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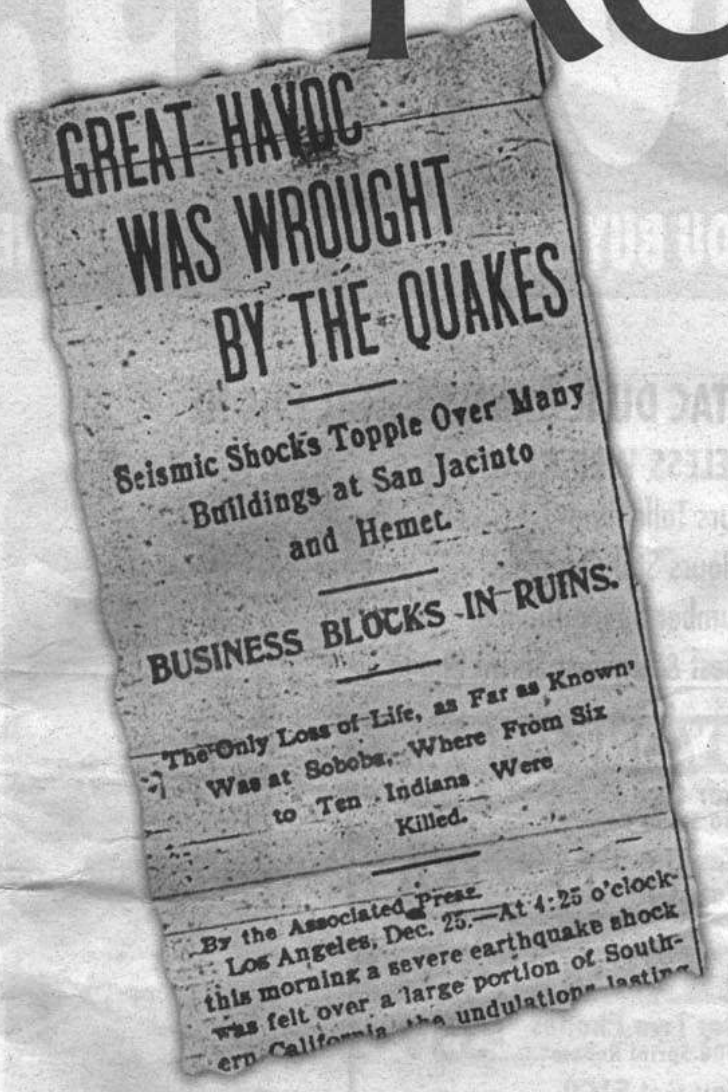

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Seismic Shocks Topple Over Many Buildings at San Jacinto and Hemet.

BUSINESS BLOCKS IN RUINS.

The Only Loss of Life, as Far as Known, Was at Soboba, Where From Six to Ten Indians Were Killed.

By the Associated Press.

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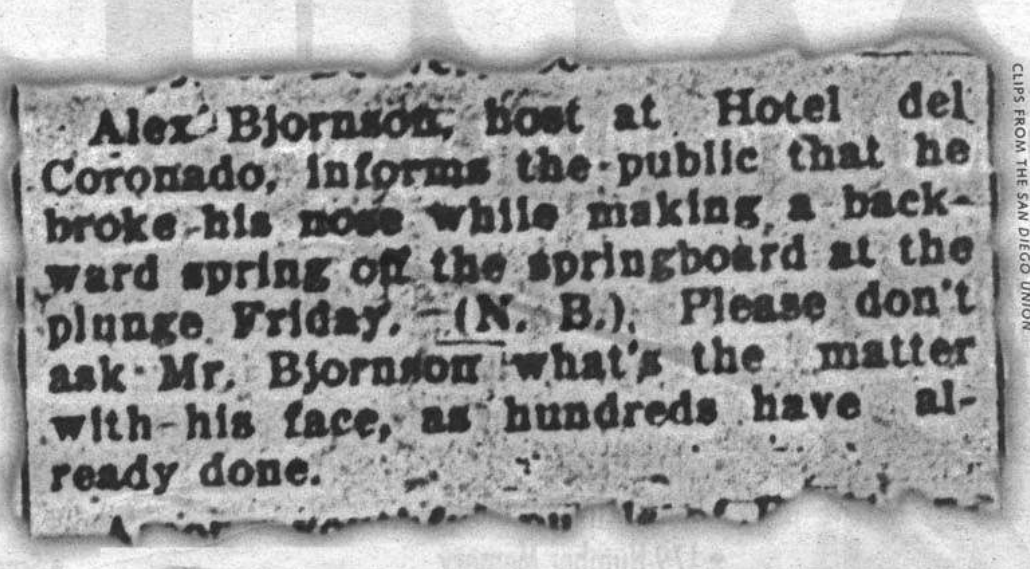

Alex Bjornson, host at Hotel del Coronado, informs the public that he broke his nose while making a backward spring off the springboard at the plunge Friday. —(N. B.). Please don't ask Mr. Bjornson what's the matter with his face, as hundreds have already done.

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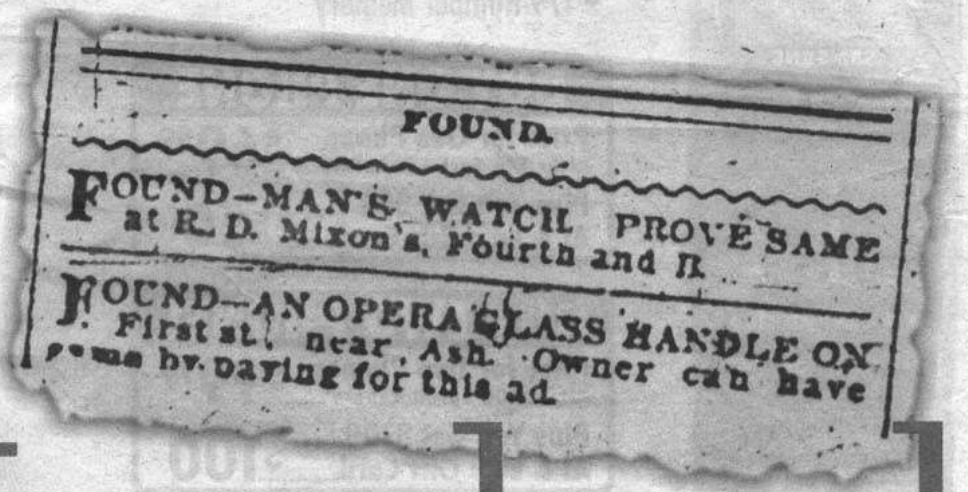

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One Hundred Years Ago

In the predawn stillness of December 25, 1899, an earthquake awoke most of the 17,700 residents of the city of San Diego. When it ended, people estimated that the undulations had lasted 12 seconds. Eastern tourists who had flocked to the city's hotels for the holidays "were terrified...and rushed from their rooms in fright," one newspaper reported the next day. Later that morning, word spread that the violent jolting had damaged the tower of city hall, on the southwest corner of Third and D streets, but this proved inaccurate. In fact, no buildings suffered any harm, nor did the locals give much thought to the disturbance.

In her diary entry for the 25th, Charlotte Baker (the lady doctor) made note of the afternoon football game between the Los Angeles and San Diego high schools at Bay View Park. But she said nothing about the temblor. Up in the tiny outpost of La Jolla, Anson Mills, another faithful diarist, described the high points of his Christmas: visiting with neighbors after the morning's church service, dining with a large group of friends, listening to selections on the phonograph in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scripps, playing parlor games at

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Meltzer Is A Wrinkle

I have said it before (Letters, 11 June '92) in response to Meltzer's L.A. race riot agit-prop, and I'll say it again after reading his latest ("The Wisdom in Our Underwear," December 23): Richard Meltzer is a wrinkle on my nut-sack. Why you give him space to drone on and on with his drivel is a mystery to all of us. It truly makes your paper suck.

Forrest Mize
Oceanside

Felony Charges For Anne Albright

Among all the bile and acid Richard Meltzer vomited up in his cover story ("The Wisdom in Our Underwear," December 23), a few chunks of wisdom also appeared. I wholeheartedly agree with him when he says, "My idea of a major felony: inflicting on a child, age 0–12, the concept of heaven and hell. Especially hell.... the right, the compulsion!, of various afflicted grownups to perpetuate the germplasm of whatever strain of fire-and-brimstone they themselves were once branded with, i.e., to inflict their ongoing dogma on innocent, unmolded lumps of dough? And what of the rights of goddam dough? Where are all our 'victim's rights' advocates on this one?"

I think felony charges of this sort should be brought immediately against Anne Albright and her husband Jack. In her column in the very same issue ("Kid Stuff," "One of Those Crazy People Kneeling on Concrete"), she tells about taking their four young children to an anti-abortion protest. "Sunday morning after Mass, Jack told seven-year-old Rebecca, Angela [age four], and three-year-old Lucy we would be praying at the clinic after lunch. 'Why?' Rebecca asked.

" 'Because they kill babies there,' Jack answered. 'Before they're born.'

"Angela looked horrified."

Well, I should think so! What a hideous thing to tell a child. What kind of visions are dancing in that little girl's head this holiday season? The parents should be sure to confess this sin to their priest.

Toni Michael
Normal Heights

Your Disdain And Vulgarity Are Meaningless

Like Anne Albright, I too have prayed the rosary in front of abortion clinics ("Kid Stuff," December 23). Like Mrs. Albright, I too have borne the lame obscenities shouted and gestured by passing traffic. And, like Mrs. Albright, neither I nor any of the other "religious zealots" whom I have prayed with have ever broken the law, threatened anyone, or caused any disturbance — regardless of how the media tries to paint us. What really puzzles me is why so many people who allegedly value diversity of opinion cannot tolerate a view different than their own regarding this grave moral issue.

I have a message for all of the potty-mouthed passers-by who yell "Get a f****g life" and other obscenities at us: You're wasting your breath. Your disdain and vulgarity are meaningless to us because we *do* have a life — a life that is not the hedonistic, led-by-the-nose, media-centered existence that has our brain-dead society in its grip. Some of us have convictions and actually dare to live by them. One of those convictions is that prayer changes things. As regards to you — we don't hate you — we care about you. If you would stop shouting at us and actually talk to us, you might find that we would not interrupt you but converse. If, after talking with us, you still think our protests are "violence against women," then you probably believe that President Clinton respects women too.

Robert Kumpel

Albright Promotes Violence

When Anne Albright had a miscarriage, did she bury her fetus in a coffin, or did she "just throw it away"? ("Kid Stuff," December 23)

Anne Albright, religious zealot at large, is subjecting her children to the same hateful prejudice that has plagued Christianity since its inception from Crusades to Inquisitions to Clinic Bombings. If she knew the personal stories of the clients of her neighborhood abortion clinic, she would think twice before calling them all a bunch of baby killers who just toss their dead babies in the trash. I challenge Anne to call a teenage rape victim who chooses to terminate her unwelcome pregnancy a "baby killer" to her face. Abortion is a very emotional and difficult decision. These women are our friends and neighbors and do not consider themselves baby killers.

To expose small children to such horrifying images as people "killing babies" and "just throwing them away" is seeding prejudice and hatred, borders on child abuse, and is a poor reflection of the Catholic

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Stumped As San Diego's homicide rate soars, police department critics are zeroing in on the department's abysmal "clearance" percentage — the rate at which murders are solved. According to FBI statistics, the 1998 national clearance rate was 69 percent. In San Diego, for the 11 months ending November 1999, it was 35.8 percent. Among the most notorious unsolved local homicides: the case of **Tsunao Saito**. The 46-year-old UCSD Alzheimer's researcher and his 13-year-old daughter were gunned down late on the night of May 7, 1997, as they returned from Saito's laboratory. Ever since, stories have circulated about Saito's involvement in small foundations set up by UCSD doctors to circumvent the university's rules against making money on the side, and Mexican hit men hired by the mob. But no suspects have ever been identified by San Diego homicide cops.

Tissue paper wall Editorialists at the *Union-Tribune* have opened their guns on ex–city councilman **Bruce Henderson** and his backers, attacking Henderson's stand against those big cost overruns racked up by the proposed taxpayer-financed Padres ballpark. But the pro-Padres pressure hasn't stopped at the *U-T*'s editorial page. Before last month's city council vote on upping the stadium cost to $300 million, councilman **George Stevens** announced he'd gotten a personal call from none other than *U-T* editor-in-chief **Herb Klein**, lobbying for the cost hike. That coincided with a story in *Editor & Publisher*, the newspaper trade magazine. *E&P* wrote about the nationwide fallout from the so-called "Staples arena scandal," in which the *L.A. Times* gave the arena half the advertising money from a puffy magazine section about the new building. In the wake of the *Times* fiasco, *E&P* surveyed editors and publishers from around the country about the sturdiness of the wall between their news and advertising departments. "While the news and business sides are cooperating at unprecedented levels, they still butt heads over how much influence advertisers should have, who should have the final say over editorial content, and how much journalistic training advertising and publishing employees need," the magazine reported. "The survey also revealed that only about a third of those responding claim that ethical guidelines for employees are in place at their paper, with fewer than 20 percent of them confident that they had actually been distributed to workers." So what stands between the news and advertising departments over at the *U-T*? Not exactly a brick wall, according to the story. " 'There is a lot of collaboration and discussion that goes on, but editorial decides what is news,' says **Gene Bell**, president and CEO of the Union-Tribune Publishing Co., which operates the *San Diego Union-Tribune*. 'It's always been understood.' " The *U-T*'s Klein, a sports nut from back in the days when he served as an advance man in **Richard Nixon**'s congressional campaigns, was on the panel that recommended the Padres stadium deal in July 1998.



George Stevens



Herb Klein

Soft money, hard cash Metabolife, the controversial San Diego diet-drug company founded by **Michael Ellis**, who copped a plea after being busted in a methamphetamine-making case, has been contributing large amounts of so-called "soft money" to the Democratic Party. Federal records show that since May of last year, Metabolife has given a total of $133,000 to the Democratic National Committee and the Democratic Congressional and Senatorial Committees. But it isn't all bad news for Republicans. On October 6 of last year, the reports show Metabolife finally kicked in $45,000 for the National Republican Senatorial Committee. All that cash has made Metabolife the sixth largest soft-money donor in the state of California — and the biggest in San Diego — for the current election cycle. Price Club founder **Sol Price** of La Jolla, with a soft-money donation of $110,000 to Democratic causes, ranks 11th, and another faithful Democratic giver, Qualcomm founder **Irwin Jacobs**, comes in at 22, with $80,000. A San Diego outfit called American Specialty Health Plans gave $60,000 to Republicans, ranking it at 29th in the state's soft-money derby. And **Darrell Issa**, the Vista car-alarm millionaire who's running for Congress, gave the Republicans $35,000, placing him 46th.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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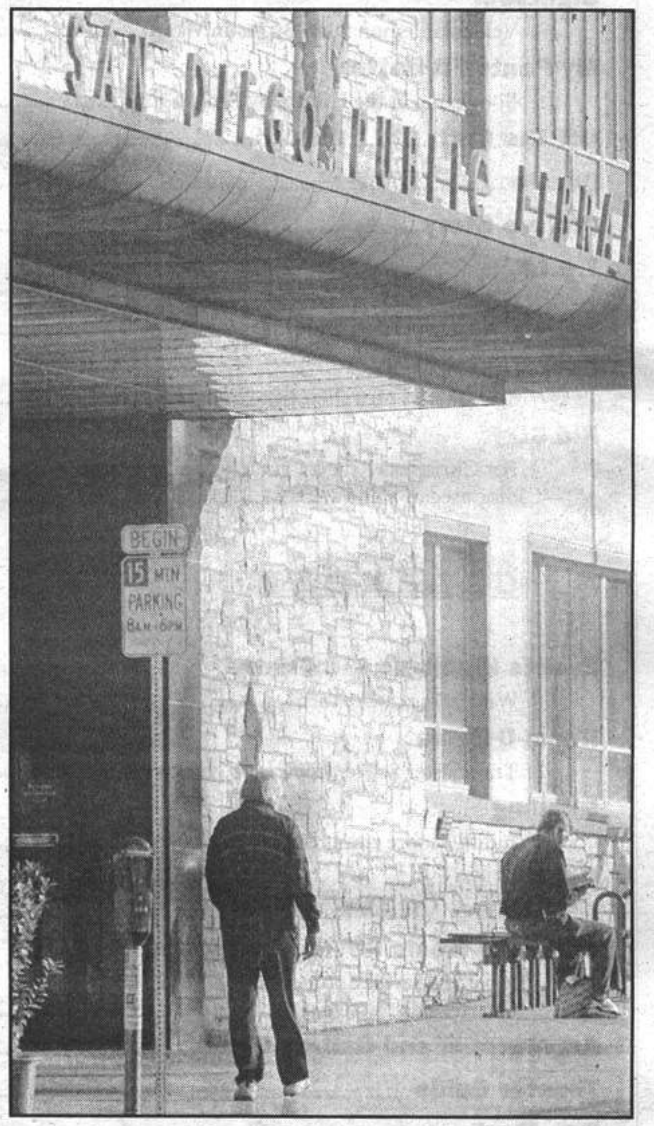
How to Lose a Library

By Suzy Hagstrom

When Charles Harrington Elster contemplates the task of building a new library in downtown San Diego, the Greek myth of Sisyphus comes to mind. For his crimes of murder, gossip, and greed, Sisyphus was condemned to push a boulder up a mountain. Each time he reaches the top, the boulder rolls to the bottom, requiring the former king to resume his labor.

Groundbreaking for a library seemed imminent two years ago, in February 1998, after the city had spent more than $4 million of taxpayers' money on architectural plans, engineering studies, and land bordered by Kettner Boulevard and India, B, and C Streets near the downtown railroad station. With the total cost estimated to surpass $100 million, the San Diego City Council halted further work, balking at the expense of one of Mayor Susan Golding's top priorities.

About a year ago, Golding's request that Elster and other members of the San Diego Board of Library Commissioners study several sites revived her goal — and that of previous mayors — to replace the city's cramped and antiquated main library at 820 E Street. Because he regarded the Kettner Boulevard parcel as inadequate, Elster said, he welcomed the chance to explore other options. Elster became concerned, however, that special interests might dictate the location, given that Padres executives suggested the library be built within two blocks of their proposed baseball stadium in East Village.



Downtown library

After evaluating five possibilities, library commissioners, who serve as advisors, recommended the plan of Catellus Development Corp. to build a library over the railroad tracks, near the city's now $5 million investment on Kettner. Elster, an English-language scholar and author, said the stadium setting — likely to generate traffic jams, parking shortages, beer-drinking crowds, and noise — did not seem appropriate. Casting a dissenting vote was the Board of Library Commissioners chairman, Mike Madigan, who happens to work in Golding's office as the city's ballpark consultant. Madigan said he favors the Padres' plan because East Village needs more than just a stadium — what he calls an "activity center" — to revitalize the neighborhood.

In April, following the library commissioners' recommendation, a flurry of news reports indicated City Council was poised to decide — that is, pick a site and launch the financing. Once again, councilmembers blanched at the cost, then estimated at $130 million, and questioned the necessity of creating an architectural showpiece downtown — what would become a domed monument to the mayor — when some of the city's 34 libraries have leaking roofs, worn carpets, dreary interiors, low staffing, and need space for new technology and additional books.

Since April, lack of council action — or even discussion — about the library has altered Elster's image of Sisyphus's punishment; the boulder now resembles a giant baseball.

"The ballpark comes first right now," Elster said, echoing staff employees of the city, library, and councilmembers. "There's a general feeling around city hall that if you start doing some major development in some place other than the ballpark district, then that could have an adverse impact on the ballpark. There's a building that looks a lot like the library on the master plan of the ballpark."

This month, council is expected to commit $300 million of taxpayers' money to help build a stadium, but whether it will ever spend a dime for a new central library remains uncertain.

Word that Golding plans to ask city council to select a library site in late January or February isn't a cause of great excitement among library employees or volunteers, who shrug their shoulders, roll their eyes, shake their heads, or laugh at the prospect. Some are resigned to the possibility that if a library were built, it would sit near the stadium.



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J Street and 11th Avenue, downtown



Alberta Waggoner

Some of the Padres' promotional and presentation maps show a building labeled "Library" on J Street between 11th and 12th and a plaza called "Library Circle." At one meeting of library commissioners, team owner John Moores offered to change the ballpark district's name to "ballpark-library district."

"A lot of us have given up keeping up with it because different proposals get shot down," said librarian Catherine Greene. "Probably the only way to get a library is to link up with the stadium. That would bring in two audiences. With the Padres, in-

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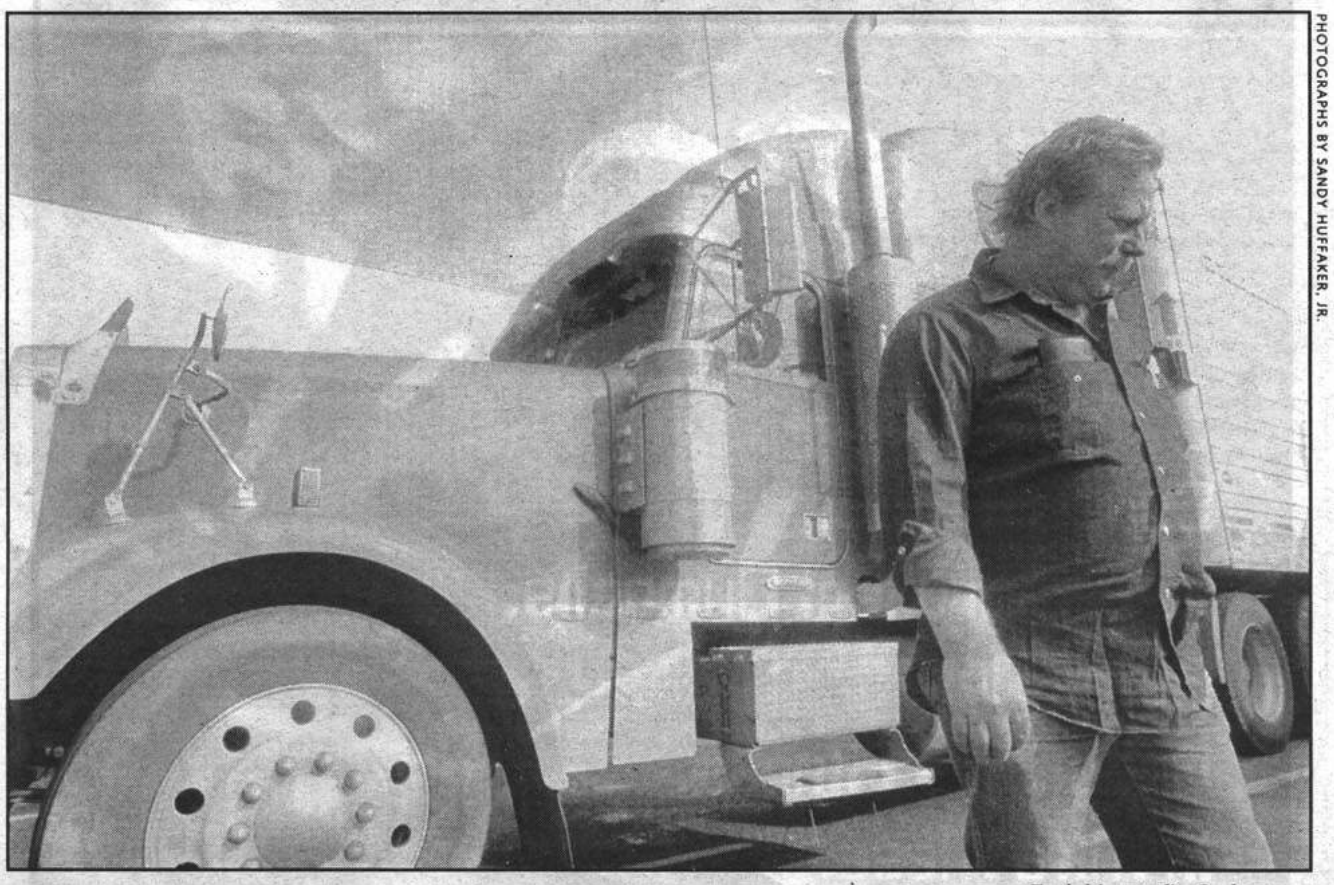
Borderline Truckers

By Bob Owens



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Truck driver at Aliso Creek rest area

Long-haul, big-rig truck drivers who flow into San Diego consider the area one of the least friendly in the country, mainly because of the absence of full-service truck stops.

Not long ago Dan and Terry Hopkins, a husband-and-wife driving team from Tennessee hauling a cargo of vegetables, were washing up at a McDonald's off the 905 in Otay. "They need a truck stop really bad here," said Dan. "Drivers with produce are sometimes laid over here a couple of days. When you have your wife with you, you want a place to eat and park your truck safely, to take a shower and clean your clothes, stuff like that. It makes it so you don't want to deliver because you don't know if you're okay or if your property's okay. Why would you want to go there?"

This was the first time the Hopkinses had visited San Diego. Dan explained he worked as a driver because he enjoyed the travel and meeting different people across the country. "But since I found out there's no truck stop here, I won't come back. All the major cities have somewhere for truckers to go, and I was shocked this place didn't."

People in the trucking industry and Teamsters Union say that many streets in the city and county of San Diego are off limits to truckers who want to park and rest. Some cities go even farther. Santee bars big rigs from entering town unless they can prove they're making a delivery.

Many drivers park north of Oceanside, off I-5, at the Aliso Creek rest area, one of only two highway rest stops in San Diego County. (The other is in Buckman Springs, off I-8.)

On a recent weekday late afternoon, several drivers talked about the problem. One said the lack of truck stops in San Diego was a hot topic on trucker CBs. "We all think they don't want us here," he added.

Some of the drivers that congregate at the Aliso Creek rest area are from Mexico, driving refrigerated trucks (known as "reefers") full of fruit and vegetables bound for the produce market in Los Angeles. They must cross the border by late afternoon, when U.S. Customs ends the truck inspections, but the produce market does not open until midnight. Most drivers are unwilling to park and wait on the crime-ridden streets near the market, so they spend the evening at Aliso Creek (the rest stops maintain an eight-hour limit). About 60 percent of the trucks coming over daily from Mexico are reefers — around 1500 per day during the growing seasons. Most are bound for Los Angeles.

There were no reefers at Aliso Creek this particular day, but one driver said when there are, the truck parking area is filled early, and late-arriving drivers must head north one exit to Las Pulgas Road and park off the street near the freeway.

Joe Erhart, who says he "lived in his truck," a flatbed, and hit San Diego a dozen times a year, explained what a full-service, 24-hour truck stop had: diesel fuel pumps, of course; always-available truck mechanics; ATMs and other money-transfer facilities; showers; enough space to park; hot meals; and often a TV or game room.

"I don't know who's keeping truck stops out of this area." He says that in years past, many of the stops were "virtual whorehouses, with hard drugs and pornography, where a Christian driver couldn't get out of his truck to go to the bathroom. He'd rather pee in a jug." But now, he says, most of the big truck-stop companies have fenced in their property and run clean operations.

Some truck stops are state of the art. Erhart tells of one in Knoxville where a driver can order from Taco Bell while fueling, and when he's ready to pay, his food order is waiting for him. In Arizona, another stop has smoking and non-smoking lounges, with large-screen TVs. Some of the truck stops are so pleasant that RVs are now crowding into them, which, Erhart states, is causing "a lot of resentment among truckers."

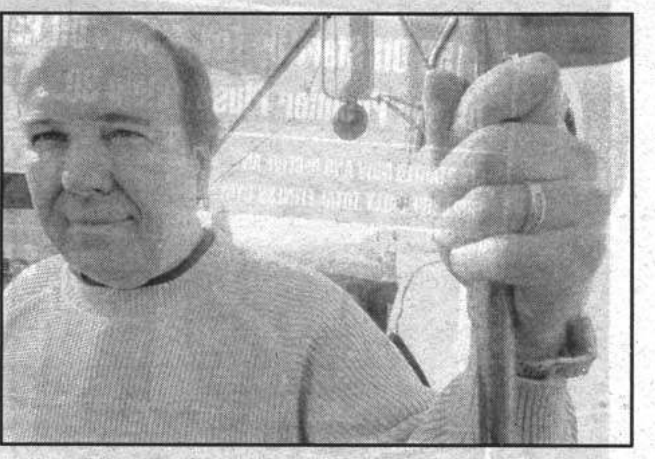
Erhart will settle for a lot less in San Diego. "I'd drive 25 miles out of my way to take a shower. Now I have to go 100 miles for that." He's referring to one of a dozen full-service truck stops that line the I-10 corridor in Riverside and eastern Los Angeles County.

Around 12,000 Teamsters reside in San Diego, half of them drivers, according to Ken Lundgren, a board member of a San Diego local. Among the items Lundgren lobbies state and local officials for is a full-service truck stop and more rest areas where trucks can park. He thinks La Mesa would be ideal for a truck stop, situated to service both north-south and east-west traffic.

Lundgren says that he's "heard through the grapevine" that officials in the city and county are cool to the idea of truck stops. "No one wants to see acres of trucks in their area. Nobody wants it in their backyards. Everyone wants the stuff that trucks bring, but nobody wants to see the truck that delivers it."

Armando Freire owns a trucking company near the Mexican border. He's also the San Diego chairman of the California Trucking Association. He believes he knows the main reason San Diego lags behind other metropolises in services to truckers.

"The cities feel that anything that has to do with trucks is money wasted. A shopping center gets sales taxes, property taxes. But a truck stop, or whatever, is an undeveloped piece of land with few revenues." He also lobbies for a truck stop but says, "It's a battle. It's not favorable to trucks at this point, even though there's a definite need for it." The centrally located Old Town area, near Perry's Cafe off Pacific Highway, is his choice for a truck-stop location. Perry's, because of its large parking lot, draws a fair number of hungry truckers.



Michael Morgan

Freire says he is working with Caltrans to double the number of rest areas in San Diego; he has hopes of getting one built in the Otay area and another in Mission Valley.

Ralph Carhart, the Sacramento-based Caltrans rest-area coordinator, agrees that long-haul drivers need more places to stop, rest, and clean up. To that end, he works with the trucking industry, other state agencies, and concerned citizens, like the national group Parents Against Tired Truckers.

"Some local areas don't want [truck stops], whether for land-use reasons or other issues. And the private sector doesn't seem to be able to provide enough truck stops." Carhart sees an increase in highway rest areas as a partial solution but acknowledges there is a problem with building more of them. In the 1980s, the state government cut back on funding for rest areas, in the hope that private enterprise would build them in return for on-site concession rights, such as pay showers and mini-marts.

But, says Carhart, "We have not been able to find private investors." One obstacle: the state's Department of Rehabilitation, which provides services to the blind, already operates the vending machines in the rest areas, which Carhart describes as "a very profitable monopoly."

Michael Morgan is a former chairman of the local trucking association. He also owns a

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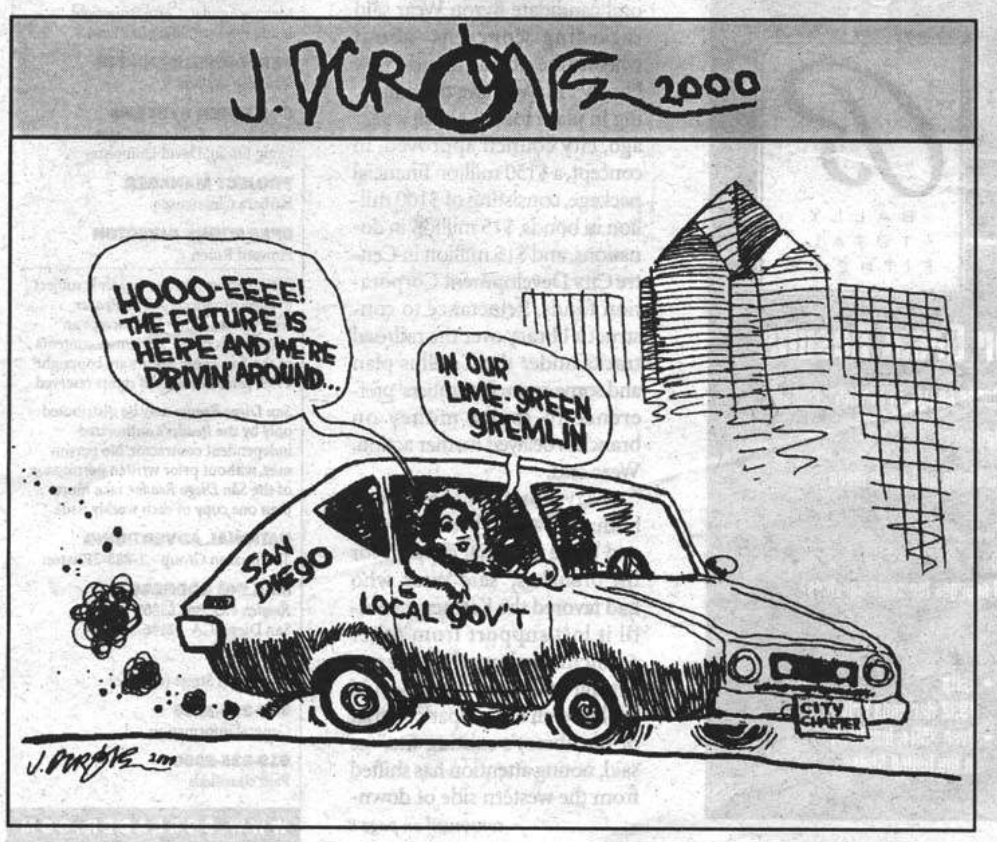

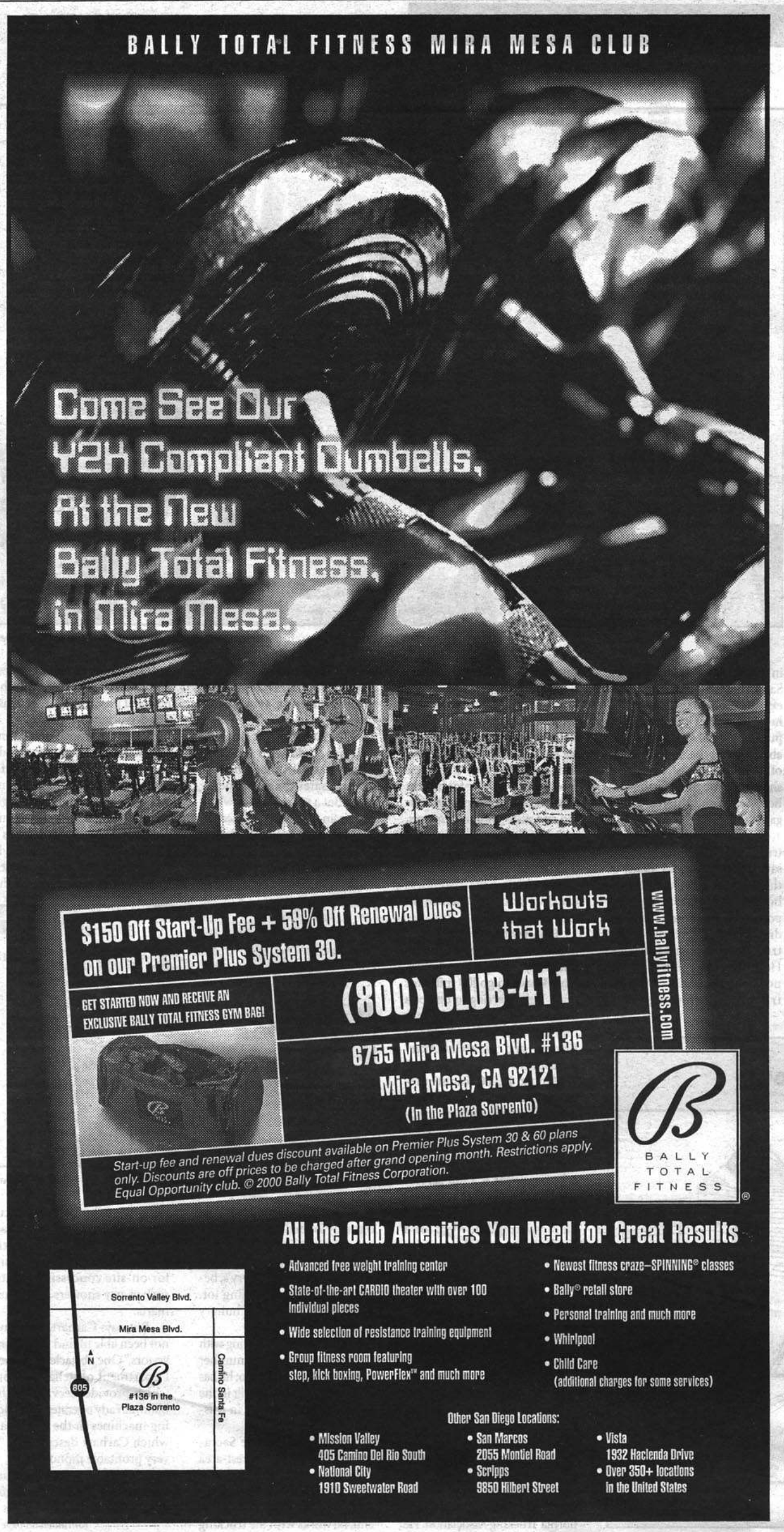

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stead of divide and conquer, it's gather and conquer."

With at least half of the book collection stored in the basement, the main library has been critically short of space for 20 years. And yet it serves as a distribution hub to 33 branches. At not quite 145,000 square feet, the 1954 building is less than half the size of its counterparts in comparable cities. In recent years, the advent of computers and more books has eliminated research areas where people used to read and study.

Literature supervisor John Vanderby finds it ironic that the library's fate appears tied to the Padres' new stadium. "Personally, I don't feel a public library should be with sports and entertainment," he said, "but if that's the solution, we'll go for it." While the ballpark represents a glimmer of hope for a replacement library, Vanderby said, it could also result in further delay, given the ballpark proposal is bogged down in lawsuits, cost overruns, environmental concerns, and other controversies.

Some of the stadium's most enthusiastic supporters are more optimistic about a new library. However, they agree it will be a tough sell to a city council that has postponed the project in the past and is now wavering at the city's increased financial commitment to the stadium. The city's contribution recently ballooned 33 percent to nearly $300 million from what was supposed to be a $225 million cap. The San Diego County Taxpayers Association, which opposed library construction two years ago, remains skeptical that hotel-room taxes can pay for unsold Chargers tickets, the Convention Center expansion, a new baseball stadium, and a central library.

"I know that issue is out there," councilmember and mayoral candidate Byron Wear said regarding concerns about whether the city can afford a new library. "But we have the financing in place for it." About a year ago, city council approved, in concept, a $130 million financial package, consisting of $100 million in bonds, $15 million in donations, and $15 million in Centre City Development Corporation funds. Reluctance to construct a library over the railroad tracks under the Catellus plan and some councilmembers' preference to spend money on branches delayed further action, Wear said.

"My position is we need both: a new downtown library and more financial support for the branches," said Wear, who had favored the Kettner site until it lost support from other councilmembers. "If I were a betting man right now, I would bet between the ballpark district or the library's existing site," he said, noting attention has shifted from the western side of down-

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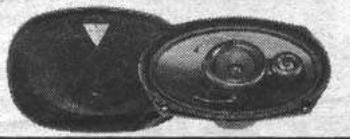

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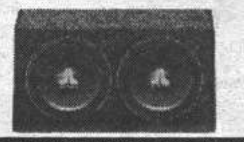

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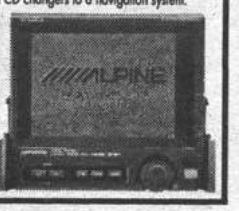

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town to the east. A year ago, the city manager spent $29,500 of taxpayers' money for an earthquake analysis of the existing library at 820 E Street and the Padres' suggested location. A proposal to enlarge the existing library, offered by San Diego entrepreneur Steve Considine, would connect it to a new structure on the 700 block of E Street. "City council is committed to looking at all the sites," Wear said. "Councilmembers haven't coalesced behind any one location."

Councilmember and mayoral candidate George Stevens said, "I support a new main library, but my preference is we build up our branch libraries. My preference on the location is at 12th and C, near City College." That location, suggested in the past, because it could serve more students and possibly be eligible for financial support from the community college, was not among sites recently studied by library commissioners.

Other councilmembers weren't eager to discuss a new library during the holidays, but some of their staff employees privately expressed doubts that Golding could garner enough votes to proceed. One said the city can't finance a library for another four or five years, given its other construction projects. Another warned the upcoming expansion of Brown Field airport needs millions of dollars, too.

Procrastination has resulted in the loss of Barker Pacific Group's proposal to build a library across B Street from the city's Kettner parcel. The Los Angeles developer recently dropped its option to buy land for the project — land that might also have been used for expansion purposes had the city picked Kettner, which was rejected by library commissioners as too small.

To push her Sisyphean burden over the top, some speculate, Golding would need to reduce the library's cost — perhaps with a large donation from the Padres, a scenario already being explored. "We've discussed private financing of the library with the Padres," Madigan said. "It's hard to get serious with those discussions when the ballpark isn't certain and until they know we would put the library there." But that doesn't necessarily mean the ballpark district is the preferred location, Madigan cautioned. "I don't know which site the mayor favors. I don't think there's any site that's favored by city council."

Talk of placing the Children's Museum of San Diego, which might relocate, near a new downtown library has circulated city hall and the East Village for many months. Padres executives fueled that idea at meetings of the San Diego Board of Library Commissioners by describing the ballpark district's "Family Cultural Zone," which, they said, could accommodate a library as well as the Children's Museum. In recent months, a top official at the San Diego Rescue Mission, which operates a men's shelter across J Street from the Padres' proposed library site, heard from a real estate agent that the city is interested in mission property for the museum.

One city hall insider theorized the Padres' pitch for books is a strategy to retain Golding's support for the stadium. "The mayor's favorite site is Kettner, but there's no support for it. Now she wants to fast-track it in the ballpark district," the source said. "I think city council will site the library, but they'll leave the financing for another council to decide."

Former library commissioner Jim Abbott said that after attending many public meetings at Golding's request from 1993 through 1995, he became convinced Mission Valley would be a superior location for a replacement library. "The majority of people said, 'Don't put this library downtown.' They wanted tons of free parking....

"The fact that this thing is appearing on ballpark maps, the fact we can't get agreement on a site, the fact that council won't listen to the library commission or librarians shows that the city council isn't serious about the library. Unfortunately, like O'Connor, Golding is attempting the library at the end of her tenure," Abbott said, referring to former mayor Maureen O'Connor's 1991 proposal to create a new downtown library at the former Lane Field site. "The political reality is, Golding is a lame duck. O'Connor was a lame duck. It didn't happen."

A new library downtown has become such a political baseball that some library advocates prefer not to discuss it.

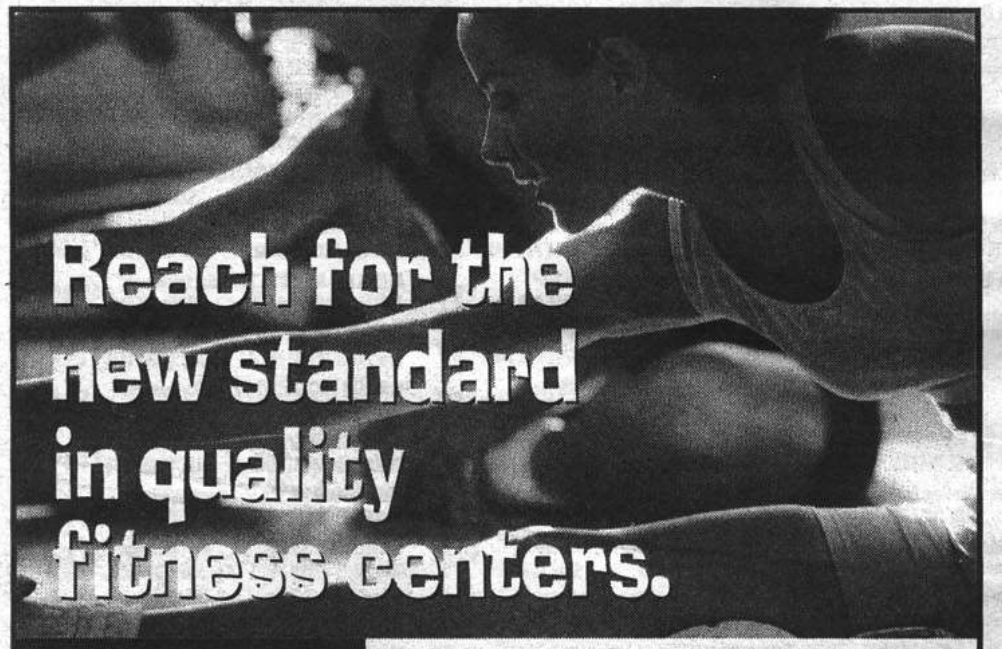
Friends of San Diego Public Library initially voted to endorse library commissioners' recommendation of the Catellus plan. A month or two later, Friends neutralized its position, voting to support a new library without specifying a site, said Jack Winer, president of the nonprofit volunteer organization. "We didn't want to cause any controversy over the site," he explained.

The Friends' political action committee, Citizens in Action for Local Libraries, or CALL, is channeling its energies elsewhere. Committee president Alberta Waggoner said, "We feel it's so important to move forward."

To that end, Citizens in Action for Local Libraries has drafted a voters' initiative that would provide more money to operate and maintain San Diego's existing 34 libraries. "There's no construction money or capital funding in our proposal," Waggoner stressed. The initiative would require the city to dedicate 6 percent of its general revenue funds to the library system, an increase from about 4 percent currently. The increase would occur gradually, in increments of one-half of a percentage point a year — equaling about $3 million annually.

If the committee collects 60,000 signatures by summer, the "People's Library Budget Ordinance" would appear on the November ballot. The measure should fare better than last year's





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failed Proposition L, Waggoner predicted, because it doesn't call for tax increases. While Proposition L was a countywide measure involving eight library systems and requiring approval of two-thirds of voters, the People's Library Budget Ordinance is targeting only San Diego's library system and requires a simple majority of city voters to pass.

Although Proposition L's goal was to improve existing libraries and build new branches, Waggoner said, some voters thought its purpose was to raise money for a new library downtown.

Dick Hanley, president of Friends of Central Library, one of 34 chapter organizations, said discussing a new main library is an "exercise in futility" — much like Sisyphus's task of pushing a rock uphill. "I'm not the one to talk to. I think they ought to build the new library next to the new airport." ■

Truckers

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trucking firm in Point Loma. "If you look at [local government's] approach to trucking, it's more, 'We want to get rid of them. We don't want to work with them. We just want to put laws and regulations in place to restrict them.' People see these big rigs on the road, but they don't see the contents of them. So when they walk into a grocery store to shop, it's like magic, how all that stuff got there."

Morgan once tried to organize a two-day strike by the state's trucking industry to educate the public about the importance of trucks, which he claims is directly or indirectly responsible for 1 in 13 jobs. "Trucking's an emotional issue. People don't remember the Yugo that cut them off this morning, but they'll remember the Surburban, because it's big enough. Now, when you got a tractor-trailer in front of you, and you're traveling down the road, people get this emotional frustration."

Once, after finishing a talk on a trucking issue to a group of politicians at a San Diego Association of Governments meeting, "one of the first things out of their mouths — from one of the mayors — was, 'I just drove in from North County, and why, there was a truck in front of me, and I got really frustrated.' And everyone around the table had these little comments to make about truckers and trucks that had frustrated them. It's been an emotional, not a practical, issue."

Politicians, he notes, react to the concerns of their constituents, who do not want truck stops or truck terminals in their neighborhoods. He also thinks the city and county have a "tourist orientation," not one of trade and commerce. This attitude allows Los Angeles to take trade and jobs from local trucking concerns. "That's why San Diego is a doormat."

Eighty-five percent of big-rig traffic comes in and out of San Diego through I-5 and 15; only 15 percent through I-8, Morgan says. He thinks the best location for a truck stop would be on I-5, just north of Oceanside, near the Coaster station.

Despite this, a few years ago he and a group of local truck firms looked into the possibility of building a full-service truck stop in Otay. (There are diesel stations in the South Bay that call themselves truck stops, but they're not full-service.) Morgan's group backed off when they discovered that just getting past the permits and environmental studies would cost about $50,000 per acre.

According to Armando Freire, in the past five or six years, four plans or serious inquiries have been made for full-service truck stops in the Otay area. None has come to fruition, although a few did reach Caltrans, which reviews all projects that could affect public thoroughfares. Other industry sources say there was once a proposal to build a truck stop in North County, off 15. Last year the Campo Band of Mission Indians announced, and then dropped, the idea of building a truck stop in the mountains off I-8. This venture would have had a small casino attached to it.

Now another attempt to build a facility in Otay has surfaced, according to Caltrans and the County of San Diego. A permit to build was applied for in November of 1998 and is currently under what the county terms a "discretionary review process."

Bill Stocks, a project manager for the county's Planning and Land Use Department, says that the truck stop would be located on the corner of Enrico Fermi and Airway Roads, off 905. It would cover more than 47 acres and include diesel fuel pumps, truck-repair facilities, and truck-storage areas, plus showers, a mini-mart, restaurant, and a hotel.

The federal government will be funding the extension and improvement of the 905, and so, says Stocks, the county "is trying to move quickly on it" to get final approval. If there are no appeals, he says, construction can begin sometime this year. But, he points out, "there is always a chance for an appeal," though he declines to say who might want to appeal or why.

The company that holds the permit, Bennett Consolidated of Los Angeles, did not return phone calls, and the owner of the local engineering company that would do the construction work said only that he could not release any information at this time. ■

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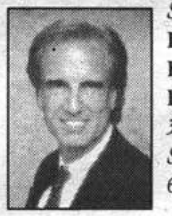

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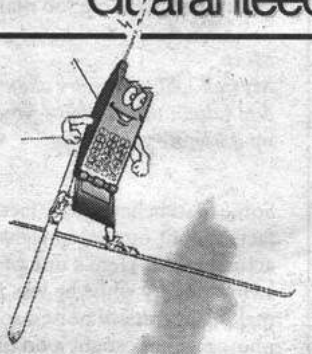

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A. Blood pressure is something that all of us should have checked regularly. It is increasingly important to have it checked as we age, or if there is a family history of heart disease. Diseases of the cardiovascular system, such as heart attack, stroke and hypertension, are still the number-one killer in the United States. High blood pressure is usually a sign that something else is wrong with your body. Simply covering up the symptom with medication could have fatal results.

In dealing with the symptoms of high blood pressure, or hypertension, it is our goal to find out what is causing the high blood pressure and treat that, not just to medicate the symptom. The possible causes of high blood pressure are many, such as being overweight, smoking, high stress, kidney problems, hardening of the arteries, lack of exercise, and poor diet, to name a few.

My patients often ask what normal blood pressure is. "Normal" differs for every person. Average is 120/80. High blood pressure or hypertension is considered to be anything over 140/90. If your blood pressure is higher than this, you should be under the care of a health professional and have your blood pressure checked regularly.

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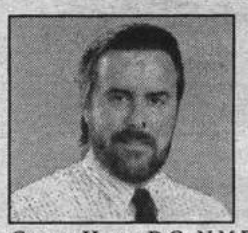

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Dear Matthew Alice:
A friend of mine swears that Sylvester Stallone appeared in a movie with Ingrid Bergman. Apparently he made it before he became "Rocky." Of course my friend doesn't know any other details, but he's sure he's right. Can this possibly be true?

— Idon'tthinkso, San Diego

I know you've been worried, but everything's okay. The elves are fully Y2K compliant. Well…more accurately…they're still about as compliant as they were two weeks ago, which is to say, not very. Since this year looks pretty much like last year, we'll devote our first column to goofy things people believe; that's been the underlying theme of our little fiesta for the past six, seven decades. And what better question to start with than Idon'tthinkso's. It contains all our favorite elements: rumor, innuendo, pie-faced gullibility, and Hollywood stars. One of those questions that inspire people to fire off nasty letters claiming I make these things up.

No. Sly and Ingrid do not appear together in any film. And none of us can believe that either you or your friend would even entertain the notion. But it shouldn't be a total loss, let's play the Kevin Bacon game and see what we come up with. "Six Degrees of Ingrid Bergman" we'll call it. Stallone was in *Capone* with Harry Guardino, who was in *Sirocco* with Humphrey Bogart, who was in *Casablanca* with, ta-da, Ingrid Bergman. Too easy. How about PeeWee Herman and Ingrid Bergman. Herman was in *Mystery Men* with Louise Lasser, who was in *Bananas* with Sylvester Stallone, who was…etc. Howard Cosell and Ingrid Bergman? Cosell was also in *Bananas,* so patch together your own list.

But wait. How about Pauly Shore and Ingrid Bergman and Ingmar Bergman. Impossible, you say? Hah. Child's play. Pauly Shore was in *Bio-Dome* with Patty Hearst, who was in *Serial Mom* with Sam Waterston, who was in *Mindwalk* with Liv Ullmann, who was in *Autumn Sonata* with Ingrid Bergman, directed by Ingmar Bergman. There. That's the best we can do for you.

Matthew:
1. About 15 years ago, I read a newspaper story about a professor of dentistry at Buffalo University who had invented a mouth rinse that not only arrested decay but actually healed and invigorated teeth to the point that dentists would go the way of blacksmiths. 2. A few years later, I read in a magazine of another innovator who lived in Arizona and had crossed a tropical oil-producing plant with a perennial cactus plant. One acre's growth of this plant equaled one barrel of oil. 3. Then there was the story of a lady who developed a new type of moss that would be the finest fertilizer ever made. She swore she would give the secret to mankind without any kind of remuneration. These were real stories, not written on April first. Were these people bought off by the huge companies or professions they would affect? Be careful! The dentists society, the oil companies, or DuPont and tons of others might put out a contract on you!

— Dondncr, the net

Idon'tthinkso fell into his little logic pit because he won't admit he hangs with fools. Dondncr, on the other hand, you sound like a traditional conspiracy theorist, corporate goons division. I'm surprised you missed the one about the guy with the carburetor that gets 100 miles to the gallon.That's a classic. Anyway, story number one: Back in the mid-'80s, when the University of Buffalo was testing plaque-fighting rinses (something now on the market), a lot of tooth news was coming out of that city. None of it even hinted that dentists would go the way of alchemists. With the boomers heading into the gingivitis years, dentistry must be a gold mine these days.

Number two: A product of the big jojoba ("ho-*ho*-ba") frenzy a while ago. The weed is grown commercially in the Sonoran desert. And each seed is more than 50 percent high-quality oil. The auto lube industry likes the stuff, but so far it's too expensive. Only the cosmetics thieves have nerve enough to use it in their products. If you cross jojoba with a barrel cactus, do you end up with a barrel of jojoba oil? Nobody's bothered to try, so the field's wide open, Dondncr. As for your magnanimous lady with the magical moss, I haven't a clue. But judging from the other stories, I don't think we're missing anything. You either have a very creative memory or you've been reading too many alarmist magazines.

Matt:
My dad told me a story about how President Jimmy Carter was attacked by a rabbit. I own one, and I don't think rabbits would attack anybody. Is this story true? My dad said you'd back him up if I wrote you a letter.

— Jason, San Diego

Some of us believe goofy facts because we don't want to insult our friends. Some of us like goofy facts that fit our preconceived notions. Then there are goofy facts we believe because they're actually true. Here's one of 'em, Jason. Jimmy Carter was "attacked" by a rabbit that came swimming by while he was fishing. He claimed the rabbit had a wild look in its eyes and was making aggressive noises, so Jimmy took a swat at him with an oar. The official White House photographer caught it on film. The official White House spokesman spent days trying to calm animal lovers and get the rest of us to stop laughing.

Got a question you need answered? Get it straight from the hip. Write to Matthew Alice, c/o the *Reader*, P. O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or fax your questions to 619-231-0489, or e-mail to *heymatt@cts.com* via the Internet.

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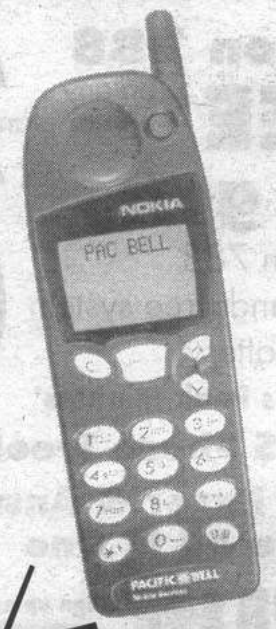

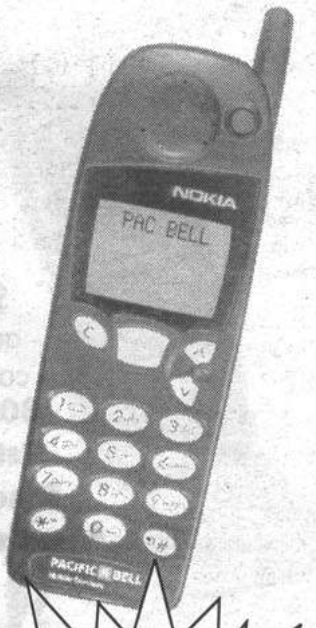

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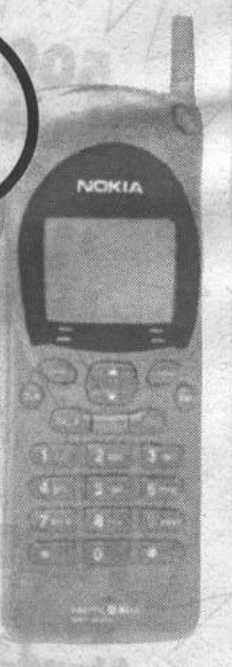

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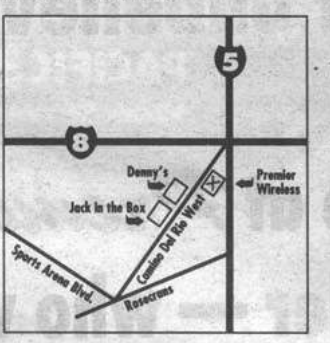

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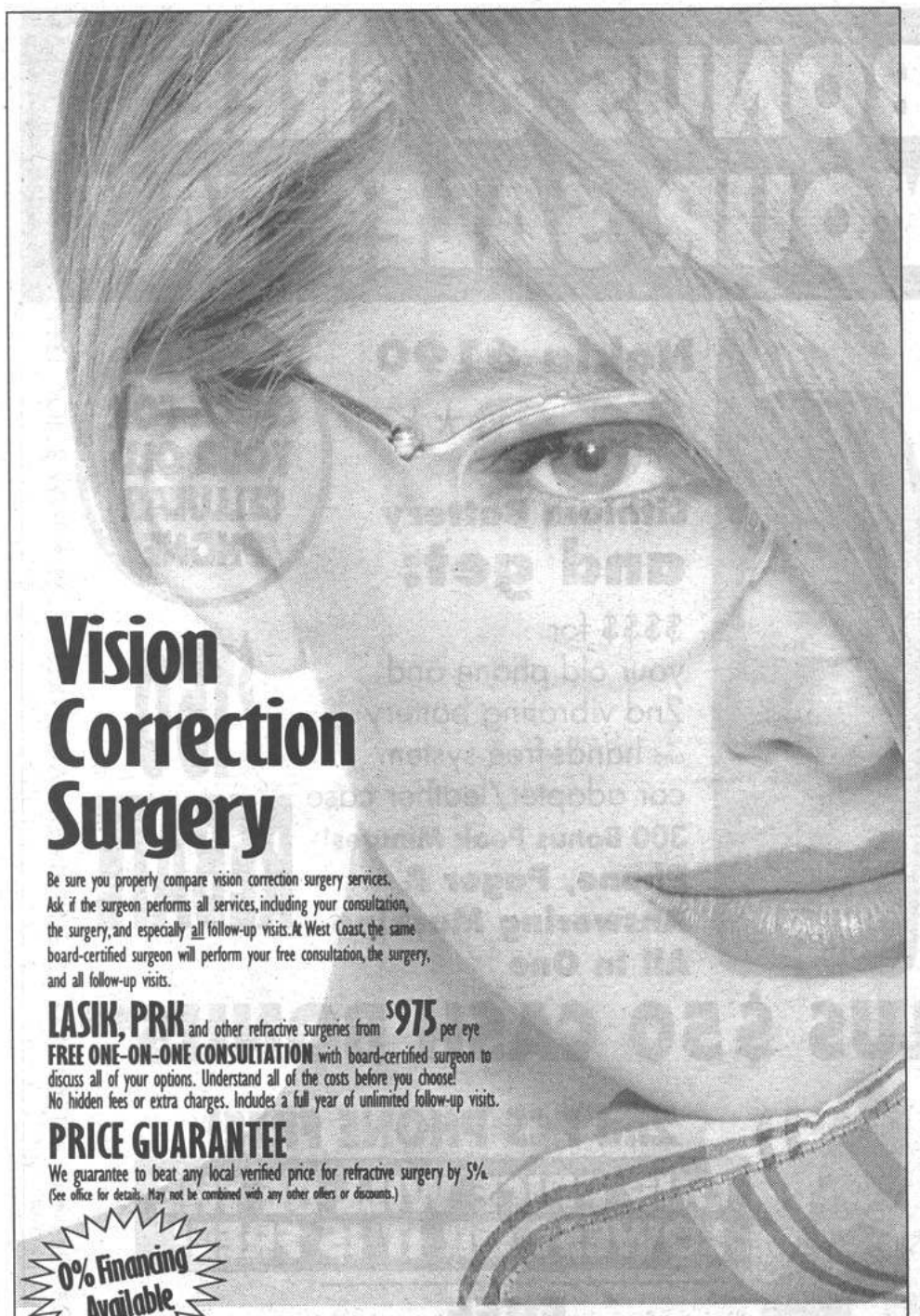

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Okay, we can come out of our bunkers now. The coast is clear, U.S. military forces remain in their barracks, our houses and shopping malls are intact. As you have no doubt guessed, I am not talking about Y2K, but the 1999 NFL season.

