating, "All passengers should go to track two for Orange

County and Los Angeles stations. The train left San Diego at 9:30 and should arrive shortly after 10:00."
By T.B. Weipert, 9/29
Psych!
City Heights — A patient who reportedly escaped from a nearby psychiatric facility was successfully apprehended by San Diego police officers late Sunday night, September 27.
Police dispatchers first reported that the patient was sighted on the 4000

block of 52nd Street near University Avenue just before 10:30 p.m. The escapee tried to evade incoming police units by running back and forth near University Avenue between 52nd Street and Shiloh Road. According to police radio chatter, the man was jumping fences in order to avoid being caught by authorities.
By Nathaniel Uy, 9/29
Tried to Die
San Diego State — At 7:51 a.m. Monday, September 28, SDSU police were con-

tacted by an individual who claimed that he was losing a lot of blood from a suicide attempt. The subject — described by police reports as a male in his mid-30s — was in Parking Structure I, located on College Avenue. Several units, including San Diego police, fire engines, and paramedics responded to the scene to assist SDSU campus police with the incident. According to police radio chatter, the subject's self-inflicted injuries
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were from a knife. He was found on the southside stairwell of the parking structure between levels two and three.

By Nathaniel Uy, 9/30

Troubled Bridge

Valley Center — The County of San Diego's Department of Public Works has started work on Valley Center Road's bridge over the San Luis Rey River, just west of Harrah's Rincon Casino.

This year, the Federal

Highway Administration revised its inspection standards to identify any bridge without enough existing foundation information to be evaluated as a "scour critical" structure. Since the existing bridge was completed in 1939 and evaluated as having an unknown foundation, the administration deemed it as "scour critical."

According to state bridge maintenance engineer Barton Newton, "More than half of all bridge failures in the United States are caused by scour,

where flowing water erodes supporting material from bridge piers and abutments."

The new two-lane bridge will be built next to the existing bridge and will have a foundation that meets federal bridge standards, be wider, and have sidewalks. Demolition of the old bridge will be completed when the new one opens to traffic.

The estimated total project cost is \$6,316,062 and will be funded by the Federal Highway Admin-

istration and gas-tax revenue. The project is expected to be completed in early spring 2011.

By FT Yoshida, 10/3

Diverted

City Heights — On Friday, September 25, the San Diego Police Department conducted a curfew sweep in the Mid-City area. Forty-three juveniles under the age of 18 who violated the 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew were picked up and brought in to the command post set up at Fay Elementary School on

52nd Street.

After processing, approximately 95 percent of those detained were deemed "divertible" and placed in diversion programs offered by various community and faith-based organizations, thereby avoiding court and fines. The remaining curfew violators were considered "not divertible" due to prior criminal records, outstanding warrants, or a history of non-compliance with diversion-program policies.

By Elizabeth Salaam, 9/29

Comments

1. What time were they picked up — 10:05? You know how hot and stifling it was that evening. You think these kids parents have air conditioning. It doesn't even cool down during the heat wave till 12:00 a.m.

By whygotahaveid
9:32 p.m., Sep 29

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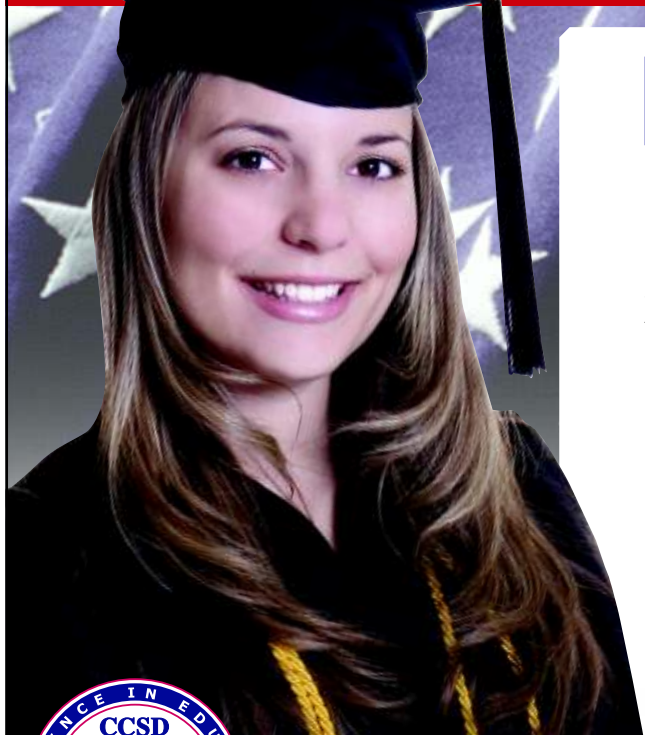
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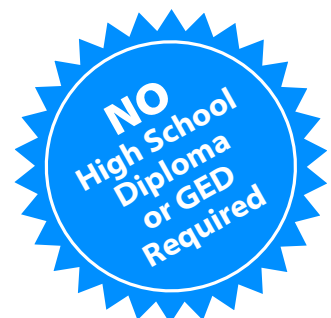
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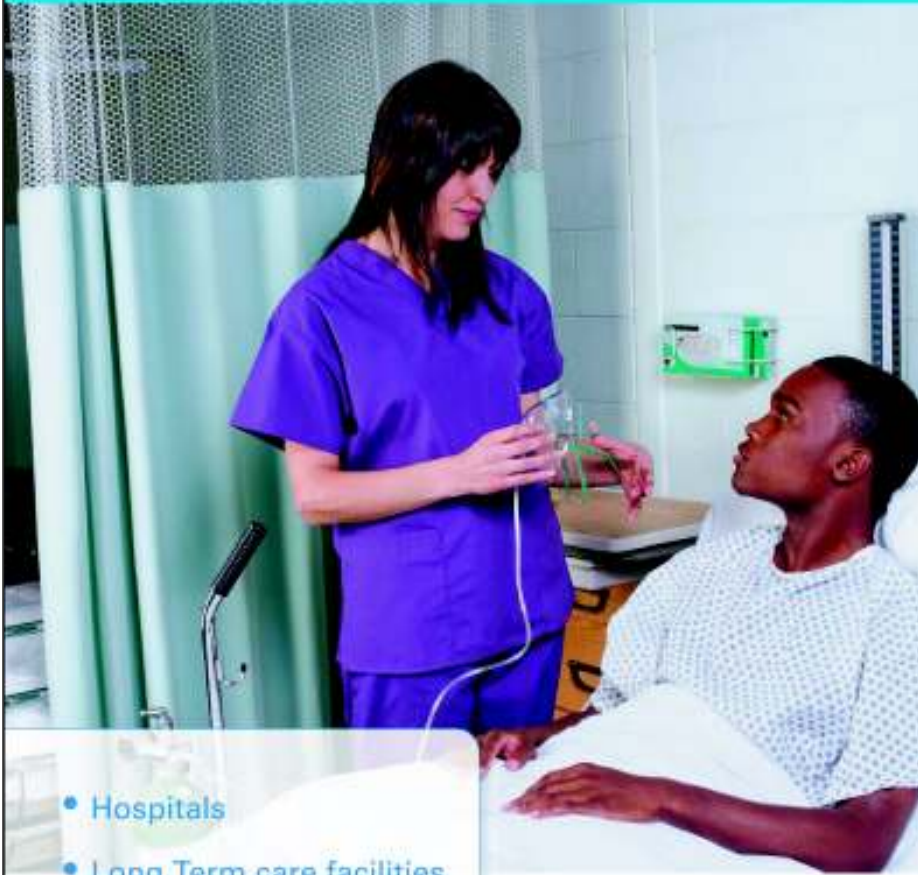


