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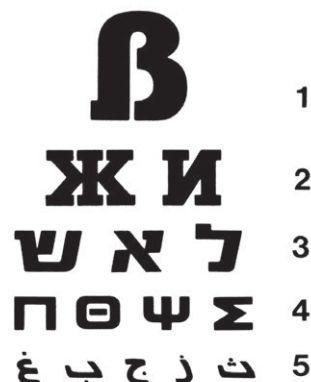
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UNDER THE RADAR

Politics afire In January, *San Diego Magazine* put **Colin Rice** on its “50 People to Watch in 2010” list, reporting that the loyal ex-aide and political advisor to former assemblyman and insurance-company lobbyist **Juan Vargas**, who narrowly won the Democratic primary for a state senate seat in June, had “recently joined the Amerland Group, an affordable-housing developer.” As it’s turned out, there’s been plenty to watch for. In June, Amerland cofounders **Jules Arthur** and **Ruben Islas** of La Jolla, longtime Vargas backers, as well as three other workers for the San Diego-based company, were arrested here and subsequently pled not guilty in Solano County Superior Court to a bevy of criminal counts of manslaughter and elder abuse stemming from an August 15, 2008 blaze that killed three residents of the historic Casa de Vallejo, a taxpayer-subsidized low-income senior housing complex run by Amerland in downtown Vallejo. Two civil suits alleging that managers ignored fire codes and didn’t fix the building’s faulty fire alarm have since been lodged against the defendants and Amerland.

Vargas isn’t the only local politico to pick up financial support from Amerland. According to congressional disclosure records, last year the company paid \$10,000 to the Washington firm of Hessel, Aluise and Neun to lobby on “matters relating to the U.S. Department of Human Development.” And City records show that this May 12 Arthur contributed \$500 to the successful reelection bid of San Diego city councilman **Tony Young**; giving the same were director of acquisitions **Casey Haeling** and Rice, identified as Amerland’s vice president of acquisitions. In May of last year, Rice gave \$250 to the legal defense fund of Councilman **Ben Hueso**, currently a Democratic candidate for state assembly. In 2008, Councilman **Todd Gloria** got a total of \$1350 from Arthur, Rice, and other Amerland employees. In May of last year, Amerland bought Golden Age Apartments on South 36th Street here, using federal money in a subsidized housing deal made possible by the City. Young made the February 2009 motion to approve the arrangement, seconded by Hueso. The vote was 8-0. In the wake of the Amerland controversies,

Haeling and Rice (who were not named in the fire case) announced they were going it alone and forming C & C Development, which is also seeking the council’s financing help.

Irony city During this spring’s state Democratic primaries, the campaign of assembly

Anthem



Anthem Blue Cross gives to councilman Ben Hueso, then takes away, then gives...

hopeful and San Diego city councilman **Ben Hueso** accepted a \$1000 contribution from Anthem Blue Cross, a big health insurance outfit. When the donation was reported here, the campaign said it had returned the money and demanded a “retraction.” Hueso won the June primary, thereby virtually assuring a

November victory in the predominantly Democratic district. On August 16, according to state filings, his campaign again accepted \$1000 from none other than Anthem Blue Cross. The campaign treasurer did not respond to a request for comment... California Fair Political Practices Commission chairman **Dan Schnur**, a onetime **Pete Wilson** aide, has picked retired *Union-Tribune* politics writer **John Marelius** to serve on a new commission panel to revise state campaign finance laws.

Another San Diego member of the group — to be chaired by Center for Governmental Studies president **Bob Stern** and GOP attorney **Chuck Bell** — is Republican political consultant **Jeff Marston**. Back in 1993, reporter Marelius chronicled Marston’s failed campaign for assembly and how it collapsed after it got around that a smiling woman and two children with whom bachelor Marston posed in a campaign photograph were not really members of his family, as his direct-mail piece strongly suggested... Ex-city councilwoman **Toni Atkins**, who also captured a Democratic assembly nomination, has picked up \$1000 from an unusual source: San Diego developer **Thomas W. Sudberry Jr.**, a rock-ribbed Republican who over the years has given hundreds of thousands of dollars to causes such as the state and county GOP and the Lincoln Club, as well as Mayor **Jerry Sanders**.

— Matt Potter

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Profits Strong, Jobs Weak

By Don Bauder

Don’t look now, but corporate profit margins — earnings as a percent of sales — are back to where they were before

the Great Recession began three years ago. A major reason is that companies are not hiring, thereby holding down their costs. Thus, unemployment stays high and consumer anxiety worsens. In the second quarter of this year, profits rose 8.9 percent for 500 of the largest companies but revenues went up only 5.8 percent.

Do you see what’s wrong with this picture? For the past 25 years, American corporations’ obsession with profits — focusing on the reduction of payrolls in any way possible — has succeeded in drying up those corporations’ very own markets. After all, the American consumer represents more than 70 percent of the economy, and personal income has been weak except among the richest.

As Howard Silverblatt of Standard & Poor’s told the *New York Times*, “The same thing that caused the profit gains is squeezing now. It’s the lack of jobs.”

In short, American companies have fouled their own nest by letting their greed lower the purchasing power of their customers. Today’s industrialists have forgotten that in 1914, Henry Ford more than doubled his employees’ wages to \$5 a day (equivalent to \$111

a day now), so they could afford to buy the cars that rolled off their company’s production line. Ford was also able to attract and retain the best employees.

Frankly, profits of American corporations are too

November 2 California ballot, using disingenuous employment claims to promote their position. The big money is pushing Proposition 23, which would suspend, if not kill, California’s Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, or AB 32, which requires the state to reduce greenhouse gas emissions back to 1990 levels by the year 2020. If the initiative passes, oil companies’ profits would zoom while antipollution efforts would go in reverse.

Proposition 23 is deceptive. It decrees that AB 32 would not go into effect



Big business interests want 23 to pass and 24 to fail, and they’re donating heavily toward both ends.

high to sustain economic and societal stability in the current environment. The mentality that the shareholder is the only significant constituency of the board of directors is ruining capitalism, which is the only workable system ever devised, although it’s desperately in need of reform.

Thus, I am disappointed to see companies plunking money into two profit-bloating initiatives on the

until the state unemployment rate stays at 5.5 percent or lower for four consecutive quarters. Backers claim that this has happened 20 times since 1988. Opponents, using different figures, say it has happened only 8 times in that period. But there is no point arguing the statistics: economists agree that California’s unemployment rate will not see 5.5 percent for several years at the earliest. It’s now above 12 percent.

Passage of Proposition 23 would be a huge windfall for an industry that already reaps tax subsidies galore. A 2005 study by the Congressional Budget Office indicated that oil-industry capi-

Mr. Upbeat, Tony Robbins, Warns of Gloom ...Robbins is now warning of economic woes ahead....

“Rolls Out, Rolls Out, Oh How the Money Rolls Out....” I have just received a list of those getting pension money from the City....

Here Are Employees Who Bought Years They Didn’t Serve In 1996...the City of San Diego enacted a purchase-of-service credits plan....

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Get the Lead Out, Somehow

By Dorian Hargrove

Howard sits on a mauve recliner in the middle of his front yard, an area that he refers to as his office. He looks over a waist-high chain-link fence, on which hangs a hand-written sign advertising free scrap metal, out onto 30th Street in North Park. A stained and torn high-back chair, a white plastic patio chair, and a decrepit rocking chair occupy the unkempt yard.

Behind Howard (not his real name) is the 1930s bungalow that he purchased in 1989 for \$93,000. The 850-square-foot, two-bedroom house is in disrepair. White paint on the exterior is bubbling up and



San Diego employs five inspectors who roam the city looking for peeling lead paint.

peeling off. Where fascia on the eaves is missing, rotted plywood on the roof can be seen. The wrought-iron window guards are rusty, and small glass panes in the front door are fractured.

Thin and appearing malnourished, the 62-year-old native San Diegan looks frail and weak as he sits in his recliner. A salt-and-pepper beard covers his sallow face. He wears a red and purple plaid flannel over an old brown- and yellow-striped San Diego Padres jersey. His

green corduroy pants cover old moccasin slippers.

As he raises a trembling hand to put a cigarette in his mouth, his sleeve slips down to reveal blackened scabs on his forearm. Howard has lived on disability since 2002. He thinks he has heart disease. His legs shake when he stands for too long, and he can't depend on them for support. He suffers from depression and anxiety. He refuses to see a doctor.

After taking a drag from his smoke, Howard points to a manila envelope that sits on the narrow concrete path next to the nine-iron golf club he uses for a cane. "This is my bible now," he says. "But the last eight months have been hell for me."

The outside of the envelope is covered with names and phone numbers scribbled in blue ink. Perhaps a hundred pages of documents from the City of San Diego and the San Diego Housing Commission, as well as bids from private contractors, fill the inside.

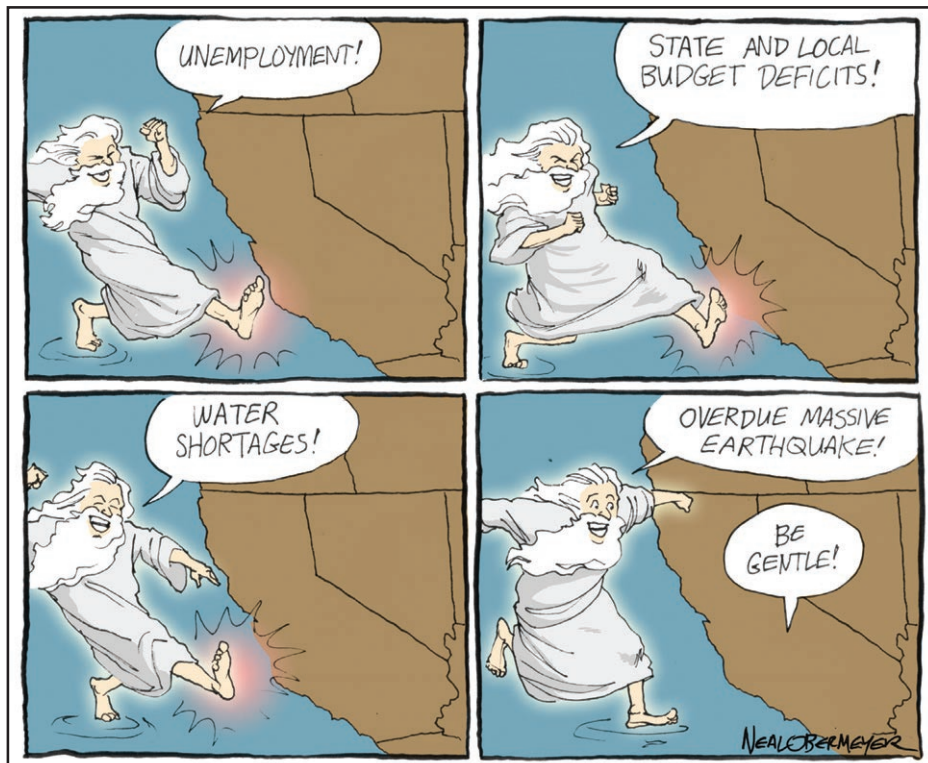
Howard pulls out the documents, held together by a large paper clamp. The first page is a certified letter from the City's Environmental Services Department that he received in January. The letter precipitated Howard's

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North Park resident "Howard" says, "The last eight months have been hell for me."

Neal Obermeyer



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Hawk Hunter

Falconer Makes Front Yard Recovery of Pet Carlsbad — He said he was a falconer and his bird had failed to return after a feeding trip. But in this day and

fetched. He showed me the tracking device mounted on the bird's tail and let me take some pictures and video. Then he put a leather hood on the hawk to protect them both and rode off on his bike.

By Jamie Hartnett
Wednesday, Aug. 25



The peregrine falcon was recovered by its owner with the help of a tracking device.

age you have to be careful, so I was reluctant to let him into our backyard to look around.

He looked legit with his bird-tracking device that kept beeping away. I let him in and there was no bird to be found, just "a strong signal that it was close to the area," he said. He left and I kept wondering if he was casing neighborhoods for future burglaries.

Then our dog started going berserk in the front patio, and when I went to take a look, there it was — a beautiful hawk on the fence, staring down at us. I heard the beeps again as the falconer rode up on his bike, tracking device in hand. After a few minutes of coaxing, the bird flew over and landed on the falconer's leather-gloved hand.

"See, I wasn't pulling your leg," he said. "I really was tracking my bird!" I admitted to him that I thought the story was far-

Turf Stank

Condo Gets a Welcome Change in Landscaping Downtown — Downtown residents are celebrating a change in greenery around Fahrenheit, an East Village condominium located on the corner of Island and Tenth Avenue.

After being installed approximately three years ago, fake turf placed on the sidewalk around the mid-rise has been the cause of ire and concern for residents — not for being green but for smelling bad. On Thursday, August 26, work crews put the finishing touches on a sidewalk overhaul that included the turf's replacement and newly planted bushes.

The building's HOA initi-



Smelly fake turf at Tenth and Island is being replaced with landscaping.

ated the project after years of receiving complaints from homeowners, who said that the constant dog traffic and lack of maintenance on the turf resulted in a smelly sidewalk area.

"Three years ago, some-

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An Easy Coon Solution

I just want to comment on "Raccoon Wars" (Feature Story, August 26). I never saw anything sillier in all my life. I've been bothered by coons in the yard many times. Not only coons but also possums and also foxes and also rabbits. And what you do is you trap them, and then you take them far away so they won't come back and bother you again. Get yourself a trap, lady. Put a little piece of meat

in the trap. You catch the coon, and then you transfer the coon from the trap to a cat carrier, and you carry the coon five miles away, turn it loose. It'll never come back and bother you again. You can take a possum or rabbit a mile away and it won't come back.

Where do you get the trap? I'll tell you. You can get one from Tomahawk Live Trap Company. And guess where? Tomahawk, Wisconsin. And you can also find them on the internet, at livetrap.com. What kind do you want? I'll tell you the one I have. It's TLT108, and it measures 32 inches long by 10 inches wide by 12 inches high. And the wire mesh is 1 by 2 inches, and it's very sturdy wire, 12-gauge, it weighs 14 pounds, and I got mine for about \$50, plus freight. It's probably gone up since then.

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Napping Bureaucrats
"City Lights" reports that some Lemon Grove citizens are proposing bank-

ruptcy or disincorporation for their city due to falling revenues ("Big Problems for Little Lemon Grove," August 26). There is a third option. Lemon Grove could simply outsource most city functions, leaving a small group of reasonably compensated city employees to monitor performance. Police service could be provided by the Sheriff, who serves our neighborhood well in the county portion of La Mesa. The tiny City of Maywood in Los Angeles County did this recently with excellent results.

Public employee unions claim that city services would suffer if provided by outside vendors, but that is ridiculous since the vendors must compete for the contracts, unlike civil service employees who generally cannot be fired no matter how bad their performance.

Lemon Grove citizens should get rid of their sleepy, overpaid bureaucrats and go to the marketplace for services. If they do so, they will

find that existing revenues are ample to cover costs, they will receive high-quality services and, best of all, no new taxes will be required.

Steven S. Kane
via email

Shout Out To Julia

Julia, I just wanted to tell you that your writing is amazing ("Las Vegas Murder," Feature Story, August 26). I'm glad you write articles on law enforcement/borders, etc.

Name Withheld
via email

Tom Needs Some Help

This is a *big* thumbs down going out to the "Blurt" section/music section in general. Why? (First off, this is *not* a complaint/kudos letter about something you printed; instead it's one that *should* have been printed.) Let's start off with saying my wife is a big dog lover. Now, on Monday, August 16, she watched/heard a story on the news of a man whose dog ran in front of a train; the owner ran after him. The

dog was hit by the train and died instantly. His owner (by instinct) ran after his dog and also was hit by the train, suffered a broken leg, a big gash to his calf, and miscellaneous cuts and bruises, then helicoptered to the ER. When my wife asked me if I'd heard about the story, I said, "Yes, and don't you know who the guy was?" She didn't know. (And now this is where the "Blurt"/music section comes in.) I said, "It's my longtime pal Thomas Yearsley." (She just dropped her jaw and said, "Oh my God!" about 20 times.) For those of you who don't know (or in the case of the "Blurt" section), Thomas is the bass player for one of the *best* bands to ever come out of our town, the Paladins. They are loved the world over and have opened for practically anyone you can think of to headlining in every country they have played in. (But now for some good news.) Tom is up and walking with crutches already, but the doctor bills are *huge*, so there is a benefit

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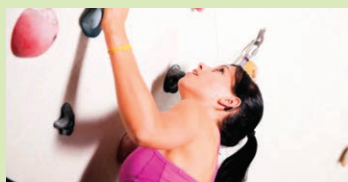
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Dear Matt:

What's happening with the birth-control pill for men? I keep hearing about it every once in a while, but then nothing happens. Why is it so difficult to make one? It didn't take this long to make the Pill for women. Is it maybe that all the scientists are men, and they don't really want something like this on the market? They just figure they'll leave the responsibility on women?

— Wondering Woman, via email

There's a whole Dumpster full of reasons why. And you can throw out that one about male scientists' contraception plot. There have been enough surveys around the world to prove that if somebody sells them, men will buy them. Actually, a university in Israel swears it has finally developed a contraceptive pill for men, but we've heard that one before, so it remains to be proved.

Maybe the simplest way of explaining why women have a pill and men don't is that women produce one egg a month and men produce 100 million sperm a day. The fertile window for women is small; men, on the other hand, are Johnny Appleseeds. Men are also slightly more complicated, hormonally. One of the first breakthroughs, about ten years ago, was the discovery of a hormone that stopped sperm production completely. Too bad one major side effect was loss of sex drive. Though maybe that's also a good anti-kid method, too. Anyway, an injection of testosterone was added to the mix to bring back the manliness. This is one of the roads to contra-man-ception science is taking. Though it's unlikely it can be put in pill form, since the stomach digests testosterone and breaks it down to uselessness. Back to the drawing board.

Other science guys who don't like that road are fiddling with proteins in sperm that are necessary to fertilize an egg. Then there's the crowd messing with sperm tails, getting them to stop wiggling. A third bunch figures they can make puny sperm too weak to break into an egg to fertilize it.

When you look at the big picture, it's much more risky for a woman to conceive, so nature has provided an "off" switch for ovulation that kicks in when conditions aren't right. For instance, no woman wants to get pregnant once she's already pregnant. So, biochemically, it's relatively easy for a drug to mimic the ovulation "off" switch. There are no such

pressures on men. No reason to stop sperm production just because a man's impregnated someone. I mean, where would the rapper community be if that were the situation? So, nature didn't worry too much about sperm "off" switches that a simple pill can mimic. It's much more complicated to interrupt the sperm cycle artificially.

We called all the elves to a meeting in the atrium at 4:00 last Monday to discuss the man-pill situation. About half of them actually showed up. The rest forgot. Half of the group that showed up was either an hour early or an hour late or went first to the laundry room or something. And once they arrived, none of them could remember why they were there. I can't say that makes a good case for a daily pill for men.

Dear Matt:

I won't join a circus to find out, so this task goes to you, Matt; you find the answer to nearly anything we experience in day-to-day life. What propels the human cannonballs? I don't believe it is a powerful explosive charge. That's for effects. Not a spring, maybe a giant and long bungee, compressed air, steam (catapult), or hydraulics. These are my likely guesses. I can hardly wait to find out.

— Curious G.G. on P.L.

Well, how did you know that Grandma comes from a long line of circus folk? We have these cute pictures of Grandma practicing riding a bicycle across a high wire...having a little trouble with her training wheels, though. As a teenager, she was swept off her feet by a trapeze artist but gave up the career when he accidentally dropped her into the elephant pen. But she still gets teary when she sees a big top. And she can tell you without a doubt that no gunpowder is involved in the human-cannonball trick, except as special effects. The living projectile hops into a cylinder that slides down inside the barrel of the cannon. At the base of the cannon is a container of compressed air set at about 150 psi. The release of the air shoots the cylinder down the barrel. It stops before it's ejected, but of course the human bean keeps going. It might seem like the tricky part is over, but more human projectiles are injured or killed by missing the landing net than by any problems from the concussion. It's a tricky business. The first human cannonball was a woman in a circus in England, and she used a contraption made of springs and wires.

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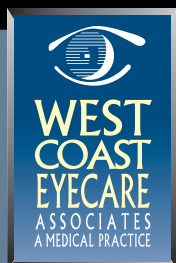
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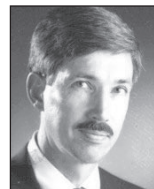
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Desperate Times, Desperate Measures

DUMPSTER BEHIND DON'S DATA MINING & EXTRAC-TION, INC., SORRENTO VALLEY: At first, it looked like Water-gate in reverse.

As Republican delegates from throughout California met in San Diego for the state GOP convention, the offices of the Republican Party of San Diego County were burglarized and a laptop computer stolen. The laptop contained voter-roll data as well as internal party communications and information.

With Democratic incumbents in all realms of government facing increasing resentment from voters frustrated with the enduring eco-

nomie recession and a host of other national calamities, it was hard not to wonder if maybe the Dems had taken a page from the playbook of old Tricky Dick Nixon, who was famously implicated in the 1972 break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters. (For the children in the audience: as a result of the scandal, Nixon eventually resigned the presidency of the United States.)

But a special "SD on the QT" investigation has revealed that the real culprits behind the break-in were members of A Meg Whitman America — Yuck! (AMWAY). According to the group's Facebook page, AMWAY is a Tea Party splinter-cell composed of "average, hard-working Americans who have had enough and aren't going to stand by and watch America go down the tubes." In particular, they are angered by Republican gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman's namby-pamby ideas about immigration policy and her blinkered refusal (so far) to support Proposition 23. (The proposition would create a moratorium on AB32, California's cap-and-trade climate-change law.)



"Pretty funny, actually — I mean, if it was a joke."

A witness to the crime, who has so far proven unwilling to testify in court for fear of being forced by angry Tea Partiers to move to Canada where he can enjoy the benefits of socialized medicine and rampant taxation without having to pretend to be a real American, told "SD on the QT" that most

of the burglars seemed to be "done up in brownface. You know, white dudes pretending to be Mexicans, like Charlton Heston in *Touch of Evil*. Because they think Mexicans are stealing America, I guess." But the sledgehammer-style social comment of the disguises was broken up by a touch of unexpected

humor: "The group's leader was wearing a Nixon mask, like that guy in *Point Break*. Pretty funny, actually — I mean, if it was a joke. Dear God, I hope it was a joke."

So far, no arrests have been made, but state assembly candidate (and private investigator) Derrick Roach says he is watching the internet for clues about how AMWAY will use the sensitive information it has obtained. "The Tea Partiers are strapped for cash going into the mid-term election season," said Roach, "and so we can't rule out some kind of profit motive. They may be preparing to recruit unsuspecting Republicans into some kind of pyramid scheme — everybody profiting from donations at the lowest level."

A more conventional (read: legal) protest against Whitman and her opposition to Prop 23 took place on Friday, August 20, outside the Hyatt Manchester Hotel, where the GOP convention was taking place. Attendance at the rally was sparse. Organizers blamed the intense heat but were careful to note that the unusually high temperatures had nothing to do with any sort of global-warming flim-flammy.



Dude, Death Harshes the Mellow: San Diego Chapter of Americans for Safe Access Seeks to Add Mortality to List of Medical Conditions For Which Marijuana May Be Prescribed.

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Thirty-Five Years Ago

If film directors like Altman and Fellini ever run out of suitable sites for their confetti-like pageant-ries, they might do well by turning towards Ti-juana. The rolling hills, crippled streets, lopsided architecture, high-pressure street merchants, instant marriage and divorce vendors, prom-enading sex and permeating music from the bars and cantinas, all conspire to provide the tourists with a dizzying, round-the-clock ambience to remember. It's as heated and hallucinatory as anything in Nashville and Roma, and it's tucked safely across our border. No chance for homesickness on these mean streets.

— "MEXICAN DISNEYLAND,"
Steve Esmedina,
September 4, 1975



San Diego Reader, September 1, 2005

Thirty Years Ago

In these times when the moral implications of virus cloning are debated in earnest and the moon is referred to as real estate, when guys stay up all night in the lab figuring out how to make plastic bags even thinner and how to put turkey flavoring into pastrami, it may well be a critical time for the already endangered species of the movie musical, a certain kind of movie which doesn't cry out for burgeoning technology.

— "WITH A DIGITIZED ZOOM CONTROLLER IN MY
HEART," Reno Wix, September 4, 1980

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The concerts of civic organist Robert Plimpton on the Spreckels organ in Balboa Park have constituted the one stable element of serious music-making in a rather arid San Diego musical summer. The Sunday-afternoon concerts, with their mix of classics, light classics, and pops, and the Monday-evening recitals, more uniformly serious in programming, have offered local music lovers a generous sampling of the instrument's capabilities and the range of the organ repertoire.

— QUARTER NOTES: "ROBERT PLIMPTON,"
Jonathan Saville, September 5, 1985

Twenty Years Ago

As the Padres' season draws to its usual ignominious end, a bit of local history sinks with it. The color brown will no longer grace Padres' raiments once futility springs anew next April, because the assemblage of new owners decided the team should return to the navy blue and orange of the minor-league Padres. This means the ghost of C. Arnholt Smith, who bought the Pacific Coast League Padres in 1955 and made them brown and gold in the late-'60s, will finally be exorcised.

— CITY LIGHTS: "TOM TOSSES TEAM'S TACO TOGS,"
Neal Matthews, September 6, 1990

Fifteen Years Ago

When she took office over two and a half years ago, Mayor Susan Golding put development of a new downtown sports arena high at the top of

her civic wish list. "San Diego is going to build a state-of-the-art entertainment and sports center downtown," proclaimed the mayor. "The City is serious about bringing major-league indoor sports and the top level of entertainment to our community."

A year and a half — and at least half a million tax dollars — later, however, Golding's drive to build the mother of all sports palaces has gone distinctly low profile.

"There's no way we're going to be opening a new arena by 1998, as we had hoped," concedes

Barry Lorge, the former *San Diego Union-Tribune* sports editor who now serves as the spokesman for the Arena Group 2000.

— CITY LIGHTS: "ASHES TO
ASHES, ARENA TO DUST?"
Thomas K. Arnold,
August 31, 1995

Ten Years Ago

"Little Debbie doesn't like to give interviews," said

her father, Ellsworth McKee, board chairman and chief administrative officer of McKee Foods Corporation. When I reached Mr. McKee at his Chattanooga home, he was evasive about his daughter, whose image has appeared for 40 years on thousands of boxes of cookies and snack cakes.

"That little picture of her is how she looked when she was four and a half," he said. "Over the years we've changed the hair some, but not so much that anyone would notice."

Studying Little Debbie's image, I saw a smiling auburn-haired girl in a white hat and checkered blue blouse. "Is Little Debbie married? Does she have children? A profession?"

"No. No. And no."

Did she ever work?

Mr. McKee paused. He cleared his throat.

"She managed the plant for a while."

— TIP OF MY TONGUE: "LITTLE DEBBIE," Max Nash,
August 31, 2000

Five Years Ago

For a quarter of a century Grover went by the name D-Man and was the leader of the Bloccide Crip Gang in Southeast San Diego. With his book [*The Gangbanger's Dictionary*] he hopes to educate the public. Grover instructs kids how to answer a simple question like "Where are you from?"

"Your answer could get you killed," he writes. "The best way to answer this is to just stand there and look at his hands. Let God talk for you. To say anything else is a form of disrespect to the [gang]banger."

— "PEACE SEEKERS," Barbarella, September 1, 2005

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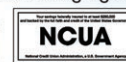
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Homeboy



Former Chargers head coach Mike Riley has figured out who he is.

Do you remember Mike Riley, Chargers head coach from 1999 through 2001? His was a short, dismal captaincy, compiling a record of 14-34 and a .292 winning percentage. I wrote at the time: "Lashed to the mast of his ship, Chargers general manager Bobby Beathard seeks a new head coach. 'He's going to be darn good,' Beathard said, speaking of his prospective fourth head coach in four years.

"The favorite candidate appears to be Mike Riley, a sophomore Pac-10 head coach out of Oregon State. The top-dog Beaver had a 3-8 season in 1997, then drove his team to the mountaintop and a 5-6 record in 1998!"

Riley got the Chargers job. I thought it was a setup at the time. Still do. Beathard wanted a pliable head coach a lot more than he wanted a good one. Riley was in over his head and discarded after three years. Put another log on the fire and get ready for Martyball.

But Riley, now 57, didn't take the usual route, which is to assistant-coach your way into Social Security, although it started out that way. After the Chargers, he hired on as assistant coach for New Orleans.

One year later, Riley's life changed in an improbable way. Dennis Erickson, who succeeded Riley as Oregon State head coach, abandoned his position just as Riley had and began a disastrous two-year run coaching the San Francisco 49ers. OSU offered Riley his old job.

It's not often you get to go home after you've left it for a big, big job in the big city and then failed there. The rule is, you don't go home and get the same good job you left. But, he did.

And Corvallis is Riley's hometown; it's where he grew up. Even more, his father was an assistant football coach at Oregon State.

Even more, Riley was the quarterback for the Corvallis High School Spartans. Even more still, he led his team to the state finals twice, winning the title in 1970. Local, local, local.

Riley enrolled into Alabama after high school, played for Bear Bryant, was cornerback on Alabama's 1973 UPI (Coaches' Poll) National Championship team. Graduated, went directly to coaching, worked in the fields as a graduate assistant at Cal and Whitworth University (Spokane), defensive coordinator at Linfield College (McMinnville, Oregon), and then on to Winnipeg, Oregon State, San Diego Chargers, New Orleans, and back to Oregon State.

He won two Grey Cups while in Canada, but other than that, his head-coaching record was 8-14 at Oregon State I and 13-34 at San Diego. He started Oregon State II in 2003 and has coached seven seasons. How's it going?

Well, Riley has figured out who he is — a college head coach, where he belongs, Corvallis, and the rest is gravy. Oregon State is ranked #24 in the current Associated Press top 25 poll. OSU football opens 2010 with three non-conference games, two against nationally ranked teams (#6 and #3) that have a good shot at winning the national championship.

Later on come Cal, UCLA, USC, Stanford, and #11 ranked Oregon. *Versus.com* says Oregon State has the fourth toughest schedule in college football, as does *Covers.com*.

Let's take a moment and consider recruiting. Oregon State has never gotten the cream of the crop, although it's hard to understand why. After all, Corvallis is off the freeway grid, tucked away in western Oregon, and is the county seat of Benton County. All of Benton County has a population of 55,000, which, coincidentally, is the population of La Mesa. Of course, this urban center is a magnet for 18-year-old boys in prime physical condition. Nothing like a game of bingo on Friday night to sow those wild oats. Besides bingo, Corvallis is cold, wet, drizzly, and eternally overcast from October to June, which fits nicely into the school year. This must be why Riley's teams have been to six bowls in seven years and won five of them.

According to the most recent (2008-'09 school year) U.S. Department of Education's Equity in Athletics report, Oregon State spent \$12.52 million on football, good for ninth place in the Pac-10.

San Diego State spent \$9.86 million on football operations, *fourth* highest among non-automatic qualifying BCS schools and close to double what Boise State spent. Here's the takeaway: SDSU football made a *profit* of \$2.07 million. No wonder they're satisfied putting the same crappy product on the field year after year after year.

To see how it's done, tune into ESPN on Saturday. Oregon State begins its season playing #6 TCU. Game time is 4:45 PST.

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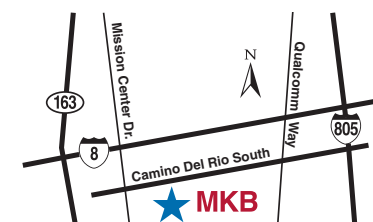
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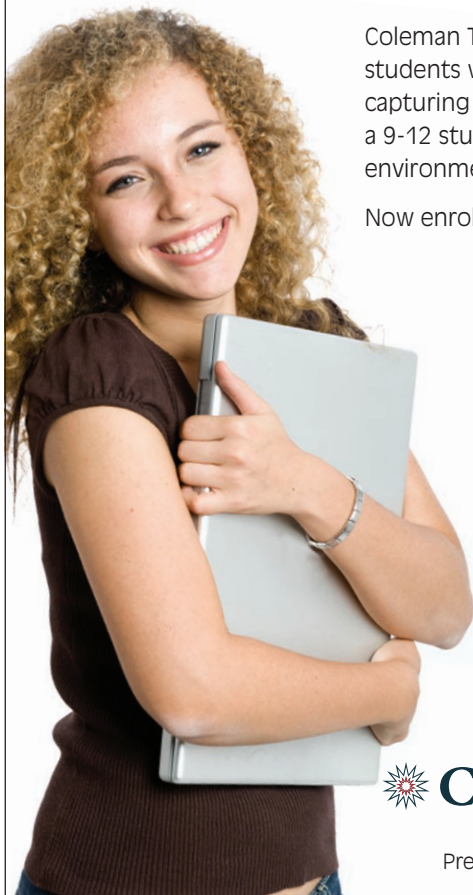
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"The rock band the Contacts are unreasonably loud, disheveled, and badly dressed."

Late August and early September: the light shifts, even in Southern California. The sunlight is almost subliminally tinted with a faint amber as if in re-creation of an old daguerreotype, lending the world a certain historic quality. Never perceiving myself as nostalgic, I am nonetheless inclined to think of the past now; after all, at the moment I have more of it than I do future.

It is the new school year that comes to mind. Freshman year in Westchester, Illinois, 1964, Saint Joseph's Catholic School for Boys, with your hosts, the Christian Brothers (occasional appearances by certain Franciscan and Jesuit priests). It is freshman orientation, and one Brother Crispin (or Crispian, I've forgotten which), is addressing the incoming student body of mostly 13-year-olds.

"I know how you boys have spent the summer. Oh, yes! You think I don't? Every chance you got you were writhing up and down, mother naked on your pillows, eh?" Brother C's balding dome caught the auditorium ceiling lights and winked at some one hundred or more of us as if in code for some otherwise ineffable secret of the flesh.

"Spilling your seed with the godless glee of Onan! Humping, your taut, athletic buttocks glistening with beads of perspiration." But it was Brother C's pate and temples glistening with sweat, the brother grimacing as if in spasm. Silence echoed around the gymnasium for several heartbeats before the good brother's microphone fed back and roused his stunned audience. "Well," he finally continued, "that's all over now." He seemed deflated as he moved slowly off the podium, his head bowed. In reverent prayer, no doubt.

As we filed out of the gym that day, there were eruptions of song: *Because I used to love her, but it's all*

over now. The Rolling Stones' single. Jagger imitations were followed by adolescent laughter.

Speaking of rock and roll. It was five years later, maybe even to the day, in 1969 that the band I was in, newly arrived in San Francisco from Chicago, was playing a series of back-to-school fashion shows in Macy's department stores all over the California coast. The money was exceptionally good as bookings went (I spent my \$350 per week on several pairs of Spanish boots and Lebanese hashish); but whoever was responsible for hiring us was hardly the wisest publicity Twinkie in the pack.

We were four very stoned youths, playing at the foot of makeshift plywood runways that supported parades of teenaged models in either minis or longer but slit-up-the-side skirts. The Macy's job was for six weeks, and by the end of the second week, I think, the owner of the studio received a letter from Macy's public relations department. It read something like, "The rock band the Contacts [actually, it was just 'Contact'] are unreasonably loud as well as poorly groomed. They are disheveled and badly dressed in T-shirts and blue jeans, etc. They are dropping cigarette ashes and butts on the carpets of the various

stores where they have appeared, but none of these are our primary complaints. Our concern lies in the complaints from the parents of the models, who report that their daughters are remaining out until all hours with the members of this musical aggregation and returning home under the influence of marijuana and possibly LSD."

As I recall, none of the girls complained, and two of them followed our group around



and ended up living with us on Scott Street in San Francisco's Fillmore District.

Some three months later, keyboard player Mel Carlson and I attended the Rolling Stones concert at Altamont Speedway in Northern California, where the Age of Aquarius officially ended and the Hell's Angels killed a man in front of the stage. It was all over now, Baby Blue.

A year earlier had been the Democratic National Convention and police riot on the streets of Chicago, during which maybe we should have seen the end on the horizon. Six months or so after Altamont would be the Kent State massacre (four students killed, nine wounded by the Ohio National Guard), while the Vietnam War continued taking tens of thousands of lives of members of the same generation. All told, an unnecessarily cruel punctuation to the end of youth and/or life for a hell of a lot of baby boomers.

It must be that shift in the light, noticeable in the late afternoon. Streets and homes and businesses, the landscape and ocean, beneath rose and gold mare's tail and bloated cumulus clouds that speak of a breath held a moment before autumn.

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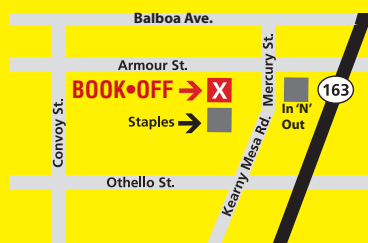
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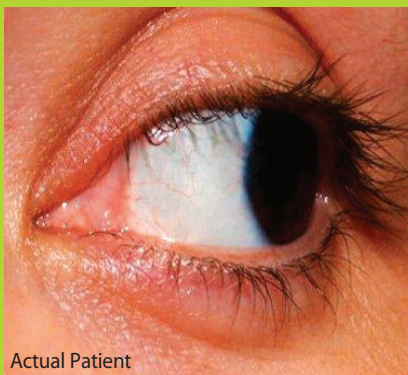
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Patrick's nephew is coming in for a visit, right in the middle of this heat.

"Let's do a root-beer-float party," suggested Uncle Pat. "And let's get some killer root beer — make it interesting for the grown-ups."

The taste-testing was on. I got my friends Kathy, MaryAnn, and Bill to help. We started with the standards: A&W (\$1.59 for two liters at Target) and Mug (\$1.69 for two liters at Target).

"There's no bite to this root beer," snorted Bill after a sip of A&W. "The vanilla is fairly pronounced."

His wife MaryAnn added, "But I like it better than the Mug, which is more bubbly but too mild on the vanilla."

Patrick popped the IBC (\$4.19 for a six-pack at Vons).

"This is maybe the best bottle — no label, just raised glass letters. A good rooty flavor up front but a flat finish. Sort of like the Trader Joe's Vintage Root Beer [\$3.99 for a four-pack], which smells better than it tastes."

"I'm not a snob, so I'll open the canned one," laughed Kathy as she popped the top on a Hansen's Creamy Root Beer (\$3.49 for a six-pack at BevMo). "It's sharper, not as sugary as the others. It's made with cane sugar instead of corn syrup." In general, the cane-sugar brands bested the corn syrups, though cane sugar was no guarantee of excellence.

We rinsed our mouths and moved on to the more exotic stuff, starting with two from Henry's: Natural Brew Draft Root Beer (\$4.99 for a four-pack) and Virgil's Micro-Brewed Root Beer (\$3.99 for a four-pack).

"The Virgil's is the wrong root flavor — like a dirty root," complained MaryAnn. "There's a lot of anise on the nose," offered Bill. "But it's flat on the bubble." I looked at Patrick, who spit the Virgil's into an empty cup and said sheepishly, "I couldn't swallow it." The Natural Brew didn't fare much better.

Faygo (\$1.39 a bottle at BevMo) quickly changed the mood for the better. "This has tang and tingle and a long finish," smiled Bill. "Lots of vanilla, but not too much," added MaryAnn. "And the flavor is the most complicated so far."

We dug into more BevMo offerings. Kathy said that Stewart's (\$3.99 for a four-pack) had "a strong molasses flavor. But it's one-note, not complex like the Faygo. And the finish

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is too corn syrupy."

"Try the Sparky's," I said. "It uses honey as a sweetener."

"Honey or no honey, the finish tastes artificial," she replied. "It reminds me of the barrel-shaped root-beer candy I used to suck on as a kid."

"Is this a seriously buzzing Santa on the label?" asked Bill as he picked up a Frostie (\$5.49 a four-pack). "It's got tang and nothing else. But it's not painful to drink — nothing objectionable."

"Well, the Fitz's [\$1.29 a bottle] is objectionable," scoffed Patrick. "Tastes like Splenda on the finish."

"Since we're getting ugly," I said, "let's try the Rat Bastard [\$1.59 a bottle]. Listen to this ingredient list: jasmine, clove, dong quai, ginseng...the roots go on and on. It should be fantastic — the only problem is that the flavor is gone in two seconds, leaving only a watery finish."

Next, Kathy took a sip of the Jack Black's Dead Red Root Beer (\$1.29 a bottle).

"The bottle looks like a squat old medicine bottle, and the root beer does have an apothecary aspect. You have to stop and think, *Do I like this?* Maybe I'm an old soul, but I do." Kathy was pretty much alone on that one, but we all agreed about the excellence of our final four from BevMo.

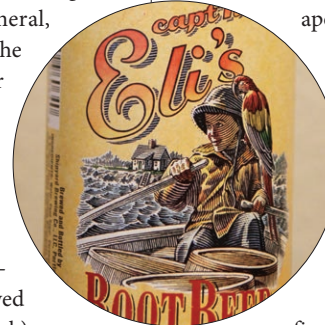
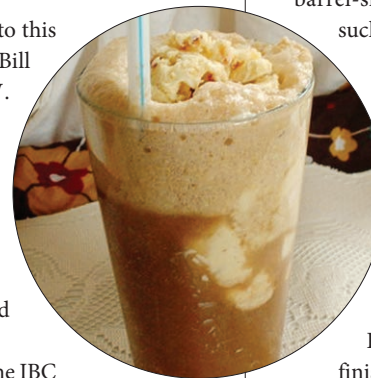
"This Capt'n Eli's [\$1.39 a bottle] has a fine fizz, an earthy root taste, and a mild molasses flavor," offered Patrick.

"I'm crazy about the Filbert's [\$1.29 a bottle]," said MaryAnn. "It's got a fat bead on the fizz and a lot of complex flavors."

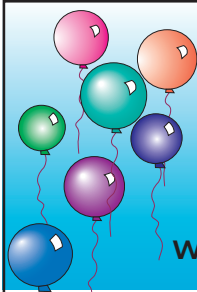
"It's a quintessential root beer," agreed Kathy. "That's the one I want for my float."

"Have you seen the near-black color on this A.J. Stephans [\$1.39 a bottle]?" asked Bill. "Good bite, and the ginger up front sends me."

"It's Route Beer 66 [\$1.49 a bottle] for me," I announced. "It's got enough bubble but mostly a long, smooth finish and great sarsaparilla taste."



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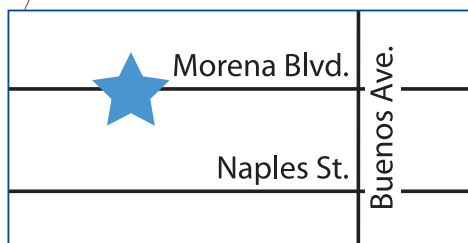
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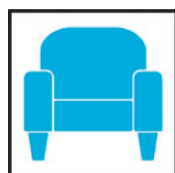
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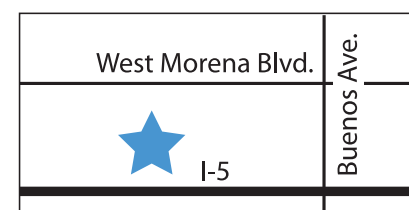
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MESSAGES FROM TIJUANA

by Julio Martinez

THE LAST ELECTION THIS SUMMER HAD AMONG THE LOWEST PARTICIPATION, AND YET THE WINNING PARTY WAS ECSTATIC ABOUT THE RESULTS THAT BROUGHT THEM THE WIN.

Tooth and Nail

I always feel befuddled by how democracy works in Mexico, and Tijuana is a good example of how this type of democracy works in just about every other corner of the country. If one compares Mexico's democracy to the American form and its mechanism, you'll find out that representation is where the two forms of democracy differ the most. Though I am more familiar with American democracy, where representation means the possibility of influencing policy at the local level, this is not so in Tijuana; when a Mexican official gets elected it's not the person but the party that gets elected. Hence, the protests, cries for change, and the bureaucracy that remains unmoved by the cries of the populace because, unless the party decides to step in to solve their issues, the bureaucracy won't even bother to turn its massive head.

A good example of this bizarre sort of influencing government is the way prominent members of society address the president of the country. They all pool together to buy space in the local newspapers and display a sort of *plegaria* (a plea) indicating how terrible things are for particular groups...as if the president — who governs 32 federal states — will read the Tijuana newspapers the moment he wakes up. Now

imagine that happening in San Diego — that is, someone buying space in a newspaper, pleading to President Obama to hear them out. If that sort of thing happens in San Diego, it doesn't happen anywhere near the rate that it does in Mexico, where, more often than not, this sort of plea runs on a daily basis.

In my experience, this method of gaining politicians' attention is in opposition to individual accountability because it is a system that is open to all sorts of manipulation — not just theoretical but practical as well. The people who elect these parties are also few and scattered. The last election this summer had among the lowest participation, and yet the winning party was ecstatic about the results that brought them the win. Supposedly the people of Tijuana were tired of the old regime. Will things change? Who knows, but judging by the local newspapers, things could have been just as I left them two decades ago.

As I open the newspapers from Tijuana, the headlines still charge the local police of being corrupt, they still decry how young people are used to smuggle people into the U.S. and how poor government maintenance allows for corrupt officials to turn a blind eye to the discomforts of the its citizens. So why is Tijuana thriving? (Though some say the

city is flatlining, don't be fooled.)

Four Nobel Prize winners are scheduled to come to Tijuana in October, a city in a country plagued by a war on drugs. The thought appears ever so sly on the horizon: has the smear campaign that's marred Tijuana since its inception been put to rest at last? Other cities in Mexico (which have in the past spared no small amount of disregard for my native city) are practically in flames, with a rather bleak outlook of the future.

One wonders how is that possible — why is Tijuana spared, this time, of the turmoil affecting other border cities and other major cities throughout the country? One can only speculate. Be that as it may, Tijuana is poised to host an important meeting of the minds with the arrival of Nobel winners Mario Molina, Robert Grubbs, Al Gore, and Robert Aumann, who will come together to express their opinion on the social and economic future of the world. The event will be held at Centro Cultural Tijuana in October. The people who embarked on this quest, a group named Tijuana Inovadora 2010, show what Tijuana is a master at: tourism.

While the traditional attractions of tourism (curio shops, restaurants, and beach businesses) wail about the lack of tourists, the fact of the matter is

that tourism is booming, for all intents and purposes. Of course, this is a rather more specialized sort of tourism — tourism for gawkers. These gawkers are pouring money into the local economy. Want to see the local *narco* dealer's ostentatious life-style? It can be arranged. Want to get a firsthand look of *migras* from the Mexican side of the border? It can be arranged. Want to see how local poor people manage to solve their housing problems...you get the drift. This cash cow has been milked by the local arts community for the past decade, and though unaware of their contribution to the local economy, they happily still go about showing the city to anyone interested.

But it doesn't stop there. Tijuana has also become a destination for what is known as medical tourism. Heck, my kin that live in Chula Vista are frequent visitors to Tijuana for healthcare. There is fleeting tourism as well, but money is flowing from everywhere — through investments in old bars; events that attract international players; and visitors that see in Tijuana a cheaper alternative to California. If anyone is making a buck out of

this recession in Tijuana, it's due to tourism, whether old-school tourism or new-school.

Having said that, I am surprised that Tijuana doesn't have some sort of school that specializes in tourism education. Tijuana-style tourism: by word of mouth and self promotion. How does this tourism come about? Local writer Rafadro comes to mind; with his logo and attitude, he brought self-promotion into vogue by announcing everything he did to his blog readers. It has since caught on, and all Tijuana artists now promote what they do to anyone and everyone. Back in the day, such shameless self-promotion would cause a minor scandal...now it is almost post-hip.

Believe it or not, *tijuanenses* are ardent believers in a better tomorrow. They fight with all their might anything that smears the Tijuana name. For example, it was first reported that Los Chicharrines — a couple of clowns that visited Tijuana in August — had fled the city because they had received death threats. The local chamber of commerce came out the next day and announced that it wasn't fair to smear the City that way...it wasn't true. The

mental attitude of the true *tijuanense* requires that he/she focus all their energy on defending the city's name.