If you live in St. Louis, Nashville, or Jacksonville, you probably had a good year. For those of us who don't have the luck or wit or drive to live in St. Louis, Nashville, or Jacksonville, it was a strange, boring season. Strange and boring usually don't go together, but in this case, they've been dating since opening week.

The New York Jets were Super Bowl bound until their quarterback, Vinny "The Gimp" Testaverde, mangled his body parts during the first game of the season. The Jets proceeded to lose six of seven games. Parcells may be a pig and a bully, but no one ever said he couldn't coach. The Big Tuna turned that team around, forced them to win seven of their last nine games. By season's end, the Jets were among the best four or five teams in the NFL. Needless to say, they won't be going to the playoffs.

Regard Dallas. The 'Boys were coming off losses to the New York Jets and New Orleans — yes, New Orleans — yet struggled to an end-of-season win over the tottering New York Giants. It was a weak finish to an 8-8 season, but, in 1999, 8-8 is good enough for a fifth seed in the playoffs.

And that's nowhere near as bad as the AFC West. Yes, our conference *has* sent a representative to the playoffs, but only because an AFC West team had to go, it's in the rules. Seattle made the playoffs by losing five of their last six games. A lot of that was bad luck. You can't blame their strategy. Their goal was to spare Seattle fans the future humiliation of a playoff loss. The way to accomplish that was to avoid the playoffs in the first place. Seattle figured that Kansas City — needing only one win in their last two games in order to capture the AFC West championship — would solve their post-season problem.

Tragically, Seattle never understood that Kansas City wanted no part of the playoffs either. The Chiefs blew both games, although their final game was not lost without a struggle. Kansas City had to take Oakland into overtime before losing. It was a very close call, which, had it gone the other way, might well have cost the jobs of the entire Kansas City coaching staff.

Or, how about Miami losing six of their last eight games? There's a team that's ready to play Seattle next Sunday. One of those teams will win and go on to the next level because one of them has to, it's in the rules.

We have Atlanta, a team that made it to the Super Bowl last year. This year they were 4-12 and could easily have been 2-14, if they weren't blessed by playing New Orleans twice in one season.

Or San Francisco, a perennial winner since Jimmy Carter was under the big top. This year, they lost 11 of their last 12 games.

Or Detroit, losers of six out of their last eight games, finishing with an impressive 0-4 streak. That's big-league effort and that's what gets you in the playoffs. They'll be going to Washington this Saturday where they've lost 19 games in a row.

San Diego played well at the end, winning four out of five. They're as good as any other club in the AFC West, which means they are, on a very clear day, a mediocre squad. San Diego's defense is the only thing about the team that makes you care. But, 8-8 is the best San Diego can expect. Defenses are supposed to put you in the position to win, not actually win the games. Junior Seau should not be called on to win more than eight games in the course of one season.

You can't do it without a first-class quarterback. Our quarterback, the blond-headed kid nobody ever sees, was out the entire year and is going to have exploratory surgery next week. One hopes that the surgeon is seeking a buy-out clause somewhere between bone and gristle.

Face it, Jim Harbaugh and Erik Kramer aren't going to get it done. I'm not going to be concertmaster for the New York Philharmonic. Some things can't be changed.

We are left with Moses Moreno, a seventh round, 1998 Chicago draft pick and third-string quarterback. Moreno recently washed up on a local beach, courtesy of Bobby Beathard. Of course, we could look forward to the spring draft in hopes of obtaining a winning quarterback, but then, Beathard traded this year's top draft pick to Tampa Bay.

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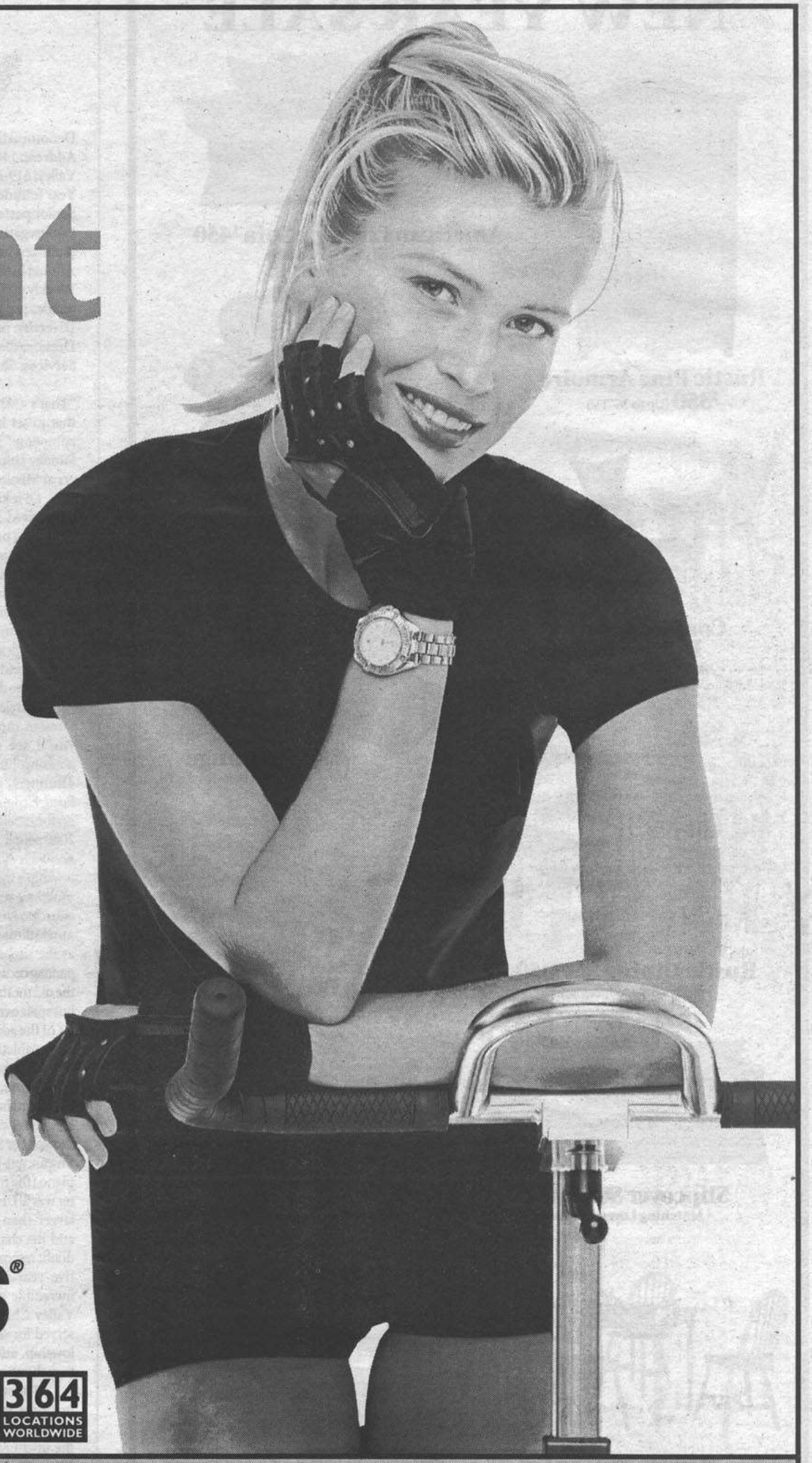

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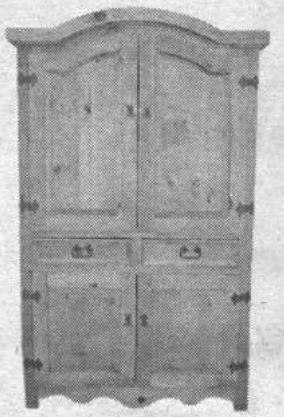

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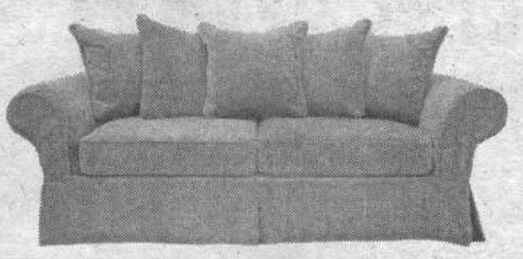

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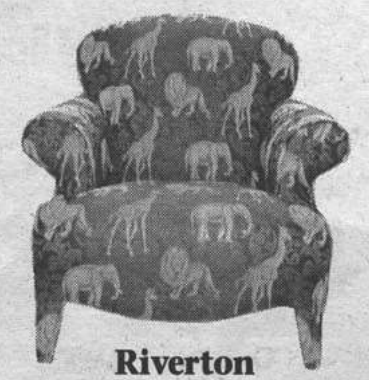

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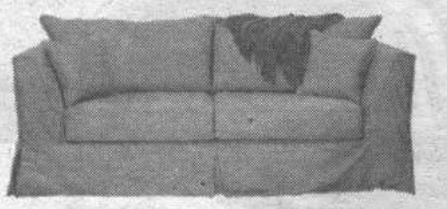

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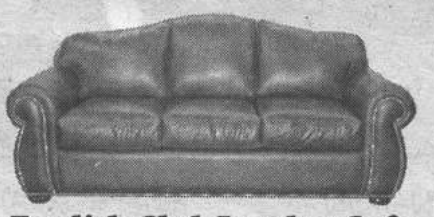

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Congregation size: 1500–2000
Staff: ten full-time
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Weekly giving: does not divulge
Singles program: yes
Diversity: predominately white
Dress: casual
Services: Sunday worship, 7:45, 9:25, 11:05 a.m.

"That's a set-up question. You're just asking me that to set me up to make me look like a nincompoop," Pastor Leo Giovinetti said to me last Sunday before a group of eight or nine onlookers at Mission Valley Christian Fellowship.

I'd asked Pastor Giovinetti if he believed in once-saved-always-saved, an innocuous question you might pose to any American Protestant to see where he stood on the Methodist-Presbyterian spectrum. But Pastor Giovinetti's reflexive response was one of suspicion — paranoia being evangelical fundamentalism's current reflexive response to the world at large.

Drive down to 1440 Hotel Circle North any Sunday morning and you'll see something amazing. Jumbo Toyota 4Runners, gargantuan Ford Explorers backed up for blocks —1500 to 2000 people attend Mission Valley Christian Fellowship's three Sunday-morning services. The church occupies the old movie theater that stood at the site, and church parking occupies not only the old theater's huge lot, but spills over to the vast lot of the adjacent Handlery Athletic Center.

Tall, mustached, handsome, Pastor Giovinetti has a gravelly, sexy voice, and can, as he showed last Sunday, play a mean, gut-bucket R&B piano (the music minister was ill). He projects a larger-than-life vitality and his charisma is no doubt responsible for his five-year-old church's incredible growth. Before establishing Mission Valley Christian Fellowship, Pastor Giovinetti served for seven years at Horizon Christian Fellowship, another church that knows a thing or two about incredible growth.

The striking thing about these nondenominational, evangelical fundamentalist churches is their apparent transparency. They attract, largely, the unchurched, people with little or no familiarity with normative Christian doctrine and practice. Worship at these churches is informal, the music contemporary. Their message is plain, the core of which is a galvanic conversion experience, or what they would term "accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior."

Although these churches claim to be nondenominational, they are at heart Methodists — Methodists, that is, who've adopted certain fundamentalist constraints. In the early 18th Century, John Wesley sent his preachers to convert an English working class estranged from religion by industrial development, but he also allowed women to lead worship and preach — something these fundamentalist churches would never do. Still, the strong debt to Methodism remains clear, most obviously in Horizon's and Mission Valley Christian Fellowship's commitment to simplicity.

Just beyond this Methodist simplicity roils a radical mistrust of a world whose every tremor suggests "The End Is Near." It's odd; these churches offer little, if any, theology, yet they purvey complex eschatologies, or theories, about the Final Judgment. Look at Mission Valley Christian Fellowship's Website (*www.mvcf.com*): the church's beliefs are laid out in three brief paragraphs. Many pages, however, are devoted to "news briefings" and dissections of current events, all indicating that the Antichrist, with the aid of advanced technology like supermarket scanners and the Internet, is poised to install a One World Government whose sole purpose is to make life miserable for decent, God-fearing people who, it seems, are justifiably suspicious of advanced technology like supermarket scanners and the Internet.

There's something unsettling about watching white, prosperous Americans relishing the thought of their own persecution.

"The only Christian who suffers real persecution," Pastor Giovinetti told us last Sunday, "is a *real* Christian."

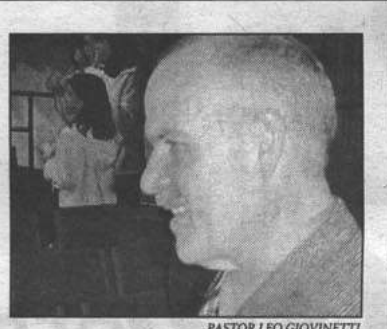
He went on in this vein, noting how at its inception Christianity was a persecuted movement, and how, historically, whenever Christians have done their job right, they've been persecuted. You might quibble with some of this — during the Reformation, Christians did a bang-up job persecuting one another; American Protestantism seems ascendant on a global scale — but there's no denying that Christians like Pastor Giovinetti sincerely believe they are, and will be, persecuted. For them, the world is and will remain an unsafe place.

Why this should be is answered, at least in part, in the extensive "testimonies" section on Mission Valley Christian Fellowship's Web page. These are not, by and large, the sorts of life stories one reads in, say, the Stanford alumni magazine. There're a lot of years lost to drug and alcohol addiction, a lot of petty thievery and grand theft auto. Many of the church's converts seem to have been, at one time or another, "in trouble with the law." "By the time I hit 21," reads one testimony, "I had been arrested twice; 'borrowed' a car; shoplifted on a regular basis; had become an alcoholic and drug addict; put into a psych unit for 42 days; and — grand total — had attempted suicide nine times. I was an incredibly lonely person and all I wanted to do was die."

"In my family there were eight of us in our home," reads another. "My father was the only one working; we didn't have the things other families had. So selling dope was a money thing. I sold dope to my brothers and sisters, my sisters' husband, my friends…"

Mission Valley Christian Fellowship's assistant pastor, Barry Fitzgerald, spent eight years in San Quentin after having "been in and out of every institution you could think of since the age of 14."

— Abe Opincar



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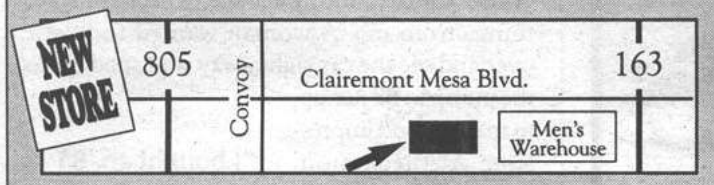

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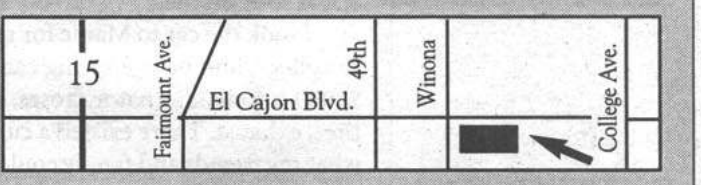

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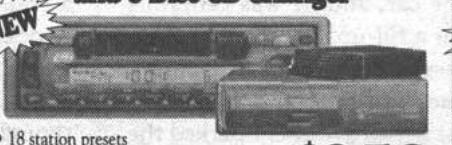

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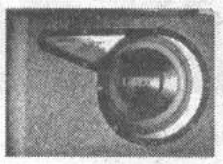

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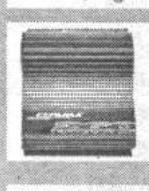

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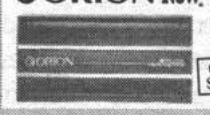

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Speaking of Demons

My first car was a lemon. It was given to me as a gift by my best friend, and it was a good-looking car. A 1974 Volvo 242 DL sedan, dark blue, inside and out. My friend had never had any problems with the car, so strictly speaking it wasn't a lemon. But it was sour on me.

I took the car to Maine for my senior year in college, and before spring came I had sunk $2000 into it: alternator, hoses, belts, gaskets, tires, exhaust. There existed a curse, no doubt; what my friends and family could not decide is whether it lay on me or on the car. In one instance, a winter storm was forecast for the coast, where I lived. Since my driveway was under a canopy of thin pines, I moved the car to a nearby open field, to avoid falling trees and having to climb the steep driveway in deep snow. What I saw the next morning knocked the wind out of me. A tree top had been blown across the field onto the roof of my car. The impact exploded the rear windows and a foot of snow had drifted into the backseat. Some months later, my father and I were taking a short drive in the car, and he was generous enough to pay for a fill-up. Three miles later, the car had leaked the entire tank. I paid a mechanic for a fuel-line patch and then drove the car to my best friend's house. I parked the car in his driveway, took a cab to the airport, and left the country.

I like to hear about other people's car problems, because I can be sympathetic about them and because I hate getting screwed in uncommon ways. A great collection of first-car stories, good and bad, has been collected by some unlikely anthologists. The folks at HotRodder.Com (*www.hotrodder.com*) invite anyone to submit memories about their first car, stories that they then post for browser perusal. Most of the remembrances are about hot rods and are spiced with an auto patois — 550s, stalls, barrels, "jet-hot zoomies." On occasion, a real sad-ass will pipe up, like Danny from Tooele, Utah: "My first car sucked!" Or Bob, from Woodstock, Illinois, who writes, "I was 15 and got a '72 Olds Cutlass for $500; it ran fine, so I thought it was a good buy.... It took me a 1/2 year to get it working good. I had plans for this car. On 11/25/98, the day after I got my license, some teenager pulled in front of me when I was going 55 mph. I slammed on the brakes, but it was no use; the Cutlass was gone. The little Mazda that I hit did a 180."



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At least the Mazda took a good hit. My second car ended in similar fashion, though not quite as badly for the other guy, I'm afraid. It was a sensible car, a 1993 Subaru Impreza sedan, but my girlfriend at the time drove a Ford Explorer, and, well, she expected bigger things from me. A woman wanted to hustle over and see the car right away, so I sped off to the pump to fill her up, to make a good impression. At the station, Dodge's version of a scud missile — a delivery Caravan with a two-by-four bolted on its front bumper — zeroed in on the middle of my passenger-side door. To this day, the only piece of good luck I've had with a car was that the woman bought my cheapened Impreza for more than it was worth without the dent.

"I bought an '81 Cutlass for $75 from a girl that I work with in Rapid City. All that was wrong with it was the fan belt."

Cars bring out the worst in people. The assumption that most of us bring to the table when buying or selling a car, new or used, is that we will be defrauded, which is usually the case. One unrepentant contributor to HotRodder.Com's pages remembers his first car this way: "I bought an '81 Cutlass for $75 with a '69 350 Rocket motor in it from a girl that I work

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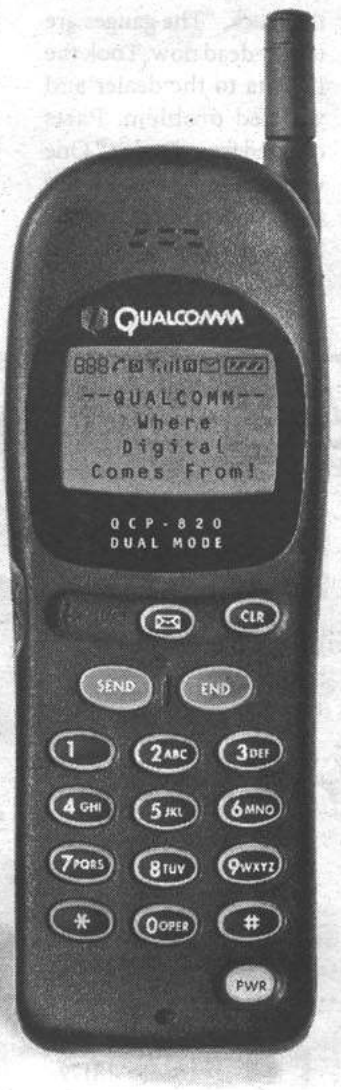

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Speaking of demons, the Most Disturbing Car Story Award goes to a nameless Watsonville, California, man who has been haunted by a 1998 Dodge Dakota Club Cab SLT 4X2, which he bought for $23,000 as a Christmas present to himself. The sad history of this truck, which the owner narrates for us on-line (*watsonville.com/dakota/*), makes the Book of Job look like a Judy Blume parable. He noticed some little peculiarities right after purchasing the truck — "the speedometer would sometimes fall to zero then jump back up." By January 29, 1998, things had deteriorated: "All gauges malfunctioning. Could not duplicate problem for dealer. Over the next few days it gets worse." Five days later, with under 1500 miles on the truck, "The gauges are totally dead now. Took the Dakota to the dealer and verified problem. Parts ordered from Dodge." One week later, "Notice noise at 45 mph, droning sound." From here, the site becomes a mad litany, an annotated descent into auto mania. March 24, 1998: "Noticed squeaking from engine cooling fan. What's the deal with this truck, it's brand new!" March 30, 1998: "Surprise #3 — Check Engine Light comes on. OHHH MAAAN, NOW WHAT?" July 5, 1998: "Headlight switch comes off in my hand again. Try getting this back on in the dark. THIS CRAP IS DRIVING ME NUTS."

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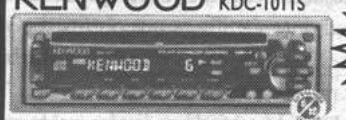

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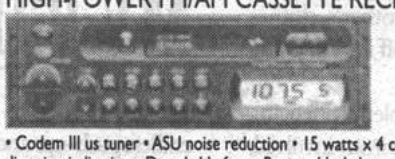

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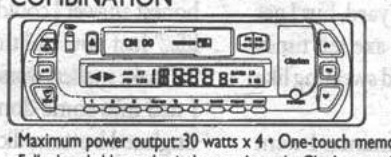

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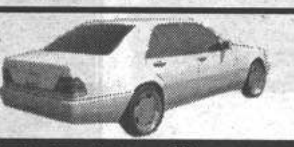

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Clothes aren't the only problem with being out of shape. There's also a strange irony involved. As a teenager, I hated doing yard work when Mom asked me to, but when she threatened me with no dinner and no clean laundry, I did it, and I did it for hours without really getting tired. Now I enjoy working around my yard, but I get tired easily. I can only swing the axe ten times before I'm huffing and puffing and sweating like a pig.

Then there's athletic performance. I went to play basketball recently; guys that I could have rookied two or three years ago were making a fool out of me. Instead of defending me when I had the ball, opposing team members stood waiting for me to dribble into the middle of the key where I'd try to put up a shot and they'd block it.

My pants don't fit. I can't do yard work without taking a break every five minutes. I can't play basketball without embarrassing myself, and I can't stay awake at work. It's getting sad, and it's time to do something about it. So here I am, 8:15 a.m. this late August morning, driving to the Mission Bay Hilton for boot camp, opening day. I'm not sure what to expect other than exercise. The phrase boot camp conjures up images of a big, hard-ass drill sergeant in your face calling you pissant, maggot, worm, and other small slimy creatures while making you do endless push-ups and jumping jacks. "No, it's not that," Todd Durkin, boot-camp leader, told me over the phone. "But it isn't going to be easy. What kind of shape are you in, Ernie?"

That question worried me because the only honest answer I could give was "The worst of my life." Just how bad that is I'm about to find out. To make matters worse, last night about 10:00 p.m. I tied into some donuts. One was an exquisite unglazed buttermilk. Its crust was caramelized to a perfect golden brown while the inside gleamed ivory white, moist and delicious. It was so good I had to try one with chocolate icing.



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Todd Durkin

At 8:45 a.m., I arrive at the door of the health club near the tennis courts at the northeast corner of the Mission Bay Hilton property. The morning haze has already burned off, and the temperature is steadily rising. Todd Durkin and Donovan Henson, director of the Hilton health club, are standing at the door greeting boot-camp participants as they arrive. Henson is about 5′10″, stocky, and so energetic he can't stand still. As he talks, he shifts his weight from one foot to the other and claps his hands over and over. "Nice to meet you, buddy," he says, ceasing his clapping long enough to shake hands.

Durkin, 28, stands about six feet and wears his sandy blond hair cut short. A former quarterback at William and Mary University in Virginia and in NFL Europe, Durkin has more the solid look of a linebacker or strong safety than a quarterback. "Welcome, Ernie," he says. "Are you ready?"

"I hope so," I answer, remembering the two donuts I scarfed last night.

Durkin hands me a six-foot length of black nylon rope. "Tie this around your waist," he instructs.

By 9:00, six boot campers, three men, three women, have assembled. Durkin gives each a rope to tie around his waist and brings all of us, plus Donovan, to a nearby tennis court where he leads us in warm-up laps around the outer edge of the court. Every 30 seconds or so, he calls out "high knees" or "back pedal" or "side shuffle," and the group follows his lead. Durkin also leads the group in rhythmic clapping. On the adjacent court, two octogenarian couples decked out in spiffy tennis outfits shoot angry glances our way, annoyed at this disturbance of their mixed doubles.

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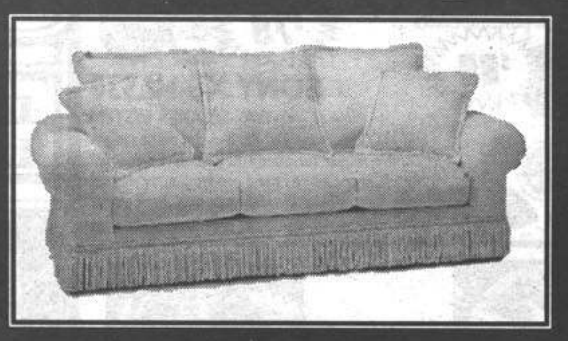


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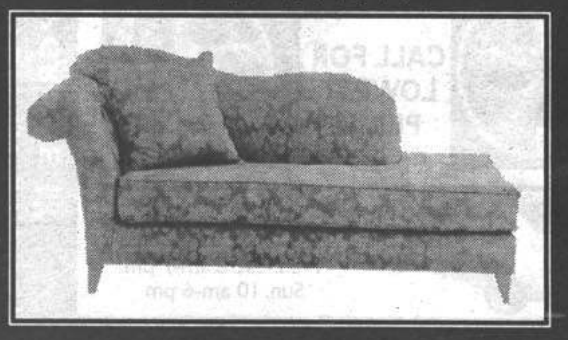
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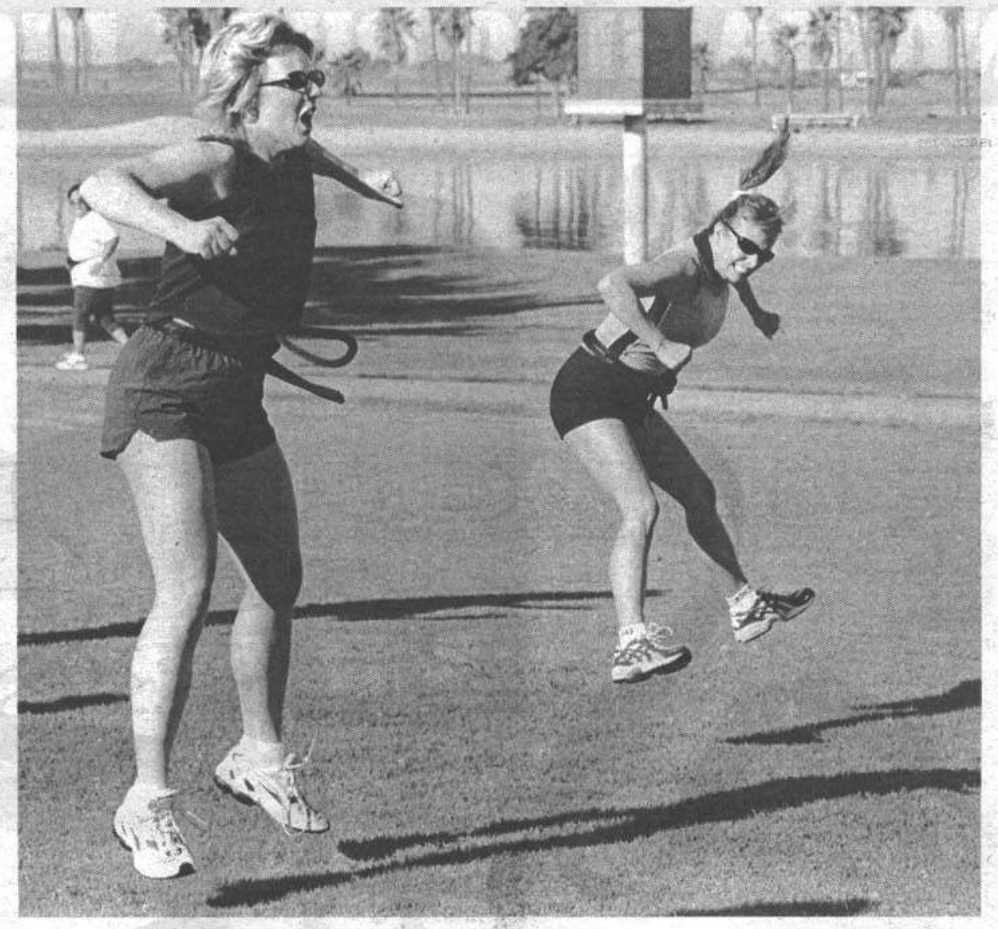
my forehead, Durkin yells, "Circle up!" and the group forms a big circle around him on one half of the court. "We're going to do some stretching now," he explains. "It's very important to stretch before and after working out. This will reduce the chances of injury, increase your flexibility, and decrease your recovery time."

He leads us through a five-minute regimen of upper- and lower-body stretches. Then he has us all stand up again and starts us clapping in rhythm. "When I say, 'break down,' " he says over the clapping, "everybody drop into a squat position and grunt." I recognize this drill from my high school football days. We called it a "hit drill"; instead of grunting, we yelled "hit." Durkin calls it a "pride clap." As the clapping accelerates he spins around the middle of the circle looking at everyone and finally yells, "Break down!" and we camp members, in pathetic lack of unison, drop into squatting position and grunt, "Huh!"

"C'mon, that was terrible," Durkin shouts. "One more time." He starts the clapping again and as it crescendos, repeats, "Break down!" This time the group reacts together, "Huh!"

"All right," Durkin says and, much to the delight of the nearby tennis players, leads us off the court at a brisk jog. We run through the Hilton complex, and when we reach the pathway that runs along the east shore of Mission Bay, Durkin, at the head of the single file of runners, turns north. "Feels good to be alive!" he exclaims.

Maybe for him, I think. After three minutes of this fast-paced jogging, the two donuts I ate last night are bouncing around in my stomach like tennis shoes in a dryer. If I were out jogging by myself, I'd probably slow down, maybe even walk instead of run. But my pride keeps me from slowing down. I want to stick with the group. As the line of eight runners, each with a black rope around his waist, moves down the path, people turn and look in curiosity. Durkin shouts greetings to many of them, "How you doin' this morning?" "Lookin' good, ladies," he calls to two old women power-walking toward us. The louder he talks, the more native New Jersey you can hear in his voice.



Boot campers

About a half mile up from the Hilton he circles the group on the grass for some push-ups and sit-ups. After a few minutes of that, we're up and running again. "We're going to do some Indian runs." Durkin calls out. "Jog in single file, and the guy in the back of the line sprint to the front."

This is another throwback to my football and track days in high school. I remember the alternation from jogging to sprinting and back to jogging being very tiring. By the time I've made a few sprints from back of the line to front, my memory is more than refreshed. My legs are anything but refreshed. About 100 yards south of the basketball courts near where Clairemont Drive runs into Mission Bay, Durkin yells, "Sprint to the courts." I force myself to accelerate, but there's not much there. Six out of eight of the group beat me to the court, where Todd has us untie the ropes from our waists and put them in lines on the ground. "I want you to hop back and forth over the rope as many times as you can in 30 seconds. Ready…go!"

At varying speeds, we boot campers start hopping. I'm having a hard time getting my feet up off the ground together. In my fatigue, my instinct is to shuffle them side to side, one by one. When 30 seconds are up, Durkin has us form circles with the ropes, then side step in and out of the circle, right to left, left to right, for another 30 seconds. Then we pick up the ropes and start jumping rope. My chest swells with pride a little as I look around and realize I'm the best jump-roper in the group. "Good job, Ernie," Todd yells.

Any pride the jump-roping created is dashed as soon as we start running again. My thighs feel twice their normal weight, and I quickly fall to near the back of the group. After an agonizing five minutes, we reach the exercise station at the north end of Mission Bay. Here, Durkin has us

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do pull-ups, dips, and a reverse bench press in which you lie on your back and pull your chest up to a bar three feet above the bench you're lying on. The distance-running types in the group groan at the thought of these upper body exercises. To me they're a welcome relief from the jogging.

When everyone has done all three exercises, we start south again. The Hilton is a mile and a half ahead, but the path isn't straight. Durkin calls for an Indian run, which we do for five minutes. Then he sprints up to the front of the line and starts "lunge walking," which is stepping so far forward with one foot that the knee of your other leg touches the ground, then switching. After 20 yards of this, my thighs are on fire, and there's another 20 yards to go. Running after that is torture. I'm barely putting one foot in front of the other. The whole group, except one woman, flies by me and is about 100 yards ahead when Durkin slows up for another exercise. "We're going to do some dive-bomber push-ups," he says, "which are these." Starting in a position with his hands and feet on the ground, butt up in the air, he bends his elbows, dropping his face toward the ground between his hands then pushes up so that his head is up and his butt is low to the ground. Then he reverses the process. "Got it?"

The group nods/groans. "Good, 30 seconds."

With varying degrees of success, we all attempt the dive-bombers. I can do them but not very quickly. Some of the group can't do them at all. Pretty soon we're up and running again, and after a minute, the group is spread out again and I'm second to last. The more tired we get, the more Durkin exudes his infectious brand of enthusiasm. I had a lot of high school coaches who attempted to employ this kind of positive motivation, but they usually came across as phonies. Durkin is genuine. He keeps clapping and saying things like, "Feels great to be out here sweating," and running up and down the line paying individual attention to his boot campers: "How you doing, Mary?... Feeling okay, Dave?... Paula, are you all right?.... Ernie, how's it going?"

I grunt out an "Okay," but I'm in pain. When he stops us for another drill, it's not a moment too soon. But I only get ten seconds to breathe before he starts another football drill. This time, he has three of us stand abreast, running in place, while he stands in front of us. When he points to either side, we shuffle in that direction; when he points at us we backpedal; and when he points toward himself, we sprint toward him. This is even more painful than jogging.

"Let's bring it home," he says after a few minutes of this, and we set off jogging toward the Hilton, a half-mile away. The runner types up in front take off, and though I tell myself I'm going to, I can't keep up with them. In fact, they run the whole distance in the time it takes me to run half. Even Paula, the one person I've managed to stay in front of all day, puts a move on me in the last 75 yards, and there's nothing I can do to keep her from passing. As I approach the group standing in the sand near the Hilton boat-rental dock, they're all chanting, "Come on, Ernie." Though I'm completely spent, hearing the rest of the boot camp cheering me on makes me push myself to finish strongly.

"That's the point of the whole thing," Durkin tells me over breakfast a couple of weeks later. "If you're with a group, you're going to push it. If you go out there by yourself, you're going to lollygag and slack off and not push yourself. But when you're surrounded by positive people and enthusiasm, you're going to feed off that and it kind of infects you."

Between that first boot camp and this breakfast, there have been two more boot-camp sessions. During the second, which had 10 participants, we ran south from the Hilton and out onto Fiesta Island. I felt much better and stayed up with the group much longer. For the third boot camp, we had 17 people, and we ran south past Fiesta Island to South Shores Island. Some of the exercises were the same, but Durkin added new ones, including rolling in a muddy patch of grass he had scouted out beforehand. The whole group laughed and giggled like four-year-olds playing in the mud.

"When was the last time you were out by yourself and you started rolling in mud?" Todd asked.

Each week, the team camaraderie increased. People were encouraging each other, pushing each other, laughing and sweating together. I stayed up with the front runners throughout. In the weeks between camps, without doing much

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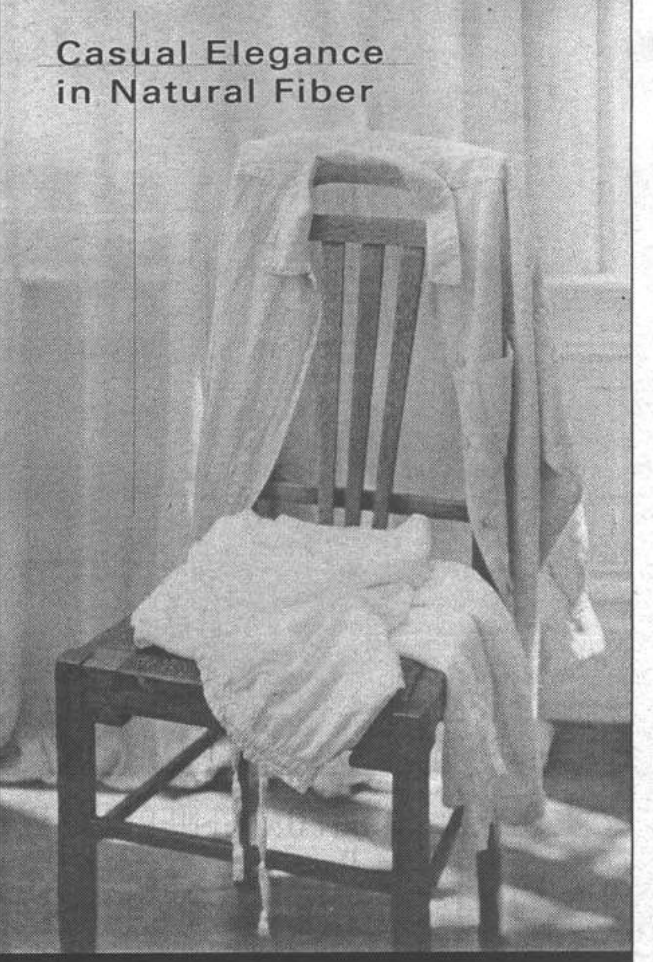

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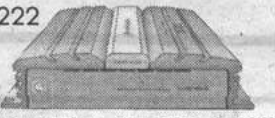

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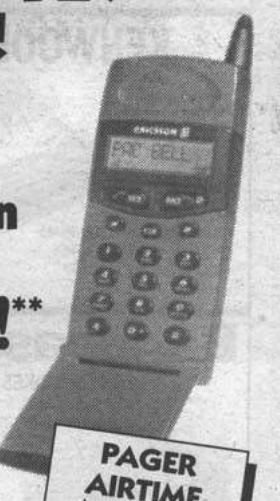

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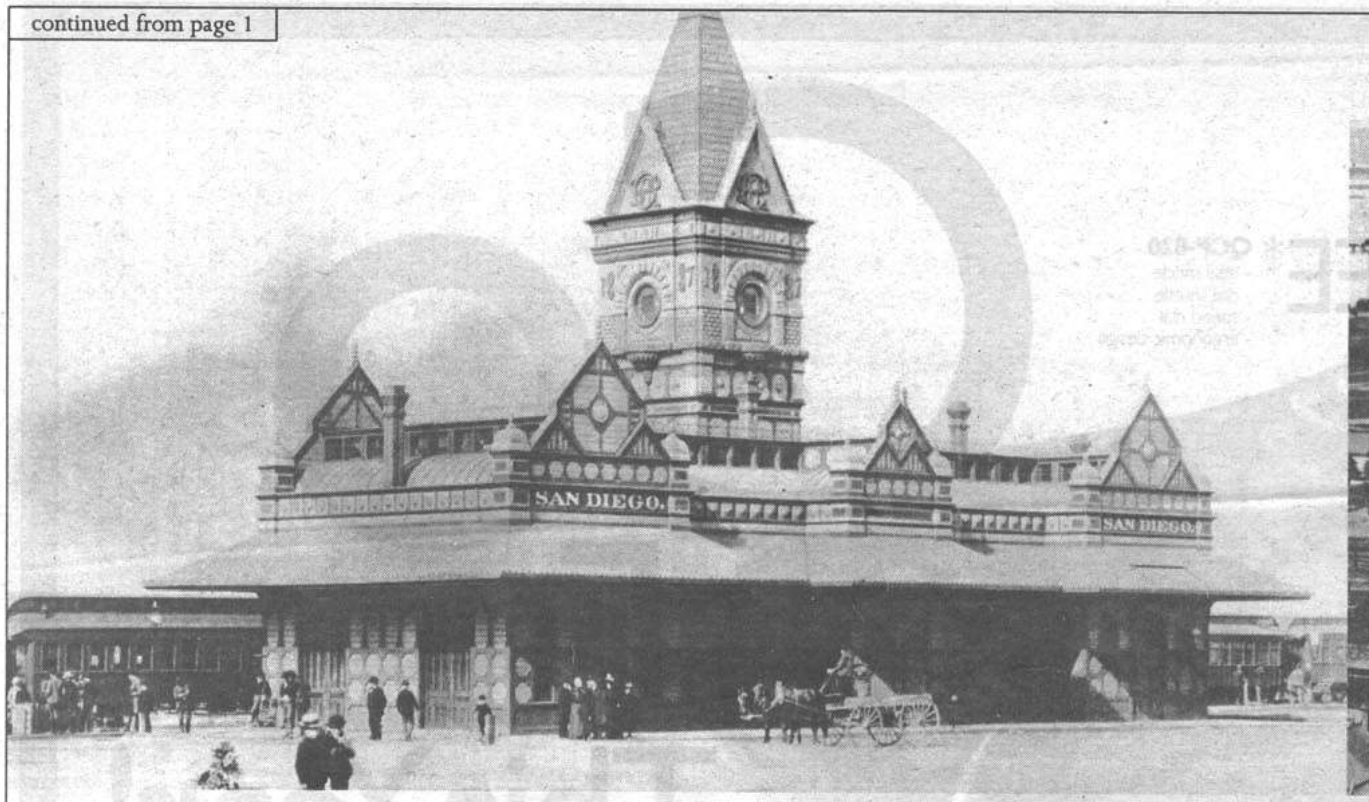

California Southern Railroad Depot, c. 1888



Electric-carbon arc lamp, Fifth and F streets, 1890

his sister-in-law's. Only as an afterthought did he mention the quake.

A few days later, the *San Diego Union* speculated on its cause. "Is it the pressure of gases? Of electrical forces? Of steam generated by the internal fires of the earth, the result of volcanic action, or the effect of great masses of matter sloughing off from the super-incumbent earth and falling into the vast depths of the fiery liquid below?" Whatever the scientific explanation proved to be, readers were assured that the San Diego region "is not in the world's seismic territory." Unlike Italy ("where the wealthy and nobility of Europe pass their winters") San Diego "has but few of these visitors [earthquakes] and they are not destructive."

This was the voice of optimism. In 1899, white people had lived in San Diego for only 130 years. Furthermore, those established here in 1899 had experienced some severe shaking. The quake that struck in 1892 had cracked many buildings and knocked the plaster out of many ceilings, as people poured into the streets in panic. But any suggestion that potentially devastating earthquakes were a fixture of local life was taboo. The chamber of commerce, the fledgling tourism industry, local realtors, and newspapers — all these voices were joined in chorus to lure more settlers here.

During the days between Christmas and New Year's in 1899, a week punctuated by welcome rain, you could find signs that the town at last was recovering from the disaster of 11 years earlier. A scan of local real estate ads might still remind you of the collapse that had followed the wild boom of 1886 to 1888. (D.C. Reed's column in the *San Diego Union* the day after Christmas, for example, mentions two 100-foot-square lots on the southeast corner of Hawthorne and Albatross that had sold for $10,000 in 1887 and were now being offered for $1500.) But some land was changing hands, and new structures were being erected. During 1899, the city had granted permits for an estimated $225,000 of construction. The Henry W. Putnams' mansion at Fifth and Maple had cost $12,000.

There were other signs of an economic upturn. Furniture dealers on Sixth Street were reporting brisk sales of more and higher-quality items than they'd sold during the boom years. M.A. Luce, the postmaster, thought the Christmas mail crush had never been heavier. "The receipts of the post office will show that we have a bigger boom on at present without knowing it, than we had twelve years ago when we thought we had something," he told one newspaper reporter. Holiday business at the Wells Fargo & Co. express office was "simply enormous," he said, with "great wagon loads of packages taken to the uptown office of the company after each incoming train…all of the company's delivery wagons have been kept bustling."

If you were caught in the grip of the last winter of the 1800s in Kentucky or Maine or Illinois, and you had heard something about San Diego, you might be tempted to seek your fortune in this far southwestern corner of the country. Maybe the boasts about the salubrious climate have reached you or the claim that San Diego's inhabitants live longer than anyone else in America. Say you believe the boosterism and bid farewell to your relatives, what will you find at the end of your journey?

Getting There.

How will you get there? Not by plane, of course. Although the world's first controlled flight in a glider has taken place (flown by aviation pioneer John J. Montgomery out on San Diego's Otay Mesa in 1883) and Orville and Wilbur Wright are consumed with the dream of making powered flight a reality, the two North Carolina bicycle mechanics won't succeed until 1903. Commercial planes to transport passengers across America's great distances are decades in the future.

Nor can you drive. Everyone has heard about the new self-propelled mechanical carriages, first exhibited at the 1893 World's Fair. About 8000 have been manufactured, but no roads have yet been built for them across the West. No one will dare to make a transcontinental automobile crossing until 1903. No car has yet been seen on the streets of San Diego. The lawyer D.C. Collier is about to order one of those French motorized contraptions, and for months, the sight of an automobile will be enough to cause pandemonium.

No car has yet been seen on the streets of San Diego.

The first car won't make the trip from Los Angeles to San Diego until this coming April. An L.A. artist named Oliver Lippincott will be the driver, and when he pulls up to the poorhouse in Mission Valley to take on some water for his machine, a few of the crippled old men will spread the word about the extraordinary mechanical visitor. All the inmates of the place will surround it, exclaiming in surprise and astonishment, and one old man, more venturesome than the rest, will inadvertently open the throttle valve. The automobile will start up and begin turning round in a circle, mowing down some old men and paralyzing others with terror. Afterward, Mr. Lippincott will be quoted in the newspaper saying it was the funniest sight he ever saw and that "a good picture of the affair would make any

One Hundred



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San Diego flume, opening day, 1888

Sometimes the prettiest and most expensive women can be seen driving through the town in carriages rented by their madams, flaunting themselves.

Years Ago

person rich."

If you're coming from the East Coast, you might travel by ship. But Congress is still only talking about building a canal across Nicaragua. So you would have to make that disagreeable passage over land or go the long way around the Horn. Sea passage from Philadelphia can take more than five months.

Instead, you'll almost certainly take the train. The Santa Fe is advertising "entirely new and luxurious equipment" on its California Limited route. Four days a week, trains leave New York City, chugging west through Chicago, Kansas City, Denver, Los Angeles, completing the journey — when things go well — in less than four and a half days. First-class tickets from Chicago to San Diego cost $70; tourist class ones are $50. San Diego's Grand Union Depot, an imposing Victorian presence with a massive central tower, impresses everyone who stands before it. Seeing its exuberant parapets, you might never guess at all the heartache folks in these parts have suffered because of the railroads.

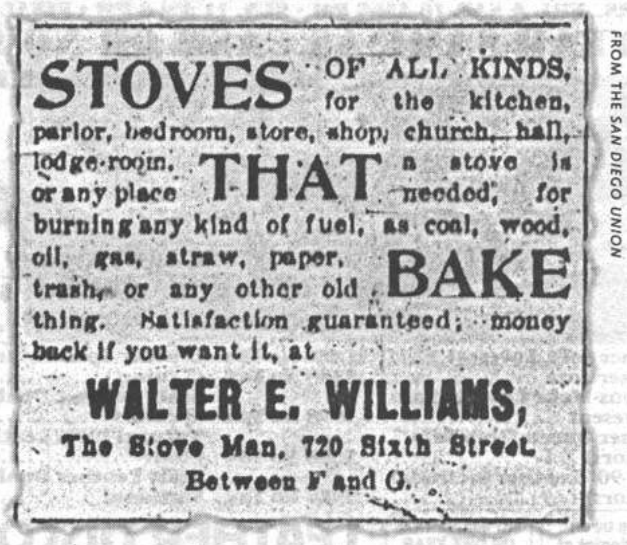
As long ago as 1846, talk began of building a direct transcontinental line here. San Diego possessed the only great natural harbor south of San Francisco. In 1854, a company had been formed to build the "San Diego and Gila Southern Pacific and Atlantic Railroad" to the mouth of the Gila River and further connections eastward. But the Civil War had erupted before any construction took place.

When the war ended, the Union victory assured that the first franchise for a transcontinental line would follow a northerly route, and the Central and Union Pacific lines completed the link between San Francisco and the East on May 10, 1869. Despite continuing talk of a southern rail route along the 32nd parallel, savvy San Diegans soon began to realize that Collis P. Huntington, Mark Hopkins, Leland Stanford, and Charles Crocker collectively had every reason to stop such a line from terminating here. Without direct rail connections, San Diego would pose no threat to the port of San Francisco and the Central Pacific's monopoly over the Pacific trade. Moreover, Los Angeles, though it lacked a harbor, lusted for the rail business and enjoyed the good fortune of being closest to the San Gorgonio Pass, the best of the five routes over the Southern California mountains. After several twists of fate and politics, San Diego lost the competition with its neighbor to the north when the Southern Pacific agreed to bring a line to L.A. that would connect with the East through Yuma.

Though discouraged by this turn of events, the San Diegans hadn't given up. They'd looked instead to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, which by the late 1870s was building a line from the east across Arizona, approaching the California border at "The Needles." In that progress, San Diego County residents had seen another opportunity, and they'd lobbied intensively for the Santa Fe to make San Diego or National City its western terminus. The Santa Fe had finally agreed to build a terminal in National City and create a "California Southern" rail link from there to San Bernardino. Between December 20, 1880, when ground was broken, and September 13, 1883, when the first train from San Diego pulled into San Bernardino, high hopes in San Diego soared. But in the spring of 1884, less than six months after the track was completed, torrential rains in the wake of the Krakatoa eruption wrought disaster throughout Southern California. On the California Southern line, flooding washed away big stretches of the track laid down through Temecula Canyon. The roiling waters ripped out telegraph poles and wrested whole bridges from their moorings, carrying the debris far out to sea.

It was an omen, but people refused to see it as such. Instead, they rebuilt the track and by late 1885 it joined the Santa Fe's lines to the east. The day the first eastbound train puffed out of town, San Diegans paraded to the sound of brass bands down Fifth Street, which "looked like a grand avenue of flags." It cost $150 to make the trip to the Missouri Valley. But within a year, the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific had begun to battle for passengers, using the rail fares as their weapons. By March of 1887, the Missouri–Southern California rate had dropped to $12. And it would fall still further — bottoming out at $1 before rising again to $25. The cheap tickets drew the hordes that fueled the Great Boom.

If, in preparation for your move to San Diego, you want to know more about what that frenzy was like, you might read *Millionaires of a Day,* the book written in 1890 by Mr. Theodore Van Dyke. He lived here in the spring of 1887, when "The streets were everywhere crowded, gold clinked on every hand, and imaginary millionaires by the score rode around the streets in shining new buggies with fast horses, or bustled about the banks and real-estate offices with checkbooks sticking from their outside breast pockets." By that summer, he writes, "fully five sixths of the buyers were buying, not for use, but to sell at an advance to some one else in a few days or weeks. And...nearly all sales were upon contract, with only one



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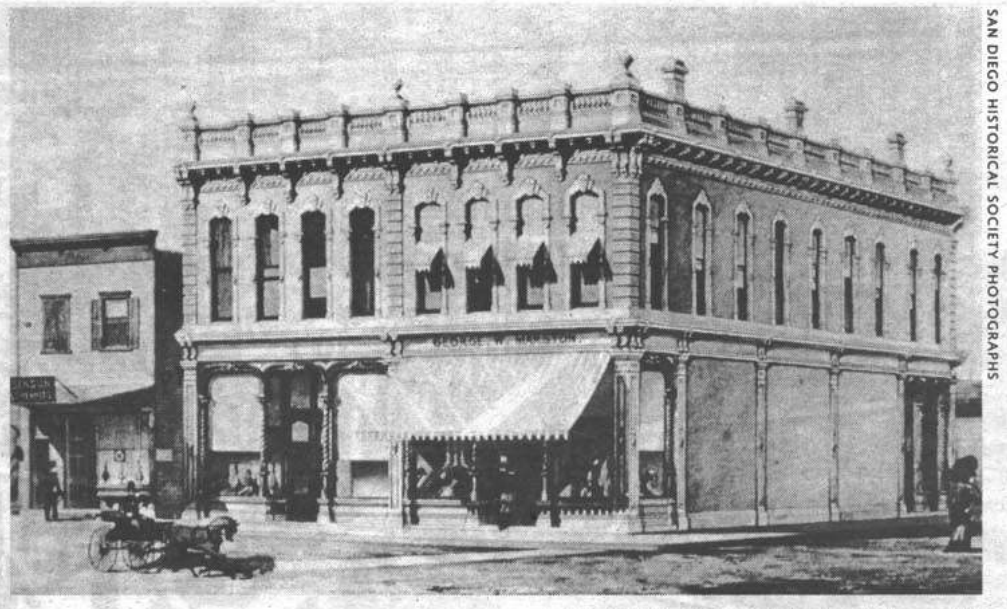
Outside saloon at 14th and K streets, 1887



Architect's sketch of Marston's department store, c. 1878

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fourth or one third paid in cash."

Even today, the memory of the boom haunts people. Overnight it made the town unrecognizable, and it made some individuals rich beyond their dreams. But when the speculative frenzy abated in the early months of 1888, real estate prices crashed. The subsequent loss of both wealth and dreams was so abrupt folks couldn't believe it had happened. By 1889, more than half the 35,000 souls who had stampeded into town had fled, and the Santa Fe Railroad had announced that it was shifting its operational base to San Bernardino. In 1891, floods destroyed the track through Temecula Canyon again. Today, in 1899, no one talks of rebuilding it.

Instead incoming travelers must change trains in Los Angeles. Many are tempted to stay and seek their fortunes there. Not much bigger than San Diego in 1870, Los Angeles now counts more than 100,000 inhabitants. Some of them feel such a bitter rivalry with San Diego that they've scared off would-be visitors at the L.A. train station with tales of drinking-water shortages and other horrors. If San Diego remains your goal, however, the "Surf Line" will take you southward.

The Lay of the Land

You'll cross the county line about 60 miles south of L.A.'s Union Station. In the years when the California Southern was being built and in the boom years that followed, small communities sprang into existence all over San Diego County. Many disappeared after the crash, but people are scratching out a living in a number of hamlets. The Surf Line chugs through some of them — Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Del Mar. Far more striking is the vastness of the passing landscape on which humans have as yet made no mark. The county is smaller now than it was just six years

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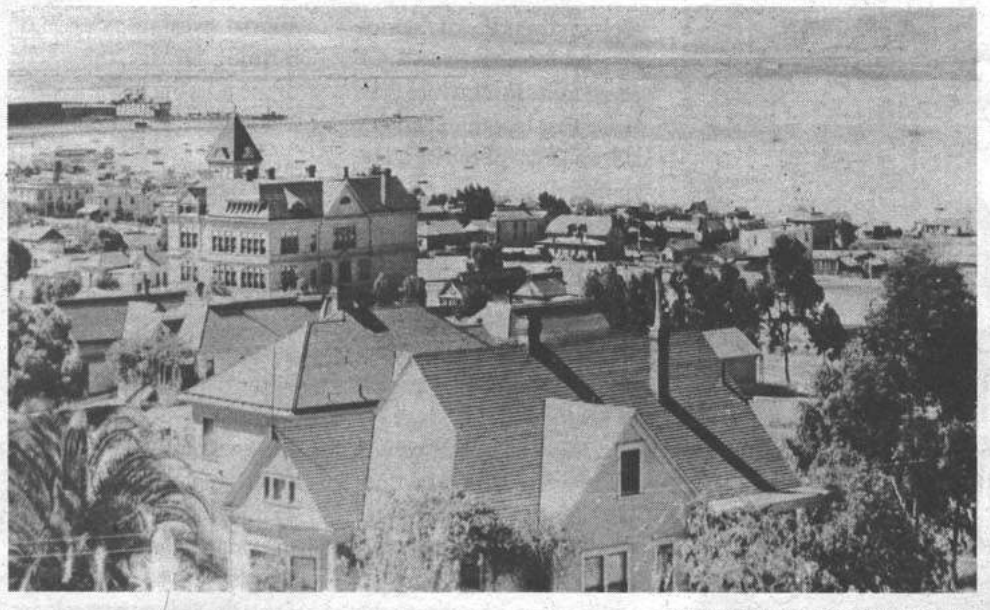
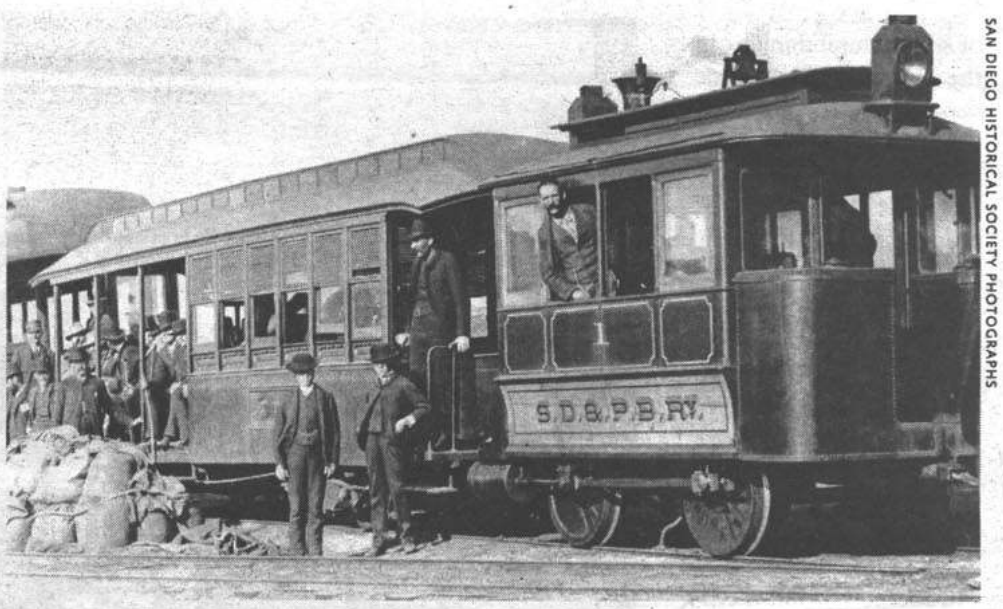


Southwestern view of San Diego, c. 1900



San Diego & Pacific Beach Railway train, 1890

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ago, in 1893, when the northern third was sliced off to create Riverside County. Still, what remains is bigger than Connecticut, Delaware, and Rhode Island combined. The county stretches from the Pacific Ocean to the state of Arizona.