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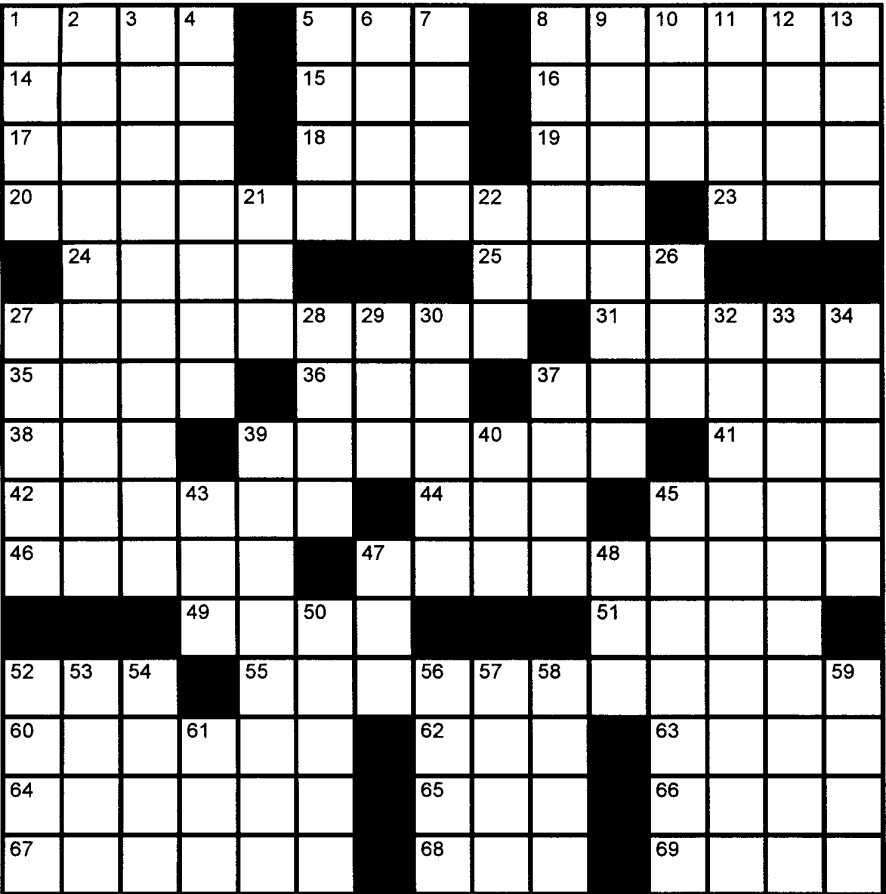
1. "Yeah ... whatever!"
5. Limit
8. Low-volume sound
14. George Herman Ruth, Jr.'s nickname
15. "What ____ the odds?"
16. Nissan model
17. Five-dollar bills, slangily

18. ____ se
19. X-ray follow-up
20. "Animal House" fraternity
23. Pres. elected in '48
24. "Children of the Tenements" author Jacob
25. Bausch's partner
27. Secretary of Energy under Obama
31. State Farm competitor
35. Lewis Carroll's "slithy" thing
36. Liverpool lav
37. "Sophie's Choice" author
38. Abbr. in a help wanted ad
39. 2005 Pussycat Dolls hit
41. Suffix with ranch
42. Vermont skiing mecca, for short
44. Fort Worth sch.
45. What a myrmecologist studies
46. Riverboat hazard
47. 2003 Ana Menendez novel
49. Weather service agcy.
51. Slangy denials
52. Opposite of post-
55. "I'm the One That I Want" comedienne
60. Private line?
62. Noted convert to Islam in 1964
63. Part of a parka
64. Not on time for
65. Wild scene
66. Switzerland's longest river
67. Number of colleges in the Big Ten
68. "District 9" characters, for short
69. Fr. holy women

Down

1. Bon Jovi's "You Give Love ____ Name"

2. Physical feature of the extinct Smilodon
3. "That's my understanding"
4. Holidayish
5. Skipper: Abbr.
6. It may be gray
7. Where the Guinea pig was first domesticated
8. Like a manly man
9. Final proposals
10. NFL blockers: Abbr.
11. Wisc. neighbor
12. Thurman and Pemmaraju
13. Tirade
21. Enzyme suffix
22. Gulager of "The Virginian"
26. Jazz singer Andy
27. They support plants
28. Sweet' ____
29. Bamboozle
30. Too ____ handle
32. McGruff the Crime Dog wears one
33. Popular Hawaiian vacation spot
34. Win by ____
37. Feng ____
39. Mineral in marble
40. 205, in old Rome
43. Tandoor-baked bread
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56. Intent look
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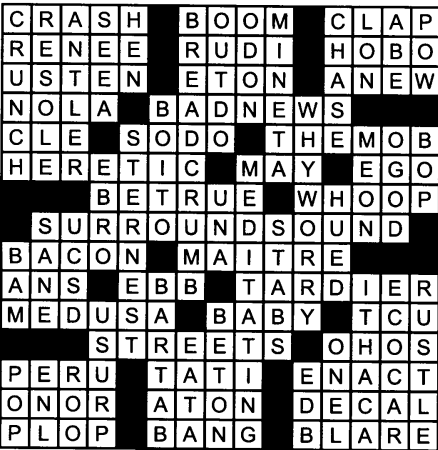
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Ken A., Ocean Beach, 1. *Why do transplants wear football jerseys?*
Flo Abena, Rancho Peñasquitos, 1. *Claro Tonto.*
Gabby Albasia, San Diego, 1. *Now? How about now?*
☛ **Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 1.** *Newsflash: Werewolf solves puzzle by light of full moon!*
☛ **Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 1.** *Jag hade födelsedagen med mina barn!*
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 1. *Yippee!*
Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 1. *Chargers and Steelers - even odds.*
L. Barling, El Cajon, 1. *Learn tolerance. Love diversity. Protect nature. Respect each other. Change!*

Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 1. *Oh Lyle, you got - styles.*
Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 1. *So happy you're back on the day shift baby.*
Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 1. *Go Cards!*
Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 1. *The summer is over...*
Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 1. *We're baaaack!*
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 1. *To God be the glory.*
Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 1. *Look outside the box.*
Eric Cash, Escondido, 1. *Princess Lilypad got her huge brain from her Daddy.*

Richard Chaput, San Diego, 1. *Never a winner.*
Leslie Chase, Campo, 1. *Opening for one - 1 orange October!*
Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 1. *Pads season is over. Tay moved out.*
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 1. *Nobody can bring you peace but yourself.*
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 1. *Hi All! Thanks!*
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 1. *I'll be back.*
Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 1. *It goes without saying.*
☛ **Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 1.** *San Diego is a Mickey Mouse City.*
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 1. *Puzzlers, help me be strong next week.*
Craig Curtis, Escondido, 1. *Hey - no French verbs. Oh happy day!*

William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 1. *Thanks for the tee!*
Jan Dawson, North Harbor, 1. *Only blue skies, smiles, and a pot of gold.*
Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 1. *Electric clocks reveal to you, precisely when your fuses blew!*
Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 1. *One last time for old times' sake. So long everyone!*
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 1. *Why can't we all just get along?*
John L. Drechner, North Park, 1. *Don't knock the rock!*
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 1. *Happy Birthday to me!*
Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 1. *Congrats to Jeff and Ann Marie. Saturday should be fun.*
George Elam, Vista, 1. *What happened to you, Jim?*

Harry Engel, La Jolla, 1. *Happy Birthday, Liza. Love you.*
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 1. *We need a bye week!*
Manny Faria, Point Loma, 1. *Have fun with Raine my love! Love you Pooh!*
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 1. *Ride your bike more. Gas prices will drop.*
Phyllis Grant, San Diego, 1. *That was fun!*
☛ **Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 1.** *UCSD!*
Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 1. *I love New York.*
Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 1. *1:30 a.m., nothing I'd rather be doing than a crossword.*
Diana Holt, Hillcrest, 1. *Happy 21st Birthday Cameron! You rock!*
Edward C. Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 1. *"Aya" Aya has a tee.*

Ron Hootman, Santee, 1. *Hoot 101: I'm working on it! It's Autumn in Santee.*
Jenny Hughes, Escondido, 1. *Whuh?*
Jake Jacoby, University City, 1. *Zoe was the best ol' dog. Rest in peace.*
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 1. *Kiera! Bodo! Back in action!*
Sara Khwaja, Poway, 1. *Ready for cool weather!*
Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 1. *Back with a vengeance...like the Padres and Chargers!*
Emily Marie, North Park, 1. *It's not easy to tell a story in ten words.*
Kyle Matzke, Vista, 1. *Let's go to Copenhagen and grovel; what a disgrace Pres!*
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 1. *Term limits for US Congress!*

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 1. *The first hit is always free.*
Ron Meyer, Santee, 1. *Hi Hunny. Happy Birthday Month!*
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 1. *Great starting puzzle and a shout out to UCSD!*
Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 1. *Goodbye, Papang. Rest in peace.*
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 1. *Anyone remember Dennis Gibson? Keep that feeling Bolts fans!*
Joe Musser, Encinitas, 1. *Kazoom!*
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 1. *It is better to travel well than to arrive. - Buddha*

Sunny Nelson, El Cajon, 1. *Wel-come autumn - cooler weather!*
Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 1. *Yahoo! We start anew!*
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 1. *Very noisy.*
Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 1. *With much thanks to Liz!*
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 1. *Thermos helmet!*
Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 1. *Thanks for the T-shirt.*
Carly Perna, San Diego, 1. *Why worry?*
Claire Phillips, Clairemont, 1. *Noisy Puzzler.*

John Pertle, Santee, 1. *John 6:35; John 8:12; John 10:11; John 11:25-26; John 14:6.*
Bill Pischke, Ramona, 1. *Orange you glad we met?*
Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 1. *Happy BDay Auntie Pat. Wishing all the best. Love, KDRS.*
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 1. *Thanks for the game!*
Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 1. *Here we go again. I aim to stay on top.*
Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 1. *A.J. Smith: Please draft some stud line-men next year.*
Jean B Rolfes, San Diego, 1. *Pick me!*
Henry Romero, San Diego, 1. *Go Bears!*

Don Romero, Ramona, 1. *Hang in there, sweet Mei Ling!*
Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 1. *It is gone.*
Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 1. *Back to squares 1.*
Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 1. *Happy 10th Joe and Carrinna! Stay classy!*
Walter Scheib, Oceanside, 1. *No references or software used.*
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 1. *So long and thanks for all the fish.*
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 1. *Great job Towers, but no champion-ships!*
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 1. *Iran's fraudulent elections reveal the country's weakness to the world.*

Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 1. *Happy Birthday Marcy, Gail, Nancy. Carson is blessed by you.*
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 1. *Eddie O. Spaghetti! For real?*
Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 1. *I banged, blared, and boomed, but it's probably bad news.*
Ed Summers, Santee, 1. *A cold beer, a good friend, a nice chat...priceless.*
Duane Tremaine, East Village, 1. *Amazing, Molly - the love inside, you take it with you.*
Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 1. *Cute shirt! Thanks.*
Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 1. *Click, click, kaboom.*

☛ **Susan Williams, North Park, 1.** *Autumn at last!*
Norman Williams, San Diego, 1. *What da fuss?*
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 1. *My 16-month old T-shirt is worn out.*
M. Zimmermann, Vista, 1. *Peace is Liberty in Tranquility. - Cicero*
Patzy and Leah, El Cajon, 1. *San Diego Web Drivers rule the road!*
Samantha Loveira and Matt Palmer, College Area, 1. *Thrash metal forever!*



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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:

		1					4	7
	9		5			3		
		3	9	1	8	5		
8				5		1	7	2
	7			6			5	
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		7	6	9	4	8		
		4			1		6	
1	6					2		

MEDIUM:

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		4		3	1			
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			8	9		4		
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HARD:

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We cannot accept your entry without the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Circle T-shirt size: L XL

Personal Message: _____

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EASY:

2	9	3	7	4	8	6	5	1
8	4	6	3	1	5	7	9	2
5	7	1	6	2	9	8	3	4
9	1	2	8	5	3	4	7	6
4	3	5	2	6	7	9	1	8
7	6	8	4	9	1	3	2	5
3	2	9	1	8	6	5	4	7
1	8	7	5	3	4	2	6	9
6	5	4	9	7	2	1	8	3

MEDIUM:

4	9	6	7	8	2	5	1	3
5	8	3	9	1	4	7	2	6
2	1	7	6	5	3	8	9	4
9	2	1	3	7	5	4	6	8
7	6	8	4	2	9	1	3	5
3	5	4	8	6	1	2	7	9
1	4	2	5	3	6	9	8	7
8	3	9	2	4	7	6	5	1
6	7	5	1	9	8	3	4	2

HARD:

8	4	6	5	3	9	1	7	2
2	3	5	1	7	6	9	8	4
9	1	7	8	4	2	6	5	3
4	6	8	9	5	3	7	2	1
7	9	2	4	6	1	5	3	8
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3	2	4	6	9	5	8	1	7

EVIL:

9	6	4	5	3	8	7	2	1
1	7	3	4	6	2	5	9	8
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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

EASY:

Don Bowman, Santee, 1.