On the internet there are tons of documents that try to convince everyone that Tijuana isn't as bad as it seems. *Tijuanenses* don't want you to believe that things are as ugly as they are portrayed. Of late, there is a video done by American Katherine Sweetman, "Gringos Living in Tijuana," which includes interviews with Americans who show off their living situations, and they talk and smile about the misconceptions people tend to have upon finding out they live in Tijuana. This sort of mentality is in contrast with the rest of the Mexican population. Most Mexicans are ready for doom and gloom, but the *tijuanense* believes in the future and defends this ideal *a capa y espada* (tooth and nail). And now that Tijuana is gaining acceptance, some people are wondering what is going on? They are sensing the lull that permeates the city; that is, finally no one is pouring diatribe onto the city's image. A change is in the offing: Tijuana is finally becoming bigger than Tijuana.



Rafadro's logo: Rafadro's style was once considered shameless self-promotion.

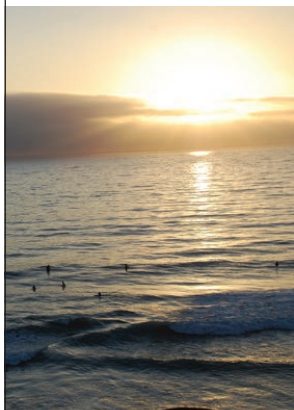


Katherine Sweeney: Produced the online video "Gringos Living in Tijuana."



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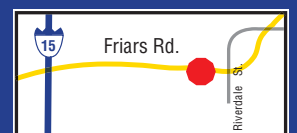
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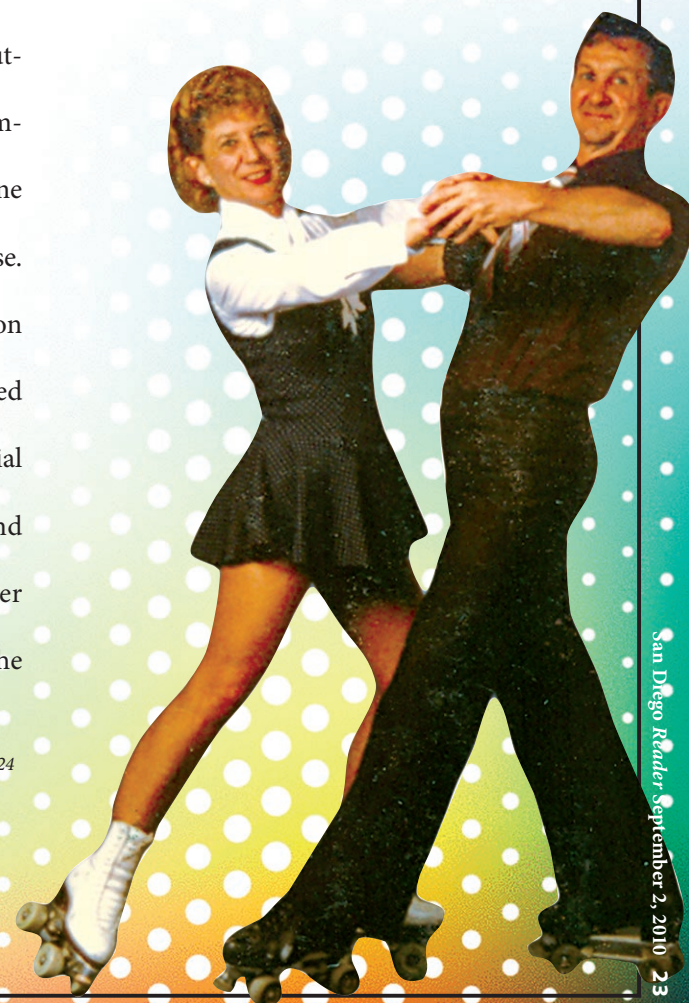
Why is the City pushing out the Linda Vista landmark?

Wayne Bamford knew more secrets about Linda Vista than anyone. It was the spring of 2007, and Bamford was helping me dig into the community's ongoing squabbles. Two years later, in early May, I wanted to learn the latest on the fate of Skateworld, immediately north of the corner of Linda Vista Road and Comstock Street.

The roller-skating rink was facing a possible shut-down as part of local redevelopment plans. Bamford would be my first contact. I called the phone number I had for him. I emailed him. No response. A Google search eventually turned up a shocker: on April 30, 2009, Bamford, at 70 years old, had died unexpectedly at his daughter's home. A memorial service would be held a few weeks later. "I found him when I got home from work," his daughter later told me. "He was doing fine when I left in the morning. I really miss him."

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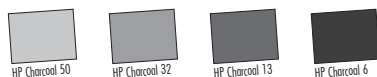
Skateworld owner Gary Stang's parents were professional roller skaters.



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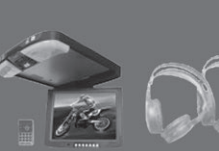


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Linda Vista community activists miss him, too. Nick Hughes (not his real name) was one of Bamford's closest friends. "Wayne could come up with information about every kind of issue. One time, we were together where a guy was entering a restricted-access area. [The guy] punched the keypad on one of those cypher locks. We were at a fair distance, but I noticed Wayne jotting down the numbers the guy had punched. I asked what the heck he was doing, and he said, 'You never know when it might come in handy.' He always seemed to be good at technical things, especially things related to law enforcement. We went up to the police academy off Miramar Road once, and Wayne was immediately familiar with a training simulator being used there."

Mainly, however, Bamford seemed to have had a knack for convincing the right person to cough up the right information. Hughes kept duplicate copies of any interesting documents that turned up. "Wayne told me he had paperwork everywhere," says Hughes, "and that if his house ever burned, a lot of important information might get lost."

Bamford's Linda Vista concerns ran from the seriously consequential to the trivial. "He never wanted leadership positions," says JoAnn Carini, another long-time friend, "though he served on our planning committee and several other community organizations. Wayne liked to work in the shadows." Carini tells me how Bamford obtained a badge for being a volunteer for the City of San Diego's Neighborhood Code



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Compliance Department. "On weekends he would go to Morley Green, our neighborhood park on Linda Vista Road, where people were in the habit of setting up yard sales. It was making the community look like a ghetto. And Wayne would show up with his badge, like he was a City enforcement officer, and tell people they weren't permitted to sell there. He'd say, 'I'll be back to check on you in half an hour.' And the people would leave."

But saving Skateworld was Bamford's greatest preoccupation. He loved the skating rink, as many Linda Vistas still do. It attracted people of all ages and gave to neighborhood kids especially some great recreation and discipline. It offered them a place to connect with others. Parents could drop their children off and feel they'd remain safe and off the streets. There was structure. While in the facility, the kids had to follow strict rules; going in and out was forbidden, so the fun could not be mixed with drugs or alcohol. Skateworld also brought outsiders from all over San Diego County into Linda Vista, where they'd often spend money before going home. The rink served as a venue for birthday parties and school, college, and church outings. It staged benefits for worthwhile causes. And on and on.

Late in my 2007 conversations with Bamford, he finally hinted at what he considered to be the dark forces threatening Skateworld. He'd attended District 6 councilwoman Donna Frye's Linda Vista appearances, most often at Bayside Community

But I couldn't be sure about what he learned because Bamford kept sensitive information and suspicions close to the vest, perhaps waiting for the right moment to reveal them. For whatever reasons, his friends agreed, he confided different kinds of informa-

though a wry smile appeared on his pleasant, round face. Then he went on to other topics. Recently, I learned that he'd retired from a career at General Atomics. Neither Carini nor Hughes knows anything further.

Bamford also gave me insight into his relent-

they know we won't like," he says on one, "and that something will split the community into bitter camps. Ultimately, the City will do whatever it pleases. And it is true; we are unsophisticated and simple people here, especially in comparison with the redevelopment honchos. By the time we figure things out, the game is already half over. What we need more than anything else is more participation by the whole community before decisions are made."

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Skateworld is housed in a large rounded-roof building that looks like a World War II Quonset hut. As part of a shopping center built in the early 1940s, the structure was meant originally to serve as an entertainment facility for thousands of



1972 aerial photo of Skateworld shopping center

aircraft-manufacturing workers. Linda Vista was then a brand-new development built to house workers who came to San Diego to do their part in the war effort.

Today, Skateworld is owned by 60-year-old Gary Stang. Thirty-five years ago, Stang and his parents opened the business at its current location. By the early 1970s, the shopping center, including the eventual Skateworld building, had already become dilapidated. So in 1972, the

City of San Diego took the center on as one of the first local redevelopment zones. Within a few years, the City sold most of the center to a developer who replaced a supermarket and a number of other businesses with new ones. But the old entertainment building, which by then had gone through a variety of uses, remained. The Stangs, who always wanted to own a skating rink, scouted the building. They began to picture it as the home of their future business.

"Nobody wanted this building," Stang told me.

Center, kitty-corner from Skateworld, and ask her questions. Linda Vista contains a San Diego Redevelopment Agency project area, and Skateworld lies within it. Bamford told me he didn't get much out of Frye. He said she always had a way of deflecting his queries.

tion to different people. I liked Bamford but found him to be a mystery. To understand him better, I pestered him about what his career had been before retiring. He wouldn't say. So I guessed, more than half seriously, that he'd worked for the FBI. He made no response,

less yet circumspect *modus operandi*. He said that City officials seemed to think of Linda Vista as a doormat, a backwater full of know-nothings. I still have a few recordings of our conversations. "You can tell the Redevelopment Agency is planning something

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"We put everything we had into this venture."

memorabilia room. "It was boarded up and needed a lot of repairs. There were homeless people breaking in here. So I approached the City about doing something with it, and they let us have it on a month-to-month lease."

The first thing the Stangs did was to make as many repairs as they could afford. They put in a maple-wood floor to serve as the skating surface. Several skaters I've spoken with at Skateworld

Stang's parents mortgaged their home and got a Small Business Association loan, and Skateworld opened on October 6, 1975. "We put everything we had into this venture," says Stang. "My mom and dad were professional roller-skaters. And by then, I had managed roller-skating rinks for other people. As a boy, I had done counter, floor-guard, DJ, and other duties. I had a lot of experience."

Wayne Bamford had



Between the late 1950s and the early 1970s, Gary Stang routinely won national skating championships.

told me that Stang was once a great roller-skating competitor in speed and artistic events. Between

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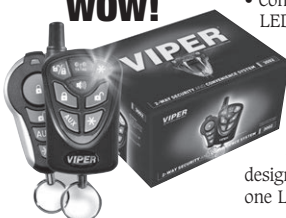
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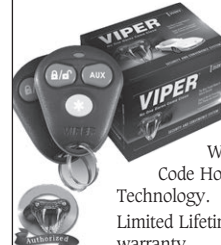


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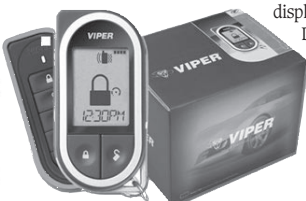
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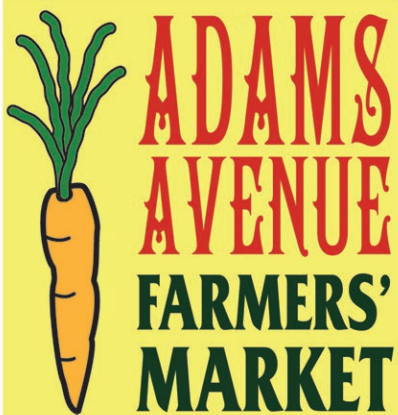
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I ask Stang how early he started skating. "When I was three, my grandmother found a pair of roller skates with metal wheels and a key," he says. "She brought them home and clamped them onto my shoes. I went outside and rolled down a bumpy sidewalk and, apparently, really liked it. Later, my mom and dad became artistic skaters and turned pro. Through them I developed my skills. Skating's been a lifelong passion."

In 1982, the City wanted to make major changes to the Skateworld building. "But they had no takers," says Stang. "So the City approached me. They said to put a proposal together, a



Skateworld interior during its initial renovation

proposal that would show improvements on the building. So we created a plan that added the commercial spaces that are on the building now." Stang is referring to the spaces on Skateworld's west, east, and north sides: the west side is currently occupied by a Pizza Hut and a check-cashing outlet and a beauty shop; on the east side there's a video store and a financial services company; on the north side, a Vietnamese restaurant.

I ask if that's what

the City wanted. "They wanted it, yes," Stang tells me, "and the community-planning group said they wanted to see more retail in the area. My family and I also decided it would be a benefit to us to put retail spaces onto the building." Stang invested in building out the attached commercial spaces. In what would later become a bone of contention, the agency permitted the entire complex to be run as one business. The Stangs were given a 20-year lease. Besides running the

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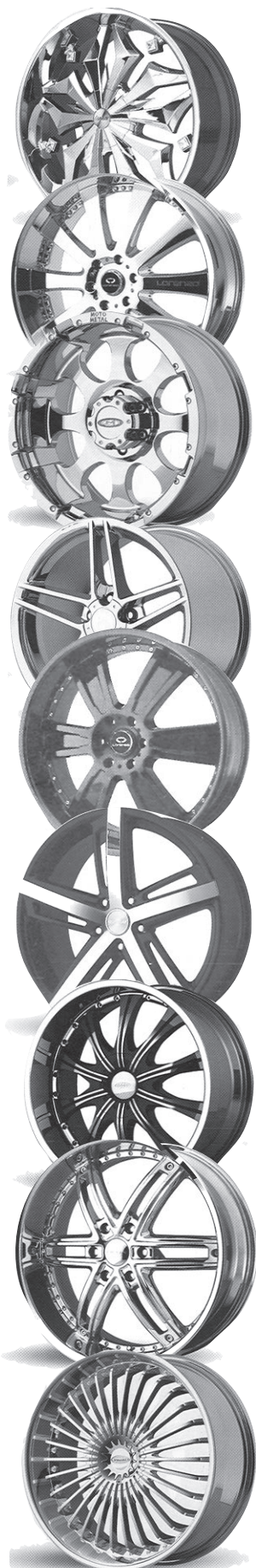
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In 1988, a new Linda Vista public library was built at Comstock and Ulrich Streets, immediately east of Skateworld, but the construction funds came out of the city's regular libraries' budget, not from redevel-

opment monies. By the mid-1990s, local community leaders were itching for a new redevelopment project. They wanted to build a "town center" and "gateway" to the community on a vacant lot at the corner of Comstock and Linda Vista Road. The property, adjacent to Skateworld on the south, had been for years the site of a gas station.

The new plan was driven by three individuals: District 6 councilwoman Valerie Stallings, District 5 councilwoman Barbara Warden, and Bob



Skateworld interior during 1999 renovation

Williams, then president of Linda Vista's Bayside Community Center. The three leaders envisioned a two-story town center that would facilitate the work of nonprofit organizations in Linda Vista

and be a home for the "incubation" of business startups. Besides offices, the building would contain a large conference center.

In a February 4, 1999 memo to the

City manager, Warden highlighted her favorite goal. "This critical project would re-create the Heart of Linda Vista by redeveloping the former gasoline station...into a catalyst for private-sector development." Warden went on to say that, for the previous three years, she had been setting aside the federal Community Development Block Grant funds under her control to help complete the project. She also promised to acquire a federal loan that, through deferred repay-

ment, "would provide an equal financial commitment from Council Districts Five and Six, respectively." She wrote further that the project "marks the first time the city has invested in the expansion of the Linda Vista Redevelopment Area since the early 1970s."

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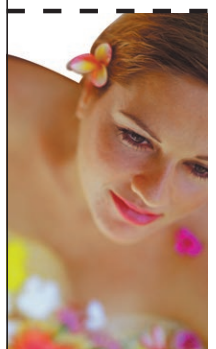
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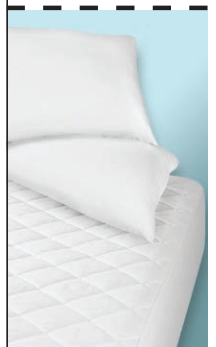


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while Valerie Stallings of District 6 represented the western half.

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Over the winter of 1999–2000, both of the elder Stangs died. I ask a current Skateworld employee who was around then how much the couple had been contributing to running the operation. “They were a great pair and were there every day,” he says, “even though they were silent partners in the business. Gary’s mother

especially always had lots to say about how things were to be done.”

Gary Stang now had a little more than 2 years left on his 20-year lease, and promoters of the new town center seemed to be planning on coexistence with Skateworld. In 2000, the City finally purchased the lot where the old gas station had been, and town center organizers began looking west on Comstock at two properties that, if acquired, would allow the project

to expand all the way to the library. One of the properties is occupied by a company called Buggy Wash, then owned by Frank Piersall.

By phone, I reach Piersall at home. He tells me that Bayside’s Bob Williams and a City official, whose name he no longer remembers, spoke to him about “some weird project with a clock tower on top of it.” To complete the project, they wanted to acquire the Buggy Wash property but did not offer him money. Instead, says Piersall, they wanted him to relocate his business to an empty lot in Linda Vista across from Kearny High School. “I

told them no way,” he says.

And that seemed to end the plan to build the town center at the corner of Comstock Street and Linda Vista Road. But the plan’s collapse apparently suggested to Williams the possibility

Williams, who died in 2004, also promised that “Bayside will eventually occupy the Skateworld building.”

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In early 2001, Valerie Stallings was forced to resign her council seat

replace Stallings, a special election was held that June, an election won by Donna Frye. After Frye went on to win reelection in 2002, a redistricting ordinance put all of Linda Vista into District 6, and Frye has been its representative ever since. She

“At that meeting, Donna Frye said some very nice things about Skateworld.”

of expanding the project in a different direction — onto the Skateworld property. Linda Vista resident Doug Beckham tells me that

after admitting she took gifts from San Diego Padres owner John Moores during a time she was voting on a new ballpark for the club. To

terms out this December.

When Skateworld’s lease expired later in 2002, Gary Stang proposed that the City extend it another 20 years, promising to make additional improvements to the property. He submitted plans drawn up by a local architectural firm. He also suggested using the old gas station parcel as a badly needed parking lot for Skateworld. But the City told him it wanted time to review other options with the community and granted



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Close to a year later, as the three-year Skateworld lease was approaching its end, councilwoman Frye lifted Stang's hopes. At a May 11, 2005 meeting of the city council's Housing and Land Use Committee, she made the following motion: "With respect to the Skateworld property: enter into negotiations for a long-term lease with an option to purchase with the current lessee..." Frye added language to the motion requiring research into

the historical nature of the building, improving its appearance, keeping the current retail tenants, and obtaining the Linda Vista planning committee's opinion of the plan. The motion passed four votes to zero.

Gary Stang and members of the planning group, including Wayne Bamford, were in attendance. "At that meeting, Donna Frye said some very nice things about Skateworld," Bamford later told me. "We were all excited about the business continuing in Linda Vista." But Stang was soon disappointed. According to city council protocol, the Housing and Land Use Committee was supposed to pass its resolution on to the council for a final vote. But the committee did not follow

through. Both Bamford and Stang have told me that they inquired numerous times to Frye's office for insight into what happened but got no answers. To this date, Frye has never explained her mysterious change of mind. Stang would never again get a chance to negotiate for the long-term lease.

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leases as it considered a new approach. In 2006 and 2007, the agency put out requests for proposals to develop the former gas station property but leave

Skateworld alone. "Not long after that," Stang tells me, "Michael Weber and Ivar Leetma from the Bayside board of directors came over to Skateworld to look around and talk to me. I could see they were frustrated that the latest call for proposals still had a restriction in it that my building had to be used as a skating rink."

Stang responded to both the 2006 and 2007 calls for proposals to develop the corner lot. At about this same time, he also offered to buy the

Skateworld property from the City for \$2,000,000. He had found several financial backers for the plan. But the City turned him down and eventually reported that it had received proposals from only one person, Gary Stang, and that the proposals did not meet expectations. "Whatever those might be," added Bamford during our 2007 conversations.

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During a recent conversation, Stang tells me that

for all but the last few years his negotiations with the City have always

of the Skateworld property to the Redevelopment Agency. "And then

new talking point: Skateworld was "not a viable business." According to

The Redevelopment Agency introduced a new talking point: Skateworld was "not a viable business."

gone through the Real Estate Assets Department. "The conversations were always cordial," he says. In January 2008, the City handed over control

the tone changed," says Stang. "All their dealings with me became hostile."

Not long afterward, the Redevelopment Agency introduced a

minutes of the July 2008 Linda Vista Planning Committee meeting, the City's Maureen Ostrye came to the group's July 2008 meeting to deliver

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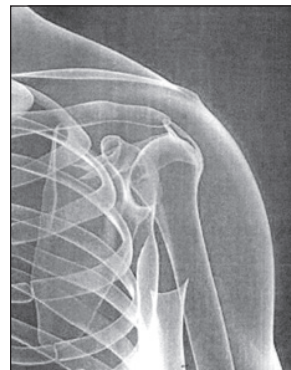
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the pronouncement. The minutes indicate that Stang, present at the meeting as a planning group member, vigorously objected, but not before resigning and taking a seat in the audience. Stang's objection hasn't prevented the charge from being repeated by his opponents ever since.

Five months later, on December 2, 2008, the most recent Skateworld lease was taken up by the city council. From the public speakers' podium, Stang appealed to the council to allow him to continue his business in Linda Vista, maintaining that he had always done everything asked of him. The Redevelopment Agency, he said, never lifted a finger to maintain the property or the surrounding parking

lot. When it came time for a motion to be made, councilwoman Frye said that she had tried to work something out for many years but that Stang had never done what was necessary to satisfy the Redevelopment Agency. As evidence, Frye held up a folder that she said held all the documentation of aborted agency attempts to work with Stang. She said any of the councilmembers could peruse the folder, though none did.

Frye went on to quote from an audit of Stang's business, commissioned by the Redevelopment Agency. The audit, completed the previous month, looked at a five-year period in the recent history of Skateworld. During that period, according to the

audit, Stang collected \$937,815 in tenant rents and gave the Redevelopment Agency \$135,640. In addition, he reported a \$74,932 loss in his Skateworld-only business. It was not possible from the figures, Frye stated, to determine what amounts had been spent on maintenance because Stang did not keep receipts for such expenditures, in violation of his lease with the Redevelopment Agency.

By the end of the meeting, Gary Stang faced an ultimatum. He could keep his current lease until the end of June 2009 and then go forward on a new month-to-month lease, but only if he signed a lease termination agreement. If he did not sign, according to Frye's motion, his lease would automatically terminate

less than two months later, on January 31, 2009. Either way, Stang would lose the tenants attached to the Skateworld building. In the meantime, the Redevelopment Agency was going to prepare a

mal business expenses," he says. "And it doesn't square with a recent agency report that Skateworld paid them \$336,000 in 2008."

After June 2008, Stang lost the tenants in

age the cyclical nature of the skating business, stronger in the winter than the summer.

To buttress her position, Frye's office recently put out a Redevelopment Agency

"Nobody had ever heard of [MRW Development]. We had to go home and look it up on Google."

new request for proposals for how to use both the property Skateworld occupied and the corner property next to it.

Recently, Stang complained to me about the audit Frye used in the council meeting. "It did not back our federal and state taxes, city business taxes, or any other nor-

the Skateworld building, but he maintains that his skating business is stronger than ever. It is a claim that would seem entirely reasonable to anyone who drops by Skateworld just about any night of the week. And the City, he says, long ago agreed to his collecting tenant rents as a way to help him man-

report documenting serious deterioration of the Skateworld building, which Stang's lease requires him to keep up. In response, Stang had this to say: "If you're a businessman and you go to the bank for a loan to fix up the building, they're going to ask how long your lease is.

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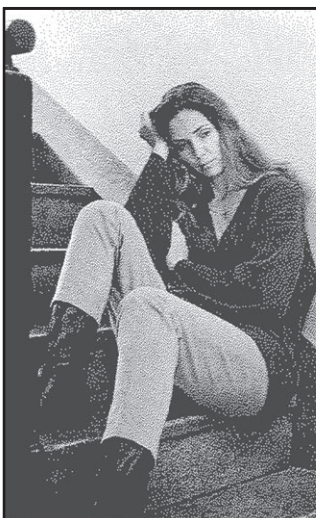
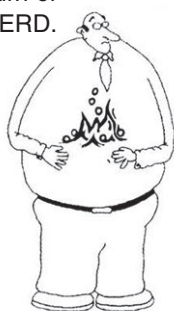


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Less than a month after the fateful council meeting, which relied so heavily on Gary Stang's lease violations, the City received a reprimand from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The charge was that the City had improperly loaned federal commu-

nity development block grant money to the Redevelopment Agency. Since redevelopment produces new taxes in the following years, taxes that are supposed to be recirculated in the project areas, the charge amounted to an illegal "leveraging of property tax increments." And it turns out that the Linda Vista project area hadn't even been keeping the tax increments it had amassed from its earliest redevelopment. It has sent much of the federal block grant money loaned it by the City, to other project areas, such as downtown San Diego, College Grove, and San Ysidro.

According to a memo on Donna Frye's website, the total debt still owed to the City by the

Redevelopment Agency is approximately \$268.5 million. The Linda Vista project area owes \$6,474,436 (principal comes to \$1,945,141; interest is \$4,529,295). Of Linda Vista's debt, the total community development block grant money that is still owed is \$3,020,304. Linda Vista, says the Frye memo, is one of five redevelopment project areas that "will not have the capacity to repay a portion of their outstanding debt to the city." So, this summer, Frye and other city councilmembers have been trying to arrange for those debts to be forgiven. The amount proposed to be forgiven from the Linda Vista block grant total debt is \$1,763,604. A note at the bottom of the Linda Vista page states, "There has been no determination made yet as to how to pay the remaining debt."

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This spring, Skateworld's Gary Stang got the news he feared. On May 24, the City's Maureen Ostrye appeared at a meeting of the Linda Vista Planning Committee. She announced the agency's choice from among three proposals submitted for development of the remaining City property on the shopping center site. The committee knew

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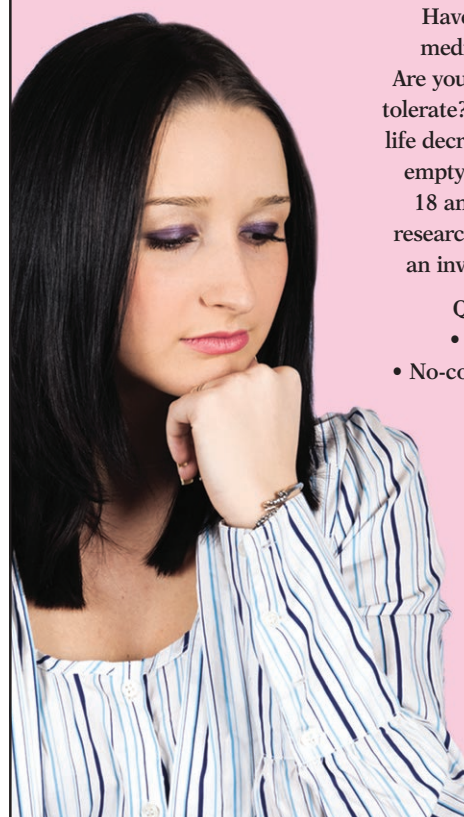
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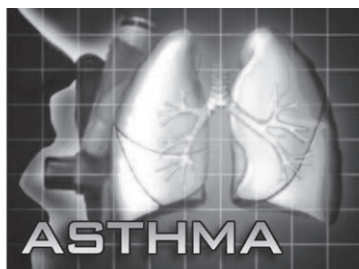
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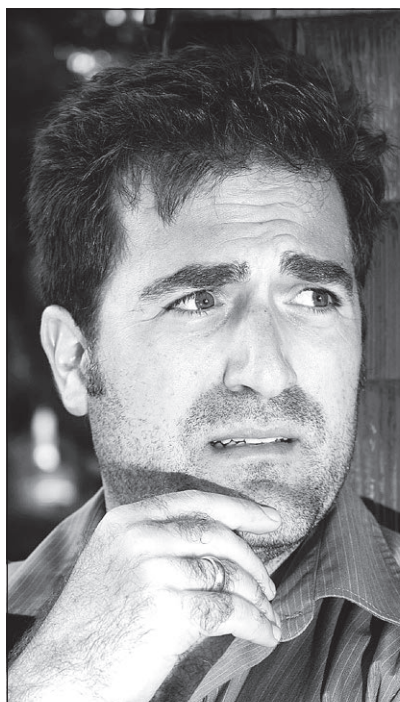
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already that Gary Stang had submitted a proposal to spend \$568,000 to refurbish the Skateworld building. The author of the second proposal was not identified.

Ostrye told the group that a company called the MRW Development Company, LLC, had submitted the winning proposal and would develop the property with an investment of \$3.5 million. As one member of the planning committee said, "Ostrye did not ask what we thought of the choice. She simply announced that it was going to happen." And who the heck, the committee members wanted to know, is MRW? "Ostrye would not tell us," says Margarita Castro, a former board member who was in attendance that night. "She would not say a thing about the developer. Nobody had ever heard



Bayside's Jorge Riquelme with councilmember Donna Frye



Bayside's former executive director Grover Diemert

of the company. We had to go home and look it up on Google." But, at least, that evening the rest of the plan surfaced. Jorge Riquelme, who is Bayside Community Center's executive director and representative to the planning committee, stated that his nonprofit organization would be teaming with MRW to complete the project. Bayside planned to buy the property from the Redevelopment Agency for one dollar.

It turns out that MRW is a company

that advertises itself as a real estate, redevelopment, and environmental "group." Its chief executive officer is Michael R. Weber, a longtime member of Bayside's board of directors, who also served several terms as the board's president. Since the mid-1970s, Bayside has been located in an old church building on the southwest corner of Linda Vista Road and Comstock Street. From the building's front steps one looks across the intersection at the Skateworld complex. "For a long time," says Castro, "we had suspicions that Bayside was coveting the property Skateworld occupies."

The following week, I attended an information meeting that Bayside held to spell out the details of its plan. Michael Weber, introduced to the crowd as the project developer, spoke only briefly. During the question-and-answer session, however,

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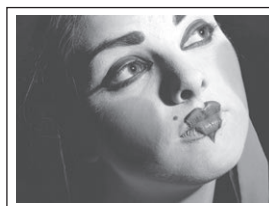
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an audience member asked Weber when he and Bayside first started thinking about taking over the Skateworld site. The answer? When the Redevelopment Agency put out its "Request for Qualifications and Proposals." The request had been published on July 29, 2009.

Events were now moving quickly. On June 15, the San Diego Cty Council unanimously approved an "Exclusive Negotiating Agreement" between the Redevelopment Agency and MRW for development of the coveted property. The agreement gave the two parties six months to complete a contract. After that, the planning commission will make a recommendation on the feasibility of MRW's plan, before the council hears it for a final up-or-down vote. "You watch," Margarita Castro tells me, "Donna Frye will put a rush on this. She wants this done before her term ends this fall. She won't want its fate to rest in the hands of her successor."

At about this time, mid-June of this year, a collection of documents relating to the Linda Vista redevelopment began to circulate among local residents opposed to the MRW/Bayside project. A page from the year 2002 stands out, a letter on Bayside stationery addressed to Gary Jones of the City's Real Estate Assets Department. Dated October 24, 2002, and stamped as received in Donna Frye's office four days later, the letter was written by Grover Diemert, then Bayside's executive director. "We are developing a proposal to lease the property commonly known as the Skateworld property," wrote Diemert. "We have

alerted Donna Frye of our interest. She is looking forward to receiving our proposal. We request that you do not renew the Stang/Skateworld lease until you have considered

and reviewed our proposal.... If you have any questions please contact our master plan committee chair Michael Weber."

Given the letter, why is there so much surprise

in the Linda Vista community that, eight years later, Michael Weber wants to develop Bayside's new home? In 2002, the letter's author, Grover Diemert, was serving

a concurrent term on the planning committee in addition to being Bayside's executive director. Several of its members who date from that far back remember him as

their secretary. Surely Diemert would have given the planning committee a copy of his letter to Real Estate Assets. When I put the question to Gary Stang and several

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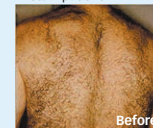
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other 2002 committee members, none of them remember the letter. Diemert, who is no longer a planning committee member, though he still serves on Bayside's board of directors, did not return my request for an interview.

Nick Hughes was the source of many of these recently appearing documents. Hughes was also the friend who kept duplications for Wayne Bamford of the many documents and other evidence that Bamford dug up over the years. "Could Wayne have uncovered the Grover Diemert letter?" I ask Hughes. "It's possible, even very likely," he says. But although he remembers seeing the letter, Hughes is not sure of its provenance. My guess is that Bamford obtained

it simply by putting in a California Public Records Act request for documents mentioning the Skateworld property. "Or he may have gotten it in any number of unsuspected ways," I say. Hughes admits this as a possibility.

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Futsal, an indoor variation on soccer, may eventually become the dominant recreational activity in the high-vaulted building now occupied by Skateworld. At Bayside Community Center, two days after Spain defeated the Netherlands in the World Cup, Jorge Riquelme explains the game to me. Riquelme, Bayside's current executive director, tells me that futsal (*sal*, the second syllable, comes from

sala, Spanish for gym) is played on a basketball-size court with a ball slightly smaller than a soccer ball. The game largely follows soccer's rules, but there are five players on each team, and the goals are smaller. In contrast to indoor soccer, deflection of the ball off the gym walls is not part of the game. When the ball leaves the court, it is out of bounds. "Due to the small size of the playing space, in comparison to outdoor soccer," Riquelme says, "each player is constantly involved in the action."

Does the coming of futsal mean that skating in the building is out? "Not at all," says Riquelme. "A number of recreational activities may take place inside the facility. We plan to continue

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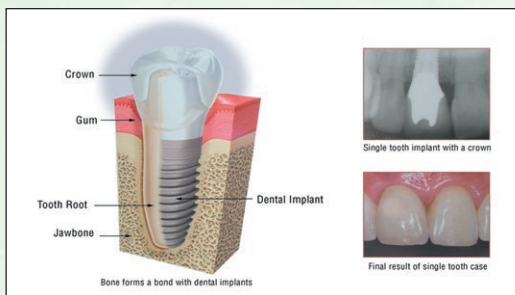
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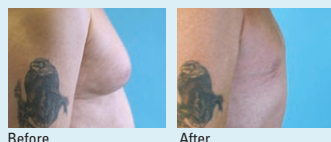
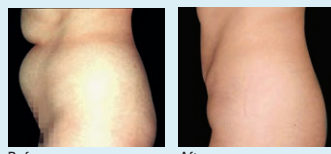
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offering skating." Would Gary Stang be allowed to run his skating business there? "Yes," says Riquelme, "if the business can show that it's viable. But anyone who wants to offer an activity in the building will have to share the available space with others wanting to do the same thing. The people who are interested in futsal already understand that."

In addition to Stang's business, Riquelme tells me that Bayside is open to including the small businesses that are now attached to Skateworld, "as long as they are viable." I take that to mean that they must be able to pay their rent. Working with the businesses coincides with a larger Bayside plan, namely, to support and house a number of microenterprises at the new facility. "Linda Vista is a community that has many immigrants," says Riquelme, "and immigrants are good entrepreneurs. They have to be." Nonprofit organizations will be invited to work out of the new Bayside. "We may also offer a number of other activities, such as mini-conventions and film festivals," says Riquelme.

Of course, for all this activity, Bayside will need more than the current Skateworld building. MRW's architect has created a design that encompasses both the high-vaulted building and the corner lot next door. On both sides of the current Skateworld and extending south toward Comstock, two stories of new offices and classrooms are planned. The current south wall of Skateworld is slated to be removed, giving the inner vault an open-air character. From Comstock Street, through an open

space between the new buildings, one will enter the complex, walking straight toward the open gymnasium. Walkways will connect the complex to the Linda Vista Library across a parking lot to the east.

"That building is all that's left from the historic shopping center of 1943, and we want to preserve that history."

The character of the overall architecture, according to Riquelme, is to be "1940s industrial." That's to commemorate the old shopping center's original purpose, which was to serve the aircraft-manufacturing workers newly arrived in Linda Vista during World War II. The high-vaulted structure, says Riquelme, "will have all excess material that was added onto it over the years peeled off, restoring the building to its original condition. That building is all that's left from the historic shopping center of 1943, and we want to preserve that history."

What's to become of the current Bayside building, an old church that the organization has inhabited since the mid-1970s? "That's a good question," says Riquelme. "We may keep both buildings to make sure we have enough space to do everything we want. Or we may sell this one. We wouldn't want to use the money just to pay bills because it would soon be gone. Establishing an endowment would make the most sense. We're trying to avoid an over-dependence on public funds, and we hope we

can attract some local philanthropists to invest in us."

For its part, MRW hopes to attract investors to help pay for its \$3.5 million commitment to build the new community center. But

how will the investors make money? The company's Ivar Leetma tells me that financing will be based on "patient capital," which will be rewarded by retail outlets at the new Bayside site. How MRW and Bayside will divvy up the retail earnings is not yet clear.

Leetma suggests I call one of MRW's team members, Barry Schultz, who will help me better understand the plan. But Schultz, a land-use attorney who served for eight years on the city's planning commission, does not return my calls. I dig for a little information on the former commissioner. He recently managed a \$90 million fund called the San Diego Capital Collaborative. Schultz is a proponent of the smart-growth movement, or what he calls "high-density urban-infill development." In the past, his company promised to find developers "geographic targets" in low- to middle-income census tracts and redevelopment areas. He recommended that, for infill housing, it is important to "maximize existing buildings and infrastructure." Barriers to smart growth include

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development regulations and community opposition. Some Linda Vistas think that Schultz's assistance to MRW signals the development company's interest in eventually building housing on Bayside's current property.

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I ask Jorge Riquelme what he makes of resistance to the new Bayside project, especially from within the community-planning group. "Anything involving change is always scary," he says. "But their adversarial stance is counterproductive. Linda Vista needs forward-thinking people. We need change badly. The community has a terrible track record for drawing in business investment. People think that because Linda Vista is north of Highway 8 it's doing just fine. But we have deep pockets of poverty here and schools that are performing poorly.

"There was shock on the planning board that the proposal they supported was not the one chosen by the Redevelopment Agency. But they need to evaluate our project on the merits. And here is the real problem," says Riquelme, pulling out a letter, dated October 27, 2009, from the planning group to the agency. The letter expresses support for Skateworld's response to the latest request for proposals. "They had no business taking sides like this. They hadn't even considered other proposals."

The current redevelopment issue for Linda Vista, as Riquelme argues, is largely about embracing or rejecting change. At Bayside, one hears that most planning-

committee members are sentimentalists in trying to hold onto Skateworld. Those members, however, see the issue as one of fairness and of whether or not to keep a private recreational enterprise that has already shown it works.

"At the June planning group meeting," Margarita Castro tells me, "Jorge gave us that baloney about how wrong it was for us to take Gary's side over other proposals. But what were we supposed to do? Bayside never told us what they were proposing, and the Redevelopment Agency wouldn't say what was on the table. We were operating in the dark, so naturally we supported a business that for years has been making a wonderful contribution to our community."

In search of an independent perspective, I call Michael Jenkins, a retired redevelopment attorney and former assistant director of San Diego's Community and Economic Development Department. "That's great," Jenkins says, when I tell him that the Linda Vista redevelopment area had chosen a project and its developer. "It means the community has come together on something it wants."

"Not entirely," I tell him. For one thing, a lot of people complain that, at a time when the Redevelopment Agency owes the City millions of dollars, it is giving away the land the project needs for one dollar.

"That's a public subsidy," Jenkins replies, "a type the agency gives to improve blighted areas."

I discovered Jenkins after reading an October 17, 2008 article he wrote called "A New

Direction for San Diego Redevelopment." The article makes a number of recommendations, but the following stuck out in reference to Linda Vista: "Adopt uniform policies for all redevelopment areas regarding...the public's right to participate in selecting projects and developers."

A number of San Diego's redevelopment areas have "project area committees." A project area committee is led by a Redevelopment Agency employee but is composed mainly of community members. In principle, a project area committee gives transparency to the agency's work in the community. And the community members, chosen from a variety of constituents, are supposed to participate in establishing the area's goals, hear reports on the area's finances, and make recommendations on projects and developers before the agency names them. The Redevelopment Agency has never established a project area committee for Linda Vista, although community members have watched one operate in the North Bay Project Area, Linda Vista's neighbor to the south.

Jorge Riquelme says the big problem was that the planning group took sides in favor of one proposal before seeing the others. Would that have happened if the community had had a project area committee? Would a plan with full community support have divided Linda Vistas so? With greater imagination, a project area committee might still help reconcile the competing sides. How does a combo sound? ■

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Back on the Street



Michael Jackson is in a good mood. It's a muggy Saturday afternoon downtown, and he's just been released from jail at Front and C Street after six months inside. "I was in for narcotics. My friends are dealers. I was just standin' [on a street corner] with a beer and my friends ran. The police found dope ten steps away from me and charged me because my friends ran. It was crack cocaine and a little PCP. It wasn't even my drugs. I work — I don't sell

dope. It was at 33rd and J, where the police got knocked out two weeks ago. Since they did that, the police say they're takin' all the people that know those guys to jail."

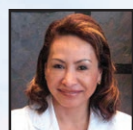
Jackson's charges were dismissed the day before his release. "I beat it in court. First I had a public defender, then my mom got me a paid attorney. It cost \$1000, and that's how I got free. With the public defender I woulda been doin' two years. I was charged with the sale of narcotics without them even seein' one transaction. All they seen me doin' was put a beer up to my mouth, and I was in the wrong for bein' on private property. The judge set bail at \$65,000. I fought it and didn't make no deals, and that's why I was in for six months."

At 5'6" and 120 pounds, Jackson is small but taut. He smiles a lot and gesticulates with his hands for emphasis. In spite of his long stay before dismissal, he shows no signs of bitterness. He often laughs as he describes his life behind bars. "It stinks, man, because of the bums inside there. The clothing stinks. You only get to change every four days. It's hard to sleep at night. The food is shit."

Jail time is structured into a routine — a routine made easier for Jackson as a trustee. This earned him the privileges of the laundry and kitchen. "They wake you up at 4:00 — I was a food server. I'd pull the

"I have to get up a lot at night and tell people to shut up."

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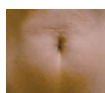
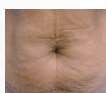
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trays in, make sure everybody's up, feed everybody. I ask 'em one time, 'Do you want it? If you don't want it, it's mine.' After breakfast, the rest of the inmates go to their bunks, and we sweep the floors. We put the cleaning materials back, sleep three hours, and then they wake us up at 8:00 and let us watch TV. Lunch is at 10:00. Then we do the same thing after lunch. Recreation time comes at 1:00. I'd do a lot of things — cut black peoples' hair. We get to play games — Yahtzee, checkers, chess, dominoes. I'd gamble at dominoes to get more food, but my favorite game was Scrabble.

"Dinner is at 4:00. We play dominoes and watch movies until 10:00. Then lights out. But they never turn the lights out. They just dim 'em to medium. I don't even sleep. I just kept wakin' up. I have to get up a lot at night and tell people to shut up. The guards won't do anything. They're out of the room and it's just us."

Most of Jackson's recreational time was spent trying to build his case. "Tryin' to find a witness is hard. I was tryin' to find someone that seen me or seen that officer or seen those guys run. I'd hustle friends, makin' sure these witnesses really seen it. I don't want no lyin' — 'If you didn't see it, just stay away.' A judge can detect that. Any slip-up and I'm through. My mom hit the street and we got one — an old lady. The cops didn't even know the lady was right there in front of the house. They didn't care. They said, 'I know this ain't your stuff, but you know 'em. I seen you guys sayin' "Hi" to each other.' I said, "Well, I'm in the ghetto. When people walk by, I say "Hi" just so they'll keep goin'!"' Jackson laughs.

At the Wendy's on

First and Broadway, Jackson muses about jail food. "It's fuckin' slop, man. You get, like, five fries with some raggy meat. Shitty dinner, lemme tell you! It's like a Chinese plate, and it looks

like there's four turds in there and four little potatoes that's been tore up in a microwave, and that's it. People get sick off that, man. I lost ten pounds. I gained five back when I

started gettin' stores."

"Stores" is jail slang for commissary goods. "You can order stuff throughout the week. It's good, but it's expensive. Out here, you can get ten

soups for a dollar, but they charge \$5 for 12. Kool-Aid is outrageous. They'll fill a cup for four bucks. But the jail food — you get this 'shit on a shingle' with some fuckin' meat

that looks like diarrhea!"

Almost everything in jail is more expensive, even phone calls. "That's another thing the law should know. They charge, like, \$3 or \$4 to get in, and you get billed

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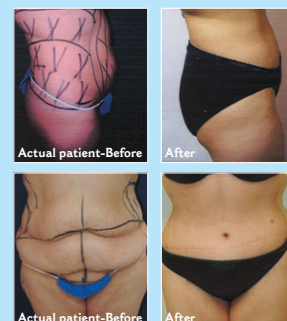
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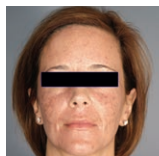
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According to Jackson, racial tensions are most contentious with Mexicans. "They're a bigger [population] than us. They see two whites or two blacks, and they just wanna rush 'em. I hate that! There are gangs. That's how we come together. If they see us together, they're not gonna take over."

There is no love lost between Jackson and the guards. "They're assholes. There was this time when there were more blacks in the tank and about three whites. So we asked the whites if they wanted to watch MTV, or whatever they want to watch, but the deputy don't know that. We got this thing goin' on where we let them have the TV when they want it, and we watch BET [Black Entertainment Television]. So this white deputy saw that we had BET on for two hours, and we were about to let them have MTV for two hours. So he turns it on country music and just left it. And the whites didn't even want it on country music. He said to them, 'They're tryin' to take over,' and they said, 'No. They're givin' us two hours and we give them two hours.' But he said, 'No, they're just tellin' you guys that.' So he kept it on for four hours, and I wrote him up."

"Write-ups," another word for grievances, are not often filed against guards. Jackson soon found that his grievance would cost him. "[The guard] got in trouble, and the next thing I know I start gettin' no letters." Grievances are placed in

a special box, but Jackson doesn't suggest using it. "Don't put the grievance in the box because they'll tear it up. I folded mine in my pants and slept with it, and as soon as I seen a sergeant, I rushed at him with it."

Guards, according to Jackson, have no qualms about getting rough with prisoners. "Just yesterday, as a guy was gettin' released, they busted him up. It was a youngster. I almost cried, and I don't even cry. He says, 'Fuck you, pigs!' and ten of 'em rushed him. They put a mask over his face, 'cause he was spit-tin' on 'em, and tied it. He was turning red! We were sayin', 'Hey! Don't kill him, man!' and they were, like, 'You guys shut the fuck up! You want to be next, asshole? I've seen 'em hog-tie people and hit 'em on the face. When your arms are tied behind your back, you have no control of your face. I seen the kid this morning. They busted his whole face. Before he came in, he was a perfect, normal gentleman, 19, 20 years old. Now his nose is broke, his eyes swollen, his lips busted, and they did that. And nobody will ever know. That's why they fuck you up."

"Guards need to be checked," Jackson continued. "I was scared of the one I wrote up. He was a bad man. He said he runs this jail, he knows how to lose you and how to fuck you up, and I believe him. I seen it with my own eyes."

Despite the brutality, Jackson says a few guards are humane. "You can tell the officers that do like their job. They want to help you."

Jackson is a San Diego native. "I grew up in south-east San Diego and went to Logan Elementary. Then my mom thought I was hangin' out in gangs so she put me in Point Loma Cabrillo. Then I went to Dana and to Point Loma

High. After I graduated I went to Mesa College for two years, then I got arrested for robbery, bein' stupid. That was 1992. I got three years in Chuckawalla — that's near Blythe in Riverside. I'd been out for five years before this."

As a return prisoner, Jackson admits that conditions at the central jail have improved. "There's no cells no more. Everybody's in a dorm with 47 bunks. That's one thing I'll give the county — they stopped the fights. In the old county, you could rock and roll in there, get some bruises, and go to sleep. Now there's full-time surveillance cameras, and whoever gives those bruises will be charged. There's no more smoking in the corner."

Smoking is prohibited in jail, and Jackson laughs as he says, "That's the best rehab. I was fully a smoker, and I plan on resuming my habit right now! I can't quit!" Reading is available to break the monotony, but materials are limited. "The stuff that's there is bullshit and not good material. They should have more educational materials."

"More books than just fuckin' crime books like, Jimmy's Usin' Dope or Timmy Killed John. They should have more intelligent reading. After readin' all those books, I wanna get out and kill!"

There is no gym or weight room. "They snatched all that. The South Bay county jail is the only one that still gives you recreational space. So I do a lot of push-ups. When I worked out a lot, I was bigger."

Tattooing is another popular pastime. Jackson opens his shirt and exposes an "S" and "D" in Gothic characters. "I just got these put on. That's for 'San Diego County.'" He also shows an older tattoo of a flag near

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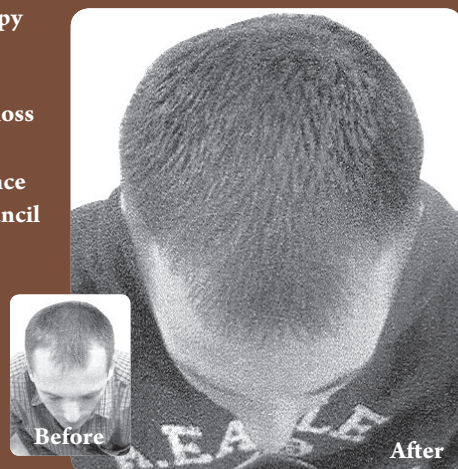
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his throat and explains how inmates tattoo each other. He holds up his Walkman: "This is a tattoo gun. You take the engine out of a Walkman, and you have a running engine. With the motor you get a piece of guitar string, and the guitar string is your needle. It's the same as in a tattoo shop, but it's a little bit better. You tie that engine up and have that motor runnin', hook it up with these two batteries, get a piece of wire, and it just runs. We use India ink brought in by visitors. The police didn't know that for a long time until snitches came along."

Drugs are available for those who can pay. "Just shoot the word down that you got money. There'll be a soldier that'll come up and verify it. You'll never know who he is. He's the dope man's runner. He'll come through as a trustee, sweepin' the floor. If you got 50 bucks, he'll come back in two days. If it's there, he'll give it to you. If it's not, then you gonna find yourself getting stuffed somewhere. You know what I mean?" Liquor is also on hand. "I make it. I take all the oranges and bread [let them ferment], and we get drunk on Fridays."

Surveillance has also greatly reduced the problem of homosexual rape. "It was a problem. In the old county, you had fags comin' at you in the stairwells, but they stopped all that. The gays is in one cubicle and that's it. Some homosexuals get through that don't look it, but when you see 'em you know 'em. We had three homosexuals in our bunk area. I just told 'em, 'Don't start that gay shit in here.' I've heard that they do it by the toilets 'cause they're off-camera."

Upbeat about the future, Jackson is anxious to go home and get back to work. "I live in El Cajon. I

was sure that I didn't have no job now, but my boss said I can still come back to work." His face beams as he praises his boss. "He was down with me from before. I was a trainer for telemarketing, and he kept me the job, man! I'm gonna call him and thank him for everything he did. I'm gonna go to work. He knew that wasn't me with the dope. I had money."

Jackson explained his job. "I train people how to telemarket, how to get on the phone and how to turn a 'no' into a 'yes.' People will say, 'I don't like telemarketers calling my house,' and hang up. I teach 'em how to get into their pockets. It's a technique. I never learned it in college or nothin' like that. Growin' up in the ghetto, I just always had the knack to sell somethin'."

"When I first did it, I just did it for the money, but then I seen how a person can tell you 'no,' and you can turn him around into givin' you his credit card number! Over the phone! This guy was literally cussin' you out and now he's your friend. That turned me on, man. I love it."

Another thing Jackson looks forward to is seeing his sons again. "I have one ten-year-old and one two-year-old with different moms. I'm not married. My ten-year-old's mom went back to Mexico and tried to take him back with her. Her mom didn't like that she messed with black guys, so I haven't seen her for a long time. My two-year-old is with my mom. He can't stay with his mom because she has another kid by another guy and says she can't have two kids stay with her. That's bullshit. So I keep 'em both. My mom helps me out, but I work two jobs and take damn good care of 'em." ■

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Transocean, the company that owns the oil-drilling platform where the British Petroleum leak occurred, moved its headquarters from Houston to Switzerland in 2008 to avoid pay-

ing American taxes. It has 1300 employees in Houston and 12 in Switzerland. It had moved to the Cayman Islands, another tax haven, in 1999. In leasing the platform, British Petroleum got a tax break that adds up to \$82 million a year.

Thus far, companies have raised \$6.2 million to promote Proposition 23. Two Texas companies, Valero Energy and Tesoro, account for three-fourths of that total, according to opponents of the measure. Oil-related compa-

nies account for 96 percent of contributions. Many donors are from California — Bakersfield, Sacramento, Long Beach, Auburn, Los Angeles, Glendale, San Jose, Modesto, Upland, Pacific Palisades, Menlo Park, Folsom, Orange, Torrance, and South Gate.

Physicist Roger W. Cohen of La Jolla, retired manager of strategic planning and programs of Exxon Mobil, gave \$1000 this year in support of Proposition 23.

Business lobbying interests are trying to defeat the

second initiative, Proposition 24, which would block tax breaks that hand corporations \$1.3 billion a year. The tax subsidies were part of 2008 budget agreements.

The proposition would eliminate three breaks in particular. One is the "single sales factor," which allows multistate companies to choose whether they will be taxed on property, payroll, or sales. (Do you get to select which taxes you will pay and which you won't?) The second is loss carrybacks, which allow companies los-


ing money in California to get refunds for taxes paid up to two years previously. The third allows companies that have more tax credits than they can use to distribute those credits to affiliates.

The California Teachers Association is the main backer of Proposition 24. It argues that 26,000 teachers face layoffs as school budgets have been slashed by \$17 billion. There is no reason to dole out corporate tax breaks when education is suffering, say the teachers.

Opponents of Proposi-

tion 24 have raised more than \$1.3 million this year. San Diego companies and institutions are giving heavily to the opposition: Qualcomm has given \$100,000 to fight it. Biotech's Gen-Probe and Life Technologies have plunked in \$10,000 each. BioMed Realty, which provides real estate to life sciences companies, is against it. Other San Diego institutions opposing it are BIO-COM, the regional life sciences association; CONNECT, the group trying to accelerate technical innova-

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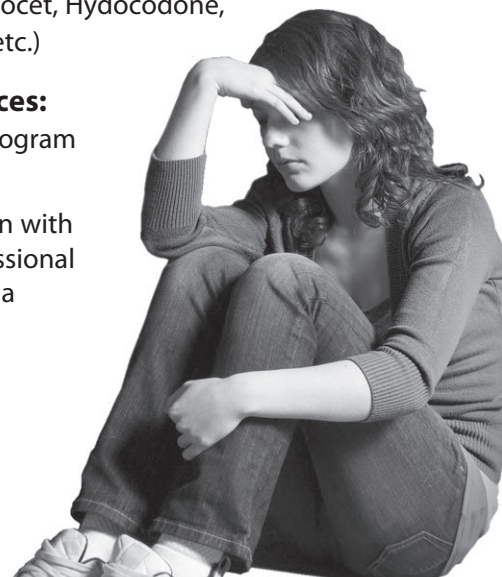
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And what arguments do the companies use to tout Proposition 23 and to oppose Proposition 24? They haul out that old political bait and switch: jobs. Yes, jobs, jobs, jobs. Backers say that Proposition 23 is the "California Jobs Initiative."

Those opposed to Proposition 24 shout, "Stop the Jobs Tax!" Proposition 24 would tax new job creation, send jobs out of California, tax small businesses and their employees out of existence, and stifle job growth in promising industries such as high tech, biotech, and clean energy, insist the opponents of this measure.

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By obsessing over profits, American companies live to please Wall Street. It's time they lived to please Main Street. For their own sake. ■

Get the lead out

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anxiety and depression. It is a constant reminder of the things that have to be done and the things he is mentally and physically incapable of doing.

"On January 17, 2010," began the letter, "an inspector from the City's Lead Safe Neighborhoods Program observed significant deteriorated paint conditions that indicate the presence of a possible lead hazard. The Lead Hazard Prevention and Control Ordinance...states it is a violation to allow lead hazards to remain on any property. Deteriorated lead-based paint is a 'lead hazard' because it poses a serious threat to both child and adult health."

CITY LIGHTS

The health threats include high blood pressure, digestive problems, memory and concentration problems, kidney damage, mood changes, nerve disorders, sleep disturbances, and muscle or joint pain. Every year, according to the City's website, 56 cases of lead poisoning in children occur citywide. High levels of lead can result in fatigue, irritability, headaches, weight loss, behavior problems, low birth weight, miscarriage, brain and nerve damage, and learning difficulties and may lower a child's IQ.

The letter went on to state that all dwellings built before 1979 are presumed to have lead-based paint.

The City gave Howard 60 days to remediate the lead hazard.

"My initial reaction," says Howard as he looks at the letter, "you know that song, 'What you going to do when they come for you'? Well, they came for me.

"I knew my house was falling apart," he says, his voice trembling as his eyes open wide. "I'm on disability — a fixed income — and I couldn't afford the repairs. I couldn't do anything but watch my house slowly fall apart. I definitely didn't think it was illegal, though."

Howard became depressed in the days after receiving the letter. He worried that the City would fine him, that he would be unable to pay the fine.

"Immediately after getting the first letter, I thought, 'Oh my God, what do I do now?' The fight-or-flight question, suicide, I didn't know what else I could do."

Howard phoned the City. He explained that he lived on monthly disability checks, that he didn't have the money to pay someone to remove the lead paint or the strength to do it himself. The city employee transferred Howard to the San Diego Housing Commission for information on federal grants. A few months

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later, Howard's home was inspected and found to have high concentrations of lead-based paint. Contractors were called out and estimates prepared. Howard learned that he qualified for \$30,000 in grants to remove the lead paint and make repairs.

Howard stands up from his chair using the nine-iron as a crutch and walks toward the back of the house. He lists all the work that needs to be done, inside and out, and points to furniture and other junk littering his yard that needs to be moved before work can be started.

"I thought they would condemn my house. I still have my concerns about my anxiety. I am still freaking out about the work that I have to do to get the house vacated to have them work on it while I'm in some motel someplace. My biggest fear is not being able to make it work-ready."

Howard is not the only one in the city who has been notified that his or her house or building is a lead hazard. The City of San Diego estimates that nearly 310,000 residential units in San Diego were built before 1979, when lead was used in paint. The Lead Hazard Prevention and Control Ordinance, signed into law in April 2008, is the City's attempt to reduce the presence of lead inside and outside homes.

Although budget cuts have affected nearly all city departments, the operating budget of the Lead Safe Neighborhoods Program has increased this coming fiscal year. Currently, the City employs five full-time lead-program inspectors, each earning between \$56,000 and \$67,000 per year, to inspect neighborhoods and commercial property for potential lead hazards. Budgeted for fiscal year 2011 is an additional \$73,393 for a program coordinator.

More money for the pro-

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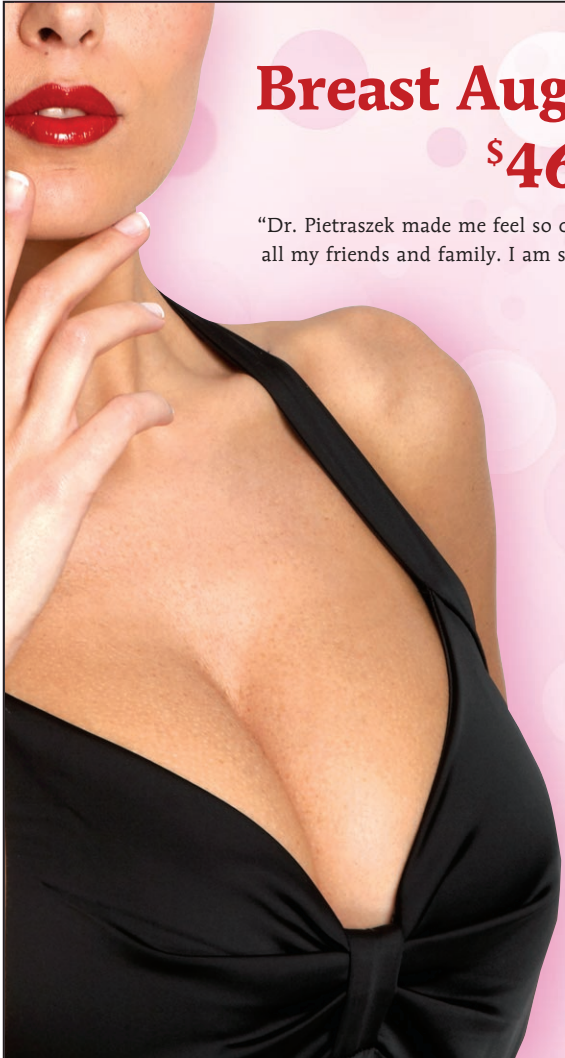
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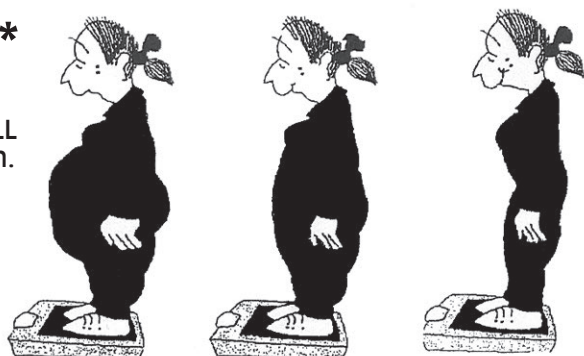


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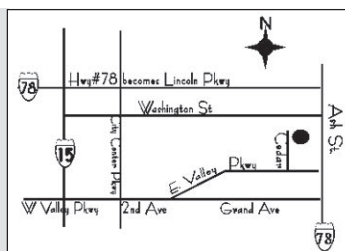
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Get the lead out

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gram might be available in coming years. On July 26, the California Supreme Court ruled in favor of allowing counties and cities throughout the state to hire private law firms to represent them on a contingency basis in a multibillion-dollar class-action lawsuit. The long-running suit, originally filed in 2000 at the Superior Court of Santa Clara, asks that makers of lead-based paint, such as Sherwin-Williams and Atlantic Richfield (which includes the former Anaconda Lead Products and International Smelting and Refining companies), pay for removing lead paint from buildings.

According to Nancy Fineman, attorney for Cotchett, Pitre, and McCarthy, the private law firm representing San Diego and other cities, the ruling will likely be appealed and the lead-paint lawsuit may take many more years to litigate.

In the meantime, as the City expands the Lead Safe Neighborhoods Program, more property owners will be notified. For low-income families and the elderly on fixed incomes such as Howard, the only way to remediate the lead hazards and comply with city code is to contact the San Diego Housing Commission and apply for federal grants, loans, and redevelopment money.

Frank Ballow, rehab manager for the San Diego Housing Commission, estimates that since 2002, the housing commission has received \$15.9 million in lead grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The most recent grants, awarded in 2008 and totaling \$7 million, include goals of eliminating lead hazards in over 500 residential units over a three-year period.

"The lead grants offer

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up to \$10,000 for a single family dwelling and up to \$5000 per multifamily unit plus \$5000 for common areas in multifamily properties for material and labor costs of lead remediation," explains Ballow in an August 4 email.

Typically, owner-occupied properties are also eligible for deferred-payment loans to cover lead or other rehabilitation costs. However, as in Howard's case, if lead hazards require more than \$10,000 to correct and owner-occupants do not qualify for loans, a Special Circumstance Committee may authorize exceeding the \$10,000 cap.

As Howard walks around the outside of his house, he rattles off the work that will be done. He points to the rotted roof, the deteriorated fascia, and the eaves that will be replaced. The back of the house will get a new vinyl window and frame.

Inside, he looks up at water stains on the ceiling and missing plaster and points to black spots of mold scattered across the walls. Workers will repair the damage and install new countertops and a new water heater.

But before work can begin, the clutter has to be moved. Howard's so worried that he won't be able to move his belongings out in time that he doesn't seem concerned about the adverse health impacts from exposure to lead.

"Have I thought about getting tested for lead paint in my body? I've thought of it, sure," he says. "But a lot of [my] symptoms are from old age. I don't think I have lead poisoning, but I don't know. I have other things to do in the next month, like try to find people willing to help move my belongings. I guess I am curious but won't know until I get through this month. I'm looking for that pot of gold at the end of this stinking rainbow." ■

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one had the bright idea to install fake turf on the sidewalk because it would never need to be watered," recalled a downtown resident. "Their reasoning was — the grass that was previously there always turned brown from all the pet traffic. They never realized that the fake grass would actually be worse because all the dog pee stunk up the place."

By Nathaniel Uy
Saturday, Aug. 28

Obecians Get New Pipes

Construction Planned for Sunset Cliffs Boulevard

Ocean Beach — The Sunset Cliffs Trunk Sewer project is slated to begin in September, stated a city representative at the Ocean Beach Town Council meeting on August 25.

The extensive sewer repair and replacement project — which will tear up one of the main thoroughfares in Ocean Beach — is due to last nine months.

Project engineer Riyadh Makani said that there is the possibility of major impact on traffic: one lane will be closed in sections of involved roadway during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Much of the existing trunk sewer lines on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard are to be replaced; a portion toward Cable Street will be realigned. The trunk-sewer line in place on Long Branch Avenue will be abandoned.

By T.E. Bach
Saturday, Aug. 28

Late-Night New-Guy Blues

Gas Station Clerk Robbed on His First Day

Rancho Bernardo — Two men stopped by the Circle K on West Bernardo Drive a little before 3:30 a.m. on August 27; they robbed the store at gunpoint, making off with an undetermined amount of money.

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cars were parked around the gas pumps when I arrived, and crime tape was wrapped around the doorway as the clerk smoked a cigarette and gave his account to the officers.

According to the clerk, he had just unlocked the doors and was making the coffee when one of the two thieves (who appeared to be in his mid-20s) rushed in holding a handgun and demanded money while his accomplice sat in the car revving the engine. Once the thief had left, the clerk said he immediately locked the doors and called 911. The clerk was unsure if anything else was taken.

"What a way to break in the new guy," he commented, shrugging his shoulder toward a coworker who was standing off to the side.

By Ty Shelton
Saturday, Aug. 28

Paid in the Shade

Park to Start Charging for Gazebo Use

Mission Beach — Signs hang on the wood gazebos in Mission Bay Park informing parkgoers that beginning October 1, shade provided by the picnic gazebos is no longer free.

Starting in October, picnic shelters located in East Bonita, East Vacation, Hospitality Point, Marie Starns South Shores, North Crown Point, North De Anza, North Ski Beach, North Tecolote, Playa Pacifica II, and South Tecolote open-space parks will no longer be available on a first-come, first-served basis, but instead they must be reserved ahead of time for a fee of \$20 per hour.

Before, Mission Bay Park was the only community park in the city that did not charge parkgoers to use the gazebo; however, that ended when the city council approved charging fees for the picnic shelters during a council meeting this past June.

And while some residents view the new permit and res-



New equipment will make less noise from trains in Encinitas.

ervation policy as a better opportunity to reserve the gazebo for weddings and large family gatherings, others see the required reservation and the \$20-per-hour permit fee as another example of the city charging citizens for everything under the sun.

"Now, only rich people can use the gazebo," said one frequent Mission Bay Park visitor who was upset about the new requirements. "And, us poor folk will just have to bake in the sun."

"Now if you want to come to the park to throw your seven-year-old a birthday party, you're going to have to pay for it. How ridiculous is that?"

By Dorian Hargrove
Thursday, Aug. 26

Horn Test

City Reviews New Lower-Decibel Train Horns

Encinitas — On Tuesday, August 24, the City of Encinitas put on a four-hour live demonstration of a new "wayside" horn warning system for oncoming trains at road crossings. The system is designed to replace the loud, constant, onboard train horns that have been the basis of noise complaints for decades.

An average of 50 trains a day travel along the coastal North County tracks — 24 Coaster commuter trains, 18 Amtrak, and the rest are long freight trains, which usually travel at night. Federal law currently requires trains sound their warning horn for a minimum of one-quarter mile before a road

crossing. Engineers may use the horn longer, and many residents have complained that they do.

At a federally required 96 to 110 decibels, a train's horn can be heard for miles away. Railroad Controls Limited (RCL) of Benbrook, Texas, provided its patented equipment for the public's review at the Chesterfield Drive crossing in Cardiff. The speaker emits an electronic horn sound at only 92 decibels; sound can be directed and localized so only cars and pedestrians within a few hundred feet of the track would hear it. During the demonstration, just one block away from the crossing, the volume dropped to 78 decibels — about the same noise level as riding in a car on the freeway.

The cities of Riverside and Pomona have installed RCL's equipment. If approved, the installations in Encinitas will cost about \$100,000 for each road crossing.

Commenting on the new electronic sound, Encinitas deputy city manager Richard Phillips said, "Unfortunately, you won't hear any more country songs written about these horns."

By Ken Harrison
Thursday, Aug. 26

Application Denied

Council Denies Position Based on Residency

Ocean Beach — The Ocean Beach Town Council denied Frank Gormlie — a lawyer and cofounder of the OB Rag — a candidacy to the

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**council's board of directors
on Wednesday, August 25.**

A contentious argument took place at the town-council meeting, wherein Gormlie was denied the right to apply for candidacy to the board of directors based on the residence requirement in the council bylaws. To be considered eligible for the board, one must be a resident, business owner, or own property in Ocean Beach. Gormlie vehemently pleaded his case for candidacy.

Though Gormlie publishes the *OB Rag*, an online publication dedicated to Ocean Beach, he does not reside in the community; until recently, he did not have a business residence in the area. At one point in the debate, Gormlie produced a newly signed lease to a commercial property in Ocean Beach as evidence to his adherence to the guidelines. The town council, resolute in its opposition to Gormlie's candidacy, flatly refused. Gormlie did not have proof of residence by the deadline.

Repeated calls for a special election went unheard as president Jim Musgrove refused to reinterpret existing bylaws in this instance.

*By T.E. Bach
Thursday, Aug. 26*

Poor Roseville

Restaurant Closes Due to Gas Leak
Point Loma — On August 13, 2010, the Roseville restaurant in Point Loma closed down. People who called to make reservations were told that the closure was due to “a gas leak.”

During a call placed to Roseville owner George Riffle on August 21, he said that he was working with his insurance adjuster after they found the issue with their gas leak. He also stated, “Where your table would be, there is a big hole in the ground,” and asked, “Could I direct you to another restaurant?” When asked when the restaurant would reopen, Mr.

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A temporary closure at Point Loma's Roseville has become permanent.

Riffle said, “We are guessing Monday, optimistically...but most likely Tuesday, realistically, we will be ready for business and will be updating our website.”

As of Tuesday, August 24, the site was up for lease, with a large sign in a front window. As of August 25, there is no mention of the closure on the Roseville website.

*By Lorie Grant
Wednesday, Aug. 25*

Under Pressure

Campus Water Main Ruptures, Causes Flooding
SDSU — Before dawn at SDSU on Monday, August 23, a “chill water” main ruptured under a large walkway on the east side of campus. One million gallons of water were released, flooding an area between Aztec Center, the East Commons, and Love Library. Small amounts of water seeped under the library's doors, but there was little damage. The building's air conditioning was disabled, however, and the library was closed at noon on one of the hottest days of the year so far.

Outside, campus crews used a backhoe to reach the broken main, creating what appeared to be a sizable sinkhole. The incident is the third time in recent memory that the campus cooling infrastructure has broken and spewed water. Some observers at SDSU think the culprit is a pressurized system that was

installed several years ago. Water is forced into buildings from a central chill plant at perhaps the lowest spot on campus, not far from the old Aztec Bowl. Moving the water uphill requires high pressure, which spikes and subsides depending on temperatures. As a result, valves in the pipeline come under sudden changes in pressure.

Since the California State University's budget woes started a few years ago, SDSU's physical plant has had to cope with pressures of its own. To avoid layoffs, the grounds and building-maintenance crews voted last year to save jobs by taking a 10 percent cut in pay. But the plant's skilled workers turned down the same option and lost six or seven jobs.

On August 9, Tracy Tannihill, a maintenance supervisor, died of a heart attack during surgery. He was 61. Now crews are working full speed to clear up the broken-water-main problems before school starts on Monday, August 30.

*By Joe Deegan
Wednesday, Aug. 25*

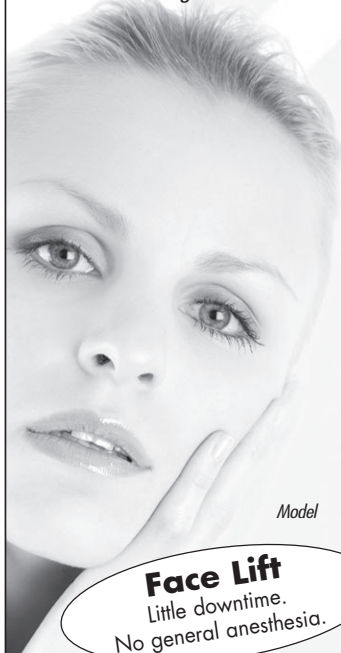
Too Cute by Half

Mayor's Motives for Veto Questioned

San Diego — “If the veto were to be overridden, what would the implication be in respect to the ballot?” asked District 1 councilmember Sherri Lightner during Tuesday morning's

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special meeting.

"It would be placed on the ballot," interjected council president Ben Hueso.

"Actually, it could not be [put on the ballot]," said assistant city attorney Mary Jo Lanzafame.

The exchange between councilmembers and the assistant city attorney occurred as the council deliberated whether it should override the mayor's veto to place an ordinance on November's ballot to construct a new city hall. Yet, despite the outcome, as was evident in the response from Lanzafame, the deadline for ballot submissions expired in early August and the item was already dead.

The dialogue indicated confusion as to why the mayor objected to placing the ordinance on the ballot and allowing voters to decide the fate of a new city hall.

"This new city hall project was taken off the ballot," explained councilmember DeMaio, "because a sales tax proposition was placed on the ballot. Let's be honest about that."

DeMaio accused city officials — Mayor Sanders — of "operating too cute by half." During his comments, the fiscal conservative also refuted the mayor's reasoning for his veto by stating that the developer — or the city — lacked money to fund a campaign adequately.

"You're not taking this off because you don't have enough money for political campaigns," said DeMaio. "You're taking this off because you're afraid that the public has already come to a judgment and would vote it down."

By Dorian Hargrove
Tuesday, Aug. 24

Bud Bans

City Ponders Medi-Pot Dispensary Ban
Oceanside — Along with

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Chula Vista, National City, Imperial Beach, and Santee, Oceanside has a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries, which could stand until May 2011.

On Wednesday evening, Oceanside's city council will address the issue of medi-pot dispensaries and decide on a response to the San Diego Grand Jury report on regulating pot shops.

In a response to San Diego Superior Court Judge Kevin Enright, Oceanside officials indicated in a letter that the city is debating whether to take its name off the list of cities that enacted moratoriums on dispensaries and join El Cajon, Escondido, San Marcos, and Vista in an all-out ban on the dispensaries.

As for the county grand jury's recommendation to adopt cost-neutral zoning and land-use regulations, the letter stated that city

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officials are waiting for a court case in Anaheim to unfold. They might be holding their breath for a while. On August 18, an appeals court sent the case, which targets a city ordinance making operating a dispensary a misdemeanor, back to a lower court for additional hearings.

The letter, dated August 26 and signed by Mayor Jim Wood, also stated that the North County city of 180,000 residents is "evaluating all regulatory approaches, including a complete ban on dispensaries," an approach that will undoubtedly stoke the fire on the medical-marijuana debate and possibly result in a harsh hit to proponents of medi-pot.

By Dorian Hargrove
Monday, Aug. 23

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planned for him at the Royal Dive on September 10 with Candye Kane (Tom's ex-wife) and other S.D. bands.

Ward Elliott
via email

Kids Born Bad

Thank you, *Reader*, for providing a venue for theological discussion. I am writing in response to Jim Crooks's August 26 letter that challenges my letter of August 19. Augustine of Hippo and John Calvin dedicated their lives to diligent, painstaking study of the Word of God. Although they each were just as much subject to error as any other devoted scholar, I'm sure they would be horrified to think that they

originated or repeated any doctrine that was contrary to scripture.

In his refutation of the biblical doctrine of total depravity, Mr. Crooks alleges that "Jesus taught us in Matthew chapter 18 that all children are born into this world in innocence and humility." In the context of Matthew 18, the Lord uses a child as an illustration to demonstrate to the disciples that humility is the attribute that distinguishes those who are greater in the Kingdom. Jesus also asserts that unless one makes an about-face as the child had done, under no circumstances would that person enter the Kingdom. The same context reveals that the child He used as an illustration had previously become a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. Nowhere in Matthew

18 does the Lord teach that children are born without a sin nature.

Mr. Crooks cites Isaiah 7 as a proof-text for his nonbiblical theory "that it is when a child grows older that he begins to learn evil ways." Isaiah 7 says nothing of the kind. The passage acknowledged by orthodox Christians to be a messianic prophesy, when rendered into plain English, informs us that the Child the Virgin gives birth to will know the difference between good and evil, and He will choose the good while He is still eating baby food. The fact that Jesus Christ is exempt from the doctrine of total depravity does not disprove the doctrine. Jesus is the unique person of history, the only one of His kind, the only human being in history Whose body was

miraculously conceived in the womb of a virgin, the only human being in history Whose paternal ancestry does not descend from Adam, the only human being in history Who is also eternal God, sovereign Creator of the universe.

As for Mr. Crooks's other objections, it would take volumes to explain that Romans 6 does not teach that unregenerate persons have the ability to practice righteous obedience, that Romans 6 does not command water baptism as a prerequisite for eternal salvation, that Hebrews 5 and Matthew 7 do not teach salvation by works, and that Revelation 20 does not assert that believers will be judged at the final judgment.

It is true that God has given many commandments to those who already possess irrevocable eternal life. It is also true that He has given only one commandment to the unbelievers of this age: believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the difference between eternal condemnation and eternal life. The one believing in Jesus is not condemned. The one believing in Jesus has eternal life. Jesus paid the penalty for your sins while He was hanging on the cross. Jesus is alive eternally and will never forsake those that have put their trust in Him. Trust that the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ are sufficient to save you, and eternal life is yours.

John Pertle
Santee

Spanish Tummy And Pollyanna Creep

Don Bauder is a rare voice of reason and common sense in the world of financial commentary, but his latest column ("Get Used to Unemployment," "City Lights," August 19) once again wins the "Close but No Cigar!" award.

While he correctly points out that there is only one private-sector employer out of the 14 biggest employers in San Diego, he still doesn't (or can't) understand that public-sector employment

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represents a net loss (and a rather large one) to the economy, resulting in the disaster that is now coyly referred to as the Great Recession. (This would be like referring to the Black Death as a case of "Spanish Tummy.")

Any and all public-sector salaries, benefits, and pensions are funded by private-sector paychecks; the result is skyrocketing taxation, economic decay, and the concentration of wealth (Econ 101, for heaven's sake!).

One more thing — he states that in July, unemployment remained at 9.5 percent. The actual unemployment rate is about double that; the figure of 9.5 percent is the "U-3 Unemployment Rate," which includes only those who have been unemployed for 30 days or less.

Multiple measures of unemployment (now known as the "U Rates") were created in the early 1960s to deceive voters into thinking that the number of the unemployed is smaller than it really is (referred to as "Pollyanna Creep"). Every president since Kennedy has continued this process of deception; Ronald Reagan, for example, artificially reduced unemployment numbers simply by including military personnel as "employed." Bill Clinton cooked the unemployment books by reducing the numbers of unemployed black Americans. Every president for the past 50 years has also falsified the consumer price index (the rate of inflation) and the gross domestic product (the "size" of the economy).

Name Withheld
via fax

Don Bauder replies: U-3 includes all unemployed persons, but they have to have made efforts to look for work in the last four weeks.

Poop On Your Page Count

In reference to the August 19 issue, page 30, "Thought You Should Know..." box, "Top 20 papers by page count." By

page count? I mean, for one thing, that's just a really silly way to rank papers, and it's like, okay, what are the two things that this tells me for which the *Reader* makes the top of the list? It tells me that (a) you've got more crappy ads that I've got to, like, dig through to get to, like, what I want to actually read, and (b) you're killing more trees in the process and making more junk for me to have to responsibly recycle. So, I don't see why you're bragging about that, I guess is what I'm getting at. That actually seems like something you should be ashamed of, and thank you for letting me know.

Keep up the good work; waste less trees.

Scott Perry
North Park

Comments from Reader Website

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Diary of a Diva

Published August 25

While working in college I made one of my first donations. Later I found out that less than 40 cents to the dollar went to the actual cause. I felt like I had been ripped off. I didn't make many more donations after that, but would volunteer my time.

I would also shop at the Food 4 Less, and every time there would be someone outside begging for change. Sometimes I would tell them I had put it all on my card. Other times I would buy an extra banana to give because it usually a woman with her kids in tow. I knew the kids wouldn't see the money and I could hand the fruit directly to them without the parent getting in the way.

*By johndf10 3:45 p.m.,
Aug. 25, 2010*

Guidestar.org has the tax return information for nonprofits. Which came in handy during my grant writing class; but it's also fun to see an organization's tax return. (especially, if one's totally nosy, like me)

*By blueveey 4:19 p.m., Aug.
25, 2010*

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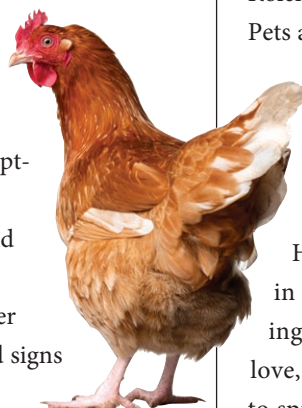
SUMMER SALONS DRAW TO A CLOSE

See how Matthew Hebert repurposes technology to create art using Arduino controllers (programmable computer modules) during

this final installment of the series. Grab a cocktail in the rotunda and interact with local emerging artists. See [SPECIAL](#), page 66.

THE SOCIAL LIFE OF CHICKENS

Karen Davis believes that “chickens are conscious and emotional beings with adaptable sociability and a range of intentions and personalities.” Davis shares stories about her chicken sanctuary and signs her book, *Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs: An Inside Look at the Modern Poultry Industry*, at this event hosted by San Diego Animal Advocates. See [IN PERSON](#), page 68.



Friday | 3

ART SAN DIEGO CONTEMPORARY ART FAIR

More than 50 galleries will showcase paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, photographs, videos, and multimedia artwork at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront. The fair includes guest speakers, luxury-brand displays, citywide cultural programs, and wine and food events. See [SPECIAL](#), page 64.

1812 TCHAIKOVSKY SPECTACULAR!

Back to school with a bang! The San Diego Symphony Summer Pops season closes with selections by Mozart, Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture,” the firing of cannons, and a fireworks display. See [CLASSICAL MUSIC](#), page 66.

Saturday | 4

NEED TO VISIT THE (PET) ER?

Pet-training event with information about when to visit the ER, how to train your pet (provided by ACME Training), pet massage by Denise Rolan, and exercising with your pet. Pets also available for adoption. See [SPECIAL](#), page 66.

THE HOLISTIC LOVE THEORY

Head to the Philosophical Library in Escondido for a seminar offering a no-nonsense examination of love, from evolution to neuroscience to spiritual gurus. Ages 15 and up can get the skinny on “the only unified model of love in existence.” See [LECTURES](#), page 68.

Sunday | 5

FIERY FOOD FESTIVAL

Some like it hot! Chefs and representatives from hot sauce and barbecue sauce companies will offer samples and products for sale at the Hot Licks store in Old Town. Also, an amateur salsa and barbecue competition. See [FOOD & DRINK](#), page 67.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: THE CAT IN THE HAT KNOWS A LOT ABOUT THAT!

SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN

Lamb’s Players reprises Connie Ray’s comedy-musical. Pastor Oglethorpe’s taking a giant step: His church will have singing on Saturday night. Doesn’t sound all that daring today — but it’s 1938 and the church’s largest donors insist that singing leads to the great sin that is dancing. See [THEATER](#), page 106.

Monday | 6

THE CAT IN THE HAT KNOWS A LOT ABOUT THAT!

The Old Globe Theatre screens this new PBS Kids animated television series designed to support science learning for preschoolers. Children will receive goodie bags and can have a photo taken with the Cat himself. The Grinch will also make an appearance. See [FOR KIDS](#), page 67.



Tuesday | 7

MOVING TO SUSTAINABILITY

This event — hosted by the Global Energy Network Institute, the SDSU Vizlab, and the California Center for Sustainable Energy — begins now and continues through September. Bring your laptop to the NewSchool of Architecture & Design and be part of the solution. See [SPECIAL](#), page 66.

Wednesday | 8

THE SURF MEETS THE TURF

It’s the last day of the races! Newcomers’ seminars are offered one hour prior to the first race of the day, and the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club horse-racing season concludes with Party in the Paddock, which begins right after the final race; the area is “transformed into a venue where race fans can celebrate into the evening” with live music and more. See [SPORTS](#), page 69.

Travel & Getaways



Gather No Moss

TRAVEL STORIES AND TIPS FROM OUR READERS



A maze of stone staircases

Mont Saint-Michel, France

By William Holman

The road was built only recently. For over a thousand years, visitors to the city of Mont Saint-Michel had to travel by boat or wait till low tide and walk across from the mainland. The former was regarded as the safer of the two options. Due to geological quirks, the tide around the city changes by as much as 14 meters, and it comes in with the speed of a galloping horse.

This is dangerous in and of itself, but the constant come-and-go of seawater has left the area around Saint-Michel an expanse of quicksand. Walking around the island, it is apparent that if a group

were walking in a line, the third or fourth traveler would probably find himself stuck in the sand. Toma tells me that a few people are lost every year to the quicksands and the tide.

It is much safer up on the island, a city built on a tiny mountain. All around us, shops, restaurants, and homes are squeezed around and occasionally on top of one another. A maze of stone staircases — some massively wide, some small enough for just a single person — litter the city, leading visitors upward to the abbey and cathedral at the top.

Roofs pitch in every direction, and walls surround tiny courtyards belonging to residents of the island. Racing upward, picking staircases at random, we find ourselves at the top, looking out on the Couesnon River, which marks the border of the Normandy and Brittany regions in France.

The point was once quite strategic, and from the heights, it is easy to tell that it was built for defense. Off the east side, there is a small island where the English would wait out the tide to attack the island, only to scurry back when the tide began to rise. Nowadays, at times of the year when the tide is particularly high, a

newly built car park is often submerged; a warning horn has been installed to alert visitors to move their vehicles to safety.

Lithuania

By A. Gracia

Roughly the size of Ireland, Lithuania is bordered by Latvia to the north, Belarus to the east and south, Poland to the south, and the Kaliningrad region of Russia to the southwest. The Baltic Sea kisses the surprisingly lovely 99-kilometer stretch of coastline to the west, covered with majestic pines and long beaches with abundant Caribbean-like sand.

The country offers vast expanses of undisturbed forests and a tradition of nature conservancy that can be traced back to pre-Christian times. In this last



A surprisingly beautiful 99 kilometers

European country to renounce paganism in order to embrace Christianity, you'll find odd behavior (such as embracing trees in order to gain strength) that could perhaps be traced back to these beliefs. Moreover, Lithuania's former status as the Soviet Union's breadbasket has evolved into a rich agricultural tradition that ensures fresh produce and tasty local

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Other Adventures



SaltyFrazer: Pod of whales passes our boat on foggy morning



AmberMartinelli: Quiet, serene, and beautiful Deception Pass in Washington, near Anacortes



Shannon077: A farm in Hawaii



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Egret, San Dieguito lagoon

San Dieguito Lagoon's new "Lagoon Trail" and boardwalk now stretches 1.4 miles between Jimmy Durante Boulevard and the Albertsons shopping center just south of Via de la Valle. The new segment of trail is yet another completed link in the

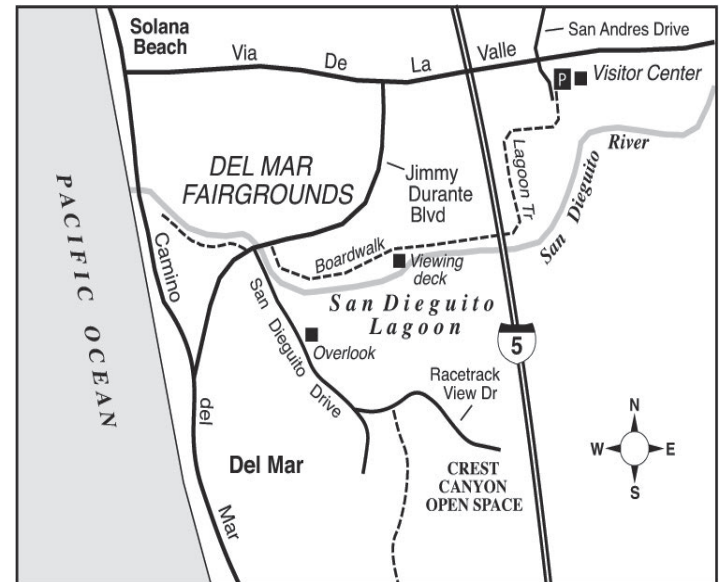
55-mile-long Coast to Crest Trail that will eventually stretch eastward all the way to the mile-high crest of Volcan Mountain near

Julian. This effort is part of the fledgling San Dieguito River Park, which seeks to preserve as much as possible the natural features of the San Dieguito River/Santa Ysabel Creek watershed and provide various means of public access to it.

Take along a pair of binoculars if you are interested in bird-watching. Perhaps you might pick a time when the tide level is high and the water's edge is closer to the trail. At low tide, the water recedes to a point where it is barely visible from most vantages.

You can start at either end of the 1.4-mile segment, but finding a place to park is easier on the east end. Exit Interstate 5 at Villa de la Valle, go east just past the Albertsons shopping center, and turn right on San Andres Drive. You can pick up the trail at the dead end of San Andres Drive, near the site of the future San Dieguito River Park Visitor Center.

The first two-thirds mile of the trail (for use by hikers and bikers) takes you west toward the freeway and then south to the bank



of the San Dieguito River, which at this point flows underneath the concrete bridges of the freeway. As you continue under the freeway and farther west, the white noise of speeding cars mercifully fades and broad vistas of the lagoon are in view to the south, backed up by the wooded residential areas of Del Mar. At 1.1 miles into the hike you come upon an observation platform, which marks the start of the boardwalk portion of the trail. Bicyclists aren't allowed ahead on the planked section of trail; they must turn back at this point.

The boardwalk section definitely represents 21st-century trail-building techniques, with Trex composite material underfoot and plenty of interpretive panels to educate the public. After about 0.3 mile, you come to the trail's end on Jimmy Durante Boulevard, just south of the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

If you care to walk a little farther toward the ocean, you can head south using Jimmy Durante Boulevard's bridge over the river and pick up the short "River Path" on the far side of the bridge.

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The Chaparral, the tangled assortment of low-growing, drought-resistant, native shrubs covering most of San Diego County's lower mountain slopes, has managed to remain fairly attractive this summer. Unlike many of the scrubby natives near the coast, chaparral plants tend to hang on to their leaves year-round. This month, the coppery, sun-burnished remnants of last spring's flower clusters are still clinging to the tips of buckwheat and chamise plants, and a few wildflowers have popped up here and there in response to scant thunderstorm activity over the mountains. To enjoy the beauty of the chaparral landscape, explore the hillsides above Lake Morena and along Lyons Valley, Japatul, and Boulder Creek roads in East County. Or head inland from Escondido toward Ramona or Valley Center. Most of these areas have been swept by one wildfire or another over the past several years, but the native vegetation is gradually returning.

Highest Tide for September (a not-very-high +6.4 feet) is predicted for 8:20pm on Monday, the 6th. The month's lowest tide (a not-very-low minus 0.8 foot) will occur on the morning of September 7th at 2:54am. During September the tidal range is typically minimized. Starting in mid-October, extreme negative tides will begin to occur during the

afternoon hours (a much more convenient time for exploring tidepools in the low-lying intertidal zone), and not much in the early morning. By December and January, the highest high tides will crest at nearly +7 feet during morning hours, and the lowest low tides will sink to nearly -2 feet during afternoon hours.

The Planet Venus will continue to play its current role as "evening star" for another few weeks. You can spot it rather low in the west-southwestern sky as darkness gathers. Turn a small telescope on Venus, and you will discover that it now shows a crescent phase. By mid-October Venus will vanish from the evening sky, only to be reborn as a "morning star" during the first week of November.

Beat the Heat Enjoy trail-guided walk under oaks, through native chaparral. 619-668-3281. Saturday, September 4, 9:30am; Sunday, September 5, 9:30am; Wednesday, September 8, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

California Native Plant Society Walk Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. Sunday, September 5, 9am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Guided Nature Walk Learn about birds and plants of the area during outing beginning at "comfort station" on west side of park (5250 Regents Road). Bring

binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9961. Saturday, September 4, 9:30am; free. Marian Bear Memorial Park, Highway 52 and Genesee Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

History Walk Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures. 619-235-1121. Saturday, September 4, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Interested in Native Flora? Join Friends of the Point Loma Native Plant Garden, learn about native flora while caring for collection of rare, endangered native plants and trees. Watering, trail maintenance, invasive plant removal, other light gardening activities. Tools provided. Find garden next to GreenCliff Apartments, 4444 Greene St., Ocean Beach. 619-297-7380. Saturday, September 4, 9am; free. Point Loma Native Plant Reserve, Mendocino Boulevard and Greene Street. (POINT LOMA)

Wildlife Tracking Tips Join park's tracking team to discover and identify tracks, scat, critter trails, more along trails. 619-668-3281. Saturday, September 4, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

SPECIAL

"Art Walk, Art Talk" In celebration of San Diego Arts Month, Art

Expressions Gallery and L Street Fine Art host afternoon with conversation, art by Jian Wang, speakers Ann Berchtold, Robert Pincus, Peter Fehler. Lunch from McCormick & Schmick's. 858-270-7577. Saturday, September 4, 11am; \$75-\$85. L Street Fine Art, 628 L Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Current" Set & Drift presents exhibition of handcrafted design, featuring West Coast debut of Korean designer Kwangho Lee, along with mercantile, a pop-up shop showcasing design objects by nine American designers, artists. Show includes Kwangho Lee's *Black Whale*, described as "a sculptural lighting installation knitted with power cords as his unconventional medium." Reception is September 4, 7-10 pm. 858-444-5930. Friday, September 3, noon; Saturday, September 4, noon; Sunday, September 5, noon; free. Bakery, 1701 National Avenue. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"Expressive Paintings of the Elfin Forest" Exhibition of paintings by Cathy Carey opens with reception for artist, who uses "color to express the emotional content of a painting, and the composition, brushstrokes, and texture all echo that mood." View show through November. 760-489-9109. Saturday, September 4, 5pm; free. Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, 8833 Harmony Grove Road. (ESCONDIDO)

"LaunchPad" Reception for Duke Windsor, marking his "successful completion of the San Diego Fine Art Society's Mentor Program." See his exhibition entitled "Resurgence" in Elevation Room, part of Art San Diego Contemporary Art Fair. Donation to Artist Mentor Program

requested. 858-205-4354. Saturday, September 4, 8pm; 21 and up. Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Art San Diego Contemporary Art Fair More than 50 galleries showcase paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, photographs, videos, multimedia artworks. Fair includes guest speakers, luxury brand displays, citywide cultural programs, wine and food events. 858-254-3010. Friday, September 3, noon; Saturday, September 4, noon; Sunday, September 5, 11am; \$10-\$15. Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Back to School Friday Night Liberty Instructors offer art demonstrations every hour (starting at 5pm). Register for workshops. 619-223-0058. Friday, September 3, 5pm; free. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Barona Powwow Native Americans from across country showcase traditional tribal dances, music, hand drum contest, authentic Native American cuisine, handcrafted arts and jewelry. Events take place at Barona baseball field (one mile north of Barona Resort and Casino). 619-443-6612. Friday, September 3, 6pm; Saturday, September 4, 1pm; Sunday, September 5, 1pm; free. Barona Cultural Center and Museum, 1095 Barona Road. (LAKEVIEW)

Bridge Party All abilities welcome for morning of party bridge. "If you would like a refresher or want a bit of help or have a question during a hand, friendly experts are available." For "mature" adults. RSVP: 858-509-2587. Friday, September 3, 9:15am; free. Solana Beach Presbyterian Church, 120 Stevens Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Doga Yoga Time! Ingrid Yang leads class where participants "will stretch and massage our furry friends," hosted by Lululemon La Jolla and Muttropolis. Off-leash playtime, socialization follows at Muttropolis. Mats provided. Dogs must have basic obedience training. 858-459-9663. Sunday, September 5, 8am; free. Scripps Park, 1133 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Energy Efficiency or Drill, Baby, Drill? Consider the options with Civilized Conversation Club. 858-231-6209. Thursday, September 2, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Festival of Sail Fun kicks off with parade of tall ships on San Diego Bay on September 2 (11am), continues with live entertainment, petting zoo with variety of animals, cruises on San Diego Bay, cannon battles, sailing on racing yachts, arts and craft vendors, interaction with pirates. 619-234-9153. Thursday, September 2, 11am; Friday, September 3, 9am; Saturday, September 4, 9am; Sunday, September 5, 9am; Monday, September 6, 9am; San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Fragrant Festival Southern California Plumeria Society hosts annual Hawaiian Plumeria Festival and sale in room 101. Enjoy Hawaiian music, smell fragrant blooms, view prize-winning blooms in judged show. Hundreds of plants for sale. Members available to answer culture questions. 619-461-5942. Saturday, September 4, 10am; Sunday, September 5, 10am; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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Trakai is a picturesque little town surrounded by several lakes, 30 kilometers west of Vilnius. The castle on Lake Galvė is a beautiful sight, surrounded by water and a source of symbolism — it was once the site of the Lithuanian monarchy and fell only once to enemy attack. It later served as a residence for Lithuania's grand dukes and today is a popular museum of medieval Lithuanian history as well as a stage for concerts, festivals, and films. The town also offers wonderful surroundings to explore, such as the Užtrakai and Lentvaris estates with their lovely parks and views. The countryside in and around Trakai provides opportunities for horse-riding, swimming, diving, and boating in the summer.

In Lithuania you can have your picture taken in the official center of Europe, determined by the French National Geographic Institute (and

recognized by the European Union and the *Guinness Book of Records*) to be 26 kilometers to the north of Vilnius, close to the village of Purniškės.

Lithuania's capital, Vilnius, offers a well-preserved old town and a Bohemian atmosphere close to its university centers. Kaunas, also the Lithuanian capital at different points in time, is still the country's second-largest city and another historic, architectural, intellectual, and economic center.

Klaipėda, Lithuania's third-largest city, is located along the coast and is noted for being the northernmost ice-free port in the Baltic states. Its architecture departs from traditional Lithuanian styles and seems influenced by the country's northern neighbors. Here you'll find an old town with quaint, reconstructed merchants' houses and converted warehouses with their original exterior timber beams. The coastal towns are cherished by locals for their white sandy beaches and abundant spas and resorts.

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Learn to "communicate simply, but effectively, in Spanish." Donation. 619-298-9978 x8014. Thursday, September 2, 6:30pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

House of Ukraine Lawn program promises ethnic music, costumes, and dance. 619-234-0739. Sunday, September 5, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

Martin Luther Meeting of the Minds group convenes to discuss Luther and the politics of power. 619-370-1027. Friday, September 3, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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)

Moving to Sustainability Collaborative event with World Resources Simulation Center hosted by GENI, SDSU Vizlab and Geography, CA Center for Sustainable Energy gets underway, continues through September. Bring your laptop and be part of the solution. 619-595-0139. Tuesday, September 7, 9am; \$20. 21 and up. NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Need to Visit the (Pet) ER? Pet training event includes "talks about when to visit the ER, how to train your pet (ACME Training), pet massage by Denise Rolan, exercising with your pet." Pets available for adoption. 858-676-1600. Saturday, September 4, 10am; free. PetSurg and ER4Pets, 12335 World Trade Drive, Suite 16. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Stay Healthy, Live Happy On-going Iyengar yoga classes for all levels. Fee: \$20 per class, or \$150 for 12 classes. 760-632-0040. Fridays, 9am. Iyengar Yoga Center of North County, 2210 Encinitas Boulevard, Suite U. (ENCINITAS)

Strategies and Techniques Painter Nancy Isbell leads beginning painting workshop, divulges "strategies and techniques for working in acrylic paints on canvas." Class includes demonstrations, hands-on experimentation. Materials list provided upon registration. Registration: 619-223-0058. Wednesday, September 8, 10am; \$74-\$86. 14 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Summer Salons Draw to a Close See how Matthew Hebert repurposes technology to create his art using Arduino controllers during final installment of the series. Grab a cocktail in the rotunda, interact with local emerging artists. 619-232-7931. Thursday,

September 2, 5pm; free-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Technique Tuesday! Jennifer focuses on embellishments for paper crafting, the new "Design Adhesives" from Memory Box. 619-667-5060. Tuesday, September 7, 10:30am, 2pm and 6pm; \$5. 16 and up. Stamp Addict, 7151 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

Wooftop Happy Hour Bring your "leashed, well-mannered dog" for evening with libations and guests including pet and people psychic and animal communicator Sindi Somers, Friends of the Humane Society of Tijuana, Walk n' Roll Doggie, Relaxing Rex Canine Massage, Hot DOGity Do's, Rita Spiegel Photography. 619-564-3998. Friday, September 3, 5:30pm; free. Porto Vista Hotel & Suites, 1835 Columbia Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

1812 Tchaikovsky Spectacular San Diego Symphony Summer Pops season closes with selections by Mozart, Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," howitzers firing. Concerts conclude with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Friday, September 3, 7:30pm; Saturday, September 4, 7:30pm; Sunday, September 5,

7:30pm; \$17-\$75. Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Sunday, September 5, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Beyond the Sea" Swing fundraiser with San Francisco's Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums providing tunes (9pm-midnight). East Coast swing lesson with Meeshi Anjali (8:15-8:45pm). Proceeds benefit the National Wildlife Federation's gulf oil spill restoration fund. 619-733-0418. Thursday, September 2, 8pm; \$10-\$20. Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

A Visual Feast! Four classical Indian dance styles featured in "Jivanayata — Pilgrimage of Life," a dance depicting inner evolution. Five dancers from Chinmaya Mission "weave Indian classical dances with a thought-provoking spiritual theme," accompanied by singers, tabla player, flutist. Show benefits Chinmaya Jyoti. Tickets: 858-683-3344. Friday, September 3, 7pm; \$25-\$100. Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

Argentine Tango New six-week session of lessons with Collette Hebert begins in studio 106. First class free any Monday or Wednesday. Fees: 514-726-5567. Monday, September 6, 7pm. Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

English Country Dancing Ellen Riley calls for English country dancing. 858-676-9731. Sunday, September 5, 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Old Twine String Band Band provides music, Steve Barlow calls for contra dancing hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30pm; dances taught and called to live music 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, September 3, 7:30pm; \$8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Reels and Squares Contra Dancing Western-style contra dancing with some squares, mixers, line dances. All dances taught, called at a friendly pace. 619-254-7256. Sunday, September 5, 2:30pm; \$4. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Talia and Oriental Jewels Enjoy belly dance dinner show with live music by John Bilezikjian and Frank Lazzaro. No cover. 760-603-9672. Tuesday, September 7, 7:30pm. Casablanca Restaurant, 6030 Paseo Del Norte. (CARLSBAD)

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versary with concert by DESNA Ukrainian Dance Company of Toronto, Canada; violin virtuoso Vasyly Popadiuk; bandurist Andriy Kytasty. 760-689-2852. Saturday, September 4, 7pm; \$10-\$25. Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre, 6611 University Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

FOOD & DRINK

"Under Pressure — Back-to-School Dinners" Opera-singing chef Elizabeth presents "ins and outs of pressure cooking" to save time and energy. Recipes taught: Southwest-style beef brisket, smokey red beans and rice, applesauce with cranberries and Cointreau. Recipes, tastings promised. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, September 4, 1:30pm; \$25-\$30. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Fiery Food Festival Meet hot sauce makers when representatives, chefs from hot sauce and barbecue sauce companies offer samples, sell products at Hot Licks store. Amateur salsa and barbecue competition planned. 619-297-3100. Sunday, September 5, 10am. Fiesta de Reyes, Juan Street at Calhoun Street. (OLD TOWN)

FOR KIDS

The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That! Screening of new PBS Kids animated television series designed to support science learning for preschoolers. Children receive goody bags, may have photos taken with the Cat himself. The Grinch also plans an appearance. RSVP: 619-234-5623. Monday, September 6, 4pm and 5pm; free. Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

The Really Hot Jungle Show Puppet Express presents all sorts of animal tales during puppet show. 619-544-9203. Thursday, September 2, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Friday, September 3, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Saturday, September 4, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, September 5, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Monday, September 6, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

The Three Little Pigs And other "California-style" puppet tales told by Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, September 8, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Disney Stories with Harp! Preschool story time featuring Disney stories accompanied with harp music by Sonia Marie Olivas. 858-945-1695. Thursday, September 2, 10:30am; free. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

GALLERIES

"Creatures of Industry" Artists' reception for "group exhibition in which the machine, and its various components, play a dominant role" in works by Greg Brotherton, Nemo Gould, Jeremy Mayer, Guillermo Rigattieri. During reception, studios will be open to public, with new works on display. Show runs September 2-5.

619-278-8455. Saturday, September 4, 7pm; free. Device Gallery at Glashaus, 1815-B Main Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"Cross-Pollination" Opening reception for this "survey of current two-dimensional art from Digital Art Guild, a program of San Diego Art Institute," boasting work by 14 contemporary artists in digital media. Show closes Sunday, September 19. 619-236-0011. Friday, September 3, 5pm; free.

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

"The Goddess: Her Patterns and Emanations" Reception for exhibition by artist Louis Beatty Jr., featured artist of the month along with Claire-Lise Matthey Anderegg and her show "Kaleidoscope." Also on view: juried and awarded artwork from "Outstanding Visual Artists" of the region. Closes Sunday, Sep-

tember 26. 619-236-0011. Friday, September 3, 6pm; free-\$3. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Transferring Ink II" Opening reception for printmaking show, sale contrasting historical prints with work by juried contemporary printmakers. "The four main processes include relief, intaglio, lithography, and serigraphy." Closes Saturday, October 23. 760-

728-1414. Saturday, September 4, 5pm; free-\$10. Fallbrook Art Center, 103 South Main Avenue. (FALLBROOK)

Inspired by Liquidity of Paint! Artists reception for exhibit of new works by Sheldon Greenberg, who "creates dramatic new intrigue by blending the iconic images he is so well known for with a sense of three dimensional space." Also opening: collection of works by Heather Patterson.

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IN PERSON

Ha Ha East Mark Christopher Lawrence performs for PG-13 rated comedy show. Required reservations: 619-462-9100. Sunday, September 5, 7pm; \$5. 21 and up. GIO Bistro & Wine Bar, 8384 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Comedy Night at Doc's Saloon Comedians Marc Takemiya, Chris Edwards, Aaron Hughes, Stan Simmons provide laughs.

619-997-3033. Friday, September 3, 8:30pm; \$10. 18 and up. Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q, 6955 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

"The Social Life of Chickens" Karen Davis believes "chickens are conscious and emotional beings with adaptable sociability and a range of intentions and personalities." Davis shares stories about chickens at her sanctuary, details of factory farming, signs books during timely event hosted by San Diego Animal Advocates. Requested donation: \$10. 760-632-8638. Thursday, September 2, 6:30pm. San Diego County Health Building, 3851 Rosecrans Street. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Brew Ha-Ha Performers include headliner Big Mike from *Chuck*, Mark Christopher Lawrence, others. No drink minimum. 619-922-9057. Saturday, September 4, 7pm; 17 and up. Twiggs Bakery

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Open-Mike Night Musicians, singers (including karaoke), actors, poets, comedians invited to entertain. Purchase requested. 619-299-9360. Sundays, 8pm; Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Wanna Be Desdemona? San Diego Shakespeare Society hosts opening reading of scenes from Shakespeare's *Othello*. Join in reading or just listen. Parts "assigned before each scene so everyone can have a go." Bring text if possible. 619-232 4855. Tuesday, September 7, 6:45pm; free. 15 and up. Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House, 835 W. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

LECTURES

"Drawing Inspiration from Art and Nature" Wildlife artist Robert Bateman discusses his personal connection with natural world, how he uses his art to inspire others to find their own place in nature for "Sustainable Planet: Children and Nature" lecture series. 619-232-3821. Saturday, September 4, 4pm; \$5. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Holistic Love Theory" Seminar provides "no-nonsense discovery of love from evolution to neuroscience to spiritual gurus." Get the skinny on "the only uni-

Rhyme & Verse Jabberwocky — Lewis Carroll

"Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.

"Beware the Jabberwock, my son!
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!
Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun
The frumious Bandersnatch!"

He took his vorpal sword in hand:
Long time the manxome foe he sought —
So rested he by the Tumtum tree,
And stood awhile in thought.

And as in uffish thought he stood,
The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,
Came wiffling through the tulgey wood,
And burbled as it came!

One, two! One, two! And through and through
The vorpal blade went snicker-snack!
He left it dead, and with its head
He went galumphing back.

"And hast thou slain the Jabberwock?
Come to my arms, my beamish boy!
O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!"
He chortled in his joy.

"Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.



Lewis Carroll (1832–1898) is the pseudonym of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, an Anglican deacon, mathematician and photographer, best known as the author of Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There. "Jabberwocky," which is from that latter book, is the most famous nonsense poem in the English language. Part of its pleasure derives from the fact that despite its invented vocabulary the reader can easily understand the general outline of the story.

fied model of love in existence." 760-745-2724. Saturday, September 4, 7pm; free. 15 and up. Philosophical Library, 2091 East Valley Parkway, Suite D. (ESCONDIDO)

"The Way We Were" Enjoy "A Look Back at Lemon Grove's Early Businesses" when Lemon Grove Historical Society's "History Alive" series resumes with panel discussion. 619-460-4353. Thursday, September 2, 7pm; free. 13 and up. H. Lee House Cultural Center, 3205 Olive. (LEMON GROVE)

"Three Ways to Publish" Linda Schroeder divulges methods to publish — traditional publishing; small independent publishing; author-produced publishing — for Sisters in Crime meeting. Schroeder's book, *Artists & Thieves*, was recently published by an independent publisher. All welcome. 760-585-5383. Thursday, September 2, 6:30pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Challenges and Visions Downtown Sound Bites series continues when Don Telford, president of San Diego Theatres, discusses background of Civic Theatre and Balboa Theatre, challenges of operating the venues, programming, vision for the theaters. Bring questions and lunch. Centre City Development Corporation event is in Downtown Information Center, at Horton Plaza above CVS/pharmacy. 619-235-2222. Tuesday, September 7, noon; free. Westfield Horton Plaza, 324 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

Cool Veggies Learn tips and tricks to growing organic cool season vegetables from Pat Welsh, author of *Pat Welsh's Southern California Organic Gardening: Month-by-Month*. Reservations: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, September 4, 11am; \$10-\$12. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Making the Technical Understandable Mental health journalist John McNamamy, author of *Living Well with Depression and Bipolar Disorder: What Your Doctor Doesn't Tell You That You Need to Know*, speaks for National Alliance on Mental Illness. Meeting starts with "Ask the Doctors" discussion with psychiatrists Dr. Steve Koh, M.D., and Kristine Munoz, M.D. 800-523-5933. Thursday, September 2, 6:30pm; free. University Christian Church, 3900 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Transformation Through Art "Art in the City" conference at Art

San Diego focuses "on determining how the most transformative arts and culture initiatives nationwide can be implemented in San Diego." Moderator is entertainment developer David Malmuth; speakers include Tim Jones, Aaron Paley. 619-955-5285. Saturday, September 4, 8am; \$15. Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Blurred Summer Dance Festival Enjoy new works by regional artists and choreographers creating shared experiences around collaboration of visual and moving art. Little Known Dance, PKG, Minerva Tapia, Kyle Sorenson, Pat Rincon Dance Collective, Lux Borreal, Allison Smith participate. 619-235-8466. Thursday, September 2, 8pm; Friday, September 3, 8pm; Saturday, September 4, 8pm; \$15-\$20. Sushi Performance & Visual Art, 390 11th Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Boys of Summer San Diego Padres host Colorado Rockies. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5555. Friday, September 3, 7:05pm; Saturday, September 4, 5:35pm; Sunday, September 5, 1:05pm; \$10-\$63. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Boys of Summer Continued San Diego Padres host Los Angeles Dodgers. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5555. Monday, September 6, 7:05pm; Tuesday, September 7, 7:05pm; Wednesday, September 8, 7:05pm; \$10-\$63. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Labor Day Arena Tournament San Diego Polo Club competition. Preliminary matches at 1:30pm, feature match at 3pm. Pack lawn chairs, cooler to view games from

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Labor Day Pelican and Sea Lion Kayak Tour Celebrate the holiday with kayaking adventure on Mission Bay. After introductory lesson, follow guides, explore back side of SeaWorld. No experience required. Equipment

provided. Reservations: 619-282-3520. Monday, September 6, 9am and 1pm; \$17-\$42. 2 and up. South Shores Park, 500 Sea World Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Philip Rivers 5k Walk/Fun Run San Diego Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers hosts walk and fun run benefiting Rivers of Hope Foundation. 858-836-0133. Saturday, September 4, 8:15am; \$45. NTC Park at Liberty Station, 2455 Cushing Road. (POINT LOMA)

San Marcos Blast Pedal on 70-mile bicycle adventure with Bicycle Touring Society riders. 619-255-5360. Sunday, September 5, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

The Surf Meets the Turf Del Mar Thoroughbred Club horse racing meet continues. Newcomers' seminars offered one hour prior to first race. September 6 is Jockey Photo Day. Season concludes with Party in the Pad-

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

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Tuesday Night Racing Velodrome bicycle racing season continues with racing in many categories. Racing is open to riders with an appropriate track bike and sufficient track-racing experience. Free for spectators. 931-233-5749. Tuesdays, 6:30pm; through Tuesday, September 28,

free. San Diego Velodrome, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

USPA Rossmore Cup Finals San Diego Polo Club competition. Preliminary matches at 1:30pm, feature match at 3pm. Pack lawn chairs, cooler to view games from east side of field for tailgating (\$25 per car). Parking: \$5. 858-481-9217. Sunday, September 5, 1:30pm; \$10-\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center "Gold Fever! The Untold

Stories of California's Gold Rush" chronicles a treasury of Gold Rush-era events, images, documents. Exhibit includes 24 photo-mural panels with text, representations of primary documents, photographs, daguerreotypes, paintings. Also on display: photographs, artifacts of SD's Gold Rush of 1868 from Julian's Pioneer Museum. Closes Saturday, October 16.

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 "Leveled: An Interactive Experiment in Art" seeks to "expand the boundaries between artist, patron, and curator to create a new, unexpected and unprecedented museum experience." Four large-scale, interactive installations were created by artists Doris Bittar, Wes Bruce, Ingram Ober, Marisol Rendon, all based on different connotations of the word "green." In an unusual twist, museum patrons are invited to touch, alter, add, subtract from installation artworks. The process, entitled "Action/Reaction," ends

November 7, when the artists will return (November 9-14) for "Artist in Residence week," responding to changes made by museum patrons. View results through December. 340 North Escondido Blvd., 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

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 CECUT Omnimax: *Vamos a la Luna* and *India, El Reino del Tigre*. 011-52-664-687-9650. Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

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

Chula Vista Heritage Museum "The 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 Otag 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. (SANTEE)

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

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

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

Knox House Museum See how Amaziah Knox established a hotel serving drovers, miners, teamsters on their way through the valley. Museum offers display of historical photographs of El Cajon valley, furnishings of the time period (1879-1912) including a pump organ, rolltop desk, wood-burning cast-iron stove, furniture brought around tip of South America, a Thomas Edison phonograph, icebox, Hoozier cabinet, bed warmer, clothing, children's toys. Museum is open on first Saturday of month (12:30-3:15pm) and second Saturday of month (11am-1:15pm). 280 North Magnolia Ave., 619-444-3800. (EL CAJON)

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, weap-

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ons, 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)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown

The multifaceted exhibition "Viva la Revolución: A Dialogue with the Urban Landscape" explores "dialogue between artists and the urban landscape." Show boasts "diverse range of 20 artists from 8 countries...linked together by how their work addresses urban issues." Exhibition, featuring works both in museum's galleries as well as at public sites throughout downtown San Diego, is on

view through Sunday, January 2, 2011. 1100 and 1001 Kettner Blvd., 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Photographic Arts "Taking Aim" — continuing through Sunday, September 26 — "chronicles the history of rock 'n' roll," with photographs selected by Graham Nash of Crosby, Stills and Nash. This exhibition "spans more than 50 years of music-making as seen through the eyes of 40 legendary photographers including Lynn Goldsmith, Annie Leibovitz, Henry Diltz, Jim Marshall, Neal Preston, Mick Rock, Francesco Scavullo, Graham Nash himself," others.

"Seeing Beauty" explores aesthetics of beauty expressed through eyes of photographers

through history of the medium including Bill Brandt, Walker Evans, Mary Ellen Mark, Edward Weston, Minor White, Aaron Siskind. See works in range of genres such as portraiture, abstraction, landscape, still life through Sunday, January 23, 2011.

"In Light: Selections from the Permanent Collection" may be seen through Sunday, January 23, 2011. These "works tell vivid stories of photography's master practitioners and technological innovations, while demonstrating photography's ability to reveal the unseen and the unseeable." Exhibit boasts photographs by Ansel Adams, Dorothea Lange, others. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)



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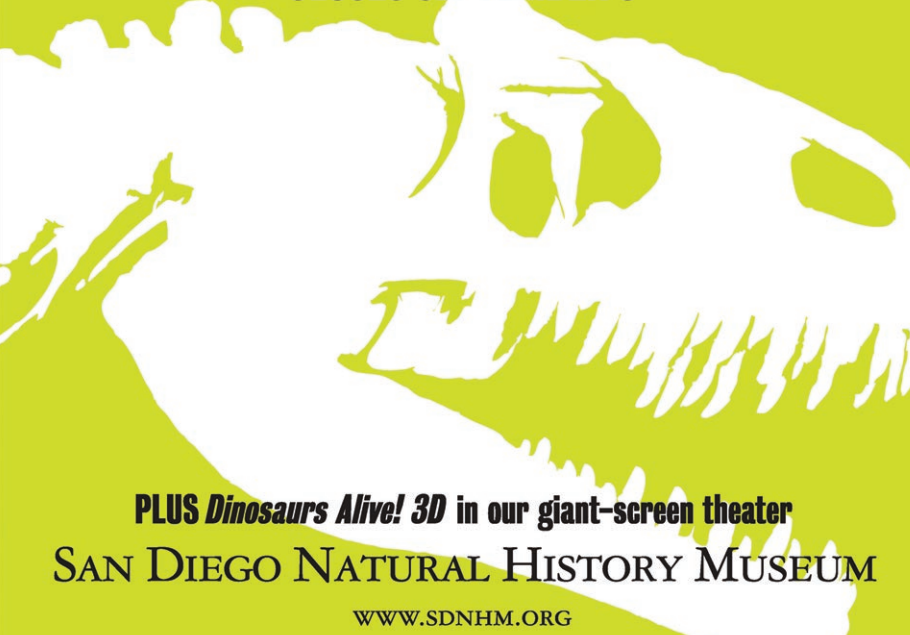
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Years Ordained: 16 years

San Diego Reader: Can you think of a time when you gave a sermon that completely flopped?

Pastor Cunningham: I can think of my most embarrassing moment in a sermon. I was preaching in my previous church in Texas on a Good Friday service in a somber, quiet, dark sanctuary. I was talking about the scapegoat and the relation of the scapegoat to the sacrifice of Christ.... While I'm preaching, though, I couldn't think of the word "horn" to explain that the horns of the scapegoat were tied to a rock with a crimson rope. Instead, I said the word 'antlers.' I had several friends in church that day who were deer hunters who gave

me a hard time afterwards. "We didn't know goats had antlers."

SDR: What is your biggest failure as a pastor?

PC: When I did youth ministry, I planned an overnight at the church, and I had 50 kids show up. I wound up being the only adult present at the event because I had not planned for other adult volunteers to spend the night with me. It was a lesson well learned. I took a group of 50 kids and dropped it to about 20 in 24 hours. They destroyed the church and I got mad and lectured them. It definitely taught me the value of volunteer ministry.

SDR: Where do you go when you die?

PC: I just preached a two-part sermon series on what happens after you die. I've been influenced by [theologian and New Testament scholar] N. T. Wright on this concept. He says we should believe in life after life after death. There's a resting place



Pastor Paul Cunningham: "I'm glad God is God and I'm not."

we often call heaven or paradise where we go when we die, but that's not the end. The end will come when there's a new heaven and

new earth and we experience the bodily resurrection.... I believe there's a heaven and we go to heaven when we die but there's more than

that. We truncate the idea of heaven as this very old place up there. So, when Jesus says to the thief on the cross, "Today, you will be with me

in paradise" that's paradise, but then there's the idea that Christ will come again and make all things new.

SDR: Is that the only option — does everyone automatically go to heaven?

PC: No, there's hell and what that looks like I don't know. There's obviously some sense of those separated from God. That's why I'm glad God is God and I'm not.

SDR: What separates people from God?

PC: The answer is Jesus who said He was the way, the truth and the life. And for me that's important for folks to come to know Christ. What it means to be separated from Christ — that's a great question. I think my task is to help people to come to Christ and to know who Jesus is and what He's done for them. On the other hand, judgment is God's decision.

— Joseph O'Brien

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CHRIST CHURCH UNITY The Creative Process in the Bible



Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm, through Sept. 22. Fridays 9:30-11 am, through Sept. 24. Exploration of the creation stories found in the Hebrew and Christian Bibles. Understanding the seven days of creation as related in the Bible, and the seven steps of the Creative Process as interpreted by Charles Fillmore and Unity School. NORTH PARK 3770 Altadena Ave. (619) 280-2501

THE CELEBRATION CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING Spiritual But Not Religious

Awesome music. Conscious people. Enlightened message. Sunday service 10:30 am. SAN DIEGO 5820 Oberlin Dr. #108 (858) 320-0090 TheCelebrationCenter.org

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Join master musician and renowned Sufi teacher Pir Shabda Kahn for a joyous and heart-centered week-end of Dances of Universal Peace and multi-cultural spiritual practices. Plan to be uplifted and inspired! PACIFIC BEACH (619) 415-3568 onesunsandiego.com/events

A Place For You

In Point

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churchonthepoint.com

CHRIST CHAPEL WORLD MINISTRIES It's Not Who You Are — It's Whose You Are!

Sunday services 10am San Diego; 3pm Oceanside. One Church, Two Locations.

NORTH PARK 3094 El Cajon Blvd. OCEANSIDE 1680 Oceanside Blvd. (619) 542-1113

TIERRASANTA LUTHERAN CHURCH Gigantic Fall Rummage Sale Saturday, Sept. 11th 7am to noon

Come early to shop for kitchen dishes & utensils, knick-knacks, toys & games, furniture, lamps, baby items, clothes, books, etc. TIERRASANTA 11240 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. (858) 560-8688 luther95.com/TLC-SDCA

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Carlsbad's Inclusive Church Welcomes Everyone

Come meet our new Vicar, Rev. Laura Sheridan-Campbell. Mass Rite II, Sunday 9 am. We Love Children. CARLSBAD 6066 Corte del Cedro (760) 930-1270

The Didache

On the Lord’s own day, assemble in common to break bread and offer thanks; but first confess your sins, so that your sacrifice may be pure. However, no one quarreling with his brother may join your meeting

until they are reconciled; your sacrifice must not be defiled. For here we have the saying of the Lord: “In every place and time offer me a pure sacrifice; for I am a mighty King,” says the Lord; “and my name spreads terror among the nations.” Accordingly, elect

for yourselves bishops and deacons, men who are an honor to the Lord, of gentle disposition, not attached to money, honest, and well-tried; for they, too, render you the sacred service of the prophets and teachers. Do not, then, despise them; after all, they are your dig-

nitaries, together with the prophets and teachers.

The Didache (1st–2nd Century A.D.) was an early anonymous Christian treatise that nonetheless is ascribed to the “Twelve Apostles” because of its early adherence to the teachings of the Apostles on

three focal Church teachings — baptism, the Eucharist, and church governance. So important was the work that some early Church fathers considered it a part of the New Testament; today it is still considered part of the canon of works by the Apostolic Fathers.



New Americans Museum in NTC Promenade “Cross-Pollination” opens with reception on Friday, September 3, 5pm. This “survey of current two-dimensional art from Digital Art Guild, a program of San Diego Art Institute,” boasting work by 14 contemporary artists in digital media, closes Sunday, September 19. 619-236-0011. 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 102, 619-255-8908. (POINT LOMA)

New Children’s Museum “Animal Art” 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. (EAST VILLAGE)

Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Campo Depot Museum showcases more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, including 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)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove On view: a recreation of the Sonka Brothers’ 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 Exhibitions include “Blockbusters,” “So WATT! An Illuminating Look at Energy,” “Aging for All Ages,” “Kid City” (for preschoolers). Museum features more than 100 hands-on science exhibitions. Films shown daily in IMAX Dome theater. 1875 El Prado, 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Air and Space Museum The “American Society of Aviation Artists’ 24th International Aerospace Art Exhibition” showcases 70 paintings, jury-selected from “finest aviation master artists in the world,” on exhibit through Friday, September 10. “The Science of...Aliens” is described as “largest and most in-depth exhibition to examine the possibility of life on other worlds.” Exhibition is divided zones entitled: “Alien Fiction,” “Alien Sci-

ence,” “Alien Worlds,” and “Alien Communication.” Through Monday, January 3, 2011. Concurrently, see “The History of Commercial Aviation in America.” A section of exhibit celebrates 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a recreation 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. The 3D/4D Zable Theater hosts screenings of *Jetpack Adventure* and *Fly Me to the Moon*. 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 “Datsun/Nissan: The American

Story” chronicles “how a man began his career in the automotive industry and his role in the acceptance of the Datsun and Nissan brands in the United States.” See racing films, advertising materials, other memorabilia chronicling “this great story.” Vehicles from earliest Datsuns to more recent Nissan models on display. Closes Monday, September 27. 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,

OCEAN VIEW CHURCH
Making an Immediate and Eternal Difference
Sundays 9 & 10:30am. 12:30pm - Spanish. Formerly Midway Baptist Church. Pastor Baize. SOUTH SAN DIEGO 2460 Palm Ave. (619) 424-7870

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Slinky Service
Family-friendly worship celebration that is open to God’s children of all ages. Each new participant receives a rainbow-colored Slinky. It is requested that you bring this Slinky to every worship celebration and use it as the Spirit leads. The rainbow Slinky reminds us of the promise that God attached to the rainbow. The flow of the Slinky reminds us of the flow of God’s Holy Spirit in the Christian Life we share. Remaining in pews is optional. Participants are asked to dance, sing, and move as the Spirit leads in the pews or aisles. Saturdays, 5 p.m. ALLIED GARDENS 5106 Zion Ave. (619) 582-2636

ST. JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH
Labor Day Picnic
Sept. 6 at 10 am. Silver Wing Elementary School Park. 11 years old and above: \$6. 6 to 10 years old: \$4. 5 years old and younger: FREE (w/issued pass). SOUTH SAN DIEGO 2525 Beyer Blvd. (619) 423-0405

SANTA SOPHIA CATHOLIC CHURCH
Wine Tasting Party



Sat. Sept. 11, 7 to 10:00 pm. Hosted by the Santa Sophia Knights of Columbus. Relax and enjoy wines, hors d’oeuvres and music on the Catechetical Ministry patio. SPRING VALLEY 9800 San Juan St. (619) 463-6629

GOOD SAMARITAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Soaking Prayer
We will play intimate worship music and read scrip-

tures. These sessions are covered in prayer to create a safe place for you to hear from God. You will be prayed for personally, and you may experience healing. Soaking prayer occurs on the second Friday of each month, lasting from 7pm to 8:30 pm in our sanctuary. As you will adopt a pew, bring pillows or a throw to make yourself comfortable as you rest with your Lord and Savior. You may quietly arrive and leave at any time. UNIVERSITY CITY 4321 Eastgate Mall (858) 458-1501

BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH
The Emergent Church Movement
A three-part expose of this very popular post-modern belief system infecting evangelicalism and even some Bible-believing churches. CLAIREMONT 3410 Mt. Acadia Bl. (858) 292-5933

COAST VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
The Branch
As a church, it’s an opportunity to share the Gospel with the homeless. It’s a place not only to

hear the Word of God but to see it in action. Lunch is served daily (Monday through Thursday) 11:45 at Mariners Point in Mission Beach. Breakfast is served on Saturdays 10 am at the same location. A BBQ is held on the 4th Saturday of each month. If you are interested, email johnp@coastvineyard.org, or call the church. LA JOLLA 5726 La Jolla Blvd., #109 (858) 456-5045

CITYWALK CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Weekly Home Churches
Tues. 7pm: North Park. Wed. 6:30pm: Little Italy. Wed. 7pm: East Village. For information: www.citywalkchurch.org (619) 955-8360

ISKCON
Maha Kalash Bathing Ceremony
Wednesday, Sept. 1. You are cordially invited to sponsor a kalash to bathe



Sri Sri Radha Giridhari on the most auspicious day of Sri Krishna Janmastami. With your generous sponsorship, you and your family will get to keep the sacred kalash and receive wonderful gifts to mark this occasion. PACIFIC BEACH 1030 Grand Ave. (858) 483-2500

SEACOST COMMUNITY CHURCH
From Emotion to Devotion
Carol Hopson will be teaching a Tuesday morning study (and repeated in the evening). We will be challenged to move from being guided by our emotions into living by our convictions. ENCINITAS 1050 Regal Rd. (760) 753-3003

CORONADO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
Golden Share Foods Program
The church has become a host site for the Golden Share Foods Program (SHARE)! This program provides an opportunity for you to stretch your food dollar by purchasing food packages at a very deep

discount (sometimes over 50%). All we ask is that you commit 2 hours of your time to community service each month. Please contact John Sahlin at (619) 213-3313 or email us at share@coronadosbc.com. CORONADO 111 Orange Ave. (619) 435-8121

PALOMAR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Buddhist Sangha



Each Saturday at 9 am. The Saturday Buddhist Sangha is a group of beginning and intermediate seekers who come together to meditate using techniques such as silent and guided meditations, chanting and walking meditation. We generally follow the teachings of Thich Nhat Hanh, who emphasizes the inter-being of all things. Once a month a Dharma Teacher joins the group to provide a message. Groups are free; when a Dharma Teacher instructs, a donation is warmly

appreciated. VISTA 1600 Buena Vista Dr. (760) 941-4319

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LEMON GROVE
Kairos Prison Ministry
An interdenominational prison ministry designed for use in state and federal men’s and women’s correctional institutions. They need your prayers and support. People to write letters, bake cookies, and provide financial support if you can. Contact Jack Hunter: (619) 460-2104 jabahunter@cox.net LEMON GROVE 6970 San Miguel Ave. (619) 465-1888

ST. ANTHONY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food
Join our St. Anthony’s team to prepare and serve dinner at God’s Extended Hand Mission in Downtown San Diego on the 4th Wednesday of each month, starting on Wednesday, July 28th. Please contact Patty Diaz (pattyandpaul@cox.net, (858) 679-9283) or Lia Blomgren

(lia2u7@gmail.com, (810) 813-4092. LA JOLLA 8320 La Jolla Scenic Dr. (858) 458-0992

HOLY ANGELS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
East and West
We are disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ who belong to the Church in communion with the Pope of Rome and a church whose religious patrimony took shape in fourth-century Byzantium. Saturday Evening Vespers: 5 p.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9 am. Confessions: 30 minutes before services. MISSION VALLEY 2235 Galahad Rd. (760) 729-2331

THE FIELDS CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS
Tower 30
During the summer we meet together as a whole church at the beach on Thursday evenings. It’s the perfect place to invite your friends and meet new people. We have a great time of hanging out, volleyball, swimming, surfing, BBQ, a bonfire and more. We will be there near Lifeguard tower 30 in Carlsbad between 5:30 pm and 9:30 pm. CARLSBAD (760) 602-0722

The Epistle of Barnabas

But let us inquire whether there really is a temple of God. There is — there where He Himself says He is building and perfecting it!... I find, therefore, that there is a temple. How, then, will it be built up

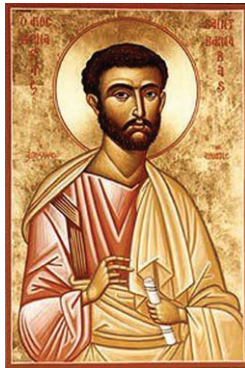
in the name of the Lord? Let me tell you. Before we believed in God, our little house, the heart, was decrepit and infirm, really like a temple built by hand; in fact, it was a nest of idolatry and a haunt of demons, because it was at enmity with God. It will be built

in the name of the Lord. See to it that the temple of the Lord is built in splendour! How? Let me tell you. By receiving the forgiveness of sins and trusting in the Name, we were made new, being created all over again. That is why our little house — in us — there

really dwells God.

The Epistle of Barnabas (1st-2nd Century A.D.) is early Christian work of disputed authorship. Although most popularly considered to have been written by Barnabas, a disciple of Christ's mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles, most scholars agree

that the author's erroneous understanding of the relationship between Old and New Testaments disproves the popular view. The epistle attempts to impart perfect knowledge of how to achieve salvation — while offering an often specious critique of the Jewish understanding of the Old Testament.



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 History Center “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)

San Diego Maritime Museum “Mapping the Pacific Coast: Coronado to Lewis and Clark” show-

cases 45 maps, books, illustrations dated 1544-1802, documenting first explorations of West Coast by Europeans. Many of the documents included in exhibition tell stories with references to explorers such as Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, Sir Francis Drake, Captain James Cook, all of whom left their mark on the Pacific Coast. Closes Wednesday, March 30, 2011.

“New Treasures from the Lost Galleon, San Felipe 1573-1576” continues through December. More than three centuries after *San Felipe* was lost, her wreck site was identified, excavated by a Mexican and American archaeological team. Porcelain fragments from wreck are exhibited, along with intact porcelains (not from the wreck), shown for comparison.

What links Tahiti and San Diego? Find out in “Enlightened Voyages,” a permanent exhibit

telling the story through “the tale of two ships and the destinies of two nations — Britain and Spain — as each tried to outsmart the other in a quest for maritime empire in the 18th-century Pacific.”

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 Who are we? Where did we come from? Though we look so different, are we all related? “The Genographic Project” aims to unravel the tale that genes can tell: where we originated. Exhibition continuing through Monday, November 1, is mounted in partnership with National Geographic Society.

“Counter Cultures: The Secret Lives of Games” features board, tile, and card games. See old clas-

sics, games from around world, become a game piece on the Counter Cultures game board. Through April 2011.

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 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)

RESOLVED SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY Greek I

A year-long course teaching Koine Greek, the language the New Testament was written in. After the first year the student will be able to translate passages of 1 John directly out of a Greek text. [www.theresolved.com](http://www theresolved.com) (619) 313-199

GOD'S EXTENDED HAND Serve the Poor



We provide a gathering place where the homeless can come and experience a sit-down restaurant-style meal in a peace-filled Christ-focused environment. All meals and services are offered free and without any charge on a first-come-first-served basis. This is a place where hatred and anger are left outside and the word of God is given with each meal to encourage and offer hope. DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO Corner of 16th and Island (619) 237-0079

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH Confessions

30 minutes before Mass. Every Fri., Sat. & Sun. Masses: Fri 9 a.m. and 6:30 pm., Sat. 7:15 am., 9 am., Sun. 7:30 am., 10 am. SHERMAN HEIGHTS 621 Sicard Street

CONGREGATION ADAT YESHURUN Praying with Fire

How to Maximize your High Holiday Prayer Experience. Thurs., Sept. 2, 7:45 pm. LA JOLLA 8625 La Jolla Scenic Dr. (858) 535-1196 info@adatyeshurun.org

SOUTH BAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Airsoft – Back By Popular Demand

September 4, 2010. 12-18 years old. Church Field. CHULA VISTA 960 5th Ave. (619) 422-0105

EMMANUEL FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH Encountering the World of Islam

Learn about God’s heart for bringing Muslims to

Himself both here in North County and abroad. Class topics, taught by experts, will include Islamic beliefs and practices, effective ways of reaching out to Muslims, and how to pray for them. A guided trip to a local mosque will be taken. Tuesdays, August 31 to November 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Contact: Phil Martin, (760) 212-8157 ESCONDIDO 613 E. 17th Ave. (760) 745-2541

SAN DIEGO CHURCH OF CHRIST Southwest Christian Conference

Sept. 3-5. Town & Country Hotel and Viejas Arena. This year’s conference draws its theme from the book of Isaiah and is titled from the great charge “Proclaim... the Lord’s favor” in Isaiah 61. SCRIPPS RANCH 10636 Scripps Summit Ct. #119 (619) 280-2999

THE TWELVE TRIBES Twelve Tribes

We live here in the town of Vista in a big house, still under construction, where our clan of the Twelve Tribes Communities is putting down roots. We’re

making the grass green and establishing a home for the lonely. If you come during the week you will experience our everyday life. You might work with us in our little garden, or fixing the fence the goats are always trying to knock down. VISTA 2683 Foothill Dr. (760) 295-3852

NORTH COAST CALVARY CHAPEL Financial Peace University



Thursday nights through November 11, 7-9 pm in B-202. This 13-week video series taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey teaches you how to change your financial future by eliminating debt, saving, and giving like never before. CARLSBAD 7188 Avenida Encinas (760) 929-0029

LAUREL BIBLE CHAPEL Titus

A Greek convert, Titus was won to Christ under Paul’s personal ministry. After serving Paul well on special

assignments he was given his own mission field: Crete. Join us as we discover God’s message to the church on Crete and His expectations for us today. Sun., Sept. 5. CITY HEIGHTS 4445 Laurel St. (619) 263-4405

GRACE CHAPEL OF THE COAST Bringing Liberty to the Captives

Every Friday night we put on a 2-hour church service in Rainbow Prison Camp. Rainbow houses 100 women who are training to fight forest fires. Fridays 7 to 9 pm. Led by Joel and Cindy Incorvaia. (858) 759-0787 OCEANSIDE 102 N. Freeman St. (760) 754-7924

THE MOVEMENT Solidified in Christ

How to hear God’s Word and His voice. How to study and understand your Bible by learning how to use concordances, Bible study software, websites, study books, Greek/Hebrew dictionaries, archaeological resources, historical studies, etc. Sundays, Sept.

12, 19, 26 after all four services. SAN MARCOS 1370 W. San Marcos Bl. (760) 510-1160

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST Mass and Rosary for Pro-Life Intentions

First Monday of every month. 8 am. Call Sandi Watson at (760) 753-6254 for more information. ENCINITAS 1001 Encinitas Blvd.

SELF-REALIZATION FELLOWSHIP Janmash-tami Service

Thurs., Sept. 2, 7-8:30 pm. 6:15 pm. chapel doors open. 7 pm. service begins. 7:15 pm. devotees go to altar (please bring flower and donation). While waiting you may wish to commune with the Guru being honored. ENCINITAS 939 2nd St. (760) 436-7220

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY Padre Pio Devotions

First Monday of every month. 7 pm. Rosary, confessions, Mass, and benediction.

LITTLE ITALY State and Date Streets. (619) 475-2657.

ISLAMIC CENTER OF SAN DIEGO Introduction to Islam

Sun. 12-1pm. A weekly class for non-Muslims who are interested in learning more about the Islamic faith. KEARNY MESA 7050 Eckstrom Ave. (858) 278-5240

CORNERSTONE CHURCH Heart Revolution Conference 2010

“The next generation leader will be marked by his passion to live, love and lead from his heart!” Host pastors: Sergio and Georgina De La Mora. Keynote speakers: Tim Storey, Steve Furtick, Ed Young, Jr., Hezekiah Walker. Tues., Sept. 28 – Fri., Oct. 1. NATIONAL CITY 1920 Sweetwater Rd. (619) 425-9333

GATHERING PLACE CHURCH Men's Prayer Saturdays 6:30-7:30am. Join us at Hill Top Park. 9711 Oviedo Way. Break open with power the doors

in your life that God wants you to walk through. RANCHO PENASQUITOS 9550 Carmel Mountain Rd. (858) 486-7171

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Tuesday Night Intercessors

Our intercessors are now meeting in “The Bridge” Tuesday nights at 7 pm. If you are interested, call the church office VISTA 290 N. Melrose Dr. (760)724-7099.

BENEDICTUS CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST Breakfast with Michael Barber

Michael is the author of *Coming Soon: Unlocking the Book of Revelation and Applying Its Lessons Today* (Emmaus Road, 2006) and *Genesis to Jesus: Studying Scripture from the Heart of the Church* (Servant, 2007), a Bible study co-authored with Kimberly Hahn. Saturday, Sept. 11. Mass at 8 am, Breakfast at 8:45 am. Praise and Worship Music included. California Center for the Arts. ESCONDIDO 340 N. Escondido Blvd. www.benedictus1.com

**ST. THERESE OF CARMEL
Octoberfest**
Sat., Sept 11, 11 am-5 pm
Carnival Games
Brauts, Burgers, and Brew
German-style dinner
6:30 pm-9:00 pm.
Catholic Mass Sat.
5:30 pm-6:30 pm
SAN DIEGO
4618 Cypress Glen Pl.
(858) 481-3232

**TIFEREH ISRAEL
SYNAGOGUE**
**Break the
Fast with Us**
Saturday, September 18,
following the conclusion
of Neilah. Enjoy yourself
without rushing out the
door. Immediately follow-
ing the conclusion of Yom
Kippur services, Golden
Bagel Café will provide a
delicious dairy buffet for
your enjoyment.
KEARNY MESA
11260 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
(619) 697-6001

**VAJRARUPINI
BUDDHIST CENTER**
**Walking
the Path of
the Wisdom
Buddha**
A weekend retreat at
Yokoji Retreat Center (near
Idyllwild, CA) Friday, Sept.
24, 5 pm to Sunday, Sept.
26, 2 pm. Although there

are thousands of methods,
Buddha's principal disciple,
Manjushri, renowned for
his wisdom, integrated all
of these teachings
into three meditations:
renouncing suffering,
universal compassion,
and the wisdom realizing
ultimate truth. The retreat
will be guided and taught
by Kadampa Buddhist
monk, Gen Kelsang Atisha.
HILLCREST
3300 Third Ave.
(619) 692-3676

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
FELLOWSHIP**
**Annual
Beach Party**
Sept. 11, 4:00-7:30 pm
Great hamburgers, hotdogs
and veggie burgers. Great
salads and desserts round
out the meal.
SOLANA BEACH
(858) 755-9225

VEDANTA SOCIETY
Krishna Puja
Sunday, Sept. 5
10 am: Krishna Puja
12 noon: Flower offering
12:15: Talk by Swami
Swahananda. Music video:
"Music as a Connection
to God"
1 pm: Prasad lunch
HILLCREST
1440 Upas St.
(619) 291-9377

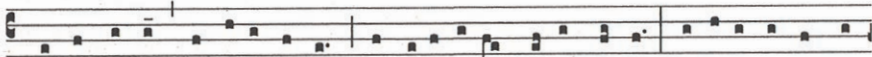
VICTORY OUTREACH
Run 4 Hope
Sat., September 18, 2010
Whittier Narrows Regional
Park in So. El Monte.
5K & 10 K Races start at
9:00 am. Kiddie-K Races
start at 11:00 am.
ESCONDIDO
(760) 745-9727

VILLAGE CHURCH
**The Shame
of Tombstone**
Fri., Sept. 24 at 6:30 pm
Sat., Sept. 25 at 6:30 pm
Sun., Sept. 26 at 2:00 and
5:00 pm. A Rip-Roaring
Western Melodrama – a
Spectacular Entertainment
fraught with dramatic
possibilities teaching the
moral lesson "Crime Does
Not Pay."
RANCHO SANTA FE
6225 Paseo Delicias
(858) 756-2441 x128

**WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN**
Golf 4 Good
Join the 4th annual Golf
Tournament at Sea 'n Air
NAS to raise funds for
Presbyterian Urban
Ministries. Sept. 10, 2010.
Shotgun start at 12:30.
POINT LOMA
3598 Talbot St.
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My posse-mate Lynne, queen of the food-blog scouts, discovered Sessions Public via a detailed, positive review on Chowhound, one of the most honest and sophisticated local food boards. (Oddly enough, the blogger was reporting on a meal he'd enjoyed with the *Reader's* own Barbarella. Yup, I looked at the name at the bottom, and it was her husband Dave.) "Looks interesting," Lynne emailed. When it turned out that the menu included Nueske bacon "lollipops" and — *ta-da!* — tempura chicken oysters, I was sold. I adore chicken oysters (I'll describe them later), and any restaurateur with so fine a palate and so bold a temperament as to put them on the menu was already on my good side.

As Dave's useful posting indicates, Sessions is the first restaurant venture of owner Abel Kaase. Before opening, Abel brought in a consulting chef (obviously a good one) to develop the menu to satisfy Abel's personal tastes and for easy execution by any food pro in his kitchen. He made sure that his wait-staff got to taste every menu item, which is an important part of training, from a diner's point of view.

We met up with posse-newbie Ryan and were immediately seated along a comfortable, roomy banquette in the front dining room. (Poor Ryan got the chair, for the crime of gentlemanliness.) The restaurant is a long, narrow space with a small dining room, a long bar, and more tables. There's also a single two-top on the front patio, with a view of the scenic 7-Eleven across the street, though you can peek from the porch through the left-hand front window and spy on the kitchen. The ambient music was very loud, and everybody had to raise their voices to converse, but I found the music choice amusing — neo-retro, brass-heavy post-WWII-style jive, sounding like the soundtrack to a late-'40s film-noir, a scene where a crumbling straight-arrow hero (Glenn Ford, maybe) ends up in a lowdown juke joint full of frenzied, athletic jitterbuggers. Moral doom is



PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

Sessions Public — a genuine neighborhood restaurant in a genuine "people's" neighborhood

surely at hand.

My moral doom lay in spending an extra \$28 on a round of creative cocktails, but I've promised myself to try and catch up with this hot new trend. Lemons of Sessions (citrus vodka, Cointreau) was dry and boozy. Caribbean Mule (two rums, ginger beer, lime) was slightly sweet, pleasant. Dark N Stormy (dark rum, ginger beer) was so sweet and mild-tasting, inexperienced drinkers may guzzle up repeats until they wake up violently hung over — maybe with fuzzy memories of drinking heavily at a juke joint. Well before the cocktails were gone, we switched to the nice, affordable wine list, with a clean, lively William Hill Central Coast Chardonnay (\$22).

The menu is divided into small plates, shared

plates, sandwiches, salads, and desserts, plus a few entrées. We started with small plates of blistered tomatoes, Alsatian onion tart, and Nueske bacon lollipops.

DINING REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

The tomatoes were red and yellow cherry tomatoes, adorned with fresh basil and garlic, served with lightly toasted baguette slices from Con Pane bakery — sim-

ple and tasty if short of sublime. The superbly satisfying Alsatian onion tart was far from the fancy-dancy custard tart popularized at Lutèce in Manhattan, but a peasant version, two small wedges of thin tart crust topped with a heap of thoroughly sweet caramelized red onions.

The bacon "lollipop" consists of three skewers of tempura-fried Nueske bacon, one of America's greatest artisanal bacon-makers. Alongside was

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Gastropub with bold, original dishes, emphasizing grazing plates and sandwiches, with a few entrées. Well-chosen, affordable wine list, many by the glass, as well as craft beers and ales, creative cocktails.

PICK HITS: Alsatian onion tart; beet salad with pine-nut brittle and goat cheese; tempura "chicken oysters"; bacon "lollipops," sausage-in-a-blanket; spicy prawn Cobb salad. Good bets: Spicy calamari, salt wings, BLT, RLL salad, Thursday-night special of mussels cooked in beer, desserts.

NEED TO KNOW: Next to Catalina Lounge; parking lot around the corner, behind the restaurant. No reservations for fewer than six, so come early or late. Loud music, noisy when full. No coffee. Plenty for lacto-vegetarians, little for vegans. Come as you are.

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a powerfully spicy chile-lime dipping sauce. "I taste fish sauce in this," said Ryan. I did too. "Nuoc mam!" I said. "A Vietnamese friend in San Francisco taught me how to say it — it rhymes with 'Look, Mom!'" The dipping sauce was a harsher variant on *nuoc cham* dip, minus the latter's sweet notes.

Among the shared plates, the astonish-

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ment was the roasted-beet salad with goat cheese, sherry vinegar, and pine-nut brittle. This took a 35-year-old cliché and revitalized it. The young, sweet beets, red and yellow, were cut into firm-tender bite-size pieces and set on a long rectangular plate, interspersed with puffs of mild, creamy cheese and a generous portion of brittle, which changed everything with its crackly brilliance — a new texture and a new and alluring taste combination.

“Chicken oysters” consist of the succulent bits of flesh (resembling much softer chicken liver) nuzzled into crevices on both sides of the spine in the lower chicken back. The oysters are swathed in tempura batter, deep-fried, and served like Buffalo wings with Frank’s hot sauce, celery sticks, and “RLL sauce,” a thick blue-cheese vinaigrette invented by the owner’s grandfather. I’m not sure tempura is the ideal way to showcase these delicate morsels (the batter tends to obscure their creamy texture), but it’s a great way to introduce them to San

Diego restaurant eaters.

One of the entrées (that we didn’t try) offers duck confit in mushroom broth with udon noodles. This means there’s duck confit in the kitchen, and the summer rolls are a way to use some of it. The rolls are inch-thick cylinders cut into inch-long pieces, filled with fine-chopped romaine and julienne carrots — minced basil leaves are tucked inside, just under the softened rice-paper wrappers — served with a sweet-tangy dip. Duck shreds and bits occupy one quadrant of each circle, but some pieces have more duck than others. The main problem is that the duck confit doesn’t do much for the taste, in whatever quantity. We’ve got failed fusion-food here — the confit demands some sort of Asian glaze, tangy-sweet or salty, to bring life and contrast to the austere veggie-riot rolls.

From the sandwiches, we chose short-rib sliders and the “sausage of the week.” “This tastes a little tinny,” said Lynne of the short ribs. I didn’t taste tin, only somewhat tough meat and total boredom from yet

another trendy short-rib concoction in yet another trendy slider. It was served on a nice small white roll topped with sesame seeds and included sautéed onions and one or two arugula leaves. Sliders come two to a plate; the three of us shared one plate, and after each taking a nibble, one and a half sliders remained.

The sausage — spicy bison that week — isn’t a classic sandwich but a pig-in-a-blanket wrap with puff pastry. It came with a load of condiments, including something like a horseradish cream and, even better, a goat-cheese cream. Both this and the sliders included heaps of almost-meaty french fries (served lukewarm) fried in duck fat. They tasted as if they might be real Idahos, the most flavorful of potatoes. Good stuff, if only they’d hit the table still hot. Servers here are friendly and pleasant but, uh, busy.

Desperately seeking salad, I zeroed in on spicy wild Mexican prawn Cobb salad with large slices of Nueske bacon, sliced hard-boiled eggs, and avocados atop a heap of

romaine and slightly bitter purple lettuce leaves. The emphatically spicy Sriracha dressing is a gift to the hard-boiled eggs, not so much to the lettuces. The smoky, thick-sliced bacon ignored the chili content, like a mellow malamute indifferent to the yapping of a nearby Maltese. The shrimp were large and tender enough. Better yet, there were lots of chopped avocados tucked into the mixture — isn’t avo the whole raison d’être of Cobb salad?

My table went with grazes all the way. Later Chowhound posters have raved about the burger and the Thursday-night special of mussels cooked in beer. (I don’t trust their posts as much as I trust Dave, whom I know to have a superb palate.) Those who want a serious entrée can choose duck confit in mushroom broth with udon; rib-eye steak with blue cheese, salad, and fries; pasta; local albacore tacos with mole; and pan-roasted chicken.

Though wondering if we could eat another bite, we were tempted by desserts. These include a figgy bread

pudding, seasonal fruit cobbler (with a sort of pancake on top), an exotic boozy brownie, orange-scented beignets with Mexican coco sauce, and gelati with brittle. Our temptation dissipated when we learned that there’s no coffee of any sort, much less espresso, to go with the sweets. I hope that Sessions will live long and prosper enough to buy at least a Nespresso or Illy “pod” machine, taking up little room and requiring no skill at all to turn out a cup or two quickly. Or even the cheaper

Senseo, which doesn’t make real espresso but offers compostable pods with a choice of coffees, including a surprisingly rich Sumatra dark-roast.

Sessions Public turns out to be a genuine neighborhood restaurant, in a genuine “people’s” neighborhood (renters, not condo owners), with commensurate easy prices. Best of all is the brave heart behind the menu, offering genuinely fresh new dishes, along with some fresh interpretations of old dishes. Thanks for the great tip, Dave. ■

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Oh, what the heck. I’m on Lefty’s side of the road. Except, then, my eye catches Veg-N-Out. Little place hiding to the, uh, left of Lefty’s. “San Diego’s Meat-Free Eatery,” the sign says. Uh-huh. So how come I see a clump of people eating giant burgers inside? Gunk-covered patties, stacks o’ deep-fried onion rings, bacon hangin’ out, mayo, cheese...What gives? Where’re the nuts and twigs, people?

By now, I’m inside. There are half a dozen tables here and a little J-shaped counter you sit up at.

“Still open?” I ask the gal behind the counter, Alice.

“We close at 9:00,” she says. “You’ve still got time.”

Oh, wow. Like, ten minutes. So I cut to the chase. “What’s the most filling meal?”

“We have three burgers that are really filling,” Alice says. “The Western Burger is probably the biggest. It has a ‘meat’ patty under a pile of ‘bacon’” — she’s doing some serious air-scratching quotation marks with her fingers — “cheddar cheese, crispy onion rings, and lettuce and tomatoes, with mayo and a barbecue sauce. It’s our most expensive too, \$8.99.”

She says the chili cheeseburger (\$8.25) is not as tall but just as filling. “And Flam’n Raym’n will definitely fill you, as long as you can take the heat. It’s spicy. Our own chipotle sauce. It’s got lots of sautéed onions.”

Ouch. Sautéed onions. My weakness. Alice leaves the menu with me while she takes a phone call. “Veg-N-Out! Eat in? We close at 9:00. Ranchero Burger? Seven ninety-five. And an Italian meatball sandwich? Yes, with basil, \$7.50.”

I make a quick check of the rest of the menu. Lordy. This is an out-and-out burger

joint. About two dozen, plus a bunch of sandwiches, all around the \$8 mark. Except, it’s not real meat. Incredible, really, to be able to simulate all this stuff. They even have a BBQ

Chick’n Burger (\$7.99) and a Big Kahuna (\$8.25) with “chicken-style breast covered in grilled pineapple, melted jack cheese,” and “smothered in BBQ sauce.”

And, hey, there’s a “grilled juicy dog” (\$6.75). Might take

that back to Carla. She’s still hot to trot for anything “dog.”

But...gotta decide. Alice has a bunch of cleaning up to do. “I’ll go for the Flam’n Raym’n,” I say.

“Wedge potatoes, side salad, or Caesar?” Alice asks. “Or sweet potatoes, for a dollar extra?”

Love sweet potatoes, cooked any which way. “Sweet potatoes,” I say.

“Anything to drink?” she asks, just as I’m looking over this row of bottles all labeled “Kombucha 2000.”

“It’s fermented tea, from the kombucha mushroom,” says Alice. “Really great for energy, with antioxidants.”

They’re \$4.35 each bottle, but I’ve got to try it. Could be the new açai.

I’ve been standing but now settle down into one of the counter seats. Glance around. It’s a friendly little place, with mostly cream walls decorated with bamboo, rattan, and tiki carvings and Chinese fans, I guess to fit the Buddha-veggie-fruit image. A string of Buddhist-style flags — like the ones you see whipping in the wind outside Tibetan monasteries in *National Geographic* — give the Chinese characters for love, happiness, peace, wisdom, tranquility, courage. I take a swig of my Kombucha tea. Ooh... Tastes fermented, all right. Kinda like beer.

A 30-something couple comes through the door. “You the ones who called?” Alice asks. They nod. They pay up, sit down, and a

moment later, out come their Ranchero Burger and meatball sandwich in red plastic baskets.

Then Alice brings mine. It’s a big toasted bun with a patty covered in melted white cheese, all hiding under bean sprouts, lettuce, tomato, a slurry of sautéed onions, and a pile of huge golden disks on the side. Think mini-Frisbees. I pick one up. Hot! Chomp in. Sweet potato! Orange inside, too. Tastes almost like pumpkin. I mean, I’ve had sweet potatoes before, but never like this. A bit of salt, a lunge at the smoky-tasting burger, and you’ve got one great taste combo.

I ask Alice about the “meat” patty. “We make it from peppers, broccoli, carrots, onions, and mushrooms,” she says. Damn, but it’s tasty. I swear I wouldn’t know it wasn’t the real thing. Plus, now that the prickly chipotle heat is starting to kick in, it tastes even more like the real thing.

“Like heat?” says the guy who rushed in with his girl. Name’s Dan. Lady’s Ziva. He’s a psychologist. She’s a photographer and singer. They’ve been eating here regularly for the past couple of years.

“Sure,” I say. “Heat makes it interesting.”

“Dan entered a hot-sauce-drinking contest once,” says Ziva. “He won. He’s crazy.”

“I’ll tell you crazy,” says Dan. “Ziva is a vegetarian, but she hates vegetables.”

“It was hard growing up,” says Ziva. “All I



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An out-and-out vegan burger joint?

could eat was cheese pizzas and pasta. But now people are doing such fantastic things with vegetarian versions of meat products, it’s not hard at all. These Italian meatballs...you’d never know.”

“San Diego’s starting to happen, vegetarian-wise,” says Dan. “But L.A., man. We had fake jambalaya and shrimp étouffée up there the other day. Fantastic.”

Till Alice throws us out — gently, around 9:30 — we chomp and yak. And, yes, sing. Guess it’s that kind of a place. You let your guard down. You’re back munching on nuts and twigs in the Garden of Innocence. No DCG (dead cow guilt)...it does something to you.

’Course, I missed that #2, but what the heck. Start humming at the bus stop, *When you’re down and troubled, and you need a helping hand...* That’s what Ziva sang, the whole of James Taylor’s “You’ve Got a Friend.” Oh, man. What a crystal voice. Better than Carole King (who actually wrote it).

Animal magnetism? Blame it on the veggies. ■

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Type of Food: Vegetarian, vegan

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Alpine

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite burning under fresh-cut beef rib is too much to resist — the secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire. Inexpensive.

Baja

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

Café Français La Belle Claude 7th Street #8186-A, Tijuana. A family with their own farm outside town runs this chic Parisian outpost offering farm-made jams and cheeses, *panini*, *ciabattas*, an excellent French-dip sandwich, flaky dessert empanadas, and French pâtisserie to go with the genuine Cuban coffee. Inexpensive.

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993, Ensenada, 646-178-1809. Gourmet Mexican cuisine with unique specialties: Crisp quail with rose petal sauce proves delicious, and seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Moderate.

La Leña Boulevard Agua Caliente #11191, Tijuana, 664-686-2920. Open-grill *charro* food with a peaceful view. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf 'n' turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabrería*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Moderate.

Lonchería la Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Best food stall in the marketplace? Maybe. Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*, *bistek ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. Inexpensive.

Super Antojitos Fourth Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Héroes), Tijuana, 664-685-5070. The house special, *mole poblano*, has complex, delicious house-made mole sauce with an enchilada,

eggs, rice, beans, tortillas. Also delicious: stuffed pastries, pork rind *gorditas*. Inexpensive.

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Banker's Hill

Extraordinary Desserts 2929 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-294-2132. Also 1430 Union St., Little Italy, 619-294-7001. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by her travels from Paris to Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Uptown location desserts only; downtown offers light grazing meals, too. Moderate.

Hane 2760 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-260-1411. This city branch of legendary Sushi Ota is more comfortable, with bilingual chefs at the counter exercising impeccable craftsmanship, emphasizing pristine rolls and sashimi, not party rolls. The *omakase* sashimi platter offers Ota's most popular and showy creations. Moderate-plus.

Taco Rey Taco Shop 1870 Fourth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-234-6617. Everyone from garbage-truck drivers to doctors patronizes this sidewalk-seating, canopy-shaded *taquería*. Their breakfast *huevos Mexicanos* and sunset California burritos are great al fresco. Inexpensive.

Campo

Campo Diner 1367 Dewey Pl., Campo, 619-478-2888. The burgers are made from Black Angus beef, so they cost more. But there are deals, too, like the huge The Works omelet and the robust lunchtime homemade soup of the day. Inexpensive.

Cardiff

Besta-Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Dr., Cardiff, 760-753-6707. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you want to fill up. Inexpensive.

Trattoria Positano 2171 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff, 760-632-0111. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Upper-moderate.

Carlsbad

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza here. They make the pies with thin, crisp crusts and toppings like meatball or garlic. Maybe their best is the Bronx Special: pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper, and garlic. Inexpensive.

O'Sullivan's Irish Pub of Carlsbad 640 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-4072. Above-average pub grub, especially the moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, salads, and house-baked brown bread. Noisy interior, serene patio out back. Inexpensive.

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish. Inexpensive.

Chula Vista

Jimmy's 1198 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-427-7161. Also 9635 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, 619-448-8994. Family-friendly restaurants offer a six-page plastic menu of good old-fashioned American food — huge breakfasts, big dinners like steak with all the trimmings, homemade desserts. Inexpensive.

Los Arcos 80 Bonita Rd., Chula Vista, 619-934-3617. Big, cheerful first U.S. branch of upscale Mexican resort-town seafood chain. Raw seafood air-shipped from the company's Culiacán processing plant, but nothing sings with fresh-caught flavor upon arrival. Skimp on appetizers — best dishes are rich, elaborate entrées. Moderate to very expensive.

Restaurant el Patio 410 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-9745. Old-fashioned Cal-Mex with nothing new except the Flying Saucer (fried tortilla stacked with beef, tomatoes, and a mound of salad). Otherwise, go for the *chile rellenos*, enchiladas, taco combo, and open-faced chiliburgers. Inexpensive to moderate.

City Heights

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-284-4215. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the filling Vietnamese beef-noodle soup meal. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodles with seafood and assorted vegetables. Inexpensive.



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Trieu Chau 4653 University Ave., City Heights, 619-280-4204. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for “*djak kvai coffay dok ko*” — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Inexpensive.

Uncle Joe's Pizzeria 4591 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-584-2535. Flower-strewn patio, plush interior, with sandwiches named after navy bases, rich entrées like eggplant Parmesan, chicken with mushrooms, served until midnight weekends. Inexpensive.

Clairemont

Buga Korean BBQ Restaurant 5580 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Clairemont, 858-560-1010. Aside from the BBQ meats and generous free side dishes, treats include simmered black cod in spicy sauce, miso soup with pork, stone pot *bibimbap* (rice casserole), *mandoo* dumplings. Moderate.



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Coronado

Chez Loma French Bistro 1132 Loma Ave., Coronado, 619-435-0661. In a charming, historic cottage, this bistro offers classic French bourgeois cuisine, plus some lighter, modern dishes. Don't miss Normandy-style onion soup with apple cider. Prix fixe dinners moderate, à la carte expensive.

Clayton's Coffee Shop 979 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5425. The food is all American: steak and eggs, veggie omelets, old-fashioned waffles, sandwiches both hot and cold. Dinner specials include pork chops and homemade meat loaf with gravy. Inexpensive.

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. Fun “aloha” atmosphere with a bay view. Herbed artichoke appetizer and fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk are tasty, and the tender roast beef is USDA Prime. Moderate.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill 1107 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5280. Try Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread loaf or corned beef and cabbage with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Raucous inside, but escape on big heated patio. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Mistral 4000 Coronado Bay Rd., Coronado, 619-424-4000. French hotshot chef Patrick Ponsaty (El Bizcocho, Bernardo's) is top toque at dreamy, view-endowed Mistral, cre-

ating beautiful dishes incorporating organic produce from the on-site gardens. Go for nightly specials, superb desserts. Fine service. Slightly expensive.

Poehe's 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-437-4474. Fabulous seaside venue, silly with Hawaiian decor, featuring steaks and seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia beurre blanc. Expensive.

Del Mar

Americana 1454 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Casual breakfast/lunch, serious dinners, with flavors of the American melting pot and summer veggies from the chef's home garden. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate, dinner moderate to expensive.

Del Mar Rendezvous Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-2669. Longtime restaurateur Mark Sun came out of retirement to try out a new concept of contemporary Asian tapas and Chinese entrées made over with prime ingredients — clean, creative, and greaseless, with a wide choice of wines. Moderate to expensive.

Iris Food and Spirits 2334 Carmel Valley Rd., Del Mar, 858-259-5878. At this comfortable but upscale “neighborhood restaurant” with patio overlooking Del Mar Lagoon's marshy beauty, chef-owner Tommy Golden (ex-Parkhouse and Beach Grass) turns out eclectic, homey-tasting Euro-Cal dishes, climaxing in stellar desserts; a well-priced wine list accompanies them. Expensive.

Kitchen 1540 1540 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-793-6460. Gorgeous seaside resort (renovated in 2008) offers a modern dining room and heated patios to enjoy fine, creative cooking, combining “slow food” craftsmanship and the latest technical tricks to display the bright seasonal

flavors of local veggies, sustainable seafood, and natural meats. Expensive.

Market Restaurant and Bar 3702 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-523-0007. Chef-owner Carl Schroeder is all about seasonal, local, organic — and inspired culinary imagination. Menu changes but is always exciting. The vibe is “nice neighborhood restaurant” — diners have a good time here. Expensive.

Pacifica del Mar 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-792-1803. Fresh fish and organic produce enliven fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. Extremely noisy bar area. Expensive to very expensive.

Downtown

Alambres Mexican Grill 756 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-2838. Specialty is the namesake Alambres Mexico City-style taco, usually meat or fish plus bell peppers, onions, and bacon. Inexpensive.

Athens Market 109 F St., Downtown, 619-234-1955. Owner Mary Pappas serves huge portions of honest Greek home cooking (lentil soup, *spanakopita*, meaty gyros), in a classy white-tablecloth atmosphere. Inexpensive to moderate.

Bice 425 Island St., Downtown, 619-239-2423. It may be a chic offshoot of a worldwide Milanese chain, but the kitchen follows Italy's traditions of artisanal ingredients — “slow food” from the country that invented it, with regional cheeses, handcrafted salumi, house-made breads and pastas. Moderate.

Coffee and Art Photographic Art Gallery 777 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-8458. Come for the curry pies. This South African-run East Village neighborhood coffee place has healthy breakfasts and light lunches inside a cool art/photo gallery. But

it's the ultra-flaky Brit-made “savory pot pies” that star, especially the beef or veggie curry pies. Inexpensive.

Gaslamp Pizza 505 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-7542. This joint comes alive around 2am, serving good thin-crust pizzas (vegetarian, BBQ chicken, and chicken pesto are best-o) plus wings, “halapeno peppers,” and big salads to revelers seeking post-revel ballast. Inexpensive.

Georges on Fifth 835 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-0444. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers (“lobster martini,” oysters, tuna tartare). Expensive to extreme.

Harbor House 831 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters to tourist families and conventioners, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to watch the sailboats over a margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Moderate to expensive.

Hot Dogs @ 428 428 G St., Downtown, 619-544-0428. Late-night dog house for after you've drunk your fill on Fifth. Good fast dogs, always Hebrew National. Regional dogs include New York, Deep South, Texas, even the Sushi with wasabi. Also: good-value lunches. Inexpensive.

Indigo Café 1435 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-6478. Favorite of San Diego Symphony players. Specialty: New Orleans dishes like jambalaya or gumbo. Really good: oyster or shrimp po boy sandwich. Inexpensive to moderate.

JJ's Sunset Deli by the Bay 200 Marina Park Way (behind the Convention Center), Downtown, 619-237-1070. JJ's delivers one heckuva harbor view plus an ambitious menu running from rib-eye steak sandwiches to a pork chop plate and sometimes a half-rack of BBQ baby back ribs. Inexpensive.

Mediterranean Café and Lounge 1352 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-515-2233. They serve a panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek

food until 3 or 4 am. Best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Inexpensive to moderate.

Pierre's Place 1404 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-727-4700. Toussaint School's student-run restaurant offers pizzas and interesting dishes like Florentine breakfast *panini*, Tuscan chicken *panini*, and the Italian Special (toasted Italian roll with salami, ham *capicola*, provolone). Inexpensive.

Rama 327 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-8424. Ravishing upscale decor and chefs from top Bangkok restaurants offer a special experience. The menu includes some rare authentic dishes like chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork. Moderate.

Red Pearl Kitchen 440 J St., Downtown, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes and veggie side dishes tend to be tastier. High-moderate.

Rei Do Gado Churrascaria 939 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-8464. Skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue of many meats). The buffet (included in meal price) includes side dishes, salads, fruit, and hot entrées like seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but comfortable flavors. Moderate.

The Strip Club 340 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-3140. It's DIY grilling here; no minors admitted. You can take the USDA Choice steaks up a notch with spice blends and sauces. Other choices include burgers, chicken, ahi, shrimp, and kebabs. Inexpensive to moderate.

East Village

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway, East Village, 619-232-6264. From a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage-link sub, portions are generous if not exactly gourmet fare. Inexpensive.

Dirty Del's 499 Tenth Ave., East Village, 619-677-3789. A cozy neighborhood watering hole near the ballpark has half a dozen tables and half a dozen sports screens, and serves big, interesting sandwiches. Inexpensive.

East Village Tavern and Bowl 930 Market St., East Village, 619-677-2695. Big, noisy sports bar/bowling alley with creative pub grub until 2am nightly. Imagine three New York strip steaklets, caramelized onions, and melting Gorgonzola tucked into a Hawaiian sweet bun. Or try a *Panino Cubano* or herb-brined chicken wings. Inexpensive.



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El Cajon

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Encinitas

The Bird House Grill 250 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Savory Turkish cuisine includes generous plates like Iskender Kebab (gyros, a.k.a. döner kebab with rice, tomato sauce, rich house-made yogurt) and *kofte* (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). Inexpensive.

Firefly 251 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. Spacious wine-bar/restaurant features exciting wine choices and wine-bar snacks. The most popular lunch item is the Cobb salad, and at dinner there's a bourbon-and-mustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts and weekend brunches are strong suits. Moderate to expensive.

Firenze 162 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd., Encinitas, 760-944-9000. Gorgeous rooms and outdoor patio, offering heaping platefuls of multiregional Italian cuisine (including two dozen meatless selections) and affordable Italian and California wines. High-moderate.

El Q'ero 564 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. The fare includes empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. Moderate.

Saint Germain's Café 1010 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Not French, despite the name, but all-American. Omelets are the best-known dish — 14 three-eggies (or Eggbeaters by request). Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veggie choices). Inexpensive.

Escondido

A Delight of France 126 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-746-2644. This French bakery is a delight indeed, offering authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including true Parisian-style almond croissants studded with nuts and laced with almond paste. Inexpensive.

La Tapatia 340 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare done low-salt and healthy style in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. Moderate.

Vincent's Sirinos 113 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, like a flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables are the season's best and sensitively treated. Expensive.

Golden Hill

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway, Golden Hill, 619-231-0716. Also 47th and Market, Chollas View, 619-262-6052. Regular Mex dishes served, but the soaring specialty is Seven Seas Soup, a big bowl of savory red broth clunking with giant crab legs, clams, fish chunks, shrimp, octopus, and vegetables. Inexpensive.

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. Every night's an indoor cookout as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks, burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms. Inexpensive to moderate.

Hillcrest

The Asian Bistro 414 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The adventurous Thai-accented pan-Asian menu is served until 3 am. Don't miss the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named Jumping Jarvis. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate.

Banana Leaf South Indian Restaurant 3975 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-298-8888. Rarely found South Indian cuisine including crepes (*dosa*) and rice-flour pancakes (*utthappam*), best with simple vegetarian garnishes or unadorned as wraps for tropical curries (veg or non-veg), many with tangy tamarind and/or coconut milk. Moderate.

Bite Bistro and Wine Bar 1417 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-2483. Modern Mediterranean tapas are most of the menu, cleverly cooked and assembled into interesting bargain-price early-bird dinners some weeknights. Individual dishes inexpensive to moderate, but they can add up.

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-298-0119. Nooks and crannies for *liaisons dan-*

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gereuses, or there's the street-side casual level. Mainly Sicilian-style tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella), but satisfying. Moderate to expensive.

Celadon 3671 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The entrées offer sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go to the chef's specialty menu to find the rarest. Among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee duck* or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, pineapple fried rice. Moderate.

Chipotle 734 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-209-3688. Several San Diego locations. This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves to the original vision: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades, including fresh-grilled carne asada and *carnitas*. Rock-bottom prices.

Islander Grill 3645 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-297-3929. Exotic food from Guam includes chicken *kelaguen*, a citrus salad resembling ceviche and brilliant coconut shrimp. Stews are flavorful: The saucy pot roast is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam. Inexpensive.

Khyber Pass 523 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. Fascinating Afghani cuisine. Don't miss the outstanding *ushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamarod chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Moderate.

Sushi Itto 441 Washington St., Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Also 409 F St., Downtown, 619-237-1037. This is *Mexican* sushi. Nearly all party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado; most include hot spice and some fake crab (surimi), too. Inexpensive.

Yakitori Yakyudori 3739 Sixth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-692-4189. Yakitori are Japan's little skewers of grilled or fried goodies, each marinated and/or garnished to flatter its nature — great for grazing. Chicken-skin salad, fried tofu, skewered pork with *shiso*, chicken heart, and octopus fritters are among the standouts. Inexpensive to moderate.

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Sunrise Super Buffet 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. Apart from all the meats, fish, shellfish, lobster (on Sundays), and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, and dragon rolls, raw oysters in their shells are a big draw. Beverages included in price. Inexpensive.

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The Cookie Lady Café and Bakery 7596 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-1640. It's soup-and-sandwich land, and good in both departments. A half-and-half of turkey sandwich (with real house-roasted turkey) and Italian wedding soup will feed you all day for near-nothing. Inexpensive.

George's at the Cove — California Modern 1250 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The California Modern dining room continues to serve Chef Trey Foshee's ambitious California cuisine based on seasonal ingredients and emphasizing wild seafood, local produce, naturally raised meats and poultry. Very expensive.

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-7381. Down-home eatery with a pretty patio, where the ham, steak, and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as are Hot Creamy Oatmeal with strawberries, pecan pancakes, and thin, crisp waffles. For

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Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Reserve for the garden patio to avoid indoor din. Exquisite, creative Italian dishes include fine sweetbreads, ravioli *al limone*, prosciutto-grilled romaine, and key lime-raspberry tart. Moderate to expensive.

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La Mesa

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GIO Bistro & Wine Bar 8384 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The vast garden patio is the main draw, however punishing the wiry patio chairs. The hit-or-miss menu of eclectic Cal-Ital-Asian-fusion offers "something for everyone" — but there's no "there" there. High-moderate.

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Barnes Bar-B-Que 7820 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. True Tennessee-style barbecue of meats and poultry slow-smoked tender over oak, plus mouthwatering Memphis-style soul food entrées and honest Deep-South sides. Inexpensive.

Taste of Polynesia 6937 Federal Bl., Lemon Grove, 619-466-6199. It's Samoan here, not Hawaiian, so be prepared for new stuff, like *muli pipi* (roasted turkey tail), *oka* (raw cubes of yellowtail with coconut milk), and corned beef with taro. Inexpensive.

Little Italy

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Hwy., Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco pink palace at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky flavor. Inexpensive to moderate.

Indigo Grill 1536 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-6802. Deborah Scott expands her original Native-American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Inexpensive to moderate, dinner moderate to expensive.

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Aficionados line up for Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Inexpensive.

Puerto la Boca 2060 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Uncompromised Argentine cooking here, emphasizing healthy grass-fed grilled beef but also lush seafood, pizzas, and lacto-vegetarian pastas. Starters include luscious beef or corn empanadas and the filling *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Moderate.

Logan Heights

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Ave., Logan Heights, 619-236-0470. The menu depends on what Sister Pee Wee feels like cooking. You might find big pork ribs with soulful sides or fried chicken or catfish fillet with trimmings or chitlins (her specialty). Inexpensive.

Midway District

Country Kabob 3145 Rosecrans St., Midway District, 619-226-2524. Also 3375 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-563-6300. The star of this reasonably priced Greek place is owner-chef Karim Latif. He's Afghan and learned Greek cooking in NYC. He always has specials, sometimes even "pay what you can." Reliable choice: Number 36, the kobeda kabob. Charbroiled. Inexpensive.

Fairouz Café and Gallery 3166 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned restaurant for Lebanese and Greek food. The menu offers lamb, stuffed

grape leaves, and exotic vegetarian meals, plus daily lunch and dinner buffets. Moderate.

Mira Mesa

Buca di Beppo 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Downtown. Try *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff in vast family-friendly quantities, but you're having fun. Inexpensive to moderate.

Mission Beach

Red Marlin Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina, 1441 Quivira Rd., Mission Beach, 619-224-1234. Blissful bay view, with hotel food enlivened by Chef de Cuisine Danny Bannister. Want Kurobuta pork medium-rare? He knows the secret. And his blue crab cake is all crab, minimal filler. Expensive.

Mission Hills

Lucha Libre Gourmet Taco Shop 1810 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-296-8226. Wonderful shrine to Mexican wrestling, plus really excellent tacos. It's a taco joint, but definitely gourmet. Quesotacos are a must. Book 24 hours ahead and you can be seated in the Champions' Booth, treated like *El Rey*.

Sausage King 811 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. The German couple who run this place make 34 sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. Inexpensive.

Starlite 3175 India St., Mission Hills, 619-358-9766. The Californian-Mediterranean cuisine features naturally raised meats, house-made pasta and sausages, local produce. The Jidori chicken and Prime flat iron steak are knockouts; so is a toffee-chip ice cream sandwich. Nice back-patio seating. Moderate.

Venissimo Cheese 754 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-491-0708. You can get a baguette-style sandwich stuffed with cow cheese, sheep cheese, goat cheese...fruity, moldy, runny, stinky... Any cheese in the house, same price: around five bucks. Even *Boschetto* cheese, with truffles in it. Inexpensive.

National City

Asian Noodle 1430 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-477-5390. The main dish is Filipino-style chicken soup with egg noodles — a little bland, but filling. *Siopao* (stuffed steamed buns) make a good accompaniment — or try "sweet spaghetti." Inexpensive.

Birrias, Chivos & Cheves 2401 Highland Ave., National City, 619-477-7660. Goat is what you get here, and it's good. Guadalajara style. The taste is rich but not too gamey. Inexpensive.

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-479-6748. The pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Inexpensive.

Normal Heights

Blind Lady Ale House 3416 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-255-2491. The amazing, ever-changing draft ales will bring you here, but the unusual pizzas will help you keep chugging. Original salads, too. Basic draw: the civilized craziness of the place.

Cantina Mayahuel 2934 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-283-6292. Small room, short menu of fine, authentic mainland cooking including specials like complex house-made mole poblano and Oaxacan black mole, Chili Colorado (slow-cooked beef), or Yuca-tán seafood stew. Inexpensive.

Jayne's Gastropub 4677 30th St., Normal Heights, 619-563-1011. Clamorous interior, but you'll find sophisticated southern-European appetizers like hummus, fried calamari, and Spanish-style shrimp with garlic. Entrées run to comfort food. Grazing dinners moderate, mains moderate to expensive.

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Crazee Burger 4201 30th St., North Park, 619-282-6044. You'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads, German sausages, bargain wines, and serious beers. Inexpensive to low moderate.

Hawthorn's Restaurant 2895 University Ave., North Park, 619-295-1688. When this Banker's Hill restaurant moved to new digs here, the change proved positive. Mediterranean-influenced menu choices are fewer but better, with seasonal locally grown vegetables matched to the individual entrées. Expensive.

Heaven Sent Desserts 3001 University Ave., North Park, 619-793-4758. Cookies, tarts, pies, custards, puddings, and intricate cakes and ice cream fantasies. The style is rich and often fancy with choices ranging from American favorites to ethereal Euro-style elaborations. Inexpensive.

Old Town

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-294-2074. The traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crabmeat, or the scampi dishes. Moderate.

Wrong Track. “Which one of you is Thomas Yearsley?”

At 10:30 on a Friday night, a car parks in front of Yearsley’s recording studio on Wisconsin Street in Oceanside. The driver identifies herself as the mother of a teen who she says sat with the

Late in the day on Monday, August 16, Yearsley and his dog, an aging red heeler named Swango, headed west on Wisconsin toward the ocean for their evening walk. “It was gonna be a short one,” says Yearsley. “I’d been working, and all my tape

“I got clipped,” he says. “I’m banged up everywhere.” Yearsley suffered a broken leg and various contusions, some of them serious enough that police were overheard telling bystanders at the scene that he might lose his leg. He did not.

But Swango wasn’t so lucky. He died within minutes following impact with the speeding freightliner.

In the early 1980s, Thomas Yearsley cofounded the Paladins with high school buddy Dave Gonzalez. They would spend most of the next 20 years on the road and help propel the revival of roots rock and rockabilly. Yearsley has two children with his ex-wife, pianist-bandleader Candye Kane.

the inside track blurt

injured Yearsley until medics arrived following the bassist’s mishap two weeks ago with a northbound freight train.

“I just wanted to stop by and see if he was okay,” she says.

But Yearsley’s not there. He’s gone off to his apartment to grab some much-needed sleep. When the visitor leaves, Yearsley’s girlfriend Colleen Taber says that since the accident, several people have showed up at the studio claiming to have given aid to the Paladins bassist or saying that they pulled him out of harm’s way. And more than one of them, she says, has hinted that they would like some reward money.

“Or they want to know what drugs he got from the hospital, and can they smoke them.”

machines were still running.” They crossed the tracks and headed north toward the Oceanside pier. On the return, Swango ambled out



PALADIN THOMAS YEARSLEY’S NEW TRAIN TUNE

onto the tracks and directly into the path of the oncoming 8:03 Burlington freight. “I tried to pull him out.”

Instead, a bystander managed to pull Yearsley out of harm’s way at the last second.

Doctors plan to reinforce Yearsley’s splintered leg bones with a steel plate. “I’m not in terrible shape,” he says, hobbling about the studio on crutches. “And, there’s a million things in this world

that are a lot worse than my problems right now.” One of the biggest problems facing Yearsley in the coming days will be the accumulation of Life Flight, emergency room, and hospital bills. He is currently without health insurance, but he says he is not without hope.

“There’s a bunch of benefit [shows] on the calendar. People all over the country have been doing various things for me.” He knows about fundraisers in Austin and at the Royal Dive in Oceanside. As of this writing, *helptommas.com*, a site erected by friends, has raised \$3436 toward a goal of \$20,000.

A train’s horn blasts a warning as it enters the Wisconsin Street crossing. It is audible even through the soundproofed walls of the control booth in the recording studio. “That’s a freight train,” says Yearsley. “You can tell by the sound.” He smiles. “I love the train.”

— Dave Good

Buskers Rethunk. “The new band name on this record is Shawn Rohlf and the Buskers,” says the now-titular leader of the group formerly known as the 7th Day Buskers. Rohlf founded the band in 1997, playing guitar, banjo, and harmonica with a rotating roster of players on Sundays at the Hillcrest Farmers’ Market.

“When the original Buskers scattered all over the country,

we formed this version and tried calling it Gunplay Maxwell. Well, it didn’t seem to matter because everyone still just called it the Buskers. Plus, we’re still busking at the Market every Sunday morning, like I’ve been doing for the past 13 years. So, we just decided to go with what people were calling us anyway.” Among the new backup Buskers are Alex Watts (Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash), Jef Kmak (Joey Harris and the Mentals), Dave Berzansky (Hacienda Brothers), and Richard “T-Bone” Larson (Bartenders Bible).

The Buskers album *Tiny Xs* will be released this month on Rohlf’s own label, Shubzu. “I recorded and mixed the thing at my studio, House of Burlap, with some engineering help on the bed tracks from Alan Sanderson [Rolling Stones, Weezer, Elvis Costello]. Paul Abbot of ZenMastering did the mastering, and photos were taken by Dennis Andersen, who shot everything from *National Geographic* to the Olympics.

“We made two attempts to record at other studios, and it just wasn’t working. The final straw was when the two-inch tape machine we were recording on actually caught fire

and almost burned down the entire studio. At this point, we felt like the project was cursed, so we set up in my studio and cranked out 20 songs in two



SHAWN ROHLF PUTS HIS NAME ON IT

days. We narrowed it down to 11 songs and had to leave some great tracks on the cutting-room floor.”

A record-release party happens Friday, September 3, at the Whistle Stop. “We’ll play two sets,” says Rohlf. “The first one is our four-piece acoustic busking setup that we do every Sunday morning. The second will be the full five-piece electric-acoustic setup we do in the bars and clubs.

“There may be some surprises.... We might whip out a Prince tune. Or something by the Dead Milkmen. Busking should never be boring.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

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"I think I'm stealing this line from Kathy Griffin, but we all need to find the strong black woman inside of us and set her free." Scott Paulson offers this in response to a question about the score he wrote as a modern soundtrack for Josephine Baker's 1927 silent-film classic *Siren of the Tropics*.

In May, the UCSD Arts Library outreach coordinator and multi-instrumentalist was selected to perform his *Tropics* soundtrack at the Black France Film Festival in Paris. "I was excited to have been picked back then," says Paulson, "because of the incidents that were going on at the time at UCSD." (A

ghetto-themed party planned by UCSD students called the Compton Cookout drew statewide criticism in February.)

At the Paris festival, Paulson performed with his own Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra, including San Diegan Gene Perry on percussion and pianist Andrew Infanti. The

TTPO has performed thusly behind many other silent-era films in and around San Diego, with a rotating cast of local musicians. An instrumental-conductor, Paulson has perfected obscure instruments such as the theremin and a strip of metal called a thunder sheet. He describes his own performance as "channeling Jerry Lewis." He enlists the aid of audience members by giving them various noise-makers — things such as bulb horns and coconuts.



NOT YOUR ORDINARY PIANO MAN (PAULSON)

The classically trained symphony oboist is known for his musical eccentricities. September 12 and 13, for example, Paulson will host the Tenth Annual Toy Piano Festival at UCSD's Geisel Library with Sue Palmer as one of the festival performers.

— Dave Good

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Now You Know: Space Nature.

"I put in a dollar and got one song," says Space Nature singer Matt Meyers at East Village dive the Jewel Box. Both the Hank Williams and Cramps tracks skip on the jukebox, so "The Wizard" by Black Sabbath plays as Meyers, guitarist Tyler Daughn, bassist Tommy Pockets, and I talk over a pitcher of beer a table away from a women's roller-derby team.

"I'm, like, really bad at instruments," Meyers continues. "I started singing because that's all I can do. Pump people up and piss people off or whatever it is I do."

Friends since high school in Bonita, the three lived for a stint as the "token white kids" in Sherman Heights before moving into a two-story former clean-and-sober house in Golden Hill with Coronado natives Taylor Charter (guitar) and Zack Oakley (drums).

"Everyone works together, lives together, plays music together," says Pockets, who works at a downtown deli with Meyers.

Charter is the main songwriter of the group, though Meyers contributes his share of improvised reverb-laden lyrics about "bats and blood and shit."

"I don't know if we're necessarily going for anything," says Meyers of their psychedelic surf-rock sound, citing influence from the Stooges, the Misfits, Peter Tosh, and King Khan and the Shrines. "It's a bunch of weird shit...but in the end we're just having fun."

"We're just rocking for no reason," says Daughn.

Space Nature got their start at Tin Can Ale House less than a year ago and has gone on to play a handful of house shows, Soda Bar,

Beauty Bar, Queen Bee's, and recently 710 Beach Club. The band is currently recording an as-of-yet-unnamed album of 15 or 16 songs at Stereo



WHY DO YOU GROW YOUR HAIR LONG, SPACE NATURE?

Disguise Recording Laboratory with Keith Milgaten (Jamel Saxon). They recently sent in an email interview for local marijuana advocates *NUG Magazine*, which in-

cluded the question "Why do you grow your hair long?"

"Well, I don't know," Meyers jokes in a John Lennon voice. "Girls like it. We're thinking about growing our eyebrows out, too."

Back at the Space Nature house up Broadway, Captain Beefheart and Minor Threat records play while Meyers tosses darts at an old show poster and Daughn tells me about the time their dog, Jerry Garcia, was attacked by a pit bull.

"We saw Brian Jones at Guitar Center, and somehow it turned into the worst day ever."

Got a wicked pissah new band? Let us know by sending the MySpace thing to barnaby_monk@sandiegoreader.com. We'll check you/them out for our next installment of "Now You Know."

— Chad Deal

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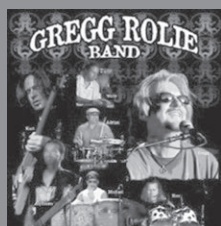


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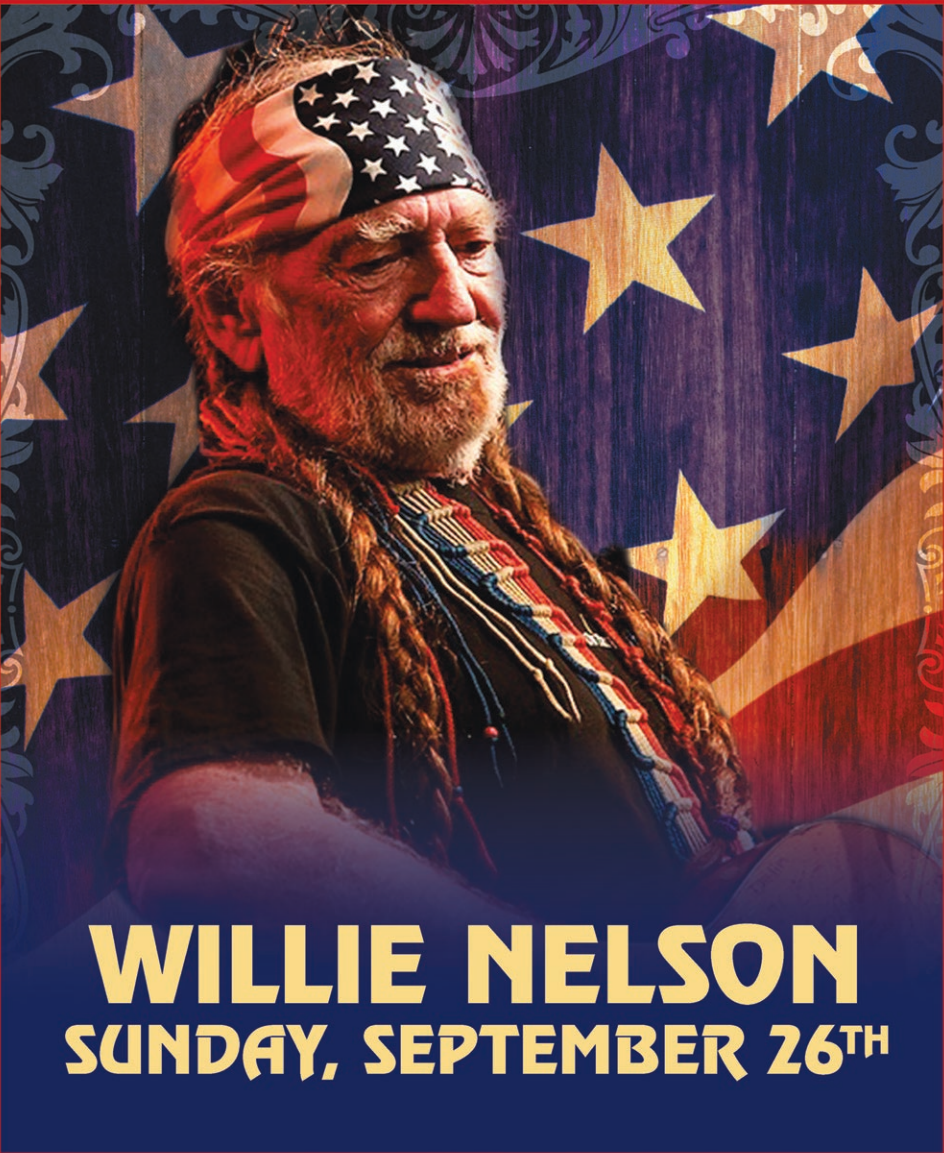
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A portrait of Willie Nelson, an older man with a long grey beard and dreadlocks, wearing a black bandana with white stars and a dark shirt. He is looking slightly to the right with a gentle smile. The background is a stylized American flag with large yellow stars on a blue field and red and white stripes.

WILLIE NELSON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

A poster for the Halloween Hootenanny Tour. At the top, 'HALLOWEEN' is written in large, orange, jagged letters. Below it, 'HOOTENANNY TOUR' is in a stylized font with a blue and yellow background. The main title 'The Gruesome Twosome' is in large, blue, outlined letters. Below that, 'RETURN!' is in red, and 'ON STAGE' is in yellow. Two portraits of Rob Zombie and Alice Cooper are shown, both with green face paint and dark hair. The background is black with yellow bats.

HALLOWEEN
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The Gruesome Twosome
RETURN!
ON STAGE
ROB ZOMBIE & ALICE COOPER
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

A poster for Widespread Panic's Fall Tour. The title 'WIDESPREAD PANIC' is in large, purple, outlined letters, with 'FALL TOUR' in smaller letters below it. The main image is a painting of a wooden barn with a buffalo's head in a window. The background is a mix of purple and green.

WIDESPREAD PANIC
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

Two logos are shown. The first is 'The Piano Bar' with a piano keyboard graphic. The second is 'Rebel's Back Porch' with a wooden texture background and the text 'MUSIC ★ DRINKS ★ FUN EST. 2010'.

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This Week In Music

Thursday 2

Where have all the rude boys gone? Back to school! And campus collective Ché Café has booked a week-end of winners to welcome back UCSD's student bawdy. Tonight, the heady, socially conscious punk of **Ted Leo and the Pharmacists** will fill the script at the U. The trio hit their stride in the early Oughts, with *Tyranny of Distance* ('01) and the best inroad to the band, imho, *Hearts of Oak* ('03). The label-jumping Leo found himself on indie stalwart Matador for this year's *The Brutalist Bricks*, a hit-and-miss disc of punk-rock politicking. Speaking of Matador, who got lucky with tix to the Lost Weekend in Vegas? That one's the rock-roll event of a lifetime. Anyway, local post-punks **Mrs. Magician** open the Ché show, and Ted Leo et al. will be at Casbah on Friday night for the beer-belly set.... Casbah's gonna move your shoes tonight as Spanish electronic dance band **Delorean** drives into the Middletown mainstay behind electro-pop act **Cold Cave** (N.Y.C.) and L.A.'s Smell dance punx **Abe Vigoda**. Delorean's spanking-new disc *Subiza* is wowing indie critics with its "build-and-burst tempos of '90s house and techno music." I've no idea. Techno gives me *agita*. But and however, Abe Vigoda's anticipated new collection, *Crush*, will drop end of September. In the mean, get yer mitts on their very excellent *Skeleton*.... Else: Portland-based electro-duo **Blue in the Face** will play Eleven (née Radio Room)... while Brazilian garage-rock sextet **Garotas Suecas** will hit Bar Pink "with a sound that falls somewhere between Otis Redding and Os Mutantes." O'side glam-pop band **Duchess** will grace the stage first.

Friday 3

Nutty punx the **Dickies** slam 4th&B Friday night. The self-proclaimed "clown princes of punk" broke out of L.A.'s '77 scene and are reportedly the first punk act to play on network TV (C.P.O. *Sharkey* with Don Rickles). I knew they had a hit with the *Banana Splits* theme song, but I didn't know that song reappeared this year in that flick *Kick-Ass*. Didn't see it. I did see *Killer Klowns from Outer Space* (1988), though, which is featured in Nathan Shumate's *Golden Age of Crap: 77 B-Movies From the Glory Days of VHS* (now available in paperback) and which the Dickies scored to bloody perfection. SoCal throwback hardcores **D.I.** will set the downtown stage for what promises to be a fun one, if only for stirring one of the oldest,



TED LEO AND THE PHARMACISTS AT CHÉ CAFÉ AND CASBAH

slowest pits ever.... Up the Fifth Ave. hill, Tin Can Ale House furnishes Jana Hunter's **Lower Dens**, whose *Twin-Hand Movement* is one of the more engaging discs to drop this year, trading Hunter's abstruse folk fare for full-band atmospherics — think Beach House for roots rockers. With **Black Mamba** and **Blessure Grave** digging in first, this bill's considerable. I have no idea what abstruse means, but I am not deleting it.... Nothing but shows 'round North Park on September 3, 4, and 5, as **Awesome Fest 4** and a herd of indie kids take over the neighborhood nightspots. Click this for the particulars: awesomefest4.com.... North of town, it'll be Dave Wakeling's **English Beat** skankin' up the race place at Del Mar.... and Ché Café hosts a benefit for the Chiapas Mexico Art Community, headlining

hardcore faves **Unbroken**.

Saturday 4

Some days I wish I were viral. I wish I were Agent Smith. Too many places to be Saturday, as the **FYF Fest** takes over the L.A. State Historic Park with one of the better fest lineups I've seen this summer. Check it: fyffest.com.... Meanwhile, back at the ranch, 40-year-strong Texas trio **ZZ Top** will play the infield at Del Mar. The blues-rock radio staples are supposedly dropping a new Rick Rubin-produced disc this year, but details are sketch as of yet.... And country bumps'll love the later lineup at Belly Up, featuring JC tribute **Cash'd Out** with fellow beerhall bands **Pushin' Rope** and **Off the Wagon**.... Staying up that way, Rhode Island's noise-rock perennials **Arab on Radar** apparently will *not* play the Ché Café: "Due to personal blah blah blah".... Dizzy's downtown offers Kyrgyzstan's **Ordo Sakhna**, "a



ZZ TOP AT DEL MAR RACETRACK

ten-member ethno-folk musical theater troupe that popularizes the traditional melodies of the central Asia nomad civilization." Stretch your boundaries, sez Diz.... Honorable mentions go to the **Moviegoers'** record-release thing at the Tin Can....and Casbah's "evening of devastating burl," with the **Long and Short of It**, **Rats Eyes**, **Terremoto**, **Gloomysday**, and **In the Red**. What's burl?

Sunday 5

Belly Up books Philly flavor-of-the-month **Free Energy**. It's fine, fun fare, if a bit formulaic — something like Target + Shaun White = Free Energy. Jersey blue-collar rockers **Titus Andronicus** will balance the act with their pub-crawl songsmithing and VOLUME. Take a Space taste from this year's *Monitor*: myspace.com/titus-andronicus. So rad.... '80s new-wave staples **Modern English** will stop the world and melt at Anthology. The English pop-rock quartet reformed behind original singer-guitarist Robbie Gray to tour the U.S. last year and recorded an album (*Soundtrack*) while on the road that was released in May by Darla Records. Two out of two Amazonians gave it five stars.... Beauty Bar books Manchester new-wavers the **Chameleons** (Mark Burgess of Chameleons UK) with **Repeater** from Long Beach and SanFran electroclash band **Veil Veil Vanish**.... Casbah hosts one of its long-weekend **Jivewire** joints with all the trimmings.

Monday 6

Couple gigs to get to Monday night, Agent Smith, as Soda Bar fills a sa-weet slowcore bill with **Crooked Fingers**, **Mynabirds**, and **Little White Teeth**. Crooked Fingers is led by ex-Archers of Loafers Eric Bachmann. Enough said with his cred. Mynabirds is a classic-sounding folk-pop band from Omaha that's enjoying crit-hit press for Saddle Creek debut *What We Lose in the Fire We Gain in the Flood*. And lo-fi locals Little White Teeth will set it all up nicely behind their chiming debut, which I understand is both eponymous and self-titled.... Talk about your Anti-Mondays... Casbah's staging one for the ages: **Mojo**, **Joey**, and the **Farmers**. Get yer beers while you can.



THE GORIES AT CASBAH

Tuesday 7

Reformed Detroit garage-rock act the **Gories** come to Casbah Tuesday night. I guess In the Red has signed the old-school blues-punk trio for some singles. Check with the merch guy.... Bubblegum Berliners **Stereo Total** plug in at Tin Can Ale House with Oakland electro-popper **Hawnay Troof** for an Art Fag-curated bill.... And from Italy, psych-pop quartet **Plastic Made Sofa** (that just has to be a mistranslation) visits their Smoking Kills debut *Charlie's Bondage Club* on Soda Bar.

Wednesday 8

I'm going over....either go see blues-rocking Deadboy **Dax Riggs** at Casbah...NorCal big band the **Doo-bie Brothers** out at Humphrey's by the Bay... or **Sea Wolf** Alex Brown Church strumming and humming a solo set at Soda Bar.... *Aaarrgggh*, hang on, there's a super-solid double bill at Bar Pink, where Bay Area blues duo the **Ferocious Few** will hook up with Austin country-rock quartet the **Black**, if that sounds like your thing...and Belly Up books a benefit for the San Diego Music Foundation — which should be everybody's thing — featuring up-and-coming locals **Riddle the Roar**, **Dead Feather Moon**, and **Lights On**. I'm out.



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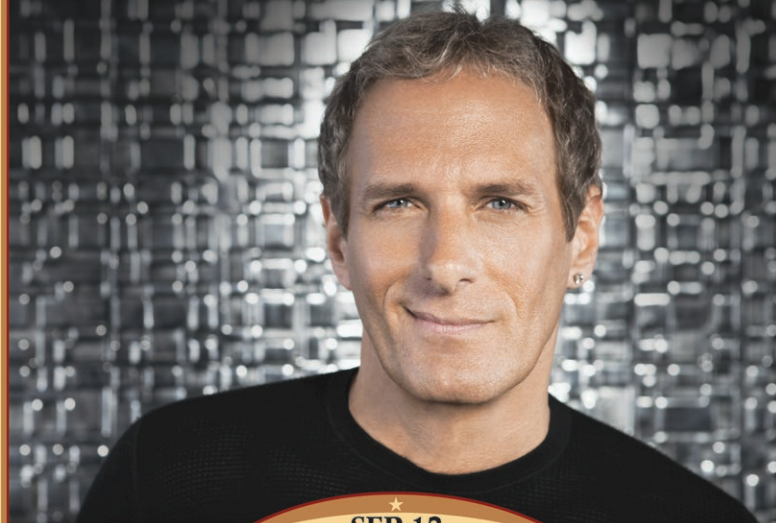
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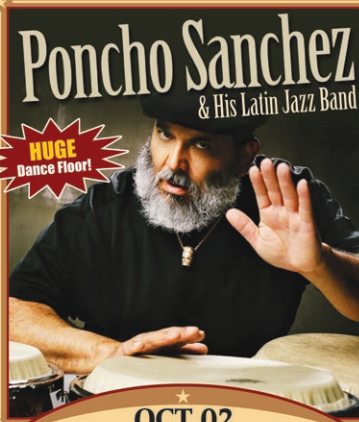
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Happy Punk Folk

"I once sang nude at a retreat in front of a hundred nude people. Well, I had my hat on."

I never sang a note until I was 30 and didn't even think about a music career until my 40s," says Ronald Hill, aka Happy Ron.

Beginning with open mikes and tutorials found in books like *How Music Really Works* by Wayne Chase ("I went on a weeklong retreat with him in Canada") and *Songwriting Secrets of the Beatles*, Happy Ron has racked up over 1000 performances and a San Diego Music Award nomination for Best Local Recording for his 2009 debut *Terribly Happy*.

That album, produced by Sven-Erik Seaholm, includes titles such as "All She Needs Is a Spankin'," "The No Tantric Woman Blues," and "Dickless Wonder." Among the two dozen local guest players are Kelsea Little (the Wrong Trousers), Robin Henkel, and Cathryn Beeks.

A YouTube video for his song "Pitter Patter" features nine different San Diego women singers playing love interests.

"Most of the women were involved with someone else, so I had to behave appropriately," says Hill. "Sometimes I hate behaving appropriately. The hard part was that they had to be beautiful women who *sing*. Lots of women are beautiful, but singing, not so much."

Dressed in a purple suit and porkpie hat, Hill is seen in the video professing his love to all nine women, including Marcia Claire, Marie Haddad, Cathryn Beeks, Laura Kuebel, Brooke Mackintosh, and Jenene Lambert.

"At one point, the cops drove up, saw the purple outfit and the women, and said, 'What

are you doing?' I felt awkward for a second, and then I realized we weren't actually doing anything wrong."

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JAY ALLEN SANFORD

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR MUSIC?

"I've always said it's Frank Sinatra Meets *South Park*. Steve Poltz said

it's punk rock meets punk folk. Since he's wiser than me, who am I to argue?"

WHAT MP3S FILL UP YOUR HARD DRIVE?

1. "The Beatles, every song, including bootlegs. There's simply nobody better, and nobody writes songs like them."
2. "Steve Poltz's complete works. I listen to a lot of local artists, at least the ones I actually know."
3. "Neil Young, because some of his music got me through my darkest, unhappiest times."
4. "Ringo Starr's solo work. I always admired the way he's so modest about his abilities and really just focused on having a good time. His solo shows are like big open-mikes, where everyone in the band had a hit or two and gets to play them."
5. "Robert Frey, the late local new-age artist. He has a meditation tape, *Opening to Love*, that I listen to frequently in the morning. I usually find that type of music to be corny."

HOW WAS YOUR FIRST OPEN-MIKE?

"It was 1997, when my original singing teacher threw us up on stage. I mumbled the Beatles' 'In My Life,' and the teacher shouted, 'Project!

Project!' I mumbled, 'I am projecting.' The next time, I literally shouted a sensitive love song, almost at the top of my lungs. She shook her head and said, 'Don't project!'"

WHAT SONG LYRIC BEST DESCRIBES YOUR LIFE?

"I've worked at Costco for 25 years, and my song 'Terribly Happy' says, 'Been packing groceries for 25 years/ Been looking for ways to pack up my tears/ So I write my songs and I make them snappy/ 'Cause it makes me feel terribly happy.'"

PHRASE YOU NEVER WANT TO HEAR AGAIN?

"When I have trouble ringing up something on the cash register at work, people often say, 'That's gotta be free, then, right?' Hardy har har."

IDEAL SUPERPOWER?

"The ability to make people happy, including myself, with the push of a secret button hidden underneath one of my fingernails."

NON-MUSIC HOBBIES?

"I'm a trained boxer. It still goes back to music, though, because my song 'Beat the Crap' tells the true story of the weird bond you form with people when you do boxing training with them."

MAJOR HURDLES?

"I've lived most of my life with extreme tension



Ronald Hill on his sound: "I've always said it's Frank Sinatra meets *South Park*."

and pain in my body due to the lack of a hip socket on my left side."

WEIRDEST GIG?

"I once sang nude at a retreat in front of a hundred nude people. Well, I had my hat on."

WORST THING ON TV?

"The finale of *Lost*. You spend six years introducing mysteries and then don't answer them?"

SOMETHING YOU MISS?

"I was big into gambling ten years ago. Ever since then I can't play video games because when I win I expect someone to hand me money."

WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?

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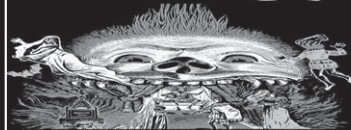
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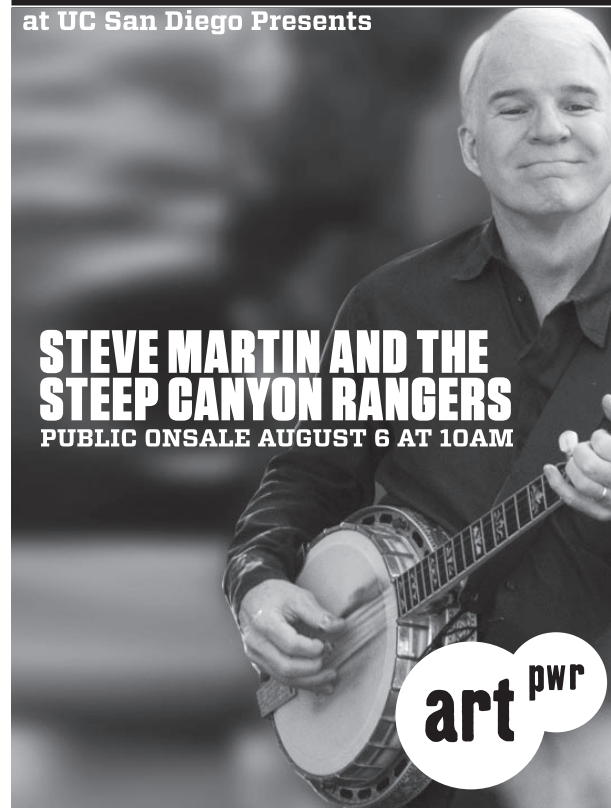
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Wednesday, 7:30pm — The Doobie Brothers. Southern rock/country. \$70.

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La Jolla Shores Hotel: 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 866-392-8762.
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Friday — Missy Andersen. Blues/funk/soul.
Sunday — 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band. Blues.
Monday — Jeff Moore & the Witch Doctors. Blues/rock.
Tuesday — The Bayou Brothers. Zydeco/blues/R&B.

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NOTE
BY WILLIAM CRAIN

It was pretty cool to see Arcade Fire's new album go to the top of the album charts. But let's face it: *The Suburbs* went to number one with sales of fewer than 150,000. Ten years ago, that number probably wouldn't have put the album in the top ten. Arcade Fire's success may be a sign of indie rock's triumph, but it's also a sign of the music business's decline.
Earlier this year Ted Leo caused a stir when he told a Louisville paper that with people not paying for music anymore, he wasn't sure how long he will be able to afford to keep touring.

He wasn't making any big announcement, he was just talking about the economics of being in an indie-rock band that's not as successful as Arcade Fire. Nonetheless, the music press was soon abuzz, and Leo had to go on his website to tell his fans, no, he was not retiring at age 39. Still, the whole kerfuffle was upsetting. I mean, Ted Leo & the Pharmacists are among the best live acts in the business. Leo himself is widely seen as the smartest and nicest guy in indie rock. If he can't make a living doing this, who can?

Since then, Leo & the Pharmacists have released *The Brutalist Bricks*. It's a great record, up-to-date but rooted in classic mod-rock guitars and old-school lefty politics. In "Ativan Eyes," Leo sings, "The means of production are now in the hands of the workers." Some-



TED LEO & THE PHARMACISTS

where, Joe Strummer and Woody Guthrie are smiling. Go to the show — and when you're there, keep the means of production in Leo's hands: Buy the CD.

TED LEO & THE PHARMACISTS: *The Casbah*, Friday, September 3, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$15.

Sunday — Jaam Kwest. Reggae/roots/samba.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
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Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Dr., Downtown.
Sunday, 1pm — Nova. Covers/dance/standards. Free.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
Monday — Crooked Fingers. With Mynabirds and Little White Teeth. Alt rock/folk pop/lo-fi.
Tuesday, 9pm — Plastic Made Sofa. With Colony and Extinct Animals. Rock/alternative.

Sound Wave: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-320-2100.
Friday — The B-Side Players. Latin/reggae/soul.

South Park Abbey: 1946 Fern St., South Park, 619-696-0096.

Thursday, 8pm — Stoney B. Blues Band. Blues.

Stage Saloon: 762 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-696-9436.
Sunday, 6pm — Stoney B. Blues Band. Blues.

Swedenborg Hall: 1531 Tyler Ave., University Heights.
Saturday, 8pm — Randi Driscoll. Contemporary. \$10-\$13.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-955-8525.
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October 3 — Johannes Linstead.

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October 8 — The John Abercrombie Quartet.
October 10 — Matt Hires.
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October 13 — Terri Clark.
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Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.
October 7 — 4TROOPS.
October 9 — Steve Martin & the Steep Canyon Rangers.
October 17 — Jake Shimabukuro.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
September 10 — Pocket.
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September 30 — AIDS Wolf.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
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October 16 — The Aggrolites.
October 23 — Steve Poltz.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps: 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, 858-534-3474.
September 21 — The Tommy Castro Band.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

"Reggae had started to get big in San Diego and Tijuana in the 1970s and 1980s."

Adrian Cisneros, known as AK, grew up in Chula Vista listening to his mother and his uncle play reggae tapes. "Mainly Steel Pulse," he says, "and a little bit of Bob Marley." Local Mexican-American and Latino cultures embraced reggae, due in part to Makeda Dread's *Reggae Makossa* radio broadcasts on 91X FM. By the time he was in the seventh grade, Cisneros was hooked.

He says middle-school buddies Tim Little and Daniel Tornero started a reggae cover group that would one day become Roots Covenant, which eventually became a big band with a horn section. "We all loved reggae. I was hanging out with them, and they said, 'Why

don't you play keyboards?'" In time, Cisneros, 25, would switch to drums and begin growing out his now-waist-length dreads. "My dad was, like, what the f**k?"

Eric Clapton's 1974 reggae-lite cover of a Wailers' classic called "I Shot the Sheriff" was the first significant exposure of reggae music to much of American pop culture. It introduced Rastafarianism and Bob Marley to rock audiences. Decades later, by the time Cisneros and his bandmates penned their first original, both reggae and its precursor ska had become mainstream.

The Roots Covenant sound has a rock-steady bottom end that kicks you in the chest. Cisneros is a tight and driving percussionist informed by Brit reggae's four-on-the-floor approach to kick drum. He and bassist Tornero are the band's foundation. "The bass is falling down, but the drums are climbing up," says Tornero. "The opposite of mainstream rock."



ROOTS COVENANT

The Roots Covenant name, they explain, is their commitment to keep to the genre's cultural and religious roots. It is a message they wouldn't mind taking global. "Right now, France is huge into reggae," says Cisneros. "Spain is, too. Europe is big into reggae."

Richie Spice headlines.

ROOTS COVENANT: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 2, 8 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$22 advance; \$24 day of show.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-2989.
September 18 — Irieside.
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September 16 — The Jonas Brothers.
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September 28 — Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers and ZZ Top.
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Jimi Hendrix: Valleys of Neptune

CD Review
by Andrew Hamlin

Like he's never been
away. That simple.
That gobsmacking.
Which is why I can't
get, along the subject
of gobs, with all this
lukewarm mumbling
about "pretty good
for outtakes," which
of course means pretty
bad for non-outtakes.

The man who mas-
terminded this stuff
sounds businesslike
and confident as he
goes about rearrang-
ing our ideas about
electric guitar. To prove

his real-dealness, we get
songwriting and singing that
you take for granted at your
peril. A weaker songwriter
limited to 2:56 couldn't have
sketched "Mr. Bad Luck" as
a chump but a struggling
chump, an aggravation deserving of empathy at the
end. A weaker singer would suffocate under casual
asides from a limited vocal range, not absorbing the
phrasing and timing the guitar had to teach him.

"Stone Free," "Red House," and "Fire" aren't the
ones you know from the radio, and why should they
be? Amuse yourself imagining an alternate universe
where the "Fire" from here made it out there, and
we'd be listening with amusement to a rarity with
the odd, static Englishman intoning the chorus.

The master composer delivers incisive lyrics and or-
ganic, rich melody. The master improviser makes sure
every tune's worth hearing in every iteration. I forgot
how long he's been away. That's how heartbreaking
the whole thing is at the end.



Odd, static Englishman

Music Reviews from Our Readers

The National: High Violet

CD Review
by Mark Ben Friedlander

Move over, Morrissey,
there's a new Pope
of Mope; his name is
Matt Berninger, lead
singer and lyricist for
the National, whose
latest CD, *High Violet*,
might be more aptly
titled *High Anxiety*.

Vocally and lyrically,
Berninger suggests the
love child of Leon-
ard Cohen and Joni
Mitchell. "Terrible love/
and I'm walking with
spiders," Berninger
sings on opener "Ter-

rible Love," his subdued
pipes rising midway on a Phil
Spector-like wall of sound.
"Sorrow found me when I
was young/sorrow waited,
sorrow won," he intones on
the second track, "Sorrow,"
adding "Cover me in rag and
bone, sympathy/'cause I don't want to get over you."

With twins Aaron and Bryce Dessner on guitars,
and brothers Bryan and Scott Devendorf on drums
and bass, the National lays down mostly spare, mi-
nor-key melodies, embellished by horn-and-string
arrangements, along with selective electronica.
"Bloodbuzz Ohio" picks up the tempo, with drums
and piano driving the mix as Berninger drones, "I
was carried to Ohio/in a swarm of bees."

Warning: Repeated listening to *High Violet* may
cause humanities majors to excessively consume
skinny lattes, smoke too many imported cigarettes,
and write bad poetry on their MacBooks.



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Michaelson.
November 5 — Circa Survive.
November 6 — Great Big Sea.
November 7 — Senses Fail.
November 13 — Stars.
November 14 — Blonde Redhead.
November 16 — Mayday Parade.
November 17 — Joshua Radin.
November 27 — Soulfly.
December 1 — Grinderman.
December 2 — The Dead

Kennedys.
December 9 — The Gracious
Few.
December 18 — Gary Hoey.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241
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September 9 — Sheryl Crow.
September 10 — The Beach Boys.
September 11 — Air Supply.
September 16 — Tower of Power.

September 17 — The Fab Four.
September 20 — Serj Tankian.
September 26 — UB40.
September 27 — Emmylou
Harris.
September 30 — Jackson Browne.
October 1 — Keali'i Reichel.
October 3 — America.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343
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September 12 — The Robin
Henkel Band.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr.,
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September 23 — Gaslamp Killer.
September 28 — Jukebox the
Ghost.
October 3 — School of Seven
Bells.
October 20 — Born Ruffians.

November 1 — Joe Pug.
November 14 — Mae.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main
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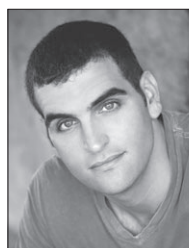
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Music Reviews from Our Readers

Rocket Man

Concert Review
by John Hancock

The full moon was rising in the east as the capacity crowd waited for the Rocket Man to take the stage. At 8 p.m., the haunting melody of "Funeral for a Friend" filled the amphitheater and everyone rose to their feet. After a minute, Sir Elton John took the stage, smiling and waving to the crowd before taking a seat at the gleaming black piano placed center-stage.

What followed was two and a half hours of rock-and-roll history. The memories just kept coming —



Two and a half hours of rock-and-roll history "Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting," "Levon," "Daniel," "Rocket Man," "Tiny Dancer" — and all the rest of Elton John and Bernie Taupin's hits.

Prior to an encore, which included a song from *The Lion King* and "Your Song," Sir Elton spent several minutes walking along the front of the stage signing autographs and shaking hands with the throng of fans that lined the foot of the stage. I have waited 20 years to see Elton John in concert, and I did not leave disappointed.

Concert: Elton John
Date: July 23
Venue: Cricket Wireless
Seats: Section 203

A Triumphant Return

Concert Review
by Robert Bush

New York jazz vocalist Kendra Shank had a triumphant return to San Diego. The Point Loma High grad has several well-received and critically acclaimed releases under her belt — namely *Mosaic* and *Spirit Free: The Abbey Lincoln Songbook*. She's got a lithe, nuanced alto voice that she uses with great control. Ms. Shank doesn't come off with that "star" attitude that some singers do. She places herself as an instrumentalist among

her band mates, and she's very generous with the solo space.

Which was wise, considering the incredible West Coast quartet she assembled. Pianist Bill Cunliffe is one the most in-demand musicians in L.A., and it's easy to see why: his touch is sparkling, and ideas cascade out of him like a fountain. Bassist Hamilton Price has it all: huge sound, great intonation, and breathtaking solos. Twenty-five-year-old percussionist Zach Harmon plays drums and tablas simultaneously!

Shank is a true improviser and risk-taker. The concert began with "All of You" and continued with some wild vocalizations on "Incantation." Truly superb was her adaptation of "Blue Skies" and swinging take on "Beautiful Love."

Concert: Kendra Shank Quartet
Date: July 20
Venue: Saville Theater, San Diego City College
Seats: general admission



She's got a lithe, nuanced alto voice.

PHOTO BY JOHN ABBOTT

Band.
September 17 — Soul Diego.
September 18 — Shari Puerto & the Rhythm Addicts.
September 21 — Delta Heat.
September 22 — Johnny Vernazza.

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October 2 — Chris Hillman and Herb Pedersen.
November 6 — Natalie Macmaster and Donnell Leahy.

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September 11 — Big Fat Soul.
September 12 — Jaam Kwest.
September 16 — Danny & the Tramps.
September 17 — Helicopter.
September 19 — Inhale.
September 24 — Flock of '80s.
September 25 — Safety Orange.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
September 18 — The Little River Band.
October 1 — Nevermore.
October 2 — Great White.
October 3 — The Gregg Rolie Band.
October 7 — David Allan Coe.
October 8 — Edgar Winter.

Riley's Music Lounge: 2901 Nimitz Bl., Point Loma, 619-255-8635.
October 21 — Lady Xplicit.

Rimac Arena: 9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, 858-534-8497.
September 26 — The Pixies.
October 13 — LCD Soundsystem.
November 4 — Massive Attack and Thievery Corporation.

Moonlight Amphitheatre in Brengle Terrace Park: 1200 Vale Terrace, Vista, 760-724-2110.
October 16 — Christopher Cross.

Oceanside Museum of Art: 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside,

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September 16 — The Sue Palmer Quintet.

Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.

September 21 — Phoenix.
October 1 — O.A.R.

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October 16 — Ang Ganda Diva?

Patrick's II: 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077.
September 9 — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.
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October 1 — Carrie Underwood.
October 15 — Shakira.

San Diego Woman's Club: 2557 Third Ave., Banker's Hill. *September 16* — Mason Jennings.

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Dr., Downtown. *September 12* — North Park Rock n' Blues.
September 19 — The Cat-illacs.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224. *September 18* — Get Back Loretta.
September 27 — Marianne Dissard.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.

September 25 — The Black Keys.
September 28 — Vampire Weekend.
October 1 — Spoon.
October 14 — Motion City Soundtrack and Say Anything.
October 21 — Interpol.
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September 27 — Bryan Adams.

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September 11 — Divas Do Broadway.

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September 17 — Matt Welch.
October 22 — Sqwonk.

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September 18 — Paramore.
September 22 — Muse.
October 15 — Alice in Chains.
October 16 — Maroon 5.
October 28 — Gorillaz.

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El Cajon Grand: *Fridays*, 8:30pm: DJ Neko. Spins classic rock. *Saturdays*, 8:30pm: DJ Chuck. Spins classic rock. 351 W. Main St., El Cajon. 619-444-0949.

Fannie's Nightclub: *Wednesdays*: DJ Reggae. Soca beats/hip-hop with DJ EZ Doe, DJ

Hektik, and DJ Winston T. 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley. 619-698-2204.

The Flame: *Wednesdays*, 9pm: Cookies with DJ Dirty Kurty. 3780 Park Bl., Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

The Fleetwood: *Saturdays*: DJ Ramsey. '80s/hip-hop/house. 639 J St., Downtown. 619-702-7700.

The Flying Bridge: *Fridays*, 9pm: DJ Ricardo. Reggaeton/salsa. *Saturdays*, 9pm, *Sundays*, 9pm: DJ Waistline. Hip-hop/R&B. 1105 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside. 760-722-0081.

Gaslamp Tavern: *Thursdays*, 8pm, *Fridays*, 4pm, *Wednesdays*, 8pm: C-Phish. 868 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-239-3339.

Harney Sushi: *Wednesdays*, 9pm: Hot Like Wasabi *Wednesdays*. With DJ Matty A. Electronic. 3964 Harney St., Old Town. 619-295-3272.

Harrah's Rincón: *Thursdays*, 8pm: Noche Latina. With DJ Don Jose. Electronica, Latin. 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center. 760-751-3100.

Hawthorn's Restaurant: *Wednesdays*: DJ Kiki. 2895 University Ave., North Park. 619-295-1688.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: *Fridays*, 9pm, *Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ Kool T. Spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. 15 and up. 775 Metcalf St., Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Kadan: *Friday*: Underworld. With DJ Bryan Pollard and guests. Industrial/EBM/Gothic. Free. *Thursday*: Club '80s. With DJ Bryan Pollard and guests. New wave/new romantic/one-hit wonders. Free. *Tuesdays*: Darkwave Garden. With DJ Bryan Pollard and guests. Gothic/darkwave/underground '80s. *Wednesdays*: Night Vision. Drum 'n' bass with live MCs. DJ. Free. 4696 30th St., North Park. 619-640-2500.

McDini's: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: '90s Throwback *Tuesdays*. Hosted by Zerland of Pali Roots. 105 E. 8th St., National City. 619-474-6771.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: *Wednesdays*, 10pm: DJ Tony. 860 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278.

Padre Gold: *Fridays*, 9pm: DJ Dave. Old-skool jams. Free. 7245 Linda Vista Rd., Linda Vista. 858-277-8681.

Pier View Pub: *Mondays*, 6:30pm: Metal *Mondays*. Metal all night long. 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-2827.

RT's Longboard Grill: *Mondays*, 9pm, *Wednesdays*, 9pm: DJ Famous Dave. Mixes music videos. 1466 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-270-4030.

Ramada Inn: *Fridays*, 8:30pm: Noches Latinas. Latin club mix with DJs Luis and TMX. Cumbia, merengue, bachata, salsa. 619-985-5168. \$5. *Saturdays*, 9pm: Dance Party. Hip-hop/reggae/dancehall. DJ. Free. 5550 Kearny Mesa Rd., Kearny Mesa. 619-985-5168.

SIN Nightclub: *Sundays*, 9pm: Reggae *Sundays* at Sin. With DJ Ez Doe, DJ Hektik, and DJ Winston T. Dancehall, reggae, hip-hop, and soca. 526 West F St., Downtown. 619-232-4746.

Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah: *Saturdays*, 9pm: Rasta Nation Posse. Reggae. 4076 Bonita Rd., Bonita. 619-470-8000.

Satin Lounge: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Hot Latin Beats. Reggaeton, salsa, and merengue. 18 and up. *Fridays*, 8pm: Funky Fresh *Fridays*. Hip-hop/mash-ups. 18 and up. *Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ Dizzy D. Spins hip-hop, old skool, and techno. 18 and up. *Wednesdays*, 9pm: Blazin' 98.9 Night. With guest DJs. 6195 University Ave., College Area. 619-544-1177.

Seau's: *Thursdays*, 7pm: DJ FOS. Hip-hop/jazz. 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-291-7328.

Side Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Ruby *Thursdays*. 536 Market St., Downtown. 619-696-0946.

Sixty-Seven Bar and Grill: *Thursdays*: Tattoo *Thursdays*. With DJ Viktor and DJ KB. *Saturdays*: DJ Girth. Spins hip-hop and rock hits. *Mondays*: Latino *Mondays*. With DJ Power. *Wednesdays*: Beer Pong. With DJ Power. 10109 Maine Ave., Lakeside. 619-561-6767.

Soda Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Expressway to Yr Skull. Punk/rap/rock. Free. 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights. 619-255-7224.

Static Lounge: *Saturdays*, 9pm: Club Backbeat. Hip-hop/rap. \$15-\$20. 18 and up. 634 Broadway, Downtown. 619-544-1609.

Stout Public House: *Fridays*, 9pm: DJ CC. 1125 Sixth Ave., Downtown. 619-702-7933.

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Tiki House: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: Tunes by Joe Marson. Every *Tuesday*. 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734.

True North: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ Bacon Bits. *Fridays*: DJ Ramsey. '80s/hip-hop/house. *Sundays*, 10pm: DJ Waly Mayhem. *Mondays*, 10pm: DJ Wonderbread. *Tuesdays*, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hip-hop/rock. 3815 30th St., North Park. 619-291-3815.

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Whiskey Girl: *Fridays*, 9pm, *Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ Marc Thrasher. Mixes music videos. *Mondays*, 9pm: U-Call-It *Mondays*. With DJ Marc Thrasher. 600 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-236-1616.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Sundays*, 10pm: Too Many Creeps. With DJ Mario O and guests. Post-punk. 2236 Fern St., South Park. 619-284-6784.

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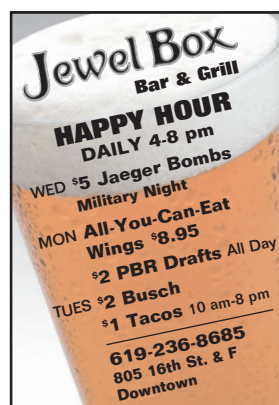
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All in the Timing

Due to popular demand, Ion Theatre has extended the run of David Ives's absurdist vignettes. As Bill tells Betty in "Sure Thing" — variations on the myriad ways a chance encounter can go wrong — it's "all in the timing." Ion's polished production often had hilarious results. Brian Mackey plays Leon Trotsky with an axe in his head for 36 hours; an elastic Steven Lone's the charlatan wordsmith in "The Universal Language"; Kim Strassburger's a monkey trying to write *Hamlet* from scratch (but coming closer to Milton's *Paradise Lost*) and Trotsky's multifaceted wife; and Karson St. John shows her remarkable range in several roles. Ives's title calls attention to technique. Under Glenn Paris and Claudio Raygoza's codirection, however, the actors never make one aware of their "timing." Instead they sustain focus on Ives's truly wacky situations.

Worth a try.

ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE.,

HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM SATURDAYS.

Becky's New Car

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Steven Dietz's "comic cruise through the perils of middle-aged longing." David Ellenstein directed.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26.

BFE

San Diego Asian American Repertory Theatre has done some remarkable productions over the years. Their current offering, about a dysfunctional Asian trio in Arizona (aka "bum-f*k Egypt"), however, isn't one. Alienated from without and within, Panny, Lefty, and Isabel seek love but instead find rejection: from pizza delivery boys to serial killers. Written by Julia Cho, *BFE* feels like several plays tossed together, ranging from stark comedy to an emotionally powerful ending. The AART production, directed by James Paul Cirino, has too many basic problems to let the play come through. Most of the acting is amateurish. The actors speak as if the audience didn't exist: mumbling to each other, or to the floor, and glossing over key lines and phrases. The production's pace is deadly slow (made even more so by many scene changes with C.L. Ward's modular set). A wall-to-wall tightening could cut a good ten minutes. Samuel Dent and Albert Park's videos show



BFE: About a dysfunctional Asian trio in Arizona

the action from different angles (the theme of the play: truth depends on how one sees it), but what's in front of the screen lacks life and emotional truth.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2:30PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 19.

Eleemosynary

Moxie Theatre stages Lee Blessing's comedy-drama about

three generations of women and "learning to love the family you're given."

MOXIE AT ROLANDO THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BLVD., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 858-598-7620. 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26.

A Hot Night at the Blue Note

Vista's Broadway Theater hosts a new musical by Randall Hickman set in a 1945 St. Louis jazz club that has fallen on hard times. In fact, tonight's radio broadcast

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King Lear

In Adrian Noble's valuable book *How to Do Shakespeare*, the former artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company teaches a master class on the subject. His direction of *King Lear* at the Old

Globe puts his teachings into practice. I have never heard the story told better. Like Coriolanus, whose "heart's his mouth," the cast makes thought and speech one. Bruce Turk's nimble Fool, Catherine Gowl's firm Cordelia, Jonno Roberts's Edmund (as funny as he is vile), and especially Jay Whittaker's multivoiced Edgar make each moment brand new. Robert Foxworth's Lear begins puffed up and regal and ends, 20 years older, like a dying candle extinguished by its wax. But his always-competent performance lacks size. Foxworth could tweak the narcissism and suggest that it masks a profound instability at the King's core. Deirdre Clancy's costumes begin upscale, in the 18th Century, and then fan out as they come forward in time. Ralph Funicello's spare set includes dark, castle-high walls and autumn leaves on the floor (swept away in the wintry second act). Shaun Davey's original music handles the entrances well but is absolutely unnecessary when Lear and Cordelia reunite (she, strangely, not in his arms). At this point the audience doesn't need music to tell them how to feel! (Note: *King Lear* runs in repertory with *The Taming of the Shrew* and *The Madness of George III*; call the theater for days and times of each.)

Critic's pick.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUESDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23.

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The Last Romance

It helps that Joe Di Pietro wrote this lightweight charmer for Marion Ross and her husband, Paul Michael. Their backstory proves that the play's theme is possible. Eighty-three-year-old Raphael Bellini (two great Italian artists in one name) has walked the same walk for years. In a play loaded with life-changing events, he takes a different path and meets Carol Reynolds. They slowly grow together (but have secrets, and will they become like an opera's plot: people meet but can't get together "because life gets in the way"?). The script's complications are predictable and a mite forced. What works is Ross and Michael's interplay. The actors are obviously having fun meeting each other, as it were, for the first time. Patricia Conolly plays Ralph's potentially spurned sister Rose with crusty conviction. Joshua Jeremiah performs during scene changes with a big, operatic voice. And in keeping with the theme, designer Alexander Dodge crowns the stage with a wreath of autumn leaves.

Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12.

The Madness of George III

In Alan Bennett's drama, "mad King George" isn't. Unlike King Lear, whose mania sears his synapses, George only has the symptoms, but enough of them to prompt the Regency Crisis of 1788 (since his condition could topple the government). A battery of doctors, a hypochondriac's nightmare in powdered wigs, try to heal the king but only exacerbate the condition. At the Old Globe, Miles Anderson plays George III like an inverted iceberg: deep down, at the tip, he's sane. Everything else becomes a burden that Andrews, in an exceptional performance, overcomes, thanks to a man named Willis. Under Adrian Noble's inventive direction (the cast runs in and out of eight mirrored double doors with the speed of farce), the Globe's summer festival intersects in Willis: his authoritarian tactics recall Petruchio (in *Shrew*); and Robert Foxworth plays Willis and also King Lear (to whom George is often compared). Andrew Dahl's a kick as

the Prince of Wales, a corpulent poseur, Emily Swallow gives the Queen a loving patience, and Jay Whittaker's William Pitt exudes an almost insane ferocity. Bruce Turk, Adrian Sparks, and Joseph Marcell make the attending physicians (and their medieval cures) eerily absurdist. But like the king, they only seem mad (Note: *Madness* runs in repertory with *King Lear* and *The Taming of the Shrew*.)

Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUESDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 24.

Miss Saigon

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Mozu

Steven Oberman's new musical is based on the life of a Japanese macaque, or snow monkey, who was physically challenged

with deformed hands and feet. The production incorporates elements of Kabuki theater and traditional Japanese folk songs. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BLVD., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12.

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Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE — OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 7.

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Lamb’s Players reprises its hit show. In Connie Ray’s comedy-musical, Pastor Oglethorpe’s taking a giant step: his Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will have singing on Saturday night. Doesn’t sound all that daring today, but it’s 1938, and the church’s largest donors, Miss Maude and Miss Myrtle, insist that singing leads to dancing, and dancing is a SIN. For his first performing group the pastor chose the chaos-prone Sanders Family Singers. They haven’t been together in five years, but once they get going, they almost raise the roof. The material in act 1 is pretty slight, but *Smoke* grows and deepens beyond mere entertainment. Kudos to director Kerry Meads, musical director Chris O’Byron, and the outstanding seven-person cast, each of whom plays several instruments. Nick Spear and Deborah Gilmour Smyth do one of the saddest and funniest monologues around. Kolleen Kollar Smith shines as plain, soft-spoken Jane. It’s hard to imagine anyone, anywhere doing this show better.

Critic’s pick.

LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 19.

Song of Extinction

E.M. Lewis’s play won several awards but doesn’t merit one for craft. She writes scenes so short they take more time to set up than perform — and deliver



The Norman Conquests: Cross-stitched events of a weekend

scant information. The play unfolds like imitation Irene Fornes, its theme watered-down Ernest Becker (whose *Denial of Death* is the seminal book on the subject). Lilly (stark, touching Robin Christ) is dying of cancer. Husband Ellery (a truly perplexed Tom Hall) can’t deal with her or their son Max (Matthew Alexander in an impressive, nothing-makes-sense debut). Ellery’d rather worry about Bolivian bugs threatened with extinction. Max’s high school teacher Khim (a steady Diep Huynh, though given to flat deliveries) recalls the genocide of Cambodia, while

Gill (played as a corporate thug stereotype by Spencer Farmer) only waxes passionate about deforestation. Ion Theatre’s production, enhanced by Claudio Raygoza’s excellent musical interludes and Karin Filijan’s deft lighting, wrestles this antsy play, more minimal than minimalist, to a draw. The performances recommend it, however.

Worth a try.

ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILL-CREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 4PM SATURDAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4.

The Taming of the Shrew Shakespeare’s Petruchio is either

played as an icon of male dominance or an abusive sexist swine. For the Old Globe, inventive director Ron Daniels negotiates a third possibility: as played by Jonno Roberts, he’s a bumbling “rudesby” who may never have woo’d before. He and Kate (Emily Swallow) experience love at first sight, and she goes along with him. The strategy works, at least until the curtain falls. Roberts and Swallow are always entertaining, but it’s hard to believe that even a Kate in love could withstand Petruchio’s boot camp tactics. Bruce Turk (Grumio) and Donald Carrier (Hortensio)

head a strong supporting cast (Bree Welch and Shirine Babb, as Bianca and a rich widow, suggest that marriage to these newlyweds will be no honeymoon). The director turns Ralph Funicello’s spare, useful set into a hybrid world: part late Renaissance, part today, the latter including moves and gestures for the groundling in us all.

Worth a try.

(Note: *Shrew* runs in repertory with *King Lear* and *The Madness of George III*.)

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUESDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26.

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MOVIE REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

(how did the Army or the higher-ups ever think they could get away with the initial fabrication?), but the account of filmmaker Amir Bar-Lev is exceptionally well organized and detailed, even down to some official investigative footage of the actual scene of the crime, or, strictly speaking, the accident; and the talking-heads testimony, no matter how otherwise uncinematic, puts human faces on Tillman's family and his comrades-in-arms. The formulaic documentary technique, workman-like at best, doesn't prevent the infuriating story from coming through, taking shape in the end as an impassioned argument for complexity and ambiguity, against simplification and, if you will, patness.

Deeper down in the heap, *Going the Distance*, directed by erstwhile documentarian Nanette Burstein and written by Geoff LaTulippe, is a moderately filthy romantic comedy, moderately amusing in compensation, about a young man with



Machete

commitment issues until he meets a loosey-goosey gal who holds the high score on the Centipede machine at the neighborhood watering hole and whose favorite movie is, hold your breath, *The Shawshank Redemption*. (Takes all kinds.) Only problem, she's but a summer intern at the *New York Sentinel* and returns

to grad school at Stanford in a matter of weeks. Half an hour into it, the movie arrives at its launching pad: how to maintain a relationship from opposite coasts. The cast of characters is filled out from stock: a couple of slacker male friends and a reptilian boss for the hero, a controlling older sister, a henpecked brother-

in-law, and a curmudgeonly editor for the heroine. Pretty well all of them speak as if they were reared on nothing but television sitcoms (cable ones included, for freedom of expression), and their dialogue in consequence sounds not so much like conversation as like recruitment of eavesdroppers, a concerted effort to



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be overheard, admired, envied. Millions — well, hundreds for sure — will doubtless want to identify, in particular with the well-chilled Drew Barrymore and Justin Long, whose passion for one another, undetectable at close range, can scarcely be diminished at long. Maybe it would help to know (what I didn't know when I was watching it) that they are also, or were also, a couple offscreen.

