



# Classes for the Thoughtful

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## Supreme Court Decisions

**A**t press time, the confirmation hearings for Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court were under way and the outcome will determine social issues decided by the court. Prof. Steve Oggie, J.D., will discuss some of the cases that will likely be affected such as Roe v. Wade. He will also review whether children can recover damages in wrongful death cases, if non-union members can recover dues paid to unions, how class action waivers will play out, along with other cases. Oct. 31 (Wed) 1:30 p.m. #121

## San Diego's Legal Challenges

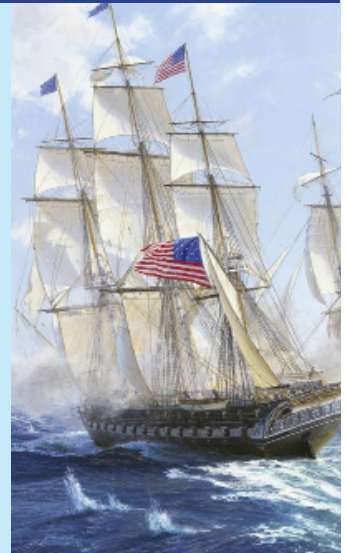


City Attorney Mara Elliott

**C**ity Attorney Mara Elliott, J.D., will take us inside the city government and update us on the status of the Convention Center, the city's pension plan that is being challenged in the courts, the fate of Qualcomm stadium, and the regulations governing renting rooms to vacationers. Oct. 4 (Thu) 1:30 p.m. #110

## Naval War of 1812

**W**hen the United States declared war on Great Britain in June 1812, the U.S. Navy was just 18 years old with barely a dozen ships compared with the British Royal Navy's 500 ships and centuries of experience. Historian Mark Carlson traces the battles of the war in the Atlantic and on the Great Lakes. Oct. 11 (Thu) 1:30 p.m. #113



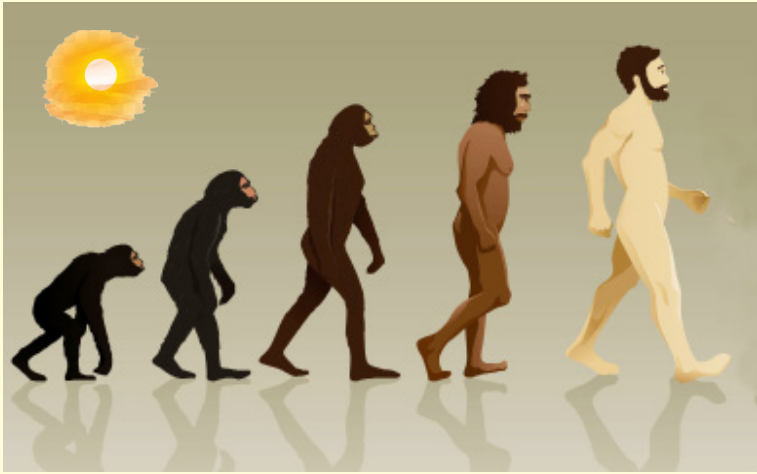
## The Big Band Era

**S**ocial dancing in the U.S. popularized the big bands in the early 20th century that were led by conductors like Harry James (pictured at right), Stan Kenton, Woody Herman, and Duke Ellington.

Vincent Young will describe the music and the musicians of the era and play the hot and cool melodies of those bygone times.

Oct. 10 (Wed) 1:30 p.m. #112





## Human Aggression

The history of humanity reveals an endless stream of aggression both by individuals and nations. In fact, the frequency and severity of human aggression would lead many to conclude that aggression is an indelible and irreversible part of human nature. Prof. Bruno Leone draws on the works and studies of philosophers, scientists, theologians, psychologists, anthropologists and others to explore the most critical question of aggression: Is man the product of his genes or of his environment? Oct. 18 (Thu) 1:30 p.m. #116