...Sitting on a wall and had a great fall...but...

Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 1.

Here we go again

M. Elliott, Ranch Bernardo, 1.

Home again, home again, jiggety-jig!

Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista, 1.

Yes, I love technology. Always and forever

Saad Ghulam, Escondido, 1.

Make it easy for me to get a tshirt

Simon Hubble, Alpine, 1.

OPTIONS? Breeding competition

amongst insurance companies?

Unamerican as Fox Noise!!!

John Pertle, Santee, 1.

Receiving eternal life is easy: believe in the lord Jesus.

Ed Rull, San Diego, 1.

Can't wait for the t-shirt

Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 1.

Great days to visit our nature center museum and marina

Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 1.

Easy does it

MEDIUM:

Dali, Point Loma, 1.

Crissy my sleazy trailer trash that smokes

Skully, San Diego, 1.

We miss you Monkeyboy. Do what you

gotta do

Kathleen Allegri, Pacific

Beach, 1.

You got to believe! Go

Chiefs!

Erika Aparadh, San Ysidro, 1.

Love you Chloe!

Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 1.

How long is this going to take?!

Alyssa Ketcham, East Village, 1.

In the beginning, man...

Kodukso, Poway, 1.

Only swines get the flu... get a shot!

Pablo Lagverta, San Diego, 1.

I love Daygo!

Bernie Malihan, Mira Mesa, 1.

I want my shirt already! Hi Bhurd!

Tony Marsh, San Carlos, 1.

And then there was 10

Pauline O'Mally, Point Loma, 1.

Love Sudoku puzzles

Oscar Ortiz-Martinez, San

Diego, 1.

Legalize it!!!

Jefferna Oscar, Potomaic

Falls, 1.

I love Peaches we love

stepmonster and Jeffrena!!Speras

Jeffrey Ross, Chula Vista, 1.

happy birthday to me. Thank you

for everything kitten. XOXO

Dr. Dave Spera, Point Loma, 1.

Mike the ... crown wasn't yours

oops

Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 1.

S.I.L.A.D

Felicitas Yakut, East Village, 1.

Alex's Red Barn Sherry is yum

HARD:

Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 1.

Hi Miss Revels enjoy your vacations!

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 1.

These shoes stay on my feet

Lark Herrick, Alpine, 1.

We love you tooo Hayden

Michael Hess, Escondido, 1.

Go Cowboys!

Ray Hunt, Rancho

Peñasquitos, 1.

Sundevils 27

Romona Bulldogs 6

Yea Billy Ray

Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego, 1.

Submitting my one entry correctly

and on time again- maybe...

Stephen Loughrane, Bankers

Hill, 1.

Always and forever, pol

Bruce C. Mengler, Solana

Beach, 1.

Ready, set, go!

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 1.

I won't be trapped by your evil seeds!

Edvin Shahmoradian,

Escondido, 1.

Hope you had a

great BD Madi!

Marty Sinigayan, Point Loma,

1.

My game has been shaky, but

now I'm back, suckas!

Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 1.

The earth belongs to no one. Be nice

Lonhell Stevens, San Diego, 1.

Da King...here!!

John Strauch, Point Loma, 1.

Beat Alzheimer's at Adventures in

Bridge

Glenn R. Walker, La Jolla, 1.

Hi to Hary (L.J.)

Carolyn Woodbury, Chula

Vista, 1.

Please water less often

and use CLF bulbs

EVIL:

Daniel Aames, Carmel Valley,

1.

Nice to be back!

Flo Abena, Rancho Peñasquitos,

1.

Natural disasters- boo

Woody Anderson, Carmel

Valley, 1.

Conundrum: is the

Reader a newspaper or a magazine?

Joe Arbusto, Rancho

Peñasquitos, 1.

Convicted Felons

deserve "obscurity", not "publicity",

leave TV Tom Delay

Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 1.

Full

tilt blues. J. Joplin

Delfin Bernardo, National City,

1.

Pinoy ako na bumabati sa inyo

Olga Betteridge, Ocean

Beach, 1.

...Our love is not!

Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 1.

We may have been away, but our

love never left

Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 1.

Lets see if it works for me- Shirt

happens!

Robert Bradley, Spring Valley,

1.

Thanks shirt does happen

Cyrus Chang, San Diego, 1.

Pour Alix Truche- Maigret

Greg Chauncey, La Jolla, 1.

Real evil was up all four corners

blank center...

Clyde Christie, East Village, 1.

Chamberlain and Obama—Both

have sold out to eastum Europe

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 1.

True friends stab you in the front

Gena Clark, Mission Hills, 1.

Class of 1969. You look old. I still

look fabulous

☛ **Robert Cr**

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Lynnette Lampton, La Mesa, 1. *This one was easy*
Raymond Land , Escondido, 1. *Calm down! This too, shall pass*
Kimberly Larsen , Spring Valley, 1. *Way to bring on the Fall, SD. p.s. Heeey Michael*
Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 1. *Looks like you did it Jody*

Karen Maegley, Sorrento Mesa, 1. *Is it day 1 yet?*
Julio Magno, San Diego, 1. *Postal Sudoku expert*
Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 1. *You rock Tortoise from the hair*
Anthony Marca, Encinitas, 1. *Es-Con-Di-Do Super Chargers!*
Dean McCoy, Vista, 1. *let it rain!*

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 1. *Term limits for US Congress!*
P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 1. *Call me*
Martin Mucciarone, Carlsbad, 1. *Combinations flow, like water over pebbles, finding the right way*
Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 1. *Does Mary Bentley still play dominoes? Please call*
Jerry Noser, Bankers Hill, 1. *Go Jake! Have a good game!*