The commercial, if not the geographical, heart of the place is the area people call "new" San Diego — to distinguish it from the Old Town near the huge central river valley. That early settlement lacked a good connection with the harbor, and about 30 years ago the disadvantages of the site finally overcame 100 years of inertia. Most of the Anglos relocated, building new residences within the neat grid of streets laid out on a shelf of land bounded by San Diego Bay on the west and the south. The train depot stands near the western boundary of that grid, at the foot of D Street. A half-mile due east of it lies San Diego's most important thoroughfare.

That's Fifth Street, the locus of amazing changes over the past 20 years. In 1879, low clapboard buildings with false fronts in the Western style stretched along both sides of the byway. Sections of plank sidewalks provided intermittent respite from the dust and mud; wooden awnings offered pedestrians scant protection from the sun.

By 1885, multistory brick structures began to appear amidst the low wooden jumble, and today Fifth Street is an architectural parade of eye-catching constructions. On the northwest corner of Fifth and H, the Italianate Backesto Block has just been completed. Loring's Schneider Building, the Louis Bank of Commerce, and the First National Bank were built in the Baroque Revival style, while the Nesbith-Greely Building hints at a Romanesque muse. Amidst the eclectic Victoriana, a discerning eye might detect the influence of the new Chicago school



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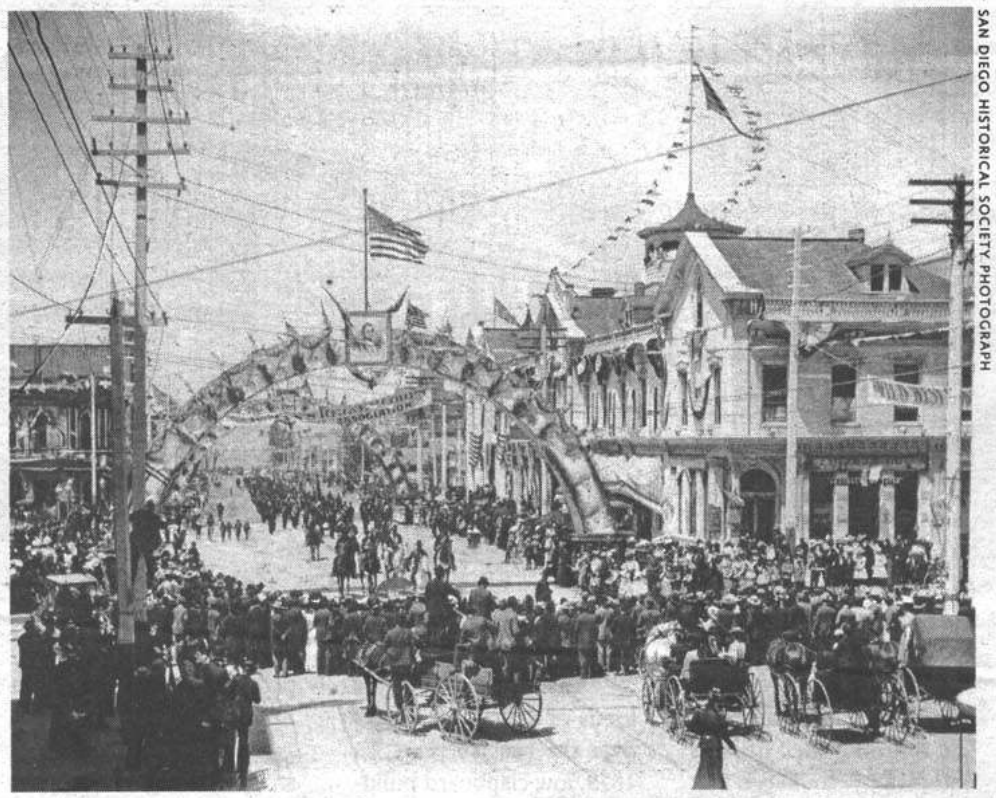
of architectural thinking in the Marstons' handsome department store (erected three years ago on the corner of Fifth and C).

After the sun has set, even on moonless nights, Fifth Street glows. Admirers of gaslight had a fixture installed in 1885 at the southeast corner of Fifth and F, but for outdoor lighting, that technology never really caught on. The Jenney Electric Company of Indianapolis won a contract in 1886 to erect six electric-carbon arc lamps on 110-foot towers in the center of town. Electrical street lighting has now been extended over a 29-mile network; a worker climbs to the dizzying top of each tower to change the burned-out arc rods every day. Most of the businesses in the downtown core have been connected by wire to the San Diego Gas and Electric Light Company's generator. It produces electricity daily from sundown to midnight (though the streetlights are turned off when the moon is full).

Even the signs downtown are being transformed by the new technology. Just



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Downtown parade, D Street, 1899

this week, the *San Diego Union* reported that a "mechanical sign with changeable lights, so much in vogue in NY and Chicago" has been erected "for Herman Fritz of the People's Hall, Fourth and F. It is undoubtedly the most artistic affair of the kind in Southern California," the article states, adding, "You will be delighted to see it operate...nightly until 10 p.m." In the daylight hours, conventional advertisements scream for attention the length of Fifth Street. By 1887 so many had appeared that the city council banned all those that blocked curbs and sidewalks or hung from walls. But legions of announcements painted on walls still vie for the attention of anyone strolling past the commerce.

The act of strolling has gotten easier since the founding of New Town. Fifth Street between C and L streets was the first stretch of road in San Diego to be paved (in 1889) and the city's first gutters were assembled then along Fifth from granite bricks quarried in Santee. Today, asphalt covers the city's principal business streets — some seven miles in all. More than twice that length of cement sidewalks have been laid. The material can be used here (the newspaper will tell you) "owing to the constant absence of frost..." The sidewalks' clean, white surfaces "have taught many of the residents of the city lessons of neatness and pride...."

Maybe so, but others could use more instruction. Maintaining the streets and roads is still, for the most part, an individual responsibility, borne by those who live along them. Cleanup is sketchy, and the fetid rot of horse and mule manure pervades New San Diego. Roving dogs leave their droppings too. Some of the human feces and urine now flows through sewer lines into the bay. People voted for the bonds to pay for the system in 1886, and today they boast that 45 miles of sewer pipe have been installed. But on a windless, busy day in summer, a stew of odors assails anyone walking down Fifth Street: cigar smoke and heavy perfumes that don't always mask the reek of human and animal sweat, the stench of burning garbage, the smells of meat frying in the boardinghouses and restaurants.

The Criminal World

Cesspools — both literal and moral — can still be found in the Stingaree. That's the name people give to the 12 blocks bounded by First and Fifth, H (later Market) and K. Because one of the first wharves built on the bay (in 1869) was located at the foot of Fifth, some of the buildings in the area rank among the oldest in the New Town. From the earliest years, saloons operated here, and with the commencement of the Boom, the number of drinking establishments exploded. Gamblers, prostitutes, and other criminals joined the incoming throng, and the Stingaree drew them like a magnet. By 1888, observers were counting 120 bawdy houses and more than 70 bars within the tiny enclave. Some 350 women were selling sex, earning anywhere from $3 to $37.50 per week.

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the Barbary Coast in San Francisco. No decent woman sets foot there (though people do whisper about the "all-purpose" girls who live on Fifth Street and work as sales clerks and office workers during the week, then bring in extra money by prostituting themselves on the weekends). Sometimes the prettiest and most expensive women can be seen driving through the town in carriages rented by their madams, flaunting themselves and even leaving calling cards at the homes of potential clients. But for the most part, the whores don't venture north of H Street. Messenger boys on bicycles bring them items they've ordered from the stores, as well as liquor and even food on trays from nearby restaurants.

Besides the trade in sex, the Stingaree today offers men a dizzying choice of smoke-filled gambling rooms and rat-infested opium dens, cheap flophouses, and raucous bars with names like the Old Tub of Blood. Customers don't worry about the police intruding. There's no law against smoking opium or listening to a floozy mangle a tune while you get drunk. Laws do prohibit houses of prostitution, bookmaking, dice, lotteries, and the like, but the authorities look the other way.

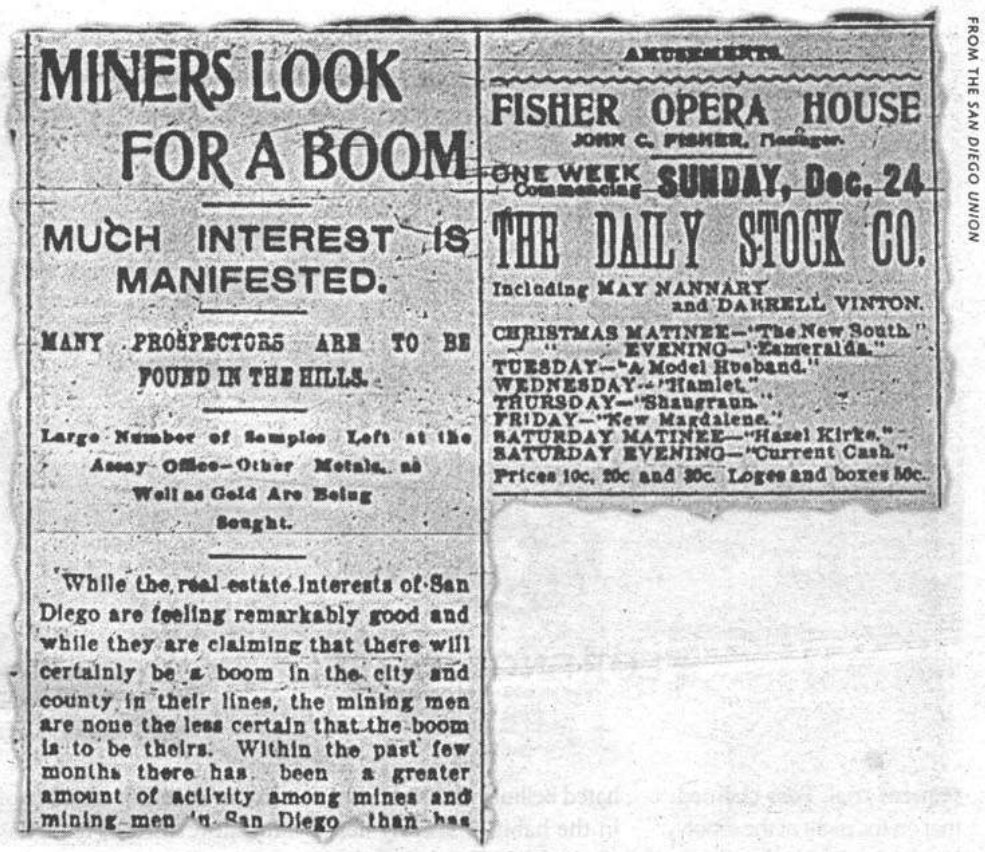
For one thing, the police think it's better to confine the town's commercial vice to a small area, rather than allowing it to diffuse through the general population, where it would be harder to oversee. For another, the department is shorthanded. Almost as soon as it was founded (ten years ago), its leaders began protesting that they needed more men. Today the force consists of 14 fellows, including the new chief (a former sheriff who also helped to found the *San Diego Union* 30 years ago). They all wear blue wool uniforms, dark pith helmets, and mustaches. From a block away, you can see the shiny gold buttons that hold their jackets closed and the seven-pointed silver stars pinned to their chests.

The little department is responsible for enforcing the law within both old and new San Diego. They ride the streetcars, working round-the-clock shifts. Some of the work is trivial. Roughly a third of the children in town ignore the compulsory education law and don't attend school. Some get into trouble, drinking or finding mischief, like the 14-year-old who fell down the elevator shaft at the Hotel del Coronado this week. According to the *Union*, he and the Japanese elevator boy were joking around when the young passenger realized he had passed his landing. He then grabbed the cable, swung open the door, and announced that he would jump, whereupon he fell to the bottom of the shaft. He was, "wonderful to say, not even unconscious…though severely shaken and stunned." He is expected to recover after a few days of soreness.

The local police also keep an eye on hoboes, though to tell you the truth, people think the authorities aren't doing this enough. The current grand jury is even talking about establishing a chain gang for vagrants. The hoboes seem to invade the residential portions of the city in relays, pestering people for food and sometimes pilfering from empty houses. Downtown they hold up pedestrians with appeals for aid that are often neither needed nor deserved.

Such behavior contrasts sharply with that of the average citizen. Many San Diego residents are so honest that if they find something, they advertise in one of the newspapers to try to reunite the object with its rightful owner. "Found — An opera glass handle on First st. near Ash," read one such notice this week. "Found — Man's watch," announced another.

At the same time, the murder rate is high, and brutal assaults do occur. Chinese secret societies that run many of the opium, gambling, and prostitution-slavery rackets account for some of the violence. Last July, for example, two tongs reconfigured their territories within the Stingaree. As a result, one of the two ordered a cook named Quon Long Yung to quit his job at the Mercantile Restaurant, to be replaced



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by a member of the other tong. Although Quon got another job as a servant, he resented his replacement at the restaurant enough to attack him one day with an iron bar and brass knuckles on Third Street. The man almost died, and Quon was tried for assault with a deadly weapon. (Since his tong controlled the court interpreter, a second interpreter had to be hired to verify the translation.) Convicted, Quon was sentenced to 60 days of jail time, including the time he spent confined before the trial.

White men, rather than Chinese, Negro, or Indian ones, commit the majority of the murders. They kill out of jealousy or injured honor. Not long ago, for instance, Albert J. Foss shot and killed Manuel Bellina, the Mexican-American rancher who held the mortgage on Foss's mother's 80-acre ranch up in San Luis Rey. At the subsequent trial, Foss claimed that on the night of the shooting, he heard his dogs bark and called out a challenge before concluding that an intruder had come to molest his mother. Mrs. Foss scoffed at this, asserting that her son hated Bellina, who had been in the habit of visiting her every night. Nonetheless, the all-Anglo jury acquitted the son.

The city's 1899–1900 business directory lists five separate weapons dealers (more than the number of furniture stores). Handguns cost as little as $2. A top-grade shotgun can be had for $18. Men grab their weapons and kill for amusement or out of pique. Last spring a Russian sailor walked into Daniel Cavanaugh's bar in the Stingaree, had a drink, and complained that he'd been shortchanged. Before the bar owner could react, the sailor shot him through the head. (The sailor has since been sent to San Quentin for life.)



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Fire, Water, and Earth

Although the police may ignore the Stingaree's vice traffic, they do respond to violent outbursts there. So does the fire department. San Diego firemen have battled 38 conflagrations this year, many of them within the red-light district, where oil heaters frequently explode, igniting the close-set wooden buildings.

The city now employs ten full-time firefighters and one chief engineer who oversees a network of alarm boxes that extends all the way out to 29th Street. The boxes consist of two components, a small iron enclosure and a larger compartment. To call in an alarm, you have to break the glass door of the smaller box and take out the key inside. You use it to open the door of the large box. There's a hook on the inside that you pull down as far as possible and then release. If you put your ear to the box, you can hear the machinery working.

Sometimes newcomers to the city notice how dry the land is and wonder if there's water enough to put out a fire (let alone meet the needs of a growing populace). In this regard, things look bright. It's true you can't live off the rainfall. Barely six inches have fallen this past year. That's below average, but San Diego almost never gets a lot of rain. Folks have put their minds and muscles to the task of conserving every drop that does fall. In the 1870s, the San Diego Water Company began drawing water from both the San Diego River and artesian wells

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and piping it to the city's first water hydrants (on Fifth) and to a reservoir on the corner of Fifth and Hawthorne. Lots of folks also had private wells driven by windmills, and some made a business of selling what they pumped by the bucket (five cents) or barrel (a quarter).

As the city's population increased in the 1880s, however, water supplies that once had seemed limitless began to appear inadequate. On the heels of this realization has come a period of dam construction that has to rank among the most ambitious anywhere on earth. The first milestones were the completion of the Sweetwater and Cuyamaca reservoirs. The dam built to create the former is 90 feet tall — the highest in the nation when it was completed. It supplies the water for National City and the new development known as Chula Vista. When the flow began in April of 1888, more than 3000 people rejoiced at a Water Festival. But that celebration paled in comparison with the events that marked the first delivery from the Cuyamaca Reservoir. To transport that water westward, the developers built a 35-mile-long flume. Almost nine million feet of lumber went into the making of it. Six feet wide and 16 inches deep, this structure runs over the mountains and through five tunnels, the longest one 1850 feet. To support it over the low points, 315 trestles were constructed. For the opening day, assorted dignitaries were transported out to the mountains, where they climbed into glass-bottomed boats and raced for several miles down the water-filled chute. Downtown, thousands of people assembled to watch a parade and wait for the jet spray that announced the arrival of the water.

Admiration for the Cuyamaca water has cooled quite a bit since then. The recent drought all but emptied the reservoir, and even when the water has flowed, people complain that it often tastes slimy. Nonetheless, dam-building in other parts of the backcountry has given everyone high expectations for the future. Three massive structures have reached completion in the past four years: one in Escondido's Bear Valley, one in La Mesa, and a third in Lower Otay, 18 miles southeast of San Diego. The Lower Otay Dam stands 130 feet tall and is almost 400 feet thick. The engineers say that even the strongest earthquake couldn't threaten it.

Furthermore, the Southern California Mountain Water Company (owned by Elisha Babcock, who built the majestic Hotel del Coronado, and John D. Spreckels, one of the San Francisco sugar barons) has begun building two more awe-inspiring structures — the Barrett Dam, 35 miles east of the city just below the junction of Pine and Cottonwood creeks, and Morena Dam, eight miles beyond Barrett. When water from these begins flowing through the pipelines, county residents will enjoy dominion over the drainage of more than 550 square miles. According to the promoters, that's enough to irrigate 100,000 acres of land, in addition to supplying the needs of all the city and town dwellers. And if ever it proves insufficient, still more dams could be built to tap the runoff of twice the area currently being exploited.

> Just this week, the *San Diego Union* reported that a "mechanical sign with changeable lights, so much in vogue in NY and Chicago" has been erected.

Even now, the landscape is being transformed. Before the development of the New Town, it was "brown and barren, not a tree or green thing to be seen. A most desolate-looking landscape," as one newcomer later recalled. Winter rains coaxed some wildflowers out of hiding every spring, but beyond that the rainfall supported only tough scrubby brush. With the arrival of reliable water supplies, however, the townsfolk began to experiment, and they learned that all manner of tropical plants — bougainvillea, poinsettia, oleander, hibiscus, citrus, and more — flourish in the sun-drenched climate.

In 1885, the town also acquired a rich horticultural resource in the form of a 26-year-old woman named Kate Sessions. A native of San Francisco, Miss Sessions first came to San Diego to work as a schoolteacher, but the botanical experiments unfolding all around her caught her eye and captured her imagination. In 1885 some local Poway fruit growers invited her to become their partner in running San Diego's only nursery (then being offered for sale by its founder). She agreed.

Since then, Miss Sessions has approached her enterprise with extraordinary energy and ingenuity. She's sent back East for plants such as the South Carolina yellow jasmine and has grown it and other specimens with remarkable success. She's made it her mission to scout beyond this continent for intriguing flora and has imported everything from Australian eucalyptus trees to Spanish cork oaks to blue agapanthus from South Africa.

Eight years ago, the city council gave her permission to use 30 acres on the southwest corner of Sixth and Upas streets "for the purpose of establishing and developing an experimental nursery and garden" there. The property lies within a huge (1400-acre) parcel of land that was reserved back in 1870 for a "City Park." At the time, any Easterner would have snickered at the sight of the acreage. Scarcely enough grew on it to support the colonies of wild rabbits. Not until 1889 were the first trees planted (near Sixth and Laurel streets) by the Ladies' Annex of the Chamber of Commerce. The following year, a large grove of eucalyptus saplings also was established in the northeast corner of the park. But vast areas remained a dusty wasteland when Miss Sessions moved there.

Since then, amazing changes have started taking shape. Near her office, flower fields now extend down into the canyon. As part of her agreement with the city, Miss Sessions promised to plant and care for 100 "choice and varied sorts of trees" within the park every year, and she pledged to give an additional 300 trees "in crocks or boxes to be used by the city in park, street, plaza or school ground planting." She has filled and exceeded those promises so amply there's talk the city will soon begin giving trees away to residents and developers willing to install them along the streets.

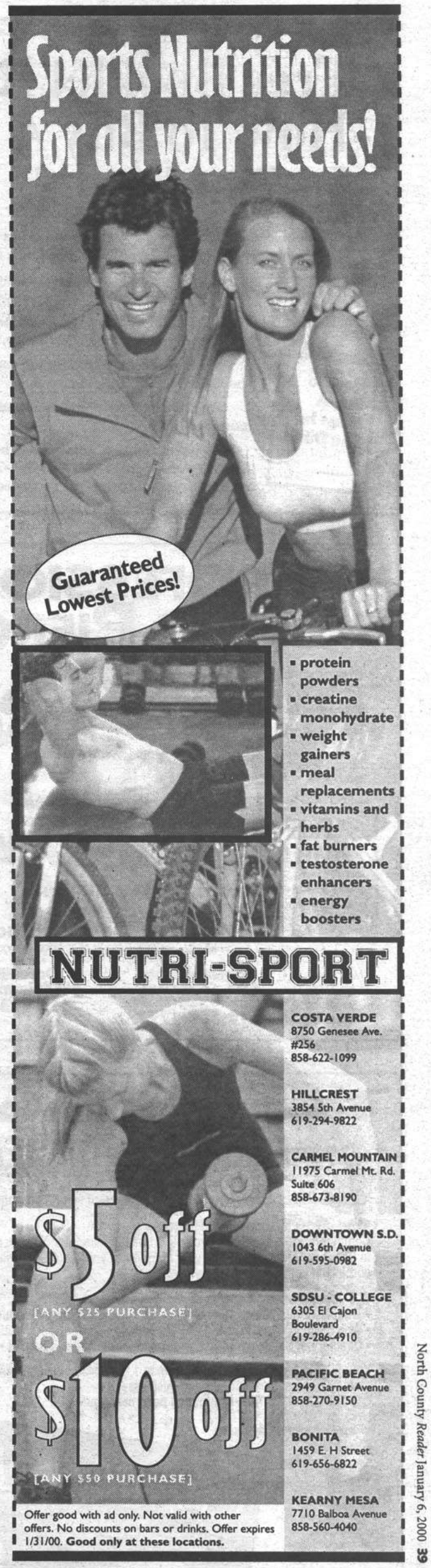
Should this transpire, there's sure to be a big demand for them. People here have a passion for growing things, and the climate makes it easy to do. The town now counts five other florists in addition to Miss Sessions. Still few weddings take place without some contributions from her fields, and few married couples build a house without consulting her about the landscaping.

Getting Around

You might wonder how she — and other San Diegans — make their way around the county. They have many options.

The city's earliest public transit took the form of horse-drawn buses that differed little from the stagecoaches that brought early settlers here. The San Diego Street Car Company offered the first major improvement over this. Founded more than 13 years ago, it ran small wooden cars over lightweight rails. Two horses pulled each streetcar and its load of up to 22 customers. Riders sat on fixed wooden benches and took in the views of the town through red-and-white curtains. Initial service ran along Fifth Street from the bay up to Fir Street; eventually the line reached as far east as Thirty-First Street and National Avenue.

The horses soon had competition from the electric company. The first electric street railway in the western United States began here on November 19, 1887, running cars from downtown to the Old Town along Arctic Street (to be known one day as Kettner). In 1890, San Diego residents also began to travel over cable cars. From a turntable at Sixth and L streets, the eye-catching maroon-and-white cars whizzed up Sixth to C Street, then traveled west on C to Fourth, then headed north to Spruce, where the powerhouse and a second turntable had been built. Late in 1892, the line was extended to the intersection of Park and Adams Avenues, near the site of a recreation park



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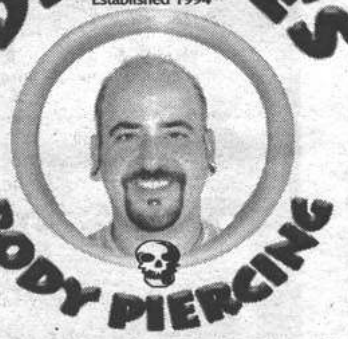

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called Mission Cliffs Gardens.

The park, which was built by the cable-car company, is still open, but you can't reach it by cable car anymore. When the California National Bank failed, the cable-car company went bankrupt, and its final day of service was on October 15, 1892. Parkgoers had to take a combination of electric and horse-drawn streetcars after that. The same year the cable cars stopped running, Mr. Spreckels bought the city's streetcar system and began electrifying all the cars, completing the transformation a few years ago. Today, San Diego boasts about 15 miles of electric railway.

People also move around the county on an extensive network of steam-powered interurban railroad lines. The San Diego, Pacific Beach, and La Jolla Railway, for example, makes the round-trip passage between downtown and La Jolla three times daily; if all goes well, the journey takes between 45 minutes and an hour (half the time it takes to make the trip by horse and buggy). Separate railways run to Tia Juana (via National City and Chula Vista), out beyond Lakeside (via La Mesa and El Cajon), and to Coronado (via the Silver Strand). You can get to Coronado on a ferry that has operated for more than a dozen years. Point Loma Land and Town Company steamers also provide regular service from downtown San Diego to Roseville, La Playa, and Ballast Point.

Of course muscles — human and equine — still provide motive power. People walk to many destinations or ride bicycles, which are sold, new and old, by a dozen downtown shops. Although the horse-drawn streetcars may be gone, folks still rely on horses, too, as transportation. In the city directory, you'll find a dozen blacksmiths, three carriage dealers, three carriage manufacturers, nine harness shops, three hack and transfer companies, and 16 livery stables. Distinguished horsemanship is commonplace. Just the other day, for instance, two sailors from the visiting battleship *Iowa* who were riding near India and H streets made a clever capture of a runaway animal. The horse, a large bay, was in imminent danger of smashing up the buggy attached to it, but the sailors managed to halt the panicked animal and prevent any damage.

Riders often aren't that fortunate. Consider what happened to John J. Gay a few years ago. Mr. Gay had secured a rig from the Diamond Carriage Company and finished his business quite late in the evening. He drove by the Diamond stables and hired a driver to bring the horses and buggy back to the stables after he reached his home on upper Fifth Street. The horse and the two men were trotting along briskly when the animal struck a pile of lumber left in the street by construction workers. The resulting spill damaged the buggy, injured the horse and driver, and broke Mr. Gay's arm.

The carriage company sued Mr. Gay, and Mr. Gay sued the owner of the building under construction. Only this week did the lawsuits reach a settlement "satisfactory to all parties concerned." Many accidents have an even grimmer end. In January, Mrs. J.P. Christensen, the 54-year-old wife of the well-known cement contractor, was out driving in her buggy with her son when a bicycle spooked her animal. While trying to bring it under control, Mrs. Christensen stood up and was thrown out and smashed her head on the ground. She died shortly afterward in her home; such stories are common.

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News Sources

Despite its remote location, San Diego today has better access to developments in the outside world than one might expect. That hasn't always been the case. Before the founding of the New Town, news made its way here only via word of mouth or in U.S. Mail sacks borne by ships and local express companies.

In 1870, however, the Western Union Company announced that it would bring in a telegraph line if the citizens of the town would guarantee the company $8000 in business within three years. Although 23 firms and individuals agreed to pay for subscriptions, their pledges didn't add up to the requisite amount until Alonzo Horton stepped in. Father Horton is now an old and impoverished gentleman (though his mind remains sharp and his health and spirits good). Back in 1870, however, he was San Diego's undisputed business leader, having bought all of New Town (in 1867) and then resold it (at a huge profit) to the folks whom he persuaded to move there from the Old Town and other parts. Horton pledged $5000 to Western Union (in return for receiving a cut of the San Diego telegraph business for three years). The telegraph poles went up, and the first message was wired from San Diego at 10:45 a.m. on August 20, 1870. Composed by Horton, it read, "San Diego sends greetings to San Francisco. Our telegraph is completed today, and we rejoice to be in direct contact with the rest of the world...."

The Western Union's office is located at 1416 F Street, and you can send wires at many other locations. The *San Diego Union* also gets reports from the Associated Press on its own special telegraph line. Mr. Spreckels (who still lives in San Francisco, despite his investments in San Diego) bought the *Union* nine years ago, and today he comes in for some sharp criticism as well as lively competition from three other dailies: the evening *Sun* and *Tribune* and the *Vidette* (a morning paper like the *Union*).

The daily newspapers all have telephones, of course. The first public demonstration of that remarkable invention was given here in late 1877, and the San Diego Telephone Company began operating four and a half years later, with 31 initial subscribers. Today, 1200 people subscribe, and there are three exchanges, "Black," "Red," and "Main" (e.g., the number of Levi's Hack & Transfer is 171 Black; Moore's parcel delivery business is

Red 1592). To place a call, you take the receiver off its hook and through the speaker tell the operator whom you want to reach. Fisher, Ward, and Pomeroy include some of the numbers in their 1899–1900 *San Diego City and County Directory.*

Accommodations

It's worth picking up a copy of that directory if, like so many Americans, you think a boardinghouse might suit you. Amongst the business listings, the current edition includes almost 100 San Diego lodging establishments, and their prices are reasonable. You can get a furnished room in a central location for 25 to 50 cents a day — less if you're staying for longer. The Prescott House charges between $1 and $1.50 per week for its "elegantly furnished rooms," and that's typical for San Diego. Besides the big commercial institutions, many families take in boarders to earn extra income.

Some boardinghouses provide at least one big meal a day. Some lodgers do their own cooking. But San Diego restaurants also provide economical chow. You can expect to pay 5 cents for a bowl of soup, a cup of coffee, or a pie. Chops or a plain steak (with potatoes, bread, and butter) usually cost a dime, and a tenderloin steak will set you back 15 cents. Five or six dollars will buy a single man all his meals for a week.

As for families, consider the experience recounted in *The Golden Era,* the well-known literary magazine published here between 1887 and 1895 (when it folded). An article about "Cheap Living in Southern California" written by Harr Wagner, the editor and publisher, makes the case that life in San Diego is no more expensive than that back East. Wagner offers "the record of a family of five" as a case in point. The family consisted of a husband and wife and three children aged 6, 8, and 12. When they moved here, they rented a four-room house in a respectable neighborhood for $15 per month (water cost an additional $2.25). They sold their furniture in the East for $200 and used the money to furnish the house with "everything that was absolutely necessary" — nice ingrain carpet (for 60 cents a yard), a stove ($12.90), an "antique, imitation oak bed room set" ($24), a bed lounge ($15), "and other things in proportion," Wagner tells us. The father found a job as a track hand on the railroad for $2 per day, 26 days a month. (Jobs requiring more skill or education of course pay more. San Diego teachers, for example, earn $72.50 a month for ten months of the year. The county hospital superintendent makes $100 a month.)

Wagner continues that at the end of a month, after paying for water, groceries, meat, vegetables, coal, clothing, incidentals, and rent, the family had $5 left over. The father invested this in a building association and with $200 that he had saved in the East, he purchased a cheap residential lot. "The climate was so perfect and his health so good that at the end of three months he secured a loan of $600 on his building shares and erected a nice four-room cottage and now saves his rent each month, less the sum of $8, which he pays to the association. His lot is constantly increasing in value; his children are growing up around him; his wife is happy and contented, while he goes to his daily toil satisfied that $2 per day in Southern California is better than $1.50 [the man's old salary back East] in the land of cheap living."

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As for buying property within the central city, an acre of land is averaging $200 to $300 these days. Prices for homes have climbed a bit from their low ten years ago (right after the crash), when the average price fell to just $1330. Now you're more apt to have to pay between $2000 and $2500, though it's hard to generalize, there's such a range. During the Boom, remarkable mansions were built that have since gone on the market. One is the Villa Montezuma, created for Jesse Shepard, the world-famous concert pianist. In 1887, two wealthy ranchers named John and William High wanted to bring more culture to this area so they offered to build Shepard the house of his dreams if he would leave Europe and move to San Diego. Shepard's dream home wound up costing them $26,000 to build and furnish, and anyone who sees the place can understand why the expense was so exorbitant. A three-story, 6000-square-foot Queen Anne, it's topped with a fantastic array of chimneys, towers, and weather vanes that hint at the presence of a flamboyant spirit within. Shepard believed that art demanded originality, so no fireplace, no window, no door handle appears in more than one location in the mansion. He commissioned the John Mallon Company of San Francisco to make stained glass windows that will take the breath away from visitors 100 years from now, so rich and vibrant are their colors. Despite the villa's glories, however, Shepard was struggling to launch a literary career, and in 1889 he moved back to Europe to do that. Since then the Villa has changed hands several times. A doctor just bought it for only $10,000.

More modest real-estate "snaps" can be found for a fraction of that amount. One broker this week is advertising a three-room cottage in Golden Hill (a fashionable neighborhood just east of the downtown area) on a 50- by 100-foot lot with "fruit enough to keep a small family" for just $650. Another is offering a five-room cottage on Orange Avenue near the Hotel del Coronado for $1500.

A few local homeowners have begun to equip their homes with hot water heaters plumbed to various appliances. E.W. Scripps, the newspaper magnate, for example, has installed Turkish showers and baths at his 400-acre Miramar Ranch. But the majority of San Diego residents clean themselves the way most Americans do. They keep a wash bowl and a pitcher in their bedchamber, and they sponge themselves off over a strip of oilcloth. Some families also have a tin or wooden tub they can set up in the kitchen, but for a thorough soaking, they turn to more than a half-dozen local bathhouses. The best of these offer a fantastic array of fixtures for cleaning and diversion. Patrons at Los Banõs, which opened just two years ago at the foot of D Street, can change their clothes in 135 dressing rooms, then choose between 25 porcelain tubs, various showers, one cement tub, and a Russian-style steam bath. They can also frolic in a 95- by 55-foot saltwater pool equipped with a slide, trapeze, springboards, and rings. A balcony built around the pool accommodates spectators, and the building also contains two bowling alleys, as well as a laundry with an electric centrifugal wringer and a steam drying room with a capacity for drying 500 suits an hour.

Residential kitchens in this town vary widely, depending on the grandness of the dwelling. Most middle- and upper-class homes have an icebox, and two companies in San Diego deliver ice. Union Ice imports its frozen product, advertised as "far superior to chemical ice," all the way from Lake Tahoe.

Although the local mountains do grow wintry in appearance every year, the snowless winters and balmy weather in San Diego can lead outsiders to assume that folks here don't need to heat their dwellings. The truth is that a damp chill can invade your bones at certain times of the year. On winter nights, the temperature can drop to the 40s, so San Diego merchants sell all manner of heating appliances. Walter Williams, for example, this week is advertising stoves "for the kitchen, parlor, bedroom, store, shops, church, hall, lodge room, or any place that a stove is burning any kind of fuel, as coal, wood, oil, gas, straw, paper, trash or any other old thing." Sam Ingle is touting a new oil heater called "The Erie," which he says is absolutely

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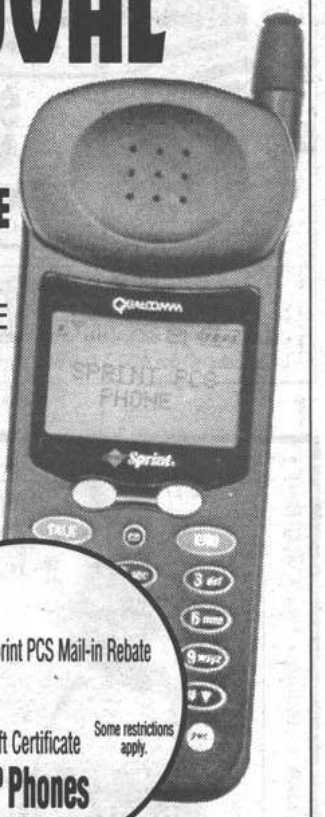

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smokeless and odorless. But he'll also be happy to sell you the latest wood heater ("The Boss").

People use coal stoves too, despite the dirt and work that they generate. (The School of Housekeeping in Boston this past year did a study of this subject and came up with some interesting conclusions. The researchers found that if you run a modern coal stove for six days, during that time you will spend at least 20 minutes sifting ashes, 24 minutes preparing the fires, 1 hour and 48 minutes tending the fires, 30 minutes emptying ashes, 15 minutes bringing in the coal, and 2 hours and 9 minutes blacking the stove to keep it from rusting. They didn't consider the additional time required during spring and fall cleanings to remove the coal dust.)

Many sources of dust torment the housewives of San Diego; most women spend hours every week struggling to banish the grit and other dirt tracked in to their domains. The new hand-pushed carpet sweepers such as those made by the Bissell Company have started to ease this job a bit, and a couple of local businesses are now steam-cleaning carpets. The advances, however, have hardly been sufficient to liberate most women, who also shoulder the responsibility for cooking and baking and garbage disposal and laundry (unless they hire it out) and window washing and airing out the feather beds and gardening and on and on — the list of quotidian chores can seem endless. On top of the housework, the act of procuring goods seems to consume more time than ever.

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Shopping

Paradoxically, it's never been easier to buy things. People have more money, and the quantity of goods for sale seems to have exploded — not to mention the variety of ways in which they can be bought. This is true all over America, and San Diego's no exception.

It's hard to think of any item you can't get here. You can buy an Angelus player piano from George Birkel (on Fourth Street), who boasts that he'll sell any piano made for as low a price as that offered by any other piano dealer in the country. You can secure insurance from almost two dozen local agents. You can find racy, rubber-tired go-carts (five dollars apiece at Chadbourne's furniture store), and gas lamps for your bicycle or carriage from Nolan and Tibbals (the cycle mechanics), who point out in their advertisement that "Besides the satisfaction of knowing where you are, [a gas lamp] may save you an accident and broken bones."

If you need teeth, Dr. Simms will make you a set for $7. In the next block, Boyd's China Store is selling champagne and wine glasses for anywhere from 40 cents to $24.50 per dozen. A little farther down the street, Chong Hoy's curio shop is stuffed with Japanese vases, ivory jewel cases, silk handkerchiefs, sandalwood fans, Chinese dolls, Mexican hand-carved leather goods, and more. Here and elsewhere, you'll also find firecrackers, black powder, roman candles, and other pyrotechnical supplies for the New Year's Eve festivities. Should you manage to think of something that seems to be missing from the shelves of local merchants, you can count on procuring it from one of the mail-order catalogs. Sears Roebuck's "Big Book" now weighs four pounds.

Most folks buy their groceries closer to home, of course. As yet, none of the big national food stores such as A&P or Kroger's has opened an outlet in San Diego, a fact that some think is a blessing. Instead, around 75 independent grocers do business here. A few require cash, but most extend the usual credit. Many have stocked up on delicacies for the holidays. Hamilton's (at 933 Fifth) is advertising finnan haddies this week, as well as Jordan almonds, junket tablets, French peas, tinned clam juice, and Bent's water crackers. Forbes & Schultz has laid in some oak leaf butter. Vincent & Sellors is advertising Eastern sweet pickles (25 cents a quart), snowflake oysters (two cans for a quarter), and prepared pumpkin (10 cents a package).

Prices of staples are far more reasonable, of course. Four pounds of top-grade rice can be had for 25 cents, and sugar runs about a nickel a pound. You can buy a dozen roasting chickens for $3.50 to $4, and a three-pound can of peaches, pears, gooseberries, apples, apricots, blackberries, or plums will cost you 15 cents.

As for fresh produce, Chinese peddlers sell a lot of it. That wasn't the case just ten years ago. Then the Chinese dominated San Diego's fishing industry, supplying most of the fresh fish (mainly barracuda, mullet, sheepshead, and abalone) and also drying much of what they caught on large racks next to the bay and exporting it. Too many white people resented them, however, so laws were passed that drove the Orientals from the water. Since then, dozens of them have started growing carrots, beets, turnips, spinach, peas, beans, parsley, lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower, tomatoes, corn, radishes, cucumbers, pepper, and other crops. They load the day's harvest into buckets suspended from yokes fitted over their shoulders and neck. Walking from door to door, they also sell housewives ten-cent tickets for the daily lotteries held in the Stingaree. (You pick ten characters, and if seven out of the ten are right, you win $18. For eight out of ten, the prize is $80, and if you select all ten, there's a $2000 jackpot.)

More than 100 local Chinese also work in laundries, and some run stores and restaurants. A couple are tailors, but white people overwhelmingly dominate San Diego's clothing business. A dozen and a half ladies have a listing under "Dressmakers" in the city directory, and almost that many are hatmakers. More than 30 independent shoemakers have a listing.

Nowadays more and more folks buy their clothing and footwear ready-made. Most items fit well enough, and the prices can be irresistible. This week, for instance, Lesinsky's is offering men's suits for only $7.95 apiece. Marston's is advertising new women's silk skirts ("very handsome...cut in the latest shape and trimmed with accordion pleating or pinked ruffles") in deep blue, cerise, purple, and changeable green for $10 to $14.

Marston's falls into a category all its own. It's to San Diego what Wanamaker's is to Philadelphia or Marshal Field's to Chicago — the grandest and most successful department store in town

(in fact, the only one here). It came into being as a humble dry goods store at Fifth and F but has enjoyed steady growth since then. Three years ago, the Marston family erected a four-story, steel-framed building (the city's first) on the corner of Fifth and C, a site so far uptown that it defied common business sense. But customers have jammed through the doors and exclaimed at what they've seen from the opening day onward. Daylight streams through a glass dome that sits atop the central light well. At night, a circle of incandescent lights around the dome casts a brilliant glow on the ecru walls and white Orford cedar trim. Displays of merchandise catch the eye, and the store's modern system for transporting cash adds a futuristic flourish to the scene. The little cash boxes dart on cables from every part of the building to the cashier's desk and back to their starting points. A second-floor reception room furnished with thick carpeting, mirrors, pictures, a mantel, and inviting chairs provides a place for ladies to rest and chat. Today, no one calls the store "Marston's Folly" anymore. If you visit no other commercial emporium in town, you must see this one.

The Local Economy

A number of industries generate the dollars to support San Diego's growing consumer activity. Farming is the biggest. As noted earlier, an astonishing variety of plants grow here, and many have proven profitable for those who raise them. Lemons and oranges constitute the two biggest export crops at the moment. In fact, San Diego now produces more lemons than any other county in the United States. Over 400,000 trees, including Eurekas, Villa Francas, and Lisbons, have been planted on as many as 10,000 acres throughout the county. These produced 469 steamer and rail-car loads of lemons during this past year. An additional 350 carloads of Valencia and navel oranges also traveled from San Diego to consumers nationwide.

Raisin grapes have become another important crop, and hay, alfalfa, oats, barley, wheat, and corn fields yield well here. San Diego County nurserymen have begun cultivating apples, limes, olives, guavas, grapefruit, loquats, peaches, pears, apricots, nectarines, prunes, plums, figs, quinces, pomegranates, persimmons, pecans, almonds, English walnuts, and other grape varieties. Not all the current agricultural experiments are edible. Mr. Kroenert, who's been raising tobacco for the past three years on land at 39th and R streets, raves about the quality of the leaves his plants have produced; he's predicting that San Diego will soon pose a threat to Cuba. Already local cigar makers are producing 5- to 15-cent stogies from them. In the new subdivision of Minneapolis Beach, 35 miles north of San Diego, some former Minnesota residents are equally optimistic about the potential for a local silk industry. They've imported both the worms and the mulberry trees to nurture them. Samples of the threads will be sent to the huge exposition in Paris this coming year.

In the rocky hills of the backcountry, cattle are already providing a good living to any number of ranchers. Around 1886, two stockmen began breeding thoroughbred Herefords to the existing Mexican and Texas varieties. The Herefords proved so impressive that today at least three-quarters of the county's herds have the white faces of the breed. Despite the last two very dry years, the cattle appear to be thriving, with two-year-old steers fetching nearly $40 each. The animals range over a vast area including Smith Mountain, Warner Ranch, Mesa Grande, and Ballena in the north. On the coast, Santa Margarita ships thousands of head of beef every year. In the southeast, Campo boasts the richest grass valleys in the county.

A very different sort of ranching can be observed on Coronado, three blocks north of the grand hotel. W.H. Bentley has husbanded a large flock of ostriches on some land there, and he invites visitors to enjoy the antics of the comical animal. He sells ostrich eggs and plumes, along with the beautiful creations that can be made with both. No one eats the birds' meat. That can't be said for the sea life teeming in the waters off San Diego. Portuguese and Italians have taken the place of the Chinese fishermen, and they're now not only selling their catch to local markets, but packing fresh fish and lobsters in ice and sending them via Wells Fargo to destinations as far away as Kansas City.

Along with the animal and vegetable riches of San Diego County, people have been exploiting the mineral bounty for almost 30 years. A Negro rancher named Fred Coleman found the first placer gold in the eastern mountains early in 1870, and subsequent strikes kicked off a minor gold rush. By the mid-'70s, millions of dollars of the yellow metal had been extracted from the rocky environs of Julian, though many of the veins proved shallow and difficult to extract. By 1875 mines were closing in quick succession, but a number of gold miners have continued to wrest a living from the rocky mountains, and prospecting in San Diego appears to be enjoying a resurgence. One of the local assayers, Col. Robbins, reports last week receiving more than 30 separate ore samples suspected to contain not only gold but also silver, copper, lead, zinc, manganese, and/or tellurium. These samples came from all over the county as well as from Lower California.

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Apart from the precious metals, rumors of oil fields in the North County are circulating, and the gem mines of the Mesa Grande District have already proven themselves a field of opportunity. Men are digging out gem-quality tourmaline, along with beryl, garnets, pale rose kunzite, topaz, and fine transparent crystals. The reigning Chinese empress in particular is said to have a ravenous appetite for tourmaline, and shipments from the port of San Diego to her palaces have begun.

So many other marvels have passed through the port the past 12 months they've prompted the customs collector, W.W. Bowers, to declare the dawn of a new era. He's saying that the 21st of January, 1899, will enjoy a permanent place in future history books. On that day, the steamship *Belgian King* entered the harbor laden with cargo from China and Japan. The arrival of the boat, which was operated by the California and Oriental Steamship Company, marked the opening of a new commercial route that has since brought nine other large steamships here from the Orient. That traffic, moreover, represents only a small part of the port's total activity. Some 108 sailing vessels and 218 steamers have entered San Diego's harbor during the past 12 months. This week ships are due from Hamburg, London, Hong Kong, and other parts.

Mr. Bowers says that in this past November alone, imports, exports, and duties recorded at the customhouse totaled $618,523, compared to $444,000 for all 12 months of 1895. For the past 11 months, he says, long trains of railroad cars bearing many of the imports have been rolling out of San Diego bound for New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Detroit, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Boston, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. "I am fully aware," Mr. Bowers noted in a recent report, "that the mere fact of being located upon a commercial thoroughfare along which passes an untold amount of traffic signifies little or nothing to any place, no more than it does to the farmer who lives between stations. Whether one or fifty trains pass by his farm each day he is neither the richer or poorer for it. But it is of immense importance to that point upon the route where all trains stop and all ships come to anchor, and all the traffic that passes either way, all freight and all passengers, must be transferred from ship to car, or car to ship. Such places become points of distribution, and at such places cities grow, always; there are no exceptions. At such a point is San Diego situated."

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increased activity in the bay has been the United States government. Two years ago, when the war with Spain began, the Navy ordered the U.S.S. *Pinta* to use San Diego as a permanent base. The warship, a 550-ton gunboat armed with a Gatling gun and two cannon, still makes her home here and other Navy vessels often join her. The *Marblehead* and the *Philadelphia*, both cruisers, are in port, and the battleship *Iowa* has been anchored outside the harbor this week. As a result, more sailors have been swarming the streets of the city than have been seen in many months.

There's reason to believe still more will join them in the future. For the past two years, the U.S. Army has been fortifying the harbor entrance. When completed, the $1.5 million defenses should make San Diego Bay as secure from attack as any port in the world. Six ten-inch rifled cannons are being installed in concrete emplacements that will cover the main channel entrance. Sixteen additional 12-inch mortars will sit atop Point Loma, while two swivel-station rifles will help guard the extreme tip of the beach. Plans also call for placing 16 more 12-inch mortars on a 50-acre site south of the Hotel del Coronado. A torpedo casement on Ballast Point and a system of remote-controlled mines will further augment the defenses.

Although the present bloody battles in the Philippines lie a great distance from San Diego, sometimes the presence of war seems much nearer. On Christmas Eve, 27 members of the state militia's B Company staged a practice shoot in Pacific Beach. They fired at life-size silhouette figures made of steel frames covered with cloth and paper. Ten were lying down, ten kneeling, and ten standing. Out of 324 bullets fired by the Company B members, 141 hit their targets.

A comprehensive list of all the ways San Diegans are making a living would be too long for inclusion here. The public schools employ close to 80 teachers, plus there's also a new state teacher's college and several private schools. Undertakers and clerks and bricklayers can be found in San Diego. Barbers trim the men's mustaches, bakers produce the breads and pastries, and more than 70 members of the bar represent the disputatious. Two industries, however, merit a bit more extended discussion.

Tourism

Before the arrival of the California Southern 16 years ago, travel to San Diego was an ordeal. The trains changed that; the journey itself became a source of pleasure, an adventure. Middle-class Americans began indulging in holiday travel for the first time ever. Given San Diego's dependably mild climate, local residents needed only to spread the word about the city in order to begin attracting tourists and their dollars.

Many individuals have responded to that challenge. Two early promoters were Elisha Babcock and Hampton L. Story. A prosperous engineer and railroad investor from Indiana, Babcock came to San Diego seeking a cure for his tuberculosis. Once here, he and Story, a Chicago piano manufacturer, rowed across the bay one day and discovered that the sandy peninsula facing the New Town was teeming with jackrabbit, cottontail, and quail. While hunting there in the summer of 1885, Babcock had a vision: A grand resort hotel could take shape on the site, one the equal of anything being constructed in England or on the eastern seaboard.

> Three years ago, the Marston family erected a four-story, steel-framed building (the city's first) on the corner of Fifth and C, a site so far uptown that it defied common business sense.

San Diego at that time already boasted two first-class hostelries. Alonzo Horton had opened the first one with great fanfare in 1870. Situated in the center of the New Town, it faced a half-block park that Horton had dedicated to the enjoyment of the townspeople, as well as his hotel guests. The two-and-a-half-story, brick Horton House offered occupants such luxuries as electric bells for summoning help from the main desk and spring mattresses stuffed with "the best curled hair." The town's first true resort hotel, the Florence, built in 1884, was set on a knoll at Third and Fir streets (a solid mile from the center of town). Guests who arrived for the opening imagined themselves to be in a Spanish hacienda, one with a central courtyard enclosed within gracious wings and commanding superlative views of the city, bay, and peninsula. Every room featured a black-and-white marble fireplace, and double walls buffered every occupant from his neighbors; dogs, parrots, and similar nuisances were prohibited. Rates were $2.50 to $3 per day, $14 to $20 a week.

Babcock and Story nonetheless dreamed of creating something even grander, and they came up with a scheme for financing it. In December of 1885 they bought the entire peninsula (some 4185 acres) for $110,000, and they immediately began directing teams of mules and men to clear the brush and level the ground. They also formed a financial syndicate, the Coronado Beach Company, and they launched a national promotional campaign. As a result, a number of Eastern newspapers began reporting daily San Diego temperatures. Rand-McNally published a pamphlet extolling the benefits of life in Coronado. Interested investors were urged to come and buy land next to where the soon-to-be-world-famous hotel would arise.

The first auction of the lots took place on November 13 and 14, 1886. Roughly half the population of San Diego (some 6000 people) showed up for it, and hundreds put down money. This and subsequent sales earned the syndicate almost $2.2 million, and groundbreaking for the hotel took place

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just 59 days after the first land sale. Over the next 12 months, the building site exploded with frantic activity; at times the work went on around the clock. Unskilled Chinese workers toiled beside master carpenters and other craftsmen recruited from San Francisco and Oakland. Furniture began arriving in November of 1887, followed the next month by expert cooks, waiters, doormen, housekeepers, and other personnel imported from big cities back East. On February 1, 1888, less than 13 months after the first shovel was driven into the earth, sojourners began arriving.

The massive structure that greeted those guests had cost well over a million dollars to construct and equip. It offered every convenience: electric lighting, modern bathrooms with flush toilets (73 for the 399 bedrooms), telephones and even a telegraph office, safes built into the wall of every room. The building's pièce de résistance was the gigantic pillar-free dining room, topped with a sugar pine ceiling that had been hand-fitted without a single nail.

Over the years since then, the Hotel del Coronado has continued to add improvement after improvement. Hot and cold saltwater swimming pools have been built, and a steam-heating plant was installed two years ago. Mr. Babcock and Mr. Story have sold their interest in the hotel to Mr. Spreckels, but Mr. Babcock just acquired the ownership of the Brewster, another of San Diego's finest hotels.

Built at the corner of Fourth and C in the same year that the Hotel del Coronado opened, the Brewster boasts the most lavish bridal chambers in the state, as well as fire escapes, incandescent lighting, and steam heat in the halls. Yet another top-notch downtown hotel is the eye-catching St. James; tin plates nailed to the exterior of its top three stories make them glitter like a ballroom globe. Even the venerable Horton House has added enticements over the years. A stuffed golden eagle (shot in Linda Vista a few years ago) has been mounted in the lobby, and two diamonds have been embedded in its entryway—a curiosity and an emblem of the luxury within. Meanwhile, Ulysses S. Grant Jr.

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two months ago purchased the Florence Hotel, whose service and accommodations continue to enjoy a lustrous reputation.

The first-class hotels compete aggressively for both short- and long-term guests. At both the train and steamship depots, you'll see runners touting the virtues of their employers to the new arrivals. Not for only the tourists, but also for San Diego's residents, the local first-class hotels serve as the setting for this town's most important social functions. Banquets, gala balls, and holiday programs unfold in them, and local citizens may be found relaxing in their bars, billiard parlors, and reading rooms.

Health and Healers

The health-enhancing benefits of San Diego's climate have drawn both tourists and permanent settlers. Irving Gill, the up-and-coming architect, moved here six years ago for that reason, and among San Diego business leaders who arrived seeking healthier lives for themselves or their families you'd have to count not only Mr. Babcock, but also Mr. Grant, Mr. Scripps, Joseph Jessup (the jeweler), and others.

People talk of local Indians who have lived to extreme old age. They cite mortuary statistics showing that San Diego has the lowest death rate of any city its size in America. "The equability and salubrity of our climate is especially genial to children, to the enervated, and aged people," Dr. D. Gochenauer states in a special report on health published this week in the *San Diego Union*. "Children are rarely heard to cry here, nor are they as peevish, cross, and quarrelsome as are the children who live in less comfortable climates."

Some think the local spring waters possess curative powers (and water has been bottled and sold with that assurance). Others, such as Dr. Peter C. Remondino, believe that the warm, dry air heals tubercular lungs. A native of Italy, Dr. Remondino immigrated as a youth to Minnesota and later served in both the U.S. and French armies. After he contracted malaria, he undertook an exhaustive study of climate and its impact on health. His investigation convinced him to move to San Diego, and today he's an evangelist for medical climatology in general and San Diego in particular. "I have known chests to gain three to four inches in circumference and two to three inches in expansion in the course of eighteen months' residence in the San Diego bay region, and that too, in the cases of persons who were pulmonary invalids on arrival," he has stated.

The paradoxical result of such claims is that the city is full of sick people. "It is doubtful if there can be found elsewhere a population more extensively contaminated with the tendency to pulmonary disease," two physicians were reporting almost 20 years ago in *The Pacific Medical Journal*. In this "hospital of one-lungers," an extensive industry has sprung up to tend to those who are ailing.

More than a dozen druggists do a brisk business throughout the streets of the New Town, and the newspapers are stuffed with notices extolling miraculous pharmaceutical agents. Dr. Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure (available from Strahlmann's pharmacy) "is beyond question the most successful Cough Medicine ever known to science," a typical ad states. "Its wonderful success in the cure of Consumption is without a parallel in the history of medicine." Dr. E.C. West's Nerve and Brain Treatment is said to cure weak memory, dizziness, wakefulness, fits, hysteria, evil dreams, lack of confidence, nervousness, lassitude, youthful errors, or excessive use of tobacco, opium, or liquor, "which leads to misery, consumption, insanity, and death." (Advertisements recommend the "extra strength" version for impotency, loss of power, lost manhood, sterility, or barrenness.) Dr. R.V. Pierce's medicine banishes the pain of childbirth and "has cured more cases of female complaint than all other medicines for women combined."

When intensive care is required, city residents can turn to a half dozen hospitals and sanitariums. Almost 100 physicians live and do business here. Furthermore, San Diego has become a mecca for odder approaches to restoring wellness. Dr. Lady Lenore, for example, who describes herself as a "noted magnetic healer and diagnostician," has just opened parlors "for the treatment of both mind and body" in the Allyn Block on the southwest corner of Fifth and E streets. She claims to be "gifted with the power to heal by the laying on of hands, and...the power to see the cause of the disease." Dr. Low Luke, an "eminent Chinese physician," dispenses curative herbs from his office on F Street. Mrs. R.B. McKlustry, an "electric needle specialist," offers "the only known method of destroying superfluous hair and moles." (She also sells a face bleach.)

Some of the town's mainstream medical practitioners, too, have shown a willingness to experiment. Charlotte Baker, who served as president of the San Diego Medical Society a few years ago, routinely uses hypnosis in her practice to relieve pain. Of course Dr. Charlotte's gender also makes her something of a path breaker. (Two years before she graduated from the University of Michigan's medical school, the 1880 census counted only 2432 women physicians in the entire country.) But Dr. Charlotte and her husband Fred (an eye, ear, nose, and throat specialist) in other ways are typical. After moving here 12 years ago, they set up offices on the corner of Fifth and C streets, living with their young son and daughter and running their medical practices from there for ten years. Two years ago they bought just under an acre of land on Point Loma, across the bay. They've built a two-story house (the first in that area), and now they sail from it to their office in the New Town. On an average day, they each might see five or six patients, but misfortune, contagion, and happenstance can more than double that workload. Dr. Charlotte, for instance, once made 11 house calls, in addition to tending to three patients in her office, in the course of a hectic day.

Amusements and Entertainment

At other times the hours spin out, long and languid. For all its dreams of bustling industry, San Diego still lags behind the hurrying pace of America's great metropolises. People get to know each other here, and the local newspapers help them keep track of each other's doings. If you were reading the papers closely this week, for example, you'd learn that Sam Nickson has gone to Los Angeles to spend the holidays with his parents. You'd find the latest news of Miss Clara Ingle of Coronado (who's been abroad for several months) dispatched in a letter from Egypt, where she was hoping to proceed to Bethlehem. You'd note that the Western Union telegraph office was holding an undelivered telegram for Mrs. H. Head, and you'd probably shake your head and wonder where she was (or perhaps you'd already know). You certainly would refrain from asking Alex Bjornson ("as hundreds have already done") what was the matter with his face. The Hotel del Coronado host broke his nose while making a backward spring off the diving board the other day, and he's feeling a bit embarrassed by the way he looks.

Myriad activities bring folks together to exchange news face-to-face. Worshipping tops the list. At no time of the week will you find greater traffic — pedestrian and horseback — than on Sunday mornings. Almost 40 religious groups run the gamut from the Anglo Israelites to the Unitarians. Some of the congregations have built beautiful specimens of architecture, equipped with all the conveniences necessary for carrying on the numerous departments of modern church work. Other worshippers make do with less. Holy Rollers gather in tents, writhing on the ground and sometimes ripping off their clothes in their ecstasies. Revival services draw enthusiastic crowds; one is taking place this week every night in the American Volunteers armory on Fourth Street.

Many San Diegans also seem attracted to Spiritualism. It's not hard to find a séance being given by a visiting medium or scheduled as a weekly curiosity. James Russell can tell you about one that used to be held at a boardinghouse in Old Town. Marvels such as rapping on the table, voices from the dead, and sand being changed into sugar held participants spellbound, until Russell (who was constable at the time), crawled under the house and discovered one night that the Mexican woman who ran the place was using a little Indian girl to carry out the tricks.

Physical, as well as spiritual, diversions abound. A coterie of fans turns out to watch the local baseball team, which is enjoying some success. The San Diegos just defeated the Los Angeles Athletics at a game held Christmas Eve at Bay View Park. (Some say baseball attendance in Southern California has suffered since the San Bernardino team ended a game by walking off the field in protest of a disputed call. This almost happened here on Christmas Eve, but the San Diego players finally consented to return to the field.)

