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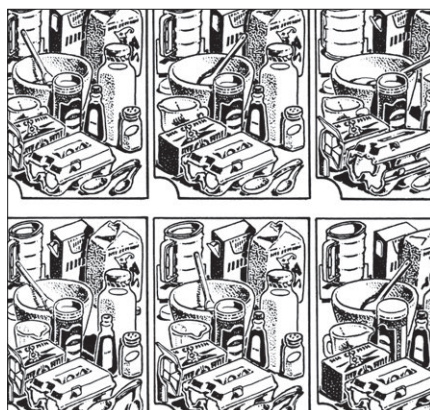
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Charger hospitality Political pundits have been quick to dissect the motive for \$20,000 in contributions made earlier this year by Chargers owner **Alex Spanos**, a life-long Republican, to Democratic gubernatorial candidate **Jerry Brown**, pointing out that the Stockton developer has reached a truce of sorts with the attorney general over regulating his developments in that city. But apparently the deal doesn't include the Chargers. On June 22, according to state disclosure records, the team forked over \$140,564 in cash and expenses for a giant fund-raising bash thrown by the state Republican Party at the 86-year-old Spanos's sprawling Stockton estate. It just happened to feature an appearance by Brown's GOP opponent **Meg Whitman**...Speaking of Brown, he stopped off long enough at the Barona Casino's Italian Cucina on April 30 for a free meal worth \$24.47, according to the tribe's latest lobbying report. On April 23, Barona paid for a \$25 meal for Democratic assemblywoman **Mary Salas** at C Level, the fancy restaurant on Harbor Island. On April 1, GOP assemblyman **Nathan Fletcher** got a \$55 meal at Barona. And the Barona Cultural Center and Museum treated Republican assemblyman **Joel Anderson** to food worth \$34.49.

Professorial cash Concerned that the imminent departure of San Diego State president **Stephen Weber**, coupled with the state's financial crisis, will crimp research funding at the school, a group of professors there has launched the SDSU Principal Investigators Group, led by biology professor **Mark Sussman**. "The administration and SDSU Research Foundation have long dealt with researchers on campus as individual isolated entities, group participation has not been encouraged, and ultimate authority for institutional policies affect-

ing research lies solely with the administrators and SDSU Research Foundation personnel. As a result, this website and Group concept was born to fill a void



Meg Whitman, Alex Spanos, Jerry Brown

that has disadvantaged research on campus through a lack of advocacy and perpetual misunderstanding/misrepresentation of researcher needs," says a manifesto on the group's new website. "Stay strong and remember: 'Individual commitment to a group effort — that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.' (Vince Lombardi) Or to put it another way: 'There is one thing you have to understand about our movement. Three people are better than no people' (Fannie Lou Hamer)." Among possible upcoming efforts planned by the group, a ten-minute "flash mob" demonstration by the professors in front of Manchester Hall, where the administration is housed, and multiple Public Records Act requests to the university regarding its grant-funding practices.



Grossmont high Advocates for Proposition 19, the measure on the November ballot to legalize and tax marijuana, raised a total of \$370,565.64 through

the end of June, a relatively paltry portion of which came from donors in San Diego County. **Danny Craig**, a teacher with the Grossmont Union High School District, gave \$100, according to disclosure records filed with the state. El Cajon attorney **Eric Isaacson** of the firm Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd gave \$125. Last year he got an award from the Unitarian Universalist Association for his volunteer work on behalf of gay marriage. **Margaret Ketner** of San Diego, a botanist/software engineer with United International Disjunct, Inc., gave \$159.

— Matt Potter

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Scary Housing Numbers

By Don Bauder

These days, someone talking about a double-dip isn't ordering ice cream. A double-dip is the dolorous possibility that the economy will slump again, after staging a very modest, government-goosed recovery from the worst downturn since the Great Depression. It's possible that any double-dip will only affect housing. But in the worst-case scenario, that is a statistical mirage. Also, there are some suggestions that home values in the California coastal metro areas are dropping again, an indication that the country could fall into that housing double-dip.

First, the backdrop.

les came in fourth, although their June growth rates were down sharply from their May advances.

San Diego's home-price recovery isn't quite what it seems, say economists. "The mix of sales has changed dramatically," says Alan Nevin, director of economic research of MarketPointe Realty Advisors. "When we had our first big round of sales, they tended to be the cheapest homes — say, foreclosures for \$100,000. But now we're not getting as many foreclosures," and higher-priced homes are a larger percentage of sales, lifting the average prices.



San Diego home prices declined by 1.4 percent over the 12 months that ended in June.

another housing crash could lead the entire economy into the tank again.

Warning: San Diego is not immune. It's true that home prices in San Francisco, San Diego, San Jose, and Los Angeles, although coming back only moderately, have done better than prices in most of the rest of the country. However, as we will see below, part of

Nationally, new and existing home sales are plunging, even though mortgage rates have been pushed to record lows. However, Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller numbers indicate that home values in the 20 largest markets rose 1 percent in June from May and 4.2 percent from a year earlier. San Francisco and San Diego recorded the best annual gains, and Los Ange-

San Diego home sales plunged 19.4 percent in July compared with a year ago, according to data from MDA DataQuick, but prices went up 5.6 percent. Says Nevin, "I suspect that resales this year won't be as ebullient as last year because of the falloff in foreclosures."

New York City's Radar Logic has tracked this phenomenon statistically. From June of last year to June of this year, San Diego home prices went up 5.7 percent. But a year ago, sales of foreclosed homes were 33 percent of all sales. Now they are running 27 percent. Actually, if you drop out

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Less Water Flows In, More Money Flows Out

By Dorian Hargrove

Dennis Dickinson takes his dogs for a hike off Borrego Valley Road in Borrego Springs at 6:30 in the morning to avoid

the heat. From the trail, Dickinson looks west toward San Ysidro Mountain. In the foreground, on most mornings, he sees sprinklers spraying water on the fairways and greens of the Borrego Springs Resort, one of five golf-course resorts in the tiny desert oasis.

The water comes from the same source as the water that irrigates the citrus groves and supplies the homes of the valley's 2600 permanent residents: the Borrego Valley basin.

On an average year during the rainy season, 1.7 billion gallons (5200 acre-feet) of rainwater flows down the mountains and through the canyons to recharge

the three aquifers beneath the valley floor, two of which — the upper and middle aquifers — are the sole source of water to the area. (Pumping water from the lower aquifer is cost-prohibitive.) The aquifers are now running dry.

Water levels inside the basin have been dropping since the 1950s, when engineers from the United States Geological Survey first recorded an over-

draft — when more water was pumped out than was replenished by rainfall. Engineers working for the Borrego Water District estimated in 1999 that the upper and middle aquifers held 1,685,000 acre-feet of freshwater (one acre-foot equals 325,851 gallons), nearly 446,000 acre-feet less than was there 65 years ago.

Current estimates indi-

of a football field with walls three miles high. Although some irrigation water seeps back into the basin, the water extracted is four times more than is replenished by rainfall.

Seventy percent of the yearly water output is used on citrus farms, palm tree nurseries, and potato farms. Golf courses and landscaping account for 22 percent,



Depleted aquifers may mean parched earth in Borrego.

cate that users are pumping 23,800 acre-feet per year—approximately the amount that would fill a tank the size

and the remaining 8 percent goes to homes and other municipal uses.

Engineers predict the aquifer will become desiccated in 50 years. Until then, they fear that declining water levels could degrade water quality and possibly cause the land underneath the golf courses and large developments to subside. What Alphonse Burnand Jr., sometimes called the father of Borrego Springs, once called the “Palm Springs of San Diego County” could evaporate.

“I knew the water situation was bad, but when I moved here I found out it was a lot worse than I thought it was. And nobody is doing anything about it,” says Dickinson, who moved to the valley in 1999 and began attending Borrego Water District board meetings shortly after. In 2006, he launched borregowater-underground.org, a website

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STRINGERS

What to Do with El Ocho?

Downtown Tijuana Jail to Be Abandoned

Tijuana — Made internationally famous as the title of an ersatz folk song by the Kingston Trio in 1959 (reaching Number 12 on the charts), the downtown Tijuana jail, known widely

police armory; few prisoners are incarcerated there.

What to do with “El Ocho” is a current concern of city government. Some propose a razing of the ancient leviathan, while other civic groups propose a conversion to a museum.

“There are many dark stories in this place,” says Julio Rodríguez, director general of the Fundación Entijuanarte,

“and they are going to always be there...but they can be transformed into something good, just like the City of Tijuana, which is transforming itself, day by day.”



Tijuana's old downtown jail — museum or the wrecking ball?

By T.B. Beaudeau
Saturday, Sept. 4

as “El Ocho” because of its location at the corner of Eighth Street and Constitución, is being shut down soon.

The fortresslike masonry structure, built in the 1940s and adjacent to a similarly constructed firehouse from the same epoch, brings to a close an era when all things governmental were located within a few blocks of one another in the downtown district known as El Centro.

Photos published recently in Tijuana's daily *Frontera* show the jail's dilapidated and decaying interior, with graffiti-scrawled walls and crumbling ceilings.

Municipal police still stationed at the jail will move to new headquarters in a newly constructed 9000-square-meter facility located in Ciudad Industrial Nueva Tijuana on the outskirts of town. Right now the jail is being used as a

Lucky, but Not Really

Ocean Beach Man Found Alive Under Car

Ocean Beach — On Monday, August 30, at around 5:00 p.m., a Navy man attempted to back his jeep out of its parking spot in the 4700 block of Niagara Avenue alley. The serviceman was startled to notice a man



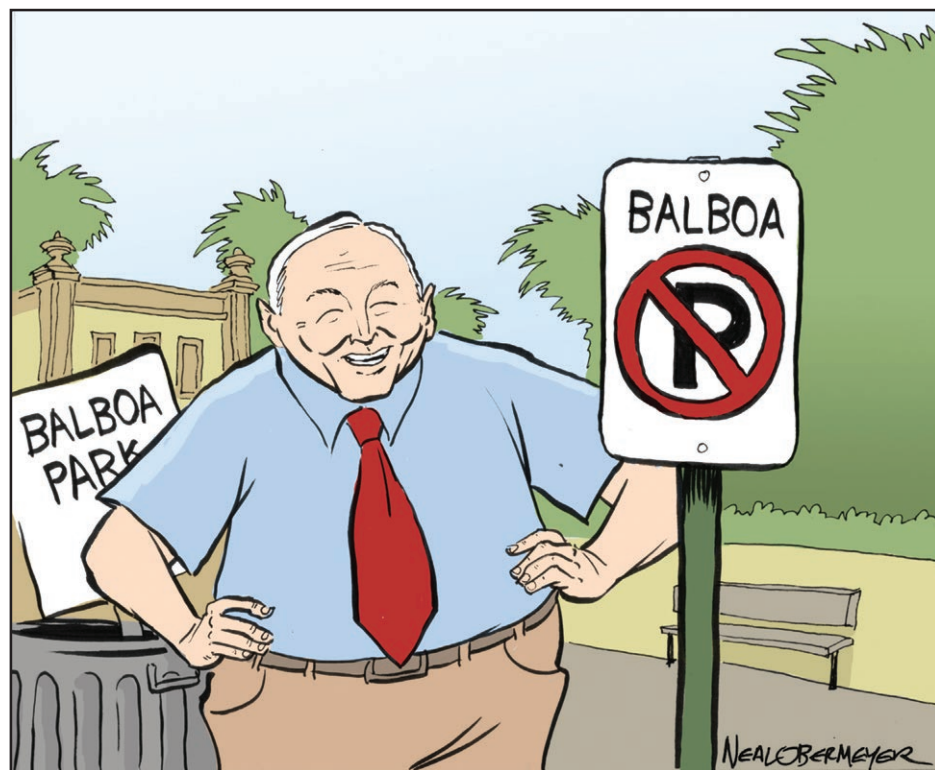
Homeless inebriate picked a bad place to sleep.

lying immobile and unresponsive underneath his automobile. Upon further inspection, it was determined that the injured man was a common alley visitor who is well known to many longtime neighbors.

The victim appeared extremely inebriated and

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Neal Obermeyer



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Wheeling-Dealing

This is in response to "Skateworld Rolls Away" (Cover Story, September 2). I've been an active participant in the rallies, and I've been at some of the meetings of Bayside, and you have completely spelled out exactly what we've been trying to get out to the public, that what Donna Frye and Bayside and the board members are doing is just downright wrong. It's all backhanded. I just want to thank you for putting it

out there the way you did in your article. We're desperately trying to save our rink, and it's going to be a tragedy if they let it go across the street and become Bayside. We don't need indoor soccer, as they've proposed and already have a tenant for. You can play soccer anywhere in this city outside, but there's nowhere else to go in this city to congregate for skaters. There's no other facility for anyone that covers the difference in ages and races and ethnicities in one location, year-round, almost every night and day of the week.

Elizabeth Spillane
San Diego

Skateworld Jump-Start

Regarding Joe Deegan's article "Skateworld Rolls Away" (Cover Story, September 2). While the photo of Skateworld was backwards and two photos were mislabeled, I felt it to be a fair representation of what is occurring in our community. I was as paranoid as the next guy over why we weren't aware of the

MRW project. Apparently, when developers respond to a City Redevelopment Agency request for proposal, the developers do not divulge their design plans until their proposal is accepted. It's a competition. Following the formal acceptance, community input is requested in the form of local workshops. It's kind of cart-before-the-horse to me, but this is the order of things.

Linda Vista needs a catalyst to jump-start itself. There are many positive points about living in this part of the city, and the revitalization potential is undeniable. I agree we may be unsophisticated on when to push city hall, and campaign contributions are probably low, but community leaders volunteer countless hours trying to make a difference. Because Councilmember Frye dislikes redevelopment ("it displaces people"), area leaders continue to sit on their hands, becoming frustrated over a lack of revitalization in an area conducive to infill

development.

How can this wonderful community unite? We need to maintain the historical significance of the Skateworld building, be proud of Linda Vista's contribution to San Diego history, and get the right project in place. Eleanor Roosevelt did not dedicate one of the nation's first planned shopping centers for nothing. That's one of our claims to fame! The dedication ceremony took place inside the Skateworld building, an armory at the time. We owe Gary Stang and his parents a debt of gratitude for preserving the building and running an excellent recreational business. They are good people.

It may take a larger developer with a bigger budget to continue the preservation and build a signature piece that provides a new beginning. A good point was made on forming a Linda Vista Project Area Committee. This was addressed at the Linda Vista Planning Group meeting of August

23. It's unfortunate it wasn't formed before now. The future developer will need our informed ideas.

Janet Kaye
Linda Vista

Not God's Victims

I strongly object to the cartoon-commentary of Neal Obermeyer in the September 2 Reader, page 3.

His four-panel cartoon shows God kicking California hard with three problems: (1) "unemployment," (2) "state and local budget deficits," (3) "water shortages"...and then the fourth panel with God rearing up to kick the state with (4) "overdue massive earthquake."

Hey, Neal — and everybody in California — God had nothing to do with numbers one through three (unemployment, deficits, and water shortages). We did all that to ourselves.

As for number four (overdue massive earthquake), maybe it isn't God but the regular geologic workings of the earth, or maybe the

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by Barbarella

Camping: nature's way of promoting the motel industry.
— Dave Barry

'Are you a Burner?" asked the guy sitting across from me. I couldn't remember his name, only that he was a college student by day, restaurant server by night, and not as picky about the hour when it came to smoking weed. Years of surfing had bleached his tawny hair; it was on those briny curls that I focused my attention when I nodded. Had I met his earnest gaze, I might have felt compelled to clarify that though I had been to Burning Man, I didn't officially rank: real Burners want to go back.

It was ten years ago this week, in the middle of northern Nevada's Black Rock Desert, that I attended the annual festival that culminates with the burning of a giant human effigy made of wood. To say I had "fun" would be like referring to the Grand Canyon as a crack in the ground. From the moment I set foot on the dusty "playa" (the dry lake bed on which the temporary "Black Rock City" is raised, then razed, each year) to the time I packed whatever I had left into my ruined Toyota Corolla for the long drive home, my condition could best be described as manic hysteria.

"Where else can middle-aged men go and expose themselves to 20-year-old girls without being thrown in jail?"

My diary reflects only a handful of highlights, the kinds of things that would impress a girl just over drinking age, such as chronicles of sexual encounters and what it was like to belong to one of the more popular camps. What I failed to document were the myriad magical moments, those fantastical episodes that defy description. Blasted out of my mind on LSD, GHB, coke, ketamine, mushrooms, and

ecstasy, it didn't seem imperative to note every colorful detail.

Over 25,000 people attended the festival that year. For a week, I felt as if I were living in a surrealist painting. During the day, revelers flaunted their home-made costumes, which, due to the heat and the prevalence of exhibitionism, often amounted to no more than small strips of cloth and fur-covered boots. At night, neon creatures scampered across the desert, pierced-up people with dreadlocks spun fire, and crowds either danced around DJs or gathered on dust-covered couches to "connect" and "commune." Art, nudity, sex, music, and drugs, Black Rock City was an Elysium for the modern hippie.

More "Hollywood party girl" than "hippie," I maintained my high at stellar altitudes, not only to see how far I could push the limits of my recreational drug use, but also to distract myself from the comfortless reality of living in the desert for a full week.

The low, cracked terrain was prone to dust storms. Despite the goggles everyone brought to protect their eyes from the talcum-like soil, one day the wind was so savage that Laura (my tent buddy)

and I declared our dome a party sanctuary. We remained in the tent for eight hours, continually ingesting chemicals while using Laura's digital planner to try to calculate what time it was in Australia. Every so often, we welcomed visitors who sought respite from the storm. During one particularly long stretch between guests, Laura took time to manicure her lady garden.

That year, the desert was as unbearably cold at night as it was hot during the day. When not dancing or too pixedated to care, we bundled up to protect ourselves from the raw chill. The worst thing about the frigid air was that it made me have to pee. I would huddle in several layers of clothing, swathe myself in whatever blankets were on hand, snuggle into my sleeping bag, and, as though cued by my comfiness, it was then that I would need to use the loo.

There are no amenities in the desert. No air-conditioning, no fluffy bed, no running water. It's not fit to be lived in. The nearest row of outhouses was a five-minute walk from my tent. That meant each time I had to go during the night, I had to dig myself out from my cocoon, arm myself with a flashlight, and hoof it to a dark, dank, and downright disgusting box. I learned there is no combination of narcotics, hallucinogens, uppers, or downers that could make me okay with having to share an outhouse with thousands of heavily intoxicated college kids.

Fortunately, the dust storm that blew in on the fourth day precipitated a solution to my late-night needs. It was Laura's idea, of course. It would never have occurred to me to convert a container into a piss pot. In the height of the storm, she had to go, and being an adept Aussie, she flipped open the top of my cooler, emptied the contents, squatted above it, and closed it

back up when she was finished, all while I stared on in horror and admiration. A few hours later, equally desperate to relieve myself and unwilling to brave the same wind that had just taken down huge parts of our camp, I caved in and followed suit. Because it had been her bright idea, I appointed Laura as our chambermaid, whose duty it was to empty the pot each morning, far from our tent.

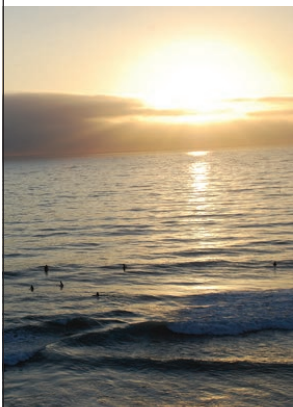
Despite the outrageous time I had, the following year when friends began planning their annual trip (in more ways than one), foremost in my memory was the hassle of it all. Why would I want to do that again? I had yet to experience my first boutique hotel, but I always had a predilection for privacy and cleanliness, and there were countless places to party that were way more comfortable. Places with plumbing.

All of this flashed through my mind as I smiled and nodded at those curls before me, at this friend-of-a-friend who'd pulled up a chair when he spotted my crew in a corner at Starlite. When asked if he was a Burner, David responded, "No, but from what Barb's told me, it sounds interesting. Where else can middle-aged men go and expose themselves to 20-year-old girls without being thrown in jail?"

I elbowed David playfully and then put on a friendly face for the guy, who would soon be heading to Burning Man for his first time. "You're going to love it," I said. "Sure, there's art, crazy installations, and wild costumes — cool stuff you wouldn't see anywhere else. But underneath all that is a blur of days blending together against a backdrop of sex, drugs, and trippy shit to look at. Who wouldn't enjoy that?" ■

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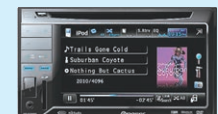
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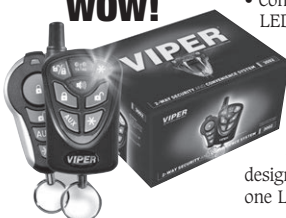
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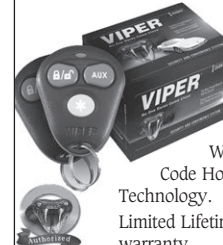


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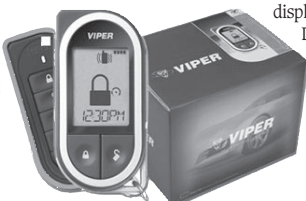
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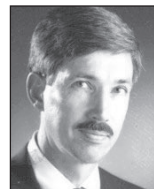
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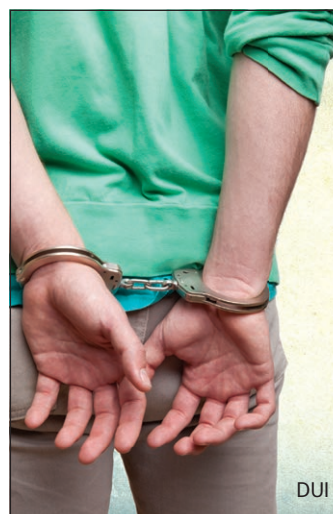
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Seeking to Prepare Students for the Real World, Sweetwater Union High School District Teaches Texting Over Texts

SMOKING IN THE BOYS' ROOM, CASTLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL, CHULA VISTA: Can you read this sentence? Dumb question. Better question: why bother? Put another way: tldr (too long, didn't read).

That's the verdict reached by the Sweetwater Union High School District following a 15-minute study of student reading habits conducted in 2008. And it's the reason behind the district's decision to implement a new, texting-based curriculum in its high school English classes, starting this fall. Reading lists once dominated by sentences and paragraphs that developed an idea through the use of hundreds (and sometimes thousands) of words now consist of tweets, twitpics, and LOLCat phraseology.

San Diego State writing professor Glen McClish helped the district establish its new curriculum, though he was quick to note that the new program was *developed* by professors within the California State University system. "This is not my pet project," he explained. "I'm just flushing it down the toilet — er, setting it loose in the wild. Or something."

OMG! WTF? LOL!

"The idea is to prepare students to be able to read and respond to a wider variety of texts," he continued. "That's not to denigrate sentences, by any means. But you don't need to equip most high school students with a thorough command of English literature. You don't even need to teach them things like spelling, grammar, or punctuation. For most students, what's really most important for their participation in chat rooms, YouTube comment wars, and Facebook are basic texting and emoticon skills that allow them to cheer and flame and photo-tag, so they can join the conversation."

Most teachers have welcomed the new curriculum. "I printed up a whole bunch of stickers that look like the 'Like' button from Facebook," said Castle Park tenth-grade English teacher Eric Montijo. "Then I posted magazine ads all over the blackboard and let the students put their 'Like' buttons on the ads they liked best."

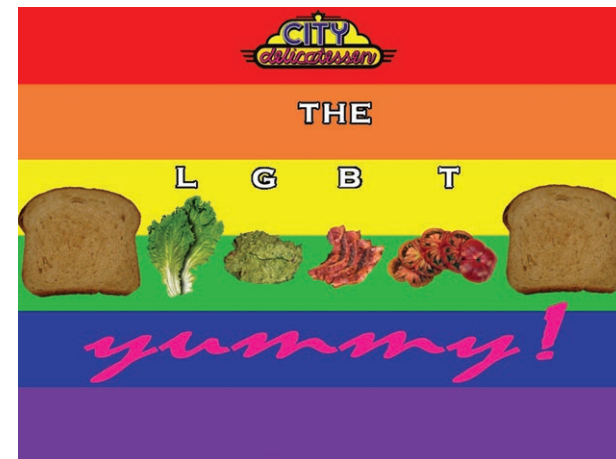


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Afterwards, I had them text me the reasons why. For example: "Those Axe Body Spray chix R HAWT!" It's a big shift for all of us, but students are eager to get involved in the discussions."

But some educators have expressed a sort of wistful regret. "It's nice to feel relevant again," said Debbie Maghirang, who has been teaching English in the district for 300 years. "Still, I'll miss being able to read and understand my students' work. It made grading seem more meaningful, somehow."

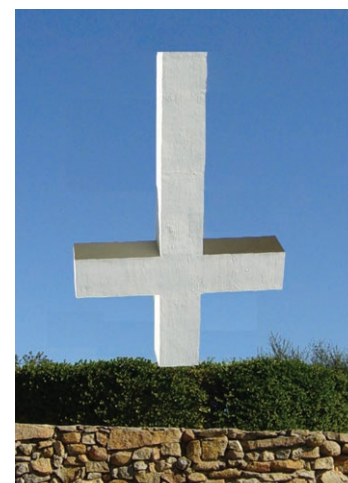
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Satanic pranksters, possibly inspired by success of film *The Last Exorcism*, invert landmark cross in dead of night. County parks commissioner: "It's a clear violation of the park's posted sunset closing time, the will of God Almighty, and possibly the laws of physics."



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SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT EDITION



In *Blue Velvet*, **Dean Stockwell** serenaded sexual maniac Frank Booth.



Board member **Greg Sandoval** resigned his position at Southwestern College after being accused of sexual harassment.



In *Battlestar Galactica*, **Edward James Olmos** played a tough admiral who quelled mutiny with lethal force.



Superintendent **Jesús Gandara** was accused of intimidation by 1300 district employees who called for his firing.



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Heymatt:

My kids like nothing more than sleeping. They can sleep maybe 12 hours a night. On school days they have to go to bed really early, and it's almost impossible for me to get them up. Is there something wrong with them? Is this normal? Can you sleep too much? I'm starting to worry.

— Concerned Mom, San Diego

Woo-o-o, sounds like the research elves. You think you got problems? Grandma and I have to work in teams to get them out of bed every day. It takes hours. You just get one bunch awake and the last bunch is back under the covers again. The elves have no real excuse. Your kids might.

If they're tweens or teens, they probably need a lot of sleep. Their bodies are growing, and so many things are going on inside them that they need sleep to get things back in order for another day of being an irritating teenager. According to the National Sleep Foundation, kids aged 5 to 12 need 10 to 11 hours of sleep each night. Preschoolers' sleep needs make them sound like cats — 11 to 13 hours per night. And sleep needs vary from person to person. The National Sleep Foundation also says a teenager's circadian rhythm (his brain-controlled sleep-wake pattern) makes him much more active at night and much less active early in the morning, so you can see why getting kids up for school can be a pain. But I'm not M.D. Alice, so if you're really concerned, track down a real doctor for a checkup.

So, can you sleep too much? Sorry to say, you can. Or at least, if you do, it could be a bad sign. The sleep itself isn't harmful; it's what's causing you to sleep so many hours that's the problem. If you're fit and healthy, it's very hard to sleep more hours than your body needs to repair itself from the previous day's nonsense. For most people, that's between seven and eight hours. Science guys have done so much sleep research, it's a miracle any of us get any sleep at all, what with them hooking us up to machines and wrapping us in wires and waking us up to ask if we're asleep yet.

If you survey "common medical knowledge" about sleep, it's nothing but contradictions. Some brush off long sleeping as just an individual quirk, assuming the sleeper is bright and chipper the following day. Others say it's a sign of underlying illness, linked to diabetes, heart disease, obesity, and early death. It's also an indication that the quality of sleep might be

poor — snoring, sleep apnea, and the like. But the M.D.s admit that there is a lot of sleep-deprivation science but not much on oversleeping.

The most eye-popping sleep study comes from some locals, the department of psychiatry at UCSD. Their data masaging has produced some scary numbers with reference to over- and under-sleeping. They say that "long sleepers" (8 hours or more per night) are 12 percent more likely to die within six years. More than 8 ½? Percentage goes up to 15. "Short sleepers," 4 ½ hours or less, also have higher mortality. Seven hours is the safest number for adults.

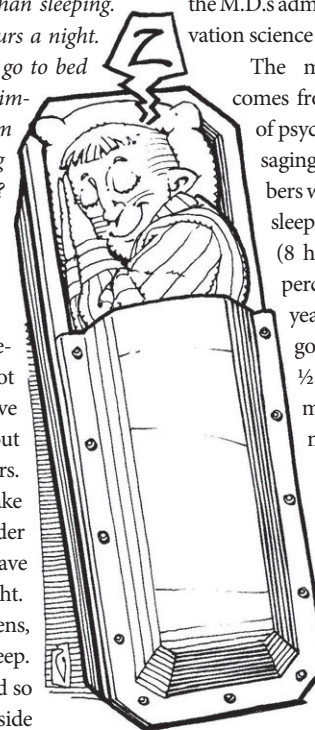
All this has reduced me to a snoring lump. Nap time.

Oh, Most Knowledgeable One Where did the origin of some weird animal phrases come from, like "working like a dog," "cat got your tongue," or one that I've never heard

before until just recently, "an albatross around one's neck"? The dogs that I've seen (including my own) live a pretty pampered life; they don't work. How can a cat get at one's tongue, and why would you open your mouth for the cat to get your tongue? And why oh why would an albatross even be tied around one's neck? Was there someone stupid enough to try these things?

— I Don't Get It, Serra Mesa

Animals show up in our language in lots of weird ways. You've picked three of the weirdest. As for your dog, well, dogs have been used as work animals — pulling carts and stuff like that — since way back. Nobody can pinpoint the first imaginative serf who said he'd spent the day working the way his dog did, but that's where the expression came from. Cats, on the other hand, have off and on been feared and hated and associated with witches. As a result, they too show up in lots of expressions. Strangely enough, there's no print reference to the phrase before 1911, though it sounds like something the Puritans might have dreamed up. Again, the word nerds don't really know who thought it up. The origin of your albatross is another matter. Consider Coleridge's poem "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," written in 1798. A ship full of guys and a captain who shot an albatross. Albatross: sign of good luck. Kill albatross: not so good luck. Crew forces captain to wear albatross around his neck until he felt remorse for what he'd done. Everybody except captain dies. Captain finally feels remorse. Curse of the albatross is removed.



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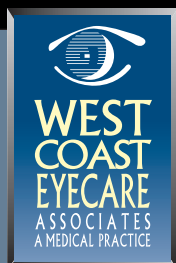
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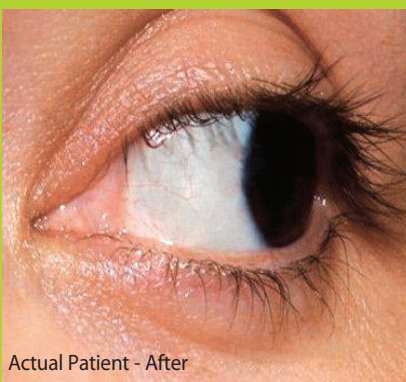
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BACK WHEN *in the Reader*

Thirty-Five Years Ago

Unlikely as it seems, San Diego has an expanding core of rock bands doing original material, and taking their cue from the San Francisco bands of seven years ago, these outlaw units have taken to producing their own concerts. Superficially, our town San Diego seems too provincial to have spawned any kind of creative music scene, with the FM stations becoming more formatted along AM lines. But the results of the Horsefeathers/Harlequin concert last Saturday in the Balboa Park Club indicate that there is an audience here ready for musical hues beyond the monochromatic regimentation of bump songs and Elton John's latest assembly line masterpieces.

— "OUTLAW BANDS,"

Ted Navin Burke,
September 11, 1975



San Diego Reader, September 12, 1985

Thirty Years Ago

I'd been smoking on and off since junior high — 10, 15 years. Some friends of mine and I had a three-way bet going for one hundred dollars. If any of us caught the other one smoking, we'd split the money. That didn't keep us from smoking. We just kept paying each other off.

Patty Hart, *Bartendress, Ocean Beach*

— OFF THE CUFF: "HOW DID YOU QUIT SMOKING?"

Lin Jakary, September 11, 1980

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The taller man at the microphone has just been introduced as José Sinatra, and he waves in the direction of his accompanist, whom he introduces to the bemused onlookers as the Troy Dante Quintet. Sinatra himself is a psychedelic blue-plate special, his outfit a cheap feast of clashing colors and vomitive patterns. After a few words of greeting, Sinatra and Dante launch into a rather spindly version of Richard Strauss's *Also Sprach Zarathustra*.

— "YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL," John D'Agostino,

September 12, 1985

Twenty Years Ago

I have never strayed far from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. I have read it at least twice a year since 1965 and as a graduate student had the herculean task of plowing through a majority of the criticism of the play. I thought I had a pretty firm grasp of the Bard's tragedy of dilatory revenge. But when I opened the text recently to prepare for the Old Globe Theatre's production, in a flash I understood one of its basic givens for the first time — that Hamlet's father has been dead for almost two months.

— "THROUGH NATURE TO ETERNITY," Jeff Smith,

September 13, 1990

Fifteen Years Ago

Hallmark's *Star Trek*-inspired Romulan

Warbird Christmas tree ornament is the most recent human-behavior update my television has beamed my way. In mid-August. Since I don't buy nor do I decorate a Christmas tree — not that there's anything *wrong* with Christmas trees, mind you — I don't know why the Romulan Warbird Christmas tree ornament (RWCTO) commercials frighten me. I don't have particularly strong feelings about Jesus' birthday. (Well, let me amend that. I do find Jesus' birthday *inconvenient* because the people who like to celebrate it by buying each

other gifts tend to swarm in vast numbers all over stores and malls from the beginning of November, making things difficult for those of us who'd simply like to buy some nice underwear and socks for our own personal use. I try to make sure I have plenty of underwear and socks by the end of October.

(Halloween is a Socks and Underwear Festival at our house.)

— AS SEEN ON TV: "XMAS IN AUGUST," Abe Opincar,

September 7, 1995

Ten Years Ago

It's punk rock Thursday. "I'm hating life," sniffed Brian, 28, a North Park local and regular at the Turquoise room at the Aztec Bowl. "Punk is adolescent, abusive, aberrant behavior."

Nevertheless, there are a hundred others who have taken to Anarchy at the Alley, a mixture of bowling and punk rock, held Thursdays at Aztec Bowl in North Park. The lights are dimmed over lanes as a DJ spins classic punk records (noticeably missing: "Take the Skinheads Bowling" by Camper Van Beethoven and "Bowling with Bedrock Barnie" by the Dickies).

— BLURT: "PUNK ROCK THURSDAYS," Ken Leighton,

September 7, 2000

Five Years Ago

"At the end of last year, I was praying for a friend of mine, and I asked, 'Lord, what would you have me do for this person, if anything?' He said, 'Give them your car.'"

"I had been thinking about giving a little money or encouragement. So I said, 'My car?' And He said, 'Yes, like before.'"

"I'd never heard anything like that before from Him. So just in case I had misheard Him, I told Him I'd check back in a week. In case He didn't see the whole picture, that I really needed that money to get a different car and to get my daughter braces, I gave him another week to reevaluate."

— DRIVEN: "MARY JACKSON'S FAITH," Ken Kuhlken,

September 8, 2005

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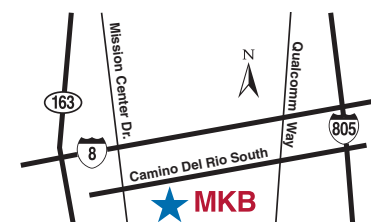
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the red zone

By Anthony Gentile



Oceanside quarterback Tofi Pao Pao finds a receiver downfield.

Game of the Week: Oceanside vs. Anaheim Servite

*Pirates' 39-game unbeaten streak
comes to an end*

Costa Mesa — For the first time in three years, Oceanside has tasted defeat on the gridiron. Thursday night at Orange Coast College, inexperience plagued the Pirates, and they fell 31-7 to Anaheim Servite. It was a matchup of defending state champions.

"We're an inexperienced, new football team that has got to learn by playing," said Pirates coach John Carroll.

Under the direction of sophomore quarterback Tofi Pao Pao and without center David Vasquez, who was out with mononucleosis, Oceanside's offense failed to find a rhythm until the game was out of reach. The Pirates had six turnovers, four of which came before halftime.

"It was a sophomore at quarterback playing against a high-level football team in his very first varsity game," Carroll said. "He made some nice plays and struggled at times. That's inevitable as a part of the game."

For most of the first half, Oceanside's defense kept the Pirates in it. Despite starting five of their first six drives in Oceanside territory, Servite led only 10-0 in the closing minutes of the first half.

Then Servite took the opening drive of the second half for a touchdown. The Friars took a commanding 31-0 lead into the fourth quarter.

Oceanside running back Noah Tarrant got the Pirates on the board with 9:17 left in the game on an eight-yard rushing touchdown.

Vista grinds out win over Mira Mesa

Vista — In a showdown between top-10 teams on Friday night, it wasn't always pretty for No. 3 Vista and No. 7 Mira Mesa. The Panthers overcame a slow start and hung on late to beat the Marauders 21-14.

"Everybody is going to have first-game jitters, of course," said Vista quarterback Christian Gallardi. "We pulled through as a team and

came out on top, and we did a really good job tonight."

With the game tied in the fourth quarter, Vista quarterback Christain Gallardi scrambled around and fired a dart to receiver Kristopher Estrada, who ran untouched into the end zone for a 37-yard touchdown.

"It was kind of unexpected. I just saw the open man and then hit him," Gallardi said.

Down 21-7 late in the fourth, Mira Mesa (0-1) used a 67-yard touchdown strike from quarterback Trey Lomax to receiver Nathan Tajalle to make it a one-score game. With 32 seconds left, the Marauders got the ball back in their own territory but were unable to move the ball as time ran out.

The Marauders took the field without their starting quarterback, who suffered a shoulder sprain in the team's scrimmage against Valley Center. The injuries forced Lomax into his first varsity start.

"We had to play a tenth-grade quarterback tonight and he did pretty good," Mira Mesa head coach Gary Blevins said. "Our offense is going to mature a little bit this week. We want to get a little bit more continuity."



Valhalla receiver Jevon Haston and Mission Bay corner Le'andre Craine engage in some hand-to-head combat.

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BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

You've never seen that stone-faced mother who works across the slag vat from you ever crack a smile.

I must write this on the eve of Labor Day's three-day weekend, so I can't very well tell you how it went, how it was — what the hell. There is a distinct shade of blue over September, with the bite of a promised Chicago winter in the air. Humphrey's Backstage Live is hosting the Labor Day Blues Festival with Robin Henkel. Hand him his Les Paul, and he can carve out a piece of Chicago; hand him a steel guitar with a resonating pan, and he can deliver the Delta sound. He makes them both sound easy.

Humphrey's has also booked Bill Magee, John Lee Hooker Jr. (chip off the old block), plus Chet Cannon, Mercedes Moore, Red Lotus Review, Laurie Morvan, Dennis Jones, and Stony B. and his band.

I just met Stony, and we got to talking Chicago blues. He's played with just about everybody. All I could bring to my blues creds was 45 years of imitating everybody and getting drunk once with Junior Wells. I will try to catch Stony tonight at South Park Abbey, on Fern Street. Len Rainey is at Patrick's II tonight as well (also Friday night), and he's the real thing or no one is. The following Tuesday, same place, they have Bayou Brothers; heard them and wrote about them about a year ago, and I stand by every hyperbolic superlative I typed.

ZZ Top is not Chicago but Texas, and that blues twang is close enough for rock and roll or government work or the Del Mar Fair, whatever you want to say. They'll be here Saturday, September 4, and history by now.

We also have Blues Traveler coming to the Belly Up Tavern on September 29 — not exactly the Chicago sound, but they'll do in a pinch. To stretch a point, Van Morrison is coming in October; and though he's

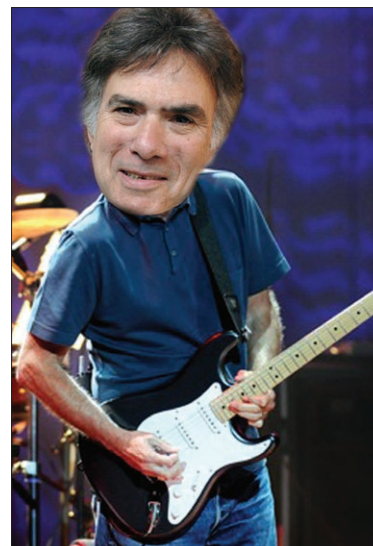
hardly Chicago, he has as much blues and soul as Sam Cooke did. Easy.

Still in a kind of nostalgic distraction attributable (I'll say again) to the quality of light this time of year, memory announces itself with images of all the barrooms I've played over the decades. Imitations of Buddy Guy and/or Clapton on fret boards, B.B. King on both guitar and microphone, as well as Eric Burdon (whom Brian Jones called England's best blues singer), each parroting exercise falling short of the mark, the note or breath falling short of the phrase, I was denying the truth of being reasonably good but without any real greatness in my fingers or throat. For years after my death, I may well be avoiding fundamental truths of the afterlife.

At the end of October, the 21st, you can see Taj Mahal at Viejas as he ties Chicago sounds to Louisiana echoes. Saw him a bunch in the Windy City when I was young, and I don't recall a bad performance, ever.

The Chicago sound might be described as that of a raucous barroom on payday, a tavern just beneath the el tracks and next door to a tool-and-die factory where all the machinists silt up on a January

night when the hawk is abroad on wings off the lake. The guitarist on the stage might be playing T-Bone's or Bobby Blue's "Stormy Monday," and the slow 12 bars might sound sad to the uninitiated; but no one at the bar is crying about a thing, just nodding in recognition as that punch-press operator with the Stratocaster stings out a punctuation to the line, "...Tuesday's just as bad." Picture that bar filled with cigarette



and cheap White Owl cigar smoke; the men inhaling as if there were something philosophical in burning tobacco, and the women posing with 100-millimeter jobs or even cheroots like sexual props. Maybe you can still smoke in bars in Illinois. When that punch-press riffsmith launches into Sonny Boy's "Keys to the Highway," the room becomes electrified, and that bone-dead factory weariness slips away onto the dance floor on the soles of those brand-new shoes you bought on Wabash Avenue after work because Champion Jack Dupree wrote, "When you got the blues/ they ain't nothin' left to do/ 'cept go out and buy yo'self a new pair of shoes/ I got those walkin' blues/ hand me down my walkin' cane..." and you're laughing, and it's not just the bourbon and the beers but just that you've never seen that stone-faced mother who works across the slag vat from you ever crack a smile since you got the job there, much less bust loose on a dance floor, which is what he's doing now, prancing like a fool.