Bill Petty, Bay Ho, 1. *328 Evil Wins!*
Roy Respress, Carlsbad, 1. *I am so good at doing evil, Ahaaaa*
David Schwartz, Clairemont, 1. *Huzzah for Hockey! Go Kings Go!*
Joe Selig, San Diego, 1. *Kauai, Hi*
Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 1. *Save gas -ride a bicycle*

Yuko T., San Diego, 1. *Go Saints!*
Ted Tarris, Serra Mesa, 1. *Michael Moore: Giant, Socialist, Weasel*
Duane D. Termaine, E. Village, 1. *Call me Shang-Chi, as my father did*
☛ **Bill Vaughan, Coronado, 1.** *I love you, Dominic and Grace*
Harry Walker , La Jolla, 1. *Hi, brother Glenn (LJ). Let's bet again!*

Susan Williams, North Park, 1. *Let's ban leaf blowers*
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 1. *Rocks first sand last in the priority jar*
Tony Zuban, Carmel Valley, 1. *To fill the time with a broken left arm. Evil...*

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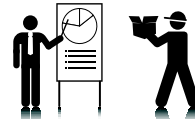
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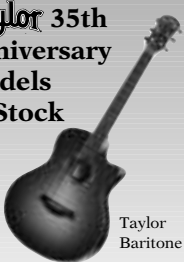
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I'm guessing you don't mean annually. A lot of people probably wouldn't be comfortable answering that. But I can tell you about some stocks I made money on. I bought Las Vegas Sands back five months ago for \$2 a share, when everything was in the basement, pricewise. I sold it two weeks ago at \$12.50 a share and made about 5K on that.



Tonya Gonzalez
Hotel Business
Normal Heights

Tom Leykis, the radio talk-show host, was doing an appearance in town. Our driver didn't want to pick him up in P.B., so I did. He and his manager were in the backseat, and I was talking to him about a show I heard the previous day. He had been saying that overweight women were the worst drivers because they'll stop anywhere to eat. We talked the whole way there, and his manager gave me a \$20 tip. When [Leykis] got out of the car, he was touching my arms in a flirty way. He's a heavy guy, and he was all sweaty. It was creepy. But he also tipped me \$20. And I ended up getting a few more tips that day. I told the driver later and he was mad.



Rebecca Arriaga
Clothing Company
San Diego

The clothing company I work for, well, it seems they have a lot more rules in California than the other states they're located in. And someone in Ohio was suing, saying they didn't get all their breaks. A lawsuit was filed and they called me up asking about my breaks. I told them I had them all. I don't know if it's just easier for companies to settle. I told them they didn't owe me anything, but they called back a few weeks later saying all the employees that worked a certain time would be getting a \$2000 check. They told me they'd pay me even though I was refusing it. I was contacted later by the IRS for not paying taxes on it, and I owed them \$700.



Al Santiago
Engineer
Kearny Mesa

I don't know, maybe the condo we sold. We made a little money on that. Oh, I got a good one — the Cash for Clunkers [government program]. We got a Kia Spectra for my daughter. We had a '93 Isuzu Trooper my brother gave my daughter to use as a first car. It started having problems and became my car. We traded it in at the Kia dealer and got \$4500. Then Kia gave us another \$3500 as a rebate for the car we chose. All in all, we made \$8000 on a 16-year-old car. Not a bad take.



Jeff Vroom
Carpenter
Ramona

I bought a mint-condition Mickey Mantle baseball card for a dollar when I was a kid. The same person I got that from...I also got a few other players from the '60s that were all-stars — Hank Aaron and a Pete Rose rookie card that I think showed him and another player. He wanted all my Padres cards. So, he got an Ozzie Smith, Randy Jones, and Dave Winfield. I made out in the deal. I sold the collection ten years later and got around \$10,000.



Steph Summers
Teacher
San Jose

I bought a Gordon & Smith surfboard at a garage sale for \$5. I ended up using it a few times before deciding to just hang it on the wall of my garage. A few years later someone offered me \$500 for it. I took it in a heartbeat. Hey, I had a credit card bill to pay off. I'm sure they're now talking about it as the best deal they've ever gotten. It was in excellent condition, so I'm sure it's worth something in the thousands.

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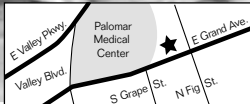
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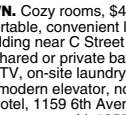
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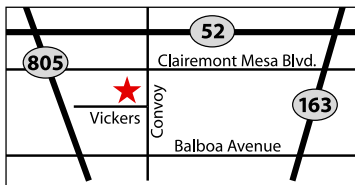
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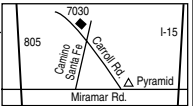
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— Lonely Japanese men (and a few women) with rich imaginations have created a thriving sub-culture (*otaku*) in which they have all-consuming relationships with figurines that are based on popular anime characters. “The less extreme,” reported a *New York Times* writer in July, obsessively collect the dolls. The hardcore *otaku* “actually believes that a lumpy pillow with a drawing of a [teenage character] is his girlfriend” and takes her out in public on romantic dates. “She has really changed my life,” said “Nisan,” 37, referring to his gal, Nemutan. (The *otaku* dolls are not to be confused with the life-size, anatomically correct dolls that other lonely men use for sex.) One forlorn “2-D” (so named for preferring relationships with two-dimensionals) said he would like to marry a real, 3-D woman, “[b]ut look at me. How can someone who carries this [doll] around get married?”

Cultural Diversity

— Thousands of Koreans and some tourists joined in the messy events of July’s Byryeong City Mud Festival, which glorifies the joys of an activity usually limited to pigs. Mud-wrestling, mud-sliding, a “mud prison,” and colored mud

baths dominated the week’s activities, but so unfortunately did dermatological maladies, which hospitalized 200 celebrants.

— National Specialties: (1) In May, Singapore’s Olympic Council, finding no athlete good enough, declined to name a national Sportsman of the Year. (2) A survey of industrialized nations by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development revealed that Japanese and Koreans sleep the least, while the French spend the most time at both sleeping and eating. (3) A Tokyo rail passenger company, Keihin, installed a face-scanning machine recently so that employees, upon reporting for work, can tell whether they are smiling broadly enough to present a good impression.

Latest Religious Messages

— The director of a child advocacy group told the Associated Press in June that, since 1975, at least 274 children have died following the withholding of medical treatment based on religious doctrine. In one high-profile case this year, the father of a girl said turning her over to doctors would violate God’s word (she died), but in another, a Minnesota family that had trusted their son’s cancer to prayer, based on advice from something called the Nemenhah Band, changed

course and allowed chemotherapy, which so far appears to have prolonged the boy’s life.