Football, too, has been gaining adherents. At 3 p.m. on Christmas Day, 1600 spectators paid a quarter each to enter the Bay View Park gates (and ten cents more if they wanted grandstand seats) to watch 11 lads from San Diego's Russ High School battle the Los Angeles High School players for the championship. The game could have turned out better; San Diego lost, and people grumbled about all the stops made after rushes to give winded or injured players time to recover. However, another engagement two days after Christ-

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mas between Russ's second-string players and a team composed of sailors from the *Philadelphia* gave the local fans more reason to smile. "The naval team was composed of good material, but the men showed the lack of training," one newspaper recounted the next day. "The team was organized only three weeks ago, and yesterday's game was the first played by them on shore. Their practice has been confined to the decks of the *Philadelphia*, and there is not much room there for making end runs and punts." As a consequence, the high school boys beat the sailors 14 to 0.

Some folks swim in the bay. You'll see hundreds jump off the steamship wharf on New Year's Day, an annual stunt that seems to amuse both young and old. People row year-round, and they've formed several active rowing clubs. The oarsmen also have been joined by a yachting group that has begun organizing regattas. Other folks devote their energies to extracting the ample bounty hidden within the local waters. Anson Mills, for example, plucked more than 20 abalone from the shores of La Jolla the other day. The fish catch from the Hotel del Coronado's new stone jetty for the day after Christmas included 342 pounds of halibut, 371 pounds of rock cod, 290 pounds of smelt, and three jewfish weighing 150, 145, and 160 pounds, respectively.

Coronado seems to lure athletes and sportsmen of all sorts. Regular water polo games take place at the bathhouse; the season opens this week with a match between teams from Coronado and San Diego. Duck hunters use the hotel as a base for forays out to Otay Mesa. All the social events in town have distracted them this week, but the nine men who went out on Saturday bagged 302 birds. On the hotel's golf course, the only one in the state with grass greens, a nine-link ladies' tournament was held the morning after Christmas. The gentlemen played over 18 holes that afternoon, and afterward, refreshments were served at the clubhouse.

Some of the sporting associations have turned into social clubs. When five bicycling enthusiasts got together eight years ago to start the San Diego Wheelmen, who could have predicted they would build a facility that would one day compete with the Stingaree? But such has been the case. The Wheelmen's quarters now include a comfortable parlor equipped with a fine piano. Oil paintings and steel engravings cover the walls. A warm, well-lighted reading room contains a full assortment of daily newspapers, reviews, and periodicals, illustrated weekly newspapers, and more than 200 volumes of literature, including "not a single volume that a mother would hesitate to place in the hands of her son."

The second floor contains a large billiard room equipped with two billiard and two pool tables. "There is also a comfortable card room where the members of advanced years may be seen daily playing their favorite game of whist," one recent visitor noted. "The best features of the institution are, however, that no beverages or tobacco in any form can be obtained on the premises and that gambling in any form results in the expulsion of the member at fault. As respectable young men of 21 years old, and over, are eligible for membership, one may frequently see the octogenarian and the young together at either billiards or cards, the result being that of stimulating the one and restraining the other."

The Wheelmen's club costs one dollar to join; dues are 50 cents a month. Ladies — accompanied by a member between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. — may inspect the premises. If that facility lacks appeal, the Cuyamaca Club might beckon. A "Landmarks Club of California" and a "Pastime Gun Club" are other alternatives, and every week, Elks and Foresters and Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows and Masons and Maccabees and Native Sons of the Golden West and Workmen and Woodmen meet for ceremonies that range from brief to baroque. A sociable San Diego gentleman might hardly ever be home.

Yet the home, too, has become a source of diverse amusements. In their free hours, San Diegans play such games as charades, bridge, euchre, chess, checkers, dominoes, Twenty Questions, croquet, and lawn tennis with friends and family members. They perfect new tunes on those pianos they've bought from Mr. Birkel. Women and their daughters bend over their needlework, and whole families get caught up in doing crafts. Woodburning is popular. They make forays to the local beaches to gather seashells and mosses; then they turn them into art works. They take a more passive pleasure in looking at Underwood & Underwood stereographic slides that bring the world's wonders — in three dimensions — to the privacy of their parlors.

They read. Bestsellers (historical novels such as Winston Churchill's *Richard Carvel* and Paul Leicester Ford's *Janice Meredith*, as well as inspirational works such as Charles Sheldon's *In His Steps*) are available from a half dozen stationery stores. For classic works of literature, people can turn to the local public library, open every day of the week. Its 15,000 volumes occupy makeshift quarters in the Keating Building at the moment, but San Diego book lovers soon will have something to boast about. Last June the third Mrs. Horton (young Lydia) wrote to Andrew Carnegie and told him about the poor state of affairs here. The steel magnate replied that he would give the town $50,000 for a library — the first of his bibliophilic endowments west of the Mississippi. San Diego officials have pledged to maintain the facility and provide a site. They've just settled upon the south half of the block facing E Street between Eighth and Ninth.

Other cultural wellsprings are already a reality. Although Jesse Shepard has left town, the Amphion Club was organized in 1893 "to stimulate a higher degree of musical education among its members and also to elevate the musical taste of the community." Last year, the members began importing concert artists to perform on local stages. Up in La Jolla, Miss Anna Held (a former governess for the Grant family) has established her Green Dragon Colony as a refuge for artists, actors, musicians, and writers. Perhaps the most amazing development has been the arrival of Katherine Tingley, the head of the American Theosophical Society. After General John J. Fremont confirmed her dream about the building of "a white city in a golden land by the sundown sea," Madame Tingley in 1896 had her agents buy 130 acres on Point Loma. Workers laid the first cornerstone for the School for the Revival of Lost Mysteries of Antiquity the next year. Since then the Point Loma site has become the international headquarters for the new International Brotherhood & Theosophical Society and buildings such as a beautiful Greek theater have begun to take shape.

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Closer to the heart of San Diego, the Fisher Opera House opens its doors nightly. Built eight years ago of steel and brick, the Fisher has been called "the handsomest theater in America." Its Romanesque lines dominate the east side of Fourth Street between B and C. The ivory-and-gold-toned interior holds 1400 red velvet seats; red carpeting from Brussels covers the floor. Crystal chandeliers provide lighting for the audience. Everything from opera to Shakespearean tragedy to minstrel shows has illuminated its stage.

This past week, the W.R. Dailey stock company has been performing there. On Christmas Day, they staged a matinee production of *The New South*, followed by *Esmeralda*. Ticket sellers had to turn patrons away for the evening show; every seat was filled. People even crowded into the upper tier of boxes, something that hasn't happened for several months. (A seat there or in one of the loges costs 50 cents versus 10 to 30 cents for one of the regular seats.)

Throughout the rest of this week, May Nannary, Darrell Vinton, and the other members of the company have been drawing respectable-sized audiences to *A Model Husband* (Tuesday), *Hamlet* (Wednesday), *Shaugraun* (Thursday), and *The New Magdalene* (Friday). On New Year's Eve, a matinee performance of *Hazel Kirke* will be given, followed by an evening production of *Current Cash*. Something special has been announced for January 1: a rare revival of Shakespeare's *Winter's Tale*. "Settings of great proportion" have been promised, and the great star triumvi-

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The Coming New Year

People in San Diego have been bickering about the significance of this year's conclusion. Some see it as momentous. Eugene Capps (the young attorney) and Mary Hudson have scheduled their wedding to begin just before midnight on the 31st. The Rev. John L. Pitner, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will conduct the ceremony in the parlors of the Bon Ton (the D Street boardinghouse where Eugene lives). Only the families will attend, but masses of roses, cala lilies, and smilax will make the room look like something out of a dream. Eugene and Mary plan to exchange their vows under a bell of roses, and afterward they'll boast that their wedding spanned two centuries.

But most folks would argue the point with them. The majority holds that the end of the 1800s doesn't signal the start of the 20th Century. "This is not a new century any more than 100 cents is more than a dollar" is the way one of the newspapers has put it. "The second dollar does not begin until the 100-cent mark is past."

So you won't find any "end-of-the-century" sales this week. None of the newspapers are looking back over the past 100 years. If the organized merriment has been more plentiful than usual, if the children running through the streets seem wilder, no one's explaining this as the manifestation of a historic turning point.

The holiday traditions, the excitement generated by the visiting sailors, seem explanation enough. Townsfolk have organized all manner of children's parties on Christmas and in the days that have followed. Almost 300 youngsters attended the one at the Hotel del Coronado. Led by Mr. Bjornson, they entered the ballroom from the main parlor just as the orchestra struck up a march. "They circled about the brilliant tree, happy and glad, with beaming eyes and expectant faces," the *Union* reported. "Halting in front of the stage, they sang their Christmas greeting, after which the Rev. Dr. Perkins of Louisville, Ky., spoke briefly upon the day and its significance." After another song, the children greeted Santa Claus, who passed out boxes of bon-bons, along with "hundreds and hundreds" of toys that had been hung from the tree.

Accounts of these events have appeared in the newspapers, along with mention of Miss Mouser's Friday night tamale party, Miss Watkins's crokinole party, Miss Wiard's afternoon card party, and other gatherings. A more formal assembly drew almost 300 adults to the Florence Hotel on the evening of the 30th. Some of the visiting naval officers attended (in full dress uniform), while any lady who had a new gown donned it for the occasion. Red and green bunting entwined with poinsettias and Christmas berries stretched from the ballroom entrance to the hotel sun parlors, where supper was served at midnight amidst palms, garlands of smilax, and clusters of the Christmas berries.

All week long, the gasoline schooner *Elliot* has been carrying townsfolk out to the visiting naval ships (charging 50 cents for the round-trip passage from the Santa Fe wharf). Once aboard, people have been snapping photos with their new Kodak Brownies. For Christmas, some of the sailors stayed on board the *Philadelphia* and staged competitions that included a greased pole walk, pie-eating, a tug-of-war, an obstacle race, a coin scramble, hurdle races, and jumping. But hundreds of their uniformed comrades spread out on shore leave. Twenty-

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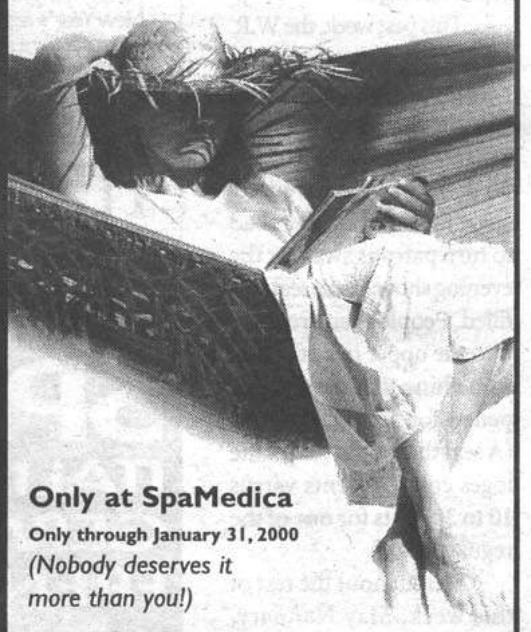

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eight of them hired a tally-ho and took it to El Cajon, where the townspeople served them a turkey dinner. Other sailors attended the afternoon football game or the evening performance at the Fisher Opera House. On Christmas afternoon, the *Philadelphia*'s Marine band gave an open-air concert at the Hotel del Coronado.

The band will play again there at 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve. The program will include the "Nigger Fracasee" march, a selection from the third act of Wagner's *Lohengrin,* a sextette from Donizetti's *Lucia,* and other pieces. In San Diego, the Company B band will entertain merrymakers throughout the evening.

At midnight, some people will be in church. St. Paul's, the Episcopal church, has scheduled a service, and the First Methodists have announced a watch meeting. To the amazement of local Catholics, Pope Leo XIII has given permission for a High Mass to be celebrated—the first time a midnight mass has been allowed on New Year's Eve in centuries. (Although the Holy Father has made it clear that the new century will not begin until a year from now, he has proclaimed 1900 to be a year of jubilee and called for the special service to usher it in.)

For the occasion, a special choir, accompanied by an orchestra, will sing one of Gounod's masses. But the worshippers will have to struggle to keep their attention on the music inside St. Joseph's Cathedral. At the stroke of 12, a cacophony of steam whistles, firecrackers, bombs, tinhorns, and other noisemakers will mix with the sounds of the militia band and the voices of well-wishers. In all the excitement, someone will turn in a fire alarm at Fourth and Beech streets, but the firemen will find nothing amiss there and return to their headquarters. Among the merrymakers, some will ask each other if they felt the aftershock that occurred at 1:10 in the afternoon. It was strong enough to make the upper stories of houses sway. But like the quake last week, it won't strike most people as being a portent. ■

— Jeannette De Wyze

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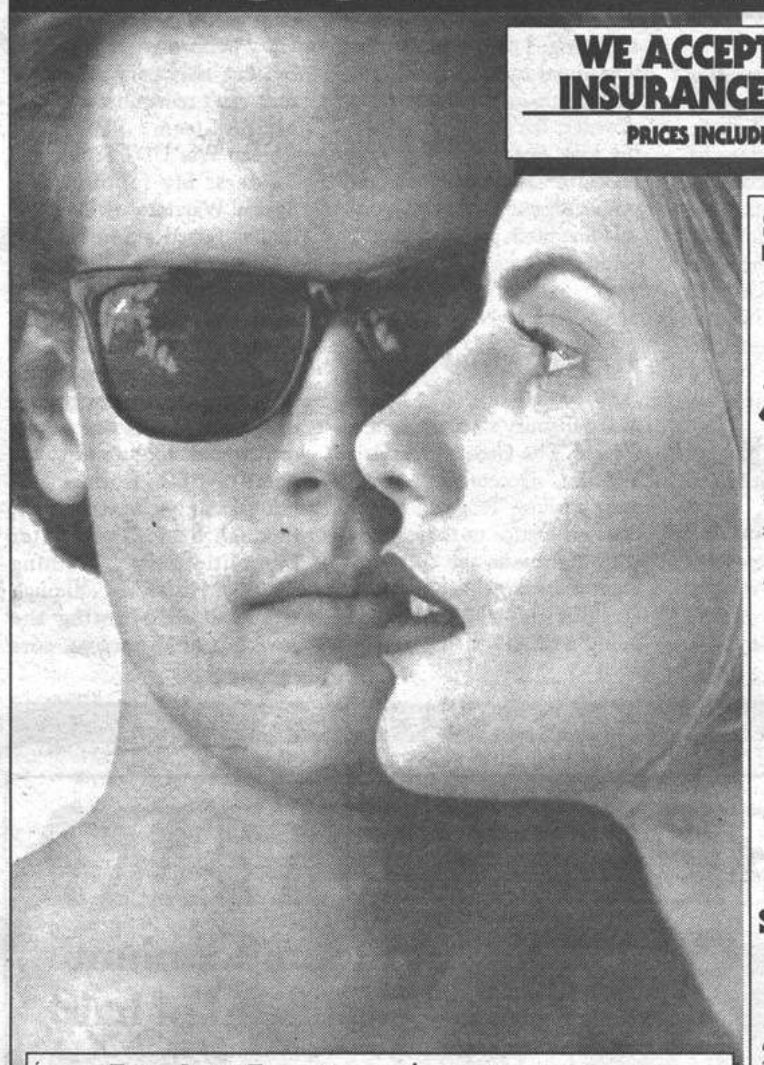

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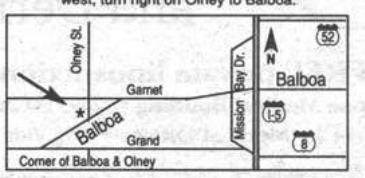

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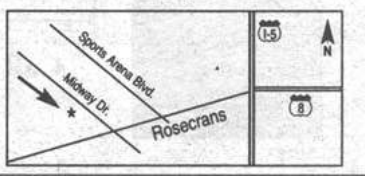

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Church. Abortion is a complex issue which challenges the best of adults' minds. To give children a skewed view of such a sensitive and controversial issue, to paint terrible pictures of people who have different views but otherwise are loving, law-abiding citizens, is to foster conflict, inhibit tolerance, and assure violence in their future world.

Keep praying, Anne, you certainly need it.

Tony Batakis
Point Loma

Green Mile Big Kick

This is for Duncan Shepherd. I didn't think *Ride with the Devil* deserved four stars, mainly because the male characters just didn't have much dimension. They didn't change any. After the combat, they weren't hardened veterans or anything. I was kind of disappointed in the movie. Gee, that *Man on the Moon* is a downer, isn't it? And I got a big kick out of reading your review of *The Green Mile*. Some people suggest that's an allegory, that that black guy's initials J.C. stand for Jesus Christ, and so forth.

Name withheld

My Fellow Warriors Are Livid

Mr. Salisbury's recent article ("Jesse 'The Great Pretender' Ventura," December 2) slamming a fellow "Frogman/SEAL" does no justice to those of us who had made the commitment to become the very best. He glorifies the aspect of being a SEAL during a very turbulent period (heroin smuggling, dirty 30 RIF) for this organization while at the same time discounts the mission UDT performed. It is hard to believe this very educated man can't remember the roots of SEAL team...WWII, and Korean War UDT Scouts and Raiders. My fellow Naval Special Warriors are livid that he has raised a nonissue for whatever purpose but to get some air time.

As one who served both in SEAL Team and UDT during the period described in subject article, I am very, very disappointed that one of our own would stoop to dirty the name of UDT. Does he also not remember that he went through Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL Training (BUDS)? His article, although aimed at discounting the governor of Minnesota, does nothing but serve as a semantical debate of what Team you were assigned to. Sounds like this guy is an attorney.

Lenny Coppenrath
Class 60
SEAL Team One, UDT-11,
UDT/SEAL 119

Salisbury Needs To Check His Facts

Mr. Salisbury needs to check his facts a bit ("Jesse 'The Great Pretender' Ventura," December 2). If he wants to be an investigative reporter, he ought to investigate.

John Chalus
Class 57 ST-1

Outrageous Insult

I wish to commend Bill Salisbury for his fine article on Jesse Ventura ("Jesse 'The Great Pretender' Ventura," December 2). The article underscores an irrefutable truth I've known for as long as I've known veterans of our nation's wars. And that is, generally, like the old saying amongst vets, those who've seen the most say the least.

I served under men in the Marines during my enlistment in the early '80s who were like a living pageant of Marine Corps history — a few from WWII, some Korean vets, and many from Vietnam including a gunnery sergeant who was awarded the Medal of Honor as a lance corporal in Vietnam and a Navy senior chief hospital corpsman who was the most decorated Navy enlisted man left on active duty, a multiple Navy Cross/Silver Star recipient, we were told by awestruck older Marines. Young Marines love hearing war stories, but there were none forthcoming from these men, and we all understood and respected them even more for it. Their silence was from actually having been in the "shit." I never had a strong opinion about Ventura until I read the article, just the sentiment that he was a loudmouthed, abrasive, self-promoting windbag ex–pro wrestler — rather harmless.

Jesse Ventura now trying to pass himself off as a SEAL I find both outrageous and an insult to the men who actually were SEALs. An insult to a man who also holds public office, Nebraska senator Bob Kerry, who actually was a SEAL, had time to bleed (losing a leg versus Ventura's storied "flappers"), and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery. Jesse Ventura, you're no Bob Kerry!

P.S.: Governor Ventura can easily settle once and for all the question as to whether he even was a SEAL by requesting a copy of his SRB (service record book) from the DOD and making it open to public scrutiny. I won't hold my breath for that.

Kurt Allen
Vista

Frogman-Frenzy Of Up-Beat Story Telling

Dear "Fellow-Warrior,"

I believe that our "BROTHER WARRIOR FROGMAN JESSE" is a very strong and positive influence and role model to the youth of America! ("Jesse 'The Great Pretender' Ventura," December 2) He certainly did NOT deserve the deceitful back-stabbing remarks from asshole Salisbury, the wannabe-attorney, who has hurt us all! I've always thought that the "TEAMS" took care of their own, and never bad-mouthed their brothers in public — 'cause the public doesn't have the right to sit in judgment of our "SPECIAL BREED of BROTHERHOOD"! I was so proud of JESSE VENTURA (former JIM JANOS) when he became the governor of Minnesota! I flew to Minneapolis to attend his "PEOPLE'S CELEBRATION," which was filled to the brim at the Target Center in downtown Minneapolis. When I arrived at the airport in Minneapolis, I phoned the governor's mansion and spoke to Governor Ventura, and was greeted with open arms with all the respect from a fellow frogman. Jesse promptly engaged in a lengthy "frogman-frenzy of up-beat story telling," and promised me a ticket to his inaugural celebration would be waiting for me at the will-call window at the Target Center. Over 18,000 people were in attendance to pay respect for their new leader, GOVERNOR JESSE VENTURA — I was very impressed, and was very proud for Jesse. The following Monday, I simply went to the state capitol, located in St. Paul,

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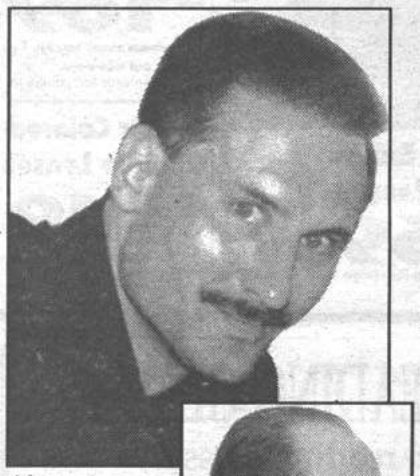

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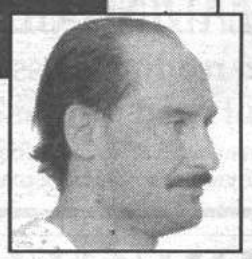

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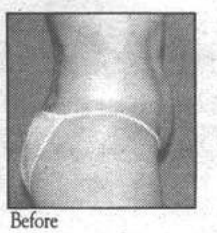

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and just candidly walked into the governor's secretary's office, and as soon as Governor Ventura saw me, he immediately invited me into his governor's office, where I had the privilege to speak with him about old times in the teams, as well as all the "team guys" that came to his inauguration, such as Capt. Don Glasser, and Bill Ranger, and Chief "MOTHER-MOY," who was his color guard. I videotaped the meeting for posterity, and ended the meeting with a salute to a fellow "web-footed warrior." Governor Jesse Ventura now proudly displays my U.S. NAVY SEAL POSTER, which is encased in a beautiful gold-leaf frame mounted on the wall in his governor's office at the state capitol. "HOO-YAH" to our brother frogman, Jesse Ventura — may God bless you for all you do!

Respectfully submitted in support of our "Brethren-Frogman," Governor JESSE VENTURA.

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Seawolf, Do You See My Light?

Reading Bill Salisbury's feature article on Jesse Ventura and the Navy SEALs ("Jesse 'The Great Pretender' Ventura," December 2) reminded me of my days as a Navy helicopter gunship pilot at Nha Be (near Saigon). Salisbury says he was officer-in-charge of the SEAL platoons there in 1967. My stint there was 1968–69. Part of our job was to cover the SEALs' extraction once they made contact with the VC. This was no easy job, since it was usually three or four in the morning and they were usually sitting in a ditch, whispering into an FM radio and asking, "Seawolf [our call sign], do you see my light?" The reference being to their standard Navy flashlight with a red lens! Once we spotted it, they often wanted rockets placed dangerously close to their position. Their comment — "If you don't put them close, they won't do us much good."

One night, the LTjg leading the SEAL platoon was wounded. Took a round in the shoulder and another in the leg. He was flown to the hospital in Saigon by a dust-off helicopter. The next day, his men went up to visit him. He talked them into sneaking him out of the hospital. The platoon was scheduled to go out the next night — without him, obviously. The LTjg wouldn't hear of it. He couldn't walk or fire a weapon, but he could operate the boat. So, that's what he did! And, in the ensuing firefight, he was wounded again. Needless to say, the folks at the hospital in Saigon took a dim view of his actions and he was placed under guard. None of his men could visit him. Does this tell you something about SEALs?

Mike Retz
San Carlos

Read The Teams

In response to Bill Salisbury's December 2 article, "Was Jesse a SEAL or a UDT Guy?" ("Jesse 'The Great Pretender' Ventura") I suggest that he read *The Teams: An Oral History of the U.S. Navy SEALs*, edited by Kevin Dockery (Avon Books, December 1998). I believe this book contains a chapter authored by Jesse Ventura in which he refers only to his service as a UDT member.

Dan Doyle
Arlington, VA

Merely A Frogman???

Talk about a STORY teller, this so-called academy graduate sounds like a very jealous officer that an enlisted man has made good and he can't and should check all his facts prior to slamming anyone, also the person on your staff that OKd and printed his STORY ("Jesse 'The Great Pretender' Ventura," December 2). Example, I would like to see Mr. Salisbury make these statements about UDT not doing anything and not being under fire — tell that to the Frogmen that were in Nam and not on a ship. The expression merely a frogman??? I went through class 23 in Little Creek, Virginia, and went to UDT 21 of which I am PROUD OF and might add A PLANKOWNER of SEAL TEAM 2 with three tours to Nam.

Now for our history of where we come from and NOT the Scouts and Raiders, which was a joint Army/Navy outfit. To be a UDT MAN, most came from the NCDUs, Navy Combat Demolition Units. But not all. As for Captain Bucklew, he had the Scouts and Raiders with a bunch of jocks led by Gene Tunney — yes, the fighter — to get them in shape. I would also advise all that the Frogmen went in to clear the beaches for the Marines by themselves, with a knife, a slate, and lead line in swim trunks. I will attach a memorial page at the end of this to

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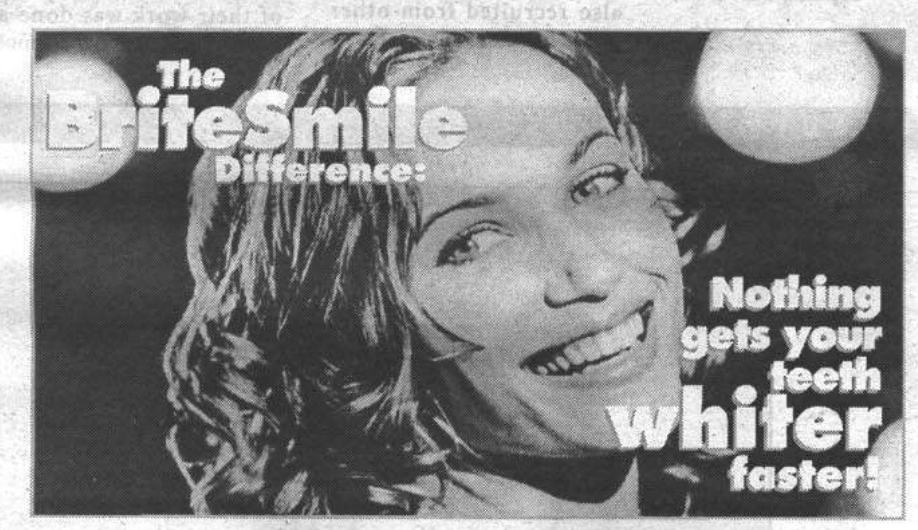

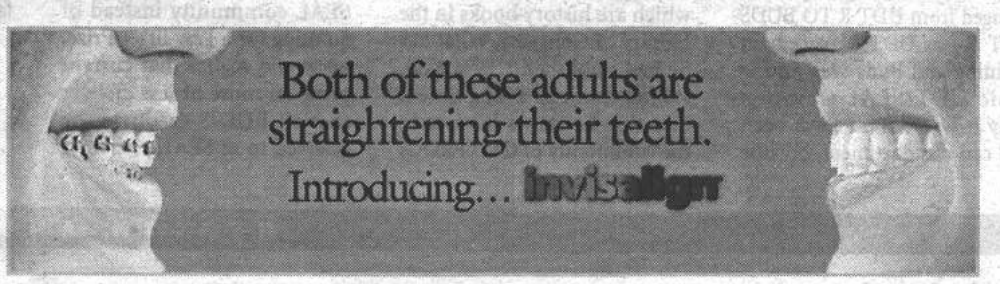

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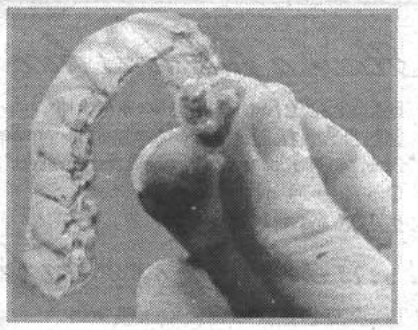

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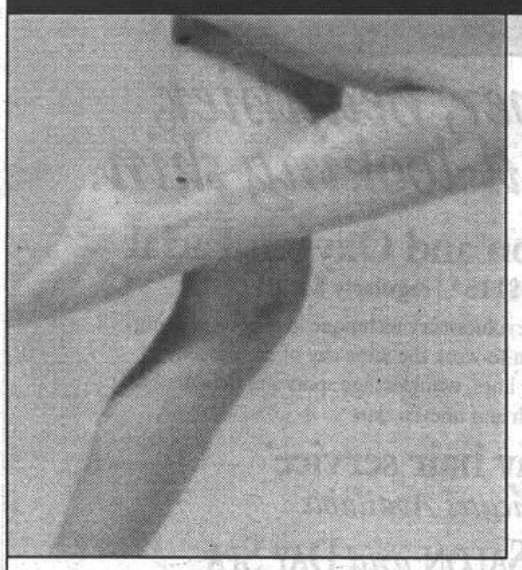

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show the FROGMEN that lost their lives in WWII. As for Captain Bucklew getting on the staff when the name went from NOSG (Naval Operational Support Group) to Naval Special Warfare in late 1970. The Navy had no captain with the background so Bucklew was picked to head up Group One and Captain Simmons Group Two. Neither were Frogs or SEALS but both held the Navy Cross from WW!!

Another fact: there were seven Navy Crosses to SEALs and one to a VN. Bucklew had two Navy Crosses as did the late Admiral Kauffman, the father of NCDU UDT. The officers later received a designator as Naval Special Warfare. Neither Bucklew or Simmons had as they were not one of US. Scouts and Raiders were disbanded after the war. If they were that good and our predecessors, why did the Navy keep UDT and disband S&R?

Here is another thing: the East Coast frogs from UDT were champing at the bit to be SEALs — not like the story this guy tells. And now, the reason the training name was changed from UDT R TO BUDS UDT R was UDT Replacement Training and Buds was and is Basic UDT/SEAL training. Why it was done I have been told can not document, because the Navy covers officers butts an officer upon completion of training in 1969 was ordered to Seal One and said he volunteered for UDT and it worked and they had to change the name. I know one thing, 90 percent of Team Two guys volunteered for Nam, very few were ordered. I don't know what the problem was at TEAM One. I have my thoughts but will not put them in writing. I NEVER KNEW A FROG that feared coming to SEALs. Mr. Salisbury's mention of a room full of officers being asked to volunteer and no one did speaks for the LEADERSHIP in that command at the TIME, which don't say much. Yes, UDT went to jungle warfare and Ranger and Airborne as billets became available. You could not go to SEALs unless you were a jumper. This %%&%% story is all &^%* up. If he wants to win a prize as a writer, he should research prior to touching a keyboard. My credentials are Ret QMCS Seal Team 2 from UDT 21 and former curator of our museum for seven years, now retired and author of *POINT MAN* and *WALKING POINT,* which are history books in the Library of Congress. What has he had published????????? Also, I think it will be a long time if ever that he shows his face in the community of OLD FROGs and SEALs.

Kindly pass this to the NO LOAD.

James D. Watson
QMCS, USN, RET.
Curator Emeritus,
UDT/SEAL Museum

A Big-Deal Artist And Self-Promoting Hypist

No doubt you're chuckling in your beards about how you got the SEAL community all stirred up with Salisbury's diatribe about Jesse Ventura ("Jesse 'The Great Pretender' Ventura," December 2). First off, Bill should check his technical facts — Jesse (Jim Janos) was a card-carrying, official-Navy-designated-and-ordered-in member of Naval Reserve SEAL Team ONE after he left active duty from UDT-12, so that puts paid to his not having been a "de jure" SEAL.

"De facto" is a similar situation — Jesse paid his dues as a Navy frogman and earned the right to be referred to as a SEAL. In fact, if Diamond Bill Salisbury would spend more time staying in touch with the SEAL community instead of gunning for a Pew-litzer Prize, he would realize that current protocol more or less dictates that all BUD/S graduates be referred to as SEALs, whether or not they actually were assigned to a SEAL team. Same training, same missions — same people.

Look, I'm not enamored with Jesse Ventura as either governor or person, but he definitely is a SEAL. In fact, I would FAR rather have him in my patrol than Bill Salisbury, whom I have known as a big-deal artist and self-promoting hypist (to coin a term) for almost 30 years. And, believe me, I can cite a number of instances in which his ethics and credibility come under a rather dark cloud.

Incidentally, I am the "sycophant" Bill referred to when he commented on the A&E "Biography" special on Jesse. If he were an honest reporter, he would have observed that I was speaking in the conditional for a very good reason — as I noted in the program, I did not know if Jesse had actually been "on the ground" in Vietnam. Therefore, I wasn't about to state unequivocally that he had done anything specific in 'Nam.

It's comforting to see that some things never change — one of them being Bill Salisbury. You have done yourself no favors by featuring his writing.

Fire in the hole
Larry Bailey
Captain, USN (Ret.)

Artie Ruiz Is A Real-Deal Seal

I have never written a letter to the editor prior to this and don't foresee this happening in the future. However, the article written December 2 by Bill Salisbury has galled me into a response ("Jesse 'The Great Pretender' Ventura"). I was in UDT-13 from 1968 through 1971, did two tours in Vietnam, and have some knowledge of that era. I saw at the beginning of the article that we did not wear skivvies. I still don't (maybe that's more information than people want to know), but it had nothing to do with liberty in Olongapo. It was because when skivvies got wet, they would chafe the insides of your legs, and in jungles and swamps that could create real health hazards.

In the article, it also said we enjoyed six-month deployments to the PI (Philippines). While that was our Westpac base, platoons operated in Vietnam out of the PI all the time. The article assumes incorrectly that the Westpac Tour was just fun and games. There was a heck of a football team ongoing for each of the deployments (the Marines as well as each of the other detachments at the base also had one) and some Seals were also recruited from other places for those games. However, the Seal platoons that came to Subic had to get in shape before they could accomplish Chief Perry's (plank owner in Seal team 1/BUD/S Instructor/UDT-13 and 12) daily PT.

Mr. Salisbury tries to muddy the water by saying Seals trace their origin to Scouts and Raiders. You might trace both UDT and SEAL origins there, but since S&R was disbanded during WWII, the majority of people in the '60s and '70s knew UDT as the mother of Seal teams, since that's where all the people came from. What is not mentioned is the Bucklew Report. Back in 1962 on admin. assignment to Vietnam, Bucklew wrote what was the jump-start to Seals in Vietnam. Objectives and goals have to be set before progress can be made. UDT's objective stopped at the high-water mark and they pushed it by going into the hinterland. Seal's expanded that territory, originally for the purpose of determining enemy forces in and around the hinterland. However, since there was no line of demarcation in Vietnam, other than the DMZ, and the rivers were so prolific, that opened up all kinds of new territory. The main difference between Seals and most other forces in Vietnam was most of their work was done at night. That made sense, most

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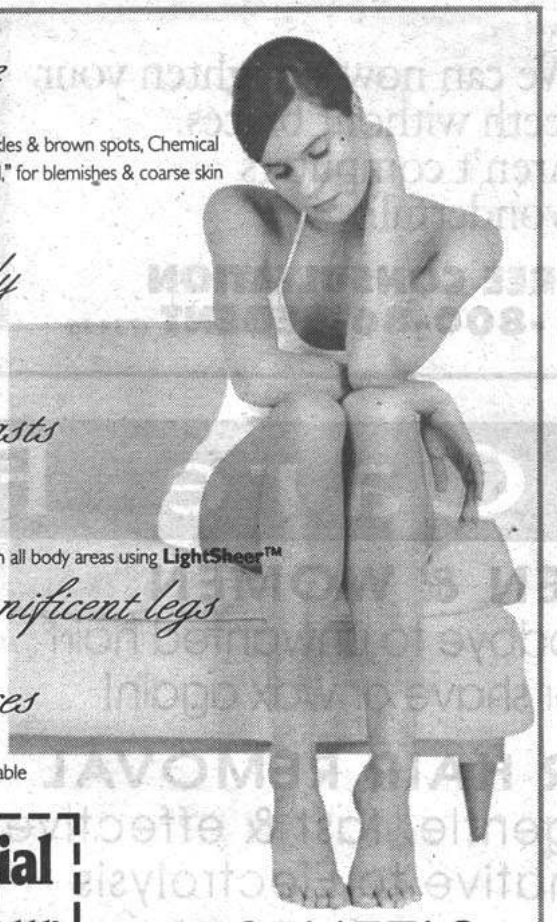

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VC kept their day jobs as farmers and we couldn't tell the difference without a weapon. Anyway, I digress, teammates in UDT were called NSWG (Naval Special Warfare Group) swimmers and Seal's were called NSWG walkers.

In 1968, after completing Basic Underwater Demolition Seal training (BUD/S) class 46 and jump school, I went through Seal Basic Indoctrination for six weeks with some notable characters. In Vietnam I worked with Mike Force (Cambodian mercenaries led mostly by Special Forces sergeants), Junk Force (Vietnamese forces led by Navy petty officers), P.C.F.s and P.B.R.s, Seawolves, P.R.U.s (Phoenix Program), SAS, and Special Forces laying mines and booby traps near Cambodia. I also spent time on the Mobile Riverine Force at Dong Tam/Mi Tho as well as Amphibious Ready Groups. I went to a weeklong Special Forces School at 5th Special Forces in Okinawa as well as spending time at the Kodokan in Tokyo, Japan. For anyone to say that UDTs never went near Rangers or Snake-eaters is a blatant lie and I can prove it. The different platoons I was part of never had the luxury of 22 men, so we doubled up on many jobs. On my second tour, along with other things, I went on parakeet ops and one bright light operation with Seal direct action platoons.

Nobody knew what UDT or Seal was until Marcinko started writing his books; now everybody wants to be one. For Mr. Salisbury to use body counts to say how much better Seal's are is an affront to the entire military. That is such a ludicrous statement; it's the main reason I almost neglected to write this letter. Body count should never be used to determine how good a team is. Fewer people killed just makes UDTs look that much smarter than Seals. There are numerous stories written about the valor of UDT men and the enemy when bunkers were not secured. Otherwise there wouldn't be the number of Purple Hearts floating around that RVN (Republic of Vietnam) UDT'ers have received.

For instance, *Seawolves First Choice* page 290–291 by Daniel Kelly Doc Kinnard is OK. He later had to leave the PI for his wheeler-dealer escapades. Stoney, like most other early men, was UDT/SEAL/UDT again to give him new challenges and allow him to advance in rank. If you read *The Teams: An Oral History of the US Navy Seals* story starting on page 223 by James Janos (aka Jesse Ventura), it leaves no doubt about where Ventura was and what he did during his time in the teams. He has never tried to hide anything that I can tell (that would be stupid for a politician in today's communication age), and although I reserve my right to disagree with what he says, I applaud his straightforward manner. Besides, if he joined a Seal team reserve unit, doesn't that make him a Seal. If it walks like a duck and talks like a duck, well you know the rest.

Nobody joined Seal's because they had a death wish. Both UDT and Seal teams were strictly volunteer. You could quit at any time. More than one Seal has commented that he didn't like being a target on a swift boat in the river. Guys in UDT ran the rivers all the time. People went Seal so they could take the war to the enemy. I joined the Navy to see the world. Seals would give me the limited opportunity to see Vietnam over and over. When I was asked to go Seal, I was already in-country and felt it a waste to go back to the world, so I could come back over to Vietnam. Myself and my friends would not and did not balk to go Seal unless we had already "been there, done that." I have run across excellent and poor excuses for people in all walks of life. For Mr. Salisbury to use the terms run-for-your-life and UDT in the same sentence just shows his lack of respect for the entire specwar community. We all put our pants on one leg at a time, officers or enlisted, frog or seal. We worked and partied with each other side by side at any given time, depending on what was needed. You were always in the Navy first.

I learned that on the 43 boat ambush with Artie Ruiz, when a Coast Guard commander was in charge. That commander belonged there no more than Mr. Salisbury should be writing stories when he obviously has a chip on his shoulder. By the way, John Lowry was the man with the M–60 on that patrol boat. He received a Silver Star for his actions.

Interviews like surveys get what the interviewer wants out of the story, not the whole real story. That's why most real-deal guys are reluctant to grant them. However, Artie Ruiz is a real-deal Seal. Marine Recon protected UDT in the hinterland, while UDT exchanged the favor and lifeguarded for the Marines during recons. It was an amiable, symbiotic relationship. Seals had years to practice small-unit tactics prior to entering combat in Vietnam, but all that went down the tubes if a senior officer who didn't know what he was doing started giving orders about things he didn't understand because he'd never been there. Leading from the rear (or sticking your head in there) is what got a lot of good men killed, hurt, and leaving the service when their tour of duty ended. We need good, smart, capable men to protect our country, not ones who couldn't hold a job once cut loose from the service. Muscles will always be second to knowledge. Lowry saved Ruiz's life and John doesn't have big muscles. After the 43 ambush, Ruiz left the service with a medical. He went back in after four years and retired as an E6. He never even took the chief's test. He knows it's what's in your heart that makes you strong, not your muscles.

When Seals went to Vietnam, they traditionally stayed for six months. Frogs would usually change locations after a couple of months. I got to see a lot of the world in four years. We had good camaraderie, worked hard, and played hard. I was comfortable with where I was and where I was going.

For this misinformation to be propagated Mr. Salisbury must be trying to create a political affront for Mr. Ventura. Instead, it shows lack of caring about your teammates. Each of us had something to give and Mr. Salisbury obviously didn't spend enough time in UDT or as anything but a senior admin. puke to realize what was going on in the trenches. I have heard about the poor shape the teams were in back in the '70s. If this man is any indication, I can well understand the lack of moral and poor equipment available during those lean years.

Randy Piper

Ventura/SEAL Mystery Q&A

From: "scribe" *scribe@cros.net*
To: *feedback@sdreader.com*
Subject: Fw: The guys knocking Jesse better be REAL

Hello

It came to my attention that people claiming Jesse Ventura was not a SEAL reported it in your paper which questioned Jesse Ventura. In 'Nam the SEALs and UDTs were merged and UDTs as a separate unit were no more. Jesse's deployment was short but it was a deployment. Jess started on UDT team but was merged into SEAL Team 1 because of a default reorganization of the unit. I need the names of those so-called SEALs reporting to your paper. The NSWA archivists have a special BUD/S UDT class database for authenticating their credentials. It

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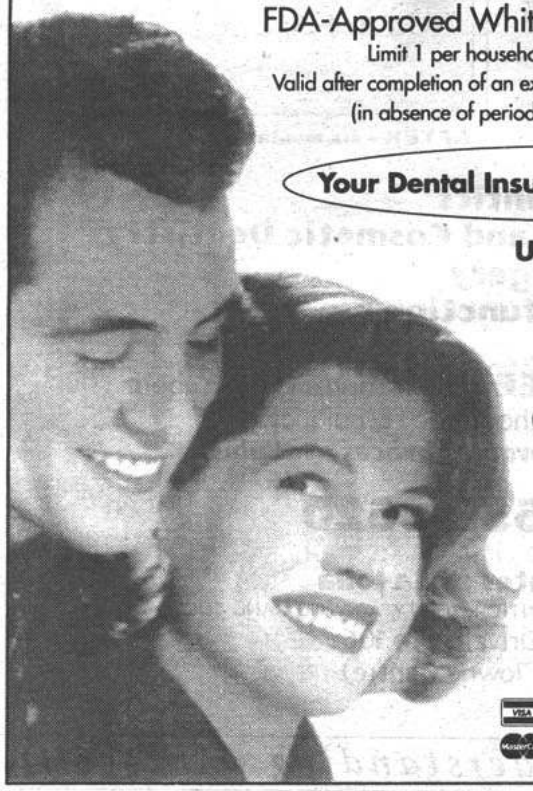

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will not be a pretty sight if these men are impostors! I'd be more selective in who you listen to about things SEAL. http://www.nightscribe.com/Military/SEALs/wannabe_seals.htm

The message below is what was said by an observer looking at your paper and reporting it to me.

From: "Brian Williams" *fitnessman@worldnet.att.net*
To: *scribe@cros.net*

Ran into your site by accident. There was just last week an article in the San Diego *Reader* suggesting that Gov Ventura was not actually a SEAL, but UDT only. I think it was written by some former Seal Team One guys. Anyways you might check it out. any insight into this?

From: scribe *scribe@cros.net*
To: Brian Williams *fitnessman@worldnet.att.net*

I know 2 SEALs (Patches Watson and Darryl Young) who said Ventura is a SEAL. I think he is too a SEAL because of these reasons: 1. He took and passed BUD/S class #58. Master Chief Boatswain's Mate Terry "Mother" Moy was his sea-daddy in raising him in training school. LTC Bruce Dyer was his TEAM CO. 2. When Vietnam started the UDTs were merged into the SEAL TEAMs, so if Jesse started in UDT, he then was moved right into ST1. He did 2 tours, and was stationed otherwise at the Philippines. He is also featured in a book called the TEAMs. Which contains only TEAMmates. 3. Darryl Young also had a big SEAL website line saying "Jesse Ventura was SEAL, and No Hulk Hogan is NOT a SEAL"

Since the SEALs I know have the secure database of SEAL TEAM and UDT class lists and they verified Jesse and all that, I'm taking it that he is an ex-SEAL.

Hope this helps. I cannot explain why there are a few that are jealous of Jesse and want to make trouble... I went for the REAL story right after Jesse announced he was running for office, I got my answer from the REAL "players" that's good enough for me. I also saw Jesse in the recent PBS History channel documentary where he was interviewed :) His real name was James Janos, his rate was storekeeper third class. Humble as hell in rating, but hard as hell in battle. They pick the ones who battle and don't quit when they pick a warrior to go in the Jungles with the other graduated members of SEAL Teams.

I need to report that accusation about Jesse to the NWSA membership. If those guys were SEALs who wrote it, they will be brought to quick justice.

Where was the article posted?
Take care :)

Richard
The "Nightscribe"

To: "Brian Williams" *fitnessman@worldnet.att.net*

Thanks for the leads. You may have to think of one more possibility that the two guys mentioned might be Wannabees too. I'll have a hell of a good time IF that be so. It will backfire bigtime on them. Once I get THEIR names run against the SEAL/UDT database, and find out they are counterfeit, then all I have to do is watch after the real guys find out.. (I'm getting out of the line of fire LOL)

Got my research project don't I ? :)) Thanks!
From: "Brian Williams" *fitnessman@worldnet.att.net*
To: "scribe" *scribe@cros.net*

I do not know if the article is available on the internet (yet) but I can tell you it is front page on the *San Diego Weekly Reader*, titled "Jesse 'The Great Pretender' Ventura: Was Jesse a Seal or UDT guy?"

The name at the end of the article was Bill Salisbury. I got the impression Salisbury was the editor for the *Reader* on the article. Also in the article are photos of a guy named Dick Ray and a guy named Ed Gill. Gill is holding a VC flag in one of the photos.

To summarize:

I think the gist of the article is that during Vietnam there was a distinction made between UDT's and SEALS. Certain statements made by Ventura in his autobiography they claim earmark him as UDT. I do not think they are disputing Ventura (Janos) was a BUD/s graduate or UDT but they dispute or question that he was ever actually part of a deployed SEAL team. (Although they point out that in his auto-bio, Ventura makes references to ST 1 but I think the authors are suggesting this is bogus.)

It sounds to me like you would be interested in getting ahold of the actual article and judging for yourself. Maybe a way you could do it would be to see if it is on the *SD Reader* website (*www.sdreader.com*). It is actually a free periodical and I'd bet they would mail you one for free if you asked. It is the Dec 2, 1999 issue.

The article also claims that several of the old-timers know he was in UDT only, but says many old SEALS cover for him because it is good for "publicity," while other old SEALS don't like it. I think if you got the article you could follow up on some of the claims. Like you said it could be some folks are just jealous of his success. And if that is true then they should be reported as you indicated.
good luck

bw
From: "scribe" *scribe@cros.net*

The Author Responds

Bill Salisbury responds: On 16 December 1999 Minnesota Public Radio News, which is heard and read throughout the state and nation, carried the following lead for its feature story: "Governor Ventura's office confirmed that Ventura was never a member of the elite Navy SEALs..."

The feature concluded: "...Ventura may well end up regretting one of the closing lines of the SEALs chapter of his autobiography. It reads, 'We're a proud organization. If anyone tries to pretend they're a SEAL, God help them.'"

In its 31 December 1999 issue, People *magazine selected Governor Ventura as one of the 25 most intriguing people of '99. In a bio that accompanied the article on the governor, the magazine did not so much as whisper the "S" word, e.g., "...the only sign that the 48-year-old ex-biker, ex–pro wrestler, ex-sports call-in shock jock has been domesticated is in the way he dresses...."*

The governor has come clean and leveled with the American public. I and the many Team Guys who helped me are quite likely finished with Jesse. Mission accomplished.

As for my critics (not a SEAL One Vietnam vet in the gaggle): time for us aging, raging Team Guys to move on, look to the future and not the past.

In the spirit of looking to the future, I'm delighted and honored that a Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL class has recently nominated me as their graduation speaker. I understand my name was suggested by certain Third Phase (Land Warfare) instructors. Hoo Yah, class. Hoo Yah, instructors.

Shameful Cultural Track Record

Too bad about Nancy Rubins's sculpture ("City Lights," December 2) but, let's face it — San Diego will always be a cultural backwater. People (lots of 'em) move here for the sun and sand, not to support San Diego as an artistic vanguard. If you don't believe it, look around: our fine arts museum showcases *Star Wars*, Dr. Seuss, and gaudy egg tchotchkes; our symphony has crashed and burned several times and is even now barely afloat; mention Eric Fischl, Frank Israel, or Mary Margaret O'Hara and you'll be met with the same blank-stare *huh?* normally

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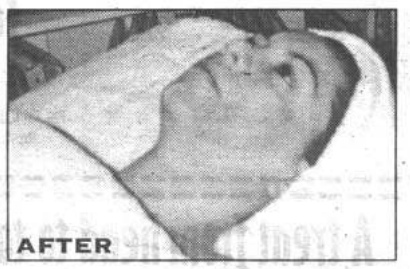

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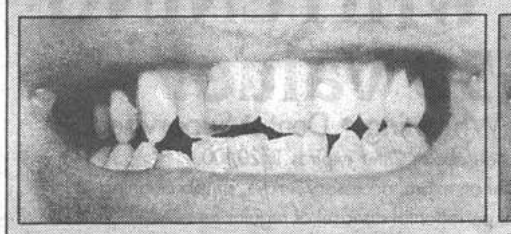
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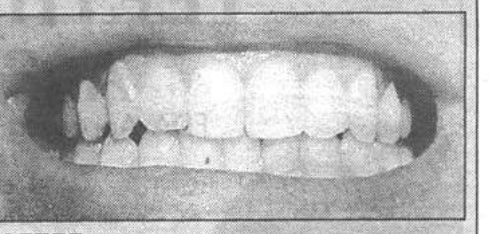
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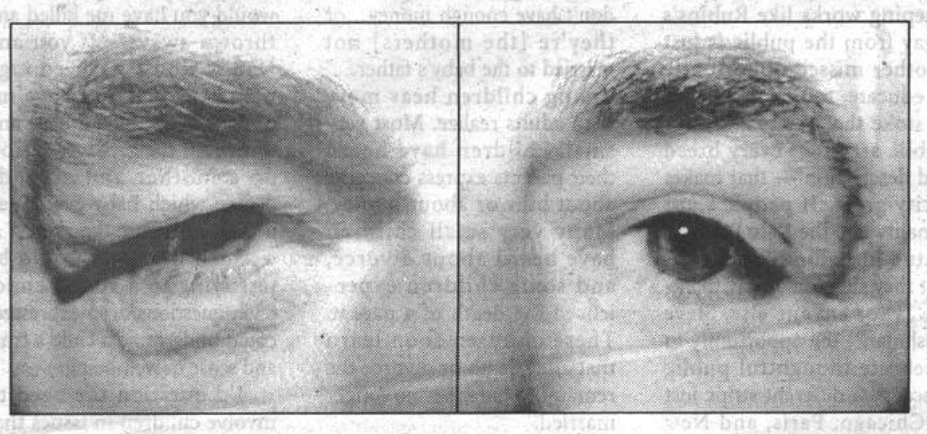

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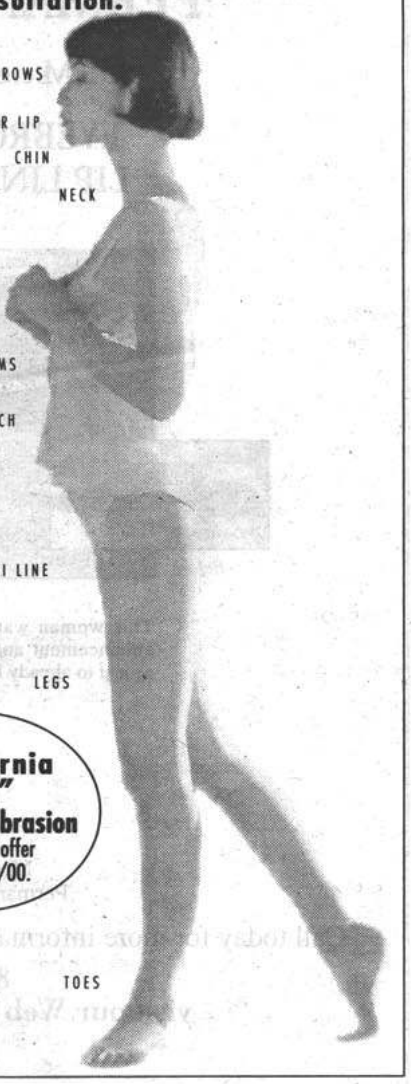

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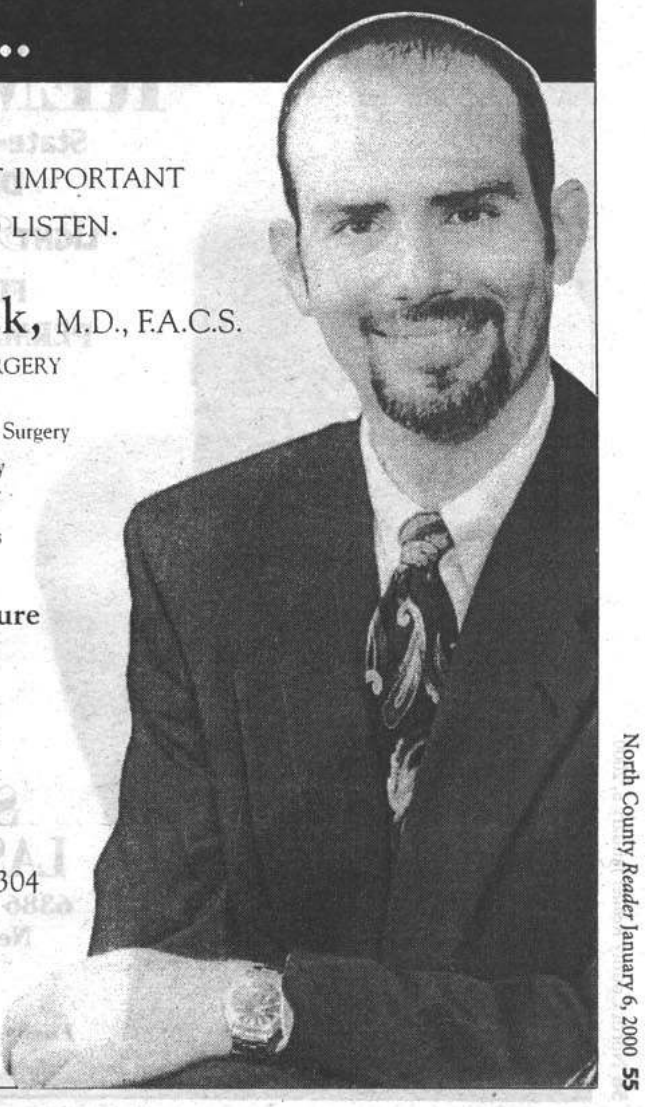

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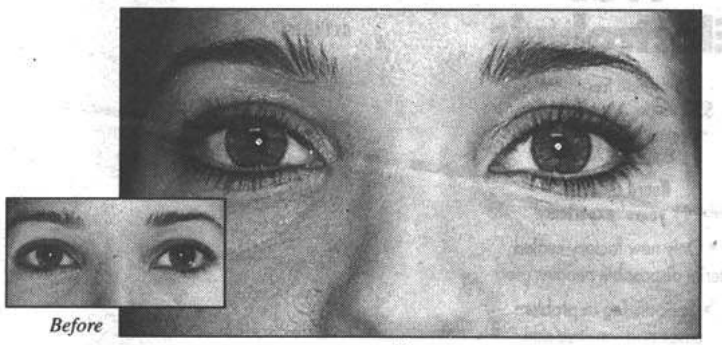

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reserved for protracted syllogisms or rocket science. We've had our triumphs (Randy Newman's *Maybe I'm Doing It Wrong?* at the La Jolla Playhouse, Karen Finley at Sushi, some good [but, alas, diminishing] independent bookstores). Yet, as the nation's seventh-largest metropolis, our cultural track record on the whole is embarrassingly shameful. Keeping works like Rubins's away from the public is just another missed opportunity to educate, to enlighten, and to stoke the appreciation for public art — of every breed and description — that makes a city great. If people want banality like the Kate Sessions statue in Balboa Park, fine. But they shouldn't deny themselves (or anyone else, Steve Cushman?) the opportunity to celebrate thoughtful public spaces of a different stripe just as Chicago, Paris, and New York do.

Lance Lovelette
Park West

Horrified By Albright

I'm sure Anne Albright and her husband love their children and would never intentionally emotionally abuse them. Nevertheless, I was horrified by Anne Albright's December 23 column ("Kid Stuff").

Very young children aren't able to distinguish fine shades of meaning. Jack's explanation that an abortion clinic kills babies before they are born might seem complete to an adult, but a very young child would wonder if parents have babies killed after they are born.

Anne's response to Angela's "why" question was even more horrifying: "They [parents] don't have enough money...or they're [the mothers] not married to the baby's father..." Young children hear more than adults realize. Most very small children have heard their parents express concerns about bills or about money. Many very small children have heard about divorce, and some children experienced the death of a parent. These children soon learn that after death or divorce the remaining parent is no longer married.

The term "baby" is also ambiguous to a very young child. To Rebecca, age seven, Angela would be a "baby." To Angela, three-year-old Lucy is also a "baby."

From Mrs. Albright's previous columns, I know that her children are intelligent and reflective. They ask good questions. Unfortunately, children don't ask parents all the questions that occur to them, either out of fear or out of inability to find the right words. Some of those questions might be, "If you and Daddy get unmarried, would someone take my brother and my sister away and kill them and throw them in the garbage?" "Would Daddy take me away to be killed if you died and he had trouble taking care of me?" "If Daddy died and your new husband didn't want to be my new daddy, would you have me killed and thrown away?" "If you and Daddy don't have enough money, would you have me or Johnny or Lucy killed and thrown in the garbage?" "How do a mother and a daddy decide which baby gets killed if there are more than one?"

Such thoughts would be terrifying to a young child. Such questions, if unexpressed, could undermine a child's trust and sense of well-being.

I'd question the need to involve children in issues that they are really too young to understand. But if the Albrights felt impelled to do so, "We're praying the rosary for some babies who are with God" would probably have been an adequate, accurate, and certainly less frightening explanation.