## Renaissance Music History



Starting with innovations in England, then centering and flourishing in Italy and France, music in the Renaissance developed in response to the humanism and classical thought of the period. Both sacred and secular music flourished into worthy counterparts of their sister arts of painting, sculpture, and architecture. By Jim Reid, Ph.D. Oct. 24 (Wed) 1:30 p.m. #118

## Origins of the Jewish People



The conventional view of the Jewish People is that the Romans dispersed Judeans throughout their Empire and eventually they became minorities in numerous countries of the world until 1948 when Israel again became a sovereign nation. Anthropologist Henry George will examine an alternate view of history and will explore the ethnic origins of the Jewish People living today. Oct. 16 (Tue) 10 a.m. #114

## NASA Physicist Explains First Atomic Bomb Strike

In addition to the scientific challenges of constructing an atomic bomb, there were political and ethical issues in killing large numbers of Japanese civilians even though a Japanese surrender meant saving even more American lives

by not having to invade Japan. Clay Perkins, a physicist and rocket scientist for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will discuss the technical, military, political, and moral aspects of using the atomic bomb. Mr. Perkins



has collected five nuclear weapons (all unarmed) including a full-size replica of Little Boy (at left) that was dropped on Hiroshima. Mr. Perkins helped develop the Atlas missile and the Centaur space rocket, the upper stage of NASA's space launch vehicles. Oct. 9 (Tue) 10 a.m. #111

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# The Middle East Chess Game by Dr. Farouk Al-Nasser



**F**arouk Al-Nasser, Ph.D., will explain the role of Turkey in bridging the gap between East and West, its membership in the Western Alliance, how it might bring a measure of stability to Iraq and Syria, and the influence of Turkey's authoritarian president, Recept Tayeb Erdogan. Dr. Al-Nasser will also provide a history of the Ottoman Empire's Golden age to World War I and the creation of modern-day Turkey under Kamal Ataturk.

Oct. 30 (Tue) 10 a.m. #120

## The Mexican War

**P**rof. Blaine Davies' presentation on The Mexican War explains the causes of the war and its results. In the war, Mexico lost half its territory and the U.S. added what became California, Arizona, Nevada Utah, New Mexico, and part of Wyoming and Colorado. Many Mexicans still consider it a land grab. Oct. 17 (Wed) 1:30 p.m. #115



## Ancient Persia



**W**hile ancient Persia often expanded its borders through war, it also developed a rich culture that included the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam written a thousand years ago, an early hypothesis that the earth revolved around the sun, a contribution to the development of algebra, and the intricately designed Persian carpet. By Mehdi Sarram, Ph.D. Oct. 23 (Tue) 10 a.m. #117

## The Joy of Names

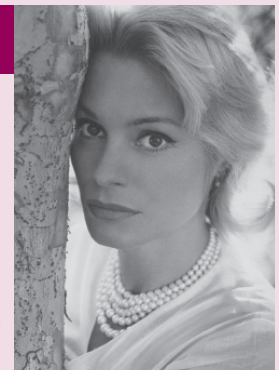
**C**an a person's name influence what they become? Why do so many entertainers take stage names? Do animals use names? Richard Lederer, Ph.D., a founding co-host of "A Way With Words" on National Public Radio and San Diego's chief linguist, will explain the importance of names, their origins, and their significance. Oct. 25 (Thu) 1:30 p.m. #119



Dr. Richard Lederer

## Wild Strawberries by Ingmar Bergman

**W**ild Strawberries received the Best Foreign Film Award and was nominated for an Oscar. Ingmar Bergman employs flashbacks and fantasies, dreams and nightmares to portray one man's voyage of self-discovery. A retired professor, traveling to receive an award, encounters people, places and memories that force him to take stock of his life. Starring Victor Sjöström, Ingrid Thulin and Bibi Andersson. Swedish with English subtitles. 1957. 90 minutes. By Ralph Delauro. Oct. 3 (Wed) 1:30 p.m. #109





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## CLASSES FOR OCTOBER

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 Arthur & Mariana Pearl, William & Norah Wolff.

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