Questionable Judgments

— Maryland corrections officials, hoping to improve juvenile rehabilitation by a gentler approach to incarceration, opened its New Beginnings Youth Center in May. The lockdown facility had declined to use razor wire, instead merely landscaping its chain-link fences with thorny rose bushes. After one inmate easily escaped on the second day of operation, razor wire was installed. — Britain’s National Health Service of Sheffield issued a “guidance” to schools this summer to encourage teaching students alternatives to pre-marital sex, including masturbation. According to the *Daily Telegraph*, the leaflet (titled “Pleasure”) contains the slogan “[A]n orgasm a day keeps the doctor away” and likens the health benefits of eating fruits and vegetables and exercising to the benefits of masturbating twice a week.

Rock People

— (1) Chicago police arrested motorist Daniel Phelan, 27, in August and charged him in connection with a three-week spree of drive-by rock-throwing at other cars. Officers discounted ordi-

nary road rage as a cause, in that Phelan appeared to have been driving around during that time with an arsenal of rocks in the passenger seat. (2) A 22-year-old man was arrested in Kitsap, Wash., in August after tossing a barrage of rocks at people, leading some to chase him until police intervened. The man explained that he is preparing to enter ultimate fighting championship contests but had never actually been in a fight and wanted experience at getting beaten up.

Least Competent Cops

— (1) The supreme court of Spain tossed out assault charges against Henry Osagiede in August because of unfairness by Madrid police. Osagiede, a black man, was convicted after the victim identified him as her attacker from a lineup in which he was the only black man. (2) Six Ormond Beach, Fla., motorcycle officers, detailed to chaperone the body of prominent Harley-Davidson dealer Bruce Rossmeyer from the funeral home to the cemetery, accidentally collided with each other en route, sending all six riders and their bikes sprawling.

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'You are Crocktastic!'

"Well, they don't call me Crockalicious for nothing." This back-and-forth at our family reunion happened between hubby Pat and sis Meg, aka Crock-Pot Queen. The Kelly home doesn't even own a Crock-Pot. Dinner prep here is at a more traditional hour, six o'clock, stomachs growling while Eve searches the fridge for meal options. That has to change. The Kelly kitchen needs a slow cooker.

Of course, I started my info quest with Mrs. Crockalicious herself. "I own a Hamilton Beach Deluxe Stay or Go," offered Meg (Target: \$41.29 for the six-quart cooker). "It latches; that's the 'stay or go' part, so when I travel with it, it doesn't spill anywhere. It seals nicely so it cooks better — it's not letting out any warmth on the sides like other pots. It comes with a plastic serving spoon that can snap into the lid han-



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"I put a pork shoulder or a Boston butt in there. The leftovers make great sandwiches."

dle; it has high, low, and warm settings; and there's a stoneware bowl that you can take out and wash so you don't have an electrical wire issue in your sink."

Meg's hubby likes "the dried Italian soup mix: Tuscan bean soup. I whip that up in the Crock-Pot. I also make beef stew. Throw in some raw meat, potatoes, a package of beef-stew seasoning, and call it a day. It's nine a.m., and I couldn't be happier."

Friend Katie was certain about what she didn't like — the Rival Six-Quart Crock-Pot with a Little Dipper (\$39.99 from Costco). "It's stainless steel with the black inside, oval shaped, and it comes with a side Crock-Pot. It's really hot, cooks too fast, and overcooks everything. I'd put frozen meat in, and it would be done within just a couple of hours. And it would burn stuff — like the chili, it would burn it on the bottom. That defeats the purpose of slow cooking."

Another dilemma with the Costco Crock-Pot — it sits up too high. "It's very prone to tipping over," continued Katie. "If you scoot it on the counter to try to move it a little bit, it kind of wobbles because it is so top-heavy. It is a bad design."

Katie's hubby bought her a six-quart Cooks Slow Cooker (\$49.99 at JCPenney). "It has a stoneware bowl that comes out, and it's just off, low, and high, really simple. But it works well. I do a lot of soups in it, and chicken dishes. I put in frozen bone-in chicken breasts and then a little bit of juice, and it makes its own broth. All the leftovers I shred up and put them in the freezer for casserole-type dishes."

Bernice loves her Not Your Mother's Slow Cooker Cookbook (\$15.16 at barnesandnoble.com). "The recipes are updated for the modern time. The book does say that you really need a certain size Crock-Pot, depending on what you are making. If you put a medium-sized recipe in a large Crock-Pot, it changes it a little bit. So, if you have a bigger Crock-Pot than the recipe calls for, you might need to add more liquid."

Bernice's pot — a stainless steel GE six- to seven-quart slow cooker (\$39.88 at Walmart.com) gets a bit in the way in the kitchen. "It takes up a lot of surface space on the counter. Ideally, I would have my Crock-Pot stored up high for when I do roasts and whole chickens and keep a round four-to five-quart pot for the chilis, soups, and stews on the counter."

Bernice likes to make shredded pork in the Crock. "I put a pork shoulder or a Boston butt in there, and I usually add a little bit of broth and

maybe some onions. When it's all done, I shred it up and I add my favorite barbecue sauce. The leftovers make great sandwiches throughout the week on buns."

"If money were no object," said sis Nancy, "I'd own a Williams-Sonoma All-Clad Deluxe Slow Cooker [\$299.95 at williams-sonoma.com]. You can put the insert right on the stovetop to sauté and then move it to the Crock-Pot. It cuts down on pots to wash."

The following day, while at Target checking prices, I was taken by the barn-red Rival Stoneware Slowcooker Crock-Pot (\$19.99 for the four-quart pot). The color will match the cabinets, I thought. But it only holds a four-pound roast, I read. Not big enough for dinner and next-day sandwiches.

Further down the aisle I noticed a definite item for the Christmas wish-list: the Trio Cook & Serve Slow Cooker (\$99.99 for the three 2.5-quart-capacity stoneware bowls by Crock-Pot). Great for some holiday parties, I ruminated. It could keep the meatballs, chili, and nacho cheese warm all at once for Patrick's football parties.

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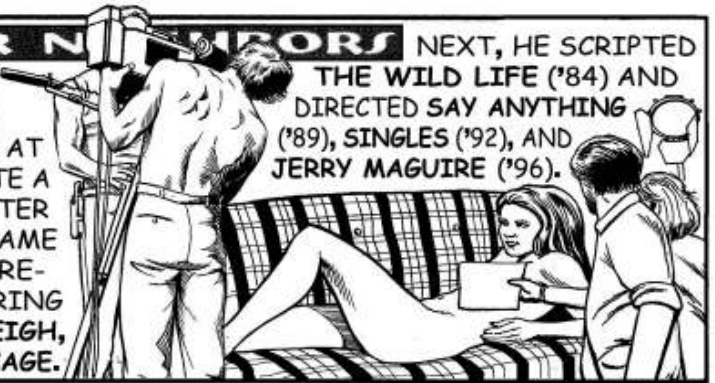
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Thirty Years Ago

Dear Matthew Alice:

While standing in the license-renewal line for an hour and a half the other day at the Department of Motor Vehicles, I realized that this chore is one of our society's great levelers. Everyone — Paul Bloom, Dr. Thomas Day, Don Coryell — must stand in line at the DMV in order to obtain a license. Am I right?