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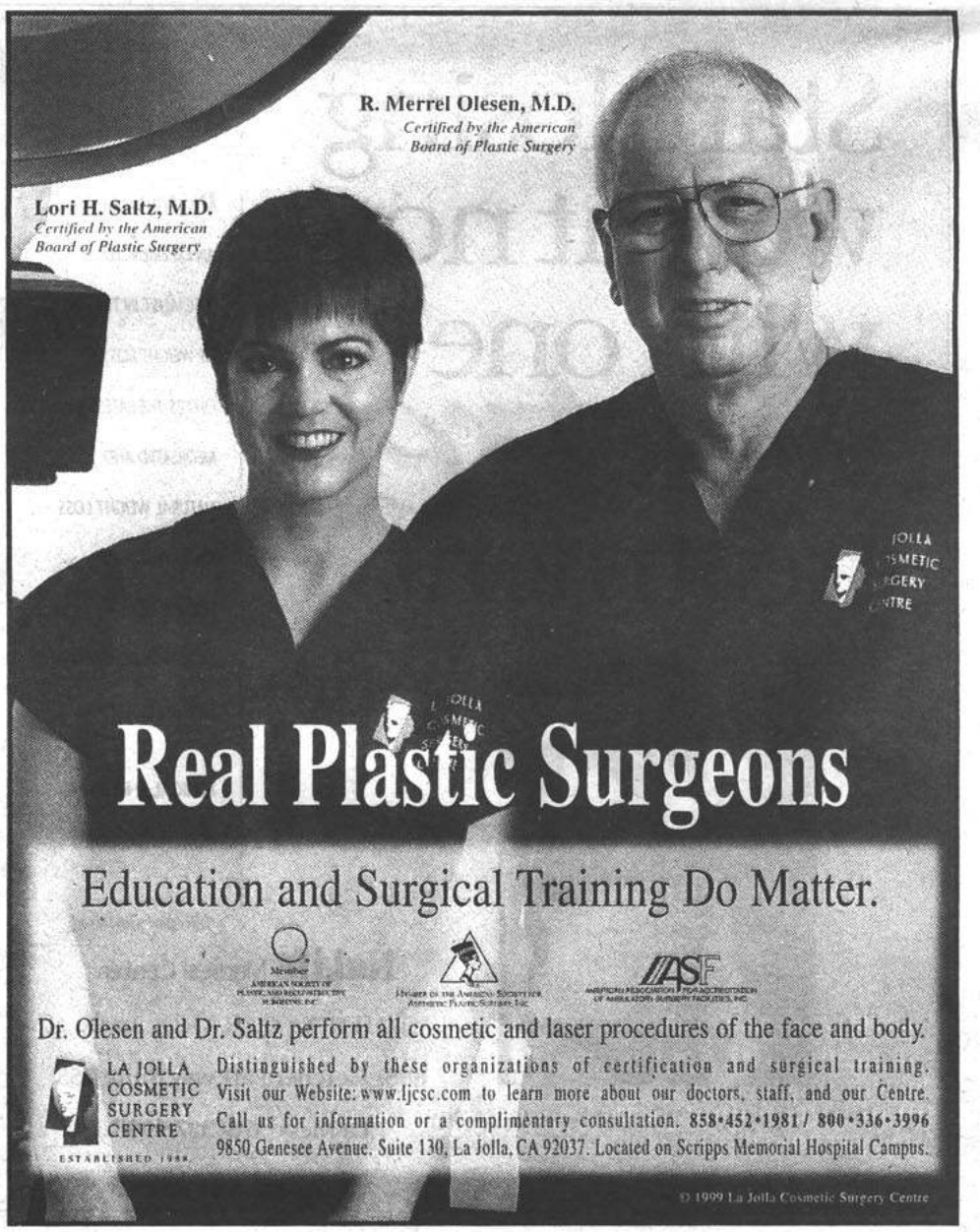

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The Last Place Seen

Tips from the San Diego Mountain Rescue Team



Searchers look for a missing boy in the San Gorgonio wilderness

Jeff Marchand has an inconvenient hobby.

Most days, Marchand is an engineering technician with the Fallbrook Public Utility District, but for the past 22 years, he's also been a volunteer member of various search-and-rescue teams, which in San Diego means paying for and wearing a pager, training in the wilderness one weekend a month, attending monthly meetings and classes, buying and maintaining about $1000 worth of hiking and rescue gear, and assisting, whenever possible, in the 30 to 35 searches for lost hunters, hikers, children, Alzheimer's patients, and stranded motorists that are mounted each year.

LOCAL EVENTS

Marchand came to the San Diego Mountain Rescue Team from Washington state, where, as he puts it, "if you're going to do things outside, you have to do them in spite of the weather." In Southern California, people don't normally expect the weather to harm them, so "when a storm is coming in," Marchand says, "you kind of expect the call."

On January 12, 1997, the call came in at the same time as a blizzard in the Cuyamaca Mountains, where two men and a nine-year-old boy had tried to use a global positioning system device to hike through almost impenetrable brush. When the three placed an urgent call for help with their cell phone, Marchand and his fellow volunteers were just finishing a soggy weekend of training in Joshua Tree National Monument. Instead of driving home to rest and dry off, they drove straight to Cuyamaca, where they and two other rescue teams spent the night walking through sleet.

That particular operation was a success — searchers hacked their way through the right stand of brush the next morning — but the work isn't always so rewarding.

On July 19, 1991, a 12-year-old Boy Scout named Jared Michael Negrete fell behind on his first overnight hiking trip. Over the next 16 days, Jeff Marchand and nearly 2000 rescuers tried to find him in the crevices and switchbacks of Mount San Gorgonio in the San Bernardino Mountains, but they found only candy wrappers, a scout shirt belonging to someone else, and the camera that Jared had held out at arm's length to take a photo of himself — the last time, it turned out, that anyone would see his face.

There's a strategy for searches, Marchand says, that begins with interviewing the person who reports the disappearance. That interview needs to reveal everything that might be of help, he says, even if it's an embarrassing detail, such as illegal activity or drug use. The searchers begin at what they call the PLS — the place last seen — and try to determine the lost person's direction of travel.

"You're trying to get in their heads and think of what could have happened," Marchand says. "You make educated guesses of where they could be from there and cover those areas."

Meanwhile, the searchers try to contain the area where the missing person might be. That's why it's so important to stay in one place and wait for searchers, as Jared Michael Negrete did not and a more fortunate boy in the Laguna Mountains did.

On a November night in 1990, Marchand says, his job was to stay with that nine-year-old boy's family and reassure them. Michael Ashworth of El Cajon had been searching for pine cones with his mother and brother in the Laguna Mountains, had left them briefly at dusk to go to the bathroom, and had never joined them at the car.

"It was a cold night," Marchand says, "and we had people out looking for this nine-year-old boy, and I sat with his mother and brother through the night, and, you know, all you could tell them is what you were doing and that you were doing everything you could, but when asked, you know, 'Do you always find everyone?' the answer is no. You don't always find them."

This time, though, the missing boy was found alive and unharmed under a blanket of leaves he'd piled over himself.

This Monday night, the North County chapter of the Sierra Club will host a free presentation by Jeff Marchand, who will use slides and stories of past search-and-rescue operations to inform members (and anyone else who wishes to attend) what they can expect if they should get lost or injured in the wilderness. Marchand will also list the ten essentials — things a hiker or motorist should have when entering a wilderness area — and describe what a lost person can do to help search-and-rescue personnel.

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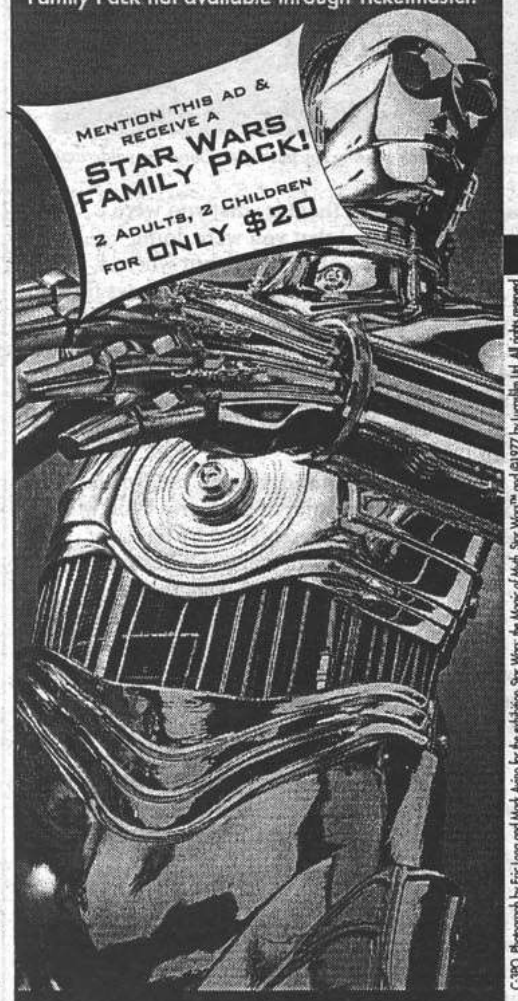

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Gray Whale Migration off San Diego County's coast peaks this month. The best view spots from land are high points close to the surf. Aside from the whale-watching overlook at Cabrillo National Monument, try Sunset Cliffs, the vest-pocket parks and dead-end streets from Pacific Beach to Scripps Park in La Jolla, various ocean overlooks on the trail system at Torrey Pines State Reserve, the cliffs opposite Carmel Valley Road south of Del Mar, overlooks opposite Lomas Santa Fe Drive in Solana Beach, and various clifftop viewpoints and beach access stairways in Encinitas and Leucadia. Scan the ocean a few hundred yards to a couple of miles out using high-power binoculars. Best times for viewing are about 9 a.m. to noon.

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Explore the Canyon and Adjoining Lagoon in Crest Canyon Open-Space Preserve when ranger Dan Bylin leads a bird walk on Saturday, January 8. To reach the spot, take I-5 to Via de la Valle, and head west. Turn left on Jimmy Durante Boulevard; go past the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Turn left on San Dieguito Lagoon Drive, and follow Racetrack View Drive. Meet Bylin at the gate at 8 a.m. Bring water and wear binoculars. 858-538-8082. Free. (DEL MAR)

A Nature Walk hosted by the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy and the Chula Vista Nature Center starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 8. The free walk focuses on migratory birds and the native plants they depend upon. For more information and directions, call 619-422-2483. Rain cancels. (ENCINITAS)

Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge is the site for a bird walk hosted by the Chula Vista Nature Center on Saturday, January 8, at 8 a.m. For the required reservations and directions, call 619-422-2481. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Explore the Rich Bird Life in Guajome Regional Park during an easy walk along the perimeter of this lake marshland with the Canyoneers at 10 a.m. on Sunday, January 9. To reach the park, take I-5 to the Highway 76 exit, and head east six miles to North Santa Fe Avenue. Turn south to the park entrance and meet the guide. For information, call 619-232-3821 x203. There's a $2 parking fee. (OCEANSIDE)

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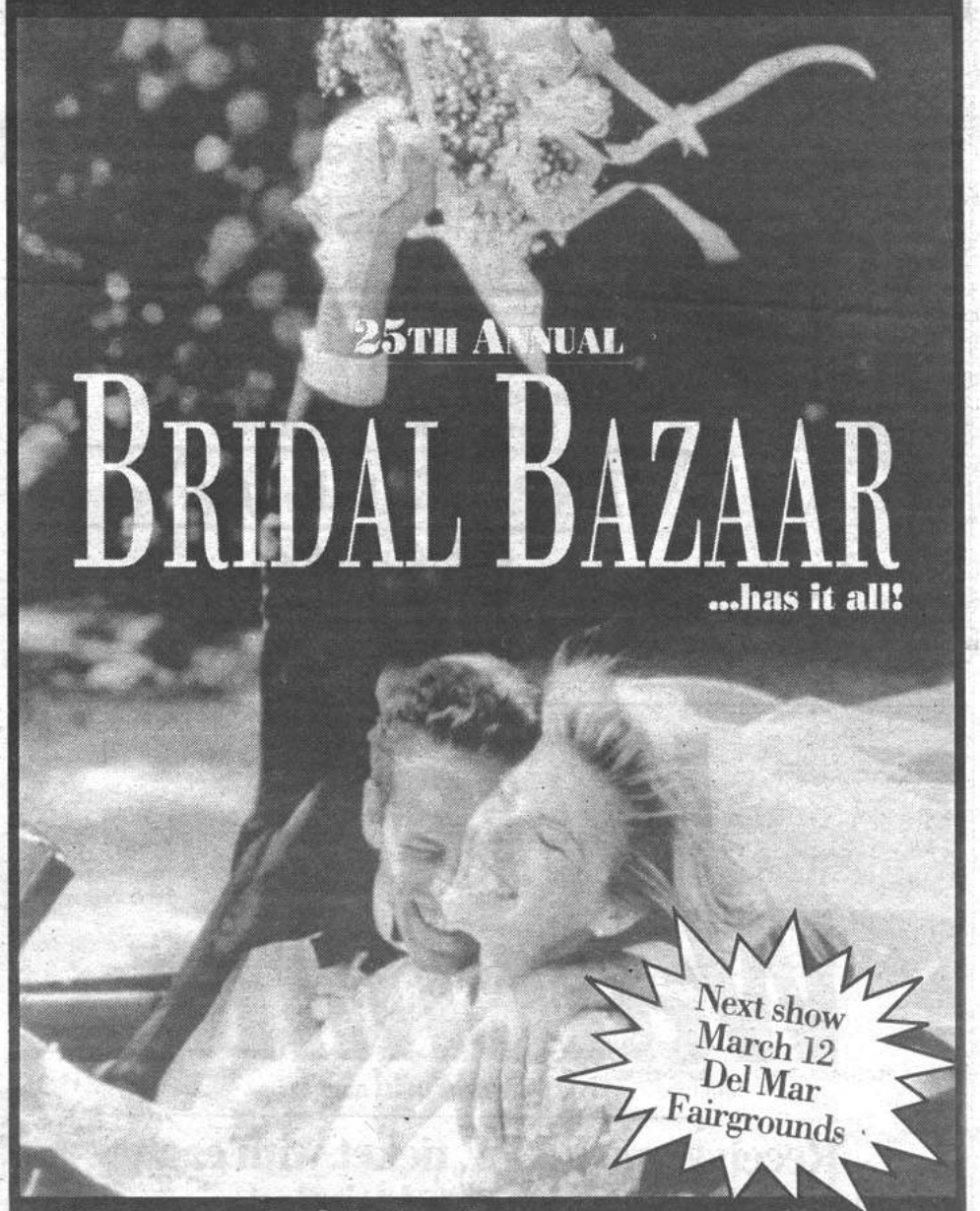

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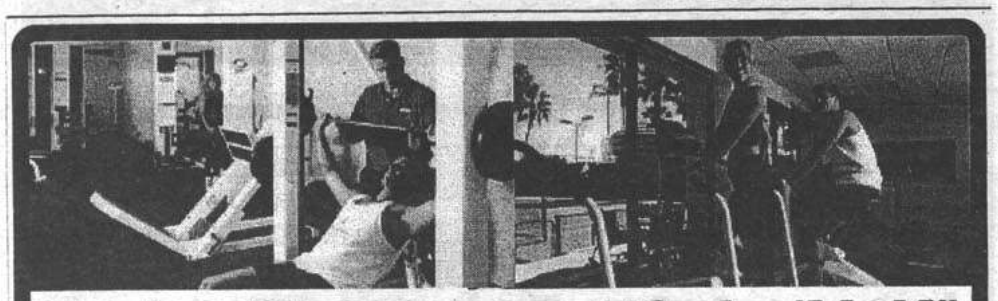

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Coastal Birds and Their Habitats will be described by ranger Laura Naas when she leads walks for beginning birders each Sunday in January, including the 9th, at 9:30 a.m., along the southern wildlife preserve (a.k.a. the flood-control channel). For more information, call 619-581-7603. Bring your binoculars and drinking water to the bike path on the south side of Sea World Drive. Free. (MISSION BAY)

The Next Winter Raptor Watch of the season hosted by the Iron Mountain Conservancy is slated for Sunday, January 9. Possible sightings include golden eagles, falcons, and hawks, among other birds. Dress warmly, and bring binoculars and a field guide (if you have them). Meet the group at 9 a.m. one block north of the junction of Highway 67 and Highland Valley Road, on Highland Valley Court. For information, call 760-765-1957. Free. The outings are offered each Sunday through February 13. (RAMONA)

The Latest Sunrise of the year (on standard, not daylight time) occurs Monday, January 10, near 6:52 a.m. for most of metropolitan San Diego. Slowly at first, then more rapidly in the weeks to come, sunrise will arrive earlier with each passing day. By March 20, the sun will be rising a full hour earlier than it does now. The earlier sunrises are mostly a consequence of the sun's apparent movement from the southern sky toward the northern sky from December to June. You can keep track of that movement by noting where the sun rises (or sets) over a period of many weeks from a fixed vantage point, such as your home.

Beginning Birdwatchers Are Beckoned to attend the field trip hosted by the Audubon Society at Lake Murray on Monday, January 10, from 8 to 11 a.m. The introductory program is designed to educate the novice. Bring binoculars, a small notebook, and field guide.

To reach the spot, take I-8 to Lake Murray Boulevard, exit, and proceed one mile to Baltimore. Turn left, go about one mile, and make a left on Jackson Drive. Proceed one-quarter mile and make a left onto Golfcrest. Drive about one mile to Mission Trails Park; meet in the parking area near the small bleachers. Easy hiking. 619-280-7710. Free. (LA MESA)

DANCE

Hemp(el) and Twine, during the contradance planned on Friday, January 7, Graham Hempel does the calling and the Old Twine String Band makes the music. Events get underway at 8 p.m. (beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m.) at Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. Admission is $6. 760-436-4030. (NORTH PARK)

"Midnight at the Oasis," a "student-produced Middle Eastern dance fantasy" featuring Suzan and Enhedu-anna and the Desert Sand Dancers begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 7, at the Avo Playhouse (303 East Vista Way). George Medlock and Scott Quincy will perform live Middle Eastern music. Tickets are $10, available by calling 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

Ballroom Dancing, Let's Dance Tonight hosts dancing for singles and couples from 7 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 8, at the Elk's Lodge (2720 Fourth Avenue, at Nutmeg). The fee is $7. For information, call 858-272-8760. (BANKERS HILL)

The Subculture of Competitive Dancesport and "how outside pressures influence our identity" are explored in "Against Line of Dance," being presented by the Company of C.H.O.I.C.E at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, at the Wyndham Emerald Plaza (400 West Broadway). Tickets are $20. For information, call 760-942-9223. (DOWNTOWN)

Lookin' for a Good Time? The swamp romp planned by the Bon Temps Social Club on Sunday, January 9, promises live music by L'il Malcolm and the House Rockers from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Louisiana Ballroom (a.k.a. the VASA Hall, 3094 El Cajon Boulevard, at Illinois). Beginning dance lessons start at 6:45 p.m. The cover is $10. Call 858-496-6655 for information. (NORTH PARK)

Beginners' Square Dance classes are being offered by the Ruffles n' Beaus Square Dance Club on Sunday, January 9, from 6 to 7:45 p.m., in room 207 at the Casa del Prado. The fee is $3 per person (first night free). For more information, call 619-469-4865 or 858-277-6621. Open enrollment continues through January 30. (BALBOA PARK)

Beginners' Dance Classes sponsored by the Cabrillo International Folk Dancers and taught by Lu and Georgina Sham begin on Tuesday, January 11, from 7 to 8 p.m., in the Balboa Park Club (on Presidents Way). Classes continue through February 29. The first class is free for newcomers; thereafter pay $2 per class, or $15 for the nine-week series. For more information, call 619-426-6538. (BALBOA PARK)

They've Been Active Since the '50s, and the Lighthouse Squares Dance Club is offering beginning square-dance classes on Wednesday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m., at the Lemon Grove United Methodist Church (3205 Washington Street). For more information, call 619-449-4614. Admission is $3 per person (free the first night). Open enrollment continues on January 19. (LEMON GROVE)

FILM

The San Diego Premiere of *Sunshine and Shadow,* a film about mental illness and the arts, is scheduled for the Sunday Matinee Series at the San Diego Public Library on January 9, at 1 p.m. Film producer Jack Ofield and the film's stars — Creative Arts Consortium members Jeannie Branscomb, Kim Brudvig, David Webb, and John Hood — will be on hand for a discussion following the screening.

Find the library at 820 E Street. Admission is free. Call 619-236-5800 for information. The film will be shown again on January 23. (DOWNTOWN)

The Light Romantic Comedy *To Hell With Love* — by San Diego writer, director, producer Karl Kogen — screens for the Independent Film Society at 7 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, at the La Paloma Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101). Kogen will answer questions after the screening. Tickets are $7 general. Call

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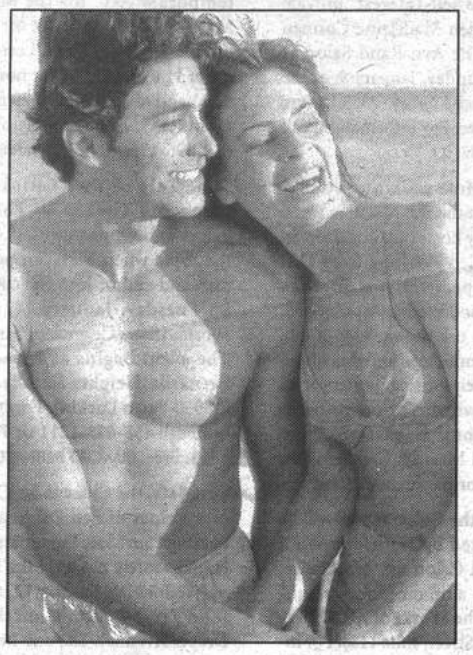

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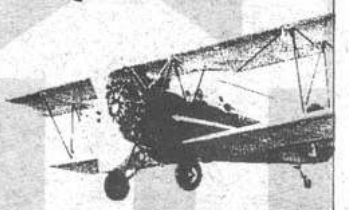

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The Meanings of War and Loss are explored in *Regret to Inform*, screening for the Film Forum at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 10, in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). The film traces Barbara Sonneborn's pilgrimage to the remote Vietnamese countryside where her husband died; woven into her personal odyssey are interviews with widows from both sides of the war.

Professor Susie Lan Cassel will moderate the discussion following the film. Admission is free. Call 619-236-5800 for details. (DOWNTOWN)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, the joy of victory and the agony of defeat are the focus of *Olympic Glory*. The film is said to capture the pageantry and spectacle of the Nagano Winter Olympic Games and continues through Tuesday, February 29.

The story of a clan of elephants is told through the eyes of a 60-year-old male named Old Bull in *Africa's Elephant Kingdom*. Viewers learn about the layers of connection within elephant society and shows how the clan copes with tragedy. The film will show through Monday, February 28.

For ticket prices and showtimes, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Basics for Brewing will be covered when Ballast Point brewmaster Peter A'Hearn conducts a class at 6 p.m. tonight, Thursday, January 6, at Home Brew Mart (5401 Linda Vista Road). Call 619-295-2337 for details. Free. Another class is slated for January 18. (LINDA VISTA)

Buy into the American Dream, the San Diego Neighborhood Housing Services offers a program to educate potential first-time homebuyers. Participants learn about good credit, budgeting, maintaining a home, and more. The next orientation begins at 6 p.m. tonight, Thursday, January 6, at 4336 54th Street; to register, call 619-229-2370. Free. (COLLEGE GROVE)

The Big Chill, what's to love about snow camping? Find out when the Adventure 16 stores host winter camping skills workshops on January 6 and 12. Clinics will cover basics of clothing, food, fuel, and other gear needed. Get the information tonight, Thursday, at the Solana Beach store (143 South Cedros Avenue; 858-755-7662) and on Wednesday at the Mission Gorge location (4620 Alvarado Canyon Road; 619-283-2374). Both events start at 7 p.m. Free. (SOLANA BEACH, MISSION GORGE)

Bring Paper and Pens to the Sisters in Crime meeting slated for tonight, Thursday, January 6, when Judy Reeves divulges "Twelve Guidelines for Writing Practice." Reeves is the author of *A Writer's Book of Days — A Spirited Companion and Lively Muse for the Writing Life*. The talk starts at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Admission is $3 for non-members. For information, call 858-481-6411. (HILLCREST)

"Art Stolen from Jews in World War II" provides the topic when Leon Bloom speaks for the weekly meeting of the North County World Affairs Council today, Thursday, January 6. Next Thursday, January 13, learn about "The Future of the American Dream" when Otto Neuman speaks. Both talks begin at 10 a.m. in the second-floor meeting room at the Remington Club (16916 Hierba Drive). Free. For information, call 760-743-8519 or 858-673-1211. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Do Not Pass Go, Lili Feng was recently jailed in China for 13 days for practicing falun gong and has just returned to San Diego. She'll talk about falun gong and "the price of freedom in China" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 8, at the Creativity Centre (4716 32nd Street). Free. 619-280-5177. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Hot Art, get the skinny on "Hot Glass: Selected Chihuly Works" when artist Thor Bueno speaks at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 8, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard, at Valley Parkway). 760-839-4120. The talk is included in regular museum admission. (ESCONDIDO)

Traditional Chinese Healing Practices associated with Taoism will be introduced during a day of introductory classes planned on Saturday, January 8, at the Taoist Sanctuary. Classes begin at 10 a.m. Find the sanctuary at 4229 Park Boulevard, at El Cajon Boulevard; 619-692-1155. Free. (NORTH PARK)

Coral Reef Aquarium Techniques will be divulged during a class for experienced salt-water aquarium hobbyists on Saturday, January 8, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Birch Aquarium-Museum. Participants will learn conservation, methods for obtaining corals, general coral biology, and the best techniques for maintaining live corals and associated fishes.

The fee for the class is $35 per person, open to those 10 and up; advance registration is required. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). To register, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

"Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan — The Maltreatment of Women" is the subject when Rachel Schreier speaks for People to People International at 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, in Green Hall at USIU (10455 Pomerado Road). Schreier is an educator and membership chairman of the World Affairs Council. Admission is free. 760-746-1670 or 619-484-6069. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"Civility and Self-Interest" provide the topic when Madeleine Cosman speaks for the Ayn Rand Salon at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, at the La Jolla Branch Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. For information, call 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

Entice the Muse and write in different locales in the Del Mar area when Jill Badonsky hosts ongoing drop-in classes entitled "Writing from Different Perspectives" on Sundays (1:15 p.m.) and Wednesdays (noon). Participants use the novelty of different environments to freshen and play with their writing; writers at all levels are invited. The events begin at Earth Song Bookstore, 1440 Camino Del Mar. $7. Call 858-720-0050 for information. (DEL MAR)

The Use of the Color Wheel will be demonstrated by Henrietta Wahl when the El Cajon Art Association meets at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 10, at the Works of Art Gallery (1246 Main Street, suite 113). For information, call 619-588-8875. Free. (EL CAJON)

Mountain Rescues are the subject when ten-year Mountain Rescue Team member Jeff Marchand presents a slide-illustrated lecture for the North County Sierra Club on Monday, January 10. Hear the talk at 7:30 p.m. at the Rancho Bernardo Joslyn Senior Center (18402 West Bernardo Drive). Free. Call 760-489-8842 for details. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

What Are the Cultural Needs of Vireya rhododendrons? Find out when Jim Jaeger speaks and presents slides for the San Diego Horticultural Society on Monday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m. Plant experts will be on hand to answer questions during the plant forum following the talk. The meeting takes place in the Surfside Race Place at Del Mar on the Del Mar Fairgrounds. 760-630-7307. Free. (DEL MAR)

Get to Know the San Diego Opera's 2000 repertoire by attending one of the many opera preview lectures planned around the county in a variety of venues. *Il Trovatore* talks run January 10 through January 22. To obtain specific dates, fees, and locations, dial 619-232-7636. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Architects Talk About Work, the lecture series co-sponsored by the American Institute of Architects and the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla continues with a discussion by Jim Tanner from Tanner Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects in San Francisco at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street; call 619-232-0109 for reservations. A reception precedes each lecture at 6 p.m. Admission is $7 general. (LA JOLLA)

"Beethoven's Violin Sonatas" star in a lecture and performance series planned by violinist Mark Menzies and pianist Sandra Brown at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. The series commences with a look at "Sonatas Opus 12 Numbers 1-3" on Tuesday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m. (and continues through February 1). Find the library at 1008 Wall Street. Make reservations by calling 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Explore the "Botanical World" when Jon Rebman introduces the plant kingdom in lecture-style classes, with live and dried plant samples, on Tuesday and Thursday, January 11 and 13, at 6:30 p.m. each night, at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The fee is $27 for non-members. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

How Do We Define Art? Is it an object or an experience? Find out when San Diego Museum of Art contemporary California art curator Larry Urrutia discusses "Confronting Contemporary Art" for the Meet the Masters lecture series at the SDMA on Tuesday, January 11. Lectures begin at 11 a.m. ($17.50 for non-members) and at 5:30 p.m. ($20 for non-members). For reservations, call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Tale of Two Cities — San Diego and Tijuana — The Challenges and Opportunities" provide the topic when Mexican businessman and author José Galicot speaks on Tuesday, January 11, for the World Affairs Council of San Diego. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. at Bernardo Heights Middle School (13990 Paseo Lucido). For information, call 858-673-1211 or 760-743-8519. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Surf Safe, the Citizens for Community Values of San Diego are conducting "Surf Safe" seminars to help families safely navigate the Internet on Wednesday, January 12, at the La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). The one-hour seminars begin at noon and 7 p.m. The fee is $5. Call 858-509-9848 for details. The seminar will be repeated downtown on January 19. (LA JOLLA)

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discuss "History and Conservation of the Virgin of Guadalupe from Mission San Luis Rey" at 1:30 p.m. next Thursday, January 13, at the Timken Museum of Art. Free. For information, call 619-531-9636. (BALBOA PARK)

Artists from *Il Trovatore* will participate in the Artists' Round Table — an informal question-and-answer session — hosted by the San Diego Opera at 5:30 p.m. next Thursday, January 13, in the Beverly Sills Salon of the Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Admission is $5. For information, call 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

What Is the Fate of the Universe? The Millennium Lecture Series continues next Thursday, January 13, when renowned physicist Kim Greist discusses "Dark Matter and the Ultimate Fate of the Universe" at 7 p.m. in the Institute of the Americas auditorium on the UCSD campus. Free. 858-822-0510. (LA JOLLA)

Glass Movement Pioneer Marvin Lipofsky has traveled the world to work in factories and studios with master glassblowers. Lipofsky presents "A World of Glass" at 7 p.m. next Thursday, January 13, at the Oceanside Museum of Art (704 Pier View Way). Lipofsky's slide presentation will focus on his involvement in the early years of contemporary glass art movement, his experiences with glass in other countries, and his own work in his Berkeley studio. Tickets are $5 for non-members. Call 760-721-2787 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

IN PERSON

Hot Off the Body, controversial performance artist Tim Miller returns to Sushi Performance and Visual Art to present "Glory Box" on Friday and Saturday, January 7 and 8, at 8 p.m. each night. The piece is said to be an "exploration of the challenge of love, queer marriage, and the struggle for immigration rights for gay people and their partners."

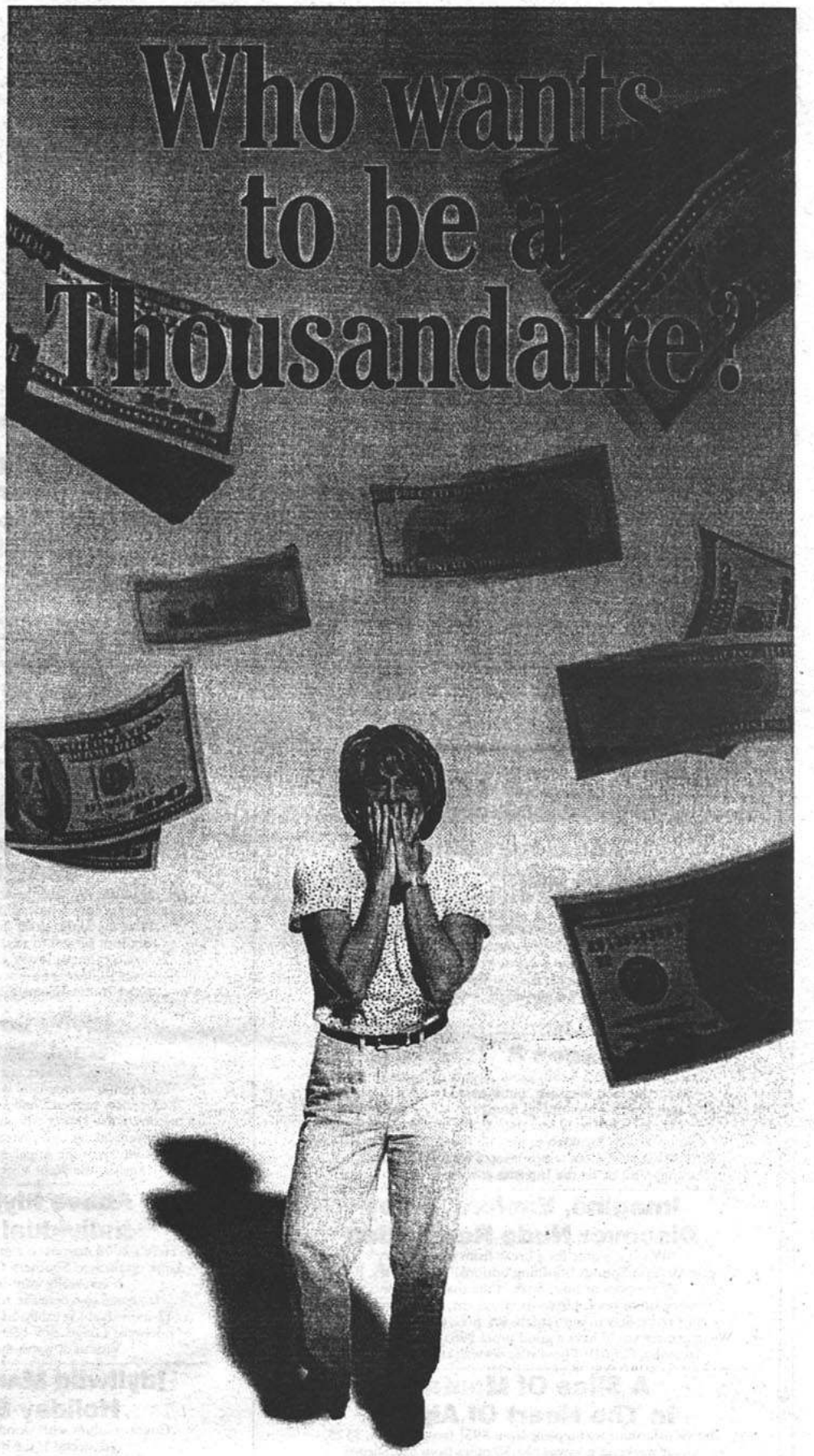
Tickets are $20 general. Sushi is located in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. Call 619-235-8466 for tickets. (DOWNTOWN)

Beauty and Obsession are evident in Susan Orlean's true story, *The Orchid Thief,* which she'll sign and discuss at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 7, at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). *Thief* tells the tale of renegade plant dealer John Laroche and the legal controversies set off when he was caught. Free. Questions? Call 858-454-0347 for answers. (LA JOLLA)

The History of the Prehistoric Landscape as recorded in the sedimentary rocks of the region is told in Patrick Abbott's new book, *The Rise and Fall of San Diego: 150 Million Years of Recorded History in Sedimentary Rocks.* Abbott will discuss the book at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 7, at Bookstar Costa Verde (8650 Genesee Avenue). 858-457-7561. (LA JOLLA)

Phenomenal! Head to the San Dieguito United Methodist Church on Friday, January 7, when Bluegrass Etc. performs at 7:30 p.m. The group includes John Moore, Dennis Caplinger, Curtis Jones, and Steve Spurgin. Find the church at 170 Calle Magdalena. Tickets are $12. For information, call 760-726-8380 or 760-489-2248. (ENCINITAS)

Slide Shows About Archaeoastronomy are promised when Hubert A. Allen Jr. makes appearances to sign and discuss his book *The Petroglyph Calendar: An Archaeoastronomy Adventure.* Meet him at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 7, at Waldenbooks (555 Broadway; 619-425-7021); at 7 p.m. on Satur-



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day, January 8, at Barnes and Noble (11744 Carmel Mountain Road; 858-674-1055); at 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, at Waldenbooks (639 Parkway Plaza; 619-593-9933); and at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, at Waldenbooks (7007 Friars Road; 619-296-2537). Free. (CHULA VISTA, CARMEL MOUNTAIN, EL CAJON, FASHION VALLEY)

Book Signing, author Sandra Levy Ceren will discuss and sign her book *Prescription for Terror* at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 8, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore. The shop is found in the Del Mar Highlands Town Center, at 12835 El Camino Real; 619-481-4038. Free. (DEL MAR)

"Warm Hearts Cold Feet: Tales of Love and the Supernatural" may be enjoyed when storyteller Janice del Negro presents suspenseful retellings of traditional tales laced with witty asides and atmospheric dialect for the Storytellers of San Diego on Saturday, January 8.

The telling begins at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Manchester Conference Center on the campus of the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). The program is suitable for adults and children over 12. Tickets are $7. Dial 619-298-6363 or 619-260-4584 for reservations. (LINDA VISTA)

The Unique Blend of Music and Spoken Word performed by Grito Serpentino may be enjoyed at 9 p.m. on Saturday, January 8, at the Centro Cultural de la Raza (2004 Park Boulevard). The group's songs and performance pieces are expressed bilingually. Poets Manuel J. Vélez and Olga Angelina García Echeverría will open the evening. Admission is by donation. Questions? Call 619-235-6135 for answers. (BALBOA PARK)

Science Fiction Authors Catherine Asaro (*The Veiled Web*) and Sharman DiVono (*Blood Moon*) will sign and discuss their books at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, at Mysterious Galaxy Books. Find the galaxy at 3904 Convoy Street; 619-268-4747. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

Poetic Rendezvous, there's an open reading planned from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, at Rendezvous Caffe (4644 College Avenue). Call 619-265-7287 for information. Free. (SAN DIEGO)

The Unsinkable Debbie, head to the East County Performing Arts Center on Sunday, January 9, when Debbie Reynolds performs at 7:30 p.m. Find the center at 210 East Main Street. Tickets are $31, $46, and $56. For reservations, call 619-440-2277.(EL CAJON)

Seasons of Gratitude begin at the First Lutheran Church with a concert by Deborah Liv Johnson at 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 9. Admission is free. Find the church at 1420 Third Avenue (at Ash Street). For information, call 619-234-6149. (DOWNTOWN)

All-Star Comedy Shows hosted by Doug James are planned on Sundays, starting at 8 p.m. on January 9, at the Cannibal Bar in the Catamaran Resort Hotel (3999 Mission Boulevard). For tickets, call 858-539-8630; dial 800-632-3810 for the comedy hotline. The cover is $10. (MISSION BAY)

Jazz Live, enjoy "Gypsy jazz" by the Hot Club of San Diego when the ensemble performs for the Jazz Live concert hosted by KSDS Jazz 88 on Tuesday, January 11. The concert begins at 8 p.m. in the San Diego City College Theater (located at 14th and C Streets). Doors open at 7:45 p.m., and admission is free. The concert

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Chicago Poet Quraysh Ali Lansana will read for Poetic Brew on Tuesday, January 11, at 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune (2906 University Avenue). Open-mike readings precede and follow Lansana's reading; sign-ups start at 7:30 p.m. 619-688-9845. Free. (NORTH PARK)

San Diego Author Susan Vreeland will discuss her latest work, *Girl in Hyacinth Blue,* at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, at Upstart Crow Bookstore (835 West Harbor Drive). 619-232-4855. Free. (SEAPORT VILLAGE)

"A Brief History of Jazz Guitar" is being presented by the San Diego Museum of Art. The series starts on Wednesday, January 12, with "It All Begins with the Banjo," a look at the harmonic and rhythmic role of the banjo in New Orleans jazz of the 1920s. Famed jazz guitarist Art Johnson will be accompanied by Gilbert Castellanos (trumpet), Joe Azarello (piano), Philip Boroff (Renaissance lute, classical guitar, and banjo), Gunner Biggs (bass), and Jim Plank (drums).

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Author Indira Ganesan will discuss and sign her second novel *Inheritance* at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, at Borders (1160 Rancho Carmel Drive). The book centers on the emotional awakening of Somil, a 15-year-old young woman living with he (1160 Rancho Carmel Drive). The book centers on the emotional awakening of Somil, a 15-year-old young woman living

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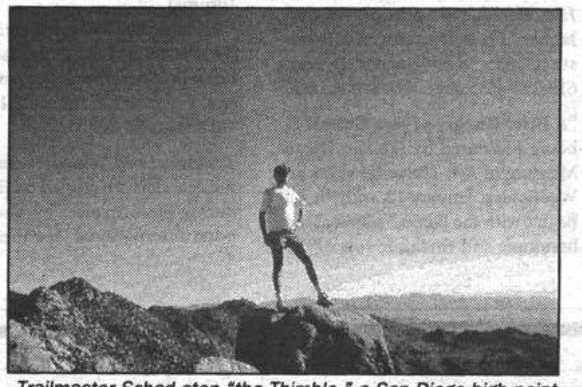
Author Ken Rutkowski signs and discusses *Happy Between Relationships* at 7 p.m. next Thursday, January 13, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Call 619-220-0175 for details. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Roam-O-Rama

A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond • By Jerry Schad

"Roam-O-Rama" marches into the new millennium with a new focus: San Diego County and beyond. During the seven-year tenure of this column in the *San Diego Reader*, I've recommended nearly 300 outdoor activities and adventures of a strictly local kind. The list of remaining places to cover within the county itself, however, has been wearing thin lately, and it's time to reorganize. Starting soon, the geographic scope of "Roam-O-Rama" will expand to include all of Southern California. I will cover outdoor places bordering greater L.A., up the coast as far as Ventura County, north to the Mojave Desert and Death Valley, and east into Imperial County. On rare occasions, I'll venture south into the *frontera* region of Baja California.

The new column will also visit (or revisit, with a different twist) worthwhile destinations in San Diego County itself. As before, I'll focus primarily on hiking trips and trails and secondarily on a wide range of other activities: urban walks, bicycle rides, camping, picnicking, geologic explorations, and special astronomical events such as eclipses, comet apparitions, and potentially spectacular meteor showers.



Trailmaster Schad atop "the Thimble," a San Diego high point

Many of the hike descriptions appearing in this column thus far have been adapted from my guidebook titled *Afoot and Afield in San Diego County*. However, some newer hiking opportunities have appeared (and will continue to appear) in this forum first.

"Roam-O-Rama" readers should know that all columns back to as far as April 1998 are archived on the *Reader's* website. Just point your browser to *www.sdreader.com/ed/roam/roam.html*. This archive will grow as more trips are added throughout this year and in future years.

It's been a pleasure to share my outdoor experiences with you in the pages of the *San Diego Reader*, and I look forward to doing a lot more of the same.

TV

"She's Black and White and Cute All Over," read the smiling anchorwoman from the Teleprompter, shilling the *KSWB News at Ten* story about the baby panda at the zoo or some such fluff. We need more news like this? How about exposing corruption? Ferreting out evildoers? Digging up scoops? Reporting news? *KSWB News at Ten* airs nightly at 10 p.m. on KSWB, Cox Cable Channel 5.

It Wasn't Hitchcock's Best Movie, or even his best version of the same movie, but the second *Man Who Knew Too Much* is the one that has entered the popular memory, if only because of Doris Day billowing out the bedspread while singing "Que Será, Será." Que será, será. Airs today, Thursday, January 6, at 5 p.m. on AMC, Cox Cable Channel 33.

"You're Being Charming, Reasonable, and very boyish. Unless you've changed, that means you're about to drink someone's blood. Probably mine." Before the war between the sexes devolved into the most blunt-headed (irony is not to be confused with subtlety, or even wit) trench warfare, this sort of repartee worked beautifully. *June Bride* airs today, January 6, at 5 p.m. on TCM, Cox Cable Channel 74.

If Ever There Was a Smile that needed to be wiped off a face, it was the smirk that spread Bruce Willis's lips in *Moonlighting*. Smarm and charm made him a star, the perfect wiseacre detective for the '80s. Now, Bravo has been kind (?) enough to revive the series. *Moonlighting* airs tonight, Thursday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m. on Bravo, Cox Cable Channel 42.

"Lawyers Should Never Marry Other Lawyers. This is called inbreeding, from which comes idiot children and more lawyers." Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn go at it hammer and tongs from opposite sides of the courtroom over a case of a woman accused of trying to kill her philandering husband. Delightful. *Adam's Rib* airs Friday, January 7, at 5 p.m. on TCM, Cox Cable Channel 74.

Our Dear Brother Didn't Care For *The Madness of King George* — he thought it a smug, Americanistic "Let's poke fun at the idea of monarchy" type of movie. We disagree, claiming that it is an intelligent, well-grounded (even earthy) investigation into the idea and incarnation of a king. Funny, too. Airs Friday, January 7, at 9 p.m. on Bravo, Cox Cable Channel 42.

"Mr. Brady, Why Do You Deny the one thing that sets us above the other animals?" Curious. The speaker is *Inherit the Wind*'s Henry Drummond, defending a teacher for teaching evolution. The thing he refers to is the capacity to think. If evolution is true, whence came this thing? Mutation? *Inherit the Wind* airs Saturday, January 8, at 1:45 p.m. on TCM, Cox Cable Channel 74.

If the Evil of the Big City is anonymity — the freedom to do whatever you like because nobody knows you or cares what you do — then the evil of the small town is the suffocating closeness that can bind everyone together in a communal evil secret. Woe to the stranger. *Bad Day at Black Rock* airs Saturday, January 8, at 5 p.m. on TCM, Cox Cable Channel 74.

Someday, Some Enterprising Young Listmaker for *Harper's* or *The New Yorker* or *The Atlantic Monthly* will tally up all the interesting, quirky, influential people who hail from upstate New York. Somewhere on that list: local architectural giant Irving J. Gill, born in the humble hamlet of Tully, south of Syracuse. *Fundamental Truths: Architecture of Irving J. Gill* airs Sunday, January 9, at 10 p.m. on KPBS, Cox Cable Channel 11.

Franz Kafka Was Genuinely Tortured — works like *The Trial* and *Metamorphosis* are meditations on horror and helplessness. In comparison, Woody Allen doesn't seem so much tortured as irritated, so it may not have been in Woody's best interests to draw the comparison with *Shadows and Fog*, a "Kafka-esque nightmare." Airs Tuesday, January 11, at 8 p.m. on Bravo, Cox Cable Channel 42.

SPORTS

Stingray Basketball, our local International Basketball League team hosts the team from New Mexico today, Thursday, January 6, at 7 p.m.

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The team from Cincinnati arrives for a game at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 8; and the team from Las Vegas hits the court at 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 9. New Mexico is back for a rematch at 7 p.m. next Thursday, January 13.

All of the games are played at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from $5 to $25. For tickets, call 619-299-0148. (SAN DIEGO)

Hockey Time, the San Diego Gulls meet up with the Anchorage Aces at 7:05 p.m. on Friday, January 7, at the San Diego Sports Arena (3500 Sports Arena Boulevard). Tickets range from $5 to $15, available by calling 619-224-4625. All games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

Whatta Name, the "Big O Tires Presents the Wrenchhead.com U.S. Hot Rod Ultimate Monster Jam" drives into Qualcomm Stadium at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 8. Organizers promise monster truck racing, with freestyle and side-by-side racing; long-distance cycle jumping; quad wars; and the U.S. Hot Rod Demolition Derby. Tickets are $20 for adults, $10 for kids, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

They Know Where to Eat, so join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders on a ride to Tecate, Mexico, on Sunday, January 9. This 65-mile adventure begins at 8:45 a.m. at McDonald's (551 Telegraph Canyon Road). Bring money for the aforementioned food. Call 619-449-9189 for information. (CHULA VISTA)

A Fairly Flat Course free of motor vehicle traffic is promised during the third annual Doug Mahnke Law Enforcement Memorial Run, slated for Sunday, January 9, at Lake Miramar. Registration begins at 6 a.m., with the 5-mile run and 2-mile fun walk starting at 7:30 a.m.

To reach the start, take I-15 to Mira Mesa Boulevard and head east. Drive south on Scripps Ranch Boulevard, west on Scripps Lake Drive, and park at Scripps High School. For more information, call 858-635-3214. (MIRAMAR)

Enjoy Some Local Foothills with the Knickerbiker bicyclists on Sunday, January 9. The 35-mile ride for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. at the Black Angus (10370 Friars Road, at Riverford). For information, call 619-287-4019. Free. (GRANTVILLE)



SPECIAL

Power Boats: 80%, Sailboats: 20% — it's the mix promised when the San Diego Boat Show takes place January 6-9 at the San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Organizers promise fishing, electronics, diving, and other accessories as well.

Show hours are noon to 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $7 for adults, $3 for children 6 to 12, free for kids under 6. For more information, call 858-274-9924. (DOWNTOWN)

"Tolerance Zones," a touring exhibition by artist Rosemarie McKeon, opens at the San Diego Public Library with a reception at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Thursday, January 6. Collaborators include economist Midi Cox, research scientist Richard Marciano, graphic artist Poyin Tse, historian Carrol Waymon, and City of San Diego librarian Lynn Whitehouse.

The show continues through Friday, January 21. Find the library at 820 E Street; call 619-236-5800 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

From Tin to Tiffany, over 275 antique dealers from the United States will be exhibiting at the Del Mar Antique Show and Sale, running January 7-9 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Organizers promise glass, crystal, jewelry, art, silver, furniture, and more.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Leo Sampson, a.k.a. the Glass Doctor, will do repairs; as will Ahmad Farid, the Rug Doctor. Porcelain problems will be addressed by Rafail Golberg, and J.C. Dumas will do jewelry repair. Admission is $6, good for the duration of the show. For more information, call 760-943-7500. (DEL MAR)

Interested in Christian Art? If so, the Jubilee 2000 Christian Art Show — seeking to "celebrate 2000 years of Christianity in a cultural venue" — runs from Friday, January 7, through Sunday, January 30, at the Fallbrook Art and Cultural Center (103 South Main). View 85 pieces from all over the U.S. Admission is $3 for adults, free for children.

On Sunday, January 9, Pastor Kirk Bottomly will discuss the Sistine Chapel at 1:30 p.m., in the conference room at the center. For information, call 760-728-0700. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. (FALLBROOK)

Bears, Toys, and Dolls, Oh My! Linda's 42nd annual International Teddy Bear, Doll, and Antique Toy Show and Sale is set for January 8 and 9, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple. More than 200 dealers will be there to tempt attendees, along with doll and teddy bear appraisals, identification, and repair consultations throughout the event.

Show hours are 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $5. Call 760-434-7444 for details. Find the center at 1895 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Need More Books? The next book sale at the La Mesa Library is slated for Saturday, January 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (weather permitting). Fiction and non-fiction hardbacks will be featured. For information, call 619-460-6668. (LA MESA)

Thar She Blows, it's whale-watching season, with two-hour cruises narrated by Scripps naturalists hosted by the Birch Aquarium Museum continuing on weekends through February 13. Cruises depart at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The fee is $12 for those 5 to 15, $17 for those 16 and older. Call 619-224-7767 for reservations. (MISSION BAY)

Take a Taste of 18th Century Shipboard Life when the *Hawaiian Chieftain* and *Pilgrim of Newport* visit the Maritime Museum from Tuesday, January 11, through Sunday, January 23. The grand arrival with cannons firing is slated for Tuesday, January 11, at 2 p.m.

Tours are offered from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Tours are included in regular Maritime Museum admission ($5 general, $4 for seniors and those 13-17, $2 for kids 6 to 12, free for those 5 and under).

Battle reenactment sailing with costumed crews take place from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The fee for these sailing adventures is $40 for adults, $25 for children. For reservations and information, call 800-401-7835. Find the museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street). (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

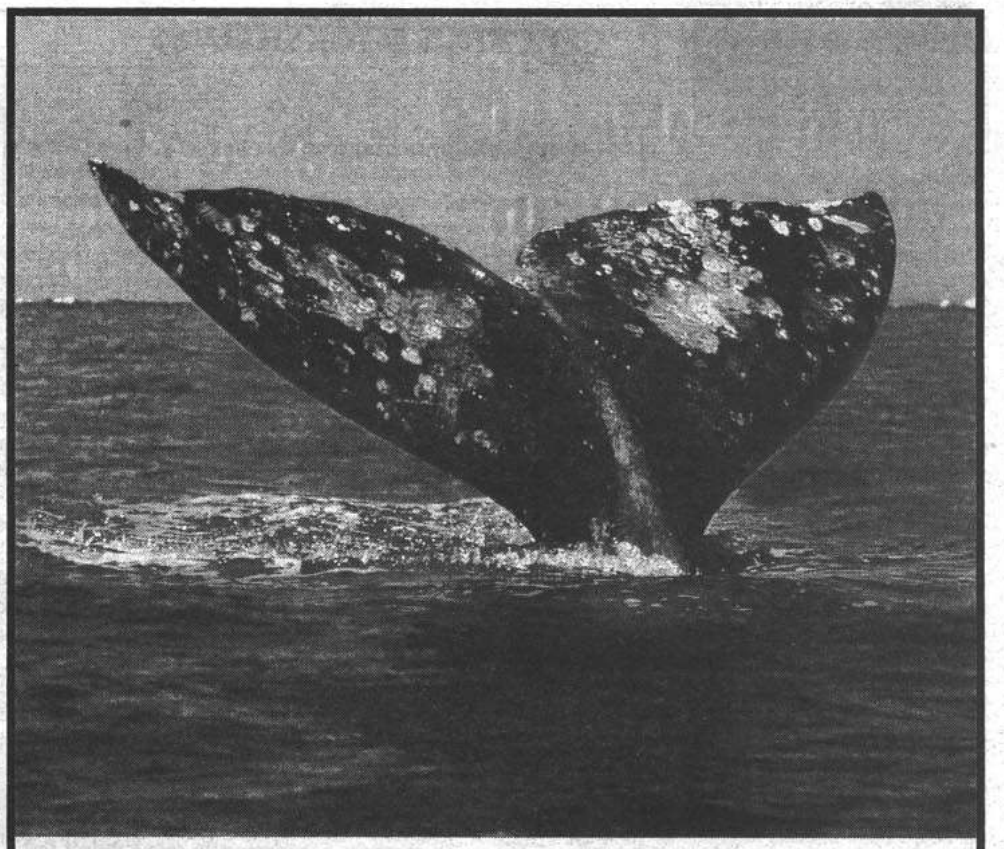
"The Magic of Ventriloquism" is extolled by Lynn Trimble through January 9 at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Pepper's Favorites II* presented by Puppet Express January 12-16. Shows begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. For details, dial 619-685-5045. Admission is $2 for adults, $1.50 for children, free for those under two. (BALBOA PARK)

New Year, New Books, discover the new titles January promises and make bookmarks to take home during the story time planned at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 8, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. Call 619-298-4306 for details. This event is for those three to nine years old. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Beauty and the Beast, Part I" may be seen when the San Diego Actors Theatre present "Children's Classics" at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 8. The program includes *Three Little Pigs, The Big Brag,* poetry, and songs. 619-268-4494. Find L'Auberge at 1540 Camino Del Mar. Admission is $4 per person. (DEL MAR)

Second Saturday Storytelling, the series at the San Diego Museum of Art continues at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 8. The programs are designed for children 5 through 12. Admission is $5 for nonmember children (adults are free when accompanied by a child). For reservations, call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)



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LOCAL EVENTS

"Whales, Tails, and Spouts" is a class planned for children from four through kindergarten at the Birch Aquarium-Museum from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 8. Participants will learn how whales communicate and catch their food and why some whales travel thousands of miles to give birth. Activities include a craft.

The fee is $15. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

An Interpretive Walk for Children is planned at 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, along the Ruth Merrill Children's trail in the Highland Valley section of the San Dieguito River Park. Dial 619-689-8930 to make the required reservations and get directions. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Celebrate the *Rainbow Fish* through readings and finger puppet fun when the Board Book Buddies meet on Tuesday, January 11, at 10:30 a.m., at Zany Brainy (1530 Camino de la Reina; 619-291-9500). The program is for those four and younger. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Children's Discovery Museum of North County, the museum is designed as an educational environment through art, science, and social activities targeted for children 2 through 12. Look for a medieval castle, magic mirror, mini-city, and children's marketplace. Find the museum at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103; 760-720-0737. (CARLSBAD)

MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum's activities include locating, collecting, documenting, and preserving historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related not only to agriculture, but to the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. In addition, the museum has a blacksmith and wheelwright shop, a country kitchen and parlor, a steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. For further details, call 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Historical Museum, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. Dial 619-267-5141 for additional information. (BONITA)

Chinese Historical Museum, continuing exhibits focus on Chinese American veterans, the Chinese lottery, archaeological artifacts from old Chinatown sites, and other objects relating to Chinese history and culture. The museum is located in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission; adjacent to the building is an Asian garden, including a statue of Confucius, a waterfall, stream, and a large Chinese gate. The museum is located at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; the opening exhibits include lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, this historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, which emphasizes simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages are also open on the fourth Tuesday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Children Around the World videos are shown in the Hall of Nations on the fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Museum of San Diego History, Father Jerome Tupa, a Benedictine monk by vocation, has "An Uncommon Mission: Father Jerome Tupa Paints the California Missions" on exhibit at the museum through Sunday, March 12. The show is composed of 21 large oil paintings and 39 watercolors, accompanied by descriptions and photographs illustrating the missions as they actually appear.

"Picturing Paradise: Marketing San Diego 1875-1940" details how the foundation was laid for the influx of business investments and tourist visitations San Diego thrives on today. The exhibition includes souvenirs from the 1915-16 Panama-California and 1935-36 California Pacific Expositions, artifacts, two of Tommy Hernandez's costumes (a.k.a. Don Diego), and more. See this show through Sunday, January 30.

A photographic retrospective of work by Antony di Gesu entitled "Portraits East and West" is currently on exhibit. The artist initially gained recognition from his New York City studio and later worked and lived in La Jolla. In a career that spanned more than six decades, he earned distinction as a pioneer in color photography.

Ongoing exhibits include "Eden in the Desert: San Diego's Quest for Water." The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, the museum is currently presenting "Lemon Grove Remembered: 1892-1964," with photographs, furnishings, clothing, and artifacts tracing the evolution of the community from rural whistle-stop to major citrus-producing town, to modern city. The two-part exhibition includes "The Sweating Beast"

CLEANING BOOKSHELVES

READING

I cleaned out my bookshelves this morning. I can't keep every book. I can keep books for facts they contain (Fernand Braudel's *The Structures of Everyday Life: The Limits of the Possible [Civilization and Capitalism: 15th–18th Century]* or Carl Sifakis's *The Mafia Encyclopedia* or the various Oxford Books of this and that). I can and must keep many, many books of poetry and my heavy Jerusalem Bible and my faded navy blue G.B. Harrison Shakespeare; I could no more toss out these than I could set Lily the dachshund into the center of a busy street. Even though Kafka scares me so much I hardly ever read him, I must keep all Kafka and Kafkaiana — his letters and novels and short stories and biographies of him. I can't ever toss out Updike or Didion or Cheever or Bernanos or Algren or Elizabeth Bowen or Eudora Welty or Beckett or Kerouac or Roland Barthes or Gaston Bachelard or Richard Ford or Harold Brodkey or Harold Bloom or Frank Kermode or Lydia Davis or Northrop Frye or the early Susan Sontag or Paul Klee's diaries or Van Gogh's letters in the edition put together by Auden or Dom Gregory Dix's *The Shape of the Liturgy* or William Gass's *On Being Blue.* Not having these books looking out at me from my shelves would be like opening the pantry door and discovering I had no salt, no coffee, no Quaker Oats, no cans of plum tomatoes, no smelly fat yellow onions whose dry papery skins, when I touch them, shed into my hand.

But I am not talking here about books I can't toss. I am talking about books that, this morning, I tossed. I made two stacks. On one stack I set books that I thought various friends might like. On the other stack, far higher, I set books that I intended to take to my favorite used-books shop, where I planned to exchange my used books for their used books.

As I took down one after another book and dropped it onto one of the piles, I felt — all at once — enormously sad. I didn't feel I'd cry, but that's because I don't like to cry. I felt sad. Books are important to me. The decision to buy a book, for me, is not unlike the decision to make a new friend or make a resolution to change some aspect of how I live my life (Rilke wrote: "... there is no place/that does not see you. You must change your life."). So that as I removed books from my shelves I recalled the hope I'd had that prompted this or that purchase. As I consigned these books to the stacks on the carpet, I thought that these discarded books either had "not come true" for me or I had not been able to bring to them what they needed, I was not "up to" the text. Somewhere, between the author and me, his writing or my reading, both had failed. I hate failure.