Centurion, set in the early 2nd

Century A.D., is a Wall-of-the-Roman-Empire epic, the wall being the figurative one the Romans ran into among the Picts in Northern Britain and the literal one Hadrian built further to the south, the outer boundary. In essence Cavalry-and-Indians in skirts and breastplates, the narrative centers on seven survivors of a Pict massacre and their attempt to wend their way homeward through hostile territory, a sort of nonsurvival adventure. The opening credits, the letters sailing through the air over snowy mountains, have an old-fashioned, movie-movie feel to

them, but the name of the writer and director, Neil Marshall of *The Descent* and *Doomsday*, should be sufficient to tip you off that this will be a new-fashioned movie. First thing, a Roman soldier is taking a piss over the parapet when he gets skewered vertically from below: ah, so it's going to be *that* kind of movie. Spectatorial bloodlust ought to be well satisfied, even (if possible) satiated, in fast-shuffle action scenes that waste not a second in getting to the splashy jabbing, hacking, chopping. Few other tastes, surely, could be satisfied. Development is minimal, strategy is rudimentary, and the acting — Michael Fassbender, Dominic West, David Morrissey, Liam Cunningham, Ulrich Thomsen, and two ancient-world hotties, Olga Kurylenko and Imogen Poots — is over the top across the board.

Machete makes a feature-length reality of a hypothetical little teaser trailer tucked into the overstuffed package of *Grindhouse*, a bad dream come true, thanks to co-writer and co-director Robert Rodriguez (writing with Álvaro Rodriguez, directing with Ethan Maniquis). If nothing else, it gives a nice big fat leading role to Danny Trejo, a clock-stopping face condemned to the humble caste of perennial henchman, as a vengeful former Federale, allowed to canoodle with Jessica Alba and Michelle Rodriguez into the bargain. In spite of the deep-seated piety on immigration issues, its highest aspiration is simply to be a hoot. Its highest actual achievement is perhaps a cheep. (If only for the Dracula hairdo on Steven Seagal as a Mexican drug lord.) Formulated on the so-bad-it's-good theorem, from which follows the cor-

ollary of the worse the better, it tends to wear out its welcome in a hurry. A lot like *Grindhouse*. In-jokes abound: Seagal's samurai swords and geisha gun molls, Lindsay Lohan as a coke fiend, the slumming of Robert De Niro, the "introducing" of Don Johnson. Buckets of blood outnumber those in *Centurion*. A cloud of jadedness pollutes the atmosphere. Coprophilia calls the shots. Test case to help you decide whether this is the movie for you: the hero, having just heard that the human intestine stretches sixty feet, effectuates his escape from a hospital by slicing open the torso of a bad guy, diving out a window clutching the intestine like Tarzan a jungle vine, and swinging down to the window of the floor below. Yuk-yuk or just yuck?

Mesrine: Public Enemy No. 1 finishes out, in a shade under two and a quarter hours, Jean-François Richet's rubbishy mythologizing of the French gangster Jacques Mesrine, with plenty of frenetic and messy and mostly incredible action, and with Vincent Cassel, going through a Mr. Potato Head assortment of disguises, flirting constantly with caricature. The total effect, not even taking into account the previous two hours of *Mesrine: Killer Instinct*, is sooner or later tiresome, probably sooner.

The American, squeezed in just ahead of deadline, enrolls George Clooney to glamorize further the most glamorous profession, to go by Hollywood, in the world today: the high-end assassin. (Vampire is not a profession.) Director Anton Corbijn, a former music-video guy, places him in existential exile amid the Medieval townscapes and mountain landscapes of Abruzzo, fashion-magazine lighting and composition, and a minimalist, inchworm plotline. Clooney, for his part, rumpled brow, weary eye, flatline delivery, and all, serves up a creditable rendition of Melancholy Bogie. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Agora — Funeral toga party commemorating the culture clash in a majestic computer-generated Alexandria, pre-Islam: pagans, Christians, Jews. It is no surprise — although given the locale, and given the drift of current events in the region, it is an undoubted provocation — that the Christians, out from under the Roman sandal, get fingered as the prime movers of religious intolerance, desecrators of the



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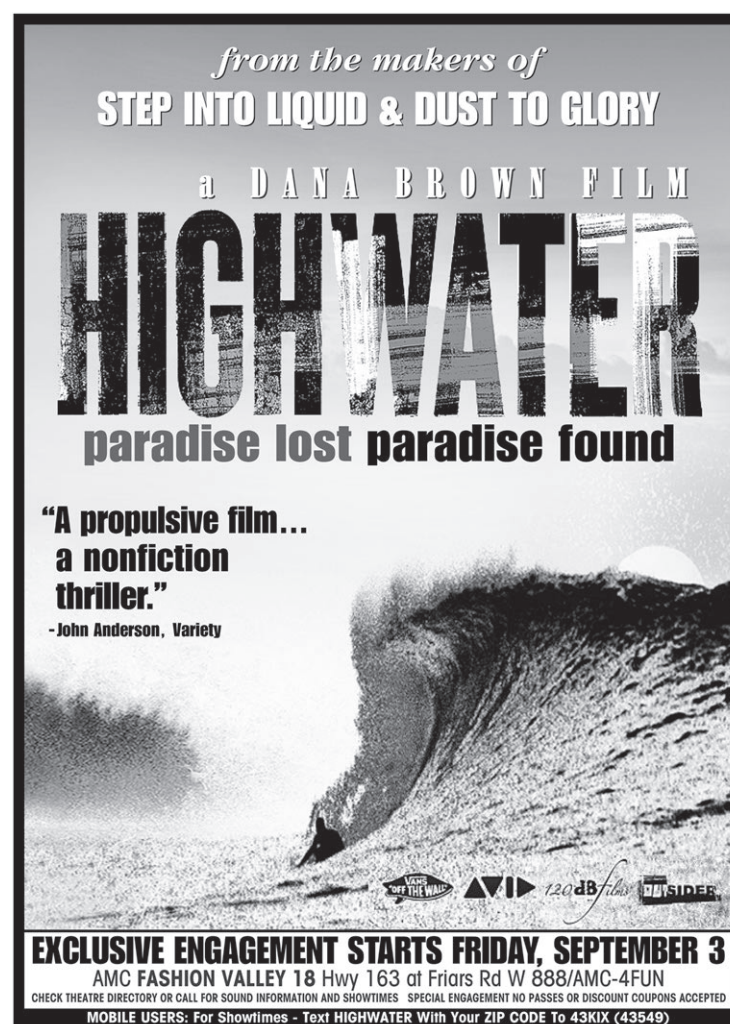
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all-embracing Library of Alexandria and martyrs of the 4th-century philosopher and mathematician, Hypatia, a dim persona from distant history until Rachel Weisz stepped into the role to give her form, substance, and a starry glow. The latter's private struggle to understand the Earth's orbit proves to be more engrossing, if no more free of modern axe-grinding and historical rewriting, than the inexorable and escalating sectarian strife. One can be prepared to believe all manner of bad things about Christians without believing that their silencing of this solitary independent voice, this feminist demigoddess, set back the cause of astronomy by more than a millennium. With Max Minghella, Oscar Isaac, and Sami Samir; directed by Alejandro Amenábar. 2010.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 9/2)

The American — Reviewed this issue. With George Clooney, Violante Placido, Paolo Bonacelli, Thekla Reuten, and Johan Leysen; directed by Anton Corbijn.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Animal Kingdom — Writer-director David Michôd gives us Australian cops-and-robbers and three solid characterizations, James Frecheville as an almost catatonic callow youth (casting glances at a TV game show as paramedics administer to his unresponsive OD'd mother on the couch), Jacki Weaver, a bottle-blond little dumpling of a woman, as the sugar-coated monstrous materfamilias of a nuclear crime family ("I'm having trouble finding a positive spin," she crumbles slightly after a son's death), and a mustached Guy Pearce as the gently persuasive police detective. Otherwise nothing to shout about as the dramatis personae get methodically mowed down. With Ben Mendelsohn and Joel Edgerton. 2010.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Avatar — Ambitious merger of live action and computer animation, with at least one groundbreaking 3-D effect: English subtitles for the language spoken on the celestial body of Pandora inserted on a plane in the middle distance between a foreground figure and an upstage figure, as if the foreground one could look down and read the subtitle himself. This effect is silly, is pretentious, is pointless, and nonetheless is fun. Much the same could be said of the movie as a whole. Silly, pretentious, pointless, and fun is surely less than writer and director James Cameron had in mind for his first feature film since *Titanic* twelve years before, a two hour and forty-five minute "visionary" science-fiction epic that dishes up an allegory on globalism, a warm-over of the old science-versus-military debate, a dose of Noble Savage romanticism, a Capt. Smith and Pocahontas culture-clash romance, an ecological message, and a tree-felling that insistently recalls the toppling of the World Trade Center. There appears little doubt that Cameron drew upon all his mental powers, yet happily those powers prove too feeble, too reliant on convention and stereotype, or if you wish to make it sound better, on tradition and archetype, to ruin the fun. The powers themselves, with their rumble of self-importance and their straining for significance, are part and parcel of the kitschy fun. Sam Worthington, Sigourney Weaver, Stephen Lang, Giovanni Ribisi, Michelle Rodriguez. 2009.

★★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Cairo Time — First time in the Middle East for a contented American working wife, now facing Empty Nest Syndrome with two children flown, planning to meet up with her husband in Cairo to see the pyramids together. The husband, a United Nations emissary overseeing a refugee camp in Gaza, is detained incommunicado in circumstances of uncertain danger, and in his stead he has dispatched a former employee of his, a native Egyptian who in retirement has inherited his father's coffee shop (best coffee in the world if he says so himself), to look after the woman in the meantime, show her around, keep her company. As the days stretch out indefinitely, with attendant loss of bearings, a bond forms between them and ever so imperceptibly tightens. You can see how it would happen. You can believe it implicitly. In time, a slight infidelity will be committed (those pyramids won't wait forever), but how great a one is open for discussion, although apparently not open for it between reunited spouses. In synopsis it sounds like nothing. In actual experience it feels

like one of the foremost things the cinema was made for, taking us away, setting us down, putting us deeply into a scene — an exotic scene for extra measure — with a knowledgeable, alert, sensitive, and subtle eye to guide us. Written and directed with consummate skill and invisible effort by the Arab-Canadian Ruba Nadda, it combines, and completely merges, the quite separate attractions of the travelogue and the tear-jerker. With Patricia Clarkson, Alexander Siddig, Tom McCamus, Amina Annabi, Elena Anaya. 2010.

★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Centurion — Reviewed this issue. With Michael Fassbender, Olga Kurylenko, Dominic West, David Morrissey, Liam Cunningham, and Imogen Poots; written and directed by Neil Marshall.

★ (KEN, 9/3 THROUGH 9)

Chocolat — Another art-house food film: an agnostic chocolate-maker opens her Little Shop of Temptations during the Lenten fast. Director Lasse Hallstrom

follows his discreet pro-choice propaganda (*The Cider House Rules*) with a smug, complacent, liberal-minded broadside against the smugness, complacency, and narrow-mindedness of a French-Catholic provincial village circa 1959. The motley international cast adds to the air of unreality: some do French accents; some don't; Juliette Binoche does one naturally; Johnny Depp does an Irish. With Lena Olin, Alfred Molina, Carrie-Anne Moss, Judi Dench, Peter Stormare. 2000.

★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 9/2 THROUGH 5, 8:30 P.M.)

Despicable Me — Computer cartoon available, but not imperative, in 3-D. Admittedly the Universal logo, our planet on a blanket of stars, looks good in 3-D, and the closing credits have some fun with the extra dimension, trying with the aid of an outthrusting steel tape measure to see how far off the screen the image can jump. If the whole film were as in-your-face as that, the extra expense for the glasses would have been well worth it, but the tape measure

measures nothing so much as the nonaggression, the impassivity, of the rest of the film. The premise represents the very depth of inspiration: an ineffectual arch villain (a lugubrious Gorey-esque figure whose head levels off at the eyebrows, a penguin torso atop ostrich legs, a twelve-foot muffler wound around his neck), his workshop of elfish helpers in the thimble shape of Pac-Man monsters, a younger and goonier rival villain in a bowl haircut and square-rimmed glasses, and three too-cute orphans who change the course of criminality. The noisy musical score strives to make the action seem more rousing than it is, and the amusing Slavic accents of Steve Carell and Julie Andrews (as the principal villain's withholding mother) make up to some extent for deficiencies in the dialogue. Kristen Wiig's churchy Southern accent adds something, too, to the stereotypical cruel directress of Miss Hattie's Home for Girls. Directed by Pierre Coffin and Chris Renaud. 2010.

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Dinner for Schmucks — Softened, mushed-up remake of a rather distasteful French farce, called here *The Dinner Game*, concerning a clique of fat cats who periodically convene for a soirée to which each of them for their shared amusement brings along an unwitting idiot to compete for the laurel of biggest idiot. For the American mass market, the focal fat cat (Paul Rudd) has been made leaner and hungrier, a sympathetic, reluctant participant forced to jump through this hoop for job advancement. The focal idiot (Steve Carell) has meanwhile been so grotesqued — a buck-toothed, four-eyed dolt in a oversized hooded lavender nylon windbreaker, an IRS pencil pusher whose off-hours hobby is the construction of miniature tableaux with dead mice — that no idiots in the audience are at risk of identifying with him and taking offense, and yet he’s not so irredeemable an idiot that he cannot learn and teach important life lessons in the last act. Any sensitive viewer will be compelled to surrender his sense of moral or intellectual superiority by wanting fervently to kill the bumbling idiot for turning the fat cat’s life

upside down in the twenty-four hours prior to the dinner, or else to kill the fat cat for enabling the idiot to do it. Like the French version, the film is quite nice-looking, but nowhere near as nice as the French. With Stephanie Szostak, Jemaine Clement, and Zach Galifianakis; directed by Jay Roach. 2010.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

Eat Pray Love — Self-affirming, boastful, best-selling piece of nonfiction Chick Lit transformed into a two-and-a-quarter-hour blandishment for a major star. While there is a lot of sightseeing on the heroine’s Search for Self (“I want to go someplace where I can just marvel”), Italy for food, India for meditation, Indonesia for romance — the three I’s on the road to the central, the egotistical I — it is all of the whirlwind variety, flitting, dizzying, bustled along with dictatorial pop songs, opera aria, indigenous instrumentals, and shot, what’s more, in mushy focus and muddy color. (Ryan Murphy of *Running with Scissors*, director and whip-cracking tour guide.) We’re probably lucky to be allowed to see anything at all around the screen-eclipsing face of the leading lady, a gaunt Julia Roberts laughably cast as a lusty eater, heedless of packing in the pasta and packing on the pounds. Billy Crudup, James Franco, Luca Argentero, old bald Richard Jenkins

(romanticizingly said to look just like James Taylor), and Javier Bardem, in various states of emasculation, are her men-in-waiting, the last-named the anointed Prince Charming at the end of the trail of arbitrary rejects. Insights acquired along the way, often talked out in first-person narration, boil down to glib one-liners, bromides, bumper stickers. 2010.

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Eclipse — Third installment in the *Twilight* “saga,” with a new director, David Slade, not to say new blood, only recirculated blood. The ongoing grooming of Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner as poster boys to be pinned up in pink bedrooms across the land reminds the viewer continually, with pop songs chiming in on the soundtrack, that this is intended primarily if not exclusively for adolescent girls. Maturer viewers might enjoy nodding sagely at the spectacle of a modern Everygirl named Bella, realistically played by Kristen Stewart, to whom you can’t, at that age, tell anything, and who won’t be warned off her heart’s desire by reason, wisdom, foresight,

superior experience. And they might take a clinical interest in the mixed signals by which Bella keeps both fellas on the string. There is, as a sideshow, a subplot about a simmering skirmish between vampire clans (“Something terrible is coming”), owing to some unelucidated grudge against Bella that you’re supposed to recall from the previous installment. But the impending slaughter plays strictly second fiddle to the romantic rivalry between Edward the vampire and Jacob the werewolf, and in fact is of any interest whatsoever only for the additional flattery to Bella. The two armies after all, like the two boys, are fighting over *her*. In the final reckoning the film can best be enjoyed in the way you might enjoy looking at a teenage girl’s Facebook pages or her Twitter entries or, if anyone still keeps one, her dear diary. Best be enjoyed, to say it another way, as documentary evidence of what large numbers of teenage girls enjoy. To be sure, large numbers of teenage girls (not to tar them all with the same brush) will enjoy it in a less detached and dispassionate way. 2010.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Expendables — Adolescent action fantasy from senior citizen Sylvester Stallone: an elite team of mercenaries descend upon the stock bad guys on the mythical

island of Vilena for a chopped-up orgy of carnage. The star, director, and co-writer surrounds himself with younger-generation men of action, Jason Statham, Jet Li, Steve Austin, Randy Couture, Terry Crews (along with old crony Dolph Lundgren, his antagonist in *Rocky IV*, and cutesy cameos for Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger), in an apparent attempt to make himself look relevant again. He can’t have meant to make himself look, as he does, desperate. Mickey Rourke, Eric Roberts, Giselle Itié. 2010.

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The Extra Man — The filmmaking team of Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini, after the mainstream excursion of *The Nanny Diaries*, return to the alternative cinema — home of their *American Splendor* — with a vengeance: a kooky comedy about a transvestite aspiring writer (creepmously Paul Dano) taken under wing by an aging playwright manqué and escort of wealthy widows (blustery Kevin Kline), who’s politically a little to the “right of the Pope.” Taken under another wing as well

FILM FESTIVALS

STONE MOVIES

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The Princess Bride 1987. An enactment of a classic fairy story as read to a sick child in bed by his grandfather. **Wednesday, September 1, 8:30 p.m.**

OPEN AIR MOVIE

Kiku Gardens

1260 third Avenue, Chula Vista



Shall We Dance? 1997. A successful but unhappy Japanese accountant finds the missing passion in his life when he begins to secretly take ballroom dance lessons. English Subtitles. **Friday, August 27, 6:55 p.m.**

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

4040 Goldfinch St., Mission Hills



Chocolat 2000. Juliette Binoche casts a sweet spell on a sleepy French village when she opens a chocolate shop. The savory delights awaken the repressed townsfolk and pit her against the aroused mayor. Johnny Depp plays the river Gypsy seduced by her charms. **Thursday-Sunday, September 2-5, 8:30 p.m.**



Some Like It Hot 1959. Billy Wilder’s gender-bending farce has Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon as two musicians on the run after witnessing a mob hit, disguising themselves as women in an all-girl jazz band. Along with Marilyn Monroe and Joe E. Brown. **Thursday-Saturday, September 9-11, 8:30 p.m.**

SCREEN ON THE GREEN

San Diego Museum of Art

Balboa Park, San Diego



Les Enfants du Paradis 1945. This tragic tale centers around the ill-fated love between Baptiste, a theater mime, and Claire Reine, an actress. **Friday, September 3, 8:00 p.m.**

DIVE-IN MOVIES

Pearl Hotel pool

1410 Rosecrans St., Point Loma



Juno 2007. Faced with an unplanned pregnancy, an offbeat young woman makes an unusual decision regarding her unborn child. **Wednesday, September 1, 8:00 p.m.**



The Goonies 1985. A group of kids embark on a wild adventure after finding a pirate treasure map. **Wednesday, September 8, 8:00 p.m.**

SURF FILMS

El Take It Easy

3926 30th Street, San Diego

Calling on Others, Bali, Indonesia

A film project raising funds for scholarships for underprivileged surfers around the world. **Thursday, September 9, 7:00 p.m.**

La Paloma Theater

471 S. Coast Hwy 101, Encinitas

Stoked and Broke Ryan Burch and Cyrus Sutton set off on a thirty-mile, eight-day walk through San Diego. What begins as a guide to taking a minimalist surfing journey quickly becomes an examination of the relationship between freedom and alienation. **Thursday, September 9, 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.**

MOVIE TIME AT

NORTH UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

North University Community Branch Library

8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego



Mama Mia 2007. The story of a bride-to-be trying to find her real father told using hit songs by the popular ’70s group ABBA. **Wednesday, September 8, 7:00 p.m.**

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

AT THE MOVIES

San Diego Central Library

820 E Street, San Diego

3rd Floor Auditorium



Me and Orson Welles 2009. A teenager is cast in the Mercury Theatre production of “Julius Caesar” directed by a young Orson Welles in 1937. **Sunday, September 5, 2:00 p.m.**

FILM FORUM

San Diego Central Library

820 E Street, San Diego

3rd Floor Auditorium



New York I Love You 2009. A tale of love as diverse as New York itself. **Wednesday, September 8, 6:30 p.m.**



Off and Running 2009. Brooklyn teenager Avery is a track star with a bright future and the adopted African-American child of white Jewish lesbians. Though it may not look typical, Avery’s household is like most American homes – until Avery writes to her birth mother and the response throws her into crisis. **Monday, September 13, 6:30 p.m.**

SIERRA CLUB MOVIE NIGHT

Sierra Club Office

8304 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, #101 San Diego

Flo An informed and heartfelt examination of the conflict between public health and private interests, and a look at the people and institutions providing practical solutions to the water crisis. **Friday, September 3, 6:30 p.m.**

by a middle-aged overweight dominatrix (a barely recognizable Patti D'Arbanville). The insistent oddness is so forced that John C. Reilly's falsetto voice for the wild-haired downstairs caveman seems quite a reasonable idea, the most reliable laughs in the film. Katie Holmes, Celia Weston, Marian Seldes. 2010.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 9/2)

Get Low — The feature debut of director Aaron Schneider starts like a house afire, meaning it starts literally with a house on fire, and proceeds from there to shave off a thin slice of folksy baloney purportedly based on fact, something to do with a misanthropic old Tennessee hermit who throws himself a “funeral party” before his demise. Robert Duvall runs through his familiar repertoire at an uncommonly slow speed en route to an embarrassing Capra-esque climax of public confession. Bill Murray as the needy, greedy funeral director is still Bill Murray. And Sissy Spacek as a former flame of the protagonist brings to her every scene her special gift of being completely (as the Buddhists have it) present in the moment. One of America's shamefully neglected natural resources. With Lucas Black, Bill Cobbs, Gerald McRaney. 2010.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Girl Who Played with Fire — The second in Stieg Larsson's “Millennium” trilogy finds our pierced, tattooed, Goth-haired “girl” framed for the murders of two reporters at work on an exposé of sex trafficking. It's a solider case than the first one, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, but still lurid, seamy, sleazy; and the sex-trade angle gets completely pushed aside in favor of the heroine's quest for vengeance. Along the way, there are some tense sequences involving a blond giant impervious to pain, and after two-plus hours an unsatisfactory up-in-the-air ending that requires you to grit your teeth and gird for another sequel. With Noomi Rapace, Michael Nyqvist, Mikael Spreitz, Yasmine Garbi, Paolo Roberto, and Per Oscarsson; directed by Daniel Alfredson. 2009.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo — Homegrown adaptation by Niels Arden Oplev of the international best-seller by Stieg Larsson, from the Scandinavian wave of detective novels. The movie, like the book, is long: two and a half hours with almost half an hour of anti- or post-climax. In the early going, it juggles two separate cases and two separate investigators, a Leftist muckraking journalist (Michael Nyqvist, with his Richard Burtonish full-moon cratered face) and a security-firm computer geek (Noomi Rapace, a sort of young Claire Bloom) who sports two nose rings, numerous ear piercings, a Goth hairdo and wardrobe, and of course the titular tattoo over her entire back. Eventually the two investigators team up on the sketchier and shakier of the cases: the forty-year-old

disappearance and presumed murder of a teenage girl whose body, on a sealed-off island, was never recovered. Mystery fans' alarm bells will begin ringing even before the girl's favorite uncle explains how she was in the habit of giving him an annual framed botanical and how he has continued annually to receive an anonymous framed botanical which he theorizes has been sent tauntingly by her killer. Kooky theory. Perhaps our indignity over the multiple revelations of ugly sexual violence is hoped to blind us to the shoddy plotting and the plodding development. (That, and perhaps also the cracklingly crisp photography.) But the would-be “touching” ending will be soured by the unasked question of how many women were raped, tortured, and murdered over those forty years so that we could have a touching ending. 2009.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Going the Distance — Reviewed this issue. With Drew Barrymore, Justin Long, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis, and Christina Applegate; directed by Nanette Burstein.

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Highwater — Documentary by Dana Brown on competitive surfing. (FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 9/3)

Inception — A major snow job from fair-haired filmmaker Christopher Nolan, nominally a science-fiction thriller focussed on some sort of psychic superspy (Leonardo DiCaprio, fully earning the furrow between his brows), an expert in the gentle art of “extraction,” the stealing of conscious ideas from people when their guard is down in dreamland, now assigned the more difficult task of “inception,” the planting of an idea in that same vulnerable state. Even for science fiction, the mumbo-jumbo to explain how all this works is exceptionally skimpy and unscientific; and the headlong propulsion of the plot, a vessel of commotion rather than of cogitation, allows no time for the mumbo-jumbo to sink in. The axiom that would seem to apply, the axiom that would seem to have been mislaid, is that if an artist is going to do something so “original” — as opposed to something as well-worn and easily understood as a time machine or a teleportation device — he must take care to instruct, to lay out the rules and regulations, to show the viewer the ropes. Else it's wildest whimsy, freest fancy. It might just be possible that if the viewer were to sit through this a second or third time, he might better come to know what's what. But a bloated running time of two and a half hours rather discourages that. On a first go-round, he's apt to find that the dream state decreases any caper-film tension and reduces the goings-on to mere spectacle. You just sit and watch. You don't worry. You don't care. And under the influence of the key piece of strategy from

Nolan's *The Dark Knight*, namely Hans Zimmer's unrelenting grinding throbbing pounding music, you might crave either an aspirin or an antidepressant. Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ellen Page, Marion Cotillard. 2010.

● (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Kids Are All Right — Carefully drawn family portrait in a rough, grainy, indifferent image, a “nontraditional” family let's swiftly say: two lesbian “Moms” or “Mommes” with a biological son and daughter old enough to be curious as to the identity of their sperm-donor dad, who turns out to be a health-food restaurateur and organic gardener stuck in a sort of Sixties time warp: “Right on, right on. Cool. I love lesbians.” There is perhaps a whiff of self-consciousness in the initial laying-out of the family dynamic, but that's not as egregious as the audience-consciousness of the plotty pot-stirring, the salacious lip-smacking, whereby the same-sex parents worry about the company their son keeps and wonder whether he's gay, and whereby, much worse, one of them succumbs to heterosexual temptation with, of all people, the laid-back sperm donor. All of the characters are nevertheless human and likable, even the one, believe it or not, played by Mark Ruffalo, even the teenagers, Mia Wasikowska and Josh Hutcherson. Director and co-writer Lisa Cholodenko shows a keen ear for modern talk and vogue vocabulary (“eco-friendly,” “micromanaging,” “counterintuitive,” “composting,” “heirloom tomatoes,” “acai,” etc.), and, assuming she knows what she's talking about, it's educational to learn why a lesbian couple would keep handy a DVD of gay male porn. Then too, whatever the contrivances, we get to watch two supremely skilled actresses at work, Annette Bening and Julianne Moore. 2010.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Last Exorcism — Pseudodocumentary horror in the *Blair Witch* tradition, far below the high-water mark of *Cloverfield* and even the not as high one of *Paranormal Activity*, the premise of which has a fast-talking, Bible-thumping charlatan (Patrick Fabian) intending to “expose exorcism for the scam it really is” but encountering, with

a film crew in tow, more than he bargained for in backwoods Louisiana. The digital Unsteady-Cam of director Daniel Stamm increases the role of chance and accident in the generation of frights, or in other words decreases the actual production of frights, at the same time as it increases the probability of mere annoyances. The ending ascends to a climax of complete exasperation. Ashley Bell as the possessed girl shows a nice range from demure young lady to convulsive contortionist. 2010.

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Lebanon — Sledgehammer antiwar film from the claustrophobic confines of an Israeli tank at the start of the Lebanon War, 1982. The noise and vibration of the machine in motion are horrific, the sweat and piss (copious excretions of the four occupants) can just about be smelled, and the gunsight provides, through its crosshairs, telephoto views of constant pitiful appeals from the world outside: an innocent chicken peddler crying “Peace! Peace!” after his arms and legs have been blown off, a reproduction of Madonna and Child askew on the wall of a bombarded private home. Every now and then the infantry commander, commandingly played by Zohar Shtrauss, drops through the hatch of the tank to breathe some strength into his men and into the movie. The first-hand experience of the war by writer and director Samuel Maoz gives him the unquestioned weight of authority, and he freely throws it around. Itay Tiran, Oshri Cohen, Yoav Donat, Michael Moshonov. 2009.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 9/2)

Lottery Ticket — A loser. Cheap humor, cheap sentiment, cheap filmmaking, around a \$370 million jackpot, hit by a

ghetto youth who doesn't know enough to sign his ticket before the news gets out. With Bow Wow, Brandon T. Jackson, Naturi Naughton, Loretta Devine, and Ice Cube; directed by Erik White. 2010.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Machete — Reviewed this issue. With Danny Trejo, Robert De Niro, Jessica Alba, Michelle Rodriguez, and Steven Seagal; directed by Robert Rodriguez and Ethan Maniquis.

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Mao's Last Dancer — The monotonous triumphs of a peasant lad plucked from his family in a Chinese village, sent to study ballet at the Beijing Arts Academy, sent again to America to guest with the Houston Ballet, where he experiences first love with an auburn-haired virgin and decides to defect (mild tension there), eventually to be reunited with his family despite his temporary banishment from his homeland. Deft job by Bruce Greenwood, inside the surrounding cloddishness, as the unmistakably but undeclaredly gay ballet director. Chi Cao as Li Cunxin, with Joan Chen, Amanda Schull, Kyle MacLachlan; directed by Bruce Beresford. 2010.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Mesrine: Killer Instinct — Long chronology of very violent criminal activity, reaching back (for possible extenuating circumstances) to Algeria in 1959, a half appalling, half gloating, four-fifths unconvincing biography of France's Most Wanted. Directed by Jean-François Richet (of the *Assault on Precinct 13* remake), it



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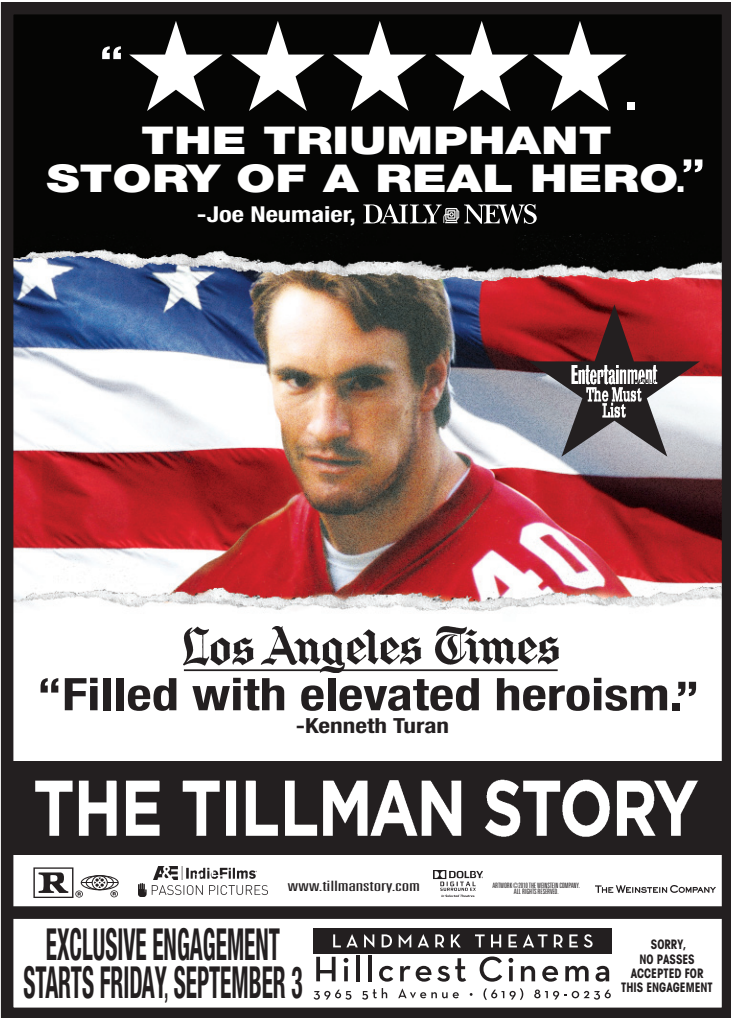
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Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 1:15, 3:25); **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:35) 4:30, 7:25, 10:15; **The Expendables** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 9:45; **Get Low** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:10, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55, 10:15; **Going the Distance** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; **Inception** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:00, 10:00; **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:40, 3:55) 6:00, 8:05, 10:05; **Machete** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:05, 7:45, 10:10; **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:15; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:55) 4:25, 7:15, 9:55; **Special Event** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.; **The Switch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:50, 10:20; **Takers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:45, 7:10, 9:40; **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:30, 7:35, 9:50

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The American (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:10) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:10, 7:00, 9:30; **Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:35, 3:40) 4:05; **Despicable Me** (PG) Fri. (1:40, 4:05) 7:00, 9:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:05, 7:00, 9:15; **The Expendables** (R) Fri. (2:25, 4:50) 7:35, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (2:25) 4:50, 7:35, 10:00; **Get Low** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55, 4:25) 7:15, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:55) 4:25, 7:15, 9:50; **Inception** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 5:10, 8:30 Fri. (5:45) 9:00 Sat.-Sun. 5:45, 9:00; **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10, 4:30) 7:25, 9:35 Fri. (1:30, 3:35, 5:45) 7:55, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:30, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (2:10) 4:30, 7:25, 9:35; **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:55; **Machete** (R) Fri. (1:50, 2:20, 4:20, 4:50) 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:50, 2:20) 4:20, 4:50, 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (2:15) 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; **Piranha 3D** (R) Fri. (2:05, 4:30) 7:20, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (2:05) 4:30, 7:20, 9:35; **Toy Story 3** (G) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:05, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:05, 9:45

KENSINGTON

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)

Centurion (R) Fri., Tue.-Thu. (4:55), 7:15, 9:35 Sat.-Mon. (2:35), 4:55, 7:15, 9:35; **The Room** (R) Sat. 12:00 Midnight

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
Eat Pray Love (PG-13); **The Expendables** (R); **Going the Distance** (R); **Inception** (PG-13); **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13); **Machete** (R); **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG); **The Other Guys** (PG-13); **Piranha** (R); **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13); **The Switch** (PG-13); **Takers** (PG-13); **Toy Story 3** (G)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Mao's Last Dancer (PG) Fri., Tue.-Thu. (1:40), (4:20), 7:00, 9:35 Sat.-Mon. (11:00), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; **The American** (R) Fri., Tue.-Tue. (1:50), (4:30), 7:10, 9:45 Sat.-Mon. (11:10), 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **Cairo Time** (NR) Fri., Tue.-Thu. (2:10), (4:50), 7:30, 10:05 Sat.-Mon. (11:30), 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; **Get Low** (PG-13) Fri., Tue.-Thu. (2:00), (4:40), 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Mon. (11:20), 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
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MISSION HILLS

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4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Chocolat (PG-13) Thu.-Sun. 8:30

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
The American (R); **Despicable Me** (PG); **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13); **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13); **The Expendables** (R); **Get Low** (PG-13); **Going the Distance** (R); **Highwater** (Not Rated); **Inception** (PG-13); **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13); **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13); **Machete** (R); **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG); **The Other Guys** (PG-13); **Piranha** (R); **Salt** (PG-13); **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13); **Step Up 3D** (PG-13); **The Switch** (PG-13); **Takers** (PG-13)

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Going the Distance (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15 AM), (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Mon.-Wed. (10:15 AM), (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15 Thu. (10:00 AM), (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 7:00, 8:15; **Machete** Fri.-Sun. (11:45 AM), (2:15), 4:45, 7:15, 10:00 Mon.-Thu. (11:45 AM), (2:15), 4:45, 7:15; **The American** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00 AM), (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Mon.-Thu. (10:00 AM), (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00 AM), (12:15), (2:30), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Mon.-Thu. (10:00 AM), (12:15), (2:30), 5:15, 7:45; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00 AM), (1:15), 4:15, 7:30, 10:30 Mon.-Thu. (10:00 AM), (1:15), 4:15, 7:30; **The Expendables** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:00, 9:45 Mon.-Thu. (11:15 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:00; **Inception** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00), (3:30), 7:00, 10:15 Mon.-Wed. (12:00), (3:30), 7:00 Thu. (12:00), (3:30); **Barbie: A Fashion Fairytale** (NR) Sat. & Sun. (10:30 AM)

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
The American (R); **Avatar** (PG-13); **Despicable Me** (PG); **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13); **The Expendables** (R); **Going the Distance** (R); **Inception** (PG-13); **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13); **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13); **Machete** (R); **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG); **The Other Guys** (PG-13); **Piranha** (R); **Salt** (PG-13); **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13); **The Switch** (PG-13); **Takers** (PG-13); **Toy Story 3** (G); **Vampires Suck** (PG-13)

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Mesrine: Public Enemy Number One (R) Fri., Tue.-Thu. (1:10), (4:00), 6:50, 9:40 Sat.-Mon. (10:20), 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40; **The Tillman Story** (R) Fri., Tue.-Thu. (1:55), (4:40), 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Mon. (11:15), 1:55, 4:40, 7:30,

10:00; **Mesrine: Killer Instinct** (R) Fri., Tue.-Thu. (1:35), (4:20), 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Mon. (10:45), 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; **The Kids Are All Right** (R) Fri., Tue.-Thu. (1:45), (4:30), 7:20, 9:55 Sat. & Sun. (11:00), 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55; **The Girl Who Played With Fire** (R) Fri., Tue.-Thu. (1:20), (4:10), 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Mon. (10:30), 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45

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)
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LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
The American (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:55) 7:00, 10:00; **The Expendables** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:25, 3:45) 6:05, 8:25, 10:45; **Going the Distance** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:20, 3:25) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05; **Machete** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 9:50; **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:35) 4:05; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:35, 7:05, 9:30; **Special Event** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.; **The Switch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:10, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **Takers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:45, 7:15, 9:40; **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 6:30, 8:30, 10:30

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
The American (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:45) 7:40, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:45, 7:40, 10:20; **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 4:30) 7:25, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:25, 10:05; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 4:05) 7:15, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:55) 4:05, 7:15, 10:25; **The Expendables** (R) Fri. (12:30, 3:00, 5:25) 8:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:25, 8:00, 10:30; **Going the Distance** (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:20) 7:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:20, 7:30, 10:10; **Inception** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 4:00) 7:20, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 4:00, 7:20,

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Palm Promenade 24
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The American (R); **Avatar** (PG-13); **Despicable Me** (PG); **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13); **The Expendables** (R); **Going the Distance** (R); **Inception** (PG-13); **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13); **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13); **Machete** (R); **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG); **The Other Guys** (PG-13); **Salt** (PG-13); **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13); **Step Up 3D** (PG-13); **The Switch** (PG-13); **Takers** (PG-13); **Toy Story 3** (G); **Vampires Suck** (PG-13)

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American (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 10:00 Mon: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:15 Tue.-Thu. 4:45, 7:15; **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:30 AM, 2:15, 4:30, 7:45, 10:00 Mon: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 4:30, 7:45 Tue.-Thu. 4:30, 7:45; **The Expendables** (Fri.-Sun. (12:00), (2:30), 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Mon: (12:00), (2:30), 5:00, 7:30 Tue.-Thu. 5:00, 7:30; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00 AM), (1:30), 4:15, 7:00, 9:30 Mon: (11:00 AM), (1:30), 4:15, 7:00 Tue.-Thu. 4:15, 7:00; **Barbie: A Fashion Fairytale** (NR) Sat. & Sun. (10:30 AM)

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10:45 Mon.-Thu. 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The American** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Mon.-Thu. 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13) Fri. 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:30, 8:30, 10:45 Sat. & Sun. 1:45, 4:00, 6:30, 8:30, 10:45 Mon.-Thu. 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:30, 8:30; **Takers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:45 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Mon.-Thu. 11:45 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00; **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) Fri. - Thu. 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 6:15, 8:45; **The Switch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:45, 7:30, 10:00 Mon.-Thu. 2:45, 7:30; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Mon.-Thu. 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **The Expendables** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15 Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:30 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00 Mon.-Thu. 11:30 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30; **Despicable Me** (PG) Fri. - Thu. 10:00 AM, 12:15, 5:15; **Barbie: A Fashion Fairytale** (NR) Sat. & Sun. (10:30 AM)

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★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Mesrine: Public Enemy No. 1 — Reviewed this issue. With Vincent Cassel, Ludivine Sagnier, Mathieu Amalric, and Olivier Gourmet; directed by Jean-François

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The Other Guys — Cop-partner comedy from Adam McKay, not to say cop-buddy, with Will Ferrell wobbly in tone as a contented desk jockey and Mark Wahlberg a steady straight man as a pent-up eager beaver. It evinces a deathly pale image, a fair amount of industry, and a few amusing ideas (a fight breaks out in whispers at a police funeral and carries on at a respectful volume), at least a skit's worth. Michael Keaton, Eva Mendes, Steve Coogan, Dwayne Johnson, Samuel L. Jackson. 2010.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROM-ENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Piranha — Underwater earthquake releases computer-generated prehistoric caribe by the thousands into Lake Victoria, AZ, during Spring Break. In 3-D, to add a certain *je ne sais quoi* to the projectile vomit, the surgically enhanced hooters, the severed penis, etc. Well, it's a living. If this is living. (Alexandre Aja, director. Elisabeth Shue, top-billed.) Richard Dreyfuss is

around only long enough to remind us of *Jaws*, unwisely. With Steven R. McQueen, Jerry O'Connell, Adam Scott, Jessica Szohr, Christopher Lloyd. 2010.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Restrepo — Sebastian Junger's and Tim Hetherington's documentary chronicle of a single year with a single platoon in the Korengal Valley in eastern Afghanistan, a helpful supplement to dry newspaper accounts of the war. Bloodshed is considerably confined to after-the-fact interviews, although reactions to it are on one occasion captured raw. 2010.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Salt — The Cold War refrozen: a subterranean population of Russian "sleeper" agents in a Destroy America operation that dates back to Lee Harvey Oswald. For a short time the film, like its patient spies, puts up a decent front. Director Phillip Noyce, who owns such respectable credits in the genre as *Patriot Games* and *The Quiet American*, oversees some nice subjective camerawork and high-pressure closeups, and he reaches a pitch of intensity in nothing flat. Liev Schreiber, Chiwetel Ejiofor, and Daniel Olbrychski all bring a compelling measure of

commitment, and although Angelina Jolie in the title role of Evelyn Salt, ultra-modern Mata Hari, is so chiselled as to look out of place anywhere but in the funny pages, she reveals in the early going some becoming agitation and vulnerability. But then the chase is on, and is thereafter never really off. Huff-puff, huff-puff. Much like the deep-cover Russkies who finally drop their disguises, but much sooner, the film stops pretending to be a legitimate espionage drama and reveals itself for the silly dilly that it is, our saline protagonist altogether transforming herself into a cookie-cutter Kick-Ass Chick. The aficionado's sense of betrayal and outrage cannot be less acute than Uncle Sam's. The mindless action fan on the other hand, or more precisely the mindless fan of mindless action, should have no complaints, except maybe that even he'll be a step ahead of the revelations. 2010.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Scott Pilgrim vs. the World — More accurately Scott Pilgrim vs. Seven Evil Exes, six guys and one girl whom he must in some sense "defeat" in order to win the hand of the pink-haired, then blue-haired, then green-haired girl of his dreams. (Literally she first appeared to him, on skates, in a dream.) The serial conflicts, supernatural martial-arts contests punctuated with spelled-out sound effects in the style of the old *Batman* television show ("WHUMP!"), are so deep into fantasy that even a shoulderless wimp such as Michael Cera can compete, untrained, on equal footing. So deep indeed that we lose touch with the metaphor. In what sense, and why, must he best these out-of-the-picture rivals? The ironic facial expression of Mary Elizabeth Winstead, her raised-eyebrow skepticism, is very fetching even if not very revealing. Still, the singular triumph of this hard-trying movie is that Cera manages to hang onto his humanity, his Canadian modesty, his individualistic deft touch, his sidelong delivery of lines, amid all the brassy pop-culture self-consciousness, the comic-bookishness and video-gamesmanship, the distancing devices (superimposed title on a new setting: "Fun fact: This place is a toilet"), and the sophomoric cleverness of British director Edgar Wright (*Shaun of the Dead*, *Hot Fuzz*). Wright's best gambits, which have the practical purpose of speeding the action along in addition to the purely ornamental purpose of showing off, are the dreamlike scene changes in mid-dialogue. With Ellen Wong, Kieran Culkin, Chris Evans, Jason Schwartzman. 2010.

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

The Switch — Thin-ice romantic comedy tolerable only insofar as you can tolerate the greased wheels of contrivance as a source of entertainment in itself: the male BFF, strictly platonic but wanting more, of a would-be single mother swaps his sperm for that of her chosen donor, a blond Adonis who teaches Feminist Literature at Columbia University. You have to admire it on some level and to some degree. Not least for sustaining a fluffiness that won't over-stress the thin ice. Jennifer Aniston, looking a bit facelifty, a bit packed and pursed, inhabits her customary realm well above comic competence, a shade below bona fide charm. But she, for all that, resignedly plays second fiddle to a blossoming Jason Bate-man, dry in addition to light as the neurotic, pessimistic, hypochondriacal Gloomy Gus, a romantic antihero, who passes along his entire mental complex, undiluted, to a sullen little son. With Patrick Wilson, Juliette Lewis, Jeff Goldblum, and Thomas Robinson; directed by Josh Gordon and

Will Speck. 2010.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Takers — Elementary heist thriller rendered unwatchable by director John Luessenhop's hopped-up visuals, the cameraman so excited (often over nothing) that he can't hold his instrument steady, pressing in so close as to lose sight of what we're supposed to be looking at, always a step behind the action, a telephoto lens turning the backgrounds into mush and the surface into sandpaper, magnifying the tiniest tremor, the faces arbitrarily spotlighted in meaningless blue or gold. The sizable cast — Paul Walker, Idris Elba, Matt Dillon, Jay Hernandez, Hayden Christensen, Michael Ealy, Chris Brown, Zoe Saldana, Marianne Jean-Baptiste — promises more than it's permitted to deliver. At most it's permitted to pose and preen. 2010.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Tillman Story — Reviewed this issue. Narrated by Josh Brolin; directed by Amir Bar-Lev.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/3)

Toy Story 3 — The second sequel adds little but minutes to the previous one, and for a computer-animated children's film it adds quite a lot of those, somewhere in the neighborhood of a hundred and five. In specific, the new 3-D adds little (but four dollars of admission) to the prevailing depth of field and openness of space. And the plot premise of the toys' boy going off to college, under orders from Mom to consign his childish things to either the attic or the trash, adds little to the torturous themes of change, aging, loss, death, that accrued from the prior premise of his going off to summer camp. Oh, the introduction of a Ken doll, a head of hair like a cowpat, at a hellish day-care center ("No one appreciates clothes here, Barbie"), adds some homo jokes suitable for the whole family, and the reprogramming of Buzz Lightyear to Spanish-language mode adds a benign Latin stereotype, but the *de rigueur* exhausting and exasperating finale (into the jaws of the landfill!) puts the capper on the general feeling of prolongation. With the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Joan Cusack, Michael Keaton; directed by Lee Unkrich. 2010.

★ (LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Vampires Suck — Jason Friedberg's and Aaron Seltzer's spoof of the *Twilight* series, solely for those who need remedial help in seeing its silliness. Anyone else would get more snickers out of the straight version. More, that is, than none. Jenn Proske, Matt Lanter, Christopher Riggi, Diedrich Bader. 2010.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROM-ENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; SANTEE DRIVE 1N)

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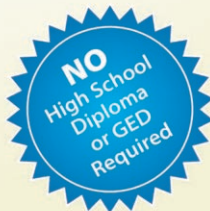
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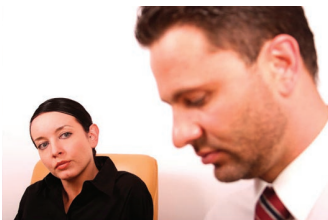
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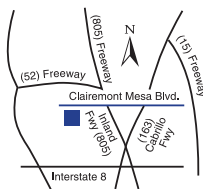


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PACIFIC BEACH, \$1495.

2BD+1BA, large upstairs front unit in North PB. Stove, refrigerator, private balcony. Coin laundry. Parking. Available 9/10/10. 830 Sapphire. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1520.

2BD+1BA cute townhouse near bay. Parking, fireplace, landscaped patio, laundry on site. No pets. Nonsmoking. 2137 Thomas, Unit A. 619-606-4945.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1550.

2BD+1.5BA townhouse in the heart of Pacific Beach. Designer paint, new carpet/ vinyl and washer/ dryer. Small private patio. 1 block to Vons shopping center and Garnet Ave. 1 off-street parking. Cat OK with \$250 deposit. 1622 Emerald St. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torrey.pinespm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1595.

2BD+2BA large downstairs unit in North PB. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Gas fireplace, patio. Coin laundry, parking. Available 9/10/10. 1032 Beryl. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1595.

2BD+2.5BA, 1100 sqft. townhouse. Attached garage. Parking space. Patio. Fireplace. Laundry hookup. Newer flooring, blinds and appliances. No dogs. 2122 Balboa. 858-576-8292.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1650.

2BD+1BA upper-level apartment. 3 blocks to beach. Assigned off-street parking. On-site laundry. No pets. 1050 Homblend. 858-270-4492 x203.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1725.

2BR+2BA, 1000 sqft. apartment. \$0 deposit (select units, OAC). Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/ dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham. 888-451-8713. baypointe@progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1745.

2BD+2BA, large downstairs condo in quiet fourplex in North PB. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Laundry hookups. Garage plus parking space. Fireplace. No pets. Available 9/8/10. 956 Sapphire. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, 858-270-2071, www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1750.

2BD+2BA spacious condo. Blocks to bay. Hardwoods, washer/ dryer, vaulted ceilings. Balcony and courtyard. Off-street parking. No pets. Appointment only. 619-206-2872.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1750.

2BD+2BA, quiet townhouse. Private yard, fireplace, 2 parking spaces. Small, insurable pet OK! 858-274-4477.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1795.

2BD+1.5BA townhouse with 1 parking space. Large patio. 1/2 block to Sail Bay. Secure complex. No pets. Call Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1800.

2BD+2BA condo on the Bay side of Mission Beach. Parking, laundry, upgraded kitchen. One-year lease desired. No pets. Call Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

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PACIFIC BEACH, \$2400.

3BD+2BA, townhome at the end of quiet cul-de-sac. Appliances plus laundry hookups. Fireplace. Balcony with bay view. Garage plus driveway parking. Gardener paid. Available 9/10/10. 2382 Chalcedony. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$2650.

3BD+2.5BA townhouse. Clean, airy with 2-car garage. Fireplace. Washer and dryer, patio, deck. No pets. Available October. 1531 Homblend. 858-270-4492.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$795.

Studio+1BA, downstairs in a 6-unit complex near bay. \$500 deposit. 4210 Haines Street, #2. Large Kitchen, separate dining area. Sorry, no smoking/ no pets. Please call agent, 619-582-4119.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$850.

STUDIO+1BA. Berber carpet, new kitchen cabinets/ gas stove, freshly painted. Central location at 2155 Garnet (near Olney). No pets. 858-278-2562.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$875.

1BD+1BA apartment. Well maintained, clean, quiet, parking, laundry, ceiling fans, pool. No pets. Available now. 619-279-0031.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$875.

Studio. Large, clean, 4 blocks to ocean! Full kitchen. Gas appliances. Laundry facilities. No pets. 1122 Felspar Street. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

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Studio+1BA apartment. Upper unit. 3 blocks to beach. Assigned off-street parking. On-site laundry. No pets. 1050 Homblend. 858-270-4492 x203.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$925.

Studio+1BA, 500 sqft. apartment. \$0 deposit (select units, OAC). Heated pool, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, clubhouse, barbecue area, business center, on-site laundry facilities, heat, A/C. Cats/ dogs welcome. Close to freeways and more! Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham. 888-451-8713. baypointe@progressmanagement.net; www.baypointeapartmenthomes.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$950.

1BD+1BA apartment. Downstairs attached cottage with backyard! No pets. 4228 Lamont St. Call 619-222-4836x14. www.liveatthebeachnow.com.

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1BD+1BA, \$975. 2BD+1BA, \$1325. Newly remodeled. Laundry, parking, dishwasher, ceiling fans, patio. 1941 Thomas. No pets. 619-279-0031.

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2BA+1BA upstairs apartment. Lovely ocean views. New paint, hardwoods. Garage. Laundry facilities. Pets OK. 4831 Orchard Avenue. 619-222-6020.

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2BD+2BA large condo. Fireplace, walk-in closet. Balcony. Tandem parking. Year lease. 3888 Groton Street. \$600 security. Shown evenings. Renting immediately. 619-957-7755.

POINT LOMA, \$1900.

2BD+1BA house. Garage. Private yard. Newly remodeled. Washer/ dryer, hardwood floors, granite countertops. 619-222-6020.

POINT LOMA, \$1920.

3BD+2BA, 1410 sqft. Best panoramic ocean, bay, hilltop views here! Upgrading. Pool. Saunas. Laundromats. Ready 10/1/10. No pets. 619-226-8158 or www.DiamondApartmentsPB.com.

POINT LOMA, \$2400.

2BD+2BA, 1500sqft condo, La Playa. Hardwood floors, granite counters, fireplace, 1 block to Kellogg Beach. No pets. Quiet building. 3016 Kellogg. 619-269-4306.

POINT LOMA, \$875.

1BD+1BA apartment in quiet complex. New carpet/ paint. Laundry, available immediately. Shelter Island area, easy downtown access. 2830 Keats Street #G. 619-222-9308.

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POINT LOMA, \$895 & UP.
Studio+1BA. Newly remodeled studios with fantastic upgrades! Everything is new! Gated entry, parking, laundry, barbecue area. No pets. 2089 Chatsworth Boulevard. 619-222-0152.

POINT LOMA, \$975.
1BD+1BA apartment. Walk- in closet. Bright, airy, security gate. Tiled. On-site laundry. Cats OK. Available now. 3191 Kemper Street, #5. 760-505-7736. www.lomascenic.com.

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1BD+1BA, garden apartment. Pets OK! Private patio in sunny and garden surrounding. Off street parking for one small car. 619-222-2849.

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2BD+1-1/2BA duplex. Gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Garage, hardwood floors, in- unit washer/ dryer, secluded backyard. Views of bay, walk to Balboa Park! 3121 First Avenue. Call for appointment: 619-347-4837.

BANKER'S HILL, \$3250.
3BD+2.5BA, 2100 sqft 4th- floor bay-view penthouse. Living room, fireplace. Two view balconies, room for barbecue and patio furniture. Agent, 619-807-5753.

BANKER'S HILL, \$725.
Studio+1BA. Street parking, on-site laundry. Deposit: \$500. 2027 Front Street. www.kandrproperties.com. Call Mike, 858-490-1600.

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Studio+1BA large cottage. 1/2 off 1st! New custom paint, wood floors, new vinyl and appliances, on-site laundry, very close to downtown! 2265 4th Avenue. 619-804-3325.

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1BD+1BA apartment. Cute. Wood floors, security, on-site laundry, parking available. References. 1822 3rd Avenue, Elm cross street. 619-992-7791 or 619-518-6985.

BANKER'S HILL, \$975.
1BA+1BA. All utilities included! Appliances, lots of built-ins, on-site laundry, elevator, 1 block from Balboa Park! 1747 5th Avenue. 619-702-4887.

DOWNTOWN, \$1495.
1BD+1BA loft, parking. 777 Lofts. Move-in special! Gaslamp's best rental loft/ condominiums, one block to Downtown's popular 5th Avenue. Washer/ dryer. Small pet considered. A must see! *Open house Saturday, 9/4, 12:30-1:30.* 777 6th Avenue. TPPM, 619-296-8802. www.torreypinespm.com.

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1BD+1.5BA luxury, large apartment at "The Grande." Partial view of bay. Wood floors, fireplace, balcony, pool, security, fitness center. 310-486-9494.



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DOWNTOWN, \$425-550.
Gaslamp area. Community kitchen, shared bath, on-site laundry, vending machines, no pets. Star Hotel, 522 7th Avenue. 619-235-6068. www.HughesManagement.net.



DOWNTOWN, \$450 & UP.
Studio+1BA. Rooms \$450/ up. Studios \$650/ up. Clean and quiet. Includes utilities and free cable, on-site laundry, elevator. Excellent location, convenient to all. No pets. Arlington Apartments, 701 7th Ave. and G St. 619-231-2385. www.HughesManagement.net.



DOWNTOWN, \$450-550.
Large, furnished rooms with high ceilings, tall windows. Includes utilities and cable. On-site laundry and kitchen. No pets. Excellent location across from Horton Plaza. Windsor Hotel, 843 4th Avenue. 619-239-1639 x2. www.HughesMangement.net.



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Attractive rooms. Shared rooms. Shared baths. Utilities included. Near City College. Villa Victoria, 719 14th Street. Hughes Mgmt., 619-239-1639 x103. www.HughesManagement.net.



DOWNTOWN, \$486-625.
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DOWNTOWN, \$495 & UP.
Studio+1BA. Rooms with private bath, \$495/ up. Studios, \$625/ up. Price meets function at 10th and E. Clean, spacious apartments, includes utilities, on-site laundry. No pets. Conveniently located at 901 10th Avenue and E Street. Mitchell Apartments. Hughes Management, 619-231-2385. www.HughesManagement.net.



DOWNTOWN, \$650 & UP.
Best deal in East Village! Spacious units in small complex with gated courtyard. Utilities included. No lease. No pets. Tenth Avenue Apts. 743 10th Avenue. 619-239-1639 x2. www.HughesManagement.net.

DOWNTOWN, \$675.
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DOWNTOWN.
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DOWNTOWN.
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1BD+1BA apartment. Gated. One- car parking. 8 units. Quiet. Walk-in closet. Near City College. No pets. 2840 B St. 619-435-0387, 619-206-3089.

GOLDEN HILL, \$850 & UP.
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4) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

- 1. Harry Potter's Hedwig, e.g.
- 4. One way to be taken
- 9. Wood known for its buoyant properties
- 14. Whiz
- 15. ____ Lama
- 16. On the dot
- 17. Poetic sunset time
- 18. What to do "for murder" in a Hitchcock film

- 19. Religious donation
- 20. Plot of many Horatio Alger novels
- 23. When one might have a late lunch
- 24. Solo in space
- 25. "Piece" org.
- 28. Monopoly token
- 29. Assembly hall
- 33. Omar's role in "The Mod Squad"
- 34. Like some columns
- 35. Cindy Crawford, at her high school graduation
- 40. Conductor whose name is spelled with two musical syllables
- 41. Mr. Peanut prop
- 42. Where Sonia Sotomayor's parents are from
- 45. Omar of "The Mod Squad"
- 49. Nincompoop
- 50. Little Red Book writer
- 51. "Blame It ____" (1984 Michael Caine film)
- 52. "Beverly Hills, 90210" cast member (and literally what's happening in 20-, 29-, 35- and 42-Across)
- 56. On the fritz
- 59. Some corporate jets
- 60. Make a sharp turn
- 61. Cheri of "Scary Movie"
- 62. Give off
- 63. "Avatar" actress Saldana
- 64. Personnel
- 65. Subject of Martin Scorsese's "No Direction Home"
- 66. Swing voter: Abbr.

Down

- 1. La Scala offerings
- 2. Ring at the door?
- 3. Wish one could
- 4. Increase
- 5. Scott of "Happy Days"
- 6. Banned apple spray

- 7. Host city of the 1971 Pan American Games
- 8. Popular dish in South Korea
- 9. Bane
- 10. Graph's x or y
- 11. Back muscle, briefly
- 12. Ed. provider
- 13. "I already ____"
- 21. Neighbor of Nor.
- 22. Porkpie, e.g.
- 25. Vessel of 1492
- 26. Bankrupt
- 27. ____ Theaters (national cinema chain)
- 29. Support
- 30. Prefix with sex
- 31. 801, on a cornerstone
- 32. Father of une princesse
- 33. Theme in a music drama
- 35. Part of RSVP
- 36. They may create a buzz
- 37. Paper size: Abbr.
- 38. Tic-____-toe
- 39. Singer Yoko
- 40. Where you may get steamed
- 43. Viking ship need
- 44. Stirred up
- 45. 8 x 10, say: Abbr.
- 46. 1985 title film character played by Anjelica Huston
- 47. Rack-and-____ steering
- 48. Got soaked
- 51. Jimmy of DC Comics
- 52. What a gang protects
- 53. Hot
- 54. Beatle who sang "Michelle" to Michelle Obama at the White House
- 55. "Das Rheingold" goddess
- 56. Decks in a ring
- 57. Lawyer: Abbr.
- 58. Potpie vegetable

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 8. Happy birthday mom!
Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 8. Can next weekend be Labor day already?
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 8. Welcome Eric!
☛ **Leslie Chase, Campo, 8.** Don't you love those crazy hazy orange days of summer?
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 8. Scotty, what happened? Get well real soon.
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 8. Congrats Kermit, you made it into Argosy Univ. Good job!
William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 8. Thanks to step-kids, grandkids and inlaws for surprise b-day.
Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 8. Albert Einstein once answered: "how do I work? I grope!"

Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 8. Yaay! A new Reader shirt!
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 8. Spring's sprung, fall's fell, summer's here, it's hot as usual.
Sue Janisch, Escondido, 8. A week of summer weather!
Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 8. Ah, solving the puzzle with my birthday girl.
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 8. Tippecanoe and Tyler too?
Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 8. Labor day weekend!
☛ **Bill Pischke, Ramona, 8.** Leslie, Leslie, give me your answer do- bicycle orange forty-two.
Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 8. Build church in Tehran!
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 8. Greyhounds- the ultimate in dog vernugen.

Susan Williams, North Park, 8. It was a great time at Disneyland! Thanks Andrew!
John L. Drehner, North Park, 7. A piano is a piano is a piano- Gertude Steinway
George Elam, Vista, 7. Thanks for the t-shirt fokes.
Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 7. Happy 90th bday Santo P.
Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 7. Tata until September 14!
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 7. The Aaron Williams band- everwinding road.
George Jackson, Oceanside, 7. How's that "hopey-changey" thing working out for you anyway?
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 7. K and K stay well.
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 7. Things in the mirror are closer than they seem.
Claire Phillips, Clairemont, 7. Too hot to play golf.

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 7. I think Reader finally got parking lot puzzle right.
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 7. Happy birthday mom!
Michael Sheridan, San Diego, 7. Feliz
Tom Somich, Clairemont, 7. SD at SF 7:00pm
Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 7. What a day this has been.
David Tomasin, San Diego, 7. How 'bout them padres!
Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 7. Nice to see you back Carmen J.
☛ **Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 6.** San Diego is heating up, and so are the Padres!
Kaye Benton, San Diego, 6. Have fun! Life is short!
Rich Dudka, Escondido, 6. I got the rhythm.
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 6. Wow September already?

Carolyn Foley, Carlsbad, 6. Last week's message should have read: Kudos to puzzle creator!
Irvin C. Gavidor, Golden Hill, 6. Writing supplies and utensils, notes cards at India Ink Papers.
Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 6. I love New York!
Carmen Jacobo, Clairemont, 6. Holy tamale!
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 6. Go de-icers! Kiera! Bodo!
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 6. Is this real or a dream? We'll see next week.
Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific Beach, 6. I love you Larry! Support our troops and their families!
Ron Meyer, Santee, 6. Padres- World Series?
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 6. What a nice surprise geoff thx for the tix!
Jim Odell, Vista, 6. Does Labor Day end your summer?
☛ **John Pertle, Santee, 6.** Your option for eternal life now: believe in Jesus Christ.

Jane M. Reilly, University City, 6. Go Padres!
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 6. My puzzle was right last week, no credit.
Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 6. Why edit horse racing comment?
Jennifer Vuksinich, El Cajon, 6. Happy Labor Day!
Norman Williams, San Diego, 6. What da fuss?
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 6. The economy needs fewer govt jobs, not more!
Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 5. I have yet to astound my friends or become famous!
Jon Christianson, El Cajon, 5. At least I am astounded!
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 5. That's some cold stuff, shaft.
Julie Dalforno, Serra Mesa, 5. I finally got a t-shirt! Thank you!
Walter Deegan, San Diego, 5. Why would anyone live elsewhere?
Mary E. Harris, La Mesa, 5. Have a great school year Phoebe!

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

Elizabeth Jackson, Alpine, 5.
Thanks for the t-shirt!
Mark E. Jones, Clairemont, 5. *This message is personal.*
John Pilch, San Carlos, 5. *What's with this 100 degree weather?*
Don Romero, La Mesa, 5. *Football season's sweet Mei Ling. Go Bolts!*
Robin Serfass, Leucadia, 5. *There's a darkness on the edge of town.*
Carly Stone, San Diego, 5. *Love you mom!*

Ellen Bourne, San Carlos, 4. *Blood, sweat, and tears*
Bruce Campbell, Portland OR, 4. *Hate radio is our own hometown Taliban.*
☛ **Maria Coda, Oceanside, 4.** *Love ya, Al!*
Allan Dorfman, Del Mar, 4. *A man with a puzzle must think.*
☛ **Eric Hurtado, San Marcos, 4.** *Ginger or Maryann, tough choice.*
☛ **Janet Kaye, Linda Vista, 4.** *My brother is one crazy dude!*

Drew Lettington, Mission Hills, 4. *Obama - hope he's only a one-term pres.*
Al Maun, Ocean Beach, 4. *Too much airplane noise.*
Archie McAllister, Chula Vista, 4. *Happy anniversary Chris 47 years wow!*
Jack Roberts, Rancho Bernardo, 4. *God is great!*
Dave Small, San Carlos, 4. *Go Pads and Bolts!*
Nick Smith, San Diego, 4. *I took a great video in Alaska!*
Duane Tremaine, East Village, 4. *Under the bludgonings of chance.*
Jeanmarie Barnes, Allied Gardens, 3. *And Jayne! Dynamic Duo*

Marilyn Contreras, El Cajon, 3. *Yipeel*
☛ **Sharise Cruzs, El Cajon, 3.** *Now much airplan less?*
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 3. *Get back on your bike and clean the air!*
Chad Griffith, Poway, 3. *Wishing Ryan Matthews a successful year and enjoy the candy!*
Carl Hancock, Point Loma, 3. *Scooter time trials- Nov 21*
Jeff Hancock, Escondido, 3. *From a hotel in Seattle*
Billy Horton, Santee, 3. *I coulda been a contender*

Emily Marie, North Park, 3. *Little white lie: size doesn't matter.*
Stephen McLaughlin, Carlsbad, 3. *Hat trick!*
Tim Parrott, Carlsbad, 3. *Another inchworm fell on my pant leg.*
Marc Richard, Banker's Hill, 3. *Some days the bares eat you.*
Ernest Verano, Downtown, 3. *Tho only way the rich can save themselves: charity.*
Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 3. *Survival week one of fall September 2010.*
Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 2. *Go Bolts!*

☛ **Kylt Chiang, Mission Hills, 2.** *An O'Reilly- Chiang collaboration.*
G.L. Del Campo, Escondido, 2. *Tahoe here we come*
William Emerton, Oceanside, 2. *Are you ready for some football??*
Michelle Le Wark, Mission Valley, 2. *Late summer is here!*
Leslie Wittman, Seattle, 2. *Happy birthday, Mosan!*
Rhonda Corn, Poway, 1. *Go Padres!*
Gino Fontana, Ocean Beach, 1. *Tuff tamales!*
☛ **Lucy Gomez, San Diego, 1.** *I did it!*
Neil Livingood, San Diego, 1. *I love tamales!*

ALPINE, \$875-1100.
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EL CAJON, \$750 & UP.
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EL CAJON, \$775.
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EL CAJON, \$840 & UP.
2BD+1BA apartment in beautiful property with sparkling pool. Walk to courthouse and Main Street shopping. No pets. 163 Ballantyne Street. TTPM, 619-990-5900. www.tradewindsapts.info.

EL CAJON, \$845 & UP.
2BD+1BA spacious apartments. Private patios. Great location with on-site parking and laundry. 432 Dominguez Way. TTPM, 619-405-4500. www.torreypinespm.com.

EL CAJON, \$875.
2BD+1BA, apartment. \$100 off first month's rent! \$900 deposit. Small, quiet complex. Patio, barbecues. No pets. Oakdale Avenue. 619-993-1386. 619-440-5700.

EL CAJON, \$875.
2BD+1BA apartment. 1423 Peach Avenue. Gas stove, dishwasher, carpet. Upstairs. Laundry room, 1 assigned parking. No pets. Available now. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

EL CAJON, \$950.
2BD+1BA spacious apartments, upstairs, \$950, \$600 deposit! Available now! Pool, on-site laundry, assigned parking, freeway close. Accepting small dogs. Anabel Court Apartments, 303 East Madison Avenue. Ask about our move- in specials! 619-579-5640.

LA MESA \$775 & UP.
1BD+1BA, spacious apartments. 1/2 off move- in special! Pool, laundry, lots of parking. Dishwasher, A/C. Pets negotiable. 619-466-6149.

LA MESA, \$1049.
2BD+1BA apartment. Espaciosos. Aire acondicionado. Lavanderia. Garage. Balcones. Picina. Mascotas OK. Espanol. 619-857-0365.

LA MESA, \$1295.
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LA MESA, \$675.
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LA MESA, \$750.
Studio+1BA. Spacious studio. New vinyl. Large closets, patio. Garage included. On-site laundry. Call 619-462-1550, 7630 Normal Avenue. www.sdraptbrokers.com.

LA MESA, \$825.
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LA MESA, \$920.
1BD+1BA apartments. 2BD+1BA, \$1220. 3BD+2BA, \$1425. Spacious. Near Grossmont Center. Great neighborhood. Near all. Villa Morocco. 5545 Morro Way. 619-589-8854.

LA MESA, \$925 & UP.
1BD+1BA \$925-\$1095. 2BD+2BA, \$1195-\$1350. Apartments/ townhouses. Remodels available. Yards/ decks. Deposit \$500. Move- In Specials. No pets. Gym. Quiet garden community. 5810 Amaya Drive, vistaamaya@gmail.com. 619-697-3285.

LA MESA, \$925.
1BD+1BA cute cottage with patio. Off- street parking. Cul-de-sac. Public tennis, pool, trolley, park. Year lease. Point Properties, 619-222-9463. PointProperties@yahoo.com.

LA MESA, \$945-1395.
1BD+1BA apartments, from \$945; 2BD+2BA from \$1145; 3BD+2BA from \$1395. Near Mount Helix area. Furnished apartments also available. Elegant, sculptured courtyards with flower gardens, fountains, gas lamps, park benches. Charming New Orleans ambiance. Huge patios/ balconies. Gated access, parking. Small pets OK. 3903 Conrad Drive. 866-894-6343.

LA MESA, \$950 & UP.
1BD+1BA, apartments. 2BD+1BA, \$1250 & up. Across Grossmont Center, trolley, Costco. Quiet, spacious units. Pools. Mellmanor Apartments. 8750 Mellmanor Drive. 619-461-1940.

LA MESA, \$975.
1BD+1BA apartment. Award- winning community for beautiful landscaping. Pool and spa. Great location. No pets. 5500 Morro Way. TTPM, 619-466-8444. www.villageaptslamesa.com.

LA MESA.
2BD+2BA. Very spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Central heating/ air, park-like setting, pool, views. Near 94, 125, 8 Freeways. Pets welcome. 619-204-0610.

LAKESIDE, \$700.
1BD+1BA, apartment. Move- in special: 1/2 off 1st month! Near shopping. Easy freeway access. Off- street parking. On-site laundry. 12369 Lakeshore Drive. Northcuttproperties.com. Agent, 858-505-1300.

LAKESIDE, \$850-1000.
1BD+1BA and 2BD mobile homes. Kitchen appliances, wall A/C, 2 parking spaces, storage shed, laundry facilities. Rents from \$850-\$1000. No pets. 619-443-1447.

LAKESIDE, \$895.
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- 2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the

- puzzles and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.
- 3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
 - 4) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to:

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- 5) 10 *Reader* T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!
 - 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.

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SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

Now you can go online to check your ranking and communicate with each other! Simply visit: www.SDReader.com/puzzle. The new ranking is posted each Wednesday. To use the "comments" feature, you must be a registered site member.

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

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EASY:

- Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 8.** Go Twins!
Pauline O'Malley, Point Loma, 8. Was really easy to do this Wednesday.
Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 8. Discover gold at Bonita Museum and glitter at bonitafest.
Don Bowman, Santee, 7. Another easy hits the dust.
John Pertle, Santee, 7. Jesus will never forsake those who trust in him.
Felix E. Charfauros, San Diego, 6. This week's medium was not as easy as the easy.
Erin Nogle, Ocean Beach, 6. Happy birthday B...
Ann Grudzinski, San Diego, 5. Keep on trying!
Jason Kron, Lakeside, 5. Two fires in three days can't wait for Sunrise Powerlink!
Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 5. Happy Labor day :^)
Ellen Bourne, San Carlos, 4. Welcome September!
Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 4. Taking the easy way out!
Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 4. Viktoria good luck in third grade. I love you baby!
☛ **Monique Germain, San Diego, 3.** Bring our troops home now!
☛ **M.S. Prades, La Jolla, 3.** Thank you Lex for being so wonderful to me, I love you!

- Saad Ghulah, Escondido, 2.** That was easy!
John Mangin, Ocean Beach, 2. Lets just get along together.
Remy C. Nicholas, San Diego, 2. Looks like I made it!
Bess Santos, Imperial Beach, 2. I hope I win this time.
Obie Fox, Escondido, 1. Happy birthday Ardith Fox!
Mary Ann Gomez, San Diego, 1. Rob, I got it right I'm in the book =)
Rossinna Ippolito, University Heights, 1. Ganesha remove all obstacles to my financial abundance and success.
Keino Miller, San Diego, 1. Take what you get until you get what you want.
Edmund Rull, San Diego, 1. This is my first puzzle that I Solved :-D
Cun Hui Zhang, Carmel Mtn., 1. Autumn, you are welcome!

MEDIUM:

- Linda Bible, El Cajon, 8.** Welcome to San Diego Kent, Parris, Max and Quinn.
Paul Boland, Bay Park, 8. The hard puzzle is hard
☛ **Harry Chiou, Mira Mesa, 8.** Happy Labor Day!
Josie Ranches, San Diego, 8. Happy Labor Day!
Dave Small, San Carlos, 7. Go Pads and Bolts

- Elliott Estrine, Poway, 6.** Love the monsoon clouds.
☛ **Michael Faria, Normal Heights, 5.** Time to start the new chapter. I love you baby!
David Mills, San Diego, 5. Thank you for my free shirt.
Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 4. Ooo, me, ooo, me, I'm steak, I'm steak.
M. Elliott, Rancho Bernardo, 4. Too hot for words! Prefee sudoku numbers instead!
M. Shoaee, Rancho Bernardo, 4. Wherever you go there you are!
Mack Davis, Escondido, 3. A three legged dog walks into a saloon and says...
Cheryl Uppling, Carlsbad, 3. Sunshine for birdies and Bodo! Hi mom and Dad!
Jim Felix, Pacific Beach, 2. Kailee McClure happy birthday! Have a great sweet 16!
Leslie Wittman, Seattle, 2. Happy birthday Mosan!
Jim Aldry, El Cajon, 1. I love summertime!
Ginny Corrente, Pacific Beach, 1. Pads can't win every game?
Zayden Davis, Escondido, 1. Obie got money.
Joseph Marquez, Chula Vista, 1. Happy birthday Les!
Rebekah Mathieu, San Diego, 1. I'm on HSE Wilderness trip this week.
Ina Mozer, La Mesa, 1. Hope springs eternal.
Armani Nicholas, San Diego, 1. Sudoku game makes me struggle to win a t-shirt

- Kelly Phu, San Diego, 1.** Happy birthday to K.
- HARD:**
Wayne Ameele, Penasquitos, 8. Happy Labor Day weekend!
Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 8. Go Padres!
Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 8. Juan... you are my sunshine
Green Dave Gietzen, Sunset Cliffs, 8. Open adoption records now! I'm still here- 44 years waiting.
Ed Rull, San Diego, 8. Cruises are fun
Skully, San Diego, 8. Kitten is my number 1, my motorcycle a close second
Esther Hays, La Mesa, 7. Good day in the old USA today!
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 7. The colors are fading, were they... what they seemed?
☛ **Mary E. Harris, La Mesa, 5.** Have a great school year Zoe.
Abdalwahid Bahho, El Cajon, 3. God bless our way.
Teri Gharring, Rolando Park, 3. WTG Padres!
Jonathon McMurtry, Vista, 3. Love looks not with the eyes but with the mind.
Gordon Ritchie, Tierrasanta, 3. Ninth time in the water.
☛ **Grant Corona, Murrieta, 1.** Look mom! My name is in the Reader!
Le Phan, La Jolla, 1. Lovely fireworks.
Marc Richard, Bankers Hill, 1. Now the game is a foot.
Melquiades B. Rivera, Spring Valley, 1. Congratulations Kevin and Melissa. I am happy for you both.

- EVIL:**
Joe Arbusto, Rancho Penasquitos, 8. Glen Beck, no MLK is Dreck and...
Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 8. My heaven!
☛ **Loren Boyer, El Cajon, 8.** Nice gun! Going shooting? Nope, going to Starbucks.
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 8. Both get incoherently drunk before talking to each other.
J. Gorman, UTC, 8. At some of these we balked...
Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 8. It's a beautiful summer.
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 8. How was class Chuck?
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 8. Evil, live, vile, or veil
Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 8. Lovely weather here in La Jolla.
Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 8. Hey, if it was easy, you'd all be doing it.
☛ **David Najman, Chicago, 8.** They play table tennis, we play ping pong.
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 8. That Coach Hayden Fox sure is an insensitive dolt.
Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 8. I think Reader finally got parking lot puzzle right
Charles Rion, Allied Gardens, 8. Who dat dem Padres?
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 8. Happy birthday mom!
L.J. Tamura, Del Mar, 8. 1812 gong at the end? Must be peter.
Arturo Vazquez, San Diego, 8. Now, I have to work in my garden.
Susan Williams, North Park, 8. Solved at Disneyland. Saw Captain EO. Fun!
- Mark Xitco, San Diego, 8.** No kidding!
Carl Baltrunas, Milpitas, 7. Thank you Jeff Loeb- Hot August nights!
Greg Chauncey, La Jolla, 7. 1.5 hour. Last wk fax ...ok
Alford Claiborne, Encanto, 7. Enough summer!
Larry Clark, Clairemont, 7. Please don't bury me down in that cold, cold ground.
Cheryl Deegan, Scripps Ranch, 7. Back in the saddle again!
Rich Dudka, Escondido, 7. Boycott government.
George Elam, Vista, 7. ...
Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 7. We're back in the game.
Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 7. Big bear nice this time of year.
Haley Hodnett, San Diego, 7. Patriotism: the virtue of the vicious wilde.
Jim Hurley, San Diego, 7. My presence is your present.
Roy E. Leeper, Chula Vista, 7. Thank you everyone for the great reunion.
Stuart Lester, Santee, 7. My favorite flower is now a tulip.
Hiroshi Miyazaki, San Diego, 7. The most challenging, isn't it?
Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 7. Does Mary Bently still play dominoes? Please call.
Tom Norris, Santee, 7. Who is burning? Who is burning? Effigy.
David Schwartz, Clairemont, 7. My t-shirt size went up... Apparently sudoku is fattening.
Jim Upshaw, Clairemont, 7. Happy days are here to stay.

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Bill Black, La Jolla, 6. Term limits for politicians long in office no concern for constituents.
Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 6. Bring back the June gloom. Ziggy come get your spiders!
Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 6. Depression times are here.
Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 6. Chargers Super Bowl Year!
☛ **Joan Hubert, Clairmont, 6.** Good as gold!
Saad Kassab, Mission Hills, 6. Ibis Market Deli sandwiches the best.
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 6. Let's get some respect for the Padres and San Diego!

Debbie Schultz, El Cajon, 6. Send money!
Joe Selig, San Diego, 6. I'm sailing!
Art Spencer, Oceanside, 6. Summer's finally here! In case you didn't notice.
Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 6. Take a hike- see Calendar/Local Events/Outdoors level.
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 6. Obama's stimulus means govt jobs welfare.
Travis Davidson, Pacific Beach, 5. Marry a girl with small hands.
Joe Dominguez, San Diego, 5. I'm still waiting!
Butch Hays, La Mesa, 5. Too many home projects, I need a I-o-n-g ride

David Holbo, San Carlos, 5. Attempt great things.
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 5. Happy Labor day! Kieral Boda!
Kitten, Coronado, 5. Monkeyboy you'll always hold the key to my heart. 143
Lee Overholser, San Diego, 5. Did anyone get the model number of that existential track?
Rob Welder, El Cajon, 5. Hundreds of channels and nothing to watch. Cox Cable.
Anthony Abbound, Coronado, 4. See no evil, hear no evil, do evil (sudoku)
Elizabeth Baddour, Carmel Valley, 4. That's a lot of work for the hop of a t-shirt
☛ **Brad Custenborder, San Diego, 4.** I'm winning the Mega Millions this week. 115 million
Danny Green, Chula Vista, 4. Erin and Daniel, I love...

Al Maun, San Diego, 4. Peace and love to you all.
Larry Terbell, Golden Hill, 4. The bigger the government; the smaller the citizen.
Tom Thetford, Lemon Grove, 4. Even using google didn't help on the pasta puzzle.
Carolyn Woodbury, Chula Vista, 4. Use fans not AC. Less energy and cleaner environment.
Michelle Ammann-Sherry, San Clemente, 3. One more week! Yeah!
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 3. Life is short... but it can be wide.
Norris Favaroth, La Mesa, 3. I am very lucky. I love you Tiff.
Susan Irwin, Ocean Beach, 3. Keep PB MB zone regs out of OB.
Duane D. Tremaine, San Diego, 3. My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Peter Bartkiewicz, Chula Vista, 2. Good luck in school Kate.
Juanito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 2. Hi Nicole!
David Bruce, Little Italy, 1. Mee Shih- San Diego's finest artist!
Grant Corona, Murrieta, 1. Look mom! My name is in the Reader!
Patrick Driscoll, Santee, 1. On the road to infinite peace.
Brigett Gist, Escondido, 1. Babe Stewie wants his little sister Ruby to come home.
Torres Josette, San Deigo, 1. Play sudoku, live sudoku, dream sudoku.
Stephen McLaughlin, Carlsbad, 1. Trifecta!
Inna Shaw, San Diego, 1. No fame and glory needed, just a Reader t-shirt.

Daniela Solano, North Park, 1. A new t-shirt for Josh's wardrobe!!
John Stevenson, Clairmont, 1. Go Pads!
Maurice Sun, San Diego, 1. Fun brainteaser.

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BAY PARK, \$1325.
2BD+1BA apartment. Cat OK. Near USD. Garage, washer, dryer, refurbished, view to bay. Discount for no garage. 5919 Mildred Street. 619-296-6699. www.centrecity.net.

BAY PARK, \$1630.
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CITY HEIGHTS, \$695.
1BD+1BA apartment. 1/2 month free rent! \$700 deposit OAC. Parking, laundry, no pets, at 4423 Menlo Avenue #11. Agent, 619-299-8515.

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Studio+1BA. Weekly starting at \$350* plus tax. Studios starting at \$1095/ month*. Free continental breakfast buffet, maid/ linen service! No lease! Free utilities! Heated pool/ spa. Laundry. Microwave. Refrigerator. Easy freeway access, centrally located. High- speed Internet service. (*Rates subject to change.) California Suites Hotel, 5415 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. 1-888-475-7147. www.californiasuiteshotel.com.

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COLLEGE AREA, \$1225.
2BD+2BA. Private patio, pitched roofs, modern kitchen with stove, fridge, dishwasher and disposal. Extra large bedrooms. High- speed Internet access. 619-301-9298.

COLLEGE AREA, \$1299.
2BD+2BA large apartment. Walking distance to SDSU. All electric. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Move- in Special: \$500 for 1st month's rent, OAC. 5565 Hardy Avenue. www.stevenleproperties.com. 619-295-1161.

COLLEGE AREA, \$1300-1450.
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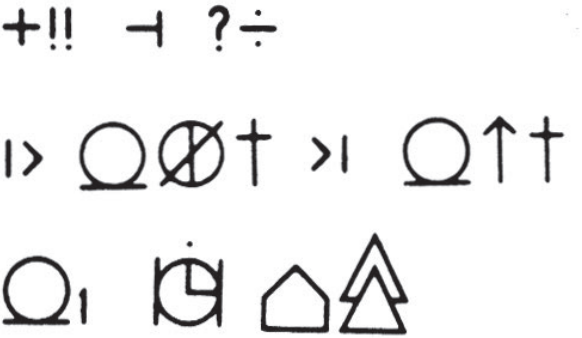
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE:

Bliss

The carets pointing up were “action indicators,” while those pointing down signified description or evaluation. The open and closed parentheses represented future and past action, respectively. And the little x meant plural.

- 14) First the good news:
- 3) Bring the television here, please.
- 11) Pardon?
- 13) Peace on Earth.
- 19) Give him a birthday kiss for us.
- 17) Carry a magazine or radio into work.
- 12) Good luck.
- 18) Happy anniversary.
- 2) No, maybe tomorrow.
- 22) Act jealous, love.
- 6) Past, present, and future.
- 9) From Good Friday to Easter.
- 7) They will resent you.
- 16) Say it again.
- 24) You only live once, thank God.
- 8) Yes, but which?
- 15) Send a little map.
- 21) Where?
- 20) I saw that yesterday.
- 23) Attention, workers!
- 5) Go through the next broken window.
- 4) This is nonsense.
- 10) Sunday, during church...
- 1) Who is she?



BRAINSTORM PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1) Submit one completed puzzle to the Reader each week for entry into another contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete and the results are posted online at sandiegoreader.com. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- 2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message

- (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.
- 3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
- 4) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803 or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy or scanned and e-mailed to: Puzzles@sreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels,

- maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.
- 5) 5 Reader T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!
- 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.

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☞ indicates T-shirt winner.

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 7. I will bet you that I will never gamble again.

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 7. Thanks for all the birthday fun mom, Phill and JC
Conway Redding, La Mesa, 7. Isn't that special!

John Strauch, San Diego, 6. Four-day backpack in the Maroon Bells of Colorado.
Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 5. I don't look at packages - I just eat the pasta.
Tom Somich, Clairemont, 5. Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise.

Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 4. Interesting biography of Charles Bliss in Wikipedia.
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 4. That was fun!
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 4. Great puzzle! Three years and counting!

Jason Parson, San Diego, 4. I'm no Robert Langdon but I gave it a shot.
Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 4. I think Reader finally got parking lot puzzle right
Carl Balrunas, Milpitas, 3. Thank you Jeff Loeb- Hot August nights!

John Fitzpatrick, San Diego, 3. See Lazarus before carving 24 in stone.
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 3. A well deserved Labor Day off! Kiera! Bodo!
Craig Stein, El Cerrito, 3. Happy birthday to my brother Michael!

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Cheryl Uppling, Carlsbad, 3.
Bondo - such a good boy! Happy garden, M and D
☛ **Django Brandon, San Diego, 2.** ... *Nifty language!*
Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 2. *How did I do?*
☛ **Juanito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 2.** *I like this puzzle.*
Marie Grace, College Area, 2.
This was fun!

Tim Parrott, Carlsbad, 2. *T!!*
Marc Richard, Banker’s Hill, 2.
Another fine day for hunting bares!
Dave Small, San Carlos, 2. *Go Pads and Bolts!*
Robert Welder, El Cajon, 2. *This was fun!*
Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 1. *Things are getting scarier - what does the future hold?*

Jessica Campbell, San Diego, 1. *I love you Jon!*
Todd Carpenter, Clairemont, 1. *But what does it say?*
Marion Ceruti, Ocean Beach, 1.
Time flies like an arrow, but fruit flies like a banana.
☛ **Harry Chiou, Mira Mesa, 1.**
Happy Labor Day!
Rhonda Corn, Poway, 1. *Lets go Padres!*
☛ **Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 1.** *K, P and S stay cool while in school.*

Linda Evans, Rancho Pensquitas, 1. *Roll tide!*
David Hill, Vista, 1. *Let us off speak kind words to each other.*
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 1.
What bliss the experience was!
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 1.
Hi Kids!
Al Maun, Ocean Beach, 1. *Tough puzzle. Hope I got it right.*
Marta McCarty, La Jolla, 1. *At the Minneapolis fair.*
Stephen McLaughlin, Carlsbad, 1. *Threepetel!*

Lauri Pina, Chula Vista, 1. *Tony, Dave, Jacob, Jimmy, Merry, Shelley, our international house rocks!*
Christopher Pitcher, Escondido, 1. *Metalheads unite!*
Apex Predators, Spring Valley, 1. *60 percent of the time it works every time.*
Kiana A. Ralph, San Diego, 1. *Two heads are better than one! Hi mama llama!*
Emma Rosenberg, New York, 1. *In the summer, we live forever!*

Liz Stevenson, Clairemont, 1.
Thanks Rob!
Bryan Varelc, Downtown, 1.
C'mon Padres! Get it together! Don't blow it now!
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Adam Greene
English Teacher
Gainesville, Florida

Schools and libraries. I went to college for free the first two years through the government and public school growing up. Tennessee has scholarships for certain groups and stuff like that, and I fell into one of those groups. I got government grants, so I'm a pretty big fan of that. And then public schools, I like those. Roads, firemen, police...I'm a fan of all of that.



Max Alfaro
Student
Solana Beach

Well, the streets are clean and everything. I came from Mexico, so compared to there it's, like, way cleaner and everything. In Mexico it's way different. I can definitely see what the money goes to here.



Eva Kvaas
Drama Teacher
La Mesa

I think parks are nice. It's nice to have public parks. I go to Balboa Park a lot. I think the park is supported by taxes, isn't it? I like to walk around, people-watch, look in the museums, see some of the performances there.



Karen Neumann
Accounting Work
San Carlos

I actually don't think I receive any benefits! I actually think I lose a lot. I'm not poor enough to be considered poor, and I feel like I pay way too much in taxes and I don't benefit from it at all. I feel like I don't get anything. I'm pretty much stuck in the middle. I feel like I pay a lot and I don't get anything back for it.



Eric Flink
Suit Salesman
North Park

I just moved here, so I'm just exploring what benefits I'll get in California. I'm seeing that California has more restrictions than Massachusetts on the workforce. I think there's been more lawsuits here. Like, this rule where you have to go on a lunch break after five hours, and these funny little things they don't have in Massachusetts... yet. I think there the tax rate is close to the sixes, whereas here it's 8.25 or something. We're getting up there. It's called Taxachusetts for a reason.



John Ion
Nightclub Promoter
La Jolla

Education. I go to a junior college, so it helps a lot. I know the classes would be really expensive if we didn't have tax dollars going toward it. I think you save, like, \$5000 or something because of tax money. It helps a lot.

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The Entrepreneurial Spirit!

— The dating website *BeautifulPeople.com*, supposedly limiting its reach only to the attractive (though claiming 600,000 members worldwide), announced recently that it would sponsor a companion egg-and-sperm bank for its members to sell their essences for a fee. However, as managing director Greg Hodge told *Newsweek* in June, homely customers were welcome. “Initially, we hesitated to widen the offering to non-beautiful people. But everyone — including ugly people — would like to bring

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Weird Science

— Michelle Philpotts of Spalding, England, her husband Ian, and their two children have adjusted, since a car crash 20 years ago, to her anterograde amnesia, which, every day, robs her of short-term memory. According to a June profile in London’s *Daily Mail*, that includes Ian’s convincing her that the stranger in her bed every morning is her husband, which he does by showing her their wedding photographs.

— An April *National Geographic* TV special tracked “Silvano,” an Italian man for whom sleep is almost impossible. He has “fatal familial insomnia,” making him constantly exhausted, and doctors believe he will eventually fall into a fatal dementia. Only 40 families in the world are believed to carry the FFI gene.

— Wild elephants recently rampaged through parts of Bangladesh, and according to the head of the country’s Wildlife Trust, those super-intelligent animals “are quick to learn human strategies.” For example, he pointed to reports that elephants (protecting their migration corridors) routinely swipe torches from hunters and hurl them not randomly but directly at the hunters’ homes.

Fine Points of the Law

— Things looked grim for Carlos Simon-Timmerman, arrested by U.S. border agents in Puerto Rico while bringing an “underage-sex” video home from a holiday in Mexico. The star of *Little Lupe the Innocent* looked very young, and federal prosecutors in April called an “expert witness” pediatrician, who assured the jury, based on the girl’s underdevelopment, that she was a minor. However, Simon-Timmerman’s lawyer had located “Lupe” via her website, and she cheerfully agreed to fly in from her home in Spain with her passport and other documents to prove, at a dramatic point in the trial, that she was 19 when the video was made. Simon-Timmerman was acquitted.

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— Austin, Texas, police issued an arrest warrant in June for José Romero, who they say

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Thinning the Herd

— Police in Houston said the man killed when he drove his 18-wheeler into a freeway pillar on July 6 was part of a two-man scheme to defraud an auto-insurance company. Police said it was the other man who was originally scheduled to drive but that, citing the “danger,” he backed out.

— Inmate Carlos Medina-Bailon, 30, who was awaiting trial on drug-trafficking charges in El Paso, Texas, escaped in July by hiding in the jail’s garbage-collection system. Medina-Bailon’s body was found later the same day under mounds of trash in a landfill.

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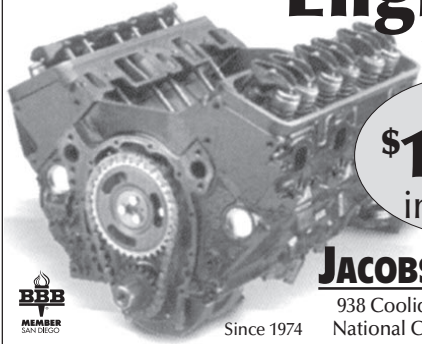
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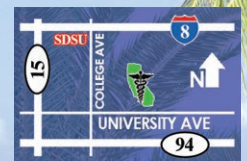
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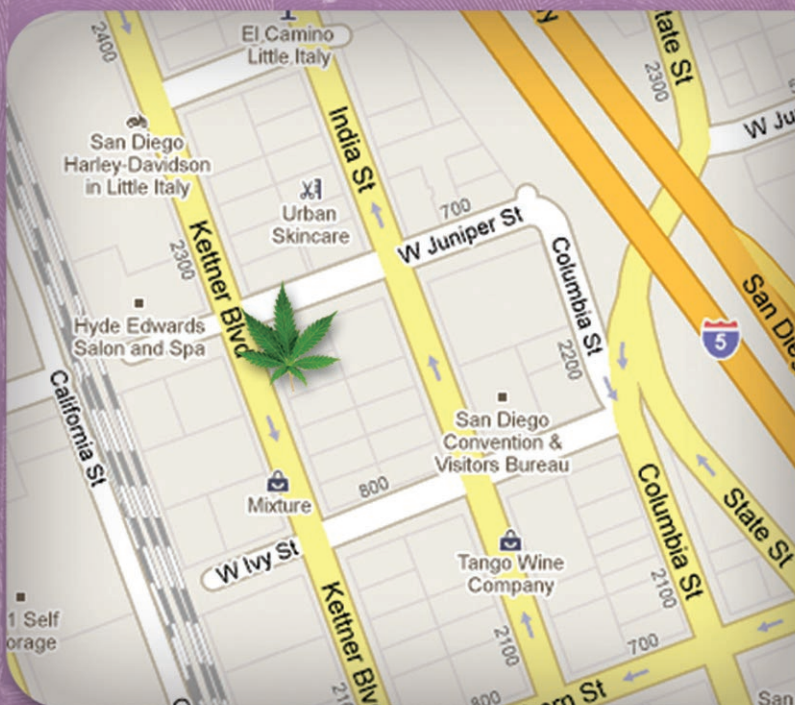
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