Sara Kassara, Mission Beach.

Not long ago I met someone in line who looked remarkably like Joan Didion. (She resembled the photograph on Didion's latest book, *The White Album*.) I introduced myself and she said, "I had better tell you what I am doing here. What I am doing here is trying to pass a test that corresponds, in some totemic way, to everything in California that I have been taught to believe in. To say that this line is in some way better than the eight-items-or-less line at the Mayfair in Hillcrest is beside the point."

— STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, *Matthew Alice*, October 11, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Daniel Muñoz is the publisher of San Diego's Mexican-American newspaper *La Prensa*. In mid-July of last year, he filed a suit against Rachael Ortiz, executive director of Barrio Youth Center in Logan Heights. Muñoz states that on May 6, 1983, he and his wife attended a social function at the Casa Bonita restaurant on Sweetwater Road in National City. At 8:30 p.m., someone told him that a woman was calling him from across the room. It was Rachael Ortiz. Muñoz's suit claims that she made obscene gestures at him. She then reached up and slapped him.

[I]t was not surprising when in May of this year Ortiz filed a cross-complaint alleging libel and conspiracy on the part of Daniel Muñoz as well as his attorney Denise Moreno Ducheny and her husband Alvin

Ducheny.

— CITY LIGHTS: "SLAPPED SLAPS SUIT ON SLAPPER," *Abe Opincar*, October 11, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

My baby loves the Grateful Dead. Loves 'em so much that the quickest cure at our place for an onset of persistent fussiness is rockin' Ariel in her daddy's arms to "Touch of Gray," "China Cat Sunflower," "Bertha," or any other GD tune of ancient or recent vintage.

— CITY LIGHTS: "THE DIAPER DEEJAY," *Alan Reder*, October 12, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

I've finally seen what I feel to be the very best moment of local television broadcast this year. It was Tuesday last week. Johnatan George, the 36-year-old "career criminal" who two years ago made headlines by bolting from a sheriff's van in the Gaslamp Quarter and shooting to death Michael Champion, a 28-year-old

motorist, testified on his own behalf.

"If [Champion] had not knocked the gun out of my hand, it would not have discharged," George said.

— AS SEEN ON TV: "REMAIN CALM," *Abe Opincar*, October 6, 1994

Ten Years Ago

Unlike a lot of my classmates, I don't practice law anymore. I stay at home with my kids. On a good day, I'm happy about my decisions. I wouldn't trade Johnny's smiles and Rebecca's first word and Angela and Lucy's make-believe games for the billable-hour grind most lawyers endure.

— KID STUFF: "A LONG WALK DOWN A NARROW CORRIDOR," *Anne Albright*, October 7, 1999

Five Years Ago

Sunday's startling endorsement by the *Union-Tribune* of Democrat Mike Aguirre for San Diego city attorney seems to have turned conventional wisdom on its head. But there is a big reason behind the U-



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T's seeming madness, according to newspaper insiders: the death of publisher Helen Copley.

Though Republican, David Copley, 52, quietly gave \$5000 to left-leaning gubernatorial candidate Arianna Huffington, even as his mother's paper was endorsing Republican movie star Arnold Schwarzenegger.

— CITY LIGHTS: "OVER MOM'S DEAD BODY," *Matt Potter*, October 7, 2004

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Founded: 1992
Senior pastors: Harry Kuehl and Jeanette Moffett
Congregation size: 3000
Staff size: 40 (including part-time)
Sunday school enrollment: 500
Annual budget: 10 percent given to missions
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: yes
Dress: casual to semiformal
Diversity: majority Caucasian, but mixed
Sunday worship: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 5 minutes
Website: thechurchatrb.org

As my eyes adjusted to the half-light of the church and my ears absorbed the happy boom of the band, I thought, is that the theme from *Friends*?

It was. A little ways into the service, the *Friends*-bell sounded again as the choir and congregation chanted: “I am a friend of God/ I am a friend of God/ I am a friend of God/ He calls me friend.” It swelled from both band and congregation, like a pop anthem at a concert, like the repeated mantra at the end of the Beatles’

“All You Need Is Love.”

The Church at Rancho Bernardo is in the midst of its Delicious series, which asks the question, “Are you satisfied?” and then seeks to provide answers through culinary images tied to sanctified living. Sample from Sunday’s bulletin: “Eating fish is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle, but eating fish with friends is the recipe for a fully delicious life!”

The theme of Sunday’s service was “sushi with friends,” a reference to John 21. Jesus, newly risen from the grave, calls out to His disciples from the shore as they are fishing in their boat: “Friends! Have you caught any fish?” John recognizes Him and tells Peter; Peter swims ashore to find Jesus cooking fish over an open fire. As Pastor Kuehl put it, “Jesus looks at Peter and smiles, and says, ‘Pete, come and have breakfast with me’...Jesus slips away from His own cosmic party” — in heaven, following His resurrection — “to anxiously wait for some heavyhearted friends. To tell them the news, ‘I’m back!’”

Kuehl told the story via video, played on one of the huge screens suspended over the semicircular stage. He stood beside a firepit on the beach, frying a fish in a cast-iron skillet, half his face aglow with sunlight. “So, what do you say? Shall we have breakfast? Our Lord Jesus teaches us the recipe for real friendship.”

(Before Kuehl came out onto the stage for the sermon proper, music minister Gerry Moffett took a moment to note that Sunday marked the 17th anniversary of the church’s first service. “I think of the different friendships that we’ve had through the years, and the grace that you have given me...as friends. Have you experienced that grace — not only from God the Father, but from friends here on Earth?” Moffett also introduced a video concerning an upcoming seminar put on by Crown Financial Ministries, one that promised to “transform your life, helping you get control of your finances God’s way.... If you’re looking for real change in your finances, for solid biblical answers, then now is the time to begin your

journey to financial freedom.”)

Recipe-ingredient number one: friends hook and release. “The three most important words in the language of friendship are ‘let it go,’” said Kuehl. “If you want friendship, then you will pay a high price called forgiveness. Jesus teaches us how to do that.” His own friends abandoned Him, but “on the cross, He whispered, ‘Father, forgive them.’ You see, Jesus loved these guys.”

Ingredient number two: friends swim in deep waters. “When you walk through deep troubles with a friend, you develop a bond that transcends the differences you have. Suffering unites.” To demonstrate, Kuehl asked everyone who had ever somehow been affected by cancer to stand. (Nearly everyone stood.) He asked them to shake hands in silence. “A couple of moments ago, complete strangers. When I mentioned this specific suffering, almost instantly, we felt a connection. We share this love, this solidarity. Many of you wear crosses; they remind you of the God who suffered like you...who bled like you



Harry Kuehl & Jeanette Moffett

The Church at Rancho Bernardo	
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Sermon content	★★½
delivery	★★★
Liturgy	★★½
Music	
congregational	★★
band	★★½
Snacks	★★½
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Poor to satisfactory (none)	
Good	★
Very good	★★
Excellent	★★★
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bleed.”

Ingredient number three: friends are fish out of water, helping us find supernatural supplies of oxygen. “We need friends who can remind us, even on the Good Friday days of our lives, that Easter Sunday is coming. And Jesus is Easter, reminding His friends that

there is always hope. So, this morning, as you assess, ‘How good a friend am I?’ remember first how good a friend Jesus is to you.”

Kuehl closed with prayer: “Lord Jesus, I know that from the seashore of heaven, You’re shouting ‘Friend!’ to everyone in Your house today.... You are the best friend we ever could have. Help us to look around.”

The bulletin offered further questions for personal study, such as, “How do our friendships demonstrate the character and love of God to those outside the faith?”

What happens when we die?

“Well,” said Kuehl, “if you have invited Jesus Christ to be the savior and lord of your life, you’ll go straight to heaven — and if you haven’t, you won’t. But I would add to that: we will be blown away by how gracious a God we serve. People you don’t think will be there, will be there.”

— Matthew Lickona

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Sognefjord, Norway

By Derek Ray

A trip to Norway is incomplete without getting out on the water to experience the fjords. The sea plays an essential role in the history of Norway, exemplified by some of its most notable museums: the Viking, the Fram, the Kon-Tiki, and the



Norwegian Maritime Museum. But inland waterways and fjords reveal the country's essence and striking beauty.

After experiencing Oslo, one of the most underrated cities in Europe, I made my way to Bergen on the west coast. From Bergen I booked a one-day cruise on the Sognefjord, considered one of the

most spectacular fjords in Norway.

The first train from Bergen to Myrdal had some lovely scenery, but views were simply amazing on the second leg, Myrdal to Flam, as we descended into the valley. The train stopped briefly at a waterfall and other scenic locations for picture-taking.

The weather was a bit gloomy as I climbed aboard a crowded vessel with tourists from all over the world, but the spectacular nature of the fjords revealed itself despite the clouds. I wandered inside the ferry as a light rain began to fall and was puzzled by the sight of a few tourists who were oblivious to the surrounding wonder, particularly one Japanese gentleman sleeping like a baby. Why would somebody come so far to take a nap amidst this beauty? I decided that despite the drizzle and wind, outside was the place to be. This is Norway, after all; you can't expect the same skies as the Italian Riviera.

As we rounded each bend, our view opened up to awe-inspiring green cliffs and valleys. I occasionally spotted a little farm dwarfed by the mountains. Eventually the sun poked through the clouds, producing magical vistas.

After the boat docked, a beautiful rainbow graced the countryside — a fitting way to cap off the journey.

Zacatecas, Mexico

By Ana Forsythe

Our plane flew into Zacatecas in the midst of rainfall. The airport had one runway surrounded by red unpaved dirt, the smallest baggage claim I'd ever seen, and the most charming people I'd ever met. You may not be blown away by your first impression of Zacatecas, but once you make your way into the city and experience it, you find it has much more to offer than you expected.

From nightly "tequila marches" to weekly band performances, the city loves to have fun and entertain. Its museums are also a must-see, many displaying pieces from the Mexican Revolution. The architecture around Zacatecas is art itself — beautiful arches, elaborate cathedrals, and flat-roofed adobe houses scattered across hillsides.

Though the hike to the top of Cerro de la Bufa may sound unappealing, the view at the top is well worth it. If hiking's not for you, a tramway that runs over the city takes you to the same view.

Other Adventures



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World Famous Puerto Nuevo Lobster Village Celebrates With Lobster Festival This Sunday



The Story Of How A Little Lobster Built A Big Village

If you live in Southern California, you might be among the millions who have made a pilgrimage to Puerto Nuevo, one of the world's Meccas for lobster lovers.

But even if you've been to that famous village 12 miles south of downtown Rosarito — which will host its 17th annual lobster festival Sunday — you might not know how it started.

We'll get to that in a second. But first a few words about the festival. It's from 12 to 6 this Sunday on Renteria Street, the main street through the picturesque village.

There this Sunday you can get a plate of perfect Puerto Nuevo-style lobster and three drinks for \$15, while enjoying Mexican mariachi and dazzling dancers in a seaside setting.

We could say a lot more about the event that celebrates the start of fresh lobster season. But just come and see for yourself.

If a picture's worth a thousand words, the taste of Puerto Nuevo-style lobster is worth at least a million — and that's about how many are served each year along the Rosarito coast.

Most of that glorious consumption is because of Puerto Nuevo, which began its life about 60 years ago as a modest fishing village, perched on the cliffs near a road with a Newport cigarette billboard.

(The billboard — Newport translates into Puerto Nuevo — gave the village its name. Back then, the billboard was the easiest way to find it.)

In the late 1940s and early 1950s, local fisherman in their small panga boats would take to the Pacific for the day to harvest lobster and other delicacies of the sea.

(For the uninitiated, these are Pacific lobsters. Unlike their New England counterparts, they

have no claws but a larger tail. A pound is typical.) When fishermen returned, their wives often prepared them meals of the freshest fried lobster, rice, beans and delicious homemade tortillas. In days before refrigeration in the village, it was an easy meal to make.

Fishermen's wives also served this flavorful meal to many Americans who came down for the day to fish. Fame and demand for luscious lobster prepared Puerto Nuevo-style grew.

In the early 1950s a small lobster stand opened near that Newport cigarette billboard and many restaurants opened soon thereafter. That Newport cigarette billboard is long gone but more than 30 restaurants and many shops now dot what has become one of the most famous lobster destinations in the world. Six will participate in the festival.

"We want to show our visitors the real Rosarito: its food, colors, culture and warmth of our people," said Daniel Cortes, President of the Rosarito Chamber of Restaurants, one of the festival sponsors.

The family friendly festival will include Baja wine tasting, Baja beer breweries and traditional Mexican candies. And did we mention fresh lobster, prepared Puerto-Nuevo style?