And I'll always remember the Junior Wells interview on tape, when I listened the next day, hungover. Incomprehensible.

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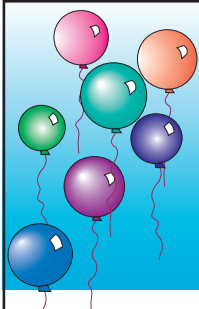
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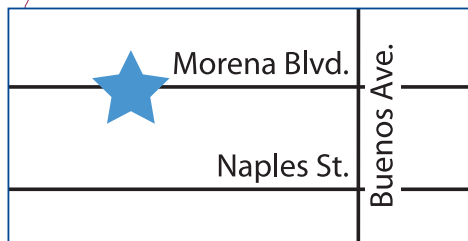
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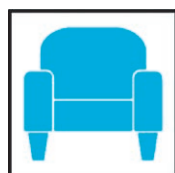
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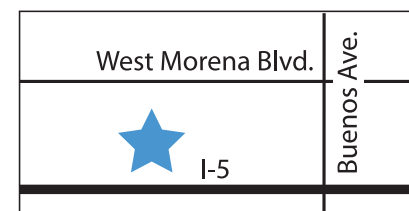
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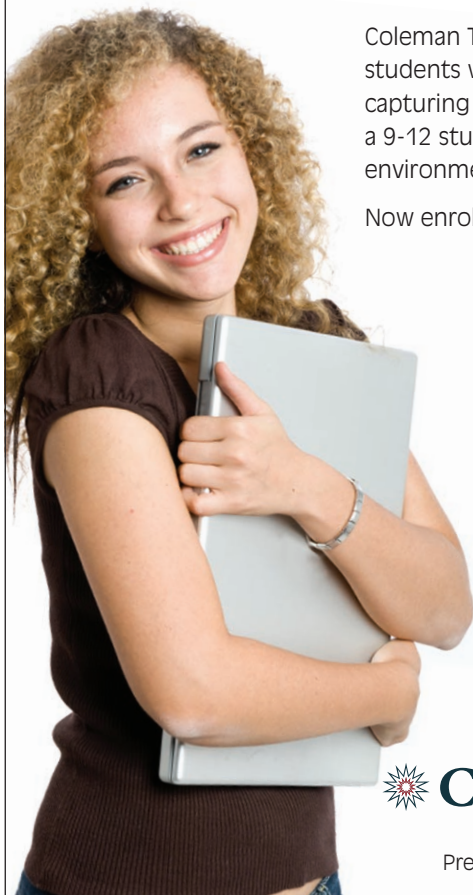
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'Can I make room in my heart for a gecko?" joked my hubby Pat.

When an overwhelmed Marine-wife friend of ours asked if we'd adopt her family's pet, a house gecko, how could I say "no"? The woman is parenting three little kids alone for a year while her husband is stationed abroad. But what do I know about geckos?

"House geckos [\$6.99 each] are an easy lizard to get started with," offered Ryan, salesman at Pet Kingdom in the Sports Arena area (619-224-2841). "There are others that are just as easy but a little more friendly, as far as handling goes. Like the crested gecko and the leopard gecko — those are easy to keep, a little bigger than the house geckos, and easy to handle."

"The house gecko is a uniformly brown-colored lizard, a typical-looking lizard," Ryan continued. "Very hardy. They grow to three and a half to four inches, and they live for a few years. They have sensitive skin; they don't really like being handled. They are not a lizard that would be easy to take out of the tank."

"These guys are nocturnal. They're hiding a lot during the day and coming out at night. So regular daytime-to-nighttime temperature drops [here in San Diego] are usually adequate for them."

Ryan recommended a glass tank, nothing less than a 10-gallon (\$24). "An 18-gallon tall tank, which has the same footprint as a 10-gallon, would be what I would recommend for a couple of geckos. They are an arboreal species — they live in trees — so they like to be up."

"You are going to be misting these guys a couple times a week. It adds a little bit of humidity and aids with shedding. Also, a lot of geckos don't drink out of water dishes very well. They don't see standing water as water, so whenever you mist down the tank it leaves little droplets on the side and on their cage decorations for them to drink."

As for bedding, "You don't want anything that's going to rot or mold whenever it gets wet. You want a coconut fiber or a bark."

"I like orchid bark — clean, small chips," said David, one of the owners of Animal House Pet Store in North Park (619-295-8834). "I put live houseplants in the tank and leave the plants in the pots because then they're easy to water."



"A lot of people say that geckos don't need a roommate, but I think they do."

For one to two geckos, "I like a ten-gallon terrarium [\$31.99]. You can even put three in there if you have a lot of foliage. A lot of people say that geckos don't need a roommate, but I think they do."

With regard to food, "We sell live crickets — 15 crickets for a dollar. House geckos would get small crickets. I recommend throwing 15 to 20 crickets in there a couple times a week."

House geckos (\$6.99 each) like a warm environment. "They like the tank in the upper 70s, low 80s. So if your house gets cooler than that in the winter, then you do need to do heating on them."

As for cleaning the tank, "One to two geckos, you can go probably 30 days if you clean out the dead crickets. More geckos than that, you would have to clean it every two weeks. Wipe down the glass, also, because they do have a tendency of pooping on the glass."

"I would recommend a different gecko for a beginner lizard owner," said Ramy at Reptile City in Mission Valley (619-280-7387). "I'd go with either a crested gecko or a leopard gecko because most of those are captive bred. We don't like to encourage people catching animals out in the wild. All of our geckos are hatched out of an egg in an incubator. When it's born out of the egg and opened up into a cage, that's all the gecko really knows, and it lives longer. The leopard gecko or the crested gecko can live 20 years in captivity."



Leopard geckos and crested geckos run \$50 to \$100 at Reptile City. "The price depends on whether it's a male or a female and the coloration. Certain colors are more expensive."

Ramy filled me in on the leopard and crested gecko. "The leopard gecko originally comes from Pakistan. They live between the rocks and sand, so that's the kind of environment you want to duplicate. They eat crickets or worms. Crested geckos come from a small island off New Zealand called New Caledonia. They eat crickets and a little bit of fruit."

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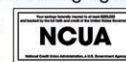
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They should not display their beauty

**I'm baffled by the sight of my face poking out of the hijab.
It looks like it belongs to someone else.**



abaya (Arabic)

Long over-garment,
a cloak-like dress



batı (Somali)

A long, loose, simple
dress — usually worn
around the home



burqa (Arabic)

A full-body garment, worn
over the clothes, that
covers the head and
includes a veil for the face



dirac (Somali)

Traditional Somali dress,
party wear



hijab (Arabic)

A head covering that
encloses the hair and the
neck but leaves the face
open; varies in length,
ending anywhere from the
shoulders to the knees; also
refers in general to modest
Muslim styles of dress



masar (Somali)

A simple headwrap that
ties behind the head and
leaves the neck exposed



niqab (Arabic)

Face veil

Over the phone, Maureen Slater sounds like a soccer mom. She uses words like “jammies” instead of pajamas and laughs at her own jokes (“I’m smarter than my husband, ha-ha-ha”), some of which aren’t really jokes (“but seriously, he’d tell you the same thing”). She lifts weights two or three times per week on a home gym set up on the patio of her Paradise Hills home. Her hands are large and strong-looking, the nails cut to the quick, and she wears one thin band of diamonds at the first knuckle of her index finger. But few people will ever see her hands.

The most the general public will see of Maureen is the amber brown of her eyes and the smudge of liner she wears beneath her lower lashes. The rest remains covered — hands, feet, face, hair, all of her — when she shops for groceries, picks up her children from school, travels to and from work, or during

any of her other daily activities outside the home.

Typically, Maureen wears a black, ankle-length, robelike covering called an *abaya* (in conversation, she refers to it as a “coat”), a black *hijab* (which covers her head and hair, her shoulders, and everything else down to her knees), and a *niqab* (a veil) over her face, leaving only a slit for her eyes. On her hands, she wears black gloves, and on her feet, a pair of cowboy boots or Doc Martens.

At our first meeting, however, Maureen is between hospice patients, and so she’s “dressed down” in a white knee-length tunic and matching pants, a bright-green scarf covering her head and hair, and a black veil covering her face. Her hands are bare, exposing the ring, the short nails, and her white skin. She leans forward, into my personal space, firmly grasps my hand in hers, and shakes.

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Hidden though she is in what she calls her “private little room,” Maureen is candid and outspoken, the antithesis of what many assume of Muslim women, whether they choose to wear a face veil or not.

The 46-year-old mother of five converted to Islam from Catholicism 27 years ago — under her own conditions. “I was still going to wear makeup and wear bikinis and go to the beach and have a beer occasionally,” she says.

By the time she converted, she’d been married to her Egyptian Muslim husband for six months. He agreed to her conditions, saying that once she took the *Shahada* (the oath declaring belief in the oneness of Allah and the acceptance of Muhammad as God’s prophet), he trusted God

to guide her if it was His will that she conduct herself differently.

Every step she’s since taken, graduating over the years from the *masar* (which covers the hair but leaves the neck exposed) to the *hijab*, and, finally, to the *niqab* (each step covering more of herself in public), has been her own choice. Although she’d once sworn she would “never, ever” wear the *niqab*, Maureen says the first time she wore one out in public “was like being on the computer and doing some work at home while you’re in your jammies.”

* * *

“Say to the believing women that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty; that they should not display their beauty and ornaments

except what must ordinarily appear thereof.” (Qur’an 24.31)

Some Islamic scholars teach that the face veil is mandatory, while others believe that a woman covering even her hair is a personal choice, but all agree that modesty is an important part of the Islamic faith.

On the website *IslamForToday.com*, Syed Rahman published an article titled “Seven Conditions for Women’s Dress in Islam.” Women’s clothing, he writes, must cover everything but the hands and the face; the material must not be transparent; it must hang loose to hide the shape of the wearer; the design must not resemble men’s clothing or that of nonbelieving women; it must not consist of bold designs; and it should not be worn for the sole purpose of

increasing one’s status or reputation.

My friend Ifrah explains Rahman’s “Seven Conditions” in her own words.

“You should wear something that’s not form-fitting and something that covers you up, so that when somebody looks at you, they can’t

observe *hijab*. Not every Muslim woman interprets this modesty in the same way. In City Heights (home to many Muslims), some women wear black, brown, or dark-green solids, their long, shapeless head-to-toe coverings reminiscent of a nun’s habit. Others wear bright colors and patterns, kit-

small, child-sized *hijab* between the ages of five and nine.

Dumb Questions, Mean Friends, and Transformers

A Tuesday morning in June, less than a week left to go in the school year. A fourth-grade

“A woman [should] be judged on her abilities, her knowledge, her education, and her mind.”

talk about your body shape or your beauty or what you lack or don’t lack.” The purpose, she says, “is for a woman to be judged on her abilities, her knowledge, her education, and her mind, not for how sexy she looks.”

To dress as such is to

ten heels visible beneath their long skirts, topped off with gauzy scarves and giant, trendy sunglasses, all of it giving them a look somewhere between Erykah Badu and Audrey Hepburn.

For those born into Islam, most begin with a

classroom at Oak Park Elementary buzzes with a restlessness not typical of independent reading time. Whispers rise to a hum, and the teacher calls out from the back of the classroom, “I like the way Amal is reading quietly.”

Amal, a creamy

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brown-skinned girl in a black-and-gray *hijab* set with silver sequins, smiles behind her book. The rest of the class quiets down. When the teacher turns her attention to the reading group she is facilitating at the back of the class, Amal and the girl whose desk faces hers begin to kick each other under the table and giggle quietly behind the books still propped up in front of them.

Ten minutes later, the children line up for recess. Outside, some run to jump rope or to join four-square games already in progress. Amal and several other girls crowd around the backpacks, where one classmate is passing out Flamin' Hot Cheetos.

A handful of other girls in *hijab* and jeans or *hijab* and long skirts dot the playground, some laughing out loud, some whispering quietly among friends. They are free. It's recess time.

The five teenage girls

gathered around the oval table in a conference room at Hoover High represent a range of Muslimah (female Muslim) styles. Habiba (the only one of the five who chooses not to reveal her real name) wears a lavender *masar*, a black long-sleeved shirt, and a full lavender skirt. She says there's no real reason her scarf isn't tucked under her chin like Safiya's across the table, except that, without a pin to hold in place, it's annoying to keep tucking and retucking it all day long.

The sleeves of Safiya's brown (and slightly snug) button-up top reach only to her elbows. By most standards, she's

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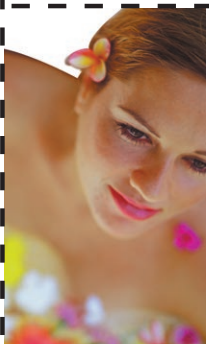
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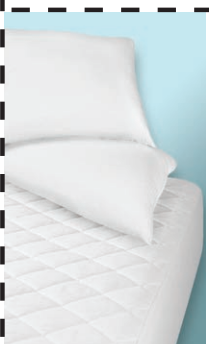


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covered and clearly modest, but when I ask if her bare forearms are considered risqué, she grins with embarrassment and pulls at the sleeves, as if to will them longer. Only Hanifo, the quiet freshman in the dusky-blue waist-length *hijab* and the pale-blue skirt, would likely meet with the full approval of her mother.

"We have to cover our neck, our arms, everything from head to toe," says Amina. "No skin."

Amina is the one girl in the room whose head is not covered. She's the dramatic type, dominating most of the conversation with stories about her sisters and various cousins and occasional attempts to one-up Safiya's clear intellectualism with confusing explanations of the hows and whys of Islam for girls.

Though she claims to love answering the questions of strangers about why Muslim women wear *hijab*, she struggles with that answer here and now.

"I don't know how to explain it," she says after a fumbled attempt

shirt with the top button secured just above her cleavage and the almost form-fitting, long, satiny skirt. "I'm supposed to wear clothes that don't show my body shape. Because of the guys. So I don't get the guys' attention. That's what we

"When I was seven, people used to say, 'Why do you have that?' They'd say, 'Take that towel off your head.'"

at clarity. "It's because of my religion." This confusion might explain why so much of what she says she's "supposed" to do is exactly the opposite of what she's doing now.

"I'm not supposed to dress like this," she says, indicating the plaid

believe."

Later, she remembers a play she saw at San Diego State University where a woman made the point that covering one's head is not mandatory for Muslim women.

"She said it's a choice," Amina says



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incredulously. "But I believe it's a 'have-to' even though I'm not wearing it."

Safiya agrees. "It is a 'have-to.'"

"Yeah," says Habiba at the same time that Fadumo says, "It is."

Although these girls believe that covering their hair is mandatory, each of the five remembers making the decision to wear the *hijab* on their own. Habiba wanted to wear one because her friends at Birney Elementary did. Fadumo said she was envious that her big sister wore one,

so she asked her mother to buy her one too.

Safiya says she was proud to wear hers "because it's part of who I am." The only problem she had with other children at school was once when two girls ganged up on her, and one told the other to pull off Safi-yah's *hijab*. Neither girl dared to.

Amina pipes in, "When I was seven years old, people used to say, 'Why do you have that?' They used to question me. They'd say, 'Take that towel off your head' and stuff like that."



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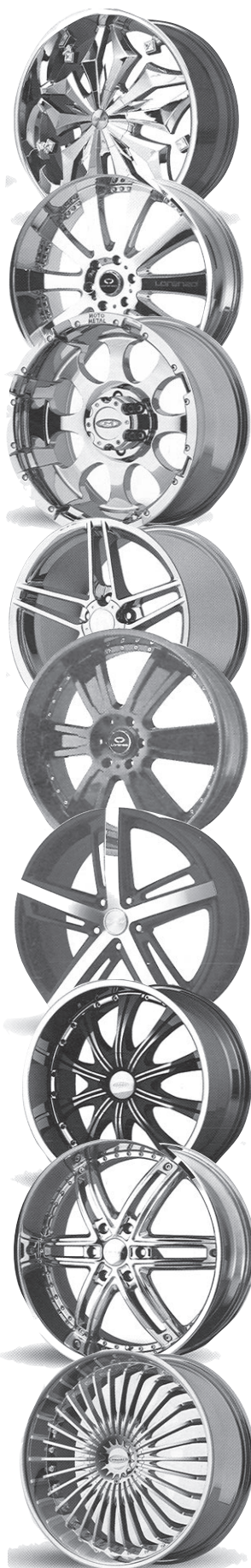
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The girls agree that despite a minor incident or insult here and there, kids in elementary school were mostly curious. In middle school, however, they became cruel.

"Middle-schoolers are the worst," says Safiya.

"Ignorant," says Habiba.

"Middle school was definitely the hardest," confirms Fadumo.

The worst of it, they say, was the daily questions they had to answer, such as "Do you wear

that in the shower?" and "Is that a tablecloth on your head?" Insults disguised as ignorance.

And then there was "Aren't you hot?" mocks Safiya.

Every one of them groans. Two roll their eyes.

"It's *super* thin," says Habiba, clearly over the whole thing. *Duh.*

I don't tell them that nearly every non-Muslim I've spoken to about *hijab* has wondered the same thing.

High-schoolers "don't ask dumb ques-

tions," says Amina. "They're way more mature."

Not always, though. During freshman year, a friend pulled off Fadumo's *hijab* in the middle of class, in front of a bunch of boys.

"They were, like, 'Can I see your hair?' and I was, like, 'No, you can't see it. It's against my religion to show you my hair.' And there were a lot of guys in the class," Fadumo says. "I was, like, 'I can't show you my hair,' so she came behind my back and she pulled

[my *hijab*] off."

The rest of the girls give their full attention to this story, and when Fadumo stops there,

the girl suspended. Fadumo said not to worry about it and accepted an apology from the friend instead.

name comes up. Former bad-boy rapper Loon is mentioned as well.

And this takes us off into a new direc-

None of these girls like the idea of arranged marriage.

Amina asks, "What did you do?"

"I didn't do nothing because she was my friend."

The teacher called Fadumo out of the class and said she could have

Somewhere in the middle of our discussion, Fadumo and Habiba begin a side conversation about celebrities who are rumored to have converted to Islam. Chris Tucker's

tion. From this point on, they don't care so much for my questions about *hijab*. There are more pressing matters at hand, such as why it's supposed to be a sin to talk or text with a

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member of the opposite sex. None of these girls like the idea of arranged marriage, and they can't comprehend how they're supposed to fall in love when they can't even get to know someone first.

They break down some of the rules they're supposed to follow: no sex before marriage and no alcohol; no nail polish unless you have your period because you can't pray then anyway; no perfume, at least not so much that boys will be attracted to you; no holding a grudge for more than three days.

And then there's the issue of music. A big one, they all agree. They're not supposed to listen to it. But they do, and it's a major point of contention between most teenagers and their parents. Fadumo's mother puts a guilt trip on Fadumo,

asking why she doesn't use her brainpower to memorize the Qur'an rather than to memorize the lyrics to that darn music.

"Our generation," says Amina, "nowadays...like...our age group...people that I know and stuff, they play with the religion."

Some girls, she says, post pictures of themselves on the internet

fully covered one day, and the next day, they're wearing "booty shorts to parties." Other girls leave their houses fully covered and then change into, say, pants in the bathroom at school.

"I think they're just trying to fit in," Safiya says.

"We call them 'undercovers' or 'transformers,'" says Amina.

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heads at the thought of such antics. Amina in particular scoffs at the idea that she'd ever be a "transformer." Her parents know she's wearing her hair out today. It's a special occasion, she says, and she's going out to eat with her sisters after school. Otherwise, she'd be covered, just like every other day. Last year, she wore her hair out almost every day. This year, she's working on "being a better Muslim."

Special occasion or no, Amina says she believes that she's sinning by not covering her hair. So why not cover it today?

"I don't know," she says, appearing to contemplate the question seriously. "I don't know."

A few minutes later, she admits that while she

knows observing *hijab* is supposed to protect women from the eyes of men, it doesn't always do the trick. "Everywhere you go, guys are still going to pay attention," she says.

They're teenage girls. Isn't there some part of them that wants to be noticed?

"No." Habiba sneers, as if the question itself is appalling.

Safiya's face tells a similar story.

"But if it happens, that's what's up," Amina says with a laugh. The others laugh too.

"We actually do [want to be noticed]," admits Fadumo. "But we can't date."

Eventually, Safiya brings it all back home to the reasons why they abstain from so many things. "God is very giving," she says. "And

if you do everything God tells you to do right now, you're gonna go to Heaven. And in Heaven, you get to listen to music if you want to. You get to taste the best beer and alcohol. You know? If you follow Him, He'll reward you with more things and better things. That's why we have to try our best to be a better Muslim."

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According to Maureen, who has three daughters of her own, Amina's to-*hijab-or-not-to-hijab* struggle is no different than that of a Catholic teenager who doesn't want to go to church anymore. She shares this with Ifrah and me over coffee at Cutters Point, a coffeehouse near the

corner of College and El Cajon Boulevard.

"Even though we raise our children Muslim, they go through a type of conversion themselves. I think everyone goes through a period

"In Heaven, you get to listen to music if you want to."

where they decide how religious they're going to be."

Maureen recently came to this understanding when her 21-year-old daughter decided to stop wearing the *hijab*. The most devastating part of the experience, Maureen says, are the judgments made by the other Muslims.

"I may just have to let her live like everyone else. There may be this sense of deprivation or something she feels deprived of, and I'm hoping she's going to find out it's really not what this is about."

Ifrah says one of her

sisters went through a similar experience.

"The *hijab* she wore just kept getting shorter and shorter and smaller and smaller until she didn't want it anymore. She bought the tightest

12-year-old, the youngest, has started to become annoyed with people staring at her family.

"I drive a 1971 Volkswagen Beetle, a really cute bug," says Maureen, "so when we're driving

clothing, and it was just peer pressure."

Today, Ifrah's sister observes *hijab* once again.

"I think I did a pretty good job raising my kids," says Maureen. "I never wanted to raise them with 'Here's a list of things to do and don't do.' Some people say '*halal, haram, halal, haram*,' which means 'lawful, prohibited, lawful, prohibited.' [But] there's so much gray."

In contrast to Maureen's oldest daughter, her 17-year-old feels empowered in her *hijab* and isn't afraid of anything. On the other hand, her

and people stare, I always tell my kids they're staring at my car. My kids say, 'Mom, they're staring at you,' And I say, 'I'd like to believe they're staring at my car.'"

A positive attitude, she says, projects confidence and keeps hostility at bay. To assist others in that positivity, she introduces herself everywhere she goes. Indeed, when I went up to the counter at Cutters Point, the barista asked me, "How do you know Maureen?"

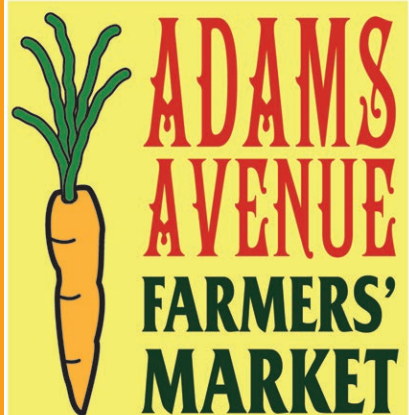
"I never, ever get harassed," Maureen says.

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Although Maureen removes her face veil at work, she does it because her hospice patients are dying and she doesn't want to come off like "the grim reaper" in their last days — not because her employer insists. Every now and again, when a family member calls to complain about the nurse with the head scarf, her case manager

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Though Ifrah doesn't wear the *niqab*, eight or nine years ago she transitioned from wearing what she calls "a rainbow of *hijab* colors" to all-black. She, too, says she lives a life free from harassment and insults and that there's no place in San Diego she won't go.

I believe it when Ifrah tells me she feels comfortable wherever

she goes, but I also question whether she is a reliable witness, especially after she tells me a story about driving around with a friend who kept pointing out that people were staring or shooting hostile glances their way. Ifrah says she didn't notice anyone staring that day, or any other day, for that matter. It never occurs to her that people would stare because she's been in San Diego, *hijab* and all, for 18 years, and she says, "I feel like I belong here."

This is the first of two reasons I decide to spend a day in *hijab*. I'll have to see for myself.

The second reason I want to wear *hijab* is that, one day, over coffee and bagels at Nate's on Euclid Avenue, Ifrah

lifted the hem of her black *abaya*, showing me that beneath it she wore a pair of purple pants. She also told me she shops at Victoria's Secret and that, beneath her black, nunlike garments, she wears matching bra and panty sets.

In this case, Victoria really does have a secret. And I want one, too.

Victoria Has a Muffin Top

The experience is neither as traumatic nor as fun as I'd imagined. Instead, it turns out to be nothing more than a regular day peppered with tiny revelations and minor irritations.

On the Thursday Ifrah and I have chosen for this adventure, I wear a neither too-tight nor



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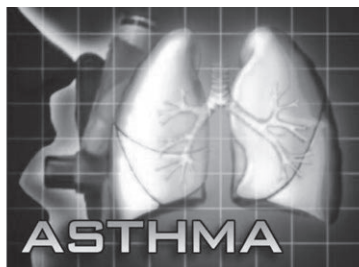
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low-cut tank top and a lightweight, long-sleeved cardigan (in case my forearms show) and a pair of jeans rolled half-way up my calves. (A happy medium between the shorts I fear might be offensive to the shop owners who will provide my *hijab* and the long pants that would roast me on this 85-degree day; I own no floor-length skirts or dresses.) For fun and a bit of sass, I go with my zebra-print, peep-toe flats.

Ifrah meets me at the northeast corner of University and Winona. She guides me across the street, east a half block, and into a store called Home and Fashion for Less. My plan is to get in and out. All I need is a plain black *abaya* and *hijab*, something to cover my clothes and get on with the day. But when I see the racks of leopard-print and floral skirts, and the array of colored and printed *dirac* hanging along the wall, my desire to be cute overrides the simplicity of the task at hand. Ifrah encourages me to try on several items until I find something I'm comfortable with. I dig the Erykah-meets-Audrey look, but that's the kind of thing you have to get

just right. I don't want Ifrah to sense the depth of my vanity, so I settle for an ultra-lightweight burgundy-colored *bati* covered in a pale-gold

We stand in line behind a woman who makes me wish I were wearing a more fashionable hijab. Something cuter.

print. The white *hijab* I choose is set with small silver sequins and a copper design that resembles abstract dragonflies.

The shopkeeper hands me a mirror, and I'm baffled by the sight of my face poking out of the *hijab*. It looks as if it belongs to someone else. Is it really only familiar when framed by hair and a collarbone? To be all face is disconcerting. When we step outside, I'm self-conscious. But not about my body. In fact, I realize right away I can stop holding in my stomach. Aha! Victoria's first secret: she has a muffin top.

Our plan is to run errands. I need a potty-training book for my daughter, and Ifrah is open to anything, so we head first for Borders in

Mission Valley. In the car along the way, we become so involved in our mother-chat (about, yes, potty training) that I forget to look for snarky

types in the cars alongside us. All I can say is that no one tries to run us off the road — that much I notice.

At the bookstore, nothing of note happens. Unless you count the woman who took time away from reading with her young daughter to help me find the potty-training shelf in the children's section. Or the little girl who stares and stares and stares while we wait in line to make our purchases.

Actually, the *not* staring is more noteworthy. Every time I happen to catch someone's eye, they quickly look away. It's the I'm-not-staring-at-you game, and I only recognize it because, when I'm not the one wearing *hijab*, I do the same thing.

Minor irritations one, two, and three: the *hijab*'s seams meet just under my chin, and it itches like hell; the *bati* is too long and threatens to trip me with every step I take; and although I can feel my clothes blowing lightly, I can't feel the breeze that moves them.

(No, I'm not hot. But this phantom breeze makes me phantom hot.)

Tiny revelation: strangely enough, I feel invisible.

Each time we get in and out of the car, I

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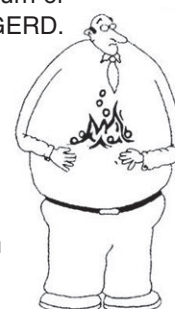
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become aware of a fleeting hope that someone will catch a glimpse of my rolled-up jeans and experience a flicker of curiosity about who I am underneath all this cloth. At DSW Shoe Warehouse I try on sexy, expensive shoes and steal glances at other shoppers, wondering if any of their dinner-table conversations tonight will begin with *"Honey, I saw a Muslim woman trying on a pair of stilettos today. Are they allowed to wear those?"*

Another tiny revelation: I'm attached to the presentation of my corporal body.

Granted, I'm not the spring chicken I once was, but I am fighting her disappearance to the death; that I still have a waist and some perk to

my behind means more to me than I might have known without this little experiment. I don't want to keep my still-decent curves to myself, and if I weren't sure it would look ridiculous, I'd belt this *bati*.

We eat lunch in La Mesa. As Ifrah entertains me with tales of her travels to Kuwait and Dubai, the waiter seats a table of four women across from us. They are all white, older, maybe in their 50s, and one of them keeps staring. I pretend not to notice, but every time I glance in her direction, she's looking. Although she doesn't appear hostile, I think, *Ah-ha! La Mesa is enemy territory.*

Turns out, Ifrah is staring back (albeit less conspicuously), trying to figure out why the wom-

an's face is so familiar to her. Later she'll remember that the woman is the receptionist at Ifrah's gynecologist's office.

Back in Little Mogadishu, at the *halal* market where we stop for goat meat and the other ingredients I'll need to make a Somali recipe Ifrah has given me, we stand in line behind a woman who makes me wish I were wearing a more fashionable *hijab*. Something cuter. I don't know what it is about her that raises my competitive female hackles, but it occurs to me that Ifrah, in all black, her face free of makeup save a hint of eyeliner, has done more than just hide the shape of her body. She's also removed herself from the female-vs.-female size-up game that most of

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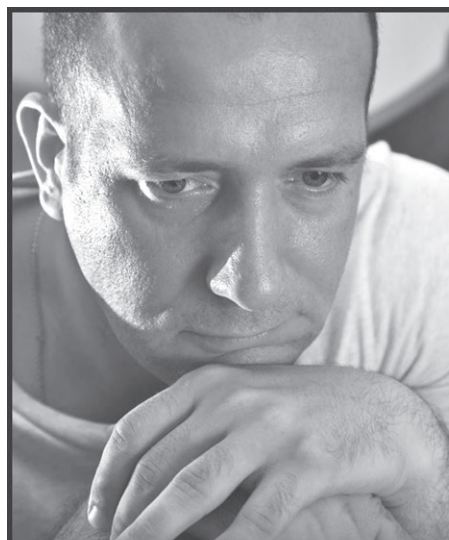
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- Have no history of psychiatric crises, visits to the emergency room, hospitalization, or increased level of care for at least 12 weeks.

Qualified participants will receive study-related medical evaluations and study medication at no cost. In addition, reimbursement for time and travel may also be provided.

us don't know, or won't admit, we're playing.

(Later, she'll tell me that she's not entirely removed from the game. Among the devout, it's a competition of who is the most intellectual, most knowledgeable. And of women who wear the *niqab*, Ifrah states, "They're much better than me.")

Our uneventful day of errands completed, Ifrah invites me into her home — a small, tidy apartment on Winona Avenue. Once inside, she takes off her *hijab* and heats a pot of tea. As she microwaves a plate of *sambusas* (meat-filled pastries) and sets out a tiered tray of sweets, I try not to stare, but I'm

amazed by how different she looks.

Her bare neck makes her face look so round and young. She wears a hot-pink-and-black plaid vest over a long-sleeved black shirt, and suddenly, her body has a shape. (Maureen will later tell me that I should not reveal anything specific about Ifrah's shape or

the length of her hair, and truthfully, the specifics seem less important than that she looks suddenly so bare, though still

rifying to witness this transformation.

But I keep my cool. I indulge in the goodies she has provided and

home in my *hijab*.

On the way, I pass my stepson and his friend playing in a neighbor's driveway. I honk

Among the devout, it's a competition of who is the most intellectual, most knowledgeable.

fully dressed.) When we first met, I found Ifrah intimidating and almost unapproachable, but now, sitting with me across a plateful of Somali sweets, she is all vulnerability and softness. It's slightly ter-

pester her for another recipe so I can make these savory *sambusas* at home. After a while, she glances at the clock, and I realize I've nearly overstayed my welcome. I thank her for everything and drive

and wave hello. They don't recognize me. At home, when I walk in the door, my husband says, "Hubba hubba!"

The goat meat turns out all right.■

— Elizabeth Salaam

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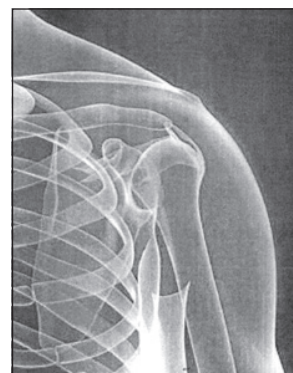
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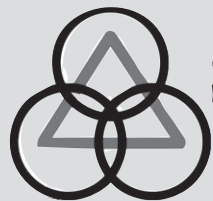
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restaurant ad gives an email address, and I submit two résumés — one in English and one in Italian. Two days later, I’m wearing a white shirt and a black apron.

All the cooks are Mexican, and I am the only one in the restaurant who doesn’t *habla español*. I can’t even tell them

I need lemon sauce on the chicken picatta. This cracks them up.

Buon giorno, Italiano! Their sarcastic greeting rattles around the kitchen, along with the pots and utensils. Another server is in the kitchen. She has been particularly cold to me during my first shifts. Trying to be

nice, I ask how she’s doing.

“I am fine, thanks,” she says flatly.

Out of habit, I blurt, *Prego*. You’re welcome.

She looks at me with contempt. Any chances I had of turning her are lost. If she disliked me before, she loathes me now.

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"Enough," she snarls. "You can stop. We all get it. You speak Italian." She leaves, balancing a chicken Caprese on her arm.

A cook named Pedro observes the carnage. His stained apron follows the contours of his bulging gut. He smirks at me.

¿Que pasa, Italiano? I stare at him blankly before managing a weak smile. That's all I can offer the Mexicans in the kitchen.

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My infatuation with Italy

began at Rancho Bernardo High School, in Mr. Rowan's honors humanities class. To appreciate how hard it was for Michelangelo to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, my teacher told the whole class to hit the carpet. We were flat on our backs, staring up at grainy photocopies of *The Creation of Adam* taped to the undersides of our desks. We each had an eight-color Crayola palette and a paintbrush.

While all my classmates are looking extra-

hot, wearing their authentic university sweatshirts in the June heat, I am filling out paperwork to attend Mesa College in the fall. My plan is to stay home and save money so I can study abroad in the spring.

Before I fly off to Florence, I visit some friends in San Francisco. I hitch a ride back with a driver named Jack. In the front seat is Tobias, a guy from Germany, but his English is pretty good, though his personal hygiene could use some improvement.

Tobias smells like sweat and marijuana.

"I've been traveling around the world, since I'm not interested in fulfilling my mandatory military service to Germany," he tells me from the front seat. Tobias looks like an owl, his brow accentuated by the heavy frames of his glasses.

Even in the spacious interior of the Scion xB, the gangly German has difficulty turning around to converse. He bumps his head on the ceiling, and his

knee pokes Jack. Driving with one hand while holding a joint with the other, our chauffeur doesn't seem to mind.

Tobias takes a hit. As he exhales, he says, "I am coming from Berkeley, where I was living in an anarchist vegan commune for some time. But now I want to come to San Diego."

I look out the window, but there is nothing to see, just agricultural flatness. The iPod hooked to the radio is playing really bad

punk music. Tobias is the only entertainment for the eight-hour drive.

"I want to learn how to sail, so I am going out in the ocean on a fishing boat for one year," he explains. "I need to be out on the sea, but I get terribly seasick. I'm a couch-surfer, too. When I lived in London, people stayed with me all the time."

Everybody in the car is amused by Tobias, but I am truly impressed. I want to be just like him, minus the weed and body odor.

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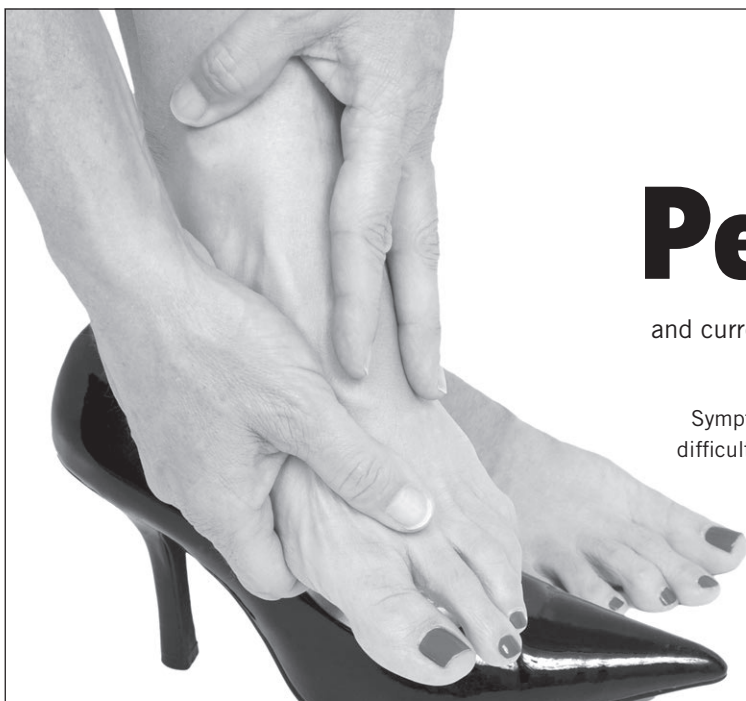
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A few weeks later, I'm in Florence. My flat is located on Via dei Tavolini, in the center of the city, next door to where Dante is said to have lived. I can see the Duomo from my bedroom window. Michelangelo couldn't have painted a better picture.

School is only four days a week, so on Fridays, I use my TrenItalia pass to travel. I've never been to Venice, so I do a couch search. There are tons of seedy Italian men who only want to host girls. I find only one exception: Massimo. He's the Tobias of Northern Italy. The guy has hosted more than 580 people, but that's not all — when people couch-surf at Massimo's, they wrestle. He schedules guests based on their weight so the matches are fair. His profile gives a statistical breakdown of all the grappling.

I wrestled for a day in high school. I didn't like it

because I'm just not that aggressive. But I need a place to stay during spring break, and I figure it will be an outrageous adventure to crash with the Italian Hulk.

Massimo is cheery, muscular, and bald. He quickly ushers me inside so I can put down my backpack and "be relax." I recognize the place immediately from the pictures on the Web. The Dojo-looking cupboards take up an entire wall. There's a blue sunken-in couch and a computer. Wrestling mats cover the floor.

"Where are the other two people I will be wrestling?" I ask. In an email, Massimo said there would be a Hungarian and an Argentinian.

My host's cheery grin fades. "The Argentine is son of bitch and not show up," he says, squinting at me. "The other one, Hungarian, was here but left."

I get a sinking feeling in my stomach. I weigh

130 pounds. Massimo outweighs me by 100 pounds, easy. If I am the only fresh meat, it's going to be a long evening. He seems to sense my apprehension.

"Here, come watch video I take. They wrestle like animal!" He ushers me to his computer and takes a seat at the keyboard. It's not that creepy to watch videos of sweaty, grunting men. It's more like ESPN, repeating classic sporting events.

"With my camera I take videos so you watch, can see what you did wrong," Massimo says. "In a few week I send you pictures, when you make wrestle, so you can never forget."

On the internet, he finds a Korean named Jihoon and a Frenchman named Julien who will be last-minute substitutions for the following night. I discover that an evenly matched pairing is ultimately less important to Massimo than getting a replacement gladiator to Venice quickly.

The Korean is like a gorilla, at least 30 pounds heavier than me. I can't get any leverage against the Seoul brother. Jihoon pins me. So does Julien, the French guy.

Massimo critiques my performance. "You have weak temperament," he says. "You need to have him lock-ed with your legs."

If my host's grasp of English is tenuous, he compensates with extreme generosity. He lets me stay at his house for four days. The French guy cooks crêpes and whiskey bananas. On my last day, I ask Massimo for the name of his favorite restaurant. He sends me to Pizzeria ae Oche.

While I'm eating, two older women sit down at the table next to mine. They chat in Italian, too

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fast for me to decipher. I try to take a picture of myself with my pizza.

Noticing the difficulty I am having, one nonna offers to help.

Posso fare uno foto?

Si, grazie mille.

I hand over my camera. They detect my American accent, and I am soon the third member at their table. When I tell them I'm

from San Diego, I expect they will melt with admiration for my beautiful city, as other Italians have done. But these particular ladies have a different reaction. The lady who has just taken my photo nearly spills her drink.

Ho un'amica e lei abita a La Jolla! She has a friend named Lydia who owns a business, 19.8 miles away

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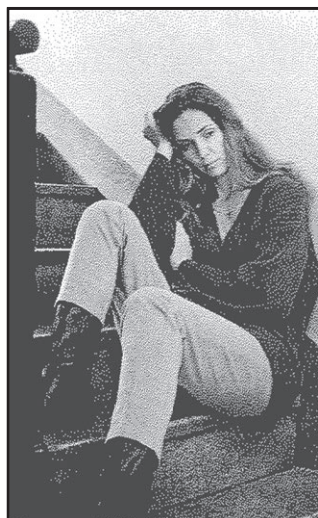
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In La Jolla, I come upon a sign for La Mano Masks. It's one of those shops all crammed together on Prospect. My heart races. This is it, proof that the last ten weeks in Florence actually happened. I see my smile reflected in the store windows and think about the ladies I met at the restaurant. What will Lydia think when she finds out I ate lunch with her friend in Venice?

Carnival masks of all types hang from the ceiling and adorn the walls of the shop. Ones with colorful feathers, ones with bird-like beaks. Happy ones, sad ones. I pretend I am back in Italy.

I see a little blonde lady in the back corner,

shrouded by a display. With the best Italian accent I can muster, I introduce myself. Lydia's eyes flick up from the mask she is holding. She has a curious expression and has to tilt her head to look up at my face.

Quando ho visitato Venezia ho incontrato tua amica Rosella. Abbiamo mangiato insieme alla Pizzeria ae Oche. I tell her that I've come all the way from Venice, where I met her friend.

An inquisitive smile forms on her face. She tilts her head back even more. I am concerned she is going to fall over backward. *Ah, Rosella! Non mi amica, mia cugina!* Turns out they aren't friends, they are cousins. My Italian needs some work.