I thought, then, about hopes that these books' authors had when the first idea of the book came to them. I thought of the work that goes into a book, not only the author's but the editors' work. I thought of the typographers, designers, the public relations staff, salesmen, the wholesalers and boxers and booksellers. I thought of authors whom I knew well or knew slightly slogging through one after another bookstore, reading from their book and then after the applause for their reading, answering questions. "How do you get your ideas?" "Do you have an agent?" "Do you use a computer?" "Is the mother in your novel really your mother in real life?"

I thought of these writers, still in their pajamas and coffee-stained nightgowns. I saw them seated at computers or typewriters or bent over a notebook. I thought of the words, multimillions of words, that these writers worked to bring to paper. I saw these words as butterflies afloat in a pale sky. Azure blue butterflies and orange and black monarchs swooped and fluttered. Their wings beat the air. All these books, the books on my shelves that would remain on my shelves, and the books I one after another set on the two stacks, were filled with these butterflies, their bright wings outstretched, pressed between pages.

So many people's hopes fill a finished book. Buying a book is an act of hope. "Hope," Emily Dickinson wrote, "is the thing with feathers / That perches in the soul."

I saw my big brown-jacketed copy of Brodkey's *Stories in an Almost Classical Mode.* I took down the book, a heavy book, almost 600 pages long. The book opened, as naturally as a father's arms open to a prodigal son, to page 166, to this:

"I distrust summaries, any kind of gliding through time, any too great a claim that one is in control of what one recounts; I think someone who claims to understand but who is obviously calm, someone who claims to write with emotion recollected in tranquillity, is a fool and a liar. To understand is to tremble. To recollect is to reenter and be riven. An acrobat after spinning through the air in a mockery of flight stands erect on his perch and mockingly takes his bow as if what he is being applauded for was easy for him and cost him nothing, although meanwhile he is covered with sweat and his smile is edged with a relief chilling to think about; he is indulging in a show-business style; he is pretending to be superhuman. I am bored with that and with where it has brought us. I admire the authority of being on one's knees in front of the event."

One night in a bookstore, when Brodkey's death had not yet found him, I asked him to write his name directly beneath this paragraph. He gave me a look I would describe as "perplexed" or "quizzical." His hand trembled. I think that his hands often must have trembled. He wrote his name.

I sneezed, this morning, more than once. Dust. Dust mites. I thought of dead Harold Brodkey and the brave pieces he wrote while he was dying. I thought about dead Laurie Colwin and dead Caroline Blackwood, Laurie still young on the morning that she died and Caroline Blackwood, not young, but still, not old. I thought about Blackwood and her troubled life as Robert Lowell's third wife. I thought about the poems Lowell wrote to her or for her, trying perhaps to tell her on paper what he couldn't tell her when they sat together at the kitchen table and drank so much whiskey that when they stood up, they bumped into things. I thought about Lowell, too, as I often do. I thought about him dying in the Manhattan taxi outside the apartment of his second wife. Next to him on the taxi seat was Lucien Freud's luminous portrait of Blackwood. I thought how much Lowell had taught me, how much he teaches me. I thought that he, perhaps, even this evening while I write this, gives me more comfort than ever he gave his three wives. I thought that I have more words of Lowell's, more bright and dark butterflies in my mind, than words my father said to me. I always have this, from "Skunk Hour:"

> I myself am hell;
> nobody's here —
>
> only skunks, that search
> in the moonlight for a bite to eat.

An hour or so after I started cleaning out my shelves, I had finished. I did not feel good. I did not feel bad. I still was sneezing. I boxed up the discards that would go to the bookstore. I was ready to try again. My bookcases are ready.

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(two-legged and four-legged), referring to the heavy labor of mules and men to wrest a living from the land; and "Domestic Life," showing the contents of Lemon Grove homes circa 1900 and the tools of the women who ran them.

See the show through February. Find the museum at 7715 Church Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, continuing exhibitions include "Symmetry," "Retro Tech," "About Faces," "Signals," and "Skyscapes." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. For further information, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Automotive Museum, take a look back at the "defining invention and ultimate icon of the 20th Century" in the exhibit "100 Years of Automotive Progress: Mirroring the Evolution of San Diego from the Early 1900s into the Year 2000." Automobiles representative of every decade of this century are featured in the exhibition, along with photographs and memorabilia. Example vehicles include a 1902 Curved Dash Olds, a 1910 Hunt, 1936 Chrysler Imperial Airflow, 1949 Volkswagen Beetle, a 1953 Hudson Hornet, 1967 Corvair, and more. This show remains on display through January 31.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India,* the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley,* and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea.* There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, "Conversations in Culture — A Tenth Anniversary Retrospective" focuses on both photographs and artworks by artists who have contributed their talents to the museum's annual Southwest Indian Arts Colloquium. Expect to see a diverse collection of carvings, figurines, jewelry, blown glass, and pottery by Native American artisans. The show closes on April 30.

Life in Egypt 3500 years ago is depicted in the museum's new Children's Discovery Center. "Time Travel to Ancient Egypt" features a walk-through rendition of a nobleman's home, and organizers promise a specific theme each month.

For more information, dial 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. A narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. A self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. Call 760-238-3380 for additional details. (ESCONDIDO)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (DOWNTOWN)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

TIMOR MORTIS

Why are you afraid?

A man in a top hat passed under the bedroom
window.
I couldn't have been
more than four at the time.

It was a dream: I saw him
when I was high up, where I should have been
safe from him.

Do you remember your childhood?

When the dream ended
terror remained. I lay in my bed —
my crib maybe.

I dreamed I was kidnapped. That means
I knew what love was,
how it places the soul in jeopardy.
I knew. I substituted my body.

But you were hostage?

I was afraid of love, of being taken away.
Everyone afraid of love is afraid of death.

I pretended indifference
even in the presence of love, in the presence of hunger.
And the more deeply I felt
the less able I was to respond.

Do you remember your childhood?

I understood that the magnitude of these gifts
was balanced by the scope of my rejection.

Do you remember your childhood?

I lay in the forest.
Still, more still than any living creature.
Watching the sun rise.

And I remember once my mother turning away
from me
in great anger. Or perhaps it was grief.
Because for all she had given me,
for all her love, I failed to show gratitude.
And I made no sign of understanding.

For which I was never forgiven.

by Louise Glück, from *Vita Nova*; The Ecco Press, 1999



Louise Glück won the Pulitzer Prize for *The Wild Iris* in 1993. The author of eight books of poetry and one collection of essays, *Proofs and Theories: Essays on Poetry,* she has received the National Book Critics Circle Award for Poetry, the William Carlos Williams Award, and the PEN/Martha Albrand Award for Nonfiction. Louise Glück teaches at Williams College and lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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Zozofsky's willingness to sound like an unsophisticated country fiddler indicated his devotion to Haydn.

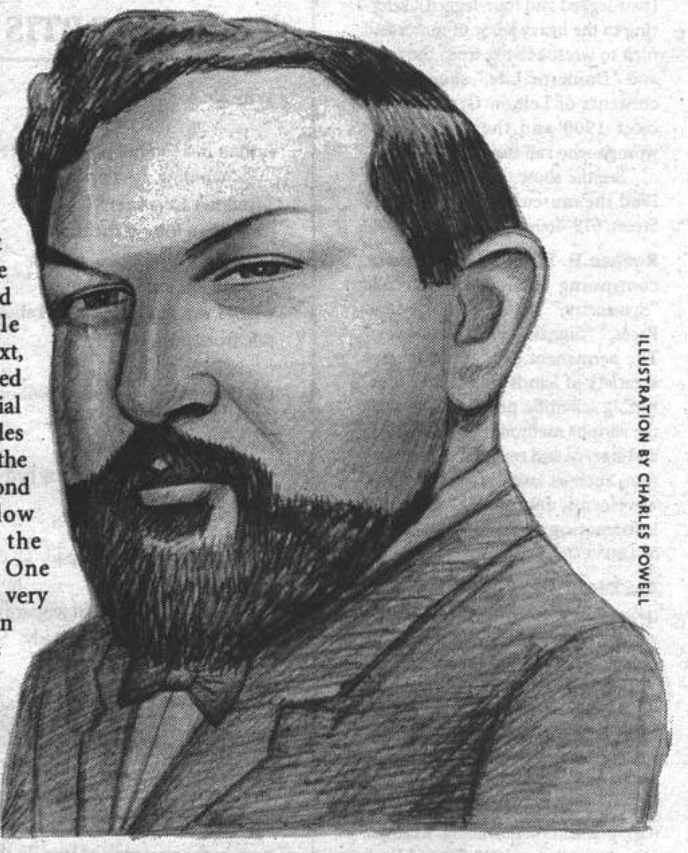
REVIEW
JONATHAN SAVILLE

When I heard the Muir String Quartet at Mandeville Auditorium a couple of years ago, the group struck me as moderately unimpressive: dull in Mozart, good but not outstanding in Beethoven, and finding a truly idiomatic expression only in their performance of Prokofiev's Quartet No. 2. Their latest local appearance — once again in the UCSD Chamber Music Series — changed my mind somewhat. What had previously seemed a lack of some of the features characterizing quartets I find more exciting now revealed itself as the Muir's authentic, legitimate, and often engaging personal style — that is, I finally learned to listen to them for what they are, rather than imposing invidious standards on them. From this new perspective (and I apologize for the old one, which was foolish), the Muir's distinctive interpretive voice became an asset, and their approach threw a pleasing and interesting light on some familiar music.

To use some California vocabulary, I would describe the Muir's manner as mellow and laid back. These terms should not be exaggerated to imply lazy and unfocused. On the contrary, the musicians seem to maintain their particular approach with full consciousness and great care. They must be aware of the inherent thrust of passion, violence, and starkness implied in the scores of Beethoven's F Minor Quartet, Opus 95, and Brahms's Quartet in C Minor, Opus 51, No. 1. The emotional similarity of the two works was undoubtedly in their minds when they programmed them together. But unlike, for example, the Emerson Quartet, whose Beethoven Opus 95 is driven by volcanic impulses of fiery tension, the Muir have conceived of these Romantic minor-key compositions as more reflective and internal, their drama a matter of emotional tone rather than of intense overt action. Again and again, in these performances, the audience found itself being drawn into an atmosphere, a state of being, instead of being propelled tumultuously along toward an inevitable goal.

The result was not an absence of momentum, but a richness of emotional reference, with a nuanced emphasis that brought out the elements of melancholy more than those of tragedy. The lamenting, descending phrases of the two central movements in the Brahms took on a greater weight in the structure of the whole piece. In contrast, the rising motif that surges out of the depths at the work's beginning and end assumed a more perceptible quality of framework and context, and this made for a more balanced experience of the human material implicit in 19th-century attitudes toward minor keys. Similarly, in the Beethoven, it was the lyrical second subjects and the profound slow movement that established the dominant tone of the whole. One would not want to give up the very different effects of the Emerson approach, but the Muir's Opus 95 had persuasive things of its own to say, with consistency and coherence.

Another notable characteristic of the Muir's playing is the variegated use these string players make of tone color, often with considerable boldness. Their delightfully spirited reading of Haydn's E-flat Quartet, Opus 33, No. 2 "Joke" was nowhere more charming than in first violinist Peter Zozofsky's intentional lack of polish in the trio section of the *Scherzo*. The aim was evidently to reproduce the rustic ambience of folk performance implied by the nature of the music, and Zozofsky's willingness to sound like an unsophisticated country fiddler in order to enhance the score creditably indicated his devotion to Haydn, even at his own expense. (He did the same sort of thing, with similar beneficial results, in the folk-music-inspired Prokofiev work on the Muir's previous Mandeville program.)



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Debussy

The Muir String Quartet
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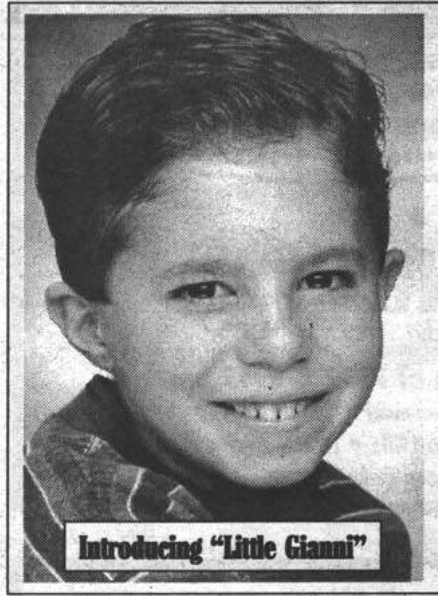
Haydn, *Quartet in E-flat, Opus 33, No. 2 "Joke"*; Beethoven, *Quartet No. 11 in F Minor, Opus 95* "Serioso"; Brahms, *Quartet No. 1 in C Minor, Opus 51, No. 1*



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With a different purpose, but equal success, cellist Michael Reynolds refined his vibrato down to almost nothing at certain moments in the slow movement of the Beethoven F Minor, creating an uncanny remoteness of expression that made the whole movement particularly fascinating. Other performers have taken an analogous approach, but rarely to such an extreme. The Muir musicians may not be flamboyant cloud-stormers, but when they fasten on a good interpretive idea, they go all the way to make it work.

They surely uncovered a good interpretive idea for the performance of their encore, the slow movement of the Debussy Quartet. They realized, first of all, that hearing this lengthy movement divorced from its context would turn it into a very different piece of music. Thinking in those terms, they took the audacious step of playing it slower than virtually anyone would dare to do in its normal context. And through their concentration and their willingness to suspend motion and to give full value to silences, they managed to sustain a reading of this wonderful music so rapt, so exquisite in expression, and so luminous in every detail that I for one will never forget it. ■

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Classical Pianist Scott Pratt will perform for the Escondido Library's First Thursday Concert starting at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, January 6, in the Turrentine Room of the library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. Dial 760-839-4329 for details. (ESCONDIDO)

Q: What Renowned Pianist Always Wears Red Socks When Performing? The answer to this obscure factlet is Jean-Yves Thibaudet, who performs for the Piano Series hosted by the La Jolla Chamber Music Society at 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 8, in Sherwood Auditorium (at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street).

Local pianist, composer, and educator Nicolas Reveles plans a preconcert lecture at 7 p.m. Tickets to the concert range from $35 to $65. For ticket availability, call 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Two Full Orchestras will be showcased when the San Diego Youth Symphony presents a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 8, in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Guest artists Hernan Constantino and Qing Liang (viola) will perform Mozart's "Sinfonia Concertante" with the San Diego Youth Symphony Chamber Orchestra. The evening opens with Edward German's "Three Dances from Henry VIII"; the second half of the concert features Bernstein's *Candide* and Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*. Tickets are $15 general, $10 seniors and students. Call 619-233-3232 for reservations. (DOWNTOWN)

Music and Dance is promised when the All Souls' Episcopal Church concert series continues at 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 9. The Gospel Choir and Liturgical Dancers of Christ the King Catholic Church will present a program, with the dancers interpreting gospel pieces in dance. Find the church at 1475 Catalina Boulevard (at Chatsworth). The requested donation is $5. Call 619-223-6394 for information. (POINT LOMA)

"Classical Music for the New Millennium" may be heard when the Enrichment Series hosted by the Poway Center for the Performing Arts continues at 7 p.m. Sunday, January 9. The program includes Poulenc's "Sonata for Piano Four Hands," the "Petite Suite" by Debussy, Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," Copland's "Duo for Flute and Piano Movement 3," and two pieces by contemporary saxophonist Kenny G. Performers include duo pianists Dmitry Kirichenko and Magdolna Bornemisza, Jane Masur (flute), and Vladimir Goltzman (clarinet). Masur will provide commentary with a brief history of the composers, their works, and their place in the last 100 years.

The $22 tickets include a buffet dinner. Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way). Dial 858-748-0505 for reservations. (POWAY)

Art Songs, Operatic Arias, and traditional spirituals may be heard when baritone David Marshman and pianist Diane Snodgrass present a recital at 7 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, at the Solana Beach Presbyterian Church (120 Stevens Avenue, at Lomas Santa Fe Drive). Works by Brahms, Verdi, Korngold, Poulenc, and others are on the program. An offering will be received. Questions? Call 858-509-2591 for answers. (SOLANA BEACH)

St. Cecilia Evensong, the men and girls of the St. Cecilia Choir will use the Carolus Andreas fauxbordons and sing the Alexander Kopylov anthem "Eternal Light" during the 5 p.m. evensong set for Sunday, January 9, at St. Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg). An offering will be received. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

"Second Sundays at Seven," the series presented by the San Dieguito Performing Arts Association continues when the Classical Arts Ensemble performs selections by Brahms and Mozart at 7 p.m. on January 9. Trio members include Reginald Clews (violin), Martha Lippi (cello), and Alex Hock (piano). Hear the concert in Shulman Auditorium at the new Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Tickets are $15 general, $11 for seniors, $7 for students and children. Dial 760-752-5078 for information. (CARLSBAD)

Spreckels on Sunday, head to the Spreckels Organ Pavilion for a free concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 9. Call 619-702-8138 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Sonatas for Violin and Piano by Beethoven and Brahms may be heard when violinist Hallie Horowitz and pianist Howard Wells perform at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 10, at the University Community Library (4155 Governor Drive). Free. For information, call 858-674-6473. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Winds Blowing for Lunch, the Rossini Wind Quartet — with September Payne (flute), Marian Leibowitz (clarinet), Joel Polischuk (bassoon), and Bruce Dorsey (French horn) — plans to perform for the mini-concert at noon on Monday, January 10, at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Music Transparenta" is the title for the program when Con Goia performs at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday, January 13, at the San Diego Museum of Art. The program features 18th-Century works by Mozart, Beethoven, C.P.E. Bach, and others. The trio includes Dennis James (glass armonica), Rick Wilson (glass flute), and Preethi de Silva (fortepiano). Tickets are $22.50 for non-members. For tickets, call 619-696-1935. (BALBOA PARK)

Skip the Gridlock and head to Copley Symphony Hall next Thursday, January 13, for the Symphony@ Six concert. This recital, accompanied by commentary and large-screen video commentary, promises Barber's "Overture to the *School for Scandal*" and "The Enigma Variations" by Elgar. Tickets are $15 to $25. The concert starts at (when else?) 6 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (1245 Seventh Avenue). For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

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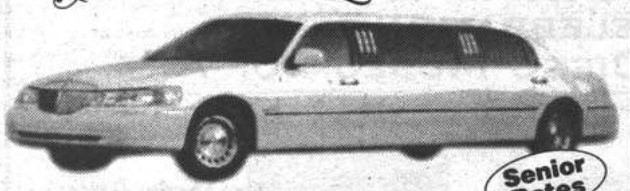

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GALLERIES

The Melding of the Sublime with the Commonplace is examined in paintings by Peter Stearns, whose exhibit entitled "White" opens in Simayspace at the Arts College International during a reception at 6 p.m. on Friday, January 7. Included in the show are collaged drawings, paintings on puzzles, and paintings on canvas, most developing off a white background. Enjoy the show through Friday, February 25.

Find the campus at 840 G Street (at Ninth Avenue). Call 619-231-3900 for information. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. (DOWNTOWN)

One Year Before His Death, Auguste Rodin bequeathed his estate to France; the Musée Rodin was subsequently founded and became responsible for protecting the original plaster models, which in general represented works that had not been cast during the artist's lifetime. Eighteen sculptures, including several large commissioned monuments, are on exhibit at the Tasende Gallery. In addition, figures and "fragments" of figures that the artist extracted from his major work *The Gates of Hell* and developed as individual, freestanding subjects are included.

The exhibition begins with a reception at 6 p.m. on Friday, January 7, and continues through Saturday, February 12. To RSVP for the reception, dial 858-454-3691. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Find the gallery at 820 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

If It's January 8, it must be time for 2nd Saturday Escondido events for culture crawlers. The 2nd Saturday happenings — from noon to 7 p.m. — are free, monthly, self-guided tours through Escondido's expanding cultural district. You're invited to stroll through open galleries and studios and watch demonstrations. Maps and brochures are available. 760-480-4101. (ESCONDIDO)

"The Box-Man Project" by San Diego artist Mario Lara — a recent public art project resulting from graduate studies at UCSD — goes on exhibit at the Centro Cultural de la Raza during a reception at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 8. The exhibit features four sculptural props used in public performances along with four additional sculptural forms inspired by lean-to structures. The sculptural elements will be relocated periodically within the exhibition space. Text and photo documentation, audio clips recorded during the events, and study maquettes will be displayed as well. Take in the show through Tuesday, February 29.

The Centro is located at 2004 Park Boulevard, in the Pepper Grove area, north of Presidents Way. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

The Use of Paper in Art is the focus for "Papier," opening at the Escondido Municipal Gallery with a reception at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 8. Juror Barbara Sexton is an artist and educator at SDSU. Artists were encouraged to submit work using paper as its support or major component. The gallery is located at 142 West Grand Avenue, open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 760-480-4101 for details. (ESCONDIDO)

Organic Forms and Designs found in nature are celebrated in the fine art monoprints and lithographs by printmaker Douglas Ryan. His show "...of Silence and Slow Time" opens with a reception at 6 p.m. on Saturday, January 8, at the Foothills Fine Art Gallery and continues through Thursday, February 3.

The gallery is located at 8051 University Avenue, open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 619-464-7167 for information. (LA MESA)

"Y Not 12K" is the title for the exhibit by 12 North County Artists opening at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 8, at Gallery 451. See this current work in sculpture, oils, acrylic, watercolor, and photography through Saturday, February 12. Viewing hours are noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and by appointment. Find the gallery at 451 North Hale Avenue and by calling 760-738-8337. (ESCONDIDO)

"Painters for the Millennium: 12 Important San Diego Artists" is on view at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library through February. The exhibit — featuring representative works by the "most accomplished painters" from throughout the county — includes a reception at 6 p.m. on Saturday, January 8. Find the library at 4275 Cass Street and by calling 619-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"The Commonplace Is Miraculous If Rightly Seen" is the intriguing title for a two-person show including collage, artist's books, boxes, and other mixed media by contemporary artists Althea Brimm and Helen Petre running through Sunday, February 13, at the Santa Ysabel Art Gallery. The work is in the vein of legendary artists Joseph Cornell and Leonore Tawney. The show opens with a reception at 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 8. (The title of the show is by poet Charles Simac on artist Cornell.)

Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The gallery is found at 30352 Highway 78 (at the junction with Highway 79); 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

"Experiments in Acrylic and Collage" by Debbie Ross are on exhibit through January at the San Dieguito Art Guild's Offtrack Gallery. The reception for Ross is slated for Sunday, January 9, at 3 p.m. The gallery is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located in the old Encinitas train station, at 510 North Highway 101; 760-942-3636. (ENCINITAS)

"Manager's Melange," featuring paintings by six directors or managers of the Art Scene Gallery, opens at the gallery with a reception at 6 p.m. next Thursday, January 13. The exhibit closes on Sunday, January 30. Find the gallery at Presidio Plaza, 2802 Juan Street #12. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. 619-688-9324. (OLD TOWN)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, a comprehensive exhibition featuring more than 25 years of work by a contemporary glass master is presented in "Dale Chihuly: The George R. Stroemple Collection." With 350 works, the collection contains many pieces that have never been on public display. The exhibition traces the artistic growth and diversity of Chihuly's *oeuvre* and focuses on three important series: the "Irish Cylinders" (1975), "Macchia" (1981-89), and "Venetians" (1990-97). These pieces are complemented by works on paper from the last 15 years. Enjoy this show through Sunday, January 9.

Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway); 760-738-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, artist Nagatoshi Onishi sees the art of *urushi* (Japanese lacquer) as a way of enjoying and making use of nature's gifts. His works are mostly *kanishitsu* (layers of cloth molded with lacquer), allowing him to shape the pieces completely, and Onishi prefers simple, traditional colors, using unpolished vermilion and black. "Urushi/Lacquer — The Living Art of Nagatoshi Onishi" features 70 pieces of *urushi*. The show closes on Sunday, January 9.

The relationship of great historic designs to contemporary adornment is demonstrated by the 700 objects featured in "Arrows of the Spirit — North American Indian Adornment from Prehistory to the Present," an exhibit concluding on Sunday, January 30. The objects, created in a variety of media, include Southwestern turquoise jewelry, Plains beadwork, Subarctic quill-and-moosehair work, and California elk-horn jewelry.

Objects from the permanent collection make up the pieces in the exhibition "Artes de Mexico." The show includes works by several renowned 20th-Century folk artists including Oaxacan potter Teodora

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Blanco and Jalisco's Rosendo Rodriguez, along with architectural pieces by Candelario Medrano and woodcarvings by Manuel Jiménez. All regions of Mexico are represented, with selections ranging from objects of daily use to those of ceremony. Enjoy the exhibit through May.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. For additional information, call 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown, the tenuous realm between high art and the everyday is explored in "Bertrand Lavier: Walt Disney Productions." Lavier's series was inspired by a 1947 Disney cartoon reflecting a sophisticated play with the cliché of Modernism. The artist manipulated the artworks pictured in the cartoon, producing them as various large-scale Cibachrome photographs, aquatints, black-and-white photographs, photogravures, inkjet on canvas, and three-dimensional polyester sculptures. The exhibit is presented as part of "Côte Ouest: A Season of French Contemporary Art." The exhibition remains on view through Sunday, January 30.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, modern and contemporary artists' attitudes towards the museum are explored in the intellectually provocative show "The Museum as Muse: Artists Reflect." The exhibition surveys the many ways in which artists have responded to the museum as an institution — examining its concepts and functions, commenting on its nature, exploring its relationship to the art it contains, and incorporating aspects of the museum into their own art. Featured in the show are works by artists including Marcel Broodthaers, Sophie Calle, Christo, Mark Dion, Marcel Duchamp, Louise Lawler, Sherrie Levine, Vik Muniz, Dennis Oppenheim, Edward Ruscha, and Hiroshi Sugimoto, among others. The exhibition closes on Sunday, January 9.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, a "rare melding of painting, construction and deconstruction, drawing, and photography" are said to be evident in "interventions" created by French artist Georges Rousse. "Anamorphose/Metamorphose: Photographic Interventions by Georges Rousse" coincides with the renovation and expansion of the museum's permanent site. The artist's work in his chosen spaces culminates in an exhibition of brilliant color Cibachromes on aluminum, as well as additional pieces from his intervention sites around the world. The exhibition is part of "Côte Ouest: A Season of French Contemporary Art," a West Coast showing of new work from France. Continuing through Sunday, January 30, this show is the final exhibit in the museum's current location.

Find the museum (in its temporary digs) at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway). For additional details, call 619-238-7559. (DOWNTOWN)

Oceanside Museum of Art, sculptural, nonrepresentational artworks exploring glass as a fine-art medium are on offer in "Glass 3: Strength, Structure, Style." Works by the eight featured California artists range in scale from small to monumental. Enjoy the exhibition through Sunday, January 23. The museum is located at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, Polish national treasures evoking a golden age when Poland was the largest nation in Europe are on exhibit in "Land of the Winged Horseman: Art in Poland, 1572-1764." Among the highlights are a crown and a throne of Polish kings, historic paintings of Polish royalty and nobility, religious images and liturgical objects, exotic rugs and textiles, decorative glassware and porcelains, and Hussar armor, replete with feathers and leopard skins. See the treasures through Sunday, February 27.

Paintings, drawings, and photographs with maps, prints, and advertisements are juxtaposed in "Pacific Arcadia: Images of California, 1600-1915," investigating the ways in which California was promoted to outsiders and idealized by those who had a stake in its development. The show includes approximately 250 objects, divided among six themes showcasing the changing imagery of the California dream. The exhibit concludes on Sunday, January 9.

In conjunction with "Pacific Arcadia," the museum is "celebrating the millennium" with "Picturing Paradise: San Diego in the Eye of the Artist, 1875-1940." Expect a comprehensive look at how Balboa Park and the city of San Diego have been idealized in artworks. This show too closes on Sunday, January 9.

Original artwork, props, models, costumes, concept drawings, paintings, storyboards, and characters used to create the *Star Wars* film series are on exhibit in "Star Wars: The Magic of Myth." This Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition examines how the films combine elements of classical mythology with popular culture to tell a tale of the struggle between good and evil, technology and humanity. The show closes on Sunday, January 9. (Special admission prices are in effect for this exhibit; advance purchase of tickets is encouraged.)

The museum's permanent collection includes Italian Renaissance paintings, Spanish old masters paintings, American art, 19th-Century European paintings and sculpture, and the Weisman Gallery of Contemporary California Art. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, modern conservation techniques used to preserve masterpieces of the past for the enjoyment and study of future generations are the focus of "The Art of Conservation: Preserving the Past for a New Millennium." The exhibition features approximately ten works of art from public and private collections that have undergone significant treatment at the Balboa Art Conservation Center. Pre-treatment photos and the actual work in its post-treatment form demonstrate the efficacy of current techniques in preserving our cultural heritage. See the exhibit through Tuesday, February 15.

The museum's permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. For information, dial 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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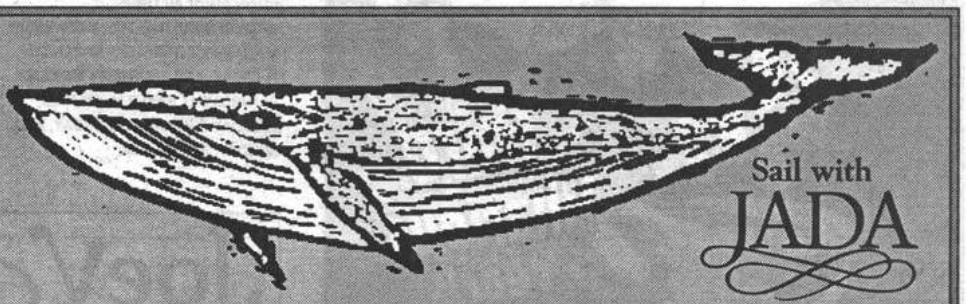
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Boy's Life
Backyard Productions offers Howard Korder's drama about three former college buddies (and their narcissism and protracted adolescence) trying to make their way in the big city. D.J. Sullivan directed.
6TH@PENN STUDIO, SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, THROUGH JANUARY 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Breaking Legs
Pine Hills Lodge and Dinner Theatre presents Tom Tulack's comedy about a playwright seeking funds from the "family" (i.e., Mafiosi). B. Cervantez directed.
PINE HILLS LODGE AND DINNER THEATRE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, THROUGH MARCH 18; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DINNER AT 6:30 P.M., CURTAIN AT 8:00 P.M.

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Forever Plaid
The four harmonizers in search of plaid sport coats are in their *fourth* year at the Theatre in Old Town. (Current cast members are Mark Perkins, Scott Dreier, David Humphrey, and Kevin McMahon.) *Worth a try.*
THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M.

Harriet Tubman, a Woman Called Moses and **Frederick Douglass, an American Slave**
Vantage Theatre and Community Actors Theatre present Ellie Stein's biographical dramas about two "African American heroes."
COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, THROUGH JANUARY 23; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

The Hothouse
Harold Pinter's bizarre drama was written in 1958 but not performed until 1980, wickedly subverts Yuletide themes. The Fritz Theater's production, however, sabotages the play so incessantly it almost seems planned. Bob Patterson directed and designed the set and sound, the show's weakest parts. Both the set (elaborate, upstaging metallic scaffolds) and the sound (Christmas Muzak that lulls audience and actors) create as many problems as they solve. Under Patterson's direction, the actors wavered on opening night (it's no help that the Fritz's first-nighters overreact to the slightest cues and throw timing off). Several tried so hard not to be Pinteresque — iceberg-y, given to inscrutable pauses — they hadn't figured out what *to* be. Act two's drunken farce, surefire in any hands, played much better, though it too lacked precision. The Fritz Theater doesn't need a new direction. Its play selection remains among the most adventurous in San Diego. It just needs direction, period.
FRITZ THEATER, THROUGH JANUARY 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

The Innocents
Patio Playhouse Community Theatre stages William Archibald's drama, based on Henry James' spine-chilling tale, *The Turn of the Screw*. Charles Baker directed.
PATIO PLAYHOUSE COMMUNITY THEATRE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, THROUGH JANUARY 14; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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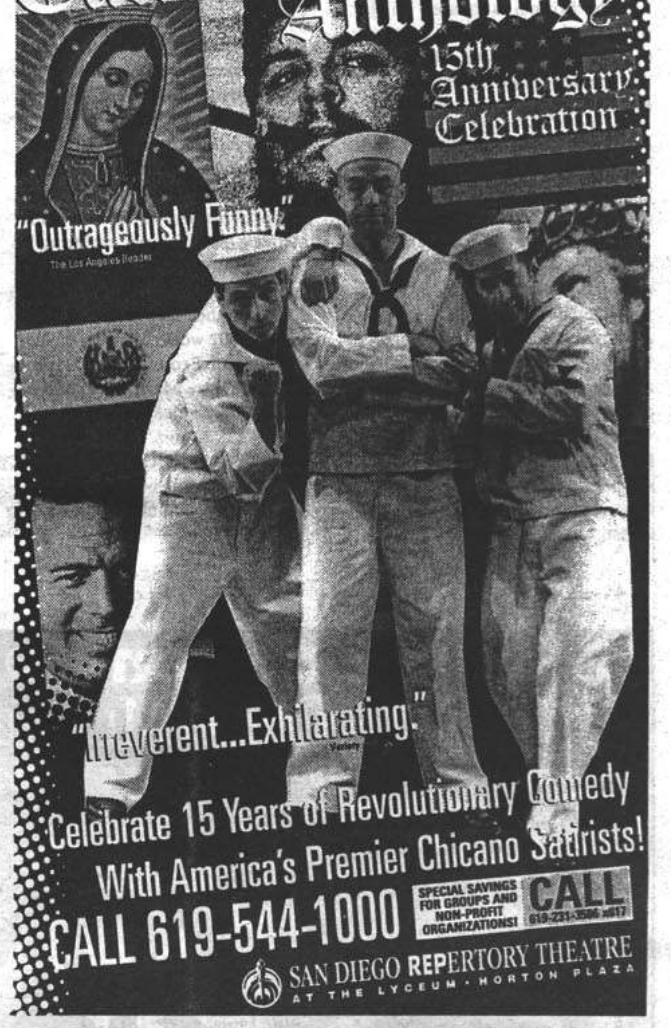
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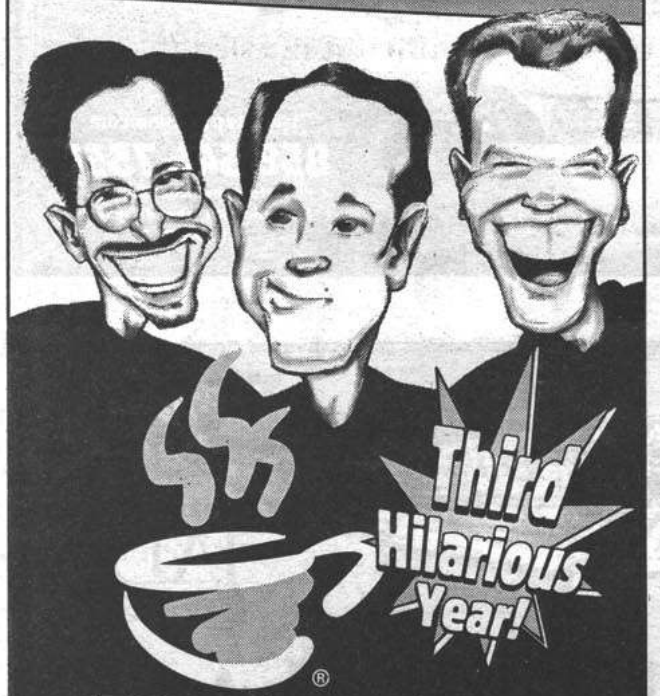

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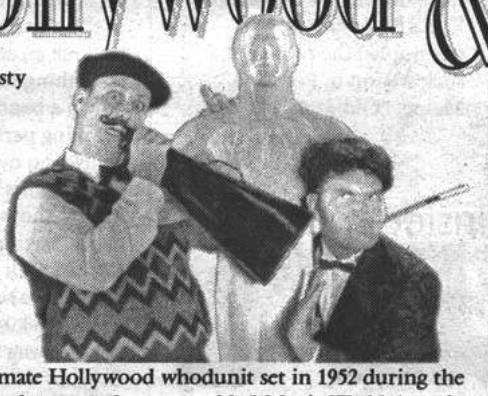

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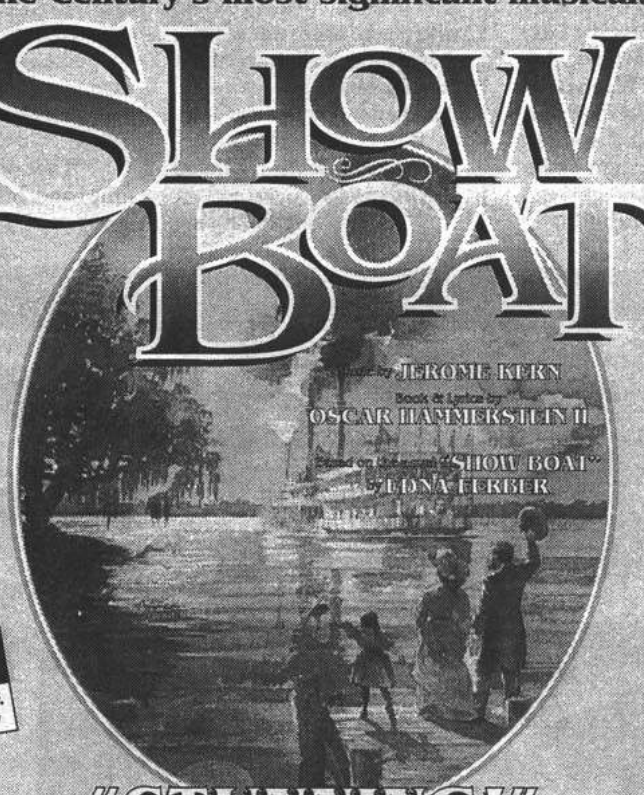

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"People find this radio station to be very confused and musically unfocused," said Mike Bushey, the new boss at San Diego's only traditional oldies station. Admitting that KBEST 95 "has been down the tubes since '96," Mike Bushey unveiled a "retuned" station on Saturday. After eight years the station has dropped its KBEST 95 handle and is now calling itself Oldies 94.9. Bushey brought in all-new jingles and steered the station toward a more conservative "nothing but the hits" musical format.

"We spent a fortune asking San Diegans what they want to hear." Oldies 94.9's parent company, Jefferson Pilot Communications, tested snippets of songs in large sample groups to determine which songs to keep and which to drop from its playlist. Bushey said songs like "Darlin' " by the Beach Boys, "Green Grass" by Gary Lewis and the Playboys, and "Go Where You Wanna Go" by the Mamas and the Papas "tested poorly" and wouldn't make it on the station in the new year.

KBEST 95 is Arbitron-rated 18th in San Diego, which is the lowest-rated oldies stations of the top 75 markets in the U.S.

Bushey was imported from Reno in November to turn around the fortune of KBEST. He says he quintupled the ratings at a rock station in Portland, Maine. "Oldies means '60s rock," said Bushey. "We will stay '60s focused."

Shotgun Tom Kelly played the hits in San Diego from 1969 until the mid-'90s. Now heard on KRTH, Los Angeles, Kelly wonders if Bushey isn't missing a major point as he tries to save KBEST 95.

"It's nice to put somebody on an oldies station who people are familiar with…[someone] familiar with San Diego and who is recognized by the listeners. In the other markets where oldies radio works, you have seasoned pros on the air who played those hits when they were new. You can put a jukebox on the air, but will that matter to anybody?"

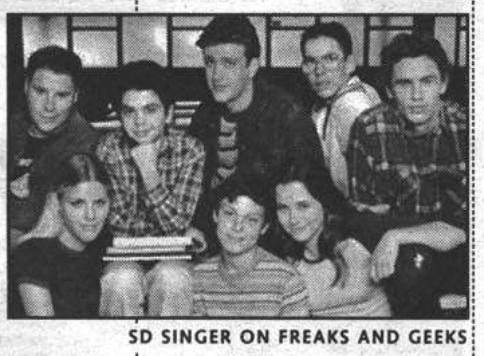
Bushey said he has no plans to change the DJ lineup on Oldies 94.9.

—Ken Leighton

"I had to get up earlier than I ever had in my life, like 5:30 or something," says Elgin Park guitarist and singer Mike Andrews of his recent cameo on NBC's *Freaks and Geeks*.

"It wasn't me trying to become an actor, it was just something for fun, playing a guy in a band. I had a speaking part, and I sang too, all live, no overdubs."

Andrews has been scoring the TV show since its fall '99 debut, having previously worked with the show's director, Jake Kasdan, on the soundtrack for the film *Zero Effect* (along with the Greyboy Allstars). Recording with just an engineer in a home studio, he composes between 15 and 25 minutes of music per episode, utilizing a wide range of instruments and styles. "I had to do some heavy metal stuff, which is normally not something you'd hear me do, but it lets me get the skeletons out of the closet."



SD SINGER ON FREAKS AND GEEKS

The show has been tentatively renewed and moved from Saturday to Monday nights, beginning January 10. So how does Andrews find time for Elgin Park?

"Time-wise it might hurt the band, but I think in the long run it's okay. Whatever makes someone happy makes the band better."

—Jay Allen Sanford

"Some metal band stole our name…and got signed to Elektra." Drummer Rob Quillen said he learned only a few months ago of the L.A. Deadlights, a "heavy-thrash-dark metal band" that used to be called Suction.

Quillen and his three bandmates had to decide whether to fight or switch. "Our record company said we could either fight it and pay court fees of up to $150,000 or change it and move on. I opted for that. We don't want somebody to even accidentally mistake us for them."

The Deadlites — now called Acid 9 — and two Riverside bands are among the first bands to be signed to a new label launched by Spinrecords.com. "They decided they wanted to take us further as an act," said Quillen. "They gave us a fairly simple contract that said they would pay for the recording of our album and support us on tour."

Acid 9 does not have a manager. One insider said Spinrecords.com, acting as the band's de facto manager, may have been giving the band bad advice by suggesting it simply give up its old name without a fight.

"We didn't advise them either way," said Spinrecords.com A&R rep Juliet Vaughan. "We just told them that rather than hassle with a lawsuit, they may just want to change the name. Our interest is not in [the name] the Deadlites or Acid 9; it's the extreme amount of talent and chemistry they have together. We would back them on whatever decision they made."

Local attorney David Branfman represented local band Snakepit two years ago when Slash of Guns N' Roses sued them to stop using the name. (Branfman said he is forbidden from disclosing specifics, but he said both sides were happy with the resolution and both bands were able to use the name.) He said there are many misconceptions about band name ownership. "Registering it as a trademark in Washington D.C. is an optional form of protection. The key in the United States is who used it first, not if you are the first to register." Without knowing all the details, Branfman says the local Deadlites would have a good case for ownership if it could be proved that the Deadlites' CD was sold in other states or if the band had performed in other states. That didn't happen, but Quillen did say the Deadlites sold their CD and played throughout California before the L.A. band adopted the name.

"If it's only within the state of California, they don't have that strong of a case. That's not to say it's not a good case, but it's not as good compared to if they toured the country. Chances are that would take litigation to get the attention of the [L.A.] band and the label," and Branfman says the band may have to pony up "$5000, $10,000, or $15,000" in legal fees.

—Ken Leighton

"We've never had the police or anyone tell us we can't sell our stuff. I don't know if they don't care or they haven't noticed. But they never stopped us."

For the past five years local rappers Jamal Smith (a.k.a. 1019) and Joshua Musial (Rune) of Observatory Swivel have marketed their CDs, cassettes, and vinyl discs the only way they know how: by approaching people at live shows and asking them if they want to buy their music. Smith, 22, and Musial, 26, grew up together in Lemon Grove. "I go to SDSU," said Smith. "He works at Vons.



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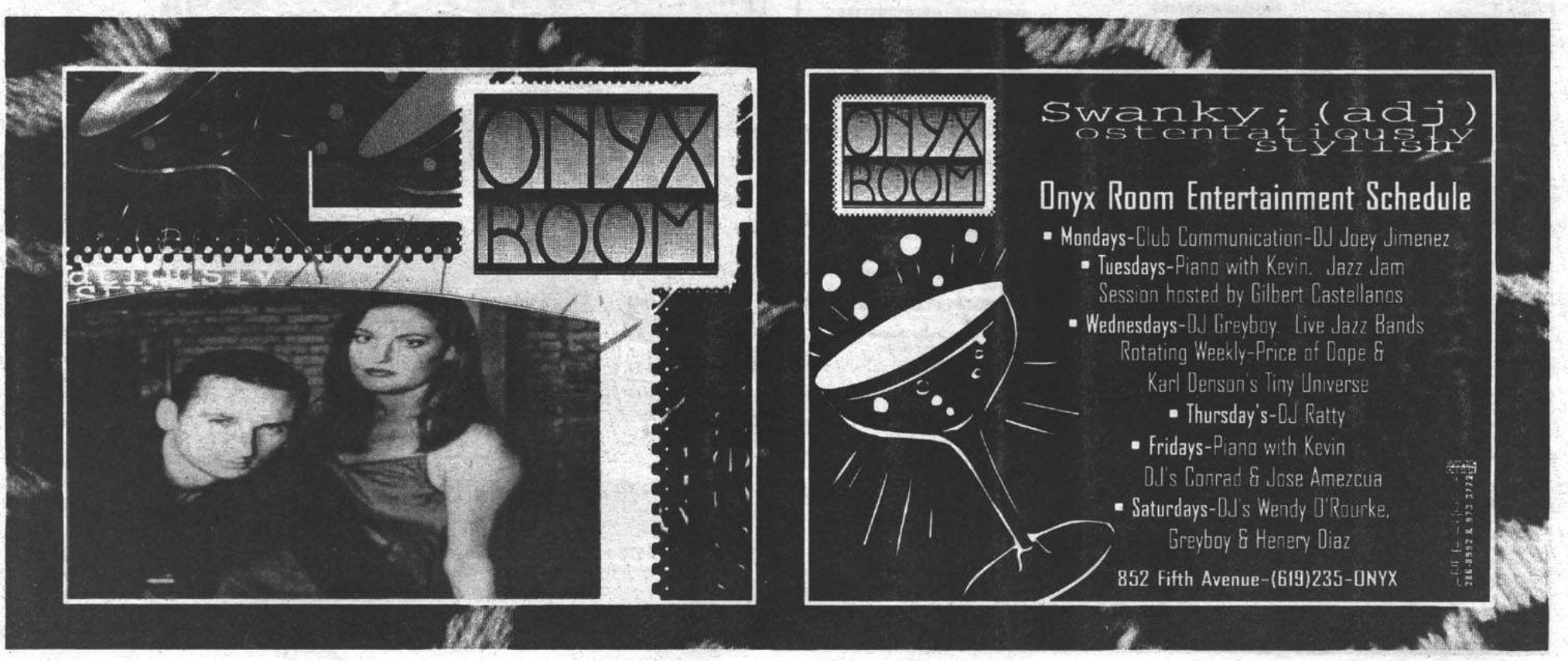
OBSERVATORY SWIVEL

"We sat around once and said, 'Okay, now that we have this music, what are we gonna do with it? If we let it sit there, it just collects dust, so we decided to get out and sell it." Smith says the two are at every local hip-hop event, approaching people in line and inside the venue.

Their street marketing has not helped them get major-label attention, but it has helped them get gigs. "When we were in England, we met promoters who were throwing shows." They went with two shows booked but ended up playing seven.

Smith said he isn't shy about selling his music. "Some people act like we're



lepers or something." So far the pair have released seven cassettes, two vinyl singles, and two CDs. The current project is a CD album from Musial called *Relocated Joints.*

Smith said Observatory Swivel is part of a West Coast renaissance that includes a healthy San Diego contingent. "No one would suspect that there is all this hip-hop music happening in San Diego. There's the Masters of the Universe, the Icons, Hue of Intuition, Mad Joker. We're just part of a healthy artistic community we've got here. The Icons have been to Japan. A guy by the name of Orco is the crown prince of San Diego. He's been everywhere."

Smith said most local hip hoppers are unlike the top-selling Master P, who recently moved to San Diego.

"None of us have gold chains. For us image is not the main focus. If you saw us at 3 o'clock that's exactly how we would be 10 o'clock at night. We wouldn't change our appearance. We want to look nice, but we're not gonna sell ourselves out. Music is first. Everything else is secondary. With Master P I don't think musical creativity is his main focus.... "When we were in the UK, we traveled from Aberdeen to London. Rune and I had 5 pounds between us. We had to have 35 pounds to get bus tickets to get back to Aberdeen. We ate peanut butter sandwiches the whole week and slept in this girl's apartment, but we did sell enough tapes to get back to Aberdeen."

—Ken Leighton

Sue Palmer, former beehived keyboardist with Candye Kane and the Swinging Armadillos, shows me a framed black-and-white photo of a giant white poodle licking her neck while she plays the accordion.

"Do you just have one accordion that you play?"

"No. I have a couple.... My original one got stolen [at a show]. This is an Italian one. I think it looks like a Cadillac.... I just play with the right hand. I don't bother with the buttons and all that. I took all the mechanism out so it's lighter.



PHOTOGRAPH BY PAT SHERMAN

PALMER LEAVES CANDYE

Palmer recently left Kane's band to strike out as a solo artist, citing road fatigue. Palmer's new CD, *Boogie Woogie Motel Swing,* features Earl Thomas and other local musicians.

When I ask about Candye, she says, "We're friendly. We're making a transition though.... I went all over the world — Turkey, Europe, and Australia, but it's time for me to do my own thing.... There's a lot of negatives about going on the road all the time....

"Everyone always used to think I was Candye when they first saw me [onstage], and then she would come out. We were doing this show in Lincoln, Nebraska, at a tiny little place. It was getting wild and late at night. I had a hairpiece and Candye wanted one too. Hers was just like a postiche [hairpiece] on top of her head. I was doing my solo and she was getting under the piano and looking like she was under my dress when her hair got stuck in my fishnets. I'm going, 'Candye, what are you doing down there?!' She couldn't get out."

Sue Palmer will be performing Fridays in January at the Juke Joint Café downtown from 5-7 p.m.

—Pat Sherman



CD review: Crade, *Congrats Brass!*

I don't smoke, but I really do appreciate the sight of others getting their kicks with a fucking cig in their mouth. Like the guy on the cover of this A-1 winner of a disc.

Surly, unkempt, eyes glazed, red-orange cocktail in hand, but it's the smoke that draws your attention. Filtered, unlit (won't somebody give him a light?). I would guess the dude is in his mid to late 20s, been smoking at least half his life — hats OFF to the son of a mother!

There's this Russian doctor who's been getting press lately with his pitch that if you're over 50 and have never smoked, now's the time — it's good for you. The nicotine will make you more alert — kind of like gingko. And there's not enough time left to work up a cancer. They'd prob'ly string him up by the nuts if he talked that way in let's say Berkeley. (It's a good thing we don't live there.)

Almost as verboten in such circles is meat-eating. The red kind. Eat it and you're Hitler. Or Fatty Arbuckle.

So wouldn't ya know it if Crade's first cut isn't "Carnosaur." Rhymes w/carnivore. And *rocks* to the foundations of this shake-a-booty some of us useta call life.

Smokes and meat: the winning combo!

BUY this record. These bozos DESERVE OUR SUPPORT.

—Richard Meltzer

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"The word 'obey' really pushes people's buttons."

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Obey.

The word beckons from illegally plastered posters and stickers in every nook of downtown San Diego. The red and black color palette reminds one of Communist propaganda.

The posters sport the likenesses of Che Guevara, Chairman Mao, and professional wrestler Andre "The Giant" Roussimoff.

The posters' creator, local graphic artist Shepard Fairey, calls the onslaught a continuing experiment in "phenomenology." A 30-year-old graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, and San Diego resident of three years, Fairey describes phenomenology as "the process of letting things manifest themselves" — his art a "blotter test" in which meaning is derived from the viewer's subjective experience.

Fairey began his "Giant sticker campaign" nearly a decade ago, illicitly displaying his Kinko's-copied stickers and posters throughout major U.S. cities with the aid of skateboard and underground culture enthusiasts. Though his are not the only images found on electrical boxes, phone booths, and concrete walls around San Diego, repetition of the deceased wrestler's image and the word "Obey" has served as an incendiary for a posse of San Diego merchants and property owners.

To get a better understanding of Fairey's art, I consult his "Giant Manifesto."

"The Andre the Giant sticker campaign...attempts to enable people to see clearly something right before their eyes but obscured.... Because people are not used to seeing advertisements or propaganda for which the product or motive is not obvious, frequent and novel encounters with the sticker provoke thought and possible frustration...."

"The Andre sticker seems mostly to be embraced by those who are, or want to be, rebellious. Even though these people may not know the meaning of the sticker, they enjoy its slightly disruptive quality.... Whether the reaction be positive or negative, the sticker's existence is worthy as long as it causes people to consider the details and meanings of their surroundings."

The idea to use Andre the Giant came about as an inside joke between Fairey and his skate buddies after Fairey traced the wrestler's image from a newspaper in the early '90s. In his recent AIGA presentation, Fairey told design students that the idea to use "Obey" was inspired by the John Carpenter flick *They Live*. The film portrays a future where positions of power are held by alien beings whose infiltration into society has been masked by their human appearance. An underground factory begins producing red-lensed sunglasses that, when worn by humans, reveals the aliens to be grotesque mutants. When viewed through the shades, paper money says, "This is your god," billboard advertisements state, "Obey."

Fairey's work has garnered the attention of the corporate America it was intended to reproach, landing his Black Market Design firm jobs with Levi's and Universal Pictures. According to Fairey, Ian Astbury, vocalist for the Cult, had been a fan of Fairey's designs after being exposed to them in Los Angeles. Astbury contacted Fairey to do some posters for the band, including a show at the House of Blues. Fairey's Black Market Design has done work for artists such as the Suicide Machines, Ben Harper, and Bad Religion.

Fairey is no longer anonymous. San Diegans who consider his Giant posters vandalism now know him by name and are meeting with police and attorneys to discuss action against Fairey and those with similar schemes.

On the advice of San Diego Police Officer John Graham of the Gaslamp Quarter Storefront, Fairey attended the first of these meetings, at the Harbor Club downtown.

"I went in there and I could already hear people [going off]," says Fairey. "There were a bunch of police in uniform. Nobody knew who I was except the cop I had talked to [Officer Graham]. I could hear one guy talking to a woman in front of me saying, 'He's got deep-seated anarchist resentments against society and this website called *obey.com*' — which isn't even my site. That's a porn site. [Mine] is *obeygiant.com*.... Some people were bothered because they think [the stickers and posters] look ugly, and others thought it was a cult. The word 'obey' really pushes people's buttons. It kept coming up in the meeting...[but] that's exactly what any ad is really saying: 'Buy me. Obey.'

"The silent majority that maybe thinks it's entertaining or doesn't mind it wasn't there. As soon as they said, 'The party responsible for some of this stuff is here today, would they like to speak?' I got up and said, 'I'm the guy who makes the Giant stuff.' One guy just stood up and yelled out, 'When are you going to grow up?!' "

A skateboarder since adolescence, Fairey's decade of silk-screening and early-morning postering have taken little toll on his appearance. Coupled with his fashion sense, he looks to be 22 or younger.

"I think they thought I was going to be somebody like Kevin Spacey in *Seven* — a brooding, homicidal trench-coat type. I think putting a face with a name and seeing someone that wasn't a terrorist calmed them down.... I said, 'I'm not putting my stuff on people's businesses or homes. I'm using electrical boxes, boarded-up buildings, and the backs of signs and available space.' "

"How did they respond?" I ask.

"Their answer was, 'You've got a bunch of people that look up to you and [post this stuff]. The city [and consequently the public] doesn't own the electrical boxes. Pac Bell owns the electrical boxes.' "

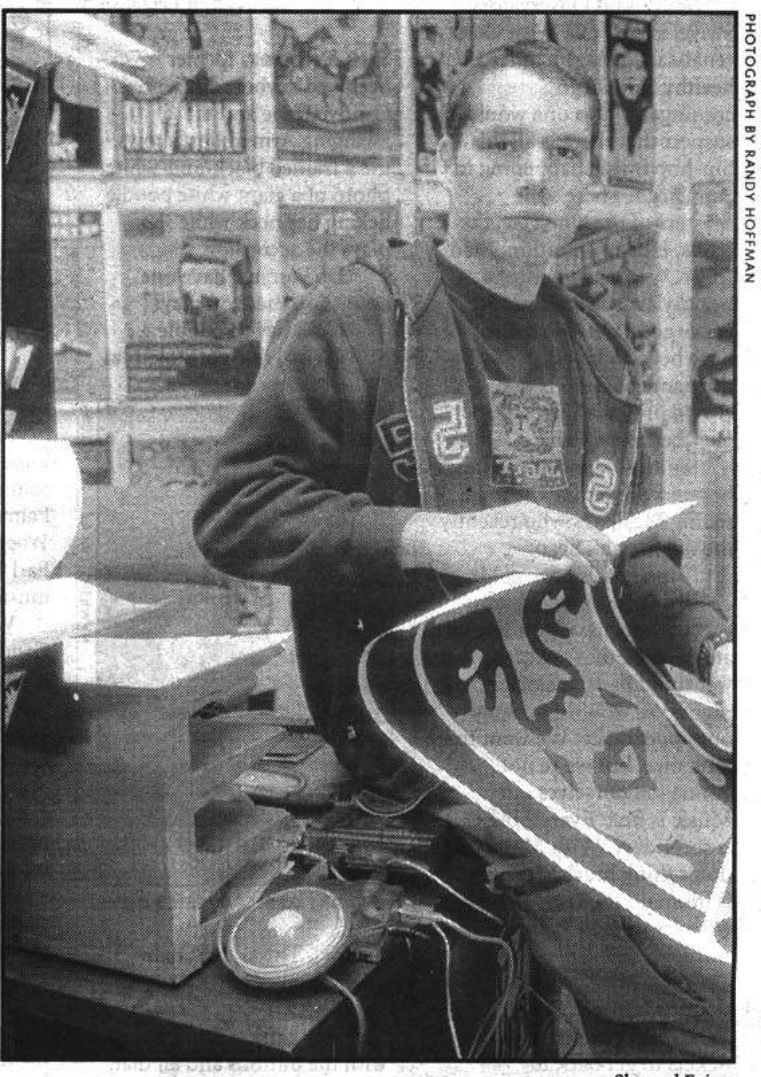
Fairey rationalizes, stating, "It's still an unadorned totem. A spray paint tag on the front door makes the establishment look sketchy. By putting a sticker on a telephone box, you're not [deterring] somebody from walking in a storefront. I told them, 'There are street teams out there advertising hip-hop and movie releases, as well as surf and skate company stickers that people just put up.... You're not going to stop all those people just by stopping me."

A woman named Sta with San Diego Graffiti Control tells me, "There is no ordinance regarding these signs and sticky things. They're not considered graffiti, so I don't have the authority to tell anybody to remove them."

Head deputy city attorney Diane Silva-Martinez of code enforcement clarifies the situation. "The city can prosecute for stickers and posters under penal code section 594. It is an act of vandalism no different than traditional spray-painted graffiti. [However], stickers and posters are not presently included under the present definition of graffiti." Silva-Martinez says she is currently working on a measure to add stickers and posters to the graffiti ordinance language, slated to be voted on by the city council in the near future.

Silva-Martinez tells me that business owners with graffiti are sent a notice by the city asking them to clean it up themselves or sign a consent form to have the city clean it up free of charge. If the city doesn't hear back in ten days, they automatically take care of it, waiving responsibility for any damages accrued during cleanup. Those who don't wish to pay for paint themselves can phone Sta at Graffiti Control and select a complimentary shade from the city's "Graffiti Paint Bank."