She points toward two chairs in the back. There's

a huge window, where we can see La Jolla Cove. It's another beautiful day in Southern California.

Lydia switches to English as two customers enter the store, a teenage girl accompanied by her father. The girl is looking for something to wear at a masquerade party. Lydia floats graciously around the store, then presents a pointed number with dangling violet ornamentation.

"Beautiful purple beads, this is popular one for the girls," she says. But the teenager is not impressed and the father even less so, once he sees the price tag. Lydia is not discouraged. She walks them to the other side of the store and points to an elegant white mask with silver lining. No sale.

Finally, it's an emerald mask with gold streaks that

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wins the girl's heart. As the father moves toward the cash register, he sees me. I'm not much older than his daughter.

"So how do you afford to run this shop here?" he asks Lydia. "I mean, is business good?" He opens his wallet and extracts \$20. I see his point. It's hard to imagine the shop serving any purpose aside from outfitting teenagers for a school dance.

Lydia smirks at him before answering. "My husband says, 'No more masks! I'll give you money, but just no more masks.' But I do just fine." There is a faint cockiness in her voice. "I've had this shop for 24 years, and I am doing fine."

She tells us that a crew from *Playboy* came down from Los Angeles to buy her most expensive line for a masquerade ball at the mansion. The girls put it on Hef's tab. When Lydia asked them what else they'd be wearing, so she could help complete their outfits, they told her, "Well, nothing!"

Lydia laughs hysterically. I have a great visual of the bunnies hopping around naked, their authentic Venetian masks the only genuine thing about them.

Lydia goes to Italy twice a year and orders straight from the artisans. While I'm still hanging out with her, a few customers wander in, enthralled with their discovery. I decide it's time to leave before overstaying my welcome, even though I am sure the concept doesn't exist in Lydia's homeland. I ask if I can stop by again. Of course, she says. She gives me some CDs, so I don't forget the Italian I have learned. I drive up La Jolla Parkway, the Pacific Ocean disappearing in my rearview mirror. Claudio

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A golden retriever lies

on his stomach, tongue unfurled, on the outdoor patio of my Italian restaurant. The tiny pool of slobber slowly evaporates in the afternoon sun.

"Oh, hello, puppy,"

I say. "What's your dog's name?"

A man with sunglasses and an unbuttoned shirt coolly replies, "Enzo."

The dog's ears perk up, and his tongue recoils

into his mouth. He eyes his master, waiting for further instructions.

The man is from Milan. Throughout his meal, I return to the table and bombard him with

all the Italian I know that pertains to food. His dark-haired girlfriend is following along, but I'm thinking she got her tan in Southern California, not under the Tuscan sun.

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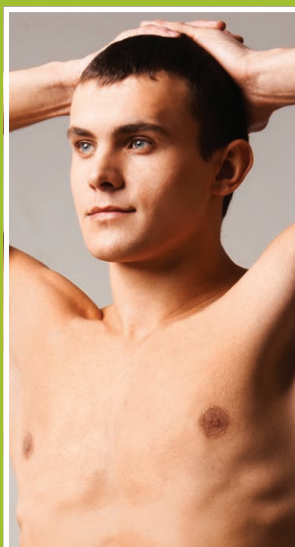
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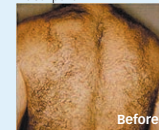
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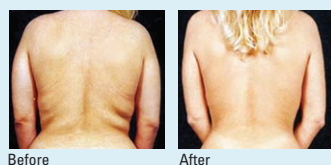
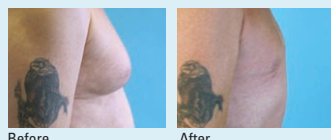
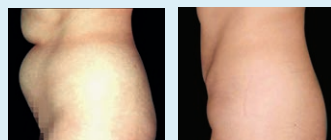
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"Yes, actually, could I have a coffee?" Maybe the girlfriend is fluent after all, because she's successfully translated my question.

"Wait," she adds. "No, I would like a cappuccino."

A playful smile forms on my face. In Italy, ordering a cappuccino after ten o'clock is a serious offense. A server would have a minor meltdown and quickly ask that she leave the restaurant.

It's a quarter to three. With my best apologetic demeanor, I ask her if she knows what time it is. She reaches across the table for her black Dolce & Gabbana purse. Her pink cell phone is inside.

"Two forty-five," she announces before flipping

it shut.

I turn to the man and offer him an empathetic look. He nods toward his girlfriend.

Lei non capisce. She doesn't understand. I return quickly with the

"IN ITALY, EVERYONE DRINKS WITH COMPANY."

cappuccino.

In Italy, eating is a full-blown event. In Del Mar, in the afternoon, it is common for diners to express a sense of urgency.

"Now, listen, I'm in a bit of a hurry," says a guy with a briefcase. "Can you get this food out to me extra fast? I have to be back to the office within the hour."

No Italian would ever

say those words. During *pausa pranzo* — the lunch break — businesses close down for two hours, and most people go home to eat with their families. It's a celebration.

In Florence, I am

swept up in the Italian tradition. A server named Lorenzo offers me Chianti in a dimly lit restaurant.

"What you like, Remy?"

"I'm okay, but thank you."

Lorenzo's brother Federico sits at my table and sets a glass in front of me.

"No, no," he protests. "In Italy, everyone drinks with company."

Lorenzo pushes my empty plates to the side and joins us. From the stereo speakers, chords from a bossa nova guitar float around the restaurant. The two brothers have no place to be and no one to serve. They seem genuinely happy to sit down with me and enjoy the evening.

"I want to learn how to play bossa nova rhythms on the guitar," I tell them.

"Bossa nova is like the rhythm of life," says Lorenzo, who sways his head to the music.

But at this restaurant in Del Mar, I'm too young to drink legally. Plus, my boss already thinks I'm dogging it when I linger to chat with our customers.

"Rem, you gotta pick up the pace here," she says. "We can't spend time talking to everyone. Get going!"

I see her curly hair bounce with each step as she quickly makes her way back to the kitchen. I can barely make out the bossa nova from our stereo sys-

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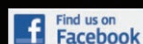
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tem. It's not part of my job to enjoy the rhythm of life.

I take an order from two ladies out on the patio.

"Caprese chicken salad and an iced tea, please." A woman with reddish hair smiles at me sweetly and closes her menu. A blonde dining companion peers over her glasses at the listed entrées then says, "I'll have the same."

Folders and official-looking documents litter their table. I do not linger.

The boss is particularly attentive when I return to the kitchen. With a little too much eagerness in her voice, she says, "Did you get Jenny's order, Rem?"

"Jenny? Who's that?"

"Jenny Craig, the red-haired lady outside."

"That's Jenny Craig?" Maybe I can talk to her about getting on a program. I put on a few pounds after

all that truffle pasta in Italy.

"Yeah, she comes in here a lot, but we like to keep it on the DL." The boss is still hyper. "So don't make a big deal out of it, okay?"

I bring out the salads and return in a few minutes.

"How's everything tasting?" I ask.

"Good. Thank you."

Jenny and the other woman are very nice, but even if chatting were permitted, I wouldn't know what to say. I'm fresh out of business advice.

They stay on the patio for most of the afternoon. I leave them alone.

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I'm attending the annual Sicilian Festival in Little Italy. Two of my friends are getting married as part of the day's events. We

haven't met, but we're all couch-surfers. It feels as if we've known each other for more than a day.

Diana, the bride from Florida, was studying abroad in Italy when she stayed at Tony's house in Sicily. They decided to move to San Diego. A guy named John hosted the lovebirds at his Solana Beach house, when they didn't know anybody in Southern California. John is the best man, wearing a tuxedo at the wedding.

It's like a Hollywood romance, except the characters are real.

The festival organizers stage the ceremony so there would be guests — hundreds of them. As the crowd disperses, I have a moment to bond with Tony. He's one of Massimo's boys from the Venetian wrestling mat.

Hai visitato Massimo a Venezia?

Si, si.

In his black tux, Tony lunges forward and flexes. He could probably pin me, too. I hear Massimo's voice in my head, critiquing my performance. It will haunt me forever.

Tony's parents have flown in from Sicily for the wedding. His mother is gorgeous. She's wearing a short blue dress and has flowing black hair. I look at Mr. Tripoli with the utmost admiration. The women are probably the most perfect works of art in Italy.

Grazie mille per avete parlato Italiano con me. I tell them that I'm thrilled to speak Italian again because it's hard to find places to practice.

Mrs. Tripoli gives me an inquisitive look. *Hai mangiato al ristoranti Italiani?* It seems so obvious to her. Why not eat at Italian restaurants?

I don't have the heart to tell her that everyone speaks Spanish at mine. ■

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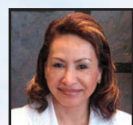
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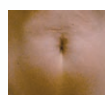
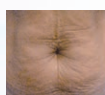
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Scary housing

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homes sold by banks (foreclosures), San Diego prices declined by 1.4 percent over the 12 months that ended in June, says Quinn Eddins, director of research. The same was true in San Francisco and San Jose.

Ominously, between May and June of this year, the average of all San Diego prices declined by 0.9 percent, according to Radar Logic numbers, which don't jibe with Standard & Poor's calculations. "Normally, the percentage goes up that time of year," says Eddins. "This shows us there is underlying weakness. San Diego and the other California markets tend to be bellwethers for our composite of 25 municipal areas. We are seeing price declines earlier than usual."

Eddins thinks that the data from Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller is misleadingly optimistic, and actually, so do the economists who put out those numbers. The Standard & Poor's numbers include transactions occurring over a three-month period. Hence, they still reflect the positive effect of the federal stimulus program. Once the effect of that stimulus disappears from the statistics, prices could flatten or retreat, say those compiling the S&P/Case-Shiller numbers.

Eddins fears that weak demand and rising supply may lead to a housing double-dip across the nation. "The home-building industry is an important source of employment, particularly in Southern California," says Eddins. "The fact that home prices are dropping doesn't suggest home builders will ramp up production. People are still deeply underwater." (That is, there is more debt on their homes than they are worth.)

San Diegan Robert Campbell, who publishes

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The Campbell Real Estate Timing Letter, computes a "Real Estate Crash Index." In August of 2005, his index correctly flashed a sell signal on San Diego real estate. In May of this year, the index flashed a buy. But he doesn't think the good days will last long. "It is really getting scary in San Diego," says Campbell. "San Diego is one of the three strongest markets [in the United States], but it is losing momentum. The recovery was artificial, driven by government stimulus. There was a temporary bounce in the market, but it will start heading down."

There are stark differences among neighborhoods, says Nevin. "From Carmel Valley all the way to Carlsbad, home prices didn't even drop 10 percent," he says, while at one point countywide prices were down more than 40 percent. They are still down 34.6 percent from the late-2005 peak. "In eastern Chula Vista, prices dropped 50 percent." Around the county, vacancy rates in single-family rental homes are 1 or 2 percent: "People are buying foreclosed homes and renting them out," he says.

Oceanside's Hanley Group follows new home sales in 115 development tracts throughout the county. "Sales dropped like a stone in mid-June and haven't come back," says Sharon Hanley, who heads the company. Now there are 1.25 home sales per month in those 115 tracts; back in the halcyon days of 2004 to early 2006, sales were running at 7 a month. "I wouldn't look for any comeback until after the first of the year; then it will be very, very limited," she says. She sees some strength in the Carmel Valley, La Costa, and Oceanside areas and very moderate activity in South Bay, but weakness in East County, where there isn't much on the market.

"It is slow," says Peter Reeb of Reeb Development Consulting. However, he

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feels, "We have seen the worst of it. I don't think there will be a double-dip in the new home market." New home prices dropped 30 percent from peak to trough, but certain factors indicate sales won't start dropping again. "The supply of housing is at its lowest level in over 30 years. On a project-by-project basis, sales have been rising for more than a year. In the second quarter of this year, prices were up 1.5 percent. This creates a sense of urgency among buyers. The sense of urgency and scarcity provides support for the market."

But if that sense of urgency evaporates, San Diego could be in for trouble. A mild housing downturn might not do much damage, but a second drop of 10 to 20 percent could lead to a double-dip in the overall economy. ■

Less water flows in

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that chronicles the valley's dwindling water supply, and he now considers himself an expert on the Borrego Valley's water woes.

Currently, engineers from the United States Geological Survey, the California Department of Water Resources, and the Borrego Water District are working together to obtain a better understanding of the groundwater basin and the long-term sustainability of the groundwater supply.

"In terms of the suggested usage, the goal is to use no more water than is being supplied naturally to the basin plus any additional supply that may be found," writes Dr. Timothy Ross, a senior engineering geologist for the Department of Water Resources.

Without some additional water supply, writes Ross, the groundwater use in Borrego Valley is "untenable."

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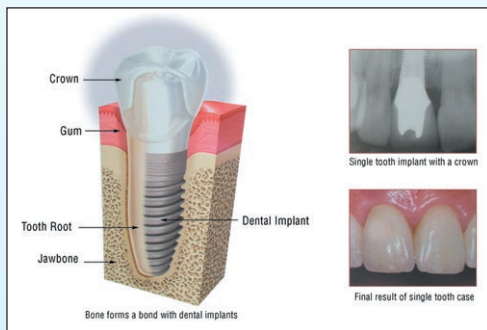
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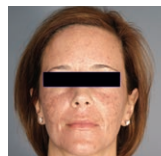
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fers, the Borrego Water District's bank account is also drying up, as is the trust of many residents in the community. Residents now accuse district management of wasting cash reserves on legal fees and on pipe dreams, like constructing a 46-mile pipeline to import water. The accusations flood the monthly water district meetings. This November, three reform candidates are running for the board of directors.

The Borrego Water District, established in 1961, pumps and supplies water for 2015 customers. In recent years, money has gushed from the district's coffers. Total cash on hand in 2007, according to the July 28 agenda packet, was \$7,475,241. At the end of July 2010, that number had dropped to \$2,537,940.

Two changes occurred in 2007. The district's lawyer retired at the end of 2006, and a new firm was retained. About the same time, the general manager became ill. He died in September 2007. The new manager, Rich Williamson, was hired the following February; in the interim, the board's chair acted as general manager.

"[The water district] spent a total of \$4,147,162 since they hired the new general manager in 2008 — that's a lot of money spent in less than two short years," said Judith Burzell, a 29-year former assistant manager for the district.

Burzell stopped working for the district in the fall of 2007, amidst the turmoil; she says she was constructively terminated but that the district says she quit. She sued, and the case was settled.

At her home in Vista, Burzell speaks about one of the district's actions that concerned her. In 2007, the district refinanced Mello-Roos bonds for Montesoro, a troubled subdivision pre-

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viously called Rams Hill. Bonds to pay for the development's water infrastructure were originally issued in the 1980s. The cost of refinancing bonds on the aging infrastructure was \$400,000.

Three years later, the grass on Montesoro's golf course is dead. The developer and other investors have stopped making payments on the bonds, and the special district that administers the bonds is in foreclosure proceedings on the golf course and undeveloped property.

Burzell knows the valley like her own hometown. She talks about the water district as if she is discussing the inner workings of a family business. In a sense it is. Burzell's father, Linden Burzell, developed wells in the valley during the 1950s for the first large developers — the Burnands, the Copleys, and the DiGiorgios, who first developed Rams Hill. Linden Burzell was the district's water engineer for more than 20 years.

"It is so sad. It was a beautiful place just struggling along, and then a combination of greed, mismanagement, a bad economy, and a lot of really poor choices by the board and management may just turn it into a ghost town," says Judith Burzell.

During 2007, months before the board ordered her to turn in all documents and property of the district, Burzell had noticed an increase in legal fees coming into the office.

In fiscal year 2005/2006, legal fees amounted to \$47,000. Two years later, in fiscal year 2007/2008, they swelled to \$220,000, a 368 percent surge.

"This is a level of government that flies under the radar," says Burzell. "In this economy, it's just horrific. You look at this tiny, tiny little community with this few people and the ratio of that legal cost, it is completely unreasonable."

Dennis Dickinson shares Burzell's concern about the

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rapid flow of money jet-tisoned from the Borrego Water District.

"There is absolutely no plan to govern the spending of this money," says Dickinson. "As of late 2007, the district had a significant surplus. They applied for a grant, and the Army Corps of Engineers told them they were too rich to receive any aid. A few months later, Rich Williamson proceeded to spend most of that. He's done a pretty good job in two years, a good job of spending money. He calls it a shotgun approach, and I call it trial and error."

Williamson says he never called it a "shotgun approach." During an August 16 phone interview, Williamson, who left Tucson's water department for the general manager position at the Borrego Water District, defends the allocation of millions of dollars since coming to Borrego.

"The fear is bringing this economy to a halt by getting rid of agriculture and the golf courses," says Williamson, going on to say that the water district does not control the amount of water that the farms or three of the golf courses use, as they have their own wells.

"We have to have a multiprong approach, not a shotgun approach," he says.

The water manager defends the increased expenditures since he took office in 2008. "During the economic boom of the last decade, unfortunately the water district didn't do a lot to the system in terms of repairs and replacement. Nor was any work done to alleviate the groundwater problem. There were a lot of repairs that were put off, and we started those repairs and started studies. It doesn't do anyone any good to have a million dollars in the bank but no water."

As for the legal costs, Williamson points to the San Diego County Grand Jury's report this spring. The grand jury found that additional legal counsel was needed to



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oversee bond issues, including refinancing the Montezuma bond; to help after the death of the district's general manager; to aid the new general manager, who was "not familiar with California State laws and regulations"; and to address the aquifer overdraft situation by pursuing the establishment of a special tax-assessment district, which voters ultimately rejected.

Williamson's three-prong approach focuses on land management, conservation, and importation strategies.

Importing water to Borrego would be costly. According to the district's "Integrated Water Resources Management Plan," constructing a 46-mile pipeline — with two pumping stations — from the Imperial Valley into the basin would cost around \$51.7 million. Other possibilities include a 40-mile pipeline to the Coachella Valley and a 38-mile pipeline to the Imperial Valley.

Williamson is also look-

ing into running a two-way pipeline. The district would bring Northern California or Colorado River water into the Borrego Valley basin, store it until it's needed, then export it to Imperial Valley or Coachella Valley farms. The plan, says Williamson, would not only address Borrego's water deficit but also bring billions of gallons of water to the region.

On August 11, the district manager received word that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation had awarded \$425,000 to a study of water systems and management in southeastern California. One strategy that will be investigated is banking water in Borrego's basin. Preliminary studies, says Williamson, indicate that Borrego's underground aquifer could store as much as 500,000 acre-feet of water, over 30,000 more acre-feet than all ten of the City of San Diego's impounding reservoirs can hold.

"The study is important

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because the Bureau of Reclamation is the water master for the Colorado River," says Williamson. "And Borrego can't afford to do the project on its own. To provide recovery for this aquifer, we're going to have to import water. The best way to do that is so it benefits other entities that are far wealthier than our district.

"The thought is to look at adjacent water basins and divert water to the district."

Dickinson, however, favors a simple, one-prong approach to prevent the desiccation of the basin: adjudication, or allowing a court to appoint a water master to allocate water to users.

"Farmers and golf course owners just water the hell out of their land," says Dickinson. "You can't shut the farmers and golf courses down, but if you get the basin adjudicated, then they will be allocated some portion of 4000 acre-feet of water per year."

For adjudication to occur, a lawsuit would need to be filed by landowners or the water district.

"It really is the only solution," says Dickinson. "[Williamson] wants to bring in water from the outside. There's very little water on the market, and it's getting harder and harder to find it."

Williamson agrees that adjudication is one solution, but it's one that would likely parch the valley's economy and be a costly court venture.

"If you do that," says Williamson, "the golf courses will basically be driven out of business. Everyone loses in that scenario."

Borrego Valley's scarce water resources will continue to be an issue. Last year, the county board of supervisors approved 3725 additional dwelling units for the valley, and the county's general plan provides for the potential future development of 9400 more residences. ■

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had cuts and bruises on him, so concerned residents called 911. A fire truck and ambulance responded, and after a brief evaluation, the victim was loaded onto a gurney for a trip to the hospital for further observation.

By Gail Powell
Wednesday, Sept. 1

Three Days of Carnage

Over 40 Palm Trees Cut Down in Escondido Mobile Home Park

Escondido — At the September 2 Escondido City Council meeting, Larry Steneck, president of the Coalition of Escondido Mobile/Manufactured Home Voters, discussed the plight of residents at the Green Tree Mobile Estates, who had to deal with the loss of over 40 tall palm trees in their community.

"Park management unilaterally decided to cut down all of those palms," said Steneck. "And to make sure the residents had no time whatsoever to react, they were given a three-day notice. None of these trees were deceased, none of them were a safety hazard, and none of them were causing damage to the streets or property. No residents asked that they be cut down."

Steneck said the management company takes a portion of the residents' rent to pay for the maintenance of the trees.

"The property managers simply didn't want to maintain [the trees] any longer," he added. According to Steneck, despite complaints and a letter to the management, trucks still rolled in the neighborhood and took down the trees over the course of three days of "carnage."

He showed the council a photograph of a resident who stood in her yard in front of a tree in an attempt to save it from being cut down; that particular tree

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survived, he said.

"I recognize that this council majority sides with the park owners and management virtually a hundred percent of the time," said Steneck. "However, would it be too much to ask of you to ask these park owners to try and be fair and reasonable to residents?... This management company, located in Laguna Beach, has nothing better to do than to come down to Escondido and cut down the palm trees and upset the residents."

By Nathaniel Uy
Saturday, Sept. 4

Shuttle Rebuttal

Cabbies, Shuttles Unhappy with Airport Proposal

Downtown — "All three approaches lead to concession. It is the mindset of the board to take this to concession, and that is something that I am not in favor of," said San Diego cabbie Edris Wahab at Thursday's board meeting of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

"Now, I don't see a future here at the airport," added Wahab, who has taken passengers to and from Lindbergh Field for more than five years. The cab driver was one of many to comment during Thursday's meeting on the fate of ground transportation at San Diego International Airport.

Board members were asked to choose from three options: take bids from large transportation providers, such as Cloud 9 Super Shuttle, to run ground transportation in the airport; enter into a partnership with the existing ground transportation industry to improve service and increase oversight; or continue down the road they now are on.

Early in deliberations, the nine board members seemed to lean toward a partnership with existing ground transportation.

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companies to meet safety and service standards set by the Airport Authority. If the standards are not met in that time, then the airport authority will hear proposals from other taxi and shuttle concessionaires.

San Diego cabbie Wahab wasn't the only person in the crowd who didn't consider the second option fair. "This is a kangaroo court, and I can see this," said John Hawkins, president and chief executive officer for transportation concessionaire Cloud 9 Super Shuttle. "We are not asking for another 6 months, 12 months, 2 years. We have been uniformed, organized, and safe since 1991. You were here when [Metropolitan Transit System] did the safety checks on the taxicabs and 85 percent failed. We pay with one check, and we do everything right."

The board later voted unanimously to partner up with and make improvements to the current transportation providers

By Dorian Hargrove
Thursday, Sept. 2

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District Attempts to Keep Funds from Being Cut Normal Heights — The San Diego Unified School District board met in a "Special Meeting" on Tuesday, August 31 (click to boarddocs.com/ca/sandi/Board.nsf/Public for more info). Among other items on the agenda was a discussion that touched on a budget impasse that could affect students with disabilities in the upcoming school year.

The County Office of Education, as dictated by the State, wanted the budget to include cuts to disability programs. San Diego Unified's board left in the measures that fund the disability programs, which resulted in a conflict

with the County Office of Education.

Phil Stover, deputy superintendent of business operations for the district, said that a proposal, AB

184, is on the desk of Governor Schwarzenegger; his signature would ensure that the programs for disabled children stay in place and that the funds needed

are at the district's disposal. Nine million dollars would have to be cut if the proposal is not signed.

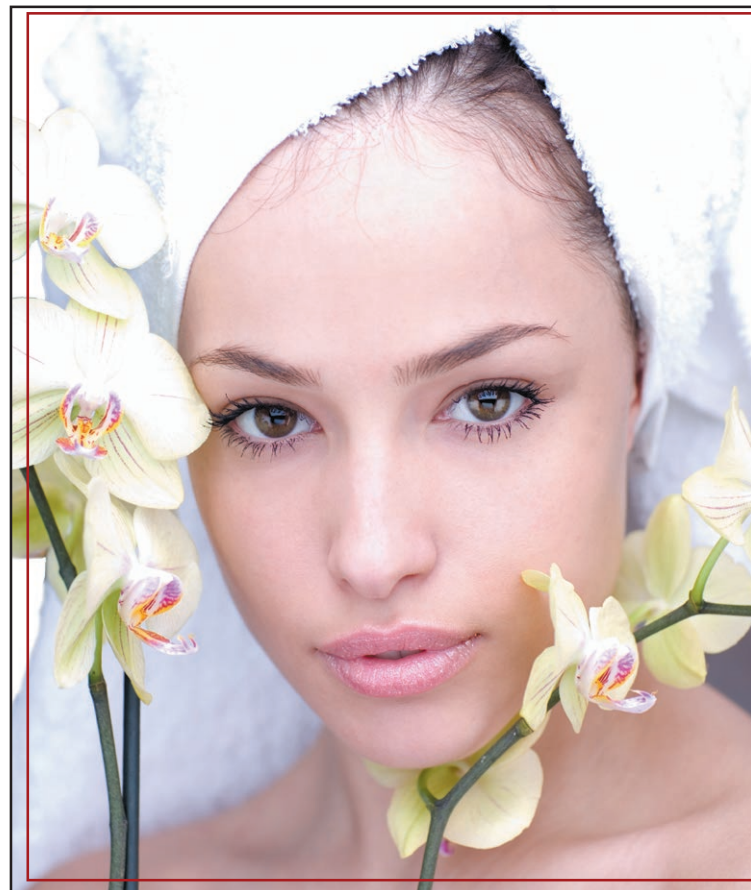
Boardmember Katherine Nakamura mentioned the

possible negative implications for the district's credit rating and costs associated with district loans if they have to reach into their reserves.

The board debated and agreed that the district could reach into its reserves to come up with the funding if needed. No

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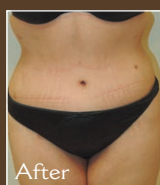
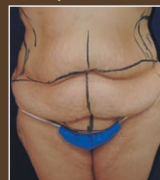


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one proposed that the programs go without funding.

By T.E. Bach

Thursday, Sept. 2

Prowling the Park

Summer Spike in Car Break-Ins Near the Zoo
Balboa Park — Summer is a hot time for tourism at Balboa Park and the San Diego Zoo, even hotter for thieves prowling the cars along Zoo Drive.

From January 1 to July 31, there were 64 reports of vehicle break-ins within a half-mile of the zoo. A majority of the break-ins, as reported by the Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS), a database that tracks crime in San Diego and Imperial Counties, occurred between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Zoo Drive, the street that leads to the Zoo's main parking lot.

Vehicle break-ins are an issue throughout Balboa Park. According to an August 13 report from the San Diego Police Department, out of 124 neighborhoods in San Diego, Balboa Park ranks number 23 for car break-ins so far this year.

By Dorian Hargrove

Wednesday, Sept. 1

Bad Agents

Home Invaders in Search of Past Tenant

Valley Center — On August 31, residents at a Valley Center home were accosted by two armed men who claimed to be law-enforcement agents. The victims, all of whom are in their 20s, complied with the perpetrators, who wore tactical gear and T-shirts that read "DEA."

According to San Diego County Sheriff's Sgt. Bob Bishop, the criminals forced their way into the home and ordered the residents to get on the ground. One perpetrator had a handgun and the other, an assault rifle. The victims, who were bound with zip-ties, realized that the robbers were not

CITY LIGHTS

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Rescue personnel responded to aid a distressed bodyboarder at Sunset Cliffs.

DEA agents when one of them took off his shirt and revealed prison tattoos on his arms.

The criminals ransacked the home, possibly in search of drugs, and demanded to know the whereabouts of one of the former roommates. According to Bishop, the shirtless suspect "stated he had been in prison and the reason they were there was to find someone who had lived there once upon a time and ripped them off for 25 lbs. of marijuana."

Neighbors from another unit on the property were confronted as they approached the scene, and two other people who drove up to the home were accosted by the suspects. A male victim escaped into a nearby canyon and called 911. There were no major physical injuries during the robbery, and a female victim suffered a small cut on her finger, according to police.

By Karina Hernandez

Wednesday, Sept. 1

Short Tow Toward Shore

Sunset Cliffs Bodyboarder Rescued or Not?

La Jolla — At approximately 7:00 p.m. on August 31, I arrived at the Sunset Cliffs parking lot at the end of Osprey Street to watch the sunset along with many other onlookers. At approximately 7:30, the last of the sun had sunk. Soon thereafter, a person lying on a bodyboard was noticed in the water, drift-

ing further and further out, waving a hand seemingly in distress from a distance of approximately 200 yards from the cliff's edge.

Emergency calls were made, and sirens wailed louder by the second. A lifeguard truck was the first to arrive in the parking lot. Lifeguards immediately offloaded rescue paddleboards from the vehicle's roof. One lifeguard made a walkie-talkie call while a police cruiser and fire truck pulled up to the parking lot.

The person in the water seemed calm, lying on his board. Instead of paddling out, lifeguards called for a boat rescue. Lifeguards in speeding rescue boat came on the scene from a northerly direction soon after the call. They overshot the bodyboarder's location by at least 200 yards. Onshore rescue personnel called the boat and told them to do a U-turn to find their target.

After the boat made it to the bodyboarder, who wore only shorts, lifeguards appeared to toss him a rope. He was given a short tow toward shore, but then he released the rope and began to come ashore under his own power. The lifeguards motored away.

By Julius Mickles

Thursday, Sept. 2

Out of Nowhere

Tijuana Mugging Thwarted by Local Woman

Tijuana — During the late afternoon of September 1,

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in an eastern residential section of Tijuana, a woman was assaulted on her way home from work while walking down an alley. The suspect, a dark-skinned Latino male in his 30s, came from behind the woman and attempted to snatch her purse. When the woman refused to let go, the suspect reportedly punched the woman in the arm, leaving a black bruise the size of an avocado.

Still refusing to let go of her purse, the woman began to scream the name of her husband and yelled at the assailant, warning that they lived nearby. With that, the suspect quickly fled, running westbound down a side street. Subsequent searches by the woman's husband and her son-in-law were not successful in locating the man.

"I'm always so careful," the victim said in Spanish. "Normally I'm very aware of who is around me or even behind me, but he seemed to come from out of nowhere."

Such assaults with the intent to rob have been on the rise recently in suburban Tijuana, as local police have been involved in other matters, such as helping to fight the often-violent attempts to control turf used by smug-

glers of drugs and humans across the border.

By David Alton Dodd
Thursday, Sept. 2

Not All Aboard

Temporary Train Stop

Proposed for Fair Visitors

Del Mar — Twenty feet from the front door of a stone-fronted Del Mar home, just south of the San Dieguito River, sits a white wooden structure that houses railroad utilities. The structure marks the spot where North County Transit District officials, with the support of management at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, propose placing a temporary train stop for Thoroughbred buffs and visitors to the fairgrounds.

The proposed train terminus, expected to be completed in a year, will be the drop-off and pickup point for both the lucky and unlucky, the sober and intoxicated.

The residents living in the beachside homes adjacent to the stop feel that they are the losers in the deal.

With next year's closure of Hollywood Park Racetrack and more meets coming to Del Mar, the number of people riding trains bound for the fairgrounds will increase. The new stop and the additional meets at Del Mar

mean more noise for those living near the train tracks.

In early August, 29 Del Mar residents looking to fix the issue signed a petition to abandon the temporary train stop and jockey for a permanent stop north of the San Dieguito River, on the west side of the racetrack.

The permanent stop has been included in the master plan for the fairgrounds since 1985 but because of funding has been put out to pasture in favor of a faster solution.

Deputy manager for the Del Mar Fairgrounds Becky Bartling believes funding for a permanent stop is a long shot. "The cost of replacing the bridge and double tracking from south of the river to Solana Beach is estimated to be \$80 million," writes Bartling in an August 23 email. "SANDAG and North County Transit District do not anticipate that any funding for this project would be available for at least ten years."

By Dorian Hargrove
Monday, Aug. 30

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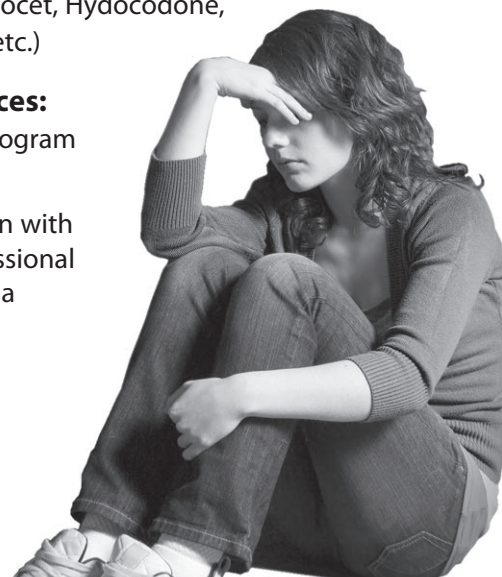
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Chris Bajkiewicz
via email

Slew Of Slammer Stories

I love the article/story on the jail environment ("Back on the Street," Feature Story, September 2). More people need to learn about what occurs in jails. Food, schedules, activities, relationships, guards, etc. The story was a rerun. Good enough to run twice. Please start a batch of jail stories. People need to know. It will give them knowledge of what occurs, when most people have no idea. It can educate and inform future voters at the polls. Thank you, Michael Jackson, for sharing your

stories, and I hope to read more!!

J. Callister
via email

Turn To Psalms 131

Letter-writer John Pertle (Letters, September 2) objected to several biblical passages contradicting Calvinism that I mentioned in a previous letter (August 26).

One reason I have trouble mindlessly accepting anything John Calvin wrote is that he was not able to support his ideas with Christian love, sound reasoning, and biblical authority.

Instead, he dedicated his life to having people who disagreed with him executed, such as Michael Servetus, Jacques Gruet, and many of the "Libertines" in Geneva. He was not very Christ-like.

The problem with citing a particular verse as evidence of a truth is that all other passages relating to that truth are excluded. Usually, there are several passages of Scripture that bear on any given

topic, and we should strive to understand each verse as it conforms to every other verse.

For instance, Jesus' teaching about the innocence of children in Matthew 18 was expanded upon in chapter 19 and can also be found in numerous other passages, such as Psalms 131, I Corinthians 14:20, I Peter 2:2, Mark chapters 9 and 10, Luke chapters 9 and 18, and so on.

The message is clear that we must return to the purity and innocence that we had as young children before we can enter the kingdom of heaven.

To blindly claim that a biblical passage does not really mean what it plainly says is a bit dishonest. If we need "volumes" to explain a single chapter, rather than to just accept what it actually says, then perhaps there is a problem with the explanation.

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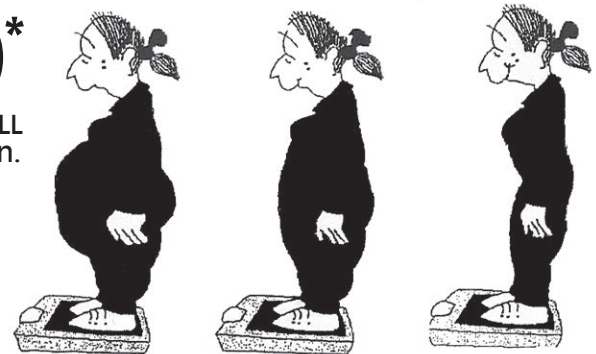
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“moral depravity” could only be inherited from fathers. This was very convenient since Jesus had no earthly father.

Well, this contrivance created some new problems. It was Eve who sinned first and then enticed Adam to sin, making her responsible not only for her own sin but for Adam's sin as well. As the more culpable sinner, why is it that Eve did not develop a “sinful nature” and pass it on to her offspring as Adam did?

If this “sinful nature” can only be inherited from the father, then it must be carried by a gene on the Y chromosome. Since the human genome has been mapped, exactly which gene is it that carries the trait of “moral depravity”?

The real problem with this theory is that it directly

contradicts Hebrews 4:15, which told us that Jesus was tempted in all things just as we are. Chapter 2 of Hebrews said that Jesus was made just like us in all things and suffered the same temptations that we all face.

Paul told us in Philippians chapter 2 that Jesus gave up His deity while He was in the flesh. He conducted His life as a human in complete obedience to the Father, even to the point of death, as an example that each one of us must try to do the same.

If Jesus had not inherited the same human weaknesses as the rest of us, then He would have been incapable of committing sin, and His sinless life would have been meaningless to us.

It is precisely because Jesus was vulnerable to the same temptations we have that

He was able to become our Intercessor before the Father. The fact that He was human, but remained sinless, made Him the perfect sacrifice on our behalf.

You cannot have it both ways. Either Jesus was made just like us with the same weaknesses and temptations, or His sinless life was a charade, making Christianity a sham.

So how do we return to the purity we had as young children? Peter gave us a clue in chapter 2 of Acts. We must get rid of our sins by repenting of them and being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for their remission.

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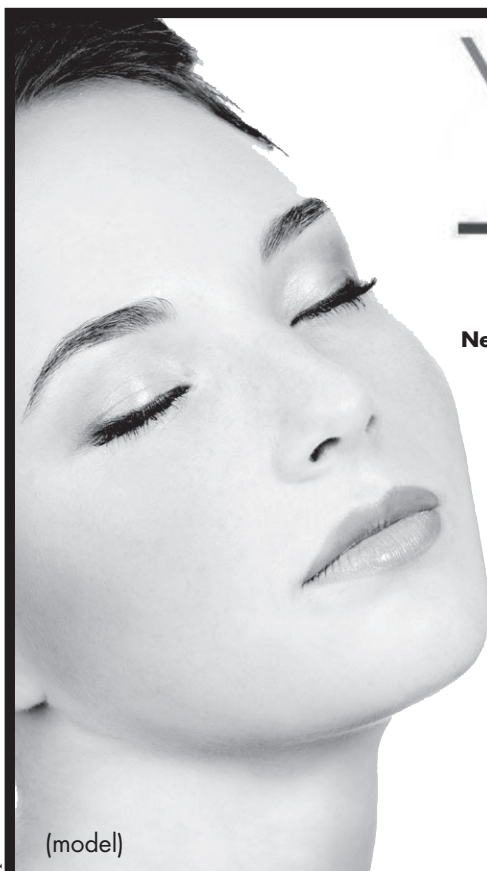
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tration of baptism is found in Acts 8:26 through 39, where Philip baptized the Ethiopian (in water).

Jim Crooks
Oceanside

All? Not All

In the September 2 issue, there was a letter entitled "Spanish Tummy and Pollyanna Creep." Don Bauder's reply to that, regarding unemployment, the first half of his statement is negated by the last half of his statement because a lot of people just forget to look for work or give up on looking for work, so the word "all" does not apply in that case.

Dale Thompson
Clairemont

Clear Heads For Lemon Grove

We greatly appreciate Dorian Hargrove's investigative reporting and clarity on the subject of disincorporation ("Big Problem for Little Lemon Grove," "City Lights," August 26). Lemon Grove will not now, nor will it ever, disincorporate. Home of the Big Lemon and Big Mural, our community has a distinguished history that began in the mid-19th Century and continues into present time — a period when every city, large and small, in America is under economic siege.

For the record, our sales tax initiative was organized by Ilse Hanning and me. Our month and a half of intensive effort was aided by our wonderful Lemon Grove firefighters. No city council member had any role in organizing or running our effort.

Our purpose was (a) to help put a financial floor under the two major responsibilities of government: public works and public safety; and (b) democratic process: we wanted the measure placed on the November ballot so that Lemon Grove voters could vote yes or no. Unfortunately, the voters were denied that opportunity. La Mesa voters had that opportunity, and they voted to tax themselves a half-cent for 20 years. Keep that in mind next time you're in the La Mesa Costco. One of our

councilmembers, Ms. England, works in La Mesa and does a good job of promoting that community. She praised their sales tax to the skies.

Now we have six candidates running for two seats. We're keeping an eye on those who have unconditional love for our town and no other ax to grind than its betterment. Chronic grumps who bring zip to the table don't measure up. Experience

in government, business, and philanthropy and a long track record of public service are the standard. It isn't tough to figure out who that is.

Helen M. Ofield
Co-Chair
Save Lemon Grove Now

Sad For The World

I read with horror and disgust Rose Dawn Scott's article "I Finally Burned My Father" (Feature Story, August 19). I noted it was

originally printed January 5, 1995. I can't help wondering how or where this warrior-survivor woman is today and how she's doing.

In January 1992, I was getting set up to be a computer victim, heroin addict perhaps, under the innocently named Native Game. It's 18 years later, and I still cannot have a prayer, thought, or dream of my own. Every birthright and human right raped from

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me, and also being used to visually violate other innocent children and people. All of you involved in this are on the same level as Ms. Scott's father. Obviously that doesn't bother any of you, and how sad that is for the world and everybody in it.

Barbara Jean Forbes
North Park

Comments from Reader Website

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Letters

Published September 1

I don't know whether to be sentimentally delighted or digitally frightened that someone actually sent a letter to the Reader via facsimile machine. I reckon the Morse telegraph was in a state of disrepair...

By refriedgringo 5:17 p.m., Sept. 1, 2010

Raccoons are MEAN....don't mess with them, especially during mating season!

I had a pack of about 5 of them in my yard one night- 2AM- getting busy and they were so loud, and BIG, my cocker spaniel wanted to go after them, and I said no way!!! They will eat you for lunch little girl!

By SurfPuppy619 7:17 p.m., Sept. 3, 2010

Ugh. That's right. Trap it. I

live in a very suburban area in Middletown, NY. Deer walk down our streets. Rabbits, ground hogs, squirrels, moles, and most four footed animals are in an incredible abundance. Twenty miles to the East and about 60 miles from NYC, bears walk through similar neighborhoods. Basically, I leave them alone. It is nice to see them. I used to live in Yosemite, and there was lots of bears and raccoons. Somehow they were "allowed to live there." Is that the only place they are supposed to be, in National Parks? Most people want to control or kill (bees and similar) anything that doesn't have to do with their idea of their perfect home. If moves, kill it. If it grows, chop it down.

If that is the case, then maybe people should not be allowed in national parks. One more time, I let them live. People try to control their environment. Sometimes we are the intruders. Sometimes we are the problem. By the way, the streets I drive are littered with the carcasses of deer, wild turkeys, and every other animal. Really, who is the problem? Of course it could not be us. For your information, birds seem to be able to calculate cars driving at 60 mph. If you drive faster, you will hit them. Squirrels are clueless to cars. So pay

attention. Really, trap it and drive it far away; Afghanistan or National City? Sometimes, embracing the question/problem is the lunacy. Kill the mosquitos, kill the flies, kill the bees, wasps, and hornets. Kill the ants. Kill everything that isn't us until we live in a sterile dying world. Oh yeah, we also have bald eagles in our area. Man, what a nuisance they are.

By gcubed 1:31 p.m., Sept. 4, 2010

Tin Fork

Published September 1

This place has the best veggie "junk" food in town!! I love to eat there. The chili burger is to die for. And their onion rings are heaven.

By MsGrant 5:16 p.m., Sept. 1, 2010

Blurt

Published September 1

("Hillcrest Farmers' Market Mainstays Shawn Rohlf and the Buskers")

I love seeing these guys at the Farmer's market. They are truly a San Diego institution!

By liberty 4:14 p.m., Sept. 1, 2010

Looking forward to the CD release on Friday. I'd like to hear what these guys do with a Prince cover!

By tomtom 4:19 p.m., Sept. 1, 2010

Shawn is great and The Buskers rule!

By morganthe3rd 4:22 p.m., Sept. 1, 2010

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Saturday | 11

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Nine years have passed since 9/11. The Serra Mesa Family Day Fair honors first-responder rescue personnel, the men and women who serve our country, and military families for their continuous love and support. Enjoy arts-and-crafts booths, food, a kids’ zone, and carnival rides. See **SPECIAL**, page 64.



TEQUILA!

Immerse yourself in the history of tequila during this lecture in Spanish (with English translation) at the Mingei International Museum in conjunction with the “Tequila Bottles, from the Collection of El Agave” exhibition. The discussion is followed by a tequila-tasting and mariachis. See **LECTURES**, page 71.

Friday | 10

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Meet mountain men, cowboys, and buckaroos, witness gun-fighting reenactments and mock train robberies! All at the annual Rendezvous in Poway. Arrive in costume to pan for gold and join in a “hobo campfire sing-along on the banks of Rattlesnake Creek” with Poway Folk

Circle storyteller Charles Johnson. See **SPECIAL**, page 62.

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See **FOR KIDS**, page 66.



Sunday | 12

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GREECE IS THE WORD

The 32nd annual Greek Festival presents a “quaint Greek village atmosphere where you can experience fine food, traditional Greek dancing, and the warmth of Greek hospitality.” Shop the bazaar, which features imports of deli specialties to fine jewelry. See **SPECIAL**, page 62.



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Monday | 13

FOCUS ON LOCALS

Local author Margaret Fillius discusses the Torrey Pines State Reserve’s native plants and their habitats when the San Diego Horticultural Society gathers. Fillius wrote *Native Plants — Torrey Pines State Reserve and Nearby San Diego County Locations*. See **LECTURES**, page 72.



SHAKE, RATTLE, AND ROLL

Scripps physical oceanographer Kevin Brown divulges “The Physics of Earthquakes” for the Perspectives on Oceans Science lecture series. Learn how Scripps scientists are using a variety of techniques to understand when, where, and how earthquakes occur. See **LECTURES**, page 72.



Tuesday | 14

ANOTHER FINE MESS

New York film historian Saul Austerlitz visits D.G. Wills Books to read from and discuss his new book, subtitled *A History of American Film Comedy*. The book provides a “tour of the American comedy, encompassing the masterpieces, the box-office smashes, and all the little-known gems in between.” See **IN PERSON**, page 68.



Wednesday | 15

CLEAR TO SAN DIEGO 2010

The Pacific Southwest Region model-railroad convention offers clinics, layout tours, prototype tours, an auction, and a banquet. The convention theme is “Operations, Both Prototype and Model.” Model-railroad guru Tony Koester is the guest speaker. See **SPECIAL**, page 62.

Travel & Getaways



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TRAVEL STORIES AND TIPS FROM OUR READERS



Tom Gabel of Against Me! playing the main stage at Punk Rock Bowling

Punk Rock Bowling, Henderson, Nevada

By Adam Case

Henderson in Nevada, Sunset Station, Punk, Bowling, Pabst Blue Ribbon. What's the connection? Three words. Punk Rock Bowling — a weekend of raucous and drunken activities having something to do with bowling and music.

Normally, I wouldn't touch Las Vegas or its ilk with hand sanitizer and a latex glove, but for this I made an exception. My friends said we needed to represent San Diego in the bowling tour-

nament. As a San Diegan I needed to do my part, and as a member of the Methlab bowling team, I made my hometown proud.

I paid \$120 for the weekend music pass, getting me into the main and evening venues. So I was set. Just to make sure I was well packed for the three days, I stuffed a case of Pabst Blue Ribbon into my suitcase.

After landing at McCarren, I unpacked two cans of beer and waited for the Henderson bus. The fare was economical, with \$5 getting me a pass good for 24 hours. The best thing was that they paid no attention to the brewery in my luggage.

I unloaded my belongings at the Outpost Motel, which was clean but spartan. And at \$45 a night, it was cheap. Before I headed off to the event at the Sunset Station, I dropped by the Joker's Wild Casino, where I ate steak and lobster for \$14. It wasn't great lobster — or even good lobster — but for the price, I wasn't complaining.

I spent the rest of the weekend watching some of the top names in the punk scene and getting progressively more belligerent from the \$2 PBR tall boys being hawked at Hooters. In

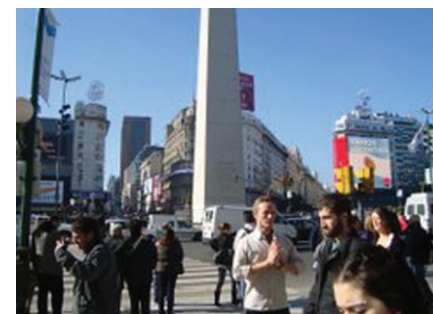
between my main activities, I paid \$20 for an all-day buffet pass offered by the casino so I could load up on prime rib.

Oh, there was also something about bowling — now if I can only recall. They may say what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, but in Henderson, it's only what you can remember.

Buenos Aires, Argentina

By Mark Robertson

Few disagree that Buenos Aires is one of the top urban destinations in South America — and it is, arguably, among the top budget destinations in the world. My wife and I stayed in two apartments in the Palermo Hollywood and the Palermo SoHo districts; the costs were \$313 and \$375, respectively, for a week. A two-star hostel's cost? About \$50 a day



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(\$350 a week). Granted, there are perks to a hostel stay — but there is a frenetic do-do-do to hostel living that, in my experience, keeps me from savoring the world's greatest cities.

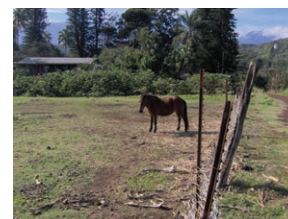
If trying on a tuxedo can be likened to checking in to a luxury hotel, renting a downtown apartment can be compared to renting a local's entire wardrobe. In

continued on page 62

Other Adventures



Mango: This is part of the theater at the Los Angeles High School for the Visual and Performing Arts. It looks like a giant robot to me!



fofoforever: Along the way to Hana on the Island of Maui, Hawaii, we found this charming horse eyeing our tour group.



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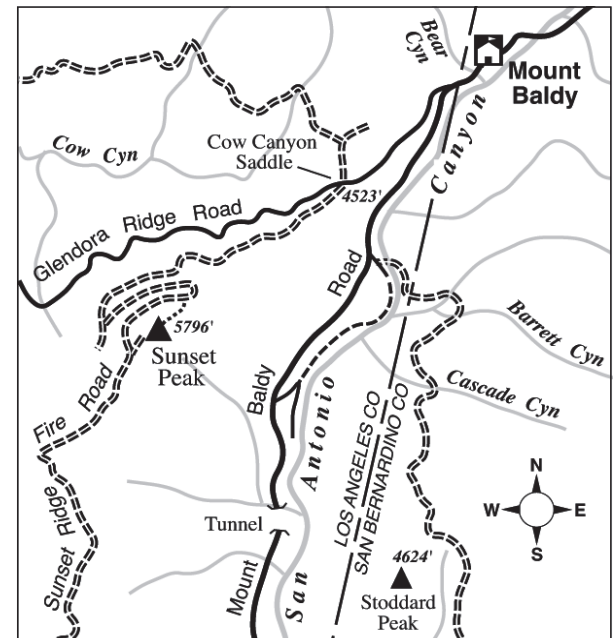
sometimes accented by a brilliant snow cap. Prepare for six miles of round-trip hiking, or eight miles by mountain bike, and an elevation gain and loss of 1200 feet. Need

we say bring drinking water along?

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You reverse direction at horse-shoe curves at 1.9 miles, and again at 2.5 miles. Just after the latter switchback, if you're on foot, you can bear left on an old fire break and head southwest straight to the summit. This worthwhile and fun shortcut, with some easy rock-scrambling at the top, saves



time and distance over the alternative — a mile of tedious road-walking. On a mountain bike, the extra mile of distance is necessary, as the hikers' short-cut is simply too steep and rough.

Sunset Peak's flat, barren summit once hosted a fire lookout tower. Try to find the building's foundation and also the remains of a rainwater collection system. Much of what lies in view to the south is a large, closed-to-the-public parcel of the Angeles National Forest called the San Dimas Experimental Forest. Much of our current knowledge

about fire ecology and erosion in the chaparral plant community has been gained from carefully controlled experiments performed in this outdoor laboratory over the past seven or eight decades.

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

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OUTDOORS

The Time of Sunset changes most rapidly this time of the year. This is mainly because the sun is swinging rapidly south along the ecliptic (its apparent path through the background stars). From the latitude of San Diego, the sun is now setting about 75 seconds earlier every day (equivalent to about 9 minutes earlier per week), and its setting position along the horizon shifts southward about 1/2 degree per day.

The Waxing Crescent Moon returns to the evening sky Thursday, September 9, its finger-nail-shaped thin crescent barely visible above the western horizon some 1/2 hour after sunset. On Friday and Saturday evenings, the fatter and brighter crescent moon lies close to the brilliant white planet Venus. By early next week, the thickened crescent moon will lie in a favorable southerly position for evening telescopic viewing. September evenings in San Diego are often a perfect time to turn a telescope on the moon and note its hundreds of visible craters. Calmer weather conditions this time of year tend to minimize

atmospheric turbulence over San Diego's coastal and inland areas, and that contributes to crisper telescopic views.

The Zodiacal Light, which can appear as a diffuse, pillar-shaped glow in the eastern sky for up to an hour before dawn, will be quite conspicuous at dark locations this weekend. The subtle glow is caused by the sun's light reflecting off dust particles floating in space in the plane of our solar system. In the sky, this reflected light appears superimposed along the string of constellations we know as the zodiac, and especially those zodiacal constellations closest to the direction of the sun. An old name for this phenomenon is "false dawn" — a good description of the effect under clear and very dark skies.

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours Walking tours start at Chinese Historical Museum. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. Saturday, September 11, 11am; \$2. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Explore Lower Otay Lakes All walkers invited out for easy walk from Lower Otay Reservoir's marina to fishing outlets and lake's

outskirts with Mountain Hawk Walkers. Donation. 619-482-8445. Saturday, September 11, 6pm; 13 and up. Lower Otay Reservoir, Wueste Road. (OTAY MESA)

In Search of Orb Spiders Will Bowen leads outing with possibility of spider, bat, and owl sightings. Bring a flashlight, insect repellent. 858-484-3219. Saturday, September 11, 7:30pm; free. Sorrento Valley trailhead, 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Matchweed, Goldenbush, Baccharis! Autumn wildflowers promised during trail-guided nature walk. 619-668-3281. Saturday, September 11, 9:30am; Sunday, September 12, 9:30am; Wednesday, September 15, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Palm Walk Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, September 11, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

TLC for Salt Marsh Wetland Tend California native plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa

Slough in this salt marsh wetland. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Saturday, September 11, 9am; free. Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

Top of the World Naturalist Dorothy Klitzing leads moderately easy three-plus-mile hike covering Boulder Loop, Rock Ridge, Ranch House Trails. Expect "great views of Escondido and beyond from these high ridges." Alternate routes possible. 760-839-4680. Saturday, September 11, 8:30am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Tracking Walk Easy tracking walk for everyone (beginners and intermediates), starting at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Adobe Ranch House. Learn to track animals, discover their environments. 858-484-3219. Saturday, September 11, 8am; free. Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 12020 Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

SPECIAL

"Pimans: A Bountiful Life in a Harsh Environment" Reception for exhibition in David W. May American Indian Collection and Gallery in Serra Hall room 214-A. "The Piman Indians of the American Southwest were once a prosperous group of hunters, fishers, gatherers, and desert agriculturalists.... Environmental changes set in motion by European contact led to the collapse of their cultural ecosystem." Exhibit continues through March 2011. 619-260-4238. Thursday, September 9, 5:30pm; free. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Sustainable Energy Week Events get underway with Family Energy Day and Street Smart San Diego. Expect "interactive family fun featuring home energy

solutions, solar vendor expo, solar cooking demonstrations, alternative vehicle test drives," more. 858-244-1177. Sunday, September 12, 10am; free. California Center for Sustainable Energy, 8690 Balboa Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

"A Grape Day for Heroes" Grape Day Festival begins with "short whimsical parade" along Grand Avenue (9:30am) boasting marching bands, equestrians, walking groups, antique vehicles. Festival in Grape Day Park (9:30am-4pm) promises grapes, grape stomping, entertainment, fun zone, costume contest, demonstrations, vendor booths, museum tours. 760-743-8207. Saturday, September 11, 9:30am; free. Grape Day Park, 321 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

"Clear to San Diego 2010" Pacific Southwest Region model railroad convention promises clinics, layout tours, prototype tours, auction, swap meet (September 18), banquet. Convention theme is operations, both prototype and model. Guest speaker: Tony Koester. 619-298-0511 or 800-676-6567. Wednesday, September 15, 8am; \$15-\$80. Handlery Hotel and Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Alla Prima Portrait Painting Learn about this technique and palette mixing during demonstration by Los Angeles based-artist Andy Haynes. Reservations: melissa@distinctionart.com. 760-781-5779. Sunday, September 12, 10am; free-\$5. Distinction Gallery, 317 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Antiques on Offer North San Diego County Antique and Collectible Show hosts dealers presenting variety of antique and collectibles. Professional appraisals: \$5 per item. 858-232-9474. Sunday, September 12, 9am; free. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Brazilian Day Street Fair Celebration of Brazilian culture and fine arts boasts traditional Bra-

zilian cuisine, multicultural arts, crafts, live music and dance shows on two stages, parade (3-4pm). 619-867-3231. Sunday, September 12, noon; free. Pacific Beach, Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Dolls — Antique to Modern The 32nd annual "Delightful Dolls Doll Show and Sale" features doll accessories, local artist dolls, various modern dolls, repairs, more. 619-265-0443. Saturday, September 11, 10am; \$5. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Fall Home/Garden Show Hundreds of exhibits of home-improvement products and remodeling ideas offered. 858-350-3738. Friday, September 10, 11am; Saturday, September 11, 11am; Sunday, September 12, 10am; free-\$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Get Sketching! Artists of all levels, working in any media, invited to join newly formed Vista Sketch Group for session with live, costumed model. Fee is \$5-\$8 (depending on size of group), paid to model. Registration for first-timers: ajpastels@gmail.com. 760-201-6997. Tuesdays, 9am; through Tuesday, September 28. Gallery 204, 204 Main Street. (VISTA)

Greece Is the Word The 32nd annual Greek Festival promises Greek music and dancing, cuisine, children's games, bazaar, deli, import booth. 760-942-0920. Saturday, September 11, 10am; Sunday, September 12, 11am; free-\$3. Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 3459 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Hobo Campfire Sing-Along! Rendezvous in Poway hosts "hobo campfire sing-along...on the banks of Rattlesnake Creek" with Poway Folk Circle, storyteller Charles Johnson. Roast s'mores and hear traditional campfire songs. 858-668-4576. Friday, September 10, 10am; free. Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. (POWAY)

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Buenos Aires, the company Buenos Aires Stay has made it affordable and easy to "try on" this elegant, expansive metropolis. The apartments range from shabby-cheap to chic to shabby-chic, ranging from below \$200 to above \$4000 weekly.

To book our apartments we used buenosairesstay.com and were helped by a lovely group of Spanish-speaking British expatriates with an immense passion for, and knowledge of, the city and the surrounding *campo*. Their low administrative fees are easily worth the time they spend "fitting" you to your apartment.

If you feel like splashing out, the

website bastay.com offers luxury rentals. For example, a cool \$2700 will rent a 280-square-meter five-star penthouse apartment in Palermo Hollywood that combines "sumptuous design" with all the amenities of a five-star hotel (sauna, gym, pool, laundry, concierge).

We budgeted, splurging on the clothes and fascinating Argentine wares of the burgeoning SoHo district's artists and designers. I completely went off my economic grid, buying custom leather boots from Lopez Taibo, a century-old cobbler, for all of \$120 (I have hobbit-wide feet, so this was a must).

Boarding the plane with my new shoes, I realized I wasn't entirely ready to give back the Buenos Aires I had tried on.

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LOCAL EVENTS

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

Honoring First-Responders Serra Mesa Family Day — honoring first responders and men and women serving our country — promises arts and crafts booths, community organizations, food, kids' zone, carnival rides, live entertainment. 858-356-8252. Saturday, September 11, 10am; free. Serra Mesa Recreation Center, 9020 Village Glen Drive. (SERRA MESA)

House of Puerto Rico Enjoy ethnic music and dance for lawn program at International Cottages. Entertainment by Areito Borincano folkloric dance group and musician/composer member Manny Cepeda. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. Sunday, September 12, 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)

Lux at Night Meet current artist-in-residence Timothy Horn, enjoy live music, libations from by Stone Brewing Company. Suggested donation: \$5. 760-436-6611. Wednesday, September 15, 7pm; 21 and up. Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Mexican Independence Day Festival Commemorate Mexico's independence from Spain in 1810. Join local dignitaries including host Governor José María de Echeandía inside Casa de Estudillo for the play *Bells of Dona Josepha*. (Portrayed by actor Victor Contreras, Governor Echeandía was twice governor of

Rhyme & Verse

Two Poems by Jane Hirshfield

The Heat of Autumn

The heat of autumn
is different from the heat of summer.
One ripens apples, the other turns them to cider.
One is a dock you walk out on,
the other the spine of a thin swimming horse
and the river each day a full measure colder.
A man with cancer leaves his wife for his lover.
Before he goes she straightens his belts in the closet,
rearranges the socks and sweaters inside the dresser
by color. That's autumn heat:
her hand placing silver buckles with silver,
gold buckles with gold, setting each
on the hook it belongs on in a closet soon to be empty,
and calling it pleasure.

The Heart's Counting Knows Only One

In Sung China,
two monks friends for sixty years
watched the geese pass.
Where are they going?
one tested the other, who couldn't say.

That moment's silence continues.

No one will study their friendship
in the *koan-books* of insight.
No one will remember their names.

I think of them sometimes,
standing, perplexed by sadness,
goose-down sewn into their quilted autumn robes.

Almost swallowed by the vastness of the mountains,
but not yet.

As the barely audible
geese are not yet swallowed;
as even we, my love, will not entirely be lost.



Jane Hirshfield is a well-known American poet who lives in the Bay Area. "The Heart's Counting Knows Only One" is from *The Lives of the Heart*; "The Heat of Autumn" is from *After*. Both poetry collections are published by Harper Collins and the poems are used with permission. The author's photograph is by Mark Moffett.

Alta California.) Hors d'oeuvres, refreshments served.

Fiesta Patrias promises free activities for visitors of all ages including contests, relay races, paper-flower making, piñatas, cornhusk-doll making. Afterward, dance to early California

music in Casa de Estudillo museum (free-\$10). 619-220-5422. Saturday, September 11, 4pm. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

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)

Pleasure, Passion, Pain Three-part workshop offered by certified hatha yoga instructor Jaruska Solyova, introducing variety of "yoga tools to reduce or eliminate physical pain and replace mental confusion and doubts with clarity, peace, and pleasure." 858-456-9964. Tuesday, September 14, 11am; \$90. La Jolla Cove Bridge Club, 1160 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Polish Your Knife Skills Learn to buy and care for knives, as well as paring and chopping techniques. Also divulged: making vegetable trays like a professional. 858-964-8513. Thursday, September 9, 10am; \$40. RB Classic Cooking, 1291 Simpson Way, Suite H. (ESCONDIDO)

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breathing, meditation, and exercise." 619-573-1396. Friday, September 10, 4pm; free. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Rhizome Time Returns San Diego Iris Society hosts annual rhizome sale in courtyard, with large selection of iris rhizomes in a variety of colors and types, including "rebloomers" for sale. Society members on hand to answer questions. 619-229-9220. Sunday, September 12, 10am; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego CityFest with Luis Palau Enjoy contemporary Christian and gospel music by Newsboys, Kirk Franklin, Phil Wickham, Dave Lubben, Tercer Cielo, Marisol; the "Livin' It" action sports tour with professional athletes in BMX, skateboarding, freestyle motocross. Bob and Larry from *VeggieTales* host family fun zone. Evangelist Luis Palau presents gospel in English and Spanish during festival, taking place south of Hilton. 858-523-1002. Saturday, September 11, noon; free. Hilton San Diego Re-

sort, 1775 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

South Bay Green Scene Festival promises garden walks, garden vendors, music, food. Plant talks on composting with worms, using gray water, growing cool-season vegetables. Try a taste of tilapia, learn to raise tilapia at home. Visit local plant societies, nurseries, plant clubs, more. 619-421-6700 x5371. Saturday, September 11, 9am; free. South Bay Botanic Garden at Southwestern College, 900 Otay Lakes Road. (SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE)

Ties to the Transcendental... Meeting of the Minds discussion group gathers to ponder poetry. 619-370-1027. Friday, September 10, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

University Heights Arts Open Stroll neighborhood sampling delicacies during Taste of University Heights (\$20). Then take free self-guided tour of arts, showcasing work by over 100 artists, playwrights, performers, musicians. 619-297-3166. Sunday, September 12, noon; free-\$20. Teachers Annex Building, 4100 Normal Street. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

DANCE

Shamsa: The Light of God To celebrate opening of museum's new galleries of Persian and South Asian art, Naatya presents "the unique dance-theater performance *Shamsa*." 619-232-7931. Sunday, September 12, 5pm; \$20-\$60. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Contra Dance with Guest James Hutson takes up calling duties, Pick of the Lizard makes music for contra dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30pm; dances taught and called to live music 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, September 11, 7:30pm; \$10. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Do the Hustle! Hustle club party (8pm-midnight) follows beginners' hustle lesson (7:30-8pm). 760-803-9982. Saturday, September 11, 7pm; \$5-\$7. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Blvd., Suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

Escape the Doldrums! Alpine Squares host square dance open house for singles, couples, families. Dancing takes place in hall in church's back parking lot. First

night free, \$5 per class afterward. 619-561-3289. Fridays, 6:30pm; through Friday, September 24, 8 and up. Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church, 9908 Channel Road. (LAKESIDE)

Greek Dance Workshop Greek dance teacher Tony Petroulias teaches Greek festival dances. Learn now for festival at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church (September 11 and 12). Fees: 858-278-4619. Friday, September 10, 8pm. Dancing Unlimited, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Redowa Waltz Waltz & Such teaches Redowa figures in waltzing. Request dance tunes (including non-waltzes) for practice during open session following class in room 207. Donation: \$1. 619-318-0234. Friday, September 10, 7:15pm; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

West Coast Swing Fever DJ plays West Coast swing, nightclub, requests during party for singles, couples. Lesson: 8pm; open dancing: 8:30-10:30pm. All ages. 619-275-3533. Saturday, September 11, 8pm; free-\$8. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

FOR KIDS

9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance WitKids hosts family volunteer event to collect items for military care packages. Event is in honor of Staff Sgt. Casey J. Grochowiak, a local Special Forces Army Ranger recently killed in Afghanistan. Art supplies provided for kids and their parents to make thank-you cards for military service personnel. 619-677-2238. Saturday, September 11, 9am. Amici Park, State Street and West Date Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Mother Goose Enjoy puppet shows based on "favorite childhood rhymes" presented by Big Joe Productions. 619-544-9203. Wednesdays, 10am and 11:30am; through Sunday, September 26, \$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. Thursday, September 9, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, September 10, 10am and 11:30am; Saturday, September 11, 11am, 1pm and

2:30pm; Sunday, September 12, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

All Aboard! Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. Donation: 50 cents. 619-421-5227. Saturday, September 11, noon; Sunday, September 12, noon. Rohr Park, 4548 Sweetwater Road. (BONITA)

Leapin' Lizards! Look for lizards, search for snakes during night Nature Adventure led by Linda Hawley, who will show reptile specimens before trail walk. Bring flashlights. 619-582-6261. Friday, September 10, 7pm; free-\$5. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Meditation for Teens Build your confidence! Workshop to help teens manage emotions, pressure, stress through meditation, yoga, energy-balancing techniques. Bring yoga mat. 858-459-1273. Saturday, September 11, 6pm; \$47. 12 and up. Wood Room, 3800 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Tea Chat Classics" The Chancel Choir-South Park Community Concert Series season begins with concert showcasing San Diego Chamber Music Society Piano Quintet. Listen for piano quintets by Mozart, Beethoven, Haydn, Stamitz.

Reception follows. 619-871-9273. Sunday, September 12, 4pm; free. Christ United Presbyterian Church, 3025 Fir Street. (SOUTH PARK)

"Wondrous Piano" Concert Hour Series begins with performance by Fernando Landeros, who will play selections by Chopin and Schumann (in honor of their bicentennial birthdays), Debussy, others. 760-744-1150 x2316. Thursday, September 9, 12:30pm; free. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10), 1140 West Mission Road. (PALOMAR COLLEGE)

(Mostly) 20th-Century Chamber Music Classical flutist Lori Bell and pianist Diane Snodgrass plan concert with pieces by Reinecke, Barber, Gubaidulina, Schulhoff, Foss for San Diego Li-

brary's fall concert series. 619-236-5810. Sunday, September 12, 2:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Shakespeare at the Spreckels! Shakespeare Society of San Diego and Carol Williams present concert themed "William Shakespeare Comes to Spreckels!" 619-702-8138. Sunday, September 12, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

Cougars, Kittens, and Lions Wild and Tame Comedy continues with stand-up comedienne Christina Pazsitzky from *Chelsea Lately*, Jiavani Linayao, Cate Gary, Sarah Burford. Music by Balboa 4, dance performance by Valentina of Unity Hoops. Hosts: Sindi Somers and Jeff Bilodeau. Benefit for Bone Appétit Cat and Kitten Rescue of Ocean Beach. 619-384-0761. Thursday, September 9, 7pm; \$7-\$8. 21 and up. Dream Street Live, 2228 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Songs from the Silver Screen" Enjoy classics of vocal music from movies during concert. Offering. 858-453-3550. Sunday, September 12, 5pm. Torrey Pines Christian Church, 8320 La Jolla Scenic Drive North. (LA JOLLA)

Angel Island: Immigrant Gateway to America Authors Erika Lee and Judy Yung plan lecture, book signing. Their book boasts "extensive new research into immigration records, oral histories, and inscriptions on detention center barrack walls," resulting in comprehensive history of the station and people who arrived there. Reception follows. 619-338-9888. Saturday, September 11, 2pm; free-\$2. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Another Fine Mess New York film historian Saul Austerlitz visits to read from, discuss his new book, subtitled *A History of American Film Comedy*. Book provides "tour of the American comedy, encompassing the masterpieces, the box-offices smashes, and all the little-known gems in between." 858-456-1800. Tuesday, September 14, 7pm; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Blameless Tea will be served when paranormal steampunk author Gail Carriger visits Galaxy to sign books. 858-268-4747. Saturday, September 11, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Dexter Is Delicious The "serial killer of serial killers" Dexter Morgan is back, hunting a group of goth vampire cannibals who are hunting him." Author Jeff

Lindsay signs his books. 858-268-4747. Tuesday, September 14, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Life as a Sandwich Author Eric Peterson reads from, signs books for Second Tuesday Book Club. 760-839-4684. Tuesday, September 14, 5:30pm; free. Escondido Library, 239 South Kalmia Street. (ESCONDIDO)

The Ghost of Mt. Soledad — A Love Story Author Joan Brady discusses, signs her new book, in which a middle-aged journalist falls "in love with the ghost of an American soldier from WWII and goes missing." 619-593-5119. Friday, September 10, 7pm; free. Borders Books and Music — El Cajon, 159 Parkway Plaza. (EL CAJON)

Tidepools: Do-Overs Party with readings to celebrate publication of 2010 edition of college's literary journal, in Library Foyer (building 1200). Copies of *Tidepools* available for purchase. 760-795-6871. Friday, September 10, 3pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

downTown U.S.A. Author/photojournalist Susan Madden Lankford discusses *A Personal Journey with the Homeless* when she speaks for Third Wednesday Series. Lankford rented an old San Diego jail for commer-

cial photography in early 1990s, developed relationships with local homeless people. Bring nonperishable food to donate to Encinitas Community Resource Center's food program. 760-753-7376. Wednesday, September 15, 6:30pm; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Comedy in Cardiff Live stand-up comedy by Jim Billingsley, Dr. Howard Richmond the Comic Shrink, David Zasloff. Dinner seating: 6:45pm; comedy show: 7:30pm. Show only: \$10; tickets with four-course dinner and show: \$39. Reservations: 760-436-5236. Sunday, September 12, 6:45pm; 19 and up. Ki's Restaurant, 2591 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (CARDIFF)

Duo Zelo Flutist Joyce Hayutin and guitarist Anthony Cutietta perform contemporary Latin music for family music program. 858-552-1668. Wednesday, September 15, 7pm; free. Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Gelato Poetry Series Richard Weekley, "coming all the way from Newhall," reads his poetry. Open mike follows. 760-434-1240. Friday, September 10, 7pm; free. Korky's Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

Into Recovery Author Jaime J. Romo signs *Healing the Sexually Abused Heart: A Workbook for Survivors, Thrivers, and Supporters*. 858-270-8642. Wednesday, September 15, 5pm; free. Open Door Books, 4761 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

It's Toy Piano Time! Hear new works for toy piano when tenth annual Toy Piano Festival takes place, with performer/composers including Scott Paulson, Sue Palmer, Kenneth Herman, Ryo-ko Amadee Goguen, Christian Hertzog, Miriam Manning, Gail Gipson, others. "Come early... or else you'll have to sit on the floor." 858-822-5758. Sunday, September 12, 2pm; Monday, September 13, noon; free. UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Journey of Self-Discovery Author Bette Blaydes Pegas discusses her travel memoir, *Chasing a Dream in the Galápagos: A Personal Evolution*, shows slide of the islands, for Rancho Bernardo Travel Club. 619-

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Age: 36

Born: Van Nuys

Formation: Life Pacific College

Ordained: 10 years

San Diego Reader: *How long do you spend writing your sermons?*

Pastor Graves: That can vary greatly, depending on how well I know the Bible passage I'm teaching on. I would say anywhere from 8 to 20 hours. But I'm constantly thinking about it all week. Often I will download a podcast, put on the headphones, and go for a bike ride for a couple hours and listen to what two or three other pastors or theologians have to say about a topic.

SDR: *What is your main worry as a member of the clergy?*

PG: I don't worry about a lot of things, I'm not really a worrier, but what weighs on my heart is the fact that we're in Carlsbad, so our neighborhoods are filled with a lot of incredible homes but there's a lot of pain and hopelessness in the families and the brokenness inside those homes.

SDR: *What do you see as the source of that hurt?*

PG: Our selfishness and sinful nature. We're all imperfect, and I think the world and the society we live in does a lot to undermine the ability of men to be good husbands and women to be good wives and us to be good parents. There are a lot of consequences to the things we do and the choices we make. Many people don't realize it ahead of time and it ends up damaging their marriage or trust with their

spouse. It's rare that a week goes by that I don't have a couple in my office...absolutely desperate for help because there's constant fighting or someone's had an adulterous affair.

SDR: *What is the most prevalent sin you observe or hear about from your congregants?*

PG: We all sin all the time, but I would say probably the most devastating is sexual sin — and that has a lot of categories, including adultery and pornography. But that's one that I see affects people differently, and the Bible speaks about sexual sin being different from other sins because it affects at our core and identity who we are as people. A lot of people underestimate the importance of sex. They say Hollywood makes too big a deal out of sex; in general, I don't



Jason Graves: "They say Hollywood makes too big a deal out of sex; in general, I don't think we make a big enough deal out of it."

think we make a big enough deal out of it....

SDR: *What inspired you to become a minister?*

PG: I was raised in church. I had put my faith in Christ when I was four years old and I've always had the

sense that that's what God wanted me to do with my life.

SDR: *Where do you go when you die?*

PG: I believe you immediately go into the presence of God and where you spend eternity will be based on your belief in Jesus Christ.... The Bible teaches both a literal heaven and a literal hell. Where people wind up has to do with whether they put their faith in Jesus. We believe salvation is based on faith not on good works. So where the Bible gives clarity, we teach it; where it's silent or vague, I don't try to fill in the blanks. But I don't believe the Bible is vague about heaven and hell.

— Joseph O'Brien

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Laugh with Norm The 13th annual Comedy Night with Norm MacDonald benefits Challenge Center Scholarship Fund. Tickets include libations, hors d'oeuvres, auction, dinner. 619-667-8644. Saturday, September 11, 5:30pm; \$175. 21 and up. Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Local Historian Leland Fetzer signs copies of his books, including *The Cuyamacas: The Story of San Diego's High Country, Good Camp: Gold Mines of Julian, A Year in the Cuyamacas*, others. Fetzer spent 30 years as an SDSU professor specializing in Russian. 619-252-8282. Friday, September 10, 3pm; free. Old Town Gift Company, 4010 Twiggs Street. (OLD TOWN)

Music on the Mesa Enjoy a "trails and rails '30s reprise of American folk music." 858-573-1396. Wednesday, September 15, 6:30pm; free. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

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"Mystery of a Nazi Tapestry" San Diego Independent Scholars season gets underway when art historian Diana Withee discusses her studies of *Leaving for the Hunt*, a 15th-century tapestry recovered, repatriated to France from collection of Hermann Goering. 760-751-3094 or 858-202-1877. Saturday, September 11, 1:30pm; free. Listen up at La Jolla Village, 8515 Costa Verde Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

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"The Last Goodnights" Hemlock Society gathers to hear attorney John West chronicle "what happened when his cancer-ridden father asked for his help to die... Then his mother also needed his help because of debilitating dementia." 619-233-4418. Sunday, September 12, 1:30pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

The People Who Came Before Julie Holder, curator of Wasxayam Pomki Museum, presents look at early San Diego Native peoples and "Whispers of the Ancestors" for Life at MiraCosta senior learning group meeting in room 1068 (1pm). Farouk al-Nassar focuses on "Iraq March Election Results: Its Impact on U.S. Troop Withdrawal" (2:30pm). 760-721-8124. Friday, September 10, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"Who Wrote the Bible?" Noah Hadas leads two-part series for Agency of Jewish Education focusing on "the documentary hypothesis." Two sessions offered. Registration: 858-268-9200 x102. Tuesday, September 14, 10am and 7pm; \$10. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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Come worship with us: Saturday vigil Mass: 5:30pm. Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:30, 11am and 5:30pm. Confessions: Saturdays 4-5pm. Pastor Rev. Mario Elias. SERRA MESA 3327 Glencolum Dr. (858) 277-3863 stcolumbasandiego.com

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Weekly Home Churches

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

SEACOAST 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

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(Marisol, Luis Palau, Tercer Cielo)
- ENGLISH MAIN STAGE: 4:30-9 p.m.
(Phil Wickham, Kirk Franklin, Luis Palau, Newsboys)

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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. 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

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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

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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 (619) 313-1999

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Sun., Sept 26, 7:30 am-1:00 pm. Thank you Picnic 11:30 am. CARLSBAD 2775 Carlsbad Blvd. (760) 729-8901

ESCONDIDO ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Living by the Gospel of Christ

We care deeply about meeting God in worship through His means of grace. Christ-centered preaching and the sacraments take a central place in our worship and lives. Come visit us! Services: Sundays at 10am and 6pm. Chapel of Westminster Seminary California. ESCONDIDO 1725 W. Bear Valley Pkwy. (760) 751-2852 EscondidoOpc.org

TIERRASANTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Gigantic Fall Rummage Sale Saturday, Sept. 11, 7am to noon

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

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

Introduction to the Devout Life

St. Francis de Sales

In the creation God commanded the plants of the earth to bring forth fruit, each after its kind; and in a similar way He commands Christians, who are the living plants of His Church,

to bring forth the fruits of devotion, each according to his calling and vocation.... [T]rue devotion hinders no one, but rather it perfects everything, and whenever it is out of keeping with any person's legitimate vocation, it must be spurious. Aristotle says that the bee

extracts honey from the flowers without injuring them, leaving them as fresh and whole as she finds them; but true devotion does still better, for it not only hinders no duty or vocation, but on the contrary it adorns and purifies them. — *Introduction to*

the Devout Life, Chapter III, "Devotion Suitable to All Kinds of Vocations and Professions."

Saint Francis de Sales (1567–1622) was a Catholic writer, bishop of a largely Calvinist Geneva during the Reformation and

an early leader of the Counterreformation. The patron saint of journalists and writers, he is most famous for his Introduction to the Devout Life, which, as the title implies, is an entrée into the spiritual life, meant to be read by laity as well as religious.



Anti-Semitism in Christianity

Talk by author Gabriel Wilensky, who considers "root causes of anti-Semitism in Christianity and how they prepared the soil for the secular anti-Semitism that culminated in the Holocaust" in his book *Six Million Crucifixions: How Christian Anti-Semitism Paved the Road to the Holocaust*. 858-573-5007. Tuesday, September 14, 6pm; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Exotic Options Walter Parkola, owner of Blossom Valley Protea, leads tour focusing on protea species for drought-tolerant gardens, sharing history, characteristics, care of these exotics. Limited number of plants available for purchase. Reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Sunday, September 12, 9am; \$20-\$25. Water Conservation

Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Focus on Locals Local author Margaret Fillius discusses Torrey Pines State Reserve's native plants and their habitats when San Diego Horticultural Society gathers. Fillius is author of *Native Plants — Torrey Pines State Reserve and Nearby San Diego County Locations*. 760-295-7089. Monday, September 13, 6pm; free-\$10. Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Oh, Say Can You See... Shirley Harms, winner of 2010 Freedoms Foundation George Washington Honor Medal, chronicles the "Evolution of the U.S. Flag." 619-297-3166. Thursday, September 9, 7pm; free. 12 and up. Grace Lutheran Church, 3967 Park Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

See, Touch, Smell Landscape designer Doug Kalal divulges "30 Great Drought-Tolerant Plants for Your Garden," showcasing photographs, "flowers, foliage, and fun tales from the field." 619-200-7066. Saturday, September 11, 10am; free. Santee Library, 9225 Carlton Hills Blvd #17. (SANTEE)

Shake, Rattle, and Roll Scripps physical oceanographer Kevin Brown divulges "The Physics of Earthquakes" for Perspectives on Oceans Science lecture series. "Learn how...Scripps scientists are using a variety of techniques to better understand when, where, and how earthquakes occur." Required reservations: 858-534-3624. Monday, September 13, 6:30pm; \$5-\$8. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Showcase Your Skills "Résumés and Cover Letters" workshop

in partnership with Metro Career Center divulging preparation of effective résumés, cover letters, how to best showcase skills, more. 858-573-1396. Friday, September 10, 1pm; free. 18 and up. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Ten Actionable Tests! Author Deborah Halverson divulges "Ten Tests a Novel Must Pass to Prove It's Really Ready for Submission to Editors" when Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators meets in USD's Hahn School of Nursing Building (at Linda Vista Road and Marian Way). 619-713-5462. Saturday, September 11, 2pm; \$7-\$9. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Think Outside the Box "The Path Through High School and Into College" illuminated by Robert

Gilpin, who "has spent more than 30 years teaching and counseling students in high school and college." 858-552-1657. Tuesday, September 14, 6pm; free. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

Brain Tumor Walk Ninth annual event starts with registration (8am), program and activities (9am-noon) at Hospitality Point (1400 Quivira Way). Select 5k walk, family activities. National Brain Tumor Society benefits. 866-455-3214. Saturday, September 11, 8am; free-\$50. Mission Bay Park, Vacation Isle, off Ingraham Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Bruce Gorder UCSD 5k Walk for Melanoma The 17th annual

event begins and ends at Moores UCSD Cancer Center, with walk route through Stuart Collection. 858-822-1328. Saturday, September 11, 8am; \$30. Moores UCSD Cancer Center, 3855 Health Sciences Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Coastal Ramble Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for 50-mile adventure. Bring money for "a nice lunch." 619-243-8617. Saturday, September 11, 8:45am. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Explore I.B. Join Knickerbikers at boat-launch area for 25-mile bicycle ride including the Imperial Beach Wildlife Center. Bring lunch to eat at pier, bring money to buy food. Participants return to start via bike path and Bay Boulevard. 619-523-5522. Sunday, September 12, 9:30am. J Street

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT UCSD

New Student Mass

All new students (as well as returning ones and other members of the community) are invited to the New Student Mass on September 19. Mass will be held at 12:30 and 5:30pm. UCSD 4321 Eastgate Mall, San Diego 92121 (858) 452-1957

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 CHURCH AT RANCHO BERNARDO

Desert Riders

Desert Riders Group is willing to organize regular outings to connect families who enjoy going to the

desert. To help formulate the direction of this group, please email Ken Cloward at kencloward@cox.net -What type off-roading do you do? Hard Pack, Sand, Rock Crawling, Other. What do you ride? Quad, Bikes, Buggies, 4 Wheelers. How often to you like to go out off-roading? Once a month (during season), Every 2 months, 1 to 2 times/year. Are you willing to help coordinate trips? Yes or No. Where do you normally go? Ocotillo Wells, Superstition, Gordonis Well, Glamis, Other. RANCHO BERNARDO 11740 Bernardo Plaza Ct. (858) 592-2434

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

LA JOLLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Spiritual Anchors for Women



Former news anchor Carol LeBeau will be speaking at a special dessert for women. Wednesday, September 15, at 7 pm. LA JOLLA 7715 Draper Ave. (858) 454-0713

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

LA JOLLA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

A Church Alive Is Worth the Drive!

Sun. Worship 10:00am. Dr. Clayton Ford, Pastor LA JOLLA 627 Genter St. (Corner of Genter and Draper). (858) 454-9636 www.lajollacf.org

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Desire for Purity Men's Group

For men desiring freedom and healing from: lust, pornography, sexual acting out, etc. Call Mark at (760) 504-8217 for meeting details. ESCONDIDO 1451 Montiel Rd. #120 (760) 746-0370

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

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

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

CHOICE HARVEST CHURCH

Unbound

A Destined Women's Conference September 24-26. EL CAJON 760 W. Palm Ave.

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

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

RETROUAILLE Concerned About Your Marriage?

Do you feel lost and alone? Are you hurt, frustrated, or angry with each other? Retrouvaille, a lifeline for marriage, can help. The next weekend is September 24-26. Call (951) 259-9474 for information or log on to SanDiego@RetroCA.com.

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.

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.

THIRD DAY CHURCHES Permission Granted

We are a part of the evangelical theological stream of Protestant Christianity, adhere to the Nicene Creed and to the core values of the Protestant Reformation, namely the ultimate and essential authority of the Scriptures for Christian faith and practice, justification by faith, and the priesthood of all believers. www.thirddaychurches.com

Marina Park, 550 Marina Parkway. (CHULA VISTA)

Kickball Champions! VAVI's National Kickball Tournament 2010 promises two divisions of competition (competitive and social). Space availability, registration: 858-273-3485 x10. Saturday, September 11, 8am; \$45. 21 and up. NTC Park at Liberty Station, 2455 Cushing Road. (POINT LOMA)

Max Run 5k/1-Mile Fun Run Commemorate Childhood Cancer Awareness Month during this event benefiting Max's Ring of Fire. 619-342-1432. Saturday, September 11, 7:30am; \$30. Miramar Lake, Scripps Lake Drive at Scripps Ranch Boulevard. (MIRAMAR)

SES Pro-Am Fundraising Tennis Tournament Sixth annual tournament hosted by Eduardo I. Sanchez, tennis professional at Rancho Valencia. Proceeds benefit Empty Cradle and provide children of Tecate, Mexico, with access to free tennis lessons, tennis equipment, academic scholarships. 858-832-8297. Saturday, September 11, 9am; \$75. Rancho Valencia, 5921 Valencia Circle. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Showpark County 5 Horse Show Equestrian competition. 858-481-9085. Saturday, September 11, 8am; Sunday, September 12, 8am; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Surf Dog Surfathon Helen Woodward Animal Center's noncompetitive event includes one-half-hour dog surfing con-

test, "beach bum and bikini babe canine costume contest," "doo the dah" team surfing competition. Donation. Registration: 858-756-4117 x312. Sunday, September 12, 8am; Dog Beach Del Mar, 29th Street. (DEL MAR)

Team Penning Horseback riders attempt to separate numbered calves from a herd and get them into a pen in least amount of time. Benefit for San Pasqual Academy, a boarding school for foster teens. 858-759-3298. Saturday, September 11, 6pm; \$15-\$30. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Willis Allen Memorial Cup San Diego Polo Club hosts 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, Sep-

tember 12, 1:30pm; \$10-\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Barona Cultural Center and Museum "Shahuuk Matwam Nyuk Pekwilly — Ten Years Have Passed" offers a retrospective look at museum's first ten years. Learn how the museum began, how it has grown, what is in store for future.

Ongoing exhibitions explore aspects of Southern California Native American experience, showcase a variety of collections and artifacts as old as 10,000 years to contemporary works of art. 1095 Barona Rd., 619-443-7003. (LAKESIDE)

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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

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

MARANATHA CHAPEL

Summer Baptisms

September 16. This is a great opportunity to gather as a church family to encourage those who are newer in faith, as well as an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon at the beach and some BBQ burgers and dogs. We will meet at La Jolla Shores at lifeguard tower 32 at 5:30 for the BBQ and pre-baptism worship, then proceed south to the waters design-

nated for bathers and waders where the baptism will take place. RANCHO BERNARDO 10752 Coastwood Rd. (858) 613-7800

B'NAI TIKVAH

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

City of Carlsbad - Dove Library
Erev Rosh Hashanah - Sept. 8th 6:30-8:15 pm
Rosh Hashanah - Sept. 9th 9:30 am-1:30 pm
Children's Services 10:30-11:30 am
Tashlich - Pelican Point, Carlsbad Beach 2 pm
Kol Nidre - September 17th 6:30-8:15 pm
Yom Kippur - Sept. 18th 8:30-11:45 am
Children's Services 10:30-11:30 am
Mincha, Yizkor and Neila - 4:45-6:30 pm
Non Members Welcome
VISTA 830 Melrose Dr. (760) 941-9858

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.

SPIRIT OF JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH Pinewood Derby



Sunday, September 12
The Derby is to help kick off all the youth activities for the year. Pinewood Derby was started by the Boy Scouts and it includes building your own car from a block of wood and racing it against other cars. Purchase your Derby car kits and pick up additional information on Sundays between services. The race will be at 4:00 pm following the youth BBQ. RAMONA 1735 Main St. #A (760) 788-7456

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH Scandinavian Festival Dinner

Saturday, September 11, 2010, 5:00-9:00 pm
5:00 pm: Silent auction

begins, with hors d'oeuvres on the patio & bake sale. 6:00 pm: Dinner followed by live auction. Home-made Scandinavian foods including Lefse, Swedish Limpa bread, Danish Pumpnickel, Cheeses, Danish Roast Beef, Swedish meatballs, red cabbage, pickled beets, pickled herring, cured salmon (Gravad Laks) with mustard dill sauce, creamed tiny potatoes, etc. ALLIED GARDENS 5106 Zion Ave (619) 582-2636

PRINCE OF PEACE ABBEY Silence

Men's retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. September 10-12, 2010. Offered by the priests of Miles Christi. Spiritual talks, Eucharistic Adoration, Daily Mass and Rosary. OCEANSIDE Contact: California@spiritualexercises.net or at: (248) 596-9677

DEL ORO HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH See You at the Pole

September 22, 7:00 am
Youth prayer event all middle & high school campuses
1/2 hour before school.

This is an annual, international event for all middle & high school students to come together at their school's flagpole and pray for their schools, their country and each other. Pastor Kevin (760) 716-1419 for more information. OCEANSIDE 4055 Oceanside Blvd. (760) 941-3200

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

PROSPECT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH Where Is Your Life Going?

Wednesday, Sept. 15 we begin a 10-week study in Paul's letter to the Romans. We'll meet each week at 7:00 for worship, fellowship, refreshments, and prayer, then begin our study session at 7:30. This will be a precept-by-precept exploration of the entire letter to the Romans

with a major emphasis on the letter's main premise: THE GOSPEL. SANTEE 8836 Prospect Ave. (619) 448-7583

VITAS HOSPICE CARE Grieving?
FREE six-week series of one-hour sessions provided in partnership with Scripps Mercy Chula Vista Hospital. Wednesdays, Sept. 22-Oct. 27 3-4 pm
CHULA VISTA Scripps Mercy Chula Vista Hospital 435 H Street Contact LaVon Switzer at (858) 499-8901

SHADOW MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH Mountain Men Bible Study

"Slaying the GIANTS in your LIFE." Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Lower Campus Chapel. EL CAJON 2100 Greenfield Dr. (619) 440-1802

SHABBAT WHISKEY CLUB Calling all L'Chaimers
If you enjoy a good, smooth scotch on Shabbas morning, won't you take some of that "warm" feel-

ing and train it back to the club? Contact Yossi Kochev Lev, the new "Spirit Master," at joseph@advanceware.net or phone him at (858) 605-6119.

ST. SPYRIDON GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday, Sept. 14
Divine Liturgy 10 am
Epistle: I Corinthians 1:18-24, Gospel: John 3:13-17.
HILLCREST 3655 Park Blvd. (619) 297-4165

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

CORNERSTONE CHURCH SAN DIEGO The Heart Revolution
Church planting, how to start a Spanish ministry, becoming a house of hospitality, marketing and web design. Wed., Sept

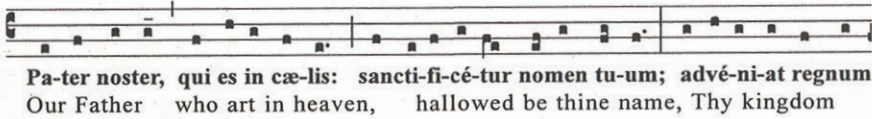
29 through Fri., Oct. 1. NATIONAL CITY 1920 Sweetwater Rd. (619) 425-9333

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH Tuesday Soup Night
Join us for St. Patrick's Soup Night every Tuesday at 4:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Free and open to all. CARLSBAD 3821 Adams St. (760) 729-2866

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

CALVARY CHAPEL VISTA A Manly Revolution
Men's retreat led by Pastor Sandy Adams of Calvary Chapel, Stone Mountain, Georgia at Green Valley Conference Center. Sept. 24-26. \$110 for whole weekend. VISTA 885 E. Vista Way. (760) 726-4224

Gregorian Chant Mass



4 pm on the second Sunday of every month

- September 12
- October 10
- November 14
- December 12



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Our Lady of the Rosary Church

State and Date Streets (Little Italy), Downtown San Diego

The Great Religious Leaders

Charles Francis Potter

Christian theology, having thus determined, established, decreed, and ordained the nature of God, proceeded to examine the nature of much-more-visible man and

found him, by contrast with the perfect Almighty God, quite a worm of the dust, evil by nature and unable to help himself. Gradually, however, and after “great argument about it and about” by “doctor and saint,” there was developed for the

salvation of poor lost man an elaborate theological scheme centering in the person and works of Jesus the Christ. But from a scientific viewpoint this whole structure of theology is insecure because based on unproved assumptions. — “Introduc-

tion,” *The Great Religious Leaders*.

Charles Francis Potter (1885–1962) was an American writer, theologian, and Unitarian minister most famous for his debates with John Roach Straton, a fundamentalist Christian theologian. As

in these debates, most of Potter’s work sought to refute the supernatural elements of religion — including the divinity of Christ. The Great Religious Leaders is a typical example of the Potter method of reducing all religions to common (and non-divine) denominators.



Mingei International Museum “¡Viva México! — Heroes and Artisans” celebrates 200th anniversary of Mexican independence (1810), the 100th of Mexican revolution (1910), and folk art “that colorfully and vitally expresses the nation’s spirit.” Exhibit featuring works drawn from Mexico’s federal patrimony and from Mingei’s collection includes 105 objects on loan from Mexico. Closes Sunday, January 2, 2011.

“Tequila Bottles — From the Collection of El Agave” consists of more than 60 bottles from collection of the Mexican restaurant and tequileria in Old Town, on view through Sunday, January 2, 2011. Grouped together by design, shape, and label design, the bottles are made from ceramic and glass.

“Between East & West — Folk Art Treasures of Romania” demonstrates “energy from the

confluence” of cultures that contributed to area’s folk art. Works include painted wood, pottery, embroidered costumes, textiles, New Year’s masks, icons, a “village room furnished in the style of Transylvania’s Maramures County.” Through Sunday, February 13, 2011. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla “Here Not

There: San Diego Art Now” offers a view into “variety, strength, and vitality of work being produced by contemporary artists living in San Diego County,” focusing on emerging artists and “underrecognized” mid-career artists. See artworks in range of genres — from painting, drawing, sculpture to installation, video, new media, conceptual, and performance art — through Sunday, September 19. 700 Prospect St., 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Making Music “The Art of the Stompbox” — continuing through Thursday, September 30 — highlights development and use of effects pedals in American roots music and experimental music scene. Exhibit

showcases variety of effects pedals, ranging from industrially designed tone-control boxes of 1940s to the most recent designer-manufactured and art-decorated pedals. Also included: a film produced by Henry Kaiser with Wilco guitarist Nels Cline exploring nature, use of stompboxes in American electronic music culture.

“ON! The Beginnings of the Electric Sound Generation” focuses on years (1900-1965) when Thaddeus Cahill, Leon Theremin, Lloyd Loar, George Beauchamp, Laurens Hammond, Alvino Rey, Leo Fender, Les Paul, and others worked to harness electrical energy to produce sounds, tones in variety of electric and electro-

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Rock Around the Clock

"You really have to make yourself a part of the music to take great music shots."

Not being a musician or performer, I have no idea what it's like to be in a life that lurches from on-the-road lulls between gigs to the raw, over-the-top energy of performance. Like most of us, all I see is the act, which can transport or craze or zonk us. The 100 rock-and-roll photographs selected by Graham Nash for the exhibition *Taking Aim*, currently at the Museum of Photographic Arts, documents the downtime interludes and manic moments — and the tonally varied zones in between — of many of the great rock, blues, and country performers of the past 60 years. Some of the pictures are straight-up posed portraits, and a few have the look of candid, but even the casually caught portraits were, I suspect, performances of a kind. Many of the images shoot rock's different degrees of anarchy straight into our veins. They create a pictorial buzz and detonate so many blasts from the (near and distant) past that I started to wish for a soundtrack. I remembered the instructions that precede Scorsese's documentary film of the Band's final performance, *The Last Waltz*: "This film should be *played* loud!" This exhibition plays loud.

The loudest thing in it, though, isn't what you might expect. It's not Iggy Pop doing a gravity-

defying back-bend or Jimi Hendrix blasting away in angry ecstasy during a sound check at the 1967 Monterey Pop Festival or the Clash glaring infuriated at their own instruments. The loudest

things are the pomegranate sport coats worn by Bill Haley and his Comets. Since its babyhood, rock has been full-body performance

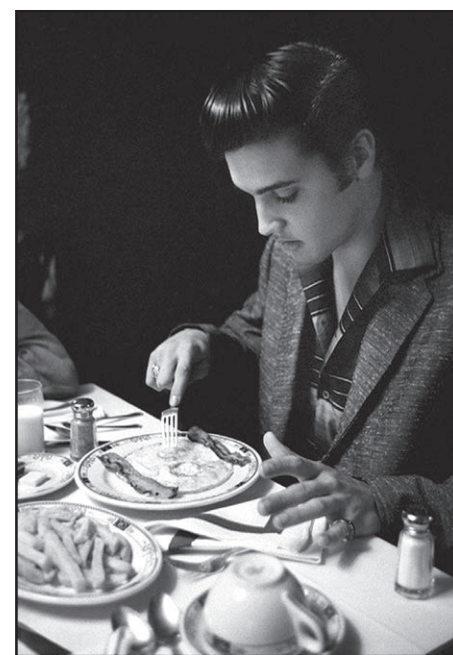
art. One of the Comets is climbing his bass, another crouches in a mild-mannered preview of the instrument bashing to come decades later, depicted in a roughhouse image of an oblivious Kurt Cobain, legs splayed, crashing down and scrambling the drum kit. That kind of lostness was a precept for a lot of '60s and '70s rock. Even the abandon looks loud. Janis Joplin, in Elliott Landy's legendary picture of her performing at the Fillmore East in 1968, has a raspy look of damaged ecstasy. I'm no sentimentalist about these things, so sue me, but my heart does do its tuggy thing whenever I see a picture of Janis in performance. Some ways of looking out of control are handsomely crafted. If you want focus, see a very young dreamboat Elvis performing in a Tampa armory in 1955, sweating hard, dressed in grimy trousers like a farm kid at an audition, singing his heart out but singing it out to himself. He's transported *to*, not *by* the music he's making.

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W.S. DI PIERO



Elton John performing "Crocodile Rock" at the Sundown Theatre, Edmonton, North London, England, 1973, by Barrie Wentzell



Elvis Presley eating breakfast at the Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, Virginia, June 30, 1956, by Alfred Wertheimer

Taking Aim: Unforgettable Rock 'n' Roll Photographs Selected by Graham Nash
Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park
Through September 26. For additional information, call 619-238-7559.

A photograph can be a small pocket of time's cultural deposits, fashion-statement moments especially, such as the waist-down image showing only the Beatles' impeccably dressed legs (straight-cut silk slacks and high-shine, narrow ankle boots) as they waited to appear on *The Ed Sullivan Show*

in 1964. The image opens a trap door and drops us into a cultural matrix that, considering our current cultural-political moment, might as well have existed a hundred years ago. That sort of applies to body types, too. Boomers who have filled out since the 1960s will have their carbo conscience



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tweaked by all the skinny, over-stimulated bodies on view in this exhibition. And irrepressible retro air-guitarists will be struck by all the renderings of guitar worship. Elvis Costello lolls in a fugue state with his hand on the fretboard just in case a chord comes along; Dylan, in a Hong Kong airport, looks like a Talmudic scholar putting very serious questions to his instrument; and I'd never have thought Deborah Harry could look unsexy, *ever*, but a candid Annie Leibovitz snapshot catches her in an awkward, frumpy moment, wearing only blouse and panties, while she pours her sexual energy into checking some cosmetic flaw on her Goya electric.

Leibovitz's Blondie picture works so well because it's not a setup. Forty photographers are included in *Taking Aim*, but the images by celebrity photographers such as Leibovitz, Richard Avedon, Francesco Scavullo, and Dennis Hopper don't have the zizzy



Bob Dylan signing a poster at the Olympia Concert Hall, Paris, France, 1966, by Barry Feinstein

heat of those by born-to-it rock photographers, Steven Nash among them. The high-profile photographers are self-conscious; they conceptualize their subjects as icons, as "meaningful" personages. Leibovitz's portrait of Willie Nelson makes him look like one of Edward E. Curtis's 19th-century Native Americans — ancient, wise, weather-worn. He's already history. But this is the man who says the reason he can play and sing for many hours without stop is because there are always songs flying through the air, all he has

to do is reach up and pluck one down. Art photographers bring too much intent and manipulation. I like to believe that if any of us had a decent camera and were plunked down front, we'd come away with quivering visceral pictures: all we'd have to do is bear witness to the onstage energy. The archest example of "creativity" is a Leibovitz shot of Brian Wilson in a pharmacy aisle, dressed in a candy-striped bathrobe and looking mighty sedated. His problems are common knowledge, but in an exhibition that's so much about the line where



Graham Nash, self-portrait at the Plaza Hotel, New York, September 1974

daring and excess (rock's milk and honey) turns perilous, the inclusion of this Wilson picture, instead of others showing him in terrific form, seems to me insulting and unseemly.

Pictures of jazz artists made by Lee Friedlander and others usually have a more contemplative, stretched duration bred into them. Rock performance pictures tend to anoint hierophantic moments. I'm not making claims for Rebbe Jerry Garcia, mind you (though Dylan has become some sort of ecclesiast of his own mystery religion), but the best of the pictures in *Taking Aim* remind us of the soul-shaking power of the music, which has held tens of millions of people in thrall. Some of the musicians even seem to fly, or at least levitate. Rod Stewart twists and floats in the air; Elton John does a semi-handstand on the piano board; Pete Townshend tucks up his knees midair. (Did he ever really come back down?) Sid Vicious, on the other hand, looks as if he never did or could catch flight. He's a grievously damaged earthling, his well-tracked veins sloppily banded, his torso carved and scrawled over. It was his body, not punk, that was his nihilism's real message-bearer.

Graham Nash says in his introduction, "You really have to make yourself a part of the music to take great music shots." Feeling you're a part of the music helps, sure, but I think you only really have to have a good eye or be present at auspicious moments. These are celebrities, after all, and they carry cultural auras, onstage

anyway. A dressing-room shot of Alice Cooper besieged by makeup, costuming, and other illusion-crafting junk reminds us that while rock pushes feeling to an almost unbearable pitch, it's still and always what was once called "the show business." Some of the finest moments in *Taking Aim* are the quieter ones.

I once saw a *National Enquirer* headline: "Boy Sees with His Ears." Some truth there, I thought, looking at a composed portrait of bat-eared Joe Cocker. Rock is so much a world of stress and wailing that the image of a happy, loose, grinning B.B. King really stands out. Other intimate moments tend toward those like Janis Joplin backstage, blotting, clutching a pint of Southern Comfort as if she's trying to warm her heart with it. And the corny maxim about rock stars' living fast and dying young is revived by the lovely shot of a solitary Nick Cave, whose shadow on a wall is already running ahead of him. ■

GALLERIES

"From Desert to Desert: Southern California Artists from Israel" Exhibit opens with reception and panel discussion focusing on "The Business of Art." View the art — which is for sale — through Friday, November 19. 858-457-3030. Wednesday, September 15, 7:30pm; free. Gotthelf Art Gallery at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Green Scene: Blue Scene" Opening reception for fourth annual Green Scene exhibition focusing on water. Entries this year include a solar boat (constructed by Scripps Ranch High School students) and green wall obelisk.

View exhibit through October. 619-528-1199. Saturday, September 11, 6pm; free. Zagrodnik & Thomas Architects, 3956 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Industrial" Opening reception for new series of paintings by Nicolas Gadbois, whose "subjects are taken from the continuous stream of roadside spectacle visible along highways and freeways." Artists' lecture follows reception in G-101 (7pm). Through September. 619-388-2829. Thursday, September 9, 4:30pm; free. Mesa College Art Gallery, 7250 Mesa College Drive. (MESA COLLEGE)

"Mind, Body, Soul, and Amorphous Synergy" Reception for exhibit of new artwork by self-taught San Diego artists Edward Manansala and Velvet de Oro. Duo is "displaying works never-before seen" through Sunday, October 3. 858-354-6294. Saturday, September 11, 6pm; free. Thumbprint Gallery, 2637 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

"Quiet Homes Await an Indian Summer" Opening reception for exhibition by Los Angeles-based artist Andy Haynes. See show evoking "ideas of spiritual guidance, innocence, growing, learning, and finding patience" through Saturday, October 2. 760-781-5779. Saturday, September 11, 6pm; free. Distinction Gallery, 317 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

"See & Touch" "What inhabits the space between an object and a representation of an object?" Learn one perspective in installation by Ida Deichaitte, opening with reception. Show closes Saturday, October 2. 817-235-2404. Friday, September 10, 6pm; free. Andrews Gallery, 2400 Kettner Street #212. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Wendell: An Animated Adventure" Opening reception for exhibit of "life-size stand-ups, re-imagined family history ephemera, assemblage, and photographs" by gallery director Steven Nossan. Enjoy show through Sunday, November 7. 760-795-6120. Saturday, September 11, noon; free. Front Porch Gallery, 2903 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)



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Hot Time in Old Town

I deliberately ignored the most recent previous incarnation of Old Town State Historic Park and everything in it. Oh, I did succumb to curiosity at one point, enough to have a margarita and a few bites at a Mexican restaurant, but I couldn't bring myself to write about it. Everything was awful, especially the deep gloom at this once-festive end of the park. I'd had no love for the Casa de Turismo style of Mexican restaurants of the long-standing earlier regime, when this end of the park was an ongoing fiesta with running hot and cold mariachis playing to the big, happy crowds, but at least the atmosphere in those days was fun, the margaritas big, cold, and tasty.

Now everything at Old Town has changed again. A Chula Vista restaurateur/entrepreneur is running the park's concession area. Better yet, the former Casa de Bandini has been remodeled within an inch of its life, restoring the stately old hotel that once occupied the spot. (Yes, you can actually stay there — wouldn't that be fun?) People who knew it as Casa de Bandini can scarcely believe it's the same place.

Best of all, at the Cosmopolitan Restaurant, which dominates the lower floor of the building, the chef is Amy DiBiase, whose work I enjoyed greatly at the late Roseville in Point Loma and at Laurel before that. Hire a good chef and good food is bound to follow.

It was a rare hot evening when my party and I arrived. We merely peeked at the inside dining room: old Spanish Inquisition-style decor (but well lighted), with tall leather chairs for the inquisitors/diners. But the patio, with its potted citrus and olive trees, flowering planters and central fire-pit, was the place for us to soak up the last of the day's sunshine, shaded by a slotted overhang. We chose a red-tableclothed six-top for the four of us (regular posse members Lynne, Ben, and Mark) so that we, our purses, and our food could spread out comfortably.

Scattered around us, especially at the four-



PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

Tasty food, pleasant surroundings, great service — a terrific new restaurant too good to waste on tourists alone

tops closest to the central fire-pit on the patio, were vacationers in their national costume of pastel shorts and light shirts. (No white lace dresses to match the hotel decor, alas.) On the lower level of the patio, a small band, with violin as lead instrument, played the decorous but lively music you might have heard in the hotel parlor in the 19th Century, ranging from "Für Elise" to "Oh, Susannah!" and "Erie Canal" and, to my happy amazement, the old British music-hall song "Champagne Ivy" (memorably sung by Miriam Hopkins as the doomed Cockney B-girl opposite Fredric March as *Doctor Jekyll and Mister Hyde* in Rouben Mamoulian's 1931 masterpiece). Who knew that anybody still knew that tune?

We were already happy on that breezy patio.

Delicious small rolls from Con Pane Bakery and spreadable butter increased our happiness, as did the bar list of largely forgotten old-time cocktails.

I lased in on a Ramos Fizz, one of my favorite cocktails (which until now, nobody local seemed to know how to make). Reputedly invented in New Orleans and here

renamed Rum Raymos, with a switch from gin to rum as the central booze, it's made with whipped egg whites, vanilla liqueur, soda, lime juice, and orange-flower water. Creamy on top, sweet and tangy, it deserves a revival. "Wow, this tastes like a liquid key-lime tart," said Mark. At my urging, Lynne ordered the Lady Seeley's Violette Fizz, which was a pretty red color but sour, not fizzy, and minus the creamy topping. (The guys ordered boring guy-drinks, worse luck to them.)

DINING REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Cosmopolitan Restaurant and Hotel

★★★½ (Very Good to Excellent)

Old Town State Historic Park, 2600 Calhoun Street, 619-297-1874; oldtowncosmopolitan.com (website menu semi-obsolete)

HOURS: Lunch, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.; dinner, 5:00–9:00 p.m.

PRICES: Appetizers, \$3–\$15; mains, \$10–\$29 (most in upper teens); desserts, \$7.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: "Old San Diego cuisine?" More like seasonal California/Mediterranean-meets-gourmet-Mexican, with local produce and well-raised meats. Great old-timey, near-forgotten cocktails, plus varied international wine list, mainly under \$50, plenty by the glass.

PICK HITS: Rum Raymos cocktail; white corn soup; heirloom tomato salad; house-cured salmon on potato tart; confit of suckling pig with polenta; carne asada with corn and nopales; Meyer Ranch Prime top sirloin. Good bets: charred Romaine salad (Caesar variation); watermelon salad with goat cheese; steamed mussels and clams; Meyer Ranch Prime rib-eye.

NEED TO KNOW: Informal (Yumans in shorts). Parking a pain during tourist season. No veg entrées but good appetizer grazing for lacto-vegetarians (and carnivores too). Long walk through park from public lot. Best access for mobility-challenged: Start from small parking lot for Fiesta de Reyes at Juan and Calhoun Streets, go a quarter-block uphill on wide dirt path to side entrance, with ramp access to lower patio and then to main patio/restaurant-level.

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambience, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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The appetizer list is longer than the choice of entrées, and we liked them better too. If I were here on my own dime, I'd consider a grazing meal of starters only, not just for economy's sake but

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for maximal pleasure. But be aware that this is a seasonally determined menu, and some of our favorites may vanish as autumn comes on.

A white corn soup, both satisfying and intriguing, showcases three incarnations of corn. It's a thick corn purée garnished with crisp tortilla strips, kernels of corn relish, and a pale green, slightly spicy translucent glaze of *chile poblanero* cream atop the liquid. "I love the way the tortilla strips show off another form of corn in here," said Ben.

Heirloom tomato salad is a cross between a *caprese* and a *panzanella*. It includes hunks of great, gooey burrata mozzarella and crisp bread croutons, with pickled red-onion strips; firm, pebbly-skinned cucumber slices; and a mint and *pistou* (basil and olive oil) dressing. The red and yellow tomato pieces, at the peak of ripeness, were intensely sweet — "but there's not enough of them," said Lynne. "And the croutons are too hard," said Mark, "so they don't really mix with the rest of the salad." I couldn't agree more. I love *panzanella* (Italian bread salad) best in the folk version, made with torn-up day-old Italian bread slices that absorb the dressing and go a little soggy.

"This just needs a little caviar on top," said Ben with a devilish grin, tasting the

house-cured salmon plated with a "tart" of heaped-up sliced potatoes. Poblano *rajas* (thin sautéed chili strips) lent a touch of spiciness atop the fish, while a tangle of watercress leaves and stems added a sharp green touch. Sitting shyly around the edges were a few small sections of fresh mandarin orange. A wonderful, slightly tart citrus *crema* sat alongside to spoon on at will. Many local kitchens have been making house-cured salmon, but this proved one of the best versions I've tasted, as bold and full-flavored as great sashimi. Yes, it might deserve a bit of caviar, but it doesn't strictly need it.

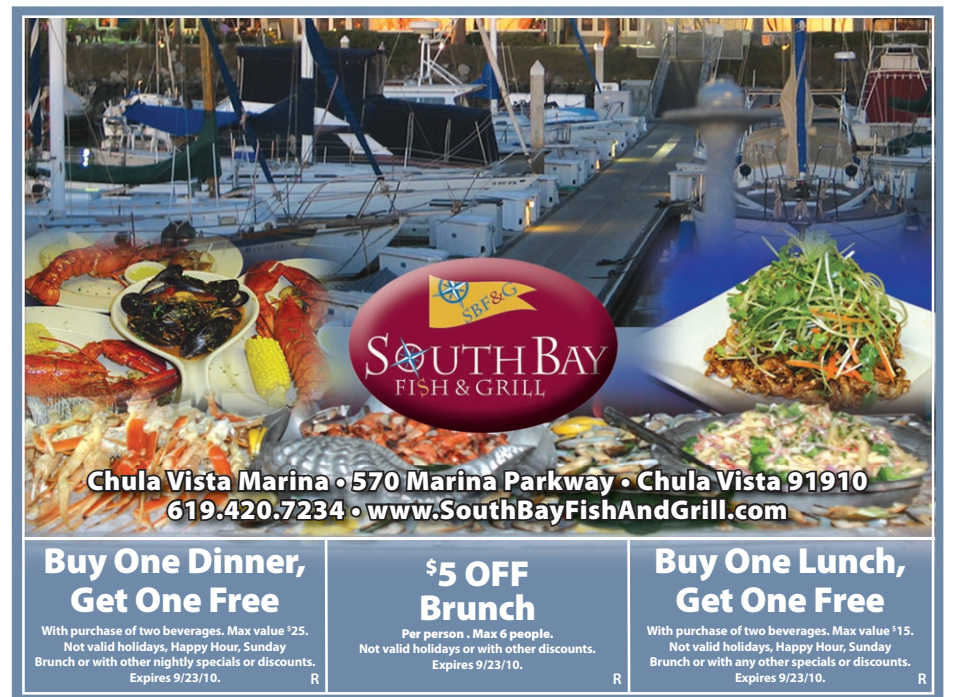
Confit of suckling pig is served on a rectangular wooden board: a heap of shredded, succulent piglet-meat sits next to an ooze of warm, buttery, soft polenta, with a separate heap of arugula and fresh Mission figs (four figs to our plate, and I'd bet our terrific waiter made sure we wouldn't be shorted). The combination is a delight, even as the polenta cools to a soft-textured solid.

Our waiter, Roger, was obviously a veteran of the profession, with an interesting, weathered face and room-lighting smile. We hated passing up his recommendations for the watermelon salad, the charred Romaine Caesar, the steamed mussels and clams. Put those in the "good bets" section. He offered his expertise in helping us choose wines

to suit our food, and I probably disappointed him because my heart and budget were already set on a White Knight Viognier (\$28), which was very Viognier with big, fruity flavors. There were plenty of other good under-\$40 alternatives, even among the reds (e.g., a Yalumba Australian Shiraz for \$30).

The scallops with fennel entrée listed on the website has unfortunately vanished, leaving shrimp fajitas (I wish I'd noticed that they were shrimp, not meat) and a selection of the whitest, leanest sorts of finfish, albacore, swordfish, and halibut. I hate cooked albacore — I like it as sushi, but cooked, it's just tunafish — and Lynne hates swordfish, so, we dutifully tried the olive-oil-poached halibut, a thick hunk that was nicely cooked, set atop the slimmest asparagus and what the menu calls "wild mushroom fondue," meaning a thin broth that was based on mushrooms somewhere in its early history. On top of the fish was a fluffy heap of green-onion pesto. "Not bad for halibut," I said. Nobody else at my table was even that enthusiastic.

The happy surprise was the carne asada with nopales (only \$12), a huge slab of good beef, about half an inch thick, grilled a bit pink in the center. "I thought carne asada was always thin and sliced and well done to the max," said Mark. Indeed, that's the taco-ready version at most local Mexican



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restaurants. (Local meat-jobbers catering to Mexican restaurants and neighborhoods sell it sliced thin and pre-marinated, and very cheap.) This was more like what you'd get at the great Baja steakhouses such as El Nido and La Espadaña, where the dish is given due respect. On the side was a pile of sliced, sautéed nopalitos, the peeled, de-spined pads of the opuntia cactus, with a taste as deep green as their color and a slightly slippery texture, like a polite version of okra. In the center was an ear of charred sweet white corn (also available as an appetizer) and half a charred white onion. A few corn tortillas and a vibrant, semi-hot roasted tomato salsa also come alongside, if you want to make your own tacos.

Temecula Lavender Honey and Kumquat Glazed Pork Cheeks was my first entrée choice upon reading the menu, but I liked it less on the fork. The sweet tastes of the honey and kumquats were so subtle, I'm not sure I'd have detected their presence if the menu hadn't mentioned them. Mainly, though, the meat seemed so dense and heavy on a hot night that I wished I could tear it into shreds and turn it into tacos with tomatoes, avocados, and cotija cheese to lighten it up. (The portion was large enough to make tacos for a whole family.)

The eight-ounce USDA Prime naturally raised Meyer Ranch top sirloin steak was a different meaty story. Ben got

it first. "Like butter," he said, and he was right. It came ideally cooked to my order of "very rare," meaning, rich red with a well-charred exterior. A delicious red-wine sauce moistened it and brought out the natural flavors. It was a well-nigh perfect steak (for \$19), and the eight-ounce size was perfect, too — plenty for all four of us sharing dinner, plus a bit left over, rather than caveman-steakhouse size. (If that's what you want, there's also a 14-ounce Meyer Prime rib-eye for \$29.) Ben passed around the cone of slim herbed fries to make sure we each got to taste a few before they cooled. On the side is a tasty little salad of cherry tomatoes and greenery with exquisite Point Reyes Blue Cheese.

Our charmer of a waiter not only magicked us into eating dessert, he seduced us into ordering churros. "They're the best I've ever tasted," he said, eyes agleam. My friends were skeptical — they've all had bad ones at chain Mexican restaurants. Well, the waiter was right. These are the best I've ever tasted, too, even topping the previous champions at El Vitral. Heavily dusted with cinnamon, they're crisp outside, airy throughout, and moist at the center with a narrow ribbon that seems to be some sort of sugary custard. If that weren't enough, they came with a dip of liquid Mexican-style chocolate sauce spiked with cinnamon and the gentlest touch of chipotle chilis, a

tiny nip and not a whack. The sauce alone could be a dessert. We also tried a mousse-like butterscotch pot-au-crème, mild, fluffy, and sort of pallid. There's no espresso, but I thoroughly enjoyed the bold French-roast coffee, which set off the sweets so well.

Tasty food, pleasant surroundings, amusing music, great service, and you can even wear what you want — that adds up to a terrific new restaurant way too good to waste on tourists alone. And the bottom line is merciful, with appetizers averaging about \$10, entrées about \$17. All in all, a fine value for the price.

While Lynne and Ben went off to retrieve their respective cars, Mark and I (who'd taken the easy way out via the Fiesta de Reyes parking lot) stopped to admire a little garden of corn, tomatoes, and herbs next to Fiesta. A balding, bespectacled passerby asked if we'd just been to Cosmopolitan and how we liked it. Taking him for a prospective customer, we gave him an enthusiastic review. Grinning broadly, he disclosed that he's the owner. I thanked him for reviving the Ramos Fizz, saying, "I used to love them but haven't had one in so many years!" "You're from San Francisco, you drank them in the Haight-Ashbury, didn't you?" he said. "You know her!" said Mark. "That's the last time and place they were popular," the owner laughed. "They were never popular in San Diego." ■



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“Baa-mi-baa! ‘Thirty-three.’ Vietnamese beer. I thought you’d been around.”

‘D’o you have a, like, breakfast section?” I ask because I’m looking at the menu, and it’s either spring rolls, noodle soups, or rice dishes. I know, this is Vietnamese. But, at 10:00 on a Sunday morning, I’m not up to big challenges, foodwise.

“Anything you want is breakfast,” says Luc, the waiter. “Anything?”

“Except, usually, rice dishes we eat later. We like soups in the morning.”

Dang. Pity. Because a rice dish was what Carla was hyping to me this very mornin’. “You have got to have the Number 37 at Pho Anh,” she said. “It’s rice with shredded pork rind and steamed egg loaf and barbecue pork.” Shredded pork rind? Steamed egg loaf? That got my attention. But — call me conventional — now that I’m here, I jes’ want to eat breakfast as the Vietnamese would.

Carla knows this place because she and her buddy Ria came the other day. And I’m expecting Ria and her man Will this morning. While I wait, I definitely want coffee. The options are Café Den, Vietnamese espresso (\$2.50); Café Sua, Vietnamese espresso with condensed milk (\$2.75); or Café Tran Chau, Vietnamese milk coffee with boba (\$2.95). I ask for Café Sua, then cast my bleary eye around the place.

It’s small but nicely turned out. Green “marble” Formica lining on the right-hand wall, with a long mirror to widen the place, white-tile floor, a green-and-white-checkered tile wall on the left, blond wood tables, dark wood chairs.

Luc turns up with my coffee. Whoa. A stainless-steel lidded pot sits on a steel tray that sits on a glass sitting in a white china bowl filled with hot water. Black coffee drips into the glass, which is a quarter-filled with sweetened condensed milk. The hot-water moat keeps the coffee warm. Next to that, Luc plunks a tall “briefcase bottle” stainless Thermos of more hot water, so I can top up my coffee. Very French. Man, I’d come for this alone.

“Which *pho* is the best?” I ask Luc. “Number Six has about everything,” he says. “Special combo with slices of rare steak, well-done steak, brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe.” I see it’s \$6.50.

Hmm...The *phos* go from #6 to #30 on the menu. All different combos of parts of cow and steak slices in different stages of doneness. ‘Course, you can get, say, meatballs (#23, \$5.75); shrimp, fishball, squid, and crab (#27, \$5.95 small, \$6.95 large); or vegetables and tofu (#30, \$5.75).

“Guess I’ll go for Number Six,” I say. Then I’m seeing the appetizers: spring rolls, basically, with egg, shrimp, pork, or tofu. I love the Vietnamese way of eating them with fresh lettuce and mint leaves that you wrap around the roll before you dip it in the bowl of garlicky, sweet fish sauce. “Uh, think I’ll start with three egg rolls.” (They’re \$2.95. Could have six for \$5.95.)

“Okay. Maybe you should have Number Seven *pho* then,” Luc says. “Number Six may be too much with the spring rolls.”

I check and see that #7’s cheaper (\$5.75). It’s the same as #6 except there’s less of it: it has no well-done steak.

“I love these guys,” Ria says, when she and Will turn up. “They’re always so generous. Give us free soup or hot or iced tea while we wait.”

Will goes for #23, the meatball *pho*, but Ria — dammit, I hadn’t noticed — turns the page to where they have dry vermicelli dishes with pork, beef, chicken, shrimp, or tofu. She orders #40, the BBQ pork (\$6.50), then, for a dollar more adds BBQ beef. The page also has French bread sandwiches with the same fillings for around four bucks.

It all arrives with amazing speed. “So here’s what you do, pardner,” says Will. He reaches for the plate of fresh leaves that come with our bowls. “Soon as you get your *pho*, take the basil leaves and stick them in the soup while it’s hot, so it absorbs the flavor.

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“Anything you want is breakfast,” says Luc. “Except, usually, rice dishes we eat later.”

Same with the chili-pepper slices. Then the bean sprouts, then squeeze in the lemon.”

I do it. The basil leaves smell like mint but funkier. Makes you think: How rare is it that we pick fresh leaves of stuff on our plates of American food and put them in our soups, alive, nat’ral? I squirt on a bit of Sriracha, and hoisin. The aroma comes up and tickles my nose.

Ria’s looks great, too. Red stripes of pork in a row across the top, and the beef around the edge, and bean sprouts and lettuce under the noodle pile. She pours the small bowl of *pho* broth over the noodles, then drops glops of scarlet chili paste on top. “I call it marmalade,” she says. I see the pork strips have crumbled

peanuts and chopped green onions on top. I keep meaning to ask her for a bite, except what I’m discovering is that the more I slurp and drink down my own soup, the more concentrated and tasty it gets.

“Lot of military comes here,” says Will. He used to be a special-ops guy. “Only thing missing? *Baa-mi-baa*.”

“You mean lamb? Don’t think lamb’s a Vietnamese thing,” I say.

Will busts out laughing. “Boy, I wish Carla were here. She’d know. *Baa-mi-baa*! ‘Thirty-Three.’ Vietnamese beer. I thought you’d been around.”

“Around?” I say. “Oh, right, ‘33’ beer. Guess I’m a square.” ■

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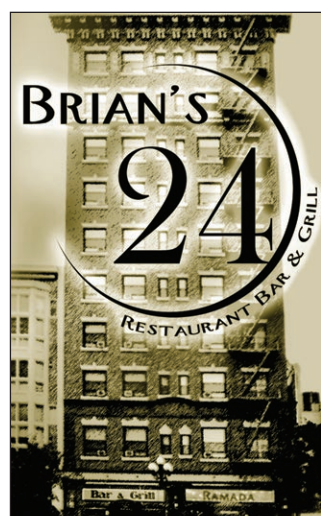
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Alpine

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef-lovers heaven, with a juicy special ground-in-house (so rare-cooked is feasible) Texas burger. Crowded weekends. Moderate to expensive.

Baja

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Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388, Tijuana, 664-685-4955. The food's Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but try baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *à la vizcaína*, trout with olive oil and garlic. Inexpensive to moderate.

La Escondida Santa Monica #1, Tijuana, 664-681-4458. House specialties at this hidden mansion are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (*cacerola de mariscos*); the *tambor* (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork); or the roasted baby Monterrey goat (*cabrito tatemado*). Moderate.

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, km. 59, Rosarito, 646-155-0307. The bilingual menu, written on chalkboards, changes nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house, Baja wines. Great breakfasts, lavish Sunday brunch buffet, blissful patio seating. Inexpensive to moderate.

Original Ortega's Calle Principal (next to Casa de la Langosta), Puerto Nuevo. The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are fried in lard, finished off on the grill, and served with melted margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Many other starters, entrées, desserts available. Moderate to high, low-moderate specials.

Balboa Park

Japanese Tea Pavilion 2215 Pan American Way, Balboa Park, 619-231-0048. The teriyaki bowl with salmon, the sweetish *udon soba* noodle soup with tofu *kitsune*, and even the California sandwich piled high with "krab" meat are good and feel Japanese. Inexpensive.

The Prado 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. Exquisite setting in the park offers generous portions on a something-for-everyone menu. Top choices: meaty crab cakes, slow-roasted pork loin, banana *tres leches* cake. Moderate to expensive.

Banker's Hill

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is a deli rightly famous for

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Avenue 5 2760 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-542-0394. Chef-owner Colin MacLaggan offers a short, tasty menu of creative, seasonal, French-influenced California cuisine (and house-made desserts) in a chic, classy-casual neighborhood bistro. Happy-hour bargains at bar; otherwise high-moderate.

Azuki Sushi Lounge 2321 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-238-4760. Skillful, creative sushi and sashimi in a convivial atmosphere. Don't miss the spicy Pon Hama (yellow-tail sashimi with yuzu juice and chili powder) or the fusion-y RU Kidding Me roll, the owner's favorite. Moderate to expensive.

Cucina Urbana 505 Laurel St., Banker's Hill, 619-239-2222. Uptown food at neighborhood prices. The creative, playful Italian menu emphasizes light, shareable dishes — mini-bites on through appetizers, pizzas, polentas, and interesting pastas and entrées, with adventurous wines priced only \$7 over retail. Lively, comfortable, noisy. Bar grazing until midnight. Moderate.

Joe's New York-Style Deli 3401 First Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-295-7666. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boar's Head liverwurst is da bomb. Inexpensive.

Carlsbad

Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q 6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-929-1396. Also 4645 Carmel Mountain Rd., Carmel Valley, 858-350-1317. It's not Southern so much as SoCal "Q," but the meats are genuinely

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Pizza Port 571 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-720-7007. Also 135 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the Pizza Carlsbad or the Pizza Solana. Inexpensive.

Carmel Mountain

Athens Market Café 11640 Carmel Mountain Rd., Carmel Mountain, 858-675-2225. Vickie Pappas (sis of Mary) serves up the Greek classics at this offshoot of Athens Market, with particularly flavorful lamb souvlaki and lamb chops. Inexpensive to moderate.

Chollas View

Thai Garden 110 47th St., Chollas View, 619-527-8890. They do Thai here, but cognoscenti come for the Lao cooking. This place is the town's unofficial Lao Embassy, and the *larb* and fresh-pestled green papaya salad are the real thing. (A great place for buying Lao silks, too.) Inexpensive.

Chula Vista

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. Rustic-looking family-run res-

taurant offers Italian-American standards, big portions, low prices, late hours. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite" eight-inch pizza. Inexpensive.

Casa Don Diego 1199 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-426-6131. Old-school Mexican gathering spot and eatery, named after dashing Zorro's foppish alter ego. Good bar for watching Mexican soccer. Arches, cacti, hand-flapped tortillas. Cheap lunch specials, happy-hour bargains.

El Dorado Seafood & Grill 311 Palomar St., Chula Vista, 619-426-4545. Zesty Peruvian dishes include *papa rellena* (creamy potato with a lively beef and raisin filling), *seco de cabrito* (young goat in a complex, herbal stew). Mexican-style seafood served here, too. Inexpensive to moderate.

City Heights

El Borrego Restaurant 4280 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-281-1355. Specializes in fascinating Mexican lamb dishes, including spicy, smoky *mixiote* (lamb cooked inside thin maguey skin) and *pancita*, similar to haggis. Inexpensive.

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Ave., City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned Ethiopian cuisine served on a porous pancake, *injera*. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is good, the *gored gored* (meat in spicy butter) is excellent. Vibrant veggies, too. Inexpensive.

Super Cocina 3627 University Ave., City Heights, 619-584-6244. Mexican housewives prepare specialties for the restaurant. They're complex meat or poultry stews made without border compromises. The dozen entrées change daily from a rotating repertory of about 100. Inexpensive.

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Tom's Chinese BBQ 4414 University Ave., City Heights, 619-563-8225. The roast ribs, roast pork, and BBQ spare ribs are excellent. So is pork fried rice and the dim sum. But you should also try the pig's rectum, duck's feet, stomach lining, ears, and wiggly small intestines. Inexpensive.

Van Hoa Vietnamese Restaurant 4016 54th St., City Heights, 619-582-2642. They have 20 versions of *pho* — *dac biet* ("special combo") is a good place to start — plus rice and rice vermicelli plates and Vietnamese crepes and spring rolls. Inexpensive.

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Lightnin' Jack's BBQ 4705-H Clairemont Dr., Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Mall atmosphere, but Hickory-fueled Texas-style pit barbecue turns out tender, moist pork ribs and reasonably smoky brisket. Nice fried catfish, too. Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the tastiest sides. Inexpensive to moderate.

College Area

4.0 Deli 5844 Montezuma Rd., College Area, 619-281-4040. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a kick-butt Southwestern dressing. Inexpensive.

San Diego Desserts 5987 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-287-8186. What was just a wonderful bakery has expanded to include full sit-down lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunches. Comfort dishes like meatloaf and chicken pie, sandwiches, salads. Good wines, wicked desserts, great patio. Inexpensive to moderate.

Coronado

Bistro d'Asia 1301 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy Lizard Lounge serves gentled-down dishes from East Asia. Good sushi bar in the Lounge. Moderate.

Crown Bistro 520 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-3678. Charming, hospitable little bistro with enticing outdoor seating, particularly at the popular (but very crowded) breakfasts beloved of Coronadans. Evenings bring a revolving menu of comfortable Continental (French-Mediterranean) fare with an American accent. Breakfasts inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive.

Crown Room Hotel Del, 1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-6611. In this vaulted dining room, presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. Open only for elaborate Sunday brunch, with cooking not quite up to the visual grandeur. Expensive.

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-4545. Sidewalk tables, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta — and dog-friendly, too, plus a nice wine list. A good vegetarian special: *verdure* pasta, with artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives. Inexpensive.

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-2121. Meat and fish choices are prepared simply with generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Moderate (pastas) to expensive.

Del Mar

Poseidon 1670 Coast Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-9345. It's all about the glorious seaside view. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood. Dinner dishes mingle Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. Moderate to expensive.

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Manly retro atmosphere, huge portions. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. Expensive.

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th St., Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Pristine California cuisine highlights local produce in deluxe, seasonal dishes that engage the mind along with the palate, e.g., a lemon-pistachio cake that chang-

What the Chef Eats

by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

DELUXE MAC & CHEESE

MARC LIAUTARD

Executive Chef, Barrel Room

Why did I leave France? Well, I was curious. I grew up in Clermont Ferrand in Auvergne in the center of France. One day, I answered an ad in a professional newspaper for a job in La Jolla and the restaurant owner picked me. I was, like, *All right. Cool. America, here I come.*

Being in La Jolla was like being in a movie because the only thing I knew about the U.S. was through soap operas and Hollywood and everything. So I was spending hours on the corner just watching the big American cars.

Very early in my

childhood I helped my mom and dad with cooking and I loved it. With my parents I cooked a cake with cream filling. I used to have a very sweet tooth. We also cooked rabbit stews, lamb stews, and beef stews. These are the recipes that are tradition in my region of France. We have many different stew recipes and different ways to cook stew meats.

I studied at culinary school as soon as I could. I graduated in three years and was working. I still use many of the traditional French techniques at the Barrel Room. Everything

here is made from scratch, even the dessert. I take time for the dishes I prepare and I believe you can taste that.

When I'm not working at the restaurant, I cook. It's hard not to. This weekend I was experimenting with a shepherd's pie but it didn't work out so I won't be using that. I did have success with a popular dessert — puff pastry and bananas and dark chocolate. Our customers ask for it all the time. For dinner at home I like cooking steak or pasta. Sometimes jambalaya. Yesterday I made

as you cut it, crumbling into a berry coulis. High-moderate to expensive.

Downtown

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-230-0382. Mainly plain Tuscan cuisine, highlighted by pleasing vegetarian pastas and risottos featuring earthy porcini mushrooms. Moderate (pasta) to expensive.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 845 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-0101. Skillful, healthful cooking from an ancient high cuisine. Refined entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborately garnished; rose-flavored Persian ice cream is a romantic ending. Moderate.

Beach City Market 3 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-232-2491. Enjoy soup-and-sandwich deals like minestrone and the Londonport roast beef sandwich flavored with port, white herbs, and spices; or the Deluxe roast beef with horseradish. Inexpensive.

Café Sevilla 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-5979. A loud, convivial tapas bar adjoins a quieter, romantic Spanish restaurant, but you can get tapas in the restaurant and en-

trées at the bar. At both, the choices are varied, interesting, and cosmopolitan. Great sangria. Moderate.

Café de L'Opera 1354 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-0425. Pastry chef Thierry Cahez offers a genuine French feeling and food, in a pâtisserie with exquisite dessert pastries, breakfast croissants, and Gallic lunches like mini-pizzas and *croque monsieurs* (toasted cheese sandwich with ham). Inexpensive.

Candelas 416 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in sophisticated, delectable Mexican haute cuisine made with French techniques. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive.

China Too 916 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-4283. The menu claims "New York-Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." How about decent Bronx-style eat-in/take-out? Cheap but good fare, including huge lunch specials, made with no MSG, minimal cornstarch. Free delivery to a wide area. Inexpensive.

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-232-8414. At this Euro-style sidewalk café, try the spicy grilled breast of chicken burger with soup of the day

or fries. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also salads: taco or Southwest chicken. Inexpensive.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, transported whole hog from the Ould Sod, offers Irish music live most nights. Try the herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty — potato crepes with a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Low-moderate.

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-237-4900. Fifties-style surf 'n' turf owned by King's Seafood, with fine fish quality, simple fare. Best dishes include New Orleans BBQ shrimp — a buttery, spicy Creole extravaganza (available as starter or entrée) — and the huge, juicy rib-eye Cowboy Steak. Fish moderate, meats expensive.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant Omni Hotel, 675 L St., Downtown, 619-645-6545. Nationwide seafood chain with good, simple, fresh-fish dishes. Awesome weeknight happy-hour offers. Each for under two bucks: steamed mussels, chicken satay, a half-pound burger and fries, California rolls, fish cakes, cheese plate. Regular entrées upper-moderate.

Morton's of Chicago 285 J St., Downtown, 619-696-3369. Swanky, manly Chicago steakhouse offers juicy, marbled grain-fed beef in numerous cuts and sizes, wet-aged and grilled to your specification, or good fish. Pricey à la carte sides. Very expensive.

Oceanaire Seafood Room 400 J St., Downtown, 619-858-2277. The best dishes tend to be the least ambitious, from the "Simply Grilled and Broiled" section. Or you can gamble on more elaborately composed entrées. Great crab cakes. Happy hour at oyster bar moderate, dinner very expensive.

Osetra Watergrill 904 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-1800. Las Vegas glitzy decor here. Appetizers tilt



Marc Liautard

some mac and cheese, but a deluxe version. Yep. It was milk, cheddar cheese, sharp cheddar, white wine, and cream. I added some nutmeg and bay leaf and let it simmer. Everything gets creamy. Sometimes I add honey-baked ham and sun-dried tomatoes. And there you have it — mac and cheese deluxe. Nothing about it is a secret. If it was a secret, I would not tell even you.

Asian, but most entrées are Italianate seafood. The restaurant has switched from the endangered Caspian caviar it's named for to a California-farmed sturgeon product (at the same steep tab). Very expensive.

RA Sushi 474 Broadway, Downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant creates a high-energy atmosphere with loud music and louder decor. The grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus substantial noodle dishes and entrées. Moderate.

Tom Ham's Lighthouse 2150 Harbor Island Dr., Downtown, 619-291-9110. Convivial bay-view spot offers seafood, steaks, weekend roast beef, Sunday brunch buffet. Heavy retro treatments range from classic clam chowder and Oysters Rockefeller to sludgy lobster bisque. Oysters, raw or seductive "Cortez Style," are a highlight. Moderate to very expensive.

East Village

The Corner in East Village 369 10th Ave., East Village, 619-531-8804. Upstairs in the old Carnation Milk Factory building, one of the few genuine social centers for East Villagers. Drinks, good food, filled with go-getters who talk and eat twice as fast as they need to. One of the two owner-brothers lived in Miami — it shows in the Cuban (pulled pork) burger. Inexpensive.

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Ave., East Village, 619-239-5478. Stick to their Hakka specialties, like the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in the tender centers, resembling meat-flavored roasted marshmallows. Mainly inexpensive.

Juice in the Raw 1060 J St., East Village, 619-550-1240. Algae, anyone? This fitness bar serves raw, organic,

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noodles
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1 bay leaf
2 pinches paprika
1 tsp. nutmeg
1 cup heavy cream
1/2 cup half-and-half
1 1/2 cups Tillamook cheddar
cheese, shredded
1/3 cup sharp cheddar cheese,
shredded
2 tbsp. cornstarch

salt and pepper, to taste
dash of olive oil
6 oz. honey-roasted ham, diced
2 oz. sun-dried tomatoes, cut
julienne style
3 tbsp. fresh parsley, finely
chopped

HOW TO DO IT
Cook macaroni noodles
per the directions on
the box. Set aside. In a
large saucepan, combine
the white wine, bay leaf,
paprika, and nutmeg.

meal-sized smoothies loaded with stuff like goji berries, almond butter, hemp protein, bee pollen, ground chia seeds, blueberries, plus bars loaded with blue-green algae from Lake Klamath. Just call it antioxidant central.

New Café 901 E St., East Village, 619-595-1785. A Chinese-American couple provides real value for the money here. Downtown locals on fixed income love it. All-day breakfasts, bargain burgers, and solid standard Chinese food. Inexpensive.

Sole Luna Café 702 Ash St., East Village, 619-232-0436. Umbrella-strewn terrace is fun. Many items taste straight from Milano, like the breakfast croissant with prosciutto and smoked mozzarella, the Rustico Panino, and the Siciliana salad. Inexpensive to moderate.

El Vitral Restaurant 815 J St., East Village, 619-236-9420. This huge spiffy room with Petco-facing patio offers creative, deluxe revisions of multi-regional Mexi-classics, backed by an impressive array of house-made *masa* creations. Huge tequila list, multinational wine list. Expensive mains, but better yet are affordable grazes on soups, starters, gourmet tacos.

El Cajon

Downtown Café 182 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-440-5687. A Mexican-style patio restaurant serving gringo food. Reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, burritos, or Louisiana chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. Inexpensive to moderate.

Geno's Barbecue 291 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted Jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the Ripcurl (hot dog). Inexpensive.

Greek Town Buffet 345 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Have gyros, but also try chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken) or start with excellent dolmades (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). Don't skip Greek desserts. Inexpensive.

Encinitas

Jamroc 101 Caribbean Grill 101 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Kick back to reggae with a fresh coconut water and the

Jamaican sampler, including luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of fillings. The jerk's way mild. Inexpensive.

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau serves a changing menu of southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include a rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. Moderate.

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Bl., Encinitas, 760-633-3587. Great sushi, including fabulous *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. Appetizers like salmon tower tartare and drunken black cod are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Moderate.

I Trulli Trattoria 830 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Moderate.

Escondido

Bistro 221 221 E. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-737-7398. Simple dishes shine at this genteel bistro, like sophisticated lunch quesadillas and dinner appetizers like Florida gumbo and Maryland crab cake. Moderate.

El Galeón 503 W. Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood stars here. Shrimp and langostino ("squat lobster" in fishermen's

Cook for about five minutes over high heat until reduced. Turn the heat to medium and add the cream and half-and-half. When the mixture starts to boil, remove the pan from the heat. Add both cheeses and stir until the cheeses melt. Add the cornstarch and season with salt and pepper to taste.

In another sauté pan, over medium heat, add a

dash of olive oil and sauté the ham and sun-dried tomatoes. Add the parsley and sauté for about three minutes. Combine with the prepared ingredients and cooked macaroni noodles. Cook for an additional three minutes over low heat and then serve. *Bon appetit!*

To get other recipes from local chefs, go to sreader.com.

menudo, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Inexpensive.

Wayside Café 507 South Main Ave., Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. The place used to be a gas station. You can even sit in the old lube bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain piles of red-skinned home fries as a side at breakfast. Inexpensive.

Hillcrest

Babbo Grande 1731 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-269-8038. This is becoming your neighborhood drop-in place for Uptowners. Big breakfasts, really cheap-but-plentiful daily lunch specials like beef stroganoff with mushrooms, sour cream, wine sauce. Beautiful, dog-friendly patio out back. Inexpensive.

Baby Back Jack's Barbecue 1290 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-574-1644. Jack's Sampler (four-bone baby back ribs, one half chicken, one portion of BBQ beef, fries, and slaw) is a good intro. Or pork-rib tips or just a Cajun sausage sandwich or one of Jack's chili cheeseburgers with bacon. Inexpensive.

Bread and Cie 350 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. Crusty European peasant breads include anise-fig and black-olive loaves. Focaccia pizza and savory sandwiches (many with thick bread and thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot. Inexpensive.

City Delicatessen 555 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish-American food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors until midnight (3am weekends). Inexpensive to moderate.

Lucky Buck's Patio Bar and Grill 1459 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-297-0660. The only question: which burger? The Buck 'n' Bleu Rib-bon Burger (with bleu cheese, bacon, onion strings, and chipotle sauce)? Buck's on Fire (pepper Jack, bacon, and jalapeño peppers)? Buck's Lucky Mushroom? Inexpensive.

Pasha Mediterranean Grill & Café 3614 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-4444. Turkish specialties (including grilled beef cubes over eggplant mashed with garlic and yogurt) distinguish this Turkish-Lebanese *halal* restaurant from generic Middle Easterners, with which it shares a menu of kebabs, *shawerma*, salads, et al. Loads for vegans. No alcohol. Moderate.

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Some top Basque tapas here include chicken-stuffed empanadillas, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed green

lip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). Moderate.

Terra 3900 Vermont St., Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather. Moderate.

Imperial Beach

Olive Oil Organic Café 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-1779. Great vegan sandwiches on ciabatta or focaccia — the eggplant Baby Greens and the Vegan Fusion (imitation smoked turkey and salami, cheese). But the carnivorous sandwiches are also way better than they have to be. Also pizzas, salads, house-made soups. Inexpensive.

The Tin Fish 910 Seacoast Dr., Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. Also 170 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-8100 (lunch only). The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. Great crab cakes. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Imperial Valley

Owl Café 674 Main St., Imperial Valley, 760-336-0298. This café, over 50 years old, serves rib-sticking food. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners include roast beef and chicken-fried steak. Inexpensive.

Fallbrook

El Parque 2659 Reche Rd., Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Good combination plates include the tostada with beef taco and the burrito with enchilada. Better yet, on Sunday morning, agricultural workers pour in here for

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B & B Deli & Catering 8690 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa, 858-292-1636. Air-men's Comfort Food Central, offering plate-bursting lunch specials with all the fixin's: roast pork loin, meat loaf, curried chicken, Polish sausage, pepper steak, cabbage rolls. Generous breakfasts, too. Inexpensive.

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Tiny, plain setting offering authentic northern Chinese and Szechuan dishes. Ten fish and green-chive dumplings, spicy three-ingredient lo mein (with jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken) and superb jellyfish salad are challenging and exciting. Inexpensive.

The Philadelphia Sandwich Company 3904 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. The menu centers on Philly's two cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is more flavorful than a mere hero. For cheese steak, try the luscious "everything" with provolone, unless you're a Philly-born purist. Inexpensive.

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. Hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. Try the delicious Rainbow Salad and outstanding dumplings, especially the seafood ones. The jellyfish salad is a treat for the adventurous. Inexpensive.

La Jolla

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-7373. Nestled in an English garden, you can dine indoors or out enjoying house-baked sourdough and a daily changing eclectic menu, cooked with imagination. Outstanding fresh fruit crepes in season. Moderate.

Clay's La Jolla 7955 La Jolla Shores Dr., La Jolla, 858-551-3620. With a penthouse view of La Jolla, chef-owner Clay Bordan cooks up a seasonal California-fusion menu with international flavors, featuring organic vegetables, wild fish, naturally raised meats and fowl. Expensive.

Come On In 1030B Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Suave Euro bistro with tree-shaded patio, serving sophisticated breakfasts and healthy lunches like fruit plates and veggie-mozzarella sandwiches. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive.

Jeff's Burgers 2152 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-8038. Cheap eateries aren't a dime a dozen in the Shores, so you're not too picky when you discover Jeff's. But the burgers are good, with crunchy charbroiled patties and toasty buns. Decent salads and sandwiches.

La Mesa

Mario's de La Mesa 8425 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-461-9390. Tasty gringo-Mex food. Tamales are rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, browned to the barest crisp. Inexpensive.

Linda Vista

Andrés Restaurant 1235 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-275-4114. Nice introduction to Cuban cuisine, including lush "Cuban sandwiches" of pork, ham and cheese, and *ropa vieja* ("old clothes") — shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, peppers, tomatoes. Inexpensive to moderate.

Sushi Diner 7530 Mesa College Dr., Linda Vista, 858-565-1179. Most places, you can eat good or cheap. Here, you can eat good *and* cheap. No surprise that students from Mesa College cram in at lunchtime for rolls, bowls, curries. Inexpensive.

Little Italy

Po Pazzo 1917 India St., Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted at 1700 degrees, and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — especially the Sicilian steak. The pasta dishes and veggies are even better. Expensive.

Logan Heights

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Ave., Logan Heights, 619-234-4460. The Estudillo family has been serving Mexican food here for three generations. Rice, beans, pork tacos (no beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. Breakfast/lunch only. Inexpensive.

Midway District

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock St., Midway District, 619-692-1410. Dishes of Bahia, Rio, and São Paulo. You can make a meal of appetizers like *coxinhas*, *pasteles*, *croquetas*, and *kube* (the Brazilian version of Lebanon's *kibbe*). Moderate.

Mira Mesa

Bamboo Hut 9172 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. A strip-mall taste of Hawaiian plate lunch and sushi, with outdoor wood-roofed patio. Uneven, but ahi poke, chicken katsu, and Rainbow Roll are good. Inexpensive.

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 9045 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-530-1664. Several San Diego locations. Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. The étouffée (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Saffron Noodles and Saté 3737 India St., Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy Thai chicken grilling that gets you. Choice of five sauces, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try delicious, spicy noodle soups, like Tom Yum with shrimp. Inexpensive.

The Wellington Steak and Martini Lounge 729 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-295-6001. Dark and atmospheric, with swinging '50s jazz-pop quietly playing, the restaurant serves up plenty of "sizzle on the steak." The steaks themselves are top-Choice (not Prime) — befitting the neighborhood prices — and come with sauces and good sides. And, yes, they do a simplified Beef Wellington. Moderate to expensive.

Mission Valley

Bali Thai Café 407 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-297-0800. This cute spot mingles chefs and dishes from Indonesia and Thailand. Standard Thai fare, but unique Balinese corn fritters, spicy shrimp, comforting chicken noodle soup. No reservations on weekends. Low-moderate.

Seau's 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Vast sports bar offers 70 TV screens and varied pub grub: pizza, hefty burgers, wings with three sauces, sushi, and Junior Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Inexpensive to moderate.

National City

Dakine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Rd., National City, 619-477-8494. Although the Hawaiian-style kalua pig here isn't cooked in a hole in the ground, it tastes like the real thing and comes with an islander platemload of cabbage, rice, mac salad, and kimchi. Inexpensive.

Point-Point Joint 916 E. 8th St., National City, 619-474-2866. Dozens of Filipino dishes are available, from the familiar (chicken grilled on a bamboo spit) to more mysterious choices like *kare-kare* (peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) and *dinuguan* (pork meat and blood stew). Inexpensive.

Normal Heights

Antique Row Café 3002 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Fill up on all-day breakfasts including huge omelets; Philly Steak Heaven (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is a popular lunchtime dish. Inexpensive.

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El Comal 3946 Illinois St., North Park, 619-294-8292. Also 262 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-420-3811. Home cooking from the mainland (Michoacan, Guerrero, others). Stuffed tortilla dishes (no numbered combos) are appetizers or lunches. For entrées, look to casseroles like tongue in tomatillo sauce, tender goat in a lively red "barbecue" sauce, and sweet-spicy mole poblano chicken. Inexpensive.

Old World Deli & Café 3930 30th St., North Park, 619-238-0568. Fine mittel-European casual food, with house-made sauerkraut the badge of honor. Try the bounteous sausage platter or the Great Grilled Grueben sandwich. Inexpensive.

The Philly Grill 2041 University Ave., North Park, 619-688-9437. This tiny café takes Philly cheese steak seriously: delicious thin slabs of rib-eye steak with "14-ingredient seasoning" plus onions, cheese, optional mushrooms — and garlic. Plus a Philly hoagie and an Atkins Lite Philly (on lettuce). Moderate.

Ocean Beach

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. Genuine "Q" of meats and

poultry smoked "low and slow" over oak, then charbroiled. Southern-style sandwich (choice of protein plus coleslaw and tangy, spicy sauce) is a good value. Inexpensive.

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Bl., Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Big, convivial German *Bierstube* with all the usual dishes. Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. Avoid entrées with one-sauce-fits-all brown gravy. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Moderate.

Oceanside

101 Café 631 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. Try the Original Cheeseburger with secret sauce. Inexpensive.

Johnny Mañanas 308 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-721-9999. On the mainly Mexican menu there's a Caribbean chocolate-y, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. Inexpensive.

Oceanside Café 1938 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place does lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. Dieter's Downfall — a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and cheddar — is wicked. Inexpensive.

Old Town

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney St., Old Town, 619-295-3272. Also 301 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-967-1820. These trendy spots draw mainly under-35 scenesters with a DJ turning up the amps, a vast choice of sakes, and a menu of sushi (heavy on the party rolls), Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées. Sushi lower than most, entrées moderate.

Zócalo Grill 2444 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-298-9840. Tropical something for everyone — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple or a huge, beautifully grilled lobster with avocado salsa. Moderate.

Pacific Beach

Baleen 1404 Vacation Rd., Pacific Beach, 858-490-6364. The menu features seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, in a room with a water view and monkey-motif decor. Very expensive.

Café Athena 1846 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. Sister restaurant, Apollonia Greek Bistro, in UTC. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. The garlic-rich Spanish cuisine here includes tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Moderate.

The Fishery 5040 Cass St., Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. The Fishery's menu is extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahimahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish 'n' chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of nighttime entrées. Moderate to expensive.

Long Live the King. “I’m blown away. I just can’t fathom this.” Gary Beck is the midday radio host at Jazz 88.3. “Kenny and I were real close. I’d known him almost 30 years. I talked to him just a week ago. And two weeks ago, I saw him playing with Delta Heat. They were at Patrick’s.”

the inside track blurt

At 1:45 p.m. on August 31, Ken Schoppmeyer, 62, founder of the King Biscuit Blues Band, was found dead after police responded to a call



KING BISCUIT BLUES BAND FOUNDER FOUND DEAD IN OCEANSIDE HOTEL (SCHOPPMYER, LEFT)

at the Motel 6 on the Coast Highway in Oceanside. Cause of death was not given, but police say there were no signs

of foul play and are not treating the death as a homicide. According to film documentarian Mike Sosebee, Schoppmeyer had been staying with a friend in Vista named Joey Fields for about three months. “I got this frantic email from Fields [on the morning of August 31] saying

that he’d disappeared on [the previous] Friday and to call her. I did. She told me that he’d left in a cab and he gave her 5000 dollars, and he said,

‘If anything happens to me, get this to my daughter.’” Sosebee pauses. “He planned it out. It wasn’t anything spontaneous.”

Schoppmeyer’s roots in the local scene run deep. Music journalist Michael Kinsman says Schoppmeyer was a harmonica virtuoso. He remembers that the King Biscuit Blues Band, founded in the late 1960s, was the first band to play at the first Street Scene in 1984. Scottie Blinn of the Mississippi Mudsharks recorded Schoppmeyer as part of the latest Delta Heat band CD in 2009. “He was the consummate professional musician in the studio. He dialed in his tone, and he got everything on the first take. He was into it, and he was upbeat and funny. When he came back and recorded his vocals, same thing. One take.”

In recent years, Schoppmeyer had been living in Ecuador with his latest wife. “He’d sold everything to move to South America,” says Blinn. “His new wife took him to a remote village that barely had electricity somewhere in the foothills,” says Kinsman. “He tried to teach Ecuadorians the blues.” For whatever reasons, Schoppmeyer returned to the U.S. and lived for a while in central Washington with guitarist and King Biscuit cofounder Paul Cowie.

Sosebee says Schoppmeyer had returned to San Diego only months ago and was hoping to restart his music career. “A couple of things happened. He’d applied for his pension from UPS [Schoppmeyer held down a day-job as a delivery driver for years] and his claim

was denied. With the music situation, the gigs are few and far between, the gigs that pay are paying very little. With the prospect of having no real skills and being in your 60s and wondering who would hire him to do anything, he kind of hit the wall.” Schoppmeyer’s family is planning to hold a public memorial in the next two or three weeks.

— Dave Good

Too Real? Yes, another San Diego Music Awards — Sunday is the 20th annual — another hip-hop category controversy. Nothing new here. Some may remember the local rap artist “Trick” picketing the SDMA’s outside Humphrey’s back in the early ’90s, protesting the injustice of having no hip-hop category at all (while, say, Rockola and the People Movers traded the Best Cover Band award yearly). The squeaky wheel got his grease: Trick won the newly established Best Hip-Hop category in 1994 and 1995.

The problem, then and now, was seen not so much as a lack of respect for San Diego’s hip-hop scene but, rather, a sign of gross collective ignorance. The charge is still being leveled, this year with a twist. *SDRaps.com* blogger Quan Vu, once again irked, blasted the SDMA’s when the nominees were announced in late July: “At this point, it’s hard to take the SDMA’s very seriously,” he blogged. “Lesbian

femcee MC Flow, who is by all accounts a bad rapper — both from a technical standpoint and an artistic standpoint — has won in the Best Hip-Hop category for the past three years...without having even released an album since 2008 (or if she has, it certainly wasn’t good enough to be nominated



THE DIS GOES ON, DESPITE SLICK’S BANNER YEAR

for Best Hip-Hop Album).” Besides much ensuing trenchant analysis of the situation and other nominees (including an insightful interview with MC Flow), Vu also launched a write-in campaign for Southeast SD vet Mitchy Slick — a consensus choice among hip-hop headz and beyond as San Diego’s highest-profile, most substantial hip-hop artist to emerge from the 619. And the past year has self-evidently been a banner one for Mitchy Slick — if only more knew.... As a cofounding, SD-repping member of SoCal ensemble Strong Arm Steady, he’s on one of 2010’s most acclaimed hip-hop albums, *In Search of Stoney Jackson*. (It rocked a 7.1 from the *Pitchfork*

kids; *All Music Guide* admired how its “tracks shift from old-school funk to weird hiss-and-pop interludes with incomprehensible vocal snippets on top to collages.... From a purely instrumental standpoint, this album is the equal of the Beastie Boys’ *Paul’s Boutique*.”) And Slick’s 2010 Wrongkind Pro-

ductions collection *Yellow Tape* is another solid gangster-rap disc, highlighted by its telltale “Won’t Stop Being a Blood,” Slick’s autobiographical paean to SD’s notorious Lincoln Park Bloods. Perhaps, keeping it too real for the SDMA’s.

— David Stampone

The Happiest Place on Earth. “It was a struggle to get the permits from the City of Chula Vista,” says Mikey Hernandez. “They rarely issue permits for live music that goes beyond 11 p.m., but I was adamant about getting permits that would extend the show to 2:30 a.m.” He says the process took two months. “Everybody reviewed the paperwork —


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five separate departments, including the fire department.” He says the original date was June 5. That got pushed back to July 24. Now, it’s set for Saturday, September 18.

“One of the more difficult permit struggles was with the fire chief,” he says. “But they just want to make sure that people can have a good time and be safe. I had to read the California Codes on what I could and could not do. It’s a pretty boring read.” He laughs. “But, it makes sense.”

Hernandez produced the first South County Music and Arts Festival last year in Rohr Park in Bonita, which he says drew over 1000 in attendance. “I want to keep this a community event, but I want it to grow into a larger community event. It’s a celebration of South County; not just Eastlake or Chula Vista but South County as one united force.”

Hernandez says that he plans to take his new knowledge and produce similar concerts in other communities and, eventually, in other cities. “It was a well-earned lesson

that the City gave me.”

This year’s festival is based around a full day of music, including reggae, rock, hip-hop, soul, R&B, DJs, and spoken word. Hernandez says that the bands he and promotion partners Lifted Muzik (a South Bay record label) have booked include Quino from Big Mountain, Stranger, Roots Covenant, and Ballet Folklorico. The work of South Bay artists will be on display as well.

“We’re shutting down the parking lot in front of the Eastlake Tavern and the Brew House at Eastlake and setting up the same concert stage that was in use at the Del Mar Fair. We’ll have a big sound system and a big lighting system.”



MIKEY HERNANDEZ (FRONT), DAZE, AND ADRIAN OF THE LIFTED MUZIK CREW

Mikey Hernandez, 31, is a Chula Vista native and an audio engineer by trade. “I mix sound for large concerts.” His goal is to produce three or four large shows per year.

“The [South County Music and Arts Festival] is happen-



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— Dave Good

Silver Lake of San Diego.

“I think Thursday is the best night in San Diego, honestly,” says blogger Rosemary Bystrak, who books music at the West Coast Tavern in North Park. “There’s always the most things going on then.” She explains that West Coast had been booking music a few months before she came into the picture (“the night manager ran it at first, but he was too busy”) and that the diner’s goal has since changed.

“West Coast was having successful dinner concerts, after which the people would leave. They wanted something that would keep people

around a little longer,” says Bystrak.

The Howls played Bystrak’s first official gig in August. She has since booked Roadside Graves from New Jersey and Old Tiger. “It’s for the after-dinner crowd,” Bystrak says. “It’s never gonna be anything crazy, loud, or harsh.” And, she says, her Thursday nights can’t compete with her other employer’s venue. “I work at the Casbah, so I want to make sure that I don’t conflict the two. I do social media for Tim [Mays]. I do the [Casbah] Facebook and the calendar updates.”

For the past four years, Bystrak’s blog San Diego:Dialed In (sddialedin.com) has covered the indie-rock scene. Recent posts have chatted up a new online couch-surfing network for bands on the road and the rock outfit Transfer

and provided coverage of the North Park Music Thing.

Bystrak met West Coast Tavern owner David Cohen last year. He says that his plans extend beyond the



WEST COAST OWNER COHEN WANTS AN AFTER-DINNER CROWD

boundaries of the restaurant and into the adjoining 750-seat North Park Theater. “We decided to start offering local shows with the idea of booking national touring acts into the big house.” With promoter Bill Silva, Cohen booked Ghostland Observatory into the theater last year. “We’re looking at the

Wiltern Theater in L.A. as our example,” he says.

According to San Diego:Dialed In, there is no cover for the West Coast Tavern shows. Music starts at 9:30. Bystrak blogs that bands interested in playing the restaurant can bring her a CD on Thursday nights.

“The people that I talk to normally through my various outlets,” says Bystrak, “are sort of the dive-bar indie-rock crowd. I think that there is a more upscale audience that maybe doesn’t want to go to a dive bar, but they do want to see indie rock. West Coast Tavern is by no means a dive bar,” she says. “It’s casual without the gritty dive-bar feel.” Cohen sums it up: “North Park is becoming like the Silver Lake district of Los Angeles.”

— Dave Good

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This Week
In Music

Thursday 9

Guilty pleasure alert: the singer-songwriter **Sheryl Crow** will deliver a smorgasbord of songcraft to Humphrey's by the Bay, catering to all your country, pop, rock, and R&B needs. No kidding, Ms. Crow's *Very Best of...* is one the gf can slide in without me and the boys going *awwwffccrrrnnrrrrppp*. Understand her new t'do, *100 Miles from Memphis*, is all that and a bag of chips. Check out contributor Alan Segal's Reader review right here: sandiegoreader.com/news/2010/jul/24/100-miles-memphis/. Hope you're ready to row row row your boat, Crow fan, looks as if this one's done sold out.... Ho, well, not too far away, very listenable locals **Team Abraham**, **Hargo**, and the **Howls** will pop-rock the Casbah. Hargo does it with Middle Eastern flair...and Tin Can Ale House stacks up **Dreamboat**, **Boom Chick**, and **Low Volts**. Boom Chick is a boy-girl blues-rock duo from Brooklyn. Yes, he plays guitar and sings. Uh-huh, she plays drums.... Uptown, Bar Pink stages Beatles-y throwbacks the **Mashtis** and Long Beach alt-rock trio **Bella Novella**... while indie kids **Primitive Noyes** and **Missing Chairs** find themselves at Whistle Stop. Dave Good got the goods on electropoppers Primitive Noyes a couple weeks back. Click this if you missed it: sandiegoreader.com/news/2010/aug/25/musician-interview/.



SHERYL CROW AT HUMPHREY'S

Park stage. Country skunks the **High Rolling Loners** up first.... NYC jazz cat **Willie Jones III** will rap the traps at Dizzy's. The drummer's shared stage and studio with the likes of Horace Silver, Herbie Hancock, and Latin jazzman Arturo Sandoval, with whom he shares a Grammy for 1998 keeper *Hot House*. With the cream of San Diego's jazz crop, Willie will pay tribute to the great Art Blakey.... Sixties surf-pop band the **Beach Boys** washes up at Humphrey's by the Bay.

Saturday 11

The **O.B. Jazz Fest** hits the steamy streets of Ocean Beach from 11 till sunset. Seven stages, 26 bands, and 60 local artists, all brought by the pride of our airwaves, Jazz 88. For what it is, click this: obmusicfest.org/.... If you're inclined to stick with the jazz tip Saturday night, fusion guitarist **Stanley Jordan** will be at Anthology for two shows. For an inroad to the Chicago native's unique two-handed fretwork, check out his 1985 Blue Note debut *Magic Touch*.... The singer-songwriter **David Wilcox** will bring his fine folk fare to Acoustic Music San Diego. Wilcox, decidedly a "player's player," is often compared to the late Brit folkie Nick Drake for his breathy poetry.... In the clubs 'round town, Tin Can Ale House pops the top on Williamsburg, VA's **Wild Nothing**. This dream-pop project belongs to one Jack Tatum, who should be proud to ply his Captured Tracks debut *Gemini* — a retro-pop stunner. Cure fans are gonna gobble this kid up. BTW, toggle on over to Captured Tracks — the NYC indie label's a magnet of magnificence. **Procedure Club** and **Colleen Green** set the stage.... L.A. indie-rock up-and-comers **Henry Clay People** play Casbah behind their new one, *Somewhere on the Golden Coast*. With **Republic of Letters** and **Shapes of Future Frames**, this is a solid triple bill at the bottom of Laurel hill.... Soda Bar sets up Louisville punk-metal trio **Coliseum**, touring in support of *House with a Curse*.... Electro-pop locals **Jamuel Saxon** and Detroit duo **Dale Earnhardt Jr. Jr.** race to Bar Pink for a Rumble San Diego showcase. DEJ's got a kind of a Simon & Garfunkel-for-the-sampler-set thing going on. Dig it: myspace.com/daleearnhardtjr/.



SHONEN KNIFE AT CASBAH

Sunday 12

Looks as if there's a couple of gigs to get to Sunday night, kids — a two-out-of-three toss-up between Brit-pop peeps the **Clientele** at Casbah and Athens psych-rockers **Dead Confederate** at Belly Up. Both benches are deep, too, with the lush and lovely Icelander **Lay Low** and likeminded locals **Little White Teeth** opening the Casbah show and New York blues-rock band **Alberta Cross** and Georgia-based "bro-fi" band **Futurebirds** setting it up at Belly Up. Check your head: do you wanna sway or do you wanna play?... There's a fun one at Tin Can, too, as Portland's echostatic punx **Burning Yellows** glow on the Banker's Hill bar. **Christmas Island** was supposed to set this one up, which would have been a double whopper, but they're touring in support of *Waves* right now. That new *Waves* disc holding water for you?... The **Night Marchers** will play a few tunes out at Humphrey's for this year's San Diego Music Awards, or you can check a whole set on Tuesday at Bar Pink. For the rest of the featured performers at this year's big shebang, go to youtube.com/watch?v=L1Pmg3BxCcM&feature=related.



HENRY CLAY PEOPLE AT CASBAH

Wednesday 15

Droogie punks the **Adicts** visit House of Blues humpnight. The English septet's been rolling in whiteface and bowlers with the same personnel since 1975. The best intro to the group remains 1981's *Songs of Praise*, which was recently remastered and features punk-rock anthem "Viva La Revolution".... Best of the rest: crust-punk quartet **Venomous Concept** (ex-Napalm Death and Brutal Truth) hit Brick by Brick with *Poisoned Apple*.... Oakland garage-glam band **Bare Wires** electrocutes Bar Pink.... Casbah stages L.A. alt-pop notables **Sea of Cortez**...and on the 30th anniversary of **Bill Evans**'s death, Dizzy's downtown will host a tribute to the zen-jazz master,

Monday 13

Barnacle! Barnacle! This is a song for barnacle... Osaka-based J-pop trio **Shonen Knife** takes a stab at Casbah behind their latest, *Super Group*. For 30 years, the garage-pop hits have been selling nonsense songs with winning grins and Ramonesian hooks. The **Dabbers** and **Jungle Fever** up first.

Tuesday 14

Eighties alt-rock radio staples the **Cult** ("She Sells Sanctuary," "Love Removal Machine") will convert 4th&B Tuesday night. The British quintet is still fronted by Ian Astbury and Billy Duffy and has been on the Love Live tour since early '09, setting up this year's "capsule" (four-song) releases. The first is due to drop today.... Else: as promised, the **Night Marchers** stomp into Bar Pink...Soda Bar sets up solo locals **Rob Crow** and **Nothingful** with "twee as fuck" Los Angelenos **Family Tree Analog**...and indie kids **Paddle Boat** drift into Ché Café with **D/Wolves** and **Little** (not White) **Teeth**.



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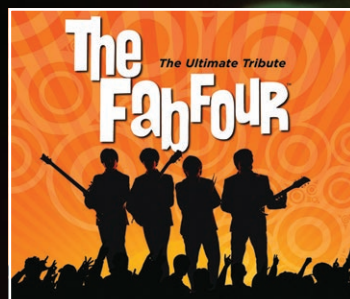


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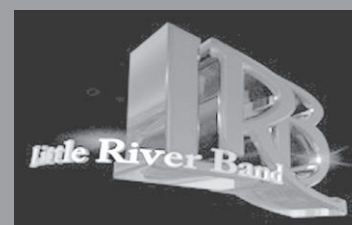
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Born in Madrid, Spain, Galan says she was singing at family gatherings before they moved to the U.S. when she was eight. “Both my mother and grandfather sang flamenco and salsa, and that was a big influence on what I listened to and, later, my own music.”

After her family moved to Washington DC, “I learned my first Mexican *rancheras* and was performing them at school functions. By the time I graduated high school I had already had my first paid professional gig. I knew that’s what I wanted to do with my life, and that was my dream from that point on.”

In 1987 Galan settled in San Diego, where she joined the Carlsbad-based variety band OSM and expanded her repertoire to include gospel and contemporary Christian music. From there, Galan went on to perform with Burt Brion, Steven Ybarra, Deborah Flores, and the Fabulous Pelicans. In 2008 she struck out on her own, performing as a soloist with her band Silk.

Debora Galan performs at the Taste & Art Stroll in Del Mar on Saturday, October 2.

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Beejay Baclawski Ondera, *Beejay Baclawski EP*. “This is my newest addition, and it was in fact a gift from its creator. The songs are soulful and warm, and I like the way Beejay draws you in with her voice.”

2. Concha Buika, *Niña de Fuego*. “I discovered her music while traveling in Spain. Concha has such a way of expressing sentiment. When you think of the Spaniards and their passion, this woman to me

expresses it beautifully in song.”

3. Lizz Wright, *The Orchard*. “If you’ve ever seen or heard her, you understand the gift this woman

has. The richness in her voice, the execution of the melody — the words ‘hauntingly beautiful’ come to mind.”

4. Angie Stone, *Black Diamond*. “Soul, soul, soul. I’m learning one of her tunes for my repertoire.”

5. Corinne Bailey Rae, *The Sea*. “I love her sound, and there’s a gentleness to her voice that I really enjoy. I also have her other album and enjoy it immensely.”

WHERE DO YOU TAKE OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS?

1. La Jolla
2. Wild Animal Park
3. Carlsbad beach
4. Oceanside Pier
5. San Diego Zoo and Balboa Park

BRUSH WITH FAME?

1. “On a plane going from California to DC, I saw Jane Seymour, who played *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*; Redskins quarterback Joe Theismann; and Paige Hemmis and Michael Moloney from *Extreme Home Makeover*.”
2. “I was dining once at Vigilucci’s in Encinitas, and I saw Kenny G. I didn’t say anything to him.

MUSIC

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK COULD

Jazz singer Debora Galan does not want to read minds. “Knowing people’s darkest thoughts could be a burden.”

I think [celebs] probably get that a lot and would like some space and tranquility.”

BEST ADVICE YOU’VE RECEIVED?

“It was actually something an old boss of mine told me: ‘In particularly challenging times, it’s best to think with a cool head and act with a warm heart.’”

WHO SHOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE?

“Sandra Bullock or Julia Roberts.”

EVER BEEN A CRIME VICTIM?

“Yes, my car was vandalized. It was parked on the corner of the street in front of our house, and two jackasses pulled up at three o’clock in the morning and took a bat and a crowbar and busted the windows and put holes in the body. We found out later from police that our car wasn’t the only one. I guess these two geniuses went on a spree that night and vandalized other cars in the area. We got video on them, too, but the investigator on the case still hasn’t called to let me know if they arrested the creeps.”

BEST THING YOU EVER WON?

“I would say my daughter, although I didn’t actually win her. I do feel like I lucked out! She’s been my greatest joy in life.”

FIRST BOOK YOU REMEMBER READING?

“*Stone Soup*, by Marcia Brown. I read this when I first came to the U.S. as a little girl, when my dad was still teaching me how to speak English.”

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH THE POWER TO READ MINDS?

“Pray for wisdom. I can’t imagine that knowing what everyone is thinking would always be a good thing. It’d be great when people are in a good place and their thoughts are good and kind, but knowing people’s darkest thoughts could be a little scary. It could get to be a heavy burden.”

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

“I always wanted to be a dancer.” ■

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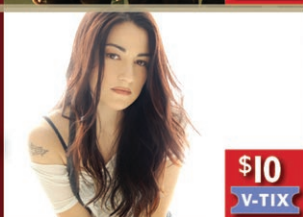
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Tuesday, 7pm — The Cult. Post punk/hard rock.
AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
Friday, 7:30pm — Jesse Winchester. Acoustic/folk.
Saturday, 7:30pm — David Wilcox. Contemporary folk.
Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
Thursday, 7:30pm — Chris Standring. Contemporary-jazz guitarist. \$23.
Friday — Lalah Hathaway. R&B/soul.

Saturday — Stanley Jordan. Jazz-fusion guitar.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — The Damon Castillo Band. Rock/soul. \$14.

Bar Leucadian: 1542 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-753-2094.
Saturday, 9pm — Ristband. Blues/soul/rock. Free.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
Thursday — The Mashtis. With Bella Novella. Alternative/pop/punk.
Friday, 10pm — Pocket. Soul/funk/jazz.
Tuesday — Night Marchers. Alternative/punk/rock.
Wednesday, 10pm — Bare Wires. '70s rock.

Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Bl., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746.
Friday — Joey Harris & the Mentals. With the Bloodflowers, TRMRS, and the Jason Chase Trio. Rock/country/blues.

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Thursday, Friday, 9pm — Israel Vibration. Roots/reggae/soul.
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Wednesday, 9pm — Wednesday Night Jam Session. With the New Latin Jazz Quintet, presented by Gilbert Castellanos. Free.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Dr., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday, 8:30pm — Team Abraham. Pop.
Saturday, 8:30pm — The Henry Clay People. With Republic of Letters and Shapes of Future Frames. Classic rock/indie. \$10.
Sunday, 8:30pm — The Clientele. Indie/rock/alternative. \$12-\$14.
Monday, 8:30pm — Shonen Knife. Alternative/pop/punk.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311.
Tuesday — Paddle Boat. With D/Wolves and Little Teeth. Indie pop/folk/rock.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
Thursday — The Blues Brokers. Rock/blues.
Saturday — Smokestaxx. Motown/funk.
Sunday — Missy Andersen. Blues/soul/funk.
Wednesday — The Clay Colton Band. Alternative/covers/rock.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
Friday, Saturday — Serious Guise. Classic rock.
Dizzy's: Second Avenue & J St., Downtown, 858-270-7467.
Friday, 8pm — Willie Jones III. With Gilbert Castellanos. Jazz. \$15.
Wednesday, 8pm — Bill Evans Tribute. Featuring Tommy Gannon, Lori Bell, and Bob Magnusson. Jazz.

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Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577. *Thursday*, 7:30pm — Sheryl Crow. Pop/rock. \$87. *Friday*, 7:30pm — The Beach Boys. Surf rock/pop. \$75. *Saturday*, 8pm — Air Supply. Soft rock/pop. \$50.

Kensington-Normal Heights Library: 4121 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-533-3974. *Friday*, 5pm — Sue Palmer. With vocalist Deeja Marie and bass player Sharon Shuffeld at the Kensington Library park. Jazz. \$24.

Last Call: 4977 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-287-9505. *Friday* — The Cory Wilkins Band. Blues/country/rock. Free.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437. *Sunday*, 8pm — The Robin Henkel Band. Blues/soul/jazz.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050. *Friday*, 9pm — Safety Orange. Rock. *Saturday*, 9pm — American Rock Experience. Performances by several rock/alternative bands.

Museum of Making Music: 5790 Armada Dr., Carlsbad, 760-438-5996. *Friday*, 7pm — Chico Pinheiro. Brazilian jazz. \$15-\$20.

Ocean Beach: Newport Avenue and Abbott St., Ocean Beach, obmusicfest.org. *Saturday* — Jazz88 Ocean Beach Music & Arts Festival. With Bonerama, Maceo Parker, Marcia Ball, Charlie Hunter Trio, Justo Almario Quintet, Lady Dottie & the Diamonds, Geoffrey Keezer Trio, Ernie Watts Quartet, Gilbert Castellanos New Latin Jazz Quintet, Luther Hughes & the Cannonball-Coltrane Project, Holly Hofmann & Mike Wofford Quartet, Agua Dulce, SDSU All-Star Big Band with Bobby Shew, Rick Estrin & the Nightcats, Nathan James Trio, 4 Queens of Boogie Woogie featuring Sue Palmer, Jazz88 All-Stars, ESP, Cynthia Hammond Quartet, Bedford Grove, B-3 Four, and the Styletones. \$30.

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Patrick's Irish Pub: 13314 Poway Rd., Poway, 858-486-0764. *Friday*, 9pm — West of 5. Covers/ classic rock/rock.

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San Diego Botanic Garden: 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, 760-436-3036. *Saturday*, 6pm — Adrienne Nims. Jazz/world.

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Dr., Downtown. *Sunday*, 1pm — North Park Rock n' Blues. Blues/rock/soul. Free.

Sound Wave: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-320-2100.

Friday — Slower. Jazz/lounge versions of Mower's metal. *Saturday* — Jet West. CD-release party. Funk/reggae/rock.

Starlight Bowl: South Pan American Plaza, Balboa Park, 619-544-7827. *Saturday*, 8pm — Divas Do Broadway. Starlight Musical Theatre closes its 64th season with a benefit concert performed

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Swedenborg Hall: 1531 Tyler Ave., University Heights. *Friday*, 7pm — Veronica May and Lindsay White. Folk rock/ acoustic. Free.

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October 16 — Eric Andersen.
October 23, October 24 — John Sebastian.
November 5 — Tom Russell.
November 6 — Cheryl Wheeler.
November 12 — Chad & Jeremy.
November 19 — Willy Porter.

Adams Avenue: 32nd Street & Adams Ave., Normal Heights.
September 25, September 26 — Adams Avenue Street Fair.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
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September 18 — Michael Franks.
September 22 — Tab Benoit.
September 23 — Dave Liebman.
September 24 — Down to the Bone.

September 25 — Lee Rocker.
September 26 — Kina Grannis.
September 30, October 1, October 2 — The Jazz Crusaders.
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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

"We were working part-time all the time/ We were banking on the kindness of strangers and loved ones and those who fall between/ To give us everything, 'cause we need everything." Those are the opening lines of "Working Part-Time," by Glendale's Henry Clay People, and they say a lot about this band and the times they live in. But they say so in a way that's matter-of-fact, and I find that refreshing.

For the past few years the specters of Bruce Springsteen and U2 have been hanging over indie and punk rock, and bookish kids from Brooklyn

or Portland or Montreal and tattooed guys from New Jersey have been trying to make huge, stadium-sized anthems. This trend has resulted in some good music, but lately I've been more excited by bands with modest ambitions.

Now, "Working Part-Time" is (kind of) an anthem, and there's a fair amount of Springsteen-style roots-rock in the Henry Clay People's sound. But the Henry Clay People play it revved up and ramshackle, more reminiscent of the Replacements than the E Street Band. In his prime, Replacements singer Paul Westerberg wrote some of the best anthems in rock, but they weren't about being born to run, they were about being born to lose. And what made songs like "I Will Dare" and "Bastards of Young" so touching was their unspoken assumption that losers deserve love, too. "Working Part-Time" has some



HENRY CLAY PEOPLE

of that tenderness to it. They're working hard, and it's not paying off, and they know how much they need whatever kindness they get. **Republic of Letters** also performs.

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September 20 — Serj Tankian.
September 26 — UB40.
September 27 — Emmylou Harris.
September 30 — Jackson Browne.
October 1 — Keali'i Reichel.
October 3 — America.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.
September 23 — Gaslamp Killer.
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October 20 — Born Ruffians.
November 1 — Joe Pug.
November 14 — Mae.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

"The Stones were on tour, and the saxophonist they had with them wasn't working out." Ernie Watts, on the phone from his Los Angeles home, is having a bad case of jet-lag after performing with his quartet in Singapore. He recalls the 1981 tour in support of *Tattoo You*. The Stones needed a replacement for Bobby Keys, who had suddenly fallen ill. Coming in late in the game like that, Watts had missed all of the band's rehearsals. So Mick and Keith handed him a stack of their CDs and told him which songs to learn. "My audition was at a live concert in San Diego for about 80,000." They kept him on for the remainder of the tour.

Watts has been called a sax chameleon because he can play almost any style. The two-time Grammy Award winner has played on a Frank Zappa record, held down a regular spot in the NBC *Tonight Show* band, and sat in on dozens of R&B-flavored pop and jazz-rock records. All of that varied musical terrain has made Watts into one of the most powerful contemporary tenor performers. But, lately, Watts is turning back to his roots.

"I'm doing a lot of purely jazz-related things because that's always been where my heart was. I grew up listening to John Coltrane and Cannonball [Adderley] and Bill Evans. That's who I grew up aspiring to, so I kind of got back to that."

But some critics say that traditional jazz is out of gas, that all of the good ideas were played out during the golden years of jazz, the 1950s and the 1960s. "Well, that's about



ERNIE WATTS

totally wrong," he laughs. "There's always something new, there's always someone playing great, and the music is continuing to grow and evolve because we are. That's the nature of the universe. It's only over when we think it's over."

ERNIE WATTS: Jazz88 Music and Arts Festival, Ocean Beach, Saturday, September 11. \$30. obmusicfest.org

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.
September 17 — Johnny Favorite.
September 18 — Dead Serial Killers.

Moonlight Amphitheatre in Brengle Terrace Park: 1200 Vale Terrace, Vista, 760-724-2110.
October 16 — Christopher Cross.

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September 21 — Phoenix.
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Patrick's II: 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077.
September 17 — Soul Diego.
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October 15 — Shakira.
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September 16 — Mason Jennings.

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Tom Jones:
Praise and Blame
 CD Review
 by Alan Segal

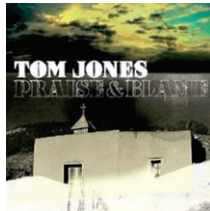
Tom Jones and I go back a long time. While on a beach in Barcelona in the '60s, I was feeling homesick, and over the speakers of a beachfront café came Jones's voice belting out "It's Not Unusual" to perk me up.

Now that he's 70, he's not catching thongs thrown at him onstage, and Rod Stewart beat him to the Great American Songbook revival, so Jones has returned to his listening roots

growing up in Wales — gospel and blues. "We wanted to go back to the basics, go back to the source. It was just me singing with a rhythm section...."

Jones is backed by big-name musicians and vocalists, such as Booker T. Jones on keyboards and Gillian Welch on vocals. The arrangements are sparse and the production values include no overdubbing or studio tricks, relying on the still powerful, soulful voice of Mr. Jones to sell the songs.

The opening song is Bob Dylan's religious "What Good Am I?" sounding richer than Dylan. He does a hard-rock version of John Lee Hooker's "Burning Hell," and the highlight cut is his old-fashioned rock version of the Staple Singers' "Don't Knock." But hearing my old friend — the Tom Jones of "Help Yourself" and "Delilah" — singing lyrics such as "when we all rise up together" and "stop, God Almighty, let me tell you the news," is going to take some getting used to.



This, Mr. Jones, is going to take some getting used to.

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Arcade Fire:
The Suburbs

CD Review
 by Matt Zielinski

Arcade Fire's aptitude for grand motifs accentuates the melancholy of suburban life on their latest. While *The Funeral* found Win Butler's band carrying the weight of the world, followed by *Neon Bible's* introspective attempt to reconcile it, *The Suburbs* mirrors a disparaging reality of sprawling strip malls, inevitable change, mundane contentment, loss, and despair. "All my old friends, they don't know me now..."

mourns a forlorn Butler on "Suburban War."

Although stormy skies loom in the distance for much of the album, the collection showcases a cautiously optimistic Arcade Fire at their moody best. While you won't find the fervent surges of "Wake Up" or "Power Out," there's still much scenery on the 63-minute ride to absorb.

Highlights include the punkish "Month of May" and the pleasing synth-pop of "Sprawl II," on which Butler's wife Régine Chassagne ethereally exclaims, "Dead shopping malls rise like mountains beyond mountains, and there's no end in sight."

Arcade Fire's strengths remain attuned to the seven members' restraint, allowing the music to breathe and take root before blossoming into grander ideas that recur throughout the album. There's a cyclical comfort to *The Suburbs*, like returning to your childhood bedroom a bit older and, hopefully, a bit wiser.



A cautiously optimistic Arcade Fire

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Music Reviews from Our Readers

It's Not Big, It's Large

Concert Review
by Mary Leary

Mark Twain might be dazzled and confused by the smattering of electric instruments in Lovett's large band, but he'd recognize a tent show, for which about 1000 people sit waiting in stiff plastic chairs. Cobalt's washing over a dusky-blue sky behind the huge tent. Lovett strolls on to a burst of cheers and rebel yells. Surrounded by black, in a sepia pool, the warm exhalations of a cello, upright bass, and fiddle fill the spaces left by Lovett's acoustic guitar for a sublime cover of Vince Bell's "The Sun, Moon and Stars."

Lovett recalls hanging with songwriters like Bell and Eric Taylor backstage; learning songs like Taylor's "Whooping Crane." As Lovett sings, "the bullets they spin your dreams around," more band members spot the darkness before a flood of red lights kicks on with the drummer.

Lyle skips off as the band digs into some Western swing ending in retro reverb calls and responses from the electric players book-ending the stage. Then he's back at the mic, reciting the opening to "It's Rock and Roll": "All these hungry people are screamin' out your name..." An audience member yells "Lyle!" to which he responds, quick as lightning, "No, it's usually someone else's name." The crowd erupts in giggles. Now the gospel singers who help cement Lovett's "It's not big it's large" claim are assembled to help turn "Farmer Brown/Chicken Reel" into a goof fest about "chok(ing) my chicken" that dissolves into arm flaps and "buck-buck-BUCKS."

Concert: Lyle Lovett and His Large Band
Date: July 25
Venue: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay
Seats: ninth row



An old-fashioned tent show

You Don't Know What You Got...

Concert Review
by Earl Dove

Cinderella brought their brand of blues-infused glam-rock to San Diego to the delight of a room full of hardcore '80s metal fans at Viejas Casino. They remain today one of the few "hair bands" still touring with its original lineup.

The set was a trip down memory lane as the band blasted through hits such as "Gypsy Road," "Coming Home," and "Somebody Save Me." One of the highlights of the night was a rousing version of the band's signature power ballad



A trip down glam-rock lane

lad "You Don't Know What You Got Til' It's Gone," which was featured in the 2009 movie *The Wrestler*.

Cinderella has been and remains one of the underrated bands of the genre. In their third decade together, lead singer Tom Keifer and company showed no sign of slowing down. Keifer's trademark raspy scream did at times show signs of wear, but overall the performance was strong. The show concluded with an encore of the band's 1986 MTV classic "Shake Me."

Concert: Cinderella
Date: July 30
Venue: Viejas Dreamcatcher Theatre
Seats: general admission

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Music in Our DNA

“Streetlight” people live “just to find emotion.” Brian’s afraid the emotion he found may vanish.

Back when, a dear friend used to give mix tapes as gifts: collections of favorite songs on audio cassettes. She insisted that the sequence was as important as the songs. Like a baseball lineup, it had to lead off strong, taper some, then bring on the heavy hitters. Like one’s favorite movies, the music didn’t have to be great or even popular. It just had to evoke personal memories, and the overall effect could inspire a zodiac of emotions.

(The one she made for me wasn’t old school, by today’s standards, but ancient school: it began with Gary U.S. Bonds’s “Quarter to Three” and ended with Dylan’s “Sad-Eyed Lady of the Lowlands.”)

Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith are right. The creators of *miXtape*, now in a world premiere at the Horton Grand, say that favorite songs function like a time machine. They “mark your memories.” The ones embedded in your genetic code recall not just joy and sadness but scenarios of when they were fresh: faces, smells, intimations of life eternal, or life losing all meaning, or the world’s saddest eyes.

(Sam Shepard said it would take a lot of whiskey or a “ton of courage” for him to hear

the Rolling Stones’ “Wild Horses” again.)

miXtape’s a big, sprawling, longish evening, performed with rampant energy and polish by the Lamb’s Players’ eight-person cast. The show’s like a magnet. It attracts not just the music but the popular culture and history of the 1980s. Memory-triggers zip past: Pet Rocks, Pacman, Rubik’s

Cube, Nelson Mandela, *Cheers* — but why not *Saturday Night Live*? Also, other ’80s lows and highs, like the Trickle-Down Theory that didn’t (measured by the rise of the homeless); or, during the ’84 NL playoffs, when the “wave” made it all the way around the Murph for the first time, and hordes of newly unrepressed Padre fans applauded their audacity.

miXtape has a frame tale: four men and four women abandon today’s frantic pace — a “Manic Monday” — and, via time machine and cassettes from above, find themselves in the 1980s: no cell phones, no bars, and things appear “simpler,” at least to them. The decade flash-dances footloose before their eyes.

miXtape clusters songs around a theme. In a funny sequence about the exercise mania of the early ’80s, women in legwarmers stretch and dip to Olivia Newton-John’s “Let’s Get Physi-

THEATER REVIEW

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***miXtape*: No cell phones, no bars, and things appear “simpler”**

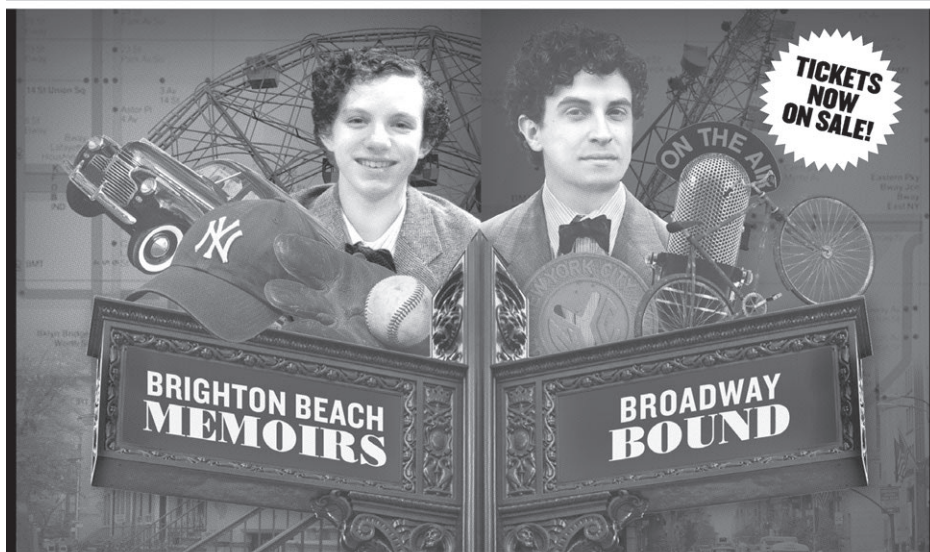
***miXtape*: A Musical Journey Through the '80s** by Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith
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cal” (“everybody was working out,” one says, “or at least dressed like they were”). Joy Yandell, excellent all evening long, nearly explodes to “Maniac.” Richard Simmons makes a cameo, his bobbing headband a near blur.

Colleen Kollar Smith’s choreographic collages range from Jazzercise riffs to Michael Jackson’s genius moves to a parody of *Top Gun*, starring her husband Lance Arthur Smith, done with rolling office chairs; Jemima Dutra’s apt



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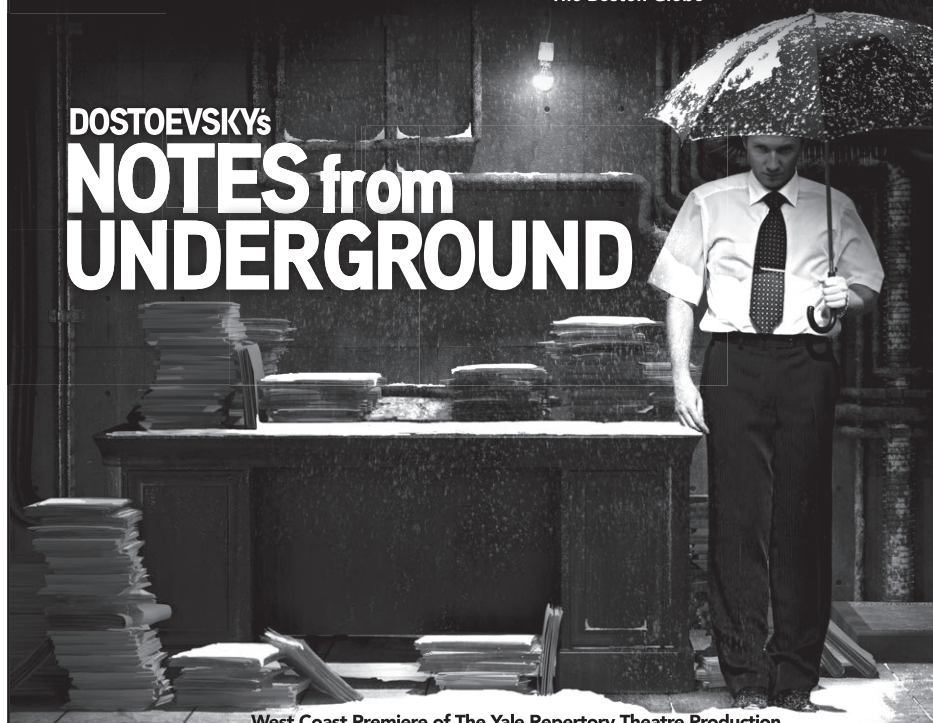
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period costumes, from *The Breakfast Club* to the proton-packed *Ghostbusters* (costume changes often taking place in seconds).

The musical's about the 1980s but has a 2010 radar-blip attention span. Most of the songs are actually song-bites, snippets of tunes, like Mark Knopfler's intro to "Money for Nothing." As soon as you want more, they're gone. *miXtape* uses this scattergun effect almost exclusively. More respites would help, one in particular.

"Just a small-town girl": Louis Pardo's semi-nerdy Brian goes to the prom and has a tonic chord moment with his date and Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'," which he hears for the first time. He talks about the "power of song" to freeze and magnify a slice of time, in effect underlining the musical's theme. In the song, the "streetlight" people live "just to find emotion/ Hiding somewhere in the night." Brian's afraid the emotion he found may vanish when the song ends. The

scene, the band nearly drowning out Pardo's words, moves way too quickly.

Act Two turns inward, as the characters graduate and become adults. The chipper feel of Act One gives way to somber reflections of love lost — or never found, as in "She Must Be Somebody's Baby" — and hearts broken. Although the songs in this section have a sameness, the performances deepen (especially Michelle Pereira's too-brief rendition of Heart's "Alone"). When the sketchily drawn characters recall the *Challenger* tragedy, the beginning of AIDS, and the Berlin Wall, however, the music often falls short of the subject matter.

As a mix tape, the musical's cluttered. Instead of trying to account for everything in the decade, it needs to pare down some parts and heighten others. Requiring an audience to flit from one song/idea/memory to another nonstop ultimately works against the concept. But as a performance, backed by Andy

Ingersoll's versatile band and under Kerry Meads's feisty direction, *miXtape* is always entertaining — and memory-provoking. ■

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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 THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 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



Eleemosynary: "Never have a daughter," says Artemis.

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, rang-

ing 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 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.

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Eleemosynary

“Never have a daughter,” says Artemis. “She won’t like you.” Lee Blessing’s comedy-drama follows three generations of gifted women, each expected to be “extraordinary.” The oldest, Dorothea, found freedom in eccentricity, driving her daughter Artemis out the door, the latter abandons her daughter Echo, the National Spelling Bee champ, in the process. The trio does a kind of odd-woman-out musical of odd-woman-out unexpected, far too pat conclusion. One could wish Blessing’s approach were less cerebral and schematic, and more human, but Moxie Theater’s production provides much of the latter. Under Chelsea Whitmore’s smart direction, Rhona Gold makes Dorothea both liberated and controlling... and funny. As Artemis (Blessing’s weakest character, written more to fit the scheme than be a person), Julie Anderson Sachs needs to defend the character’s choices more fervently, unpopular

though they may be. Her costume a combination of Dorothea’s earthy brown and Artemis’s dull grays, Rachael VanWormer does one of her finest efforts as Echo, moving from infancy to overassertion (she really wins that spelling bee, to the chagrin of her family) to the possibility of a balanced life, finally.

Worth a try.

MOXIE AT ROLANDO THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BLVD., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 858-598-7620. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26.

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King Lear

In Adrian Noble’s valuable book



King Lear: Spare set includes castle-high walls

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 Gowll’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.

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 THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12.

Limelight: The Story of Charlie Chaplin

La Jolla Playhouse stages the world premiere of Christopher Curtis and Thomas Meehan’s musical about the consummate artist with the black bowler hat and cane. Michael Unger directed.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 17.





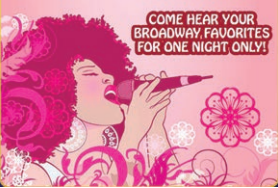
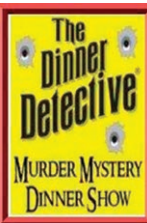




The Madness of George III

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),

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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 THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12.

Much Ado About Nothing

For its annual Free Shakespeare show, the Coronado Playhouse stages the Bard's comedy about love, war, and the war of wits between Beatrice and Benedict. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 3.

National Comedy Theatre

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The Norman Conquests: Table Manners, Round and Round the Garden, Living Together

Alan Ayckbourn's trilogy — *Table Manners*, *Living Together*, *Round and Round the Garden* — sounds like a medieval triptych. But Norman isn't an invading army; he's a lowly assistant librarian, with "three emotions for every occasion." He's such a junior-grade Don Juan that, to bat an eyelash his way, potential lovers must verge on implosion. The plays cross-stitch the events of a weekend. They function like a musical "round," stating then restating the theme. As with Chekhov's Prozorov sisters, three women are so stuck that even sleazy, infantile Norman offers a soupçon of hope. Cygnet Theatre emphasizes the comic elements: a farce performed in a three-ring circus, but let the inherent bleakness fall where it may (even though Ayckbourn called the plays "black farce" and put genuine misery behind the masks). What the productions do, they do quite well and are always funny and well-acted and -designed. No great epiphany waits at the end; the payoffs are more lateral. Seeing all three plays gives you a temporary omniscience: when you watch a scene, you know what's going on elsewhere but remain powerless to aid these lives of not-so-quiet desperation. (Note: *Table Manners*, *Round and Round the Garden*, and *Living Together* run in repertory. For specific days and times, call the theater.)

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.

See How They Run

Star Theatre presents the British farce about an American actor and actress, four clergymen (or felons dressed like same), a sedate bishop, and an old maid who "touches alcohol" for the first time. STAR THEATRE, 402 N. COAST HWY.,

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Smoke on the Mountain

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. Colleen 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.

Social Security

Scripps Ranch Theatre opens its 32nd season with Andrew Bergman's "adult comedy about the shattering of yuppie bliss and the timelessness of romance." Charlie Riendau directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 9.

Songs for a New World

Arts Off Broadway's show moves from the deck of a Spanish sailing ship in 1492 to a ledge 57 stories above Park Avenue. It's about "hitting the wall and having to make a choice or take a stand." LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA,

DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY.

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 wooed 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 grounding 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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The American — George Clooney, sole American in the cast, has been enrolled 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. With Violante Placido, Paolo Bonacelli, Thekla Reuten, and Johan Leysen. 2010.

★ (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; PO-WAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Animal Kingdom — Writer-director David Michôd gives us Australian cops-and-robbers and three solid character-

izations, 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-blondie 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)

Around a Small Mountain — French veteran Jacques Rivette enters the world of the travelling circus, with Jane Birkin and Sergio Castellitto. (GASLAMP 15, FROM 9/10)

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



Going the Distance — All of them speak as if they were reared on television sitcoms.

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.

★★ (MISSION VALLEY 20)

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,

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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)

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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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)

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 Rob-

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erts 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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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 an-

tagonist 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.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Flipped — Coming-of-age tale directed by Rob Reiner, with Madeline Carroll, Callan McAuliffe, John Mahoney, Penelope Ann Miller, Aidan Quinn.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 9/10)

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; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; 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 solid 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 — Moderately filthy romantic comedy, moderately amusing in compensation, about a young man with 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 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. With Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis, Christina Applegate; directed by Nanette Burstein. 2010.

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I'm Still Here — Documentary by Casey Affleck on Joaquin Phoenix's self-transformation from actor to rapper.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/10)

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

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“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.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Jean-Michel Basquiat: The Radiant Child — Tamra Davis’s documentary on the short-lived graffiti artist and Neo-Expressionist painter. (KEN, 9/10 THROUGH 16)

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 “Momses” 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.

★★★ (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 cli-

max of complete exasperation. Ashley Bell as the possessed girl shows a nice range from demure young lady to convulsive contortionist. 2010.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Machete — Co-writer and co-director Robert Rodriguez (writing with Álvaro Rodriguez, directing with Ethan Maniquis) makes a feature-length reality of the hypothetical little teaser trailer tucked into the overstuffed package of *Grindhouse*, a bad dream come true. 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 Federales, 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 corollary of the worse the better, it tends to wear out its welcome in a hurry. A lot like *Grindhouse*. 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? Robert De Niro, Don Johnson, Jeff Fahey, Lindsay Lohan, Cheech Marin. 2010.

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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 starts badly, with an unchronological credits sequence of pointlessly tricky split-screen effects to avoid any tough editing decisions (in matching side-by-side shots, the foreground figure is in focus and the background figure out of focus, while next to it the same foreground figure is out

of focus and same background figure is in), and it doesn't really end, simply stops, to be continued in *Mesrine: Public Enemy No. 1*. Kind of like *Kill Bill*. The interminable in-between is slick and sensationalistic ("Mommy!" cries little baby Bruno as Daddy inserts a gun in her mouth), and played with relish, and with mustard, by Vincent Cassel. With Cécile de France, Elena Anaya, Gerard Depardieu. 2009.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Mesrine: Public Enemy No. 1 — Jean-François Richet finishes out, in a shade under two and a quarter hours, his 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. With Ludivine Sagnier, Mathieu Amalric, Olivier Gourmet. 2009.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 9/9)

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.

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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.

● (MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Resident Evil: Afterlife — Sequel in 3-D, written and directed by Paul W.S. Anderson, with Milla Jovovich, Ali Larter, Kim Coates, Wentworth Miller. (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 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/10)

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; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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

FILM FESTIVALS

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

4040 Goldfinch St., Mission Hills



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.**



North by Northwest 1959. A suave advertising executive (Cary Grant) finds himself trapped in a web of mystery and intrigue in Alfred Hitchcock's nightmarish thriller. **Thursday-Saturday, September 16-18, 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. **Thursday, September 16, 6:30 p.m.**

DIVE-IN MOVIES

Pearl Hotel pool

1410 Rosecrans St., Point Loma



The Graduate 1967. A recent college graduate, Benjamin Braddock is trapped into an affair with Mrs. Robinson, and then falls in love with her teenage daughter. **Wednesday, September 15, 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.**

ANNUAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

Museum of Contemporary Art Downtown

1100 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego

alt.pictureshows Features more than 20 smart, provocative short films linked either by a common theme, sensibility, or both. **Thursday, September 9, 7:00 p.m.**

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH FILM FESTIVAL

Museum of Photographic Arts

Balboa Park

Youth Producing Change Human rights crises from the perspectives of youth worldwide. **Saturday-Sunday, September 18-19, 11:00 a.m.**

Mountains & Clouds Revisits a seminal moment in the push for immigration reform. **Saturday-Sunday, September 18-19, 1:00 p.m.**

Pushing the Elephant The story of a Congolese woman who was separated from her daughter during the 1998 conflict. **Sunday, September 19, 6:00 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



D.M. Bennett: The Truth Seeker

A presentation about an American publisher unjustly convicted and sentenced to 13 months of hard labor for mailing a banned book. **Sunday, September 19, 2:00 p.m.**

FILM FORUM

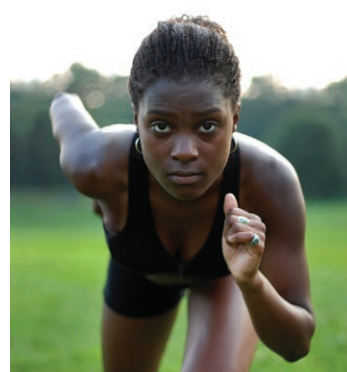
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New York I Love You 2009. A tale of love as diverse as New York itself. **Wednesday, September 8, 6:30 p.m.**



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.**

LATINO FILM FESTIVAL

Otay Ranch Town Center

2015 Birch Road, Chula Vista



Entre Nos A story based on facts which offers a fresh take on the issue of new immigrants in the United States. **Wednesday, September 8, 7:30 p.m.**

A Mi Me Gusta Margartia's dream to become a famous cook comes to a crumbling halt when immigration kicks her out of the country. **Wednesday, September 15, 7:30 p.m.**

Carlitos y el Campo de Los Suenos Carlitos Bermudez has two desires in life: first, to find a kind couple who will adopt him from the Spanish orphanage where he lives, and second, to become a soccer player for Spain's youth national team. **Wednesday, September 22, 7:30 p.m.**

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Showtimes subject to change.
(Bargain showtimes in parentheses.)

CENTRAL

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)
The American (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30;
Eat Pray Love (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:35) 4:30, 7:25, 10:15 Sun. (10:45, 1:35) 4:30, 7:25; **Flipped** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 4:45, 7:05, 9:15 Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 4:45, 7:05; **Get Low** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 1:10, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55, 10:15 Sun. (10:55, 1:10, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55; **Going the Distance** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20 Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00; **Inception** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 7:00, 10:00 Sun. 7:00p.m.; **Machete** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:05, 7:45, 10:10 Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:05, 7:45; **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:15; **The Switch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 1:05, 3:15) 5:30, 7:50, 10:20 Sun. (10:55, 1:05, 3:15) 5:30, 7:50

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
The American (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05) 4:45, 7:30, 10:05; **Despicable Me 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:15); **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:10) 6:10, 9:20; **The Expendables** (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; **Get Low** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:20; **Going the Distance** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 12:10, 1:45, 2:45) 4:15, 5:15, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35, 10:35 Sun. (11:10, 12:10, 1:45, 2:45) 4:15, 5:15, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35, 10:25; **Incep-**

tion (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:55) 7:10, 10:15 Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:10, 10:10; **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:45, 7:50, 10:00; **Machete** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:00, 7:40, 10:25; **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:50) 4:25; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:55) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; **Resident Evil: Afterlife** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:05) 4:25, 7:00, 9:20; **Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 12:55, 3:05) 5:25, 8:00, 10:20; **Salt** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:10, 3:30); **The Switch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:15, 9:25; **Takers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:35, 7:20, 9:55

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
Animal Kingdom (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:30) 9:15; **Around a Small Mountain (36 vues du Pic Saint Loup)** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:10) 4:05, 6:10, 8:15, 10:15; **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:45, 10:20; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 1:00) 4:05, 6:05, 7:00, 10:00; **Flipped** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:45) 5:00, 7:25, 9:50; **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:15, 7:20, 10:20; **Going the Distance** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 12:50, 2:15, 3:20) 4:40, 5:40, 7:05, 9:30, 10:35; **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:05; **Salt** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 10:05; **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; **The Switch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:15, 7:30, 9:55; **Takers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 12:40, 2:20, 3:15) 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:10, 9:40, 10:35; **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:25, 7:10, 9:45; **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 1:55, 3:55) 5:50, 7:50, 10:10

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Jean-Michel Basquiat: The Radiant Child (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (5:30), 7:30, 9:30 Sat. & Sun. (1:30), 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

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); **Machete** (R); **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG); **The Other Guys** (PG-13); **Resident Evil: Afterlife** (R); **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13); **The Switch** (PG-13); **Takers** (PG-13)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Mao's Last Dancer (PG) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:40), (4:20), 7:00, 9:35 Sat. & Sun. (11:00), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; **The American** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:50), (4:30), 7:10, 9:45 Sat. & Sun. (11:10), 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **Cairo Time** (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu(16): (2:10), (4:50), 7:30, 10:05 Sat. & Sun. (11:30), 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; **Get Low** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:00), (4:40), 7:20, 9:55 Sat. & Sun. (11:20), 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55

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Pray Love (PG-13); **The Expendables** (R); **Flipped** (PG); **Going the Distance** (R); **Inception** (PG-13); **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13); **Machete** (R); **The Other Guys** (PG-13); **Resident Evil: Afterlife** (R); **Salt** (PG-13); **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13); **Step Up 3D** (PG-13); **The Switch** (PG-13); **Takers** (PG-13)

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EAST COUNTY
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Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 4:10) 7:00, 9:40

LA MESA
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5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
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Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; **Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 12:05, 1:05, 2:30, 3:30) 4:55, 5:55, 7:20, 8:20, 9:45, 10:45; **The Switch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Takers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:30, 9:55; **Toy Story 3** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40)

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(12:15), (2:45), 5:30, 8:00 Mon - Thu. 5:30, 8:00; **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) Fri - Sun. (11:00 AM), (1:00), (3:00), 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 Mon - Thu. (3:00), 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; **The Expendables** (R) Fri. & Sat. (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15 Mon - Thu. (3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:30, 7:15 Mon - Thu. 4:30, 7:15; **Barbie: A Fashion Fairytale** (NR) Sat. & Sun. (10:30 AM)

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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)

Some Like It Hot — In the later stage of Billy Wilder's career, there is an evident pull toward the romantic and euphoric (*Love in the Afternoon*, *Irma La Douce*, *Avanti!*), and there is an opposing pull toward the caustic and raucous (*One Two Three*, *The Fortune Cookie*, the Ray Walston-Cliff Osmond bits, particularly, in *Kiss Me, Stupid!*). This one belongs at the head of the second batch, for the impression made by Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis in drag (among other things) is unhappily deeper, stronger, and longer-lasting than the impression made, in spots, by Marilyn Monroe. Curtis's Cary Grant impression, when out of drag, isn't bad, but why would someone be doing a Cary Grant impression in a 1920s setting? 1960.

★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 9/9 THROUGH 11, 8 P.M.)

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 facelifted, 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 Bateman, 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; DEL MAR HIGH-LANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

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 — Rehash of the shameful facts of how Pat Tillman, Jr., the Arizona Cardinal who set aside a professional football career to enlist in the Army post-9/11, had his head shot off

by friendly fire in Afghanistan, how the circumstances of his death were initially covered up behind a whole-cloth scenario of heroism under enemy attack, how this version of events was played up in the news media exactly as it was handed to them, how Tillman's death altogether got co-opted by special interests (his Cardinal jersey number 40 marketed with the name "TILLMAN" supplanted by "HERO"), not the least of which interests were to turn him into a propaganda tool for the military, and how bit by bit, under the unrelenting, the authentically heroic, efforts of his mother and father, the truth came out. These facts were of course already well known as far as we will ever know and understand them (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, workmanlike 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. 2010.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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; MISSION

MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

A Woman, a Gun, and a Noodle Shop — Explicit remake of the Coens' *Blood Simple*, set in the barren Chinese backcountry, and in period: the titular pistol is "the latest technology." The costumes are colorful, the image bright and clear, and director Zhang Yimou, always with an eye for splendor, makes a big wow of spinning out the noodle dough from a disk the size of a Frisbee to one the size of a coffee table. Yet he plays this James Cain-ian tale of infidelity, greed, double-cross, and murder as straight-out comedy, with cartoonish overacting and even cartoonish visualization: the cross-eyed cop, the rat-toothed menial. In the process he pushes you away more than pulls you in. With Sun Honglei, Yan Ni, Xiao Shen-Yang, Ni Dahong. 2009.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/10)

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Séraphine

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I have two French films to recommend. The first is *Séraphine*, based on the life of French painter Séraphine de Senlis. I recommend it especially for a transcendent scene in which the artist presents her paintings to her neighbors and employers.

The second film is *Summer Hours*, about a matriarch who has collected valuable art but when she dies her children can't afford to keep the paintings because of state taxes. They sell most of the art to a museum and then must consider the difference between public and private art. I recommend it for death and art, what else?

SÉRAPHINE (France) 2008, Music Box Films
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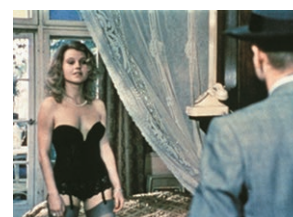
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While Akira Kurosawa's influence on filmmakers is well known, *Yume (Dreams)* is a lesser-known film. Produced as a series of eight vignettes, it's by far his most personal work. Each dream is stunningly beautiful. My personal favorites are *The Peach Orchard*, about Hina Matsuri and the destruction of a peach orchard, and *Crows*, where an art student seeks Vincent Van Gogh in his painting *Crows* (Van Gogh's last painting).

When I want to revel in deception, treachery and scandal, I always return to Roman Polanski's *Chinatown*. Robert Towne's plot offers endless contortions, and the chemistry between Jack Nicholson, Faye Dunaway, John Huston, and Burt Young is perfectly choreographed by Polanski.

YUME/DREAMS (Japan) 1990, Warner Home Video
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The Marriage of Maria Braun

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Each year I re-watch *Brazil*, *Blade Runner*, *Harold and Maude*, *The Sound of Music*, and *West Side Story*. But there are two I'd highlight.

One, Werner Herzog's *Aguirre: The Wrath of God*. Sublime, atmospheric, and virtually silent throughout the entire descent from misty mountaintop to death going down the river surrounded by screaming monkeys. Bizarre and incredible.

And two, Rainer Werner Fassbinder's *The Marriage of Maria Braun*. It's so perfect in its form: stylized just enough and beautifully shot. Opens and closes with explosions. Displays full range of human emotions and situations, like an epic but encapsulated.

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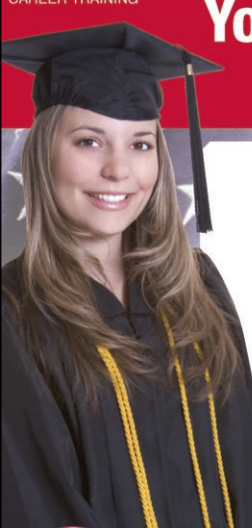
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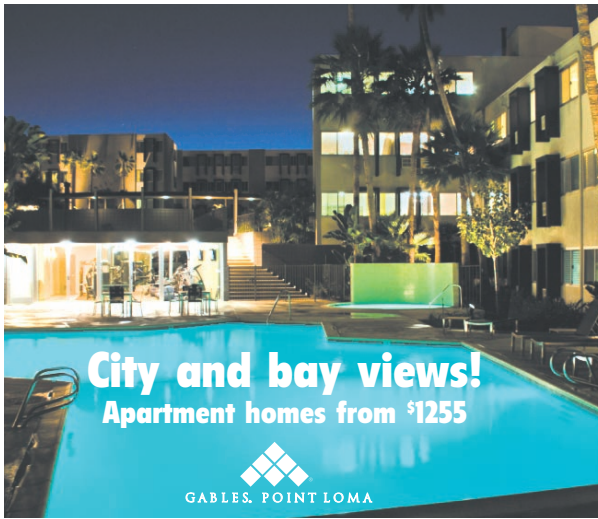
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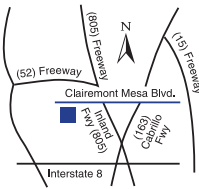


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OCEAN BEACH, \$1395.

2BD+2BA, upstairs unit available. Parking, laundry on site! Blocks to beach! Dishwasher. No pets. 4836 Cape May Avenue #7. Call 619-222-4836x14. www.liveatthebeachnow.com.

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2BD+2BA apartment. Large, new paint. All appliances, laundry, parking, near beach. No dogs. 4811 Del Monte Avenue. 619-224-4215.

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3BD+2BA condo. Small yard, fireplace, large kitchen. Great location! 11- month lease. No Pets. 4756 West Point Loma Boulevard #A. 858-525-5238; 858-273-4820.

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OCEAN BEACH, \$950.

1BD+1BA apartment, Sunset Cliffs. Stove, refrigerator, laundry room, parking. No pets. 4736 Point Loma Avenue #2. Agent, 619-232-6811.

OCEAN BEACH, \$975.

1BR+1BA, upstairs unit available. Parking, laundry on site! 1st block on beach! No pets. 2243 Abbott Street Unit E. Call 619-222-4836x14. www.liveatthebeachnow.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1495.

2BD+1BA with large patio in very attractive Crown Point property. Partial bay view. Steps to Sail Bay. **Open house Saturday, 9/11, 11:30-12:30.** 3803-1/2 Riviera Drive. TPPM, 858-699-3851. www.torreypinespm.com.

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1BD+1BA apartment. Sunny, remodeled apartment. Hardwood floors. Parking. 2011 Grand Avenue. Xlarent.com. 619-683-7638.



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1BD+1BA apartment. Crown Point, great location. Laundry, parking. Downstairs unit. Available 9/15! 1536 Moorland #2. www.AMGSD.com. 619-295-1165.

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1BD+1BA large apartment. Crown Point. Very nice property with pool. One block to Sail Bay! 3773 Haines Street. TPPM, 858-483-9303. www.torreypinespm.com.

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1BD+1BA, large, top floor, remodeled. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, pool, coin laundry, elevator, parking. No pets. Available 10/15. 1433 Oliver. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

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2BD+1BA, upstairs in duplex behind 1427. Stove, refrigerator, parking. 7 blocks to ocean. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 10/10/10. 1429 Grand Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, 858-270-2071, www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, \$1200.

1BD+1BA downstairs apartment in quiet fourplex. Stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. Garage with opener. No pets. Available 10/14/10. 1380 Reed. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

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1BD+1BA. Small manicured North PB 6- unit complex. Steps to surf. **Open house Saturday, 9/11, 1-2pm.** 723 Chalcedony. TPPM, 858-699-3851. www.torreypinespm.com.

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2BD+1BA large downstairs front apartment in North PB. Stove, refrigerator, coin laundry, garage space. 2-1/2 blocks to ocean. Cat OK with extra deposit. Available 9/13/10. 959 Chalcedony. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsol.com. 858-270-2071.

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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.

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Theo Jones
Student
University City

Yes. I followed a customer into the parking lot, and I flipped them off as they were driving away because they didn't leave me a tip. This was many years ago when I was coming to hate my job as a waiter. It obviously wasn't for me, so I didn't have that job for very long afterwards. It was like a T.G.I. Friday's — it was called O'Charley's — this was actually in southern Mississippi, the Gulf Coast before the hurricane. They saw me, obviously, and then they called back to the store, and then the manager talked with me. But it ended on all-right terms.



Clint R.
Surgical Tech
City Heights

I got fired from my last job. A couple of my friends...we were betting on Chargers games. We would go down to TJ — you can bet down there. We were just having fun, just \$20, pick three teams. Well, my boss found out that we were betting on these games, and she fired me. I was tagged as the one who was going down there. She called me in and said, "I heard you guys were gambling on the games." I said, "Yeah. And..." She said, "You can't be doing that. So I gotta let you go." I didn't feel it was wrong. I worked there three years. She was just a person who didn't want to see anybody having fun. Everybody that had put their bets in, they turned their backs on me. Nobody stood up and said, "Well, we're all doing it." Nobody had my back.



D.J. Ambones
Lab Tech
Hillcrest

Yes. I was working a retail job and was scanning some lady's supplies when my scanner stopped working. She told me, "Well, maybe it's from all that shit in your face." And I said, "Well, maybe it's because you're such a bitch." I got fired for it. Frankly, I don't get paid enough from a minimum-wage job to deal with that.



Bradley Armstrong
Usher
La Mesa

Fired? Yes. It was because I would get a job and then I would look for another job while I had that job. And then I liked the other job more, so I just basically stopped going. Basically, I quit — but I didn't tell them I quit. So it looks like I got fired. Well...they fired me, you know? I walked off, but they fired me.



Rickey Shagie
Unemployed
Downtown

Yes. I understand the reason why the guy fired me. It was a job drilling small parts — like, for microwave ovens. They have small, needle-type drills that they drill the microwave parts with. The drills are so tiny; they're like hair slivers. If you put too much pressure on them, the drills will pop. And so, after popping about five drills in one day, he said, "Well, we generally understand that the drills will pop if you're new to the job." He said on the average they usually pop, like, two or three a day. But I popped five. And he said, "This job isn't for you. We're gonna give you what we owe you, and see ya." That job lasted a day.



Raphael Azran
Student
Santa Monica

Actually, yes. I got fired from a skateboard shop, a sports store. I was skating in the store, on their merchandise, and I scratched one of the boards. They were pissed. I didn't like it, anyway. I had worked there for a year.... No more retail. I moved into hairdressing.

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Across

- 1. They may be painted
- 5. 1965 march setting
- 10. Twinge
- 14. Subject of the Daily Show's "Mess O'Potamia" segments
- 15. "Have some"
- 16. Melville work set in Tahiti
- 17. Light brown
- 18. "Show Boat" author

- 20. TV cowgirl who rode Buttermilk
- 22. Scrabble 10-pointer
- 23. The Carpenters' " ____ Only Just Begun"
- 24. Valuable rock
- 25. Siouan speakers
- 27. Informal greeting
- 32. Philosopher Kierkegaard
- 33. Suffix meaning "city"
- 34. NASA moonlander
- 35. Fabled napper
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- 37. "Stormy Weather" singer Horne
- 38. ____ out a living
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- 43. Flower parts
- 44. Fond du ____, Wisc.
- 45. Christmas carol start
- 46. It flows past Turin
- 49. Half of an old comedy duo
- 54. Hollywood actor whose only Academy Award is for Best Original Screenplay
- 56. Like fine wine
- 57. ____-Flush (bathroom cleaner)
- 58. Pond covering
- 59. Olivia of "The Wonder Years"
- 60. Obama, e.g.: Abbr.
- 61. ____ congestion
- 62. Problem

Down

- 1. All square
- 2. Willy of "Free Willy"
- 3. U.S. Supreme Court pick of 1953
- 4. T-shaped cleaning tool

- 5. Jobs and others
- 6. "Das Rheingold" goddess
- 7. Singer Loretta
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- 10. Baggage handler
- 11. Prefix with dextrous
- 12. Coward in the theater
- 13. Reason for an R
- 19. Pound and Cornell
- 21. All square
- 24. Child's cry of pain
- 25. Milo of "Barbarella"
- 26. Long baths
- 27. Sharpened
- 28. Merrie ____ England
- 29. U.S. Supreme Court pick of 2010
- 30. 1983 Streisand role
- 31. Stockpile
- 33. Whittle
- 36. "Highway to Hell" band
- 37. Takes the words out of one's mouth?
- 39. " ____ Love" (1989 Al Pacino movie)
- 40. Kind of spirit
- 42. Newspaper of Spain
- 43. Israeli money
- 46. Half an oz.
- 47. Get wind of
- 48. Feminine suffix
- 49. Penne ____ vodka
- 50. Darkroom images, for short
- 51. Final Four org.
- 52. Singer McEntire
- 53. "My Life as ____" (1985 film)
- 55. Geisha's accessory

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 9. Happy school year!
Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 9. Go Padres!
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 9. Welcome out to the Reader staff. Great job.
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 9. Iron woman skips a beat; back on tempo now, Carrie!
William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 9. Thanks Angela and Matt for putting up with me.
Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 9. Never date a woman who laughs after being kissed!
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 9. "Yield" means yield to traffic in the circle!
Jacque Glick, El Cajon, 9. Tori, Tori, Tori!

Richard Hutchings, Santee, 9. Rags to riches Tori Spelling Valedictorian in Puerto Rico auditorium.
Sue Janisch, Escondido, 9. Enjoy the Labor Day holiday.
Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 9. Had to break out heavy unabridged dictionary for this.
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 9. Go powerful wizards! Don't blow it this time!
Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 9. Easier than usual?
Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 9. Something witty, something insightful.
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 9. This was fun, not torture.
Susan Williams, North Park, 9. Happy 90th Grossmont High School!
Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 8. What happened last week?
Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 8. Padres will win again!

Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 8. Happy belated birthday sis number 46.
George Elam, Vista, 8. Is it summer time yet?
Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 8. Happy 27th birthday Nicole!
Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 8. The days grow short when you reach September.
Marie Grace, College Area, 8. Heh heh!
Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 8. Go Twins!
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 8. Oops almost forgot!
George Jackson, Oceanside, 8. Where is President Bush now that we need him?
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 8. Hi Taun Taun and Mochi!
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 8. How did I get here? Where have I been?
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 8. Back from Oz.
Claire Phillips, Clairemont, 8. Enuf! Louisi... Than her share!

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 8. Puzzle Lady cant you get it right?
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 8. Happy birthday to the best girlfriend, Erin.
Michael Sheridan, San Diego, 8. La bound
Tom Somich, Clairemont, 8. What a pleasure!
Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 8. All's well that ends well.
Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 8. Go Mission Bay bugs!
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 7. Padres- Shake it off - lets get 6 straight wins!
Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 7. I am not famous yet!
Kaye Benton, San Diego, 7. Visit Alexander Salazer Gallery!
Craig Curtis, Escondido, 7. Hello to fellow Reader puzzlers- Jim and Gil at CSUSM!
Rich Dudka, Escondido, 7. I finished! Step one!
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 7. T-shirts are too big!

Irvin C. Gavidor, Golden Hill, 7. Great stuff, great prices, check us out! India Ink Papers.
Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 7. I love New York!
Ron Hootman, Santee, 7. Hoot101 "I give up! Wow! Statist! Really?"
Carmen Jacobo, Clairemont, 7. Thank for volunteering, Cece, Jan and Lisa!
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 7. Kiera! Boda! Ignatz! Hooray!
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 7. Ron! Someone named Pam has come between us!
Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific Beach, 7. Summer's over its time to play hold'em. Love you Larry!
Ron Meyer, Santee, 7. Football is finally here.
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 7. All I asked for was respect and we've lost 71
Jim Odell, Vista, 7. Is there no end?
John Pertle, Santee, 7. God demon-strates his love: Christ died on behalf of everyone.
Jane M. Reilly, University City, 7. Do I have to go back to school?

Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 7. Ready for powder...
Jennifer Vuksinich, El Cajon, 7. Another year!
Norman Williams, San Diego, 7. What da fuss?
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 7. More sales tax? Have your head examined!
Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 6. Don't swear the small stuff!
Jon Christianson, El Cajon, 6. Oh, the suspense.
Julie Dalforno, Serra Mesa, 6. Kristina is getting married!
Mary E. Harris, La Mesa, 6. Please hang in there Padres
☛ **W. Hodgson, Escondido, 6.** No errors - again. Lucy- you got some splainin to do.
Elizabeth Jackson, Alpine, 6. The future is unwritten...
Mark E. Jones, Clairemont, 6. Vote in Nov.
Jim Means, Alpine, 6. 101 degrees yesterday, 88 today, 82 tomorrow?
John Pilch, San Carlos, 6. Padres 0-10 not to worry, can't get worse.

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 6. *Happy 88th Bei-ju birthday Mumsky!*
Robin Serfass, Leucadia, 6. *It ain't no sin to be glad you're...*
☛ **Bruce Campbell, Portland OR, 5.** *Never under estimate the power of stupid people in large...*
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 5. *Love ya, All!*
Allan Dorfman, Del Mar, 5. *Get well soon Padres!*
Eric Hurtado, San Marcos, 5. *Come on number 5.*

Janet Kaye, Linda Vista, 5. *What to do about Skateworld?*
Drew Lettington, Mission Hills, 5. *Summer is almost over.*
☛ **Willie McGee, San Diego, 5.** *Does oil float on water?*
Linda Morris, Encanto, 5. *I love this town!*
Jack Roberts, Rancho Bernardo, 5. *Love life.*
☛ **Dave Small, San Carlos, 5.** *Toriffic!*
Duane Tremaine, East Village, 5. *Beyond this place of wrath and tears.*

Marilyn Contreras, El Cajon, 4. *Yipee!*
Sharise Cruzs, El Cajon, 4. *Thanks for the birthday t-shirt!*
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 4. *Use your bike every day!*
☛ **Chad Griffith, Poway, 4.** *Go Padres, we haven't given up. Don't you!*
Carl Hancock, Point Loma, 4. *Scooter time trials- 1/21 Elmirage CA*
Billy Horton, Santee, 4. *Still trying*
☛ **Stephen McLaughlin, Carlsbad, 4.** *I need a job.*
Tim Parrott, Carlsbad, 4. *It's the old "plantain, plantain osculate with beelzebub" thing again.*
Ernest Verano, Downtown, 4. *Rich people are thieves.*

Kyle Chiang, Mission Hills, 3. *Happy birthday Mary!*
☛ **Robin Coulthard, Lakeside, 3.** *3 day weekend!*
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 3. *Thanks for your help Mike.*
Jason Kron, Lakeside, 3. *For LA Sempra brings potential holocaust, ruins our property values.*
Dawn Metrisin, San Diego, 3. *Football finally!*
John C Pipes, Lemon Grove, 3. *Don't look now it's almost Christmas!*
Dee Smith, San Diego, 3. *Have you read Ivanhoe?*
Zona Wahrenbrock, San Diego, 3. *Not bad!*

Leslie Wittman, Seattle, 3. *Thanks Mo!*
☛ **Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 2.** *Go Cards! You can do it!*
Calvin Gipson, South Park, 2. *Go green!*
Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 2. *Bye to Roseville.*
Raymond Schwartz, Clairemont, 2. *It's time for football!*
Rita Weiss, Escondido, 2. *More fun doing a puzzle than washing the dishes.*
Ryan Breshnahan, San Diego, 1. *Go...*
David Christie, Cardiff, 1. *Happy birthday Weeza!*
Emily Danger McAllister, Ocean Beach, 1. *The ave is silent.*

Scott A. Edie, El Cajon, 1. *Wow I did it!*
Robert Evans, Mission Valley, 1. *See you at Mysterious Galaxy.*
Gian Ghio, Chula Vista, 1. *Greetings from South America.*
Judi Markson, Indio, 1. *Thanks Rich.*
F.A. Nalu, El Cajon, 1. *This puzzle waz fun.*
Susan Ruch, Point Loma, 1. *No computer. Just lots of books and memory for answers.*
Lucy Gomez Santoyo, San Diego, 1. *I did it!*
☛ **Bill Schramm, San Diego, 1.** *Erin go bragh.*
April Thygeson, Encinitas, 1. *Sm please!*

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BANKER'S HILL, \$900.
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.
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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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HARD:

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EASY:

Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 9. Go Padres!
Pauline O'Malley, Point Loma, 9. My Ford Galaxie was stolen Sunday night. Scum bags!
Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 9. Thanks Kaiser for South Bay Overton Splash.
Don Bowman, Santee, 8. Happy birthday to me... From Shadow
John Pertle, Santee, 8. Your option for eternal life now: believe in Jesus Christ.
Ann Grudzinski, San Diego, 6. Happy day!
Jason Kron, Lakeside, 6. Aetna raised my premiums thirty percent ...
Viet Nguyen, Mira Mesa, 5. Next stop is Julian
M.S. Prades, La Jolla, 4. Thank you for the t-shirt!
Saad Ghulah, Escondido, 3. Nice and cool San Diego summer.
Bess Santos, Imperial Beach, 3. Hi Bess, hope you win this time!
Dr. Dave, Pt Loma, 2. Cristal Rene is my oh-la-la
Obie Fox, Escondido, 2. My last week was 47

Cun Hui Zhang, Carmel Mtn., 2. Do you know no balance no life.
Elizabeth Lupdag, Spring Valley, 1. I love SD
☛ **Leslie Wittman, Seattle, 1.** Back to Seattle back to work!

MEDIUM:

Linda Bible, El Cajon, 9. What a wonderful time we had!
☛ **Paul Boland, Bay Park, 9.** Its time for more rain
Harry Chiou, Mira Mesa, 9. I won two shirts last week from sudoku and brainstorms.
Josie Ranches, San Diego, 9. Swimming is the best.
Dave Small, San Carlos, 8. No longer shirtless in SD.
Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 5. Oh no you didn't! How is that even possible?
Mack Davis, Escondido, 4. I'm looking for the man that shot my paw.
Lanora Manzano, Escondido, 3. Go Padres! Go Chargers!
Jim Lardy, El Cajon, 2. Go Padres! Go Chargers!
Gordon Ritchie, Tierrasanta, 2. Tenth time in the water.

Harold Kent, Clairemont, 1. You are only here for a visit.
☛ **Cassie Perkins, Lakeside, 1.** I hope Rob Bob is California dreaming...
Sarah Walten, Poway, 1. My coworkers are driving me crazy.
Rob Welder, El Cajon, 1. It's too hot...

HARD:

Wayne Ameele, Penasquitos, 9. Happy birthday Claire!
Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 9. Go Padres!
Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 9. The sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation, and eucharist.
Green Dave Gietzen, Sunset Cliffs, 9. New 175 gram wham-o. Please let's go have it around.
Ed Rull, San Diego, 9. Summer's over!
Skully, San Diego, 9. Love you kit-ten, love riding with you on the back
Esther Hays, La Mesa, 8. Base boards and hi gloss, what a match!
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 8. Fifty years on, been passed on by the scene.
Mary E. Harris, La Mesa, 6. Hello to all my grandchildren
Lark Herrick, Alpine, 5. Hayden is a crazy dog.
Rei Tang, San Diego, 5. Easy does it.

Abdalahid Bahho, El Cajon, 4. Thanx for US Army to help my country Iraq.
Jonathon McMurtry, Vista, 4. Everything is left at sixes and sevens. (WS)
John Gaughen, North Park, 3. Ava and Audry - good luck in school.
M. Shoaee, Rancho Bernardo, 3. Elementary, my dear!
Dr. Dusa, Rancho Penasquitos, 2. Come on Padres!
Marc Richard, Bankers Hill, 2. Even when it is barely there.
☛ **Bob Baumgarten, Clairemont, 1.** Hang in there Padres! Lets roll!
Joan Boland, Bay Park, 1. I finally...
Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 1. Couldn't do evil today.
J. Dimartino, San Marcos, 1. Luv u family
John Fitzgerald, Point Loma, 1. Easy breezy!
Dale Frank, Poway, 1. Passion drives success and happiness.
Ann Hinton, Point Loma, 1. Not famous yet
Ben Lupdag, Chula Vista, 1. Holla!
☛ **Kelly Sakoi, San Diego, 1.** Go Padres!
Cheryl Uppling, Carlsbad, 1. Sunshine for Bodo and veggies! Thanks, mom and dad.

EVIL:
Joe Arbusto, Rancho Penasquitos, 9. Blue dog democrats-republican...
Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 9. Happy birthday J...
Loren Boyer, El Cajon, 9. "My mom's younger than you!" Ouch Michele
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 9. All entertainment is just a form of avoidance.
J. Gorman, UTC, 9. Is the Padre sun setting?
Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 9. Reynold's family enjoy San Diego!
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 9. Time for a beer yet, Chuck?
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 9. Nevermind fame and glory. Gimme a t-shirt.
Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 9. Happy birthday Jonathan Armao.
Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 9. That's it. I've run out of clever things to write.
David Najman, Chicago, 9. Base-ball, soccer, football all together great time of year.
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 9. That's right. I'm talking to you.
Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 9. Puzzle Lady why cant you get it right? Not rhetorical.
Charles Rion, Allied Gardens, 9. To Mant wanted to add.

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 9. Happy birthday to my special lady, Erin!
☛ **L.J. Tamura, Del Mar, 9.** See you Tuesday (wherever that may be!)
☛ **Arturo Vazquez, San Diego, 9.** Padres need to react quickly, specially Mr. Black.
Susan Williams, North Park, 9. Ah September!
Mark Xitco, San Diego, 9. No light in the tunnel!
Carl Baltrunas, Milpitas, 8. Thank you Jeff Loeb- Tymshare 2010 Reunion.
Greg Chauncey, La Jolla, 8. Go Navy! Beat Maryland!
Alford Claiborne, Encanto, 8. Happy days are here again!
Larry Clark, Clairemont, 8. I'm strong to the finish 'cause I eats me spinach.
Rich Dudka, Escondido, 8. Done on Friday. In time for the weekend!
George Elam, Vista, 8. Just hard enough to be evil.
Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 8. Fame and... for Cardiff suffer.. Wall St Journal.
Roy E. Leeper, Chula Vista, 8. Brebel's girls u-12 good luck for the new season.
Stuart Lester, Santee, 8. Tulips are a man's best friend!
Hiroshi Miyazaki, San Diego, 8. Have you been watching US Open?

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 8. *Does Mary Bentley still play dominoes?? Please call!!*
Tom Norris, Santee, 8. *Diligently search for the truth...in all things.*
David Schwartz, Clairemont, 8. *Regular Season's almost here! Go Bolts!*
Jim Upshaw, Clairemont, 8. *Luv'n 3 day holidays!*
Bill Black, La Jolla, 7. *Only choices: raise taxes, reduce services, cut waste.*
☛ **Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 7.** *Seemed easy at first-avoid faulty logic. T-shirt, please!*

Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 7. *Can we get an extension on summer?*
Michelle Dutra, Serra Mesa, 7. *Go Pointers!*
Saad Kassab, Mission Hills, 7. *Try Ibis Market Deli Sandwiches.*
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 7. *Those dirty dollar diamond devils- my new bff!*
Art Spencer, Oceanside, 7. *Bit of labor before the day.*
☛ **Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 7.** *Save gas- bicycle.*

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 7. *Quit strangling the economic golden goose cut taxes.*
Joe Dominguez, San Diego, 6. *Whats up?*
Butch Hays, La Mesa, 6. *Buy order in for REFR at 3.80 :-)*
David Holbo, San Carlos, 6. *Happy birthday Marissa.*
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 6. *Happy late summer! Kiera! Bodo!*
Lee Overholser, San Diego, 6. *Did anyone get the Godel number of that existential truck?*
Le Phan, La Jolla, 6. *Let's celebrate retirement!*
Wang Tang, San Diego, 5. *Hope faith love.*

Larry Terbell, Golden Hill, 5. *Be in general Virtuous and you will be happy.*
Tom Thetford, Lemon Grove, 5. *Now for football 17 weeks of disappointment.*
Carolyn Woodbury, Chula Vista, 5. *Eat less meat and better health and cleaner environment.*
Michelle Ammann-Sherry, San Clemente, 4. *Hi Mikey! I'll miss you.*
Susan Irwin, Ocean Beach, 4. *You can if you think you can.*
Steve Kolb, San Diego, 4. *Neil Hamburger everybody.*
Karen Maegley, Sorrento Mesa, 4. *Back to the grind and thanks for the t-shirt.*

Duane D. Tremaine, San Diego, 4. *Looms but the horror of the shade.*
Peter Bartkiewicz, Chula Vista, 3. *Hi Kate and Kevin.*
Lori Deaton, San Diego, 3. *I choose to be happy.*
Greg Boss, PO1, USN, Ret, San Diego, 2. *Who dat dem Padres? Losers like always! Go Giants!*
Patrick Driscoll, Santee, 2. *Star-dust nervo.. Rollin' all round my brain.*
Anton Illi, San Diego, 2. *Goodbye America! See you next summer ;)*
Stephen McLaughlin, Carlsbad, 2. *Way too much time on my hands.*
Chang Qing Su, San Carlos, 2. *Everything is right.*

Daniela Solano, North Park, 2. *The dude abides.*
Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 1. *Go Padres! You can do it!*
Semone Choi, Normal Heights, 1. *All 4 in 1 afternoon is highly unusual.*
David Davidson, Pacific Beach, 1. *Kol RIP.*
Teri Gharring, Rollando Park, 1. *Lmao!*
Apo Ildeniz, Greenland, 1. *I hope, I'll be back to San Diego.*
Bruce Mullis, Escondido, 1. *Be brief.*
Jeremy K Peightal, Carlsbad, 1. *What up Bone, Bloody-V, Schmuckle, Ben-Jammin, and Span.*

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

Watch your language

- 1) German

2) Russian (Cyrillic)

3) Hebrew

4) Greek

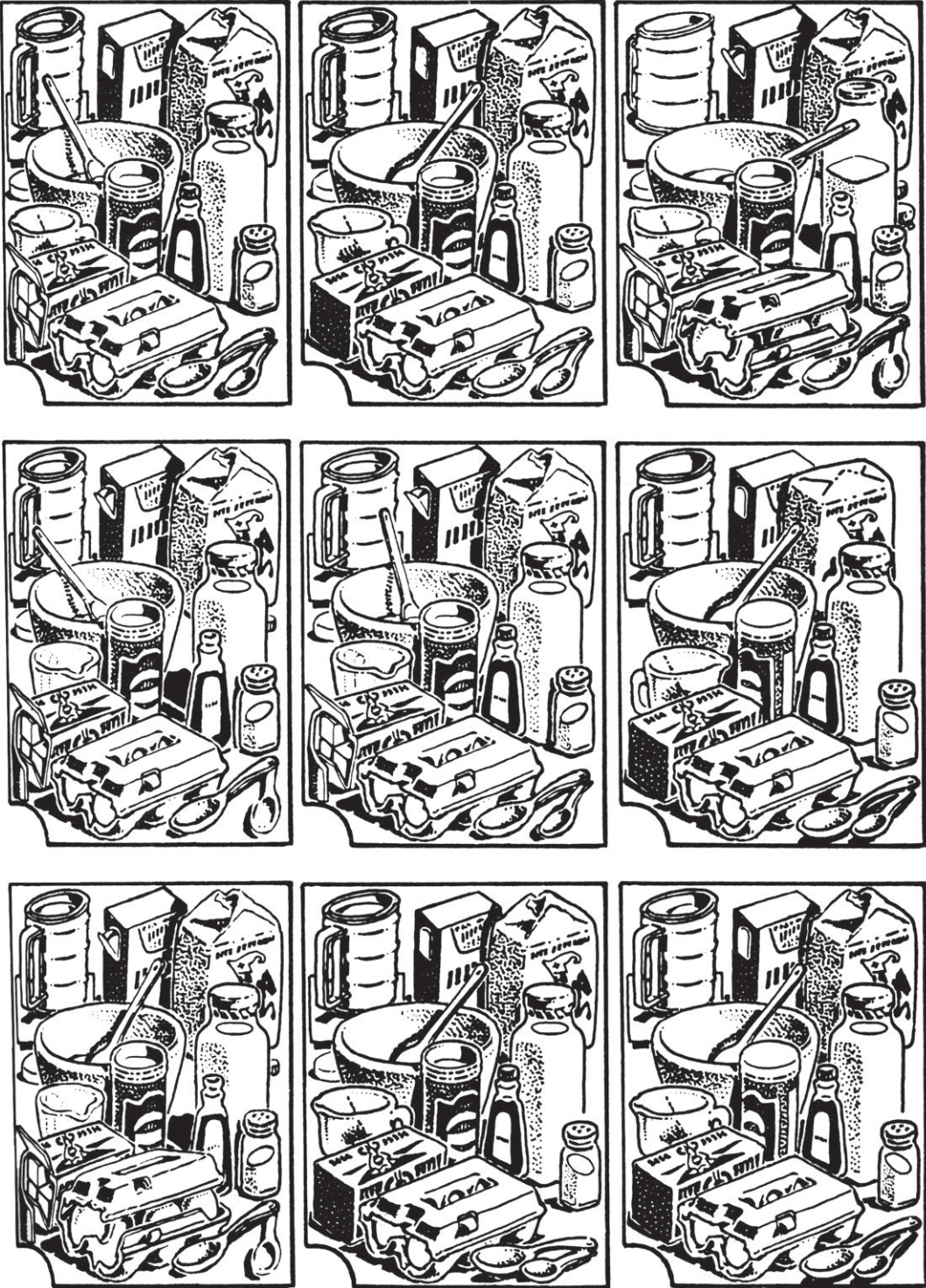
5) Arabic
- 6) Japanese

7) Armenian

8) Chinese

9) Thai

10) Hindi (Devanagari)
- OK, now cover your other eye.



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,

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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.

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 8. /
feel so bad about never feeling guilty.
Conway Redding, La Mesa, 8.
Berlitz blitz!

Ed Barno, San Diego, 7. *Hi guys.*
Did you miss me?
Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 6.
We are the champions, my friend!

Tom Somich, Clairemont, 6.
That was some alphabet soup!
Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 5. *Do you have 20/20 vision?*
☛ **Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 5.** *Padres...*

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 5.
Sorry Armenians, but your alphabet looks like plumbing diagrams!
Jason Parson, San Diego, 5. *I'm glad my eyes were able to focus.*
Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 5. *Puzzle lady why do you still have it wrong? Really.*

Carl Baltrunas, Milpitas, 4.
Thank you Jeff Loeb- Tymshare reunion 2010.
John Fitzpatrick, San Diego, 4.
Ein kycok shal keik.
☛ **Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 4.** *lareik lodob lztangi*

☛ **Craig Stein, El Cerrito, 4.** *Happy 2nd birthday Natalie. Mommy and Daddy love you!*
Cheryl Uppling, Carlsbad, 4.
Bodo, birdies, turtle, zucchini! Hi mom and dad!
Tim Parrott, Carlsbad, 3. *But yes! The hippopotamus! But not the armadillo.*

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☞ indicates T-shirt winner.

Marc Richard, Banker’s Hill, 3.
Three quick stabs in the gray dawn of Lexicon.
Ted Scafidi, San Diego, 3.
Happy 38th, mom-ster!
Tom Thetford, Lemon Grove,
3. *Only switched 2 answers last week.*

Michael Carchidi, Chula Vista,
2. *Alphabet soup never looked like this!*
Felix E. Charfauros, San Diego,
2. *Learning a “new” language technique...*
Harry Chiou, Mira Mesa,
2. *It’d be nice to have Korean or Mongolian.*

Paula Davis, Spring Valley,
2. *P, make pre-algebra your best subject.*
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 2.
It’s all Greek to me!
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 2.
Hey kids!
Stephen McLaughlin,
Carlsbad, 2. *It’s a sign of the times.*
Christopher Pitcher,
Escondido, 2. *We are not alone in this universe!*
Ernest Verano, Downtown, 2.
Save the poor and the unfortunate.

Regis Worley, Poway, 2. *Danke!*
Joe Arbusto, San Diego, 1.
Sarah Palin is a fail-in’ in every way in ! Ha-ha!
William Hoover, Ocean Beach,
1. *Spell checkers dew knot swa awl.*
Fran Lohmann, Lemon Grove,
1. *This was harder than I thought.*
Jeff Lutz, Jacumba, 1. *Urrah*
Robert McQuay, San Diego, 1.
Grand-daughters rule!
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 1. *Koh chai mai?*

Edward Ian Panes, North Park,
1. *It’s good to work with international personnel. Mabuhay!*
Luis Pantino, La Jolla, 1. *Not all that glitters is gold.*
Jeremy K. Peightal, Carlsbad,
1. *Shout out to the Bestawan Pizza crew! Whoo! Whoo!*
Suzanne Raymond, Mission Valley, 1. *Practice random acts of kindness- we need more of them*
Nancy Robertson, San Diego,
1. *What, no Klingon?*

Niki Romani, San Diego, 1.
Roma Imortalis
☞ **Debbie Schultz, El Cajon, 1.**
Good in any language.
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 1. *That was cool!*
Richard Watson, National City,
1. *This one was easy.*

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2BD+2BA, third-floor condo. All appliances, A/C, 2 balconies. 3795 Georgia Street #301. Xilarent.com. 619-683-7638.

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Studio+1BA. 3843 Park Boulevard. Second floor. Carpet, full kitchen, full bath. Laundry room. Street parking. No pets. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

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1BD+1BA apartment. Available 9/10. \$1100. 2BD+1BA. Available now! Nice units in gated complex. Walk to San Diego Zoo. On-site Manager, Bill, 619-298-8934. 3634 Park Boulevard, #3640-1/2. 619-295-1100. www.cethron.com.

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1BD+1BA apartment. Parking, storage, laundry on site. No pets. 4226 Cleveland Avenue. www.kandrpproperties.com. Call Kenny, 619-255-4944.

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KENSINGTON-TALMADGE, \$950.
1BD+1BA apartment. Shared garage parking, laundry on site, gated. Available now. 4101 Park Place. www.kandrpproperties.com. Call Mike, 858-490-1600.

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1BD+1BA downstairs apartment in small building on a tree-lined street in the heart of Kensington. Stove, refrigerator, coin laundry. Will consider small pet with extra deposit. Available 10/10/10. 4190 Madison. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

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2BD+1BA. Available 9/10/10. 4582 39th Street. www.cethronpm.com. 619-295-1100.

NORMAL HEIGHTS, \$995.
2BD+1BA, spacious, upstairs corner apartment. New carpet. Sunny. 4746.5 33rd Street. Xilarent.com. 619-683-7638.

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2BD+1BA, 950 sqft. Apartment. \$300 off 1st month! Gated, pool, parking, laundry, near Morley Field. No pets. 3722 Alabama Street. Call 619-299-1699.

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2BD+1BA. 2 bedrooms, gated. All appliances, central A/C, fireplace, balcony, parking, elevator, on-site laundry. Cats OK! 3928 Illinois Street. 619-843-0796.

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1BD+1BA apartment with built-ins, ceiling fans, appliances, on-site laundry. Small pets negotiable. Section 8 OK! 4152 Mississippi Street. 619-804-3325.

NORTH PARK, \$1200.
2BD+1BA upstairs apartment. Reduced move-in. Off-street parking. Section 8 OK. 3348 32nd Street. www.sdforrent.com. 619-640-7530.

NORTH PARK, \$1350.
2BD+2BA fully remodeled upstairs apartment near Morley Field. Includes one off-street parking space and access to onsite coin-op laundry. Carpet/ tile flooring and gas range. Must see. \$1350/ month with 12 month lease. \$600 deposit OAC. Call 858-336-4700 located at 3740 Pershing Ave.

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3BD+2BA apartment. Fireplace, private balcony, on-site laundry, off-street parking, gated building. No pets! 3674 Nile Street, San Diego, 92104. 619-284-3324.

NORTH PARK, \$1850.
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1BD+1BA apartment. \$600 deposit. New carpet. Security building. Laundry on site. Available now. 4167 Iowa Street. Call Emily, 619-283-0209.

NORTH PARK, \$950.
2BD+1BA apartment. 1/2 month free rent! \$800 deposit OAC. Parking space, laundry, no pets at 4541 Hamilton Street #4. Agent, 619-299-8515.

NORTH PARK, \$975.
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NORTH PARK, \$975.
2BD+1BA large apartment. 1/2 month Free! Gated, parking, laundry, ceiling fan. Newer carpet/ paint. Small, quiet complex. 4121 Iowa Street. 619-546-5633.

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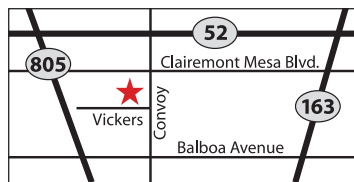
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Cultural Diversity

— Black magic failed to secure the World Cup for Africa this year, but on the other hand, the weak host team, South Africa, managed an opening-round draw with Mexico and an upset victory over France. *Sangomas* (traditional

“healers”) spreading *muti* (powders, potions, animal bones, especially from speedsters like horses and ostriches) had been out in force. World Cup stadium security was tight, but in African league soccer games, it is not uncommon for *sangomas*, pregame, to bury animal parts on the field or to have players urinate on it to improve the karma.
— Although 85 percent of Americans are covered by health insurance, the figure in Rwanda is 92 percent. In that country’s 11-year-old system, everyone pays \$2 a year for basics. However, Rwandans’ main problems are more easily treatable — infections, malnutrition, malaria, unsafe childbirth — and not expensive diabetes, obesity, cholesterol-clogged arteries.

Latest Religious Messages

— One of Britain’s 200 or so “consecrated hermits” might soon be homeless as the owner of her cottage in rural Shropshire County has listed it for sale. Karen Markham, 44, lives by rules set down by St. Benedict, the founder of western monasticism, that require her to rise at 4 a.m., pray and chant for three hours, then contemplate in silence. For recreation, she weaves rugs using wool from local sheep, according to a May report in the *Daily Telegraph*.

— Teachers Leslie Rainer and Djuna Robinson were removed from teaching duties at Blanche Ely High School in Pompano Beach, Fla., in March after they were seen sprinkling “holy water” onto a colleague, a self-described atheist. Other witnesses disputed the details, but the two were charged under the school’s “anti-bullying” policy for aggressiveness toward the other teacher.

Questionable Judgments

— At press time, the city council of Barre, Vt., continues to debate extending its pet “leash” law to cats, following a woman’s complaint that a neighbor’s cat continues to foul her yard with droppings. In the few towns that try to enforce leash laws on cats, a main rationale has been to protect friendly birds. (The late U.S. statesman Adlai Stevenson, when he was governor of Illinois, once rejected such a law, terming leashing “against the nature of the cat.”)
— Harry Jackson, 26, was in jail in Woodbine, Ga., in March, on several minor charges such as driving on a suspended license. However, acceding to pressure from fellow inmates, brought on by the jail’s non-smoking policy, Jackson agreed to break out, steal cigarettes at a nearby convenience store, and break back in,

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