Fairey feels, "The people doing [underground] art need a space outdoors where they



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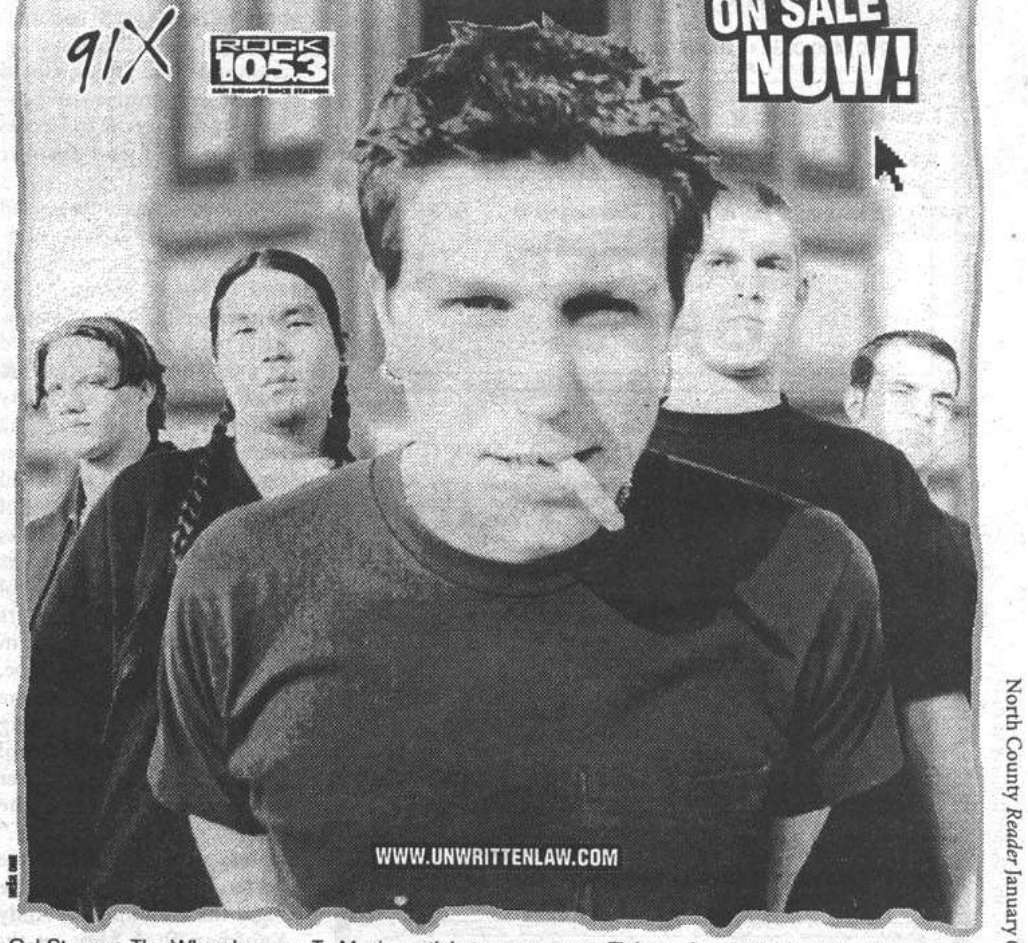

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can do something that's [sanctioned] in San Diego — like the murals underneath the Coronado Bridge which stay tag free, because there's a level of respect.... People without an outlet to express themselves

"Stickers and posters are not presently included under the present definition of graffiti."

[will still do so].... Sometimes it's violence that doesn't make any sense — window breaking and things like that. Posters are at least a more healthy manifestation of that frustration.

"I was calm in my apology for not necessarily seeing their side," Fairey says. "I said, 'This is an eye-opening experience to hear about the people that clean the stuff off and the costs for that.' My goal is to agitate in a beneficial way, and I felt like some of the stuff was just giving people headaches. I don't feel good about that. [However], it's not like all of a sudden I'm a born-again conservative.... I had to say, 'Look, I'm not going to put any more illegal stuff up in San Diego.' "

Another way Fairey's followers disseminate the Giant gospel is by using stencils sold on his website to spray paint Andre's likeness on lamp posts and construction partitions.

Fairey says, "One guy was saying I had to shut my website down. I said, 'I'm not going to do that.' I told him I would take the stencils off my site and post the exact [legal] codes referring to stickering, postering, and vandalism. I think a lot of people are ignorant to how severely the city can prosecute for this stuff and recover damages."

Fairey was recently invited to speak at Arts College International at the corner of 9th and G Street for an AIGA (American Institute of Graphic Arts) student event. A crowd of over 300 design students from SDSU, San Diego City College, and Point Loma Nazarene College, as well as design students from Tijuana and Baja sat on the concrete floor of the renovated warehouse, snacking on donated Chex Mix while Fairey showed slides of his publicly displayed posters sent to him by Giant fans in various corners of the globe. On the left-hand side of the building, a floor-to-ceiling crimson poster with the face of Lucifer in a star held vigil over audience members with the words "Giant" and "Obey." Above the podium I notice posters Fairey designed for the band the Cult and the Andy Kaufman flick *Man on the Moon*, as well as his Mao poster. A line from the Beatles' "Revolution" springs to mind: "But if you go carrying pictures of Chairman Mao, you ain't going to make it with anyone anyhow."

Fairey speaks to the design students. "When I graduated from school, one of the ways that I was able to keep getting the Giant stuff out there was by [silk-screening] karate uniforms, soccer T-shirts and all sorts of inane jobs.... People started saying, 'I like what you're doing with that Giant thing, can you make stickers and T-shirts for my band?'

"There is no real cohesion to this movement, except that everyone needs to express themselves.... I really prefer to be at home listening to my music than to be a spokesperson.... The world is in this perpetual state of decay and rejuvenation. It keeps the masses happy if everything seems pretty. Even if you're likely to get shot when you walk out of your house, if there's no weeds growing out through cracks in the sidewalks, you don't feel like you are."

I later phone the Neighborhood Code Compliance Hotline.

"I'm calling to complain about excessive weeds and Communist propaganda," I tell the woman who answers the phone.

"Are you talking about posters?" she asks.

"Yeah, they're red and black and say 'Obey.' "

"Is it on the corner? North, south, east, or west?"

"It's disturbing," I blurt, ignoring her question. "I'm afraid the Cold War might start up again."

Long pause. "Your name and phone number please."

Showing a slide of late night postering, Fairey says, "You have to use the extension pole method to get higher than the city people can get with their ladders to clean stuff. You have to be pretty crafty these days to keep the stuff out on the street...they're getting good paint scrappers."

Silva-Martinez mentions Urban Corps, an organization the city contracts to clean up stickers and posters. Phoning Urban Corps, Esther Nixon tells me they're a "job training" program for youths between the ages of 18 and 23 who sign on to work 32 hours per week cleaning up graffiti. Nixon says workers use a hot water hydro blaster to remove posters and stickers, with about the same amount of pressure as the jets in a car wash. Urban Corps youths start at minimum wage and can earn up to $8 an hour based on community service and the consecutive pursuit of education.

I speak with Beverly Heising of Arts College International about the AIGA event. "I didn't

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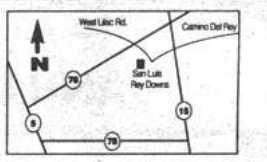

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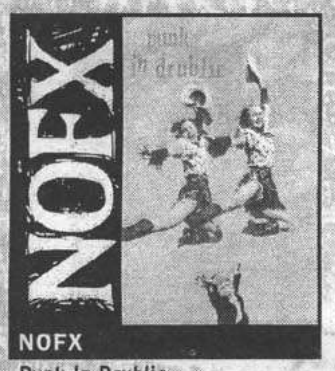

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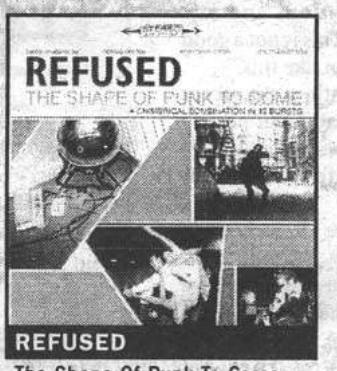

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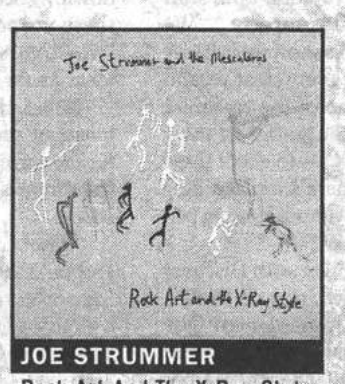

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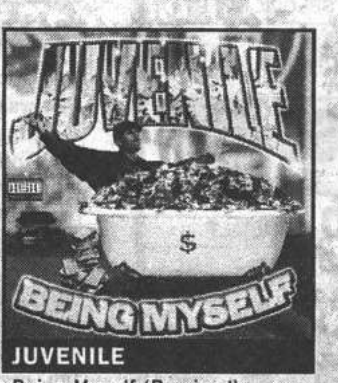

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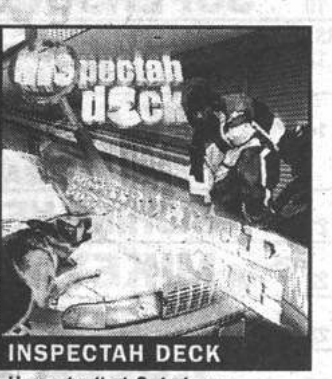

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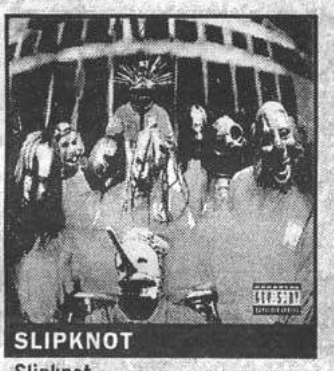

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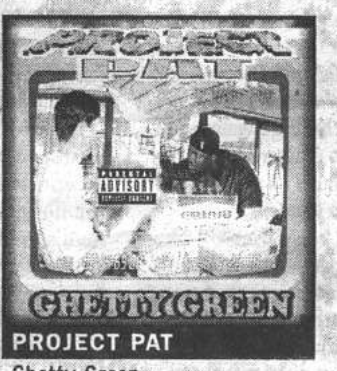

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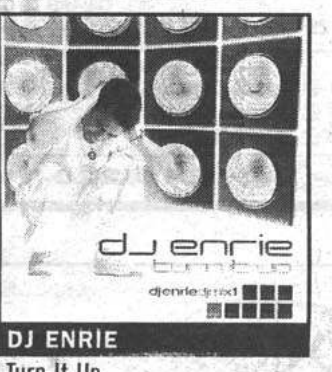

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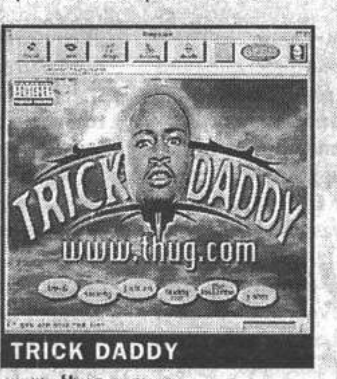

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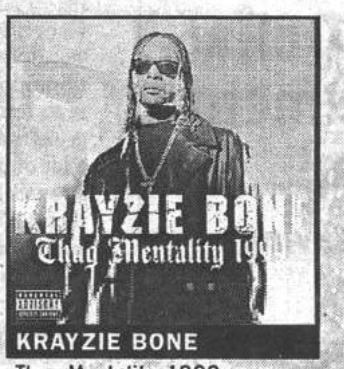

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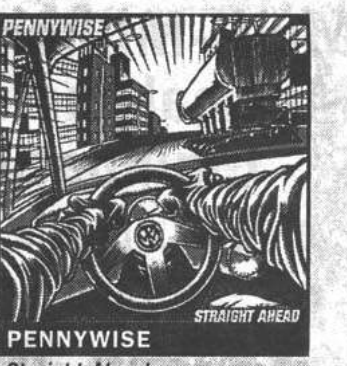

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know who Shepard Fairey was [until] a couple days before the event. Officer Graham had just got done talking to Shepard about putting up his posters. I think [Officer Graham] was kind of disappointed that we were sponsoring an event that involved Shepard Fairey. My take to him was that we've set up the rules in our area about graffiti and nobody's abused them. We try to teach our students to have respect.... [Fairey] talked to the students about how you don't put stuff up on private property.... We left Shepard's show up because we like it. It's very creative, and that was one of the reasons I sponsored the graffiti art show back in May — to show these kids that there's a place they can do this without abusing private property."

Shelly Miller with Discover Pacific Beach, one of 18 BID (Business Improvement District) associations in the city of San Diego, attended the Harbor Club meeting and is working to create a sticker and poster alley for fledgling fringe artists downtown and in Pacific Beach. Miller tells me she was inspired by other public art projects, including a wall in San Luis Obispo plastered with the chewing gum deposits of tourists and locals.

I speak to Miller on the phone. "The meeting was an interesting assortment of people from attorneys to SDPD, Gen X artists, business improvement district representatives, business owners from the Gaslamp, and the San Diego Convention Center.... There were some real direct questions towards Shepard Fairey. Most of us found him rather courageous to attend considering that a lot of people [hold] him responsible for what's out there.... I was asked to be chair and agreed.... I want the artists to continue coming, so I requested everyone behave politely and courteously. Some people are passionate — that's the word I like to use as opposed to angry. Things can get heated and people say things that are rude."

One of Miller's concerns about sticker art is maintenance. "If you go look at one of these Giant posters that was put up a month ago, it's looking pretty sad right now. It doesn't look like art, it looks like trash.... We're going to hopefully start working with Shepard and other artists to get it cleaned up, but what's most important to me is the prevention of it in the future. I invited San Diego Gas and Electric and I invited Pac Bell, because it's their utility boxes. People view them as a clean palette that they can just go and put whatever they want on.... Perhaps we should look at painting these utility boxes in an artistic fashion." Miller uses City College design department head Candice Lopez's "Urban Art Trail" as a model for this possible solution. Last year Lopez rounded up a handful of art students to go through East Village, painting utility boxes and encircling trees with colored tile mosaics to promote community pride and spruce up the place.

"Somebody mentioned large corporations are starting to use posters with their company identity on them for advertising campaigns, wanting it to appear to be an underground thing, when it's really got corporate dollars behind it. Trisha from the Gaslamp Merchants said she was going to start tracking that down.... See if we can go after these corporations and say, 'Woah, guys! This is not a good idea, we do not like this.'"

Miller mentions the recent blight of promotional posters for the current film about Andy Kaufman's life, *Man on the Moon*.

"There are these orange and pink Andy Warhol-looking posters out now that have a picture of Andy Kaufman.... There was one store that had a plywood storefront up. Somebody came along in the middle of the night and plastered it with probably 50 Andy Kaufman posters. I'm wondering if the movie distributor is behind it."

I don't mention that the posters are the product of a recent design job by Fairey; the illegal postering of Kaufman's image, the sole work of Fairey's client, hoping for a hype similar to that surrounding the Giant campaign. Though *Man on the Moon* is a Universal Pictures release, it is unclear as to whom Universal hired to handle their illicit promotional campaign. Both Fairey and Black Market staff decline to disclose this information, one employee fearing "lawsuits."

Russell Nelson with Universal Pictures Publicity and Promotion will not say that Universal dollars are behind the campaign, stating, "In my capacity, I know nothing about who is behind the posters. I saw one on Melrose Avenue, and it had this website address: *andylives.com* — you might try there." As expected, the website, a convoluted promotional fantasy claiming "Andy Kaufman is still alive," leaves no trace as to who is responsible for the posters.

Fairey tells me, "The Children's Museum has asked me to do some stuff. It's not Giant, but it's my artwork. I still don't think what I'm doing is in and of itself a bad thing, especially if people doing street art were more considerate about it. I think the Giant project has a higher purpose than just making a living from it, but I'm not going to shoot myself in the foot by continuing to do this stuff when they know who and where I am. I have a good life in San Diego. There's lots of other cities that I can continue to do this in." ■

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When Giuffre's Tangents *appeared in 1955, many jazz artists had begun to explore a more introspective, "out there" sound.*

REVIEW
AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

It's a feathery, almost "mentholated" sound, very West Coast, very '50s, much enamoured of counterpoint or countermelodies, and equally unenamoured of piano and drums. In part, it was a reaction to the emergence of hard bop, what one critic called "the dull stepchild of bop," a hard-driving, bluesy, soulful, almost black church-rooted sound exemplified by players like Horace Silver and Art Blakey, predictably a piano player and drummer, respectively.

Jimmy Giuffre's *cool* sound was incubated at the Lighthouse in Hermosa Beach with Howard Rumsey's Lighthouse All-Stars, a changing, innovative ensemble that worked out new harmonic textures and melodic progressions through the 1950s. Never quite as influential as Gerry Mulligan's pianoless quartet with Chet Baker on trumpet. Some of the other leaders and players of that sound, several of whom also played with both Mulligan and Giuffre at different times, include Shorty Rogers, Teddy Charles, Stan Levey, Shelley Mann, Ralph Peña, Red Mitchell, Lou Levy, Larry Bunkers, Bob Brookmeyer, Jack Shelton, Chico Hamilton, Jimmy Rowles — I keep thinking of marvelous players and the list keeps growing. I should include John Lewis of the Modern Jazz Quartet, who led one of the loveliest of all West Coast-style dates: *Grand Encounter* (on Pacific Jazz) with Perkins, Hall, Hamilton, and Percy Heath on drums.

But I digress. What Giuffre was about was something he called "folk jazz." It's a sound that doesn't feel very radical 45 years later, and yet it remains a most distinctive and beguiling one, immediately identifiable, always understated, probative, and musically engaging. It's among the most memorable sounds in jazz and one that's attracted very little fanfare.

This Mosaic compilation of Giuffre's sides for Capitol and Atlantic records in the '50s should give jazz listeners an opportunity to reassess Giuffre's work of that era. Giuffre is by no means gone or done innovating; his trio work of the '60s, '70s, '80s, and '90s — especially with Paul Bley and Steve Swallow, in which he explores a more free jazz idiom — is equally significant. But my taste is for his mid- to late-'50s trios and quartets, especially in company with Brookmeyer, Jim Hall, and Ralph Peña, or just Hall on guitar and Peña on bass.

At some point Giuffre fastened on a particular sound. He was never a sermonizer or prophet. "It's just one way," he said, "and every man has to go his own way." It certainly wasn't a sound that would bring him popular success or riches. "I've come to feel increasingly inhibited and frustrated by the insistent pounding of the rhythm section," Giuffre wrote in the liner notes of his controversial breakthrough 1955 album *Tangents:*

> With it, it's impossible for the listener or the soloist to hear the horn's true sound, I've come to believe, or to fully concentrate on the solo line. An imbalance of advances has moved the rhythm from a supporting to a competitive role.... To the degree that the beat was there to guide dancers, it is, of course, no longer necessary to concert jazz.... I've written works completely lacking sounded beat...when the drum is struck, any other note is obliterated, and attention is torn away from any other line. In this music, the drum lines are integrated but isolated.

And how was Giuffre able to manage the last? "By writing rests in the ad lib parts and allowing the drums to fill.... Classical music," Giuffre continued, "once the rhythm is stated, assumes the freedom to move unaccompanied, and if jazz is going to continue to grow, it needs this same freedom."

It's worth making other observations on this point. In the mid-'50s, jazz was recasting itself, exploring new directions. Charlie Parker was dead, and bebop, with its crush of notes and chordal progressions at blistering tempos, appeared to be exhausted. What bebop had introduced, among other things, was jazz as high art, as a folk and body-based chamber music. Newer, pared-down versions of the Ellington and Basie bands were still out there, selling records, filling auditoriums, but swing was over, and the notion of jazz as dance music was largely over as well, having been supplanted by its offspring, R&B and rock 'n' roll. The white version of the latter would just about destroy jazz in the mid-'60s, and, in truth, it has never really recovered. But when Giuffre's *Tangents* appeared in 1955 — a couple of years, incidentally, after the Mulligan-Baker pianoless quartets — many jazz artists had begun or were beginning to explore a more introspective, "out there" sound.

Giuffre is a reed player of real distinction, more involved in the timbres he can pull from the instrument than with lots of notes and virtuosic pyrotechnics. He moves easily among tenor, alto, and baritone sax, along with the clarinet, sometimes playing three different reeds in the course of one song. His improvisations are melodic, avoiding what he called the "vertical prison" of chord changes. He is joined on his best sides by that most sympathetic and brilliant of guitarists, Jim Hall, who has also worked accompanist miracles with the alto great Paul Desmond, another light-sounding artist of not so very many notes or volume or emphatic a beat. And yet Hall also played with Sonny Rollins on his great 1962 album, *The Bridge,* with lots of notes and volume and a mighty beat.

But the choicest sides, for my money, come with the trio combination of Giuffre, Hall, and the valve trombonist Bob Brookmeyer. These 1958 cuts and the interaction of countermelodies of Giuffre and Brookmeyer, along with Hall's precise calibrations on guitar, make for some of the finest listening in jazz. Neither Brookmeyer nor Hall gained particular distinction as a leader of his own group, but these sessions with Giuffre secure a place for them in the pantheon of great jazzmen.

Once again, Mosaic Records does a superb job of packaging this six-disc collection with exceptional liner notes and discography. I insist you get their catalog, available from Mosaic Records, 35 Melrose Place, Stamford CT 06902; 203-327-7111 (phone) or 203-323-3526 (fax); or e-mail, *mosrec@mindspring.com,* or you can try their website: *www.mosaicrecords.com.*



Jimmy Giuffre

Jimmy Giuffre, *The Complete Capitol & Atlantic Recordings of Jimmy Giuffre* (Mosaic MD6-176)
John Lewis, *Grand Encounter: 2 Degrees East, 3 Degrees West* (Pacific Jazz-Toshiba Ltd. TOCJ-6115)
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An impossible-to-find album now available on CD with two other albums (*Lee Konitz with Strings* and *Ralph Burns Free Forms*) is *Lee Konitz Meets Jimmy Giuffre.* It's an octet with eight cuts arranged by Giuffre, featuring Konitz on alto and Giuffre on baritone. Konitz, of the Tristano line — light-toned with a melodic, horizontal, uninflected kind of improvisation — is joined here by two other Tristano-ites, both tenor saxes, Warne Marsh and Ted Brown. The estimable alto-sax player Hal McKusick is on hand, along with the great Bill Evans on piano. When this studio session was recorded, Evans exhibited, here and elsewhere, a whole lot of Tristano influence — quite apart from his splendid Bill Evans thing, which was full-fledged by 1959. If you thought you had Jimmy Giuffre pigeonholed after the Mosaic disc, you're in for a treat. ■

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FRIDAY

The Paladins *(962)*, James Intveld, and the **Sleepwalkers *(434)*:** Casbah, Friday, January 7, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Gregory Page *(186)*: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Friday, January 7, 8:30 p.m., 4994 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

SATURDAY

Kill Holiday *(144)*, Sunday's Best, Paris TX, and the **Whereabouts:** Ché Cafe, Saturday, January 8, 8 p.m., UCSD Campus, La Jolla. 619-534-2311.

"The Giving Tree CD-Release Party": Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Saturday, January 8, 8:30 p.m., 4994 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

SUNDAY

Automatic, Death by Stereo, Adamantium, and **Spare Change:** Ché Cafe, Sunday, January 9, 8 p.m., UCSD Campus, La Jolla. 619-534-2311.

Megadeth *(409)*: 4th & B, Sunday, January 9, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Deke Dickerson and the Ecco-Fonics and the **Cheap Leis:** Casbah, Sunday, January 9, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

MONDAY

Countervail, Idle Hands, and **American Tragedy:** Ché Cafe, Monday, January 10, 8 p.m., UCSD Campus, La Jolla. 619-534-2311.

WEDNESDAY

Wanda Jackson and the **Cadillac Angels:** Casbah, Wednesday, January 12, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

JANUARY

James Cotton *(950)*: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, January 13, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Dogwood *(141)*, Slick Shoes, Pound Foolish, Lucky 7, and **FON:** Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, January 13, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

"Songwriters Showcase" with **Jeff Berkeley, Lisa Sanders *(893)*, Gregory Page *(186)*, Paul Abbott *(817)*, C.J. Hutchins, Bug Guts, Caiman Hart *(868)*, Carlos Olmeda *(833)*, Dave Howard, David Beldock *(590)*, Frank Drennen, Cindi Wasserman,** and **José Sinatra and the Troy Dante Quintet:** Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Thursday, January 13, 8:30 p.m., 4994 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

Eek-A-Mouse *(734)*: Brick by Brick, Friday, January 14, 8 p.m., 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

Unwritten Law *(261)*, the **Hippos,** and **22 Jacks *(429)*:** 4th & B, Friday, January 14, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Ozomatli: Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, January 14, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Rugburns, the **Dragons *(115)*, Steve Poltz *(815)*,** and **Anya Marina:** Casbah, Friday, January 14, and Saturday, January 15, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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Guster and **Abby Normal:** Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, January 18, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Alejandro Escovedo, Gregory Page *(186)*, and **Cindy Lee Berryhill *(854)*:** Casbah, Tuesday, January 18, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Macy Gray: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, January 20, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Misfits and **Indecision:** Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, January 20, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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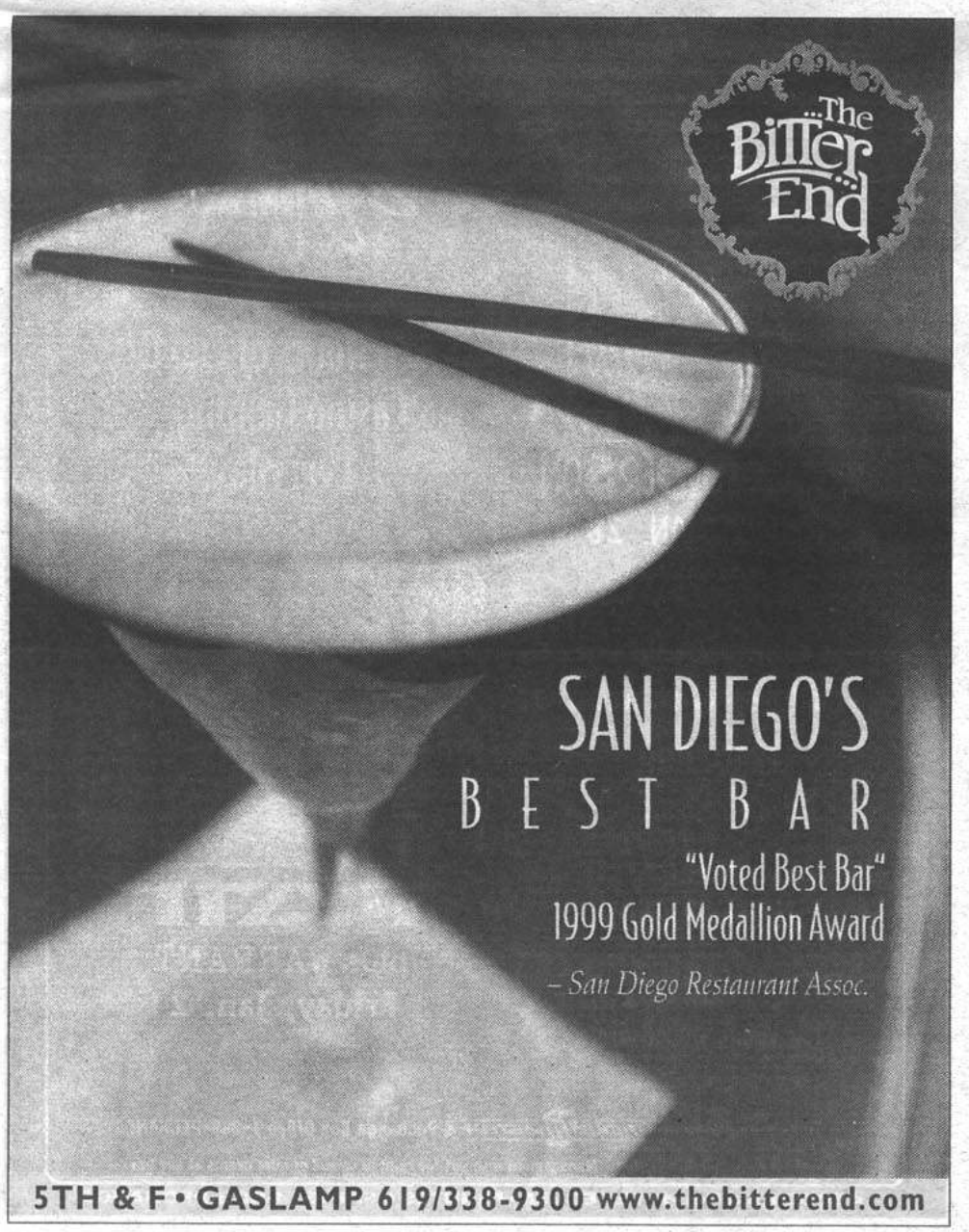

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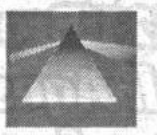

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FEBRUARY

Anthrax, Fu Manchu *(225)*, and **Cage:** Canes Bar and Grill, Wednesday, February 2, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Tara MacLean: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Wednesday, February 2, 8:30 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

Joe Beck *(665)* and **Ali Ryerson:** Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, Thursday, February 3, 7:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

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Hank Williams III: Casbah, Friday, February 4, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

J.D. Parran, Anthony Davis, and **Bert Turetsky:** Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, February 5, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

The Brothers Creeggan and the **Kurtens:** Casbah, Saturday, February 5, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Shannon Curfman and the **Badlees:** Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, February 6, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Alison Brown Quartet *(832)*: Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, Thursday, February 10, 7:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

Goldfinger: Canes Bar and Grill, hursday, February 10, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Martin Carthy *(853)*: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Saturday, February 12, 7:30 p.m., 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach. 858-689-2266.

Diana Krall *(643)*: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, February 12, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 888-386-8497.

Paul Plimley: Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, February 19, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

George Thorogood and the Destroyers: 4th & B, Saturday, February 19, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Russell Malone with **Bob Magnusson *(710)*** and **Mike Wofford *(648)*:** Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, Sunday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

George Jones *(778)*: East County Performing Arts Center, Tuesday, February 22, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 888-386-8497.

Blue Öyster Cult *(418)*: 4th & B, Sunday, February 27, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

MARCH

Sarah Cahill: Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, March 4, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

Mike Wofford *(648)*, Holly Hofmann *(684)*, Duncan Moore, and **Darek Oleszkiewicz:** Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, March 18, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

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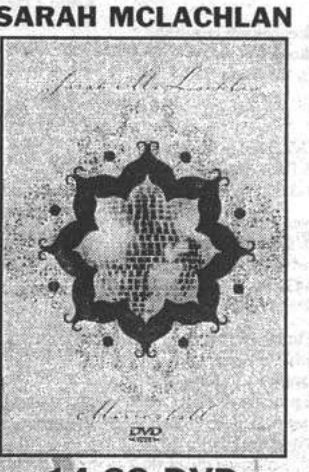

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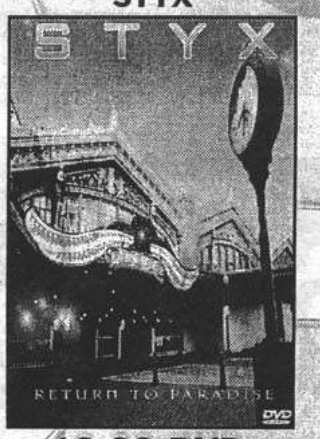

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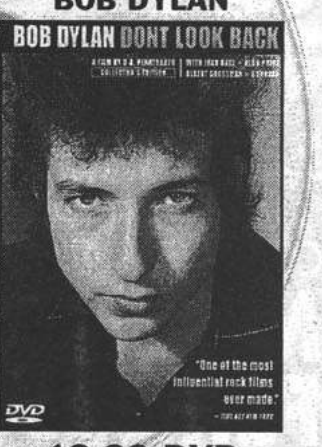

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OF NOTE

By Dave Good

When **Robin Henkel** finally made it down to the Delta to play blues and swap stories with authentic Mississippi juke joint guitar players, he was surprised to find that nobody he met played any slide guitar. In fact, he said, neighbors came around to hear him play the steel Dobro he had brought with him from San Diego, as if they had never heard one before.

That Henkel can play Elmore James–style bottleneck Dobro (or do the Robert Johnson thing that sounds like a couple of blues guitarists playing at the same time) hardly matters. He rarely plays that way in public, preferring instead to perform his own compositions with a five-piece band that includes twin saxophones. It's jazz muddied with blues, shuffle, bop, and swing, eclectic and full of rare sounds like lap steel guitar. Henkel has what might be called "Ry Cooder brain." Like Cooder, Henkel picks and chooses from the various genres that interest him. The difference is that Henkel is no purist; he is a stylist who blends all into one.

Freedom to invent his own genre has not been without its problems. Henkel's albums rarely get radio play. Programmers can't figure out what category to put them in. A veteran of the local music scene for going on 30 years, Henkel is known to his peers as being one of the best at what he does. Still, he is relatively unknown as an entertainer. Had he taken a left turn and gone commercial, played oldies and pop tunes and rock covers, could he have had a more lucrative career? Maybe. But, would he have sounded any better? Not a chance.

(To hear a sample of ***Robin Henkel,*** *call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4914.)*


ROBIN HENKEL

ROBIN HENKEL, Gordon Biersch Brewery, Sunday, January 9, 4:30 p.m. 619-688-1120.







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The Bailey Barbecue Restaurant and Bar, corner of Main Street and A Street, Julian. 760-765-9957. Friday and Saturday, *Footloose,* rock and roll.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 pm, *Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers* with *RA Brotherhood,* alternative. Friday, 9:15 pm, *Common Sense,* reggae, with *F.A.T. Beat Squad.* Saturday, 9:15 pm, *the Samuari Homeboys.* Sunday, *Hot Rod Lincoln, the Sleepwalkers, the Forbidden Pigs,* and *the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash,* rockabilly/swing. Monday and Tuesday, call club for information. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, *Bambaleo* with *Speakeasy.*

Big Daddy's Roadhouse Grill, 530 Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-634-2365. Saturday, 8 pm, *Chuck Perrin,* acoustic folk.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 858-729-2989. Thursday, *Shake.* Friday and Saturday, *the Hot Heads,* rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall. I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, *the Joseph Angelastro Trio,* jazz.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 619-618-1814. Saturday, 8 pm, *Donna DeLory.*

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday and Saturday, call club for information.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Media Luna.* Friday, *Cold Sweat,* rhythm and blues. Saturday, *the Tritones,* blues, swing.

The Camelot Inn, 887 San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-1332. Friday, *the Strange Woods,* Irish folk. Saturday, *Gene Warren,* folk.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Will Sumner,* blues. Saturday, *Andrea's Fault,* pop, rock.

Chesapeake Bar & Grill, 1068 North El Camino Real, Encinitas. 760-943-0177. Friday, 5 pm to 8 pm, *Rick Ross,* jazz guitarist.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Music begins at 6 pm. Thursday, *Billy Watson,* blues. Friday, *the Witchdoctors,* blues. Saturday, *Len Rainey and the Midnight Players,* blues. Sunday, *Hollis Gentry,* jazz. Monday, *Little Chris and the Nightcrawlers,* blues. Wednesday, *Red Lane,* rock, blues.

The Del Dios Country Store, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733. Friday and Saturday, *Nitro Express,* country.

Epazote, 1555 Camino Del Mar (in the Del Mar Plaza), Del Mar. 858-259-9966. Wednesday, live jazz.

The Firehouse, 215 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-433-4683. Call club for information.

Fireside Lounge, 439 West Washington Avenue, Escondido. 760-745-1931. Friday, 9 pm, *Bob Lenz.*

Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Carter Brothers,* jazz, swing.

Hennessey's Tavern, 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Ron's Garage,* acoustic. Saturday, *Hydroplane,* rock.

Jammer's Java Specialty Coffee, 218 A North El Camino Real (in the Wiegand Plaza next to AMC Theaters), Encinitas. 760-942-JAVA. Thursday, *Collin Elliott,* acoustic blues. Friday, *Justin Froese,* classical guitar. Saturday, 8:30 to 10:30 pm, *Diane Waters,* acoustic pop, modern rock.

Kaminski Park Sports Bar and Grill, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-7296. Friday and Saturday, *Bottomline,* classic rock.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors,* blues. Friday, *Bill Magee,* blues. Saturday,

OF NOTE

By Richard Meltzer

I'm sitting in a fern bar in Carlsbad with Darby Crush, a/k/a Roger Clyne, of **Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers**, and he's telling me about the title tune on their latest CD, *1132* (Doberman Records).

"The day I wrote it, I happened to look at my bedroom clock — it's digital — and saw 11:32 and I thought, *Is that what year it is?* It looked like a *year,* I was half-asleep, it might've been the first time I ever made that error. But then I wondered — do *many* people, millions a day, make that same error, and for a brief moment they're really confused — what's going *on* here? Is it, y'know, *typical* of the disconnection, the general alienation of contempo'ry life? That's what the song's about."

Why is it 38 minutes long? "It's mostly instrumental."

Next song, "The Grape Fell" — self-explanatory?

"No, that's actually about our drummer. John 'Grape' Tualawalla. He broke his leg when he was, before I knew him, trying to climb Mt. Easter. I think it's in Utah...Montana. Somewhere."

That's only 32 minutes. "We took out the drum solo."

Every other cut (12 in all) seems to average like 30, 35 seconds. "Yeah. That's our *somewhat* more usual song length."

You're a band of extremes. "Yes."



ROGER CLYNE AND THE PEACEMAKERS

The **RA Brotherhood** open.

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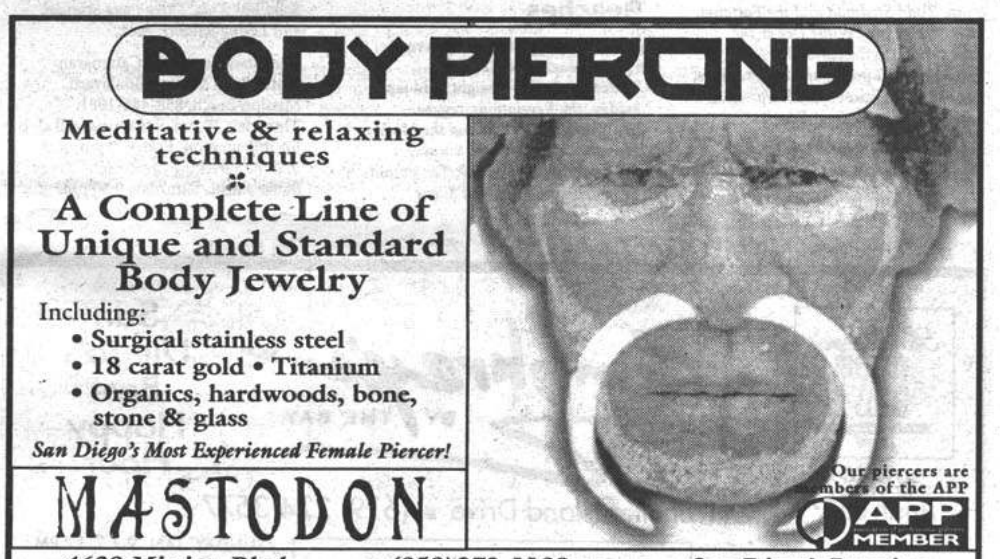



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MUSIC SCENE

Blue Heat, blues. Sunday, *Spundaze*, rock.

La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are 7 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *Ned Landau*, jazz. Saturday, call club for information.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Tuesday, open mike. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Wednesday, 7 pm to 10:30 pm, blues jam.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 pm, *Willie Dee*, rhythm and blues. Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Corey Bess*, acoustic. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Mike Cea*, jazz. Tuesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, open mike.

Mocha Marketplace, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Thursday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *Rick Ross*. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *5 O'Clock Shadow*, jazz, swing.

Molly Malone's Sports Bar, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-5594. Friday and Saturday, *Moxie*, rock.

The Naked Bean, 520 Hacienda (near Islands in the Food for Less shopping center), Vista. 760-639-5282. Friday, 7:30 pm, *Damon the Gypsy and the Outlaws*, acoustic.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, in the carousel, 7 pm, *the Cradit Union*, big band. Friday, 6 pm, *Todd Stedman and the Fattones*, blues, 10:30 pm, *Willie Dee & the Experience*, rhythm and blues. Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Quiet Storm*, blues, jazz, 11 pm, *Citizen X* with *Posse*. Sunday, 9:30 pm, *Baja Boogies*.

North County Sports Dome, 680 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-4120. Call club for information.

The Oakvale Lodge, 14900 Oakvale Road, Escondido. 760-751-2729. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm to 1 am, and Sunday, 4:30 pm to 10 pm, live country, blues, and rock.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Justin Brothers*, acoustic. Saturday, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, *Creg Sherman*, contemporary.

Randy Jones Big Stone Lodge, 12237 Old Pomerado Road, Poway. 858-748-1617. Friday and Saturday, *the Working Cowboy Band*, country.

Roasting Plant Coffee and Cafe, 3870 Valley Centre Drive (Carmel Valley Road exit), Del Mar. 858-793-6777. Friday, 8 pm, *Calima*, flamenco duo. Saturday, 8 pm, *Diamond in the Rough*, contemporary.

Smitty's Downtown, 119 East Broadway, Vista. 760-724-0510. Sunday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *Lady K and the Jazz Q*.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *the Rumors*, country rock. Saturday, *9 Volt* and *Casino*, alternative.

Torreyana Grille (inside the Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines), 10950 North Torrey Pines Road, Del Mar. 858-450-4571. Music is jazz. Thursday and Wednesday, *Shep Meyers*. Friday, *Ron Freshman* and *Fred Benedetti*. Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, *Ron Freshman*. Sunday, *Shep Meyers* and *Kristen Korb*.

Tournament of Champions Lounge, La Costa Resort and Spa, Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Friday and Saturday, live dance music.

Beaches

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Inside Straight*, acid jazz. Friday, *the Revelations*, reggae. Saturday, *Rod Piazza and the Mighty Flyers* with *Sue Palmer*. Sunday, *Psydecar*, funk. Monday, *Ten Pound Brown, Tracy Niles*, and *Silent Dimension*, alternative. Tuesday, blues jam featuring *Darryl Johnson*.

Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, *Hornswaggled, Notice, Slingshot*, and *Frontline*, rock. Friday, *Atomic Punks, Davis Waits*, and *Piece of Mind*, rock. Saturday, *Shinehead*, reggae. Wednesday, *Between the Ivory, Soap Box Kids, Three Piece Scandal*, and *Losing Balance*, rock.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, 10 pm, live music, call club for information. Friday, 9 pm, *Roz and the Wrecking Crew*, high-energy dance music. Saturday, 9:30 pm, *NRG*, dance music. Wednesday, 9:30 pm, *Blue Largo*, swing, blues.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney and the Blues Dusters*, blues.

The Dog, 4479 Everts Street, Pacific Beach. 858-581-0149. Friday, *Psydecar*, alternative. Sunday, *Niceness*, reggae.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. All shows start at 8 pm. Thursday, *the Fuckers, Funkapotamus, Unspun*, and *Pitch Factor*, punk. Friday, *the Price of Dope*, acid jazz. Saturday, *7 Train, Resin, Sirens Wail*, and *Crotch Rocket*.

Galoka, 5662 La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, *Cosmologic*. Sunday, *World Reform Ensemble*.

Hennessey's Tavern, 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, *the O'Brien Brothers*, Irish folk.

Humphrey's, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Thursday, *Quiet Storm*, jazz. Friday, *Makai*, top 40. Saturday, *Rising Star*, top 40. Sunday, *the Larry Mitchell Band*, rock. Monday, *Scarlet Keys*, acoustic. Tuesday, *Eve Selis*, rock. Wednesday, *Brasilla*, jazz.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, and Monday through Wednesday, 6 pm to 10:30 pm, also, Sunday, 5 pm to 10:30 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano. Friday, 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Barry Levich*, 7:30 pm to 11 pm, *Leviticus*. Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11 pm, *Leviticus*, contemporary.

Margarita Rocks, 959 Hornblend Street, Pacific Beach. 858-272-2780. Call club for information.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *Theo and the Zydeco Patrol*, blues.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Call club for information.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734.

OF NOTE

By William Crain

In her great rockabilly recordings from the late 1950s and early '60s ("Fujiyama Mama," "Let's Have a Party," "Mean Mean Man"), **Wanda Jackson** laid down some of the fiercest vocals in rock 'n' roll. With a weird growl from the back of her throat and an almost absurd Oklahoma twang, she sounded like the embodiment of the juvenile delinquent bad girl portrayed in the B-movies and pulp paperbacks of the '50s.

As it turns out, Jackson herself was nothing like the hypersexual hellcat she portrayed in such songs as "Cool Love" (in which she demands hotter make-out sessions from her boyfriend — a shocking statement for a woman in 1957). In fact, at the height of her rockabilly career, she was accompanied most places by her protective father. She started out as a straight country singer in fringed dresses, turning to rockabilly after friend Elvis Presley — a mama's boy who, like Jackson, played the part of a juvenile delinquent — convinced her the sound would sell records. When rockabilly had run its course, Jackson returned to country and Christian music.



WANDA JACKSON

Rootsy guitarist Rose Flores pulled Jackson back into rockabilly in 1995, and Jackson has been touring semi-regularly ever since. Latter-day rockabilly women, sporting Betty Page bangs and armfuls of tattoos, can see in Jackson a symbol of bad-ass womanhood surviving '50s patriarchy. A historian would scowl on such interpretations. The evidence shows Jackson was not an anarchic feminist; she was a sweet woman with a nasty voice. But, then this is rock 'n' roll: The voice is the only evidence that matters.

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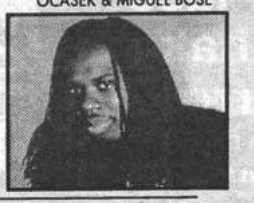

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The Blvd., 6949 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-464-9945. Saturday, 9:30 pm, *the Good China,* alternative.

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Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Monday, 6:30 pm, *Amoroso*, string quartet. Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *the Jaime Vallé Jazz Quartet*, Latin jazz.

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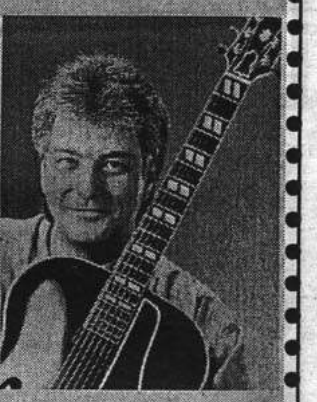

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622 ..... **Robberecht the Pianoman:** The Westgate Hotel
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671 ..... **Chris Conner:** Hotel del Coronado
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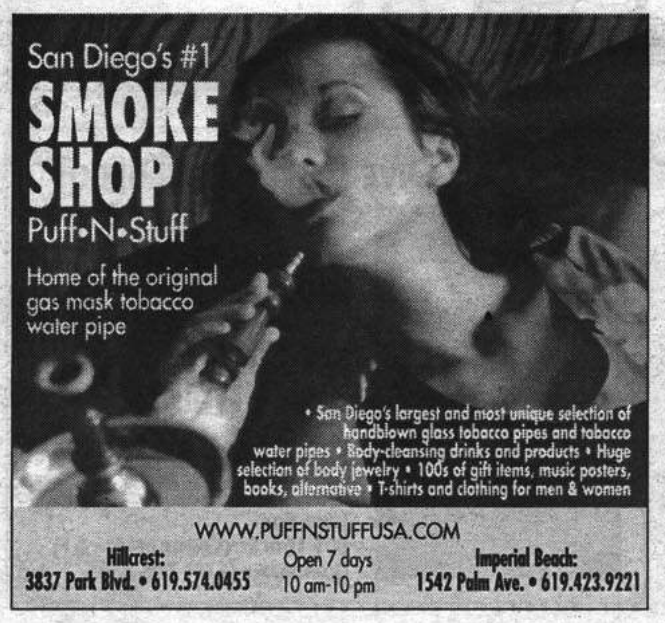

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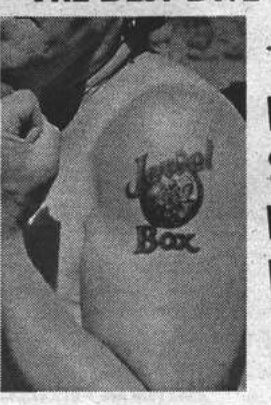
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DUNCAN SHEPHERD

Paging through the movie ads in the Los Angeles *Times* these past few weeks has been an odd and an overwhelming experience. To go by the blurbs, *The Green Mile* is "unquestionably the best picture of the year" (David Sheehan). *All about My Mother* is also, if not beyond question, "the best picture of the year" (*Time Magazine*), and *American Beauty* is likewise "best picture of the year" (*Rolling Stone*, Los Angeles *Times*, National Board of Review, Online Film Critics Society, San Diego Film Critics).

Man on the Moon, should a distinction be drawn between a picture and a film, is "the best film of the year" (Owen Glieberman). *Magnolia*, to make a further distinction, is "the best movie of the year" (Joe Morgenstern) or no more than "one of the best movies of the year" (Mike Clark) and "one of the best films of the year" (Roger Ebert) and once again "one of the best movies of the year" (Peter Travers). *Topsy-Turvy* is "the year's best film" (Janet Maslin, Jami Bernard, John Anderson) or else "one of the year's best movies" (Mike Clark) or at the very least "one of the best movies of the season" (the very same John Anderson).

Snow Falling on Cedars, though there exists a degree of uncertainty, "may be the best film of the year" (Paul Wunder). But then, *Anna and the King* is "one of the best films of the decade" (Sara Edwards). *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, to narrow it down a little, is "one of the ten best films of 1999" (*Time Magazine*) or, more precisely, "one of the two best films of 1999" (National Board of Review). *Angela's Ashes*, meanwhile, is "one of the top ten films of 1999" (Jeffrey Lyons, Rex Reed, Dennis Cunningham, Marilyn Beck and Stacy Jenel Smith), and *Girl, Interrupted* is "one of the best films of the year" (Sara Edwards) or merely "best of all the new movies for the holiday season" (John Leonard). *End of the Affair*, not to be left out, is "one of the best pictures of the year" (*Time Magazine*), and *The Cider House Rules* is "definitely one of the year's best pictures" (Rex Reed).



Tango

Liberty Heights, even more emphatically, is "easily one of the year's best movies" (Lou Lumenick), while *Any Given Sunday* is "one of the ten best films of the year" (Steve Oldfield) and, a shade more qualified, "the single most exciting movie I've seen" (Michael Wilmington). To continue with some finer qualifications, *The Hurricane* is "one of the most profound and inspiring films of the year" (Rex Reed), *Cradle Will Rock* is "one of the year's most purely entertaining movies" (Mike Clark), *Sweet and Lowdown* is "Woody Allen's best picture in a decade or more" (David Denby), *Stuart Little* is "the must-see family film of the holiday season" (Mike Cidoni), *Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo* is "the funniest movie of the season" (Mark S. Allen), *Galaxy Quest* is "the funniest, wittiest comedy of the year" (Jeffrey Lyons), *Mansfield Park* is "the year's most *passionate* comedy" (Roger Ebert), and *Bicentennial Man* is "the most beautiful movie of the millen-

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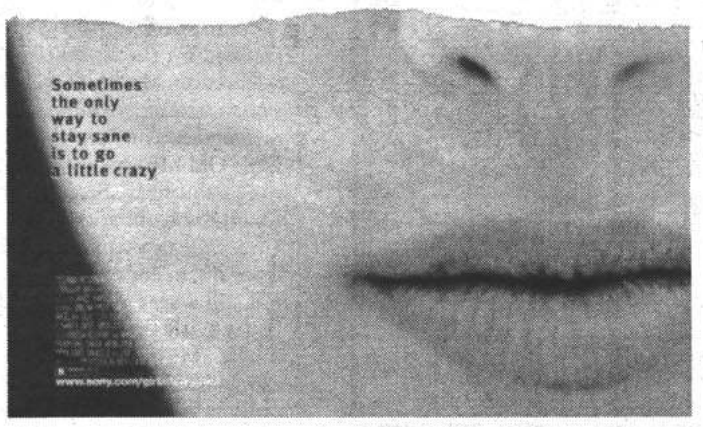

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nium" (David Sheehan).

The fact that you may not know half of the names attached to these pronouncements, and may not trust a one of them, affords little defense against the massed choir of voices whose collective message, coming over loud and clear, is that today's moviegoer is rolling in clover. And the theater owners have the ticket stubs to prove it: another record-breaking year at the box-office.

The downside to this — at least for the wee small voice wanting to convey the vague general impression that, gee, this didn't really seem a very good season, or year, or decade, at the movies — is that we can anticipate no overnight resolve for improvement. Not because (blurbs notwithstanding) there isn't room for it, but because there isn't incentive. The revenues, never mind the movies, are better than ever. And the movies, for their part, give every appearance of being better than better. Best, best, best, best, best, one of the best, one of the best, best, best, most, best, funniest, best.

I myself, on the other hand, had thought there would be a certain aptness in proclaiming the final year of the 1900s to be the worst year for movies since about, say, 1914 or maybe 1899. What prevents me from proclaiming it, apart from my hunch that even in those far-away years there was a greater sense of possibility and excitement about the medium, is my weekend trip to the San Francisco film festival last spring, to see Alain Resnais's *Same Old Song* and Hou Hsiao-hsien's *Flowers of Shanghai.* If either of those had shown up in San Diego, it would have been ("unquestionably" and "easily") my choice as the best picture, film, and movie of the year. Well, there's always next year, and the last time I spoke to (pleaded with) the Landmark people on the subject, there seemed to be a fair chance that the Resnais, at any rate, might be allotted a couple of days at the Ken. Keep your fingers crossed. Don't hold your breath.

In the meantime, I can only play the cards I am dealt, and there were no more than three of them these past twelve months which I would care to lay on the table as "best" — Carlos Saura's *Tango,* Eric Rohmer's *Autumn Tale,* Ang Lee's *Ride with the Devil,* in that order of preference. (Which happens also to be order of appearance.) If I give the edge to the Saura, it's because I would hold it up over the others — to younger filmmakers, to students of film, to connoisseurs of film, independent of students and connoisseurs of dance — as a model of the director's craft: how to string shots together, where to put the camera, when to move it and when to hold it still, and how far and how long, and so forth. Saura, at age sixty-seven, is an unflappable master. Rohmer, at seventy-nine, and not likely to learn new tricks, has his own way of making a movie (stiff-backed, semi-detached), and it could not very well be recommended to others. And Lee, the whippersnapper in the group, has attained in only his sixth feature a new flexibility and new fluidity, a new command as a storyteller. All three films, as perhaps goes without saying, were little-seen.

I gather, from comments which came to me first-hand or filtered down, that the Rohmer failed to strike the same chord with others that it did with me. Maybe you had to have seen as many Rohmers as I have, and viewed them with as many mixed feelings, especially as regards his attachment to young lovelies and his estrangement from his own age group, in order for it to strike you the same. (Even those critics who enthuse without discrimination over every Rohmer were prone to treat this one as just another.) If that's true — if there were prerequisites to be met — it would no doubt be a limitation of the film, but it would not limit my own appreciation of it. And after all, this is *my* year I've been talking about, not anyone else's. (To say so is, I hope, an expression of run-amok modesty rather than run-amok ego.) I got a lot out of the film, and I can ill afford to throw any of it back.

The closest runners-up (also in order of appearance) seemed fewer, or possibly not so close, as in former years: Stephen Frears's *The Hi-Lo Country,* Clint Eastwood's *True Crime,*



Autumn Tale

Majid Majidi's *Children of Heaven,* Shohei Imamura's *Dr. Akagi,* Claude Chabrol's *The Swindle,* Lawrence Kasdan's *Mumford,* Claude Berri's *Lucie Aubrac,* Hayao Miyazaki's *Princess Mononoke,* and Luc and Jean-Pierre Dardenne's *Rosetta.* Nor did I worry myself very long or very often over movies I may have slightly underpraised: Joe Johnston's *October Sky,* David Cronenberg's *eXistenZ,* David Mamet's *The Winslow Boy,* M. Night Shyamalan's *The Sixth Sense,* David Koepp's *Stir of Echoes,* Tom Tykwer's *Run, Lola, Run,* Steven Soderbergh's *The Limey,* David Lynch's *The Straight Story,* Tim Burton's *Sleepy Hollow.* I could scarcely at all participate in the hubbub, however brief, over things like *Eyes Wide Shut* (numbly), *The Blair Witch Project* (queasily), *The Muse* (ruefully), *Boys Don't Cry, Bringing Out the Dead, Three Kings, American Beauty, Being John Malkovich, The Insider, All about My Mother,* and others. And has anybody given a thought in the past six months to the *Star Wars* prequel?

There could not even be found the standard complement of performances to champion. I am delighted to see Chloë Sevigny picking up a critics' circle award here, a Golden Globe nomination there, another critics' award yonder, for her supporting role in *Boys Don't Cry.* But I can't escape the feeling that the critics missed the boat when they overlooked her transcendent and transformative performance last year in the leading role of *The Last Days of Disco,* and that the performance in *Boys Don't Cry,* on its merits, would have been similarly overlooked if the critics were not looking so hard at the strenuous but ultimately unpersuasive performance of Hilary Swank in the lead.

This same phenomenon — soaking up some of the attention lavished on an associate — didn't seem to benefit Sissy Spacek alongside Richard Farnsworth in *The Straight Story,* though I personally can see no reason to look further for a candidate for Best Supporting Actress. Neither did the phenomenon benefit the neglected Matthew Broderick alongside the cosseted Reese Witherspoon in *Election.* (Broderick was excellent in *Inspector Gadget,* too, but no one was looking in that vicinity.) Better than Witherspoon's, better than Swank's, the Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role, if I could alter the Oscar race into a César race, was delivered ("unquestionably") in the French tongue: either by Sabine Azéma (*Same Old Song,* released in New York and Los Angeles if not here) or by Carole Bouquet (*Lucie Aubrac)* or by Emilie Dequenne (*Rosetta)* or by Isabelle Huppert (*The Swindle)* or by Béatrice Romand (*Autumn Tale).* Tobey Maguire, a new favorite of mine, had a nice year (or season), with his leading roles in *Ride with the Devil* and *The Cider House Rules.* Chris Cooper, an older favorite, had a nice one as well, with his supporting roles in *October Sky* and *American Beauty.* And of course Clint Eastwood, courageously self-revealing in *True Crime,* was snoozily taken for granted.

In the end, there was nothing among individual performances or whole movies that I would choose to take along with me to the proverbial desert island — just barely enough among them to stop me from choosing to book passage to a desert island. And here, by custom, would be the spot to run down the worst of the year (*Star Wars, Episode I: The Phantom Menace:* worst movie or merely worst title?), but I do not wish to talk myself into that desert island after all.

I am sorry to have had nothing planned for the so-called millennial celebration. Maybe if I commanded a staff the size of *Entertainment Weekly*'s or *Premiere*'s or *People*'s — but Poor Little Old Me was just too busy running around to *Bicentennial Man, Stuart Little, Anna and the King, Any Given Sunday,* etc. The end of the millennium, in any event, even if it were not still a year away, would seem to broach bigger topics than mere movies. Movies, no matter how large they loom in the life of a film critic, are only the tip of the timeline, ankle-high to literature, music, painting. The end

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of the century might be a different matter, in that the history of movies fits so neatly, almost perfectly, within the last hundred years. But just as modesty demands the stipulation that my year-end roundup pertains to *my* year and no one else's, it demands, too, that I renounce any claim on the century as a whole. The Turner Classic Movies channel, although it can be maddeningly repetitive, continually reminds me how much I still don't know about the movies.

There remains the decade. I was present the entire time, and I was more or less paying attention. But I would be unprepared there, too, if the publisher of some Toronto film magazine had not included me, with plenty of lead time, in a critics' poll on the Top Ten films of the Nineties. (I assume that my name has not yet gotten crossed off the mailing list since I attended the Toronto film festival a couple of years ago.) I suppose I could share with my readers what I was willing to share with a total stranger, especially as it gives me a rare opportunity to fill all available slots of a traditional Top Ten list, with traditional moans of regret over the lack of space.

So, then, my Nineties: *Fargo* (Joel Coen), *The Portrait of a Lady* (Jane Campion), *The Long Day Closes* (Terence Davies), *The Scent of Green Papaya* (Tran Anh Hung), *The Bridges of Madison County* (Clint Eastwood), *Cold Heaven* (Nicolas Roeg), *There Are Days...and Moons* (Claude Lelouch), *Goodbye South, Goodbye* (Hou Hsiao-hsien), *I, the Worst of All* (Maria Luisa Bemberg), *Tombstone* (George Pan Cosmatos). I could well have included other Coen films, *Miller's Crossing* and *Barton Fink* above all, but in view of space constraints a rule of one film per filmmaker seems a diplomatic and democratic solution. And I would do just about anything not to bump *Tombstone* — the film, outside of *Fargo*, that I must have watched most *frequently* in the decade. The emergence of the Coen brothers as authors of fully developed and fully realized works of art was my major source of salvation throughout the Nineties. And the peaking of Clint Eastwood through *White Hunter, Black Heart* and *Unforgiven* and *A Perfect World* (still nothing to dislodge *Tombstone*), and his tailing-off after *The Bridges...*, was a fascinating spectacle as well.

Were I to apply the same rules to the decade that I apply to any given year, I would be obliged to remove *Goodbye South, Goodbye*, which I saw (fittingly enough) in Toronto, and replace it with the same director's *City of Sadness*, which, though dated 1989, appeared in the UCSD film festival the same year as the Lelouch. (Which means they each appeared one night only.) The Lelouch, incidentally, made a deep impression on my soft spot in matters of chance and coincidence, fate and fluke, parallels and intersections, near-misses and collisions. I wish it could be seen by anyone impressed by such trendy triflers on the theme as this year's *Magnolia* and *Run, Lola, Run* and *Go* and *200 Cigarettes* and *Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels.*

It gave a bit of a boost to my morale, or self-respect, or something, that I found Hou Hsiao-hsien all by myself, without any guidance from someone of the stature of Susan Sontag, who listed two of his films on her own Top Ten of the Nineties in the current issue of *Artforum*. Ten minutes into *Dust in the Wind*, in a grab-bag program of Asian cinema, when I had never before heard of him (who's Hou?), I knew I was looking at a major moviemaker. Subsequent developments and critical opinions have corroborated it. Nothing in the past ten years has made me feel less jaundiced, less jaded, less dead as a moviegoer than my awakening to the works of Hou Hsiao-hsien. You can have your Spike Jonze, your David O. Russell, your David Fincher, your Danny Boyle, your Guy Ritchie, your Paul Thomas Anderson, your Wachowski Brothers. Hou represents the art of cinema at its purest. And the failure of any of his films to receive a local theatrical run is something like the disgrace of the decade. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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All about My Mother — Pedro Almodóvar's paean to womanhood, in particular motherhood and actresshood, is dedicated to three of the kind: Bette Davis, specifically for *All about Eve;* Gena Rowlands, for *Opening Night;* and Romy Schneider, for *The Important Thing Is to Love.* The title, quite plainly, derives from the Davis film, a Spanish-dubbed clip of which is included; and the traffic fatality outside the stage door, whereby our heroine (Cecilia Roth) loses her eighteen-year-old son, is lifted directly from the Rowlands film. (Schneider, apart from her role as a degraded screen star in *The Important Thing,* lost a child for real, shortly before she died of heart failure at age forty-three.) The first half-hour has a strong and a steady pull, straight through the heroine's arrival in Barcelona from Madrid to track down the boy's father, who has no idea he ever had a son, much less has one *no more.* Thereafter the complications and coincidences mount up to staggering proportions. The grieving mother's best lead to the father, who is now a transvestite prostitute, is a social-working Catholic nun (Penelope Cruz) who turns out to be pregnant and HIV-positive; and the source of both the fetus and the virus turns out to be the self-same transvestite prostitute. While waiting for this man to surface, the mother lands a job as personal assistant to the lesbian stage actress (Marisa Paredes) whose autograph the dead boy had been chasing the night he was run down by a car, and whose touring production of *A Streetcar Named Desire* just happens to have wended its way oppor-

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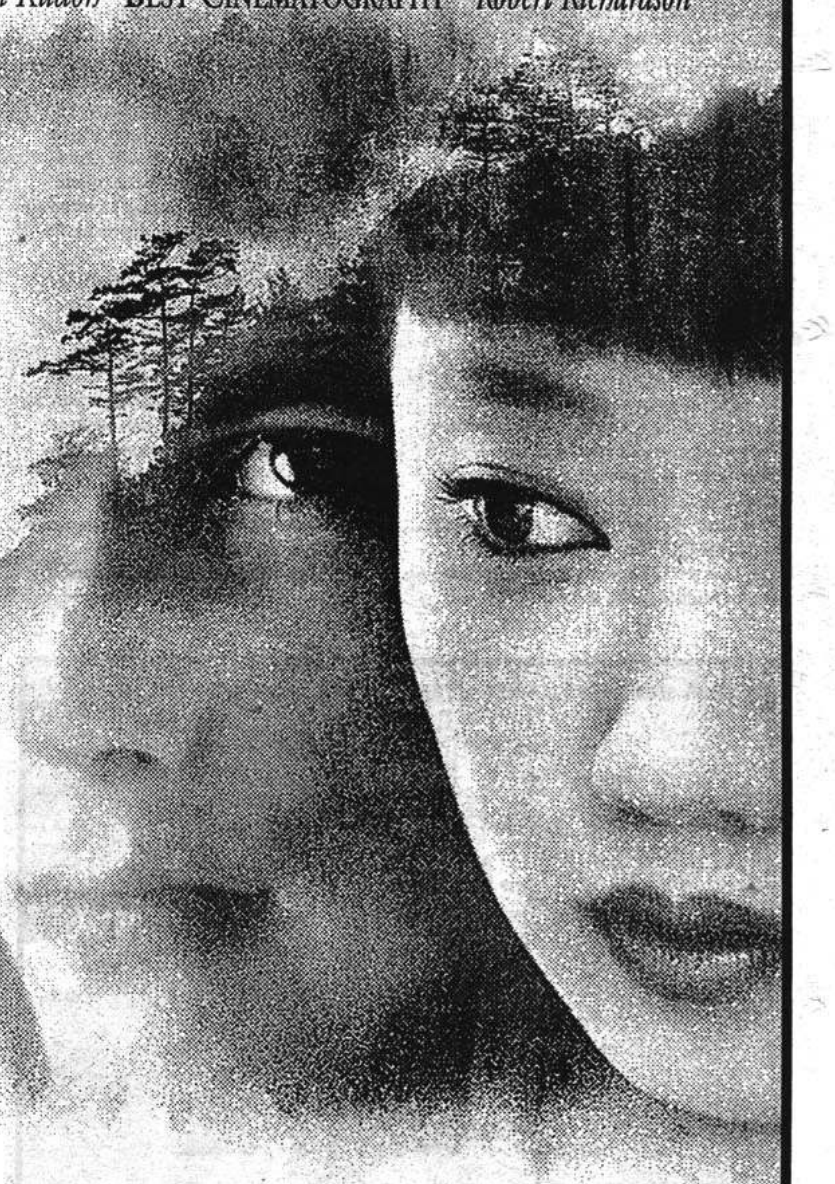

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tunely to Barcelona. One night, when the actress's coke-head lover and co-star — Stella Kowalski to her Blanche Du Bois — fails to appear by curtain time, the mother goes on in her place, to great acclaim. (She had first met the boy's father, it so happens, in an amateur production of *Streetcar*, Stella to his Stanley.) There is more in the same vein. Almodóvar treats all of it with a straight face, but at the same time a strained face. The application of old-fashioned chest-heaving soap operatics to new-fangled kinky subject matter has an air of blustery rhetoric about it. It never quite worked for R.W. Fassbinder. It works even less for Almodóvar, who quadruples the kinks. 1999.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

American Beauty — A mainstreamy, sitcommy version of *Happiness*, awash in splashy, trashy plot turns. Any movie whose opening line features a sulky teenage girl (in a grainy video image, but never mind that) saying directly into a camcorder, "I need a father who's a role model, not some horny geek-boy who's gonna spray his shorts whenever I bring a girlfriend home from school," can confidently be judged to be trying too hard to make an impression. This bit, together with the ensuing dialogue between the girl and the off-screen camera operator about the possibility of murdering her father, will be reprised later in proper chronological sequence, but obviously the filmmakers (stage director and first-time screen director Sam Mendes, TV writer and first-time feature writer Alan Ball) thought they really had something there, and couldn't wait to spring it on us. Their next attention-getting device is borrowed from Billy Wilder's *Sunset Boulevard*, a first-person narrator whose voice comes to us from the Other Side: "I'm forty-two years old. In less than a year I'll be dead. Of course I don't know that yet." This character, the embodiment of Midlife Crisis, is the drop-out dad of our "typical" suburban family, in addition to, of course, the horny geek-boy of the opening line, nursing a bit of a Humbert Humbert thing for his daughter's prettier bosom buddy on the high-school cheerleading squad. (His obliquely surrealist fantasies of the girl — a storm of rose petals pouring out of, and at the same time discreetly concealing, her bared breast — somewhat obscure the issue. What sort of man has sex fantasies like these?) He is also, whatever we might think of his morals (or of his record-jacket aesthetics), the most engaging character in the movie, even though Kevin Spacey's loosey-gooseyness tends to smooth his path to rebellion: the uptightness of a young or a middle-aged Jack Lemmon might have made for more friction, more sparks. Annette Bening, Thora Birch, Mena Suvari, Wes Bentley, Chris Cooper, Peter Gallagher. 1999.
★ (LA PALOMA; TOWN AND COUNTRY; UA HORTON PLAZA 14)

Anna and the King — Uncalled-for and uninspired retelling, without benefit of Yul Brynner or Broadway show tunes, of the clash of wits and wills between the Victorian-era widowed English governess and the progressive Siamese monarch-*cum*-polygamist. Jodie Foster has a painful-to-watch tenseness in her lips and jaw, perhaps under the strain of the British accent and the precocious feminism. And Chow Yun-Fat, a lightweight potentate, is intelligible only about half the time. The numerous subtitles and spoken translations (not to mention the tableaus of carnage) lend an air of pedantry more than of authenticity. Directed by Andy Tennant. 1999.
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Any Given Sunday — Oliver Stone's blitz of professional football. Long (almost three hours long, almost *JFK* and *Nixon* long), loud, hyperbolic, frenetic, chaotic, trite, cynical, sentimental, sanctimonious. And ill-informed. Stone seems to believe that a touchdown counts seven points; that playoff stats are added on to regular-season totals; that both sides in a game may wear dark jerseys as long as one is black and the other blue; that football can be played in the dark. (Unless they do business differently in the fictitious AFFA.) Perhaps Stone can be exempted from the charge of triteness in the single instance of the third-string quarterback's weekly ritual of puking on the playing field. (Supply your own alternative charge.) Al Pacino's locker-room pep talk before the big playoff game might have been worth hearing if it were not so annoyingly shot and edited (Pacino's voice mismatched with his unmoving mouth, etc.) and if it were not two and a half hours into the film. Jamie Foxx, Dennis Quaid, Cameron Diaz, LL Cool J, Jim Brown, Lawrence Taylor, James Woods. 1999.
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Anywhere but Here — One long string of banalities about the mortification of being a studious quiet high-school girl with a flighty brassy pushy mom. (Natalie Portman, Susan Sarandon, respectively.) The slums-of-Beverly-Hills milieu was better captured in *The Slums of Beverly Hills*, as was, for that matter, the feeling of adolescent mortification. The periodic promising idea — the daughter coolly watching her mother search for her in mounting panic at the airport, the big family blowup at a funeral reception back in Wisconsin — somehow never seems to be held onto for all it's worth. On the other hand, the all-baloney scene — the mother, after pushing her daughter into an acting audition, now pushes her way through the studio door to observe, and is rewarded with a sub-Blanche Du Bois improvisational caricature of herself — feels interminable. Directed by Wayne Wang. 1999.
● (EL CAJON 8)

Being John Malkovich — The feature debut of music-video and television-ad director Spike Jonze concerns a sidewalk puppeteer (John Cusack, looking as scraggly as Toshiro Mifune in *Yojimbo*), whose explicitly erotic production of *Abelard and Heloise* earns him repeated punches in the mouth, and whose wife populates their apartment with a diapered chimp and a talking bird, among other exotic animals, and whose moonlighting job as a file clerk takes him to an office on a seventh-and-a-half floor under a four-foot ceiling ("Low overhead"). The *bizarreries* are so relentless that it seems quite natural when, half an hour in, he discovers behind a filing cabinet a secret passage to the brain of John Malkovich, where he can remain for fifteen minutes before he gets spat out into a ditch off the Jersey Turnpike. The one real surprise in all this is the revelation that John Malkovich has a sense of humor about himself. And the comic highlight comes when Malkovich himself crawls down the tunnel into his own brain. Most of the rest is indefatigably tiresome. With Catherine Keener, Cameron Diaz, Orson Bean, and Mary Kay Place. 1999.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; UA ESCONDIDO 8)

Bicentennial Man — Saccharine science fiction concerning a domestic android named Andrew, who comes to want his freedom and his humanity. We go through a long stretch of sitcom material, followed by an even longer, and slower, stretch of tearjerker material, both stretches littered with juvenile off-color material. Isaac Asimov, the author of the original short story, is the fictional world's foremost authority on robots, and always has something interesting to say on the subject. But then Robin Williams and director Chris Columbus got into it, bringing flatulence jokes, scatological jokes, stand-up jokes: "This Buddhist walks up to a hotdog vendor and says, 'Make me one with everything'." Embeth Davidtz, Sam Neill, Oliver Platt. 1999.
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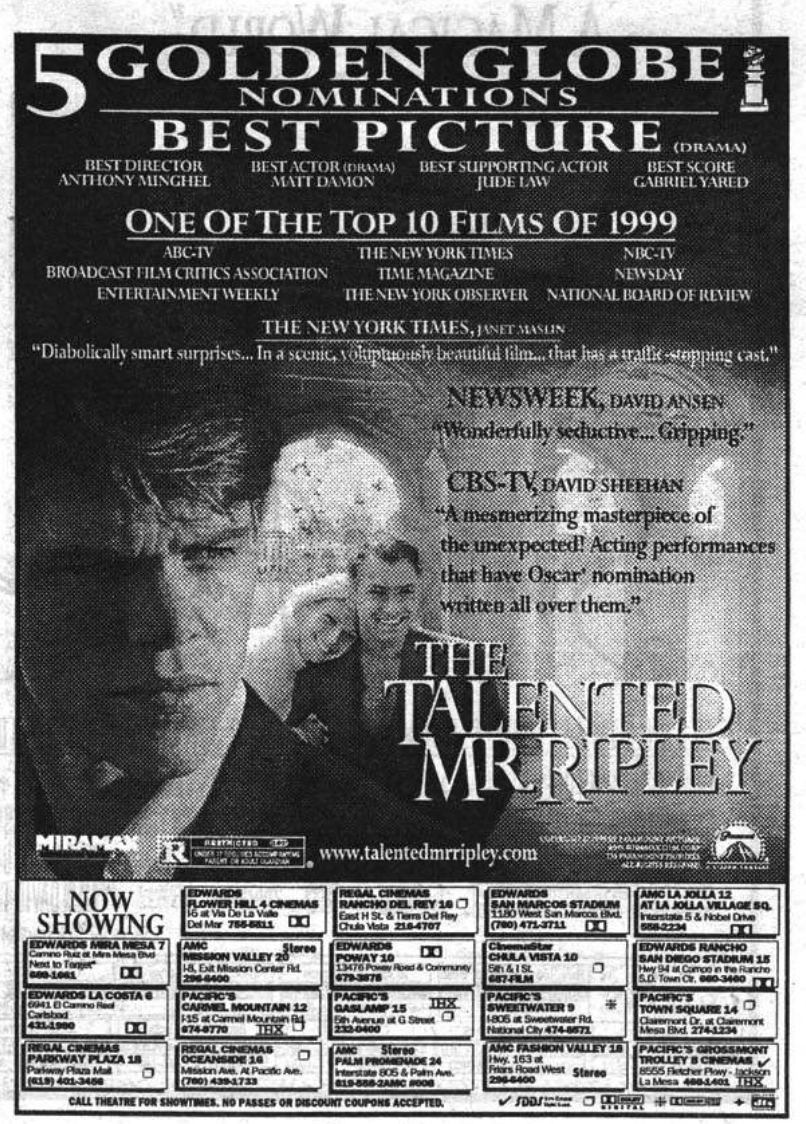
The Bone Collector — Detective thriller in which the mental prowess of the master sleuth is glaringly spotlighted by reducing him to a quadriplegic: an almost literally disembodied brain. The arrangement vaguely suggests a high-tech variation on the *modus operandi* of the venerable Nero Wolfe, a voluntary shut-in (you will recall) who left the legwork to his quick-fisted assistant, Archie Goodwin. Our present sleuth — with the memorable name of Lincoln Rhyme — has the use of one finger, a battery of computers at the tip of that finger, and an open line to the headset of his designated legman, or rather, legwoman, a uniformed patrol cop who has shown a natural gift for forensics. (The gushy emoting of Angelina Jolie looks all the broader alongside a necessarily restrained Denzel Washington.) The situation is not without potential, but the case before them is hooey: one of those hyperbolic serial-killer deals in which the fiendishly clever killer demonstrates a wide variety of flamboyant methods of murder, leaves tauntingly cryptic clues at the crime scene, and has (big surprise) a personal score to settle with the detective. Directed by Phillip Noyce. 1999.
★ (EL CAJON 8; HAZARD CENTER 7; OCEANSIDE 8; SILVER CINEMAS)

Bringing Out the Dead — Minor Martin Scorsese, but in view of recent performance, minor is an improvement. Major Scorsese (*Kundun, Casino, The Age of Innocence*) is pretentious Scorsese, puffed-up Scorsese, inflated Scorsese. This one, an anti-valentine to New York City in the pre-Giuliani years of the decade, is an unmistakable companion piece to his *Taxi Driver*, complete with slow-motion pedestrians and clouds of steam (along with some trendier fast-motion as well), complete with ruminative first-person narration penned by Paul Schrader (working from a novel by Joe Connelly), and complete with population of human vermin, human litter, human detritus. (It is a companion piece, too, to any number of other Scorseses in its connoisseur's rock-and-roll songtrack.) But this is a paler *Taxi Driver*, quite literally so in the desaturated color photography of Robert Richardson: hard to tell whether Scorsese's "vision" has changed (from the overheated Expressionism of a quarter-century ago) or whether he has simply put on some fashionable new eyewear. Equally paler is the protagonist, an anemic ambulance driver instead of choleric cab driver, a do-gooding paramedic haunted by the ghosts of lost patients, and particularly (for no discernible reason) the ghost of one by the name of Rosa. The narrative is formlessly episodic, with variety provided by a different ambulance partner on each of the three days covered (Scorsese himself provides the voice of the unseen radio dispatcher); and the grim realities, leaving aside the ghostly apparitions, pile up very fast to the dimensions of a nightmare. Or in other words, to the dimensions of unreality. Nicolas Cage, Patricia Arquette, John Goodman, Ving Rhames, Tom Sizemore, Cliff Curtis. 1999.
★ (EL CAJON 8; SILVER CINEMAS)

The Cider House Rules — Lasse Hallstrom's treatment of the John Irving *Bildungsroman* of the same name: a Second World War period piece centered around one Homer Wells (Tobey Maguire), an abused orphan — "twice adopted, twice returned" — and the chosen understudy to the kindly doctor and backdoor abortionist (Michael Caine) who runs the stately idyllic orphanage in rural Maine. An anti-abortionist himself, Homer eventually sets off in the company of a satisfied abortion customer (Charlize Theron, suited to the period in her Ann Sheridan ripeness, and, in one well-lit shot, lying prone in bed with nothing on, suited to the pages of the classiest men's magazine) to find his own way in the world. He finds it, curiously enough, in the nearby apple orchards, among a crew of migrant black laborers from down south. The opening section of the film whips up some instant poignance in the comings and goings, or in most cases comings and stayings, of the orphans ("Nobody ever wants me!"). The second section dispenses some appetizing tidbits on the cider business and





also the lobster business. (The titular rules, a stiffly literary touch, are synonyms for any set of rules irrelevant to actual human affairs: papal bulls and the Ten Commandments, most relevantly.) We keep waiting for one of those twists or twitches of fate by which we can know for certain we are in John Irving's universe. The moment perhaps arrives when the hero's training in the orphanage catches up with him in the orchard, or perhaps in the doctor's undignified but not too implausible demise. There, too, however, the movie avoids the ridiculous extremes of other Irving adaptations. Gentle, wistful, sentimental, and folksy in tone, it is for the most part a drowsily unobjectionable slice of Americana, even counting the ham-fisted attempt to ram down our throats an irrefutable brief for pro-choice. The hero, at any rate, swallows it like a man. 1999.

★ (CINEMA STAR 13; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CINEMAS; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18)

Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo — Comedy starring Rob Schneider, directed by Mike Mitchell.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MIRA MESA 4; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 8; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; STUDIO 3 CINEMAS; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; UA HORTON PLAZA 14; WIEGAND PLAZA)

Dogma — Filmmaker Kevin Smith shows some nerve, though maybe not as much of it as he showed in *Chasing Amy*. Where, in the mature-adult-relationship stuff of that previous film, he took a chance on alienating the affections of his callow followers from *Clerks* and *Mallrats* (an already dwindling band), he takes the same chance now in the relationship-with-God stuff, but he is not about to compound the risk with any taint of maturity or adultness. The premise — two banished angels have found a doctrinal loophole through which they can, if somebody doesn't stop them, re-enter paradise, thus outfoxing the Almighty, thus disproving the fundamental tenet of His infallibility, thus negating all existence — could conceivably have fueled a "straight" horror film in the apocalyptic mode of *The Omen*, only here it is played strictly for laughs. Laughs, that is, or ruffled feathers. God, for openers, is revealed to be a She. Jesus is said to have been black. Mary and Joseph, without any divine intervention, produced several other offspring all on their own, the last descendant of whom (Linda Fiorentino, lifeless as ever) is conscripted into the crusade to stop the fallen angels. And the Catholic Church is currently unveiling a hot new promotional campaign — "Catholicism Wow!" — to convert Jesus into a friendlier figure to the young, a Buddy Christ, with a wink and a grin and a big thumbs-up. This last bit of cheek, while perfectly justifiable as a satirical exaggeration of reality, could be aimed as much at Smith (and without exaggeration) as at the Catholic Church. What else is he doing with a youth-approved cast that includes Matt Damon and Ben Affleck (fatuously overconfident as the fallen angels), George Carlin, Chris Rock, Salma Hayek, Janeane Garofalo, Jason Lee, Jason Mewes and Smith himself as the recurring Smithian figures of filthy-mouthed "Jay" and "Silent Bob," plus, in the role of God, pop star Alanis Morissette? What else is he doing with the "shit demon," a steaming, stinking, glistening brown mass that emerges from the toilet of a topless bar? What else is he doing with the satanic trio of roller-blading assassins armed with hockey sticks? What else is he doing with the heaven-sent seraph who drops his pants ("I'm as anatomically impaired as a Ken doll") to expose the pubes of a mannequin? What else but pandering to the young, currying favor, talking down, buddying up, grubbing for revenue? 1999.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

The End of the Affair — Neil Jordan's treatment of the Graham Greene novel, with Ralph Fiennes, Julianne Moore, and Stephen Rea.

(FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 1/7)

End of Days — *Omen*-esque thriller in which Lucifer has precisely one appointed hour, from eleven to midnight at the close of the millennium, to mate with his preordained human bride and thus pave the way to his thousand-year reign on Earth. Whatever chances the movie might have had to be decent — given, that is, the obscuring darkness of the photography, the nose-flattening closeness of the action, and the prescribed overdose of fistfights, firefights, fireballs, and computer-generated liquidy demons and smoky phantoms — were reduced to nil as soon as Arnold Schwarzenegger was signed up to occupy the principal role. Or as soon, anyway, as his first appearance on screen, preparing an Osterizer breakfast of hot coffee, Pepto-Bismol, leftover Chinese takeout, and a slice of pizza peeled off the kitchen floor. Schwarzenegger doesn't play a role; he plays the audience. (Doesn't "play," in other words, in the sense of "to act the part of," but rather in the sense of "to use or exploit.") The ostensible role is that of some sort of law-enforcement agent who, despite his ingrained pragmatism ("Now I have to believe in *God* in order to solve a crime?"), takes on the responsibility of protecting the Devil's "intended," thereby ensuring that the transparent jelly-like entity that emerges from the New York City sewers will remind us of *Predator*, that the merely mortal adversaries (Vatican extremists) will remind us of *Eraser*, that the supercilious indestructible supernatural adversary (Gabriel Byrne) will remind us of *Terminator 2*, and that Schwarzenegger's strategy in combatting the latter will consist of laying his hands on some bigger guns. The one novelty that might not make us think of any other Schwarzenegger movie is the sight of him in a knock-down-drag-out brawl with roly-poly old Miriam Margolyes (*Little Dorrit, The Age of Innocence*). It might only make us think of laughing. With Robin Tunney and Kevin Pollak; directed by Peter Hyams. 1999.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; SILVER CINEMAS; VOGUE)

Fight Club — Director David Fincher, loaded with don't-try-this-at-home ideas on how to prove yourself a man and not a mouse, traces a course of anti-Establishment insurgency, from small acts of personal liberation (peeing in the lobster bisque, splicing a frame of male genitals into the middle of a kiddie film) to organizing an underground bare-knuckle boxing club ("How much can you know about yourself if you've never been in a fight?") to masterminding a large-scale terrorist operation code-named Project Mayhem. (Brad Pitt, in loud shirts and spiked hair, leads the way for white-collar, buttoned-down Edward Norton, a loquacious narrator: "I wanted to open the valves on oil tankers and smother all those French beaches I'd never see.") A cheap-trick plot turn — a mind-blower for the gullible — pulls the rug out from beneath an already unbalanced movie: all attitude, no brains. The photography is all green. With Helena Bonham Carter and Meat Loaf. 1999.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Flawless — Nervy title. Even *Flawful* would understate the case. (Cross off the first two letters and you'd be getting warm.) A lonely retired security guard, and active bowler, handballer, ballroom dancer, and homophobe, is unamused by the rowdy rehearsals of the female impersonators at an open window in an upstairs apartment ("Fuck you and the gay community!"). But as karma would have it, he suffers a stroke when the building is invaded one night by a drug lord and two thugs, and he is obliged as part of his physical therapy to engage the next-door drag queen as a singing coach. (It's exercise, as well, for the actors, Robert De Niro and Philip Seymour Hoffman: corner-of-the-mouth speech for the one, limp wrist for the other.) The rest, including the recurring appearances of drug lord and thugs as a hedge against too much touchy-feely, could have been written by a computer: not *on* a computer, but *by* a computer. Directed (also written, according to the credits) by Joel Schumacher. 1999.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Galaxy Quest — Amiable spoof of the *Star Trek* phenomenon (pre-reunion on the big screen), with names changed to protect the guilty. The most scrumptiously swallowable material has to do with the jostling egos of these former TV co-stars, chained to each other and to their old roles as they hobble around the convention circuit. More difficult to get down is the plot gambit whereby the cast is rounded up by actual aliens to deal with a spot of trouble in their own little corner of the universe. (They have modelled their civilization on the television shows, known to them as "historical documents," whose transmissions they have intercepted in outer space: intercepted, evidently, without credits or commercials or adjacent programs.) Enrico Colantoni helps this to go down with his heartstring-plucking portrayal of the trusting leader of the aliens. Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver, Alan Rickman, Tony Shalhoub, Sam Rockwell; directed by Dean Parisot. 1999.

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The Green Mile — Overpraise *The Shawshank Redemption*, and this is what you deserve. Frank Darabont, the writer and director of both, raises an eyebrow of interest for his apparent dedication to breathing some life into the prison genre (pretty well flatlined since *Escape from Alcatraz*), but the eyebrow might decline into a scowl over his insistence on breathing some Life Lessons into it. Working again from a Stephen King original, not a short story this time but a six-part serialized novel of "Dickensian" dimensions, he perhaps has a ready-made excuse to run on almost an hour longer than in the inexcusably overlong previous adaptation. But in truth the proportions remain much the same. Each of them seems about twice as long as it needed to be. Plainly, the extravagant, if hardly universal, praises for *Shawshank* — to say nothing of the seven Academy Award nominations (no wins) for it — have not inspired the filmmaker to rein in the pretensions, the sententiousness, the humanistic piety, the spiritual uplift. They

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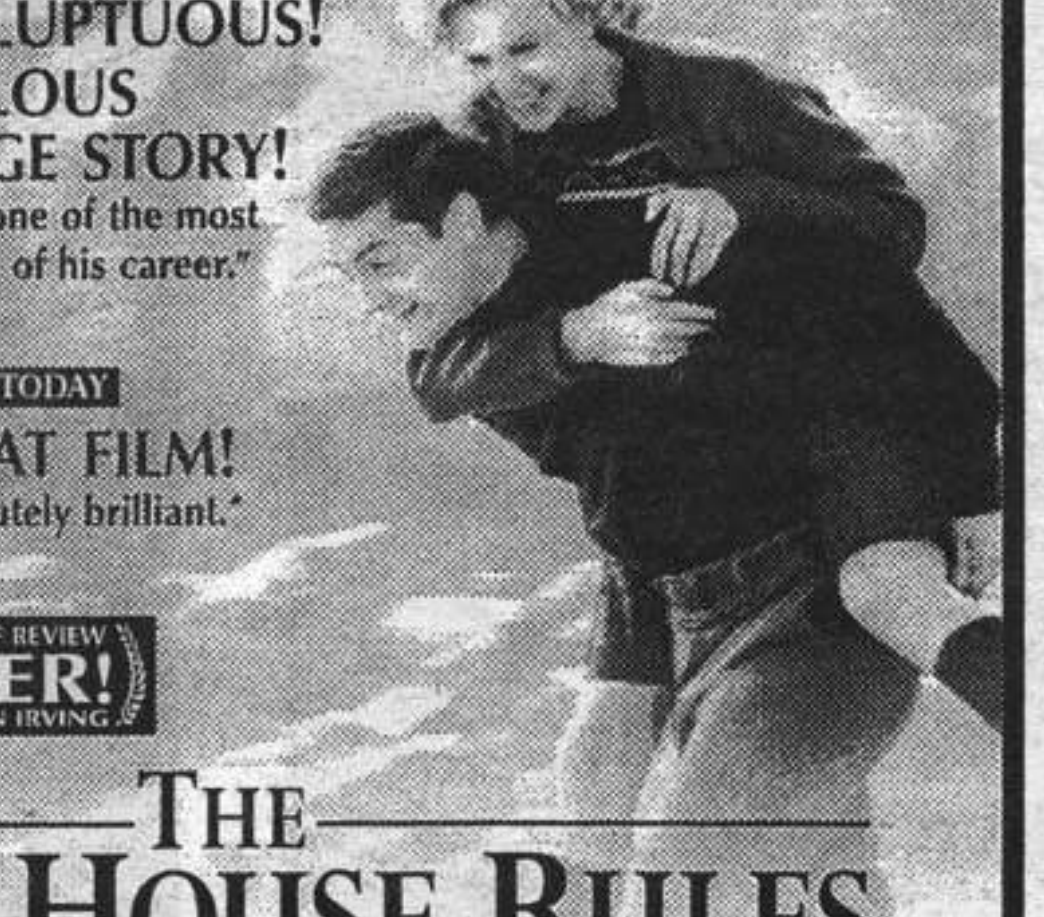

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would seem to have led him to the assumption that more of the one kind of thing (plus some actual Christlike miracles on the part of a simple-minded, afraid-of-the-dark, three-hundred-pound black inmate) will be sure to produce more of the other kind of thing. As before, Darabont removes himself from serious consideration through his tactless blend of brutality and bathos. He hits you with hard realities (including three grueling electrocutions) only in order that you will feel so much better when he massages them away. His humanism boils down to the big sweaty screen-filling glazed-ham closeup (or rather, to the thousand such closeups); his spiritualism boils down to the pyrotechnical shower of sparks. Tom Hanks, David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, James Cromwell, Michael Clarke Duncan. 1999.
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The Hurricane — Special pleading on behalf of the one-time prizefighter, Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, railroaded into jail by a Javert-like Philadelphia cop. The presentation is so lopsided that it arouses more mistrust than outrage. And the curious Toronto household (two men, one woman, and a black foster child from Brooklyn), credited with effectuating Carter's release after years of futile protest from the likes of Bob Dylan and Muhammad Ali, could have been better delineated. (Director Norman Jewison is himself a native Canadian, giving him a chauvinistic rooting interest.) Denzel Washington has an exciting style in the black-and-white fight footage, and a dignified style within the gray walls of prison. Liev Schreiber, John Hannah, Deborah Kara Unger, Vicellous Reon Shannon, Dan Hedaya. 1999.
★(GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; SAN MARCOS 18; UA HORTON PLAZA 14; FROM 1/7)

The Insider — A textbook case of a worthy cause mistaken as screen-worthy. The cause is anti-smoking, the urgency of which is somewhat undermined by the curious fact that no one on screen is guilty of smoking, even in the high-stress environment of the CBS News Department, even in the unwinding environment of a Manhattan bar, even for purposes of mild irony. An instance, this, of principle carried too far. The story is the more or less factual one of tobacco-industry whistle-blower Jeffrey Wigand, and of the efforts of the *60 Minutes* news team to get around his signed confidentiality agreement with the tobacco company, get around the roadblocks put up by the network's legal advisors, and get his testimony on the air. Overdirected by Michael Mann (lots of rack focus and agitated camerawork) to compensate for the excess of talk and the absence of physical action, the movie seems, a great deal of the time, to be goosing the reality of the situation. Interest picks up considerably in the last hour or so (of a two-and-a-half-hour movie), with the fly-on-the-wall eavesdropping on the intramural tussle between CBS News and CBS Corporate. Christopher Plummer ("Don't worry. *We* call the shots around here") is a much more complicated and compromised Mike Wallace than the real one could possibly have been comfortable with: proof positive of the alleged vanity. Interest in the performances of Russell Crowe as the whistle-blower, meanwhile, and Al Pacino as Wallace's Left-leaning producer (Marcuse disciple, *Ramparts* alumnus), centers to a distracting degree on their respective heads of hair: the antiquing dye job on Crowe's, the rejuvenating basketry job on Pacino's. With Diane Venora, Lindsay Crouse. 1999.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

Inspector Gadget — Live-action version of the TV cartoon show. It uses up half an hour just to explain who the central character is — "a geek from Kansas who became a security guard" — and how he got to be a "prototype cyber police officer," equipped with all manner of James Bondian voice-activated doodads and thingamabobs, quite separate from his self-propelled talking car-*cum*-paddywagon. No sooner is he battle-ready than he is faced with a synthetic evil twin, identical in every detail except for its Chiclet choppers. Surely this case can't be typical, and the entire thing feels like little more than a prelude. Thus, one of the bigger attractions of the movie — its hour-and-a-quarter running time — fails to protect it from tedium. Its even bigger attraction, if not big enough to tip the scales, is Matthew Broderick, an underappreciated actor who is able to project an image of openness, guilelessness, boyish enthusiasm, gracious sportsmanship, and whole-souled team spirit (he gamely takes part in a tweak of one of his own films, *Godzilla*), all of which not only qualify him for the job of a Mr. Clean cartoon hero, but stand him in good stead whenever he strays from the path (the evil twin here, the devious teacher in *Election*). Such a projection from a man of his age and experience must be taken as firm proof of his skills as an actor. With Rupert Everett, Joely Fisher, and Michelle Trachtenberg; directed by David Kellogg. 1999.
★ (SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN)

Liberty Heights — Barry Levinson goes back to Baltimore, back to the setting of his *Diner* and *Avalon*, back to the Fifties, back to the bygone days of school prayer, segregation, and striptease with pasties, in order to remember what it was like to find out that the whole world was not Jewish. Sometimes he doesn't remember so well: it seems doubtful that in 1954 a Jewish teenager would allude to Tab Hunter as the WASP ideal, and it's not possible that he would cite Perry Mason as a TV lawyer. The cars, clothes, furniture, and so forth, are enjoyable until you notice that they're all so narrowly and rigidly in period that the whole world looks like a magazine ad. This is, in any case, largely old ground (the Jewish mother, the shiksa, rock-and-roll, all that), and, after Levinson steamrolls over it, very flat ground, too. With Ben Foster, Adrien Brody, Joe Mantegna, and Bebe Neuwirth. 1999.
● (COVE; FASHION VALLEY 18)

Magnolia — Reviewed next issue. With Tom Cruise, William H. Macy, John C. Reilly, Julianne Moore, and Melora Walters; written and directed by Paul Thomas Anderson.
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Man on the Moon — Milos Forman's "biopic" on the late Andy Kaufman is little more than an anthology of Greatest Bits: the Mighty Mouse lip-sync on *Saturday Night Live*, the Vegas lounge singer "Tony Clifton," the Intergender Wrestling Champ, etc. (And hence the complete absence of the entertainer's big-screen career: *Heartbeeps, In God We Trust.*) Jim Carrey does his utmost — to say nothing of his makeup man's utmost — to look and sound like the genuine article. But although he can link his eyebrows, he cannot chip away his jutting brow and chin. Where Kaufman would appear open and ingenuous, Carrey always looks a little devious and devilish. It's the difference between a rib-tickler and a pain in the neck. And it's a big difference when the sole and repetitive point of the movie is simply that people never knew how to take him. (There are countless audience reaction shots to illustrate the point.) His chief collaborator and cheerleader, Bob Zmuda, blankly impersonated on screen by Paul Giamatti, is credited as Co-Executive Producer, and we might have expected, from that, a bit more insight into, a bit more fleshing-out of, the private person. What we get instead is more mythologizing. Danny DeVito, Courtney Love. 1999.
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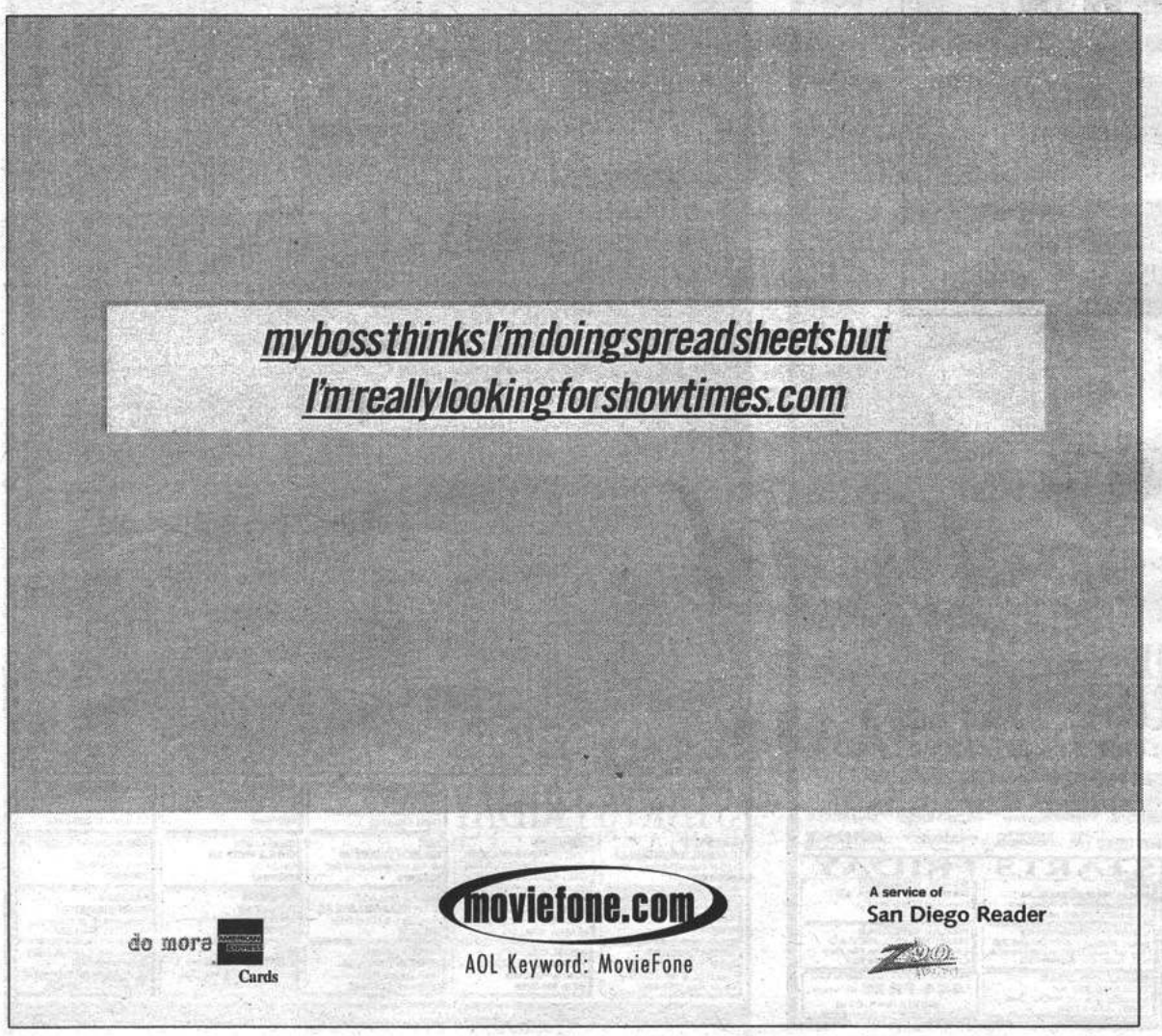
Mansfield Park — Drawing on Jane Austen's life, letters, journals, and maybe even mystique in addition to the novel itself, writer-director Patricia Rozema projects the author onto the heroine to a degree that no novelist worth her salt would abide. (And Austen was a novelist worth her salt and her pepper, too.) The upshot is that Fanny Price receives a transfusion of social awareness and free-spiritedness ("Fanny Price! Will you please try to act with some decorum?"), not to mention literary ambition and all-around moxie, such that a present-day feminist might overcome the long-standing reservations about the character — her primness, her meekness, her submissiveness, her self-pity — and "identify" with her more fully. Rozema (*I've Heard the Mermaids Singing, When Night Is Falling*), apart from projecting Austen onto the character, could be suspected of projecting herself as well. Yet, for all the filmmaker's modernness in attitude and boldness in its expression, she yields nothing to the original Fanny, the Fanny on the page, in pious judgmentalism. Nowhere is this more apparent than in her exposé of Sir Thomas's involvement in the West Indies slave trade, and her acknowledgment of Fanny's forward-looking PC view of it. The benevolent patriarch is thus transmogrified into a figure of irremediable repulsiveness and hypocrisy. (Which, incidentally, spoils an otherwise enjoyable performance from playwright Harold Pinter, a commanding presence, a fine speaker, an understated actor.) The novel, in common with other Austens, is in essence a fairy tale, in specific a Cinderella story, and there can be no place in it for *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. The same could be said for the gross carnality with which the marital indiscretion of Mrs. Rushworth is depicted, when Fanny barges through a bedroom door and finds herself, as it were, momentarily in an illustrated edition of *Tom Jones*. The delicate balance of Austen's make-believe universe again gets hit with a sandbag. One wonders why Rozema thought she wanted to take on Austen in the first place. To *improve* her? To *educate* her? To *convert* her? Frances O'Connor, Jonny Lee Miller, Alessandro Nivola, Embeth Davidtz. 1999.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Ride with the Devil — A Civil War adventure set in the gray area of the Kansas-Missouri border, where there was (we learn anew) no official Confederate Army presence, only a guerrilla force of Cavalier-haired pro-South Bushwhackers to do battle against their opposite number, the abolitionist Jayhawkers. The historical time and place are inherently, which is not to say automatically, interesting. What nails down the interest, what fights off the lethargy of the classroom, is the swift-moving Stevensonian narrative — think *The Black Arrow*, think *Kidnapped* — of sensitive, decent, gallant, prematurely aging young men swept up in the passions of a bad and hopeless cause. (The brilliant device of reading aloud, for campfire entertainment, the letters from





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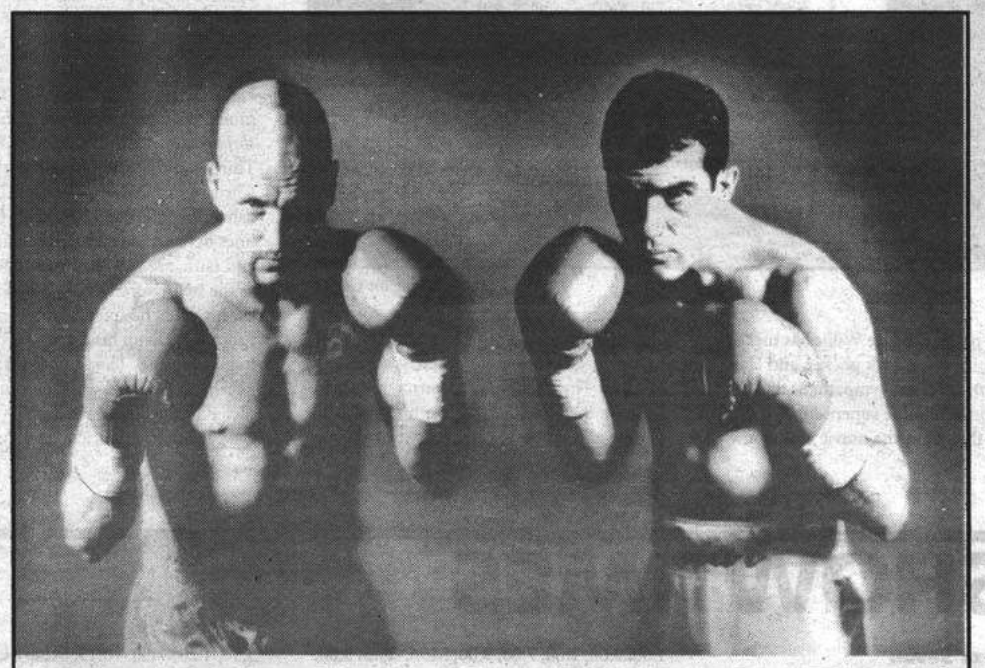

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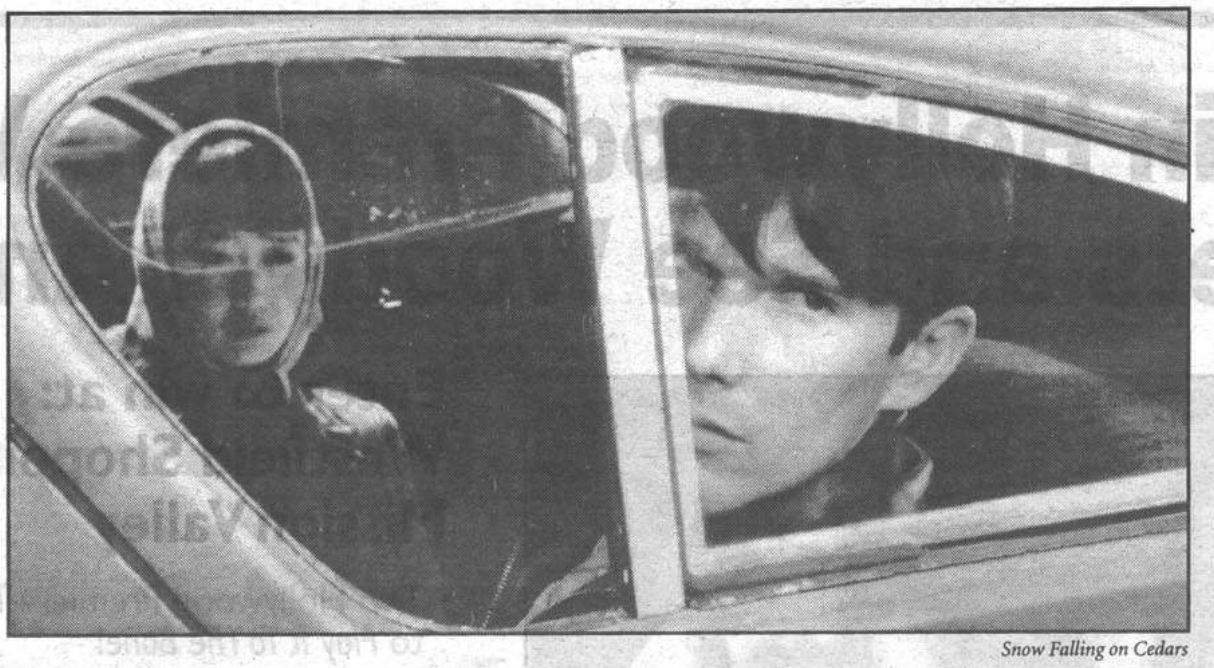
a confiscated Union mailbag serves to humanize the distant enemy: "Sounds like *my* mother," responds one of the listeners. But: "Remember her sons will kill you if they can.") The essential situation of a life lived on the run and in hiding is immediately involving, and convincingly detailed; there is depth, and there is growth, in the characters; losses are suffered and new attachments are formed, and the spectator won't be immune. This is, in short, an exemplary piece of storytelling, one that respects equally the material and the audience — a rare enough thing in any kind of film, but particularly in an action film. With Tobey Maguire, Skeet Ulrich, Jeffrey Wright, and Jewel; directed by Ang Lee. 1999.
★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Sixth Sense — Ghost story about a doleful little boy who sees dead people all around him and a wobbly child psychologist who tries to help him. It delivers three or four really good scares and a surprise ending that makes you want, or need, to sit through it a second time. The surprise, except for the hero's apparent sharing in it (a big exception), seems pretty fair and square after only one sitting — not quite so much after a second. The first order of business, following a tightly packed prologue, is the bonding of doctor and patient (Bruce Willis has tucked away his smirk in his back pocket, and Haley Joel Osment suffers sympathetically), and the approach to the supernatural is very gradual, so that while the movie evades any charges of crudeness and conventionality, it invites lesser charges of vagueness and lack of focus. The ghostly visitations, once we are let in on them, are handled with a modicum of taste and subtlety, and evoke the maximum *frisson* with maximum economy. Toni Collette and Olivia Williams; written and directed by M. Night Shyamalan. 1999.
★★ (UA HORTON PLAZA 14)


Snow Falling on Cedars

Sleepy Hollow — A Tim Burton film, for certain, from start to finish and top to bottom. The reimagination of Washington Irving's urbane folktale as a turn-of-the-century murder mystery (that's the Eighteenth turning to the Nineteenth), with Ichabod Crane transformed from a superstitious country schoolteacher into a forward-thinking big-city detective sent to the hinterlands to solve an apparent case of the supernatural ("Their heads were not found *severed.* Their heads were not found *at all"),* allows our film-buff director to pay homage to the Hammer horrors of the Fifties and Sixties, much as he paid homage in *Edward Scissorhands* to the Universal horrors of the Thirties and Forties. (Small parts for Christopher Lee and Michael Gough establish a direct link to Hammer.) The battle lines between science and religion, reason and faith, are well drawn, and Johnny Depp as the self-assured rationalist does not — except when he spies a spider in his bedroom — give up his dignity as he is forced to give ground. The titular village and the Hansel-and-Gretel woods around it, depicted in the bleak brooding palette of a Caspar David Friedrich, lack only a vam-

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CORONADO

Village
820 Orange Ave., Coronado (619-435-6161)
Bicentennial Man (PG)

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp Stadium 15
701 5th Avenue (619-232-0400)
Snow Falling on Cedars (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:10) 6:20, 9:20; **The Talented Mr. Ripley** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:35) 7:00, 10:00; **The Talented Mr. Ripley** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:30) 8:00; **Galaxy Quest** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 1:05, 3:15, 3:25) 5:30, 5:50, 7:50, 8:10, 10:20, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 1:05, 3:15, 3:25, 5:30, 5:50) 7:50, 8:10, 10:20, 10:30; **The Green Mile** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 1:15) 4:20, 5:15, 8:15, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 1:15, 4:20, 5:15) 8:15, 9:10; **Dogma** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 3:55) 7:10, 9:55; **Anna and the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 1:20, 3:40) 4:30, 7:00, 8:05, 10:10; Mon.-Wed. (12:30, 1:20, 3:40, 4:30) 7:00, 8:05, 10:10; Thu. (12:30, 1:20, 3:40, 4:30) 8:05, 10:10; **Bicentennial Man** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:55) 7:05, 10:15; **The Cider House Rules** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:20) 6:15, 9:05; **End of Days** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 3:35) 6:30, 9:15; **Flawless** (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:45) 9:00; **The Insider** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45) 6:05; **Fight Club** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:30) 6:40, 9:45

Horton Plaza 14
475 Horton Plaza (619) (234-4661)
The Hurricane (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 12:30, 2:50, 3:50, 6:20, 7:20, 9:30, 10:30; **Magnolia** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 3:00, 7:00; **Magnolia** (R) Fri.-Thu. P.M. 12:00, 4:00, 8:00; **Any Given Sunday** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 2:40, 6:10, 7:00, 9:40, 10:20; **Man on the Moon** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:50, 1:35, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10; **Stuart Little** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 11:50, 12:55, 2:10, 3:05, 4:25, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:50, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:55, 10:15; **Toy Story 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:25, 1:45, 4:15, 7:05, 9:25; **The World Is Not Enough** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:40, 4:35, 7:40, 10:30; **Sleepy Hollow** (R) Fri.-Thu. P.M. 12:05, 2:45, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; **American Beauty** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:05, 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 10:00; **The Sixth Sense** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:50, 4:30, 7:05, 9:55

LA JOLLA

Cove Theatre
7730 Girard Ave (858) (459-5404)
Liberty Heights (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Dr. (858-558-2234)
Magnolia (R); **Snow Falling on Cedars; The Hurricane; Any Given Sunday** (R); **Galaxy Quest; The Talented Mr. Ripley; Man on the Moon; Anna and the King; Stuart Little; The Green Mile; Toy Story 2; Being John Malkovich; The World Is Not Enough**

La Jolla Village Cinemas
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858) (453-7831)
The Cider House Rules (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Ride with the Devil** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:20) 4:05, 7:10, 9:55; **The End of the Affair** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:35; **Mansfield Park** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Tue., Thu. (2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Wed. (2:15) 4:45

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa Four
8118 Mira Mesa Blvd. (858-566-1912)
Any Given Sunday (R); **Galaxy Quest; Man on the Moon; Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo**

Mira Mesa Seven
10550 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa (858-689-1661)
Man on the Moon; The Talented Mr. Ripley; Anna and the King; Stuart Little; Bicentennial Man; The Green Mile; Toy Story 2

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Magnolia (R); **The End of the Affiar; Snow Falling on Cedars; Any Given Sunday; Galaxy Quest; Man on the Moon; Liberty Heights; The Talented Mr. Ripley; Stuart Little; Anna and the King; Bicentennial Man; The Green Mile; Toy Story 2; Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo; Sleepy Hollow**

Hazard Center 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-291-7777)
Snow Falling on Cedars (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 4:10) 7:10, 9:50; **Galaxy Quest** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 4:15) 7:15, 9:30; **Any Given Sunday** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 4:00) 8:00; **Man on the Moon** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:30) 7:00, 9:40; **The Green Mile** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:00) 7:45; **The World Is Not Enough** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 4:05) 7:05, 9:45; **The Bone Collector** (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:20) 9:35; **Double Jeopardy** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25) 7:20

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
The Cider House Rules (PG-13); **Snow Falling on Cedars; Magnolia; The Hurricane; Any Given Sunday; Man on the Moon; Galaxy Quest; Snow Falling on Cedars; The Talented Mr. Ripley; Anna and the King; Bicentennial Man; Stuart Little; Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo; The Green Mile; Toy Story 2; End of Days**

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Ave. (619-287-8990)
Any Given Sunday (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:30, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (4:30) 7:50; **Galaxy Quest** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:15) 7:30, 9:40; **Stuart Little** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 2:45) 4:55, 7:00, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 4:55) 7:00, 9:10; **Toy Story 2** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:10) 5:20, 7:25, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:20) 7:25, 9:30; **The Green Mile** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 4:40, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (4:40) 8:15; **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 2:55) 5:10, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:55, 5:10) 7:45, 9:50

Ken Cinema
4061 Adams Ave (619) (283-5909)
Genghis Blues (Not Rated) Fri. 5:00, 7:00, 9:30; Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:30; Sun. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

UPTOWN

Garden Cabaret
4040 Goldfinch Street, Mission Hills (619-295-4221)

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth (619) (299-2100)
Sweet and Lowdown (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (12:10) 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55; **All about My Mother** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **Mansfield Park** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Being John Malkovich** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (12:00) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **The Straight Story** (G) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:40, 7:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

El Cajon 8
389 North Magnolia Ave (619-444-7469)
Fight Club (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 3:50, 7:00, 9:50); **Anywhere but Here** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 4:05, 7:10, 10:00); **Bringing Out the Dead** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55); **The Bone Collector** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 3:55, 7:05, 9:45) Star Wars: Episode 1 - The Phantom Menace (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 3:55, 6:50, 9:40); **Three Kings** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:50, 6:55, 9:35); **House on Haunted Hill** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:15, 3:25, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50); **Superstar** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 7:20); **Blue Streak** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (4:10, 10:00)

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-FILM)
Magnolia (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 4:00) 8:05; **Snow Falling on Cedars** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:45, 12:30, 4:05) 7:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 4:05) 7:00, 10:10; **The Cider House Rules** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:55, 12:45, 3:55) 7:15, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:55) 7:15, 10:20; **The Talented Mr. Ripley** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:10, 1:05, 3:40, 4:15) 7:05, 7:30, 10:05, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 1:05, 3:40, 4:15) 7:05, 7:30, 10:05, 10:25; **Man on the Moon** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:10, 4:10) 7:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:10) 7:30, 10:15; **Any Given Sunday** (R) Fri.-Sun. (9:25, 12:00, 1:00, 3:30, 4:30) 7:00, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 1:00, 3:30, 4:30) 7:00, 8:00, 10:30; **Bicentennial Man** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (9:50, 10:20, 12:45, 1:15, 3:50, 4:20) 7:20, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 1:15, 3:50, 4:20) 7:20, 10:15; **Stuart Little** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (9:35, 10:05, 11:50, 12:20, 2:15, 2:50, 4:40, 5:10) 7:10, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:50, 12:20, 2:15, 2:50, 4:40, 5:10) 7:10, 9:20; **Anna and the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:30, 12:50, 4:15) 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 4:15) 7:55; **The Green Mile** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 4:00) 6:55, 8:00; **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo** (R) Fri.-Sun. (9:50, 12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:35, 10:00; **Toy Story 2** (G) Fri.-Sun. (9:25, 9:55, 11:45, 12:15, 2:05, 2:40, 4:25, 5:00) 6:50, 7:20, 9:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 12:15, 2:05, 2:40, 4:25, 5:00) 6:50, 7:20, 9:30, 10:10; **The World Is Not Enough** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:40, 12:40, 4:20) 7:25, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 4:20) 7:25, 10:20; **Sleepy Hollow** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:50, 10:25

LA MESA

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8555 Fletcher Pkwy. (619-466-1401)
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pire's castle. (The witch's cave will have to suffice.) The clothes, the faces, the wigs are pure storybook, and the innumerable beheadings are as clean and convincing as computer animation can manage. (Splendid effect when the midwife's rolling head finally comes to rest, its eyes staring through a crack in the floorboards at her tiny son cowering below.) In all matters tangible, you couldn't ask for more. You could maybe ask for less. In the end, it is simply too much of a good thing, too much of the same thing over and over again, too little of any other kind of thing. Burton's naughty-boy prankishness precludes any sustained intensity, and the Terminator-like (or if you prefer, Michael Myers-like) unstoppability of the Headless Horseman gets to be a bore. Danny Elfman's equally unstoppable music provides no remedy. It gets old in a hurry, if it was not old to begin with, and by the finish it has passed through the inevitable stages of death and putrefaction. Christina Ricci, Michael Gambon, Miranda Richardson, Christopher Walken. 1999.
★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; UA HORTON PLAZA 14; VOGUE)

Snow Falling on Cedars — At bottom a murder trial of a Japanese-American in the volatile aftermath of World War II. The Australian director Scott Hicks, possibly overanxious to prove that *Shine* was no fluke, makes sure his hand is busily in evidence: the balusters in the railing of the courtroom balcony, through which one character observes another, are matched to the slats in a fence through which the same character had observed the other in childhood. That sort of thing. But the allusive, free-associative, nonsequential narrative style snuffs out any momentum in the court case, and snuffs out most of the interest along with it. (Truth be told, there's not much to the court case once the digressions are cleared away.) The fussy lighting effects — half-light, backlight, highlights — and the dollops of mood-drenched nature photography are not designed to give impetus, either. Based on the novel by David Guterson; with Ethan Hawke, Youki Kudoh, Rick Yune, Sam Shepard, James Cromwell, and Max von Sydow. 1999.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINEMA STAR GALAXY; CINEMA STAR 13; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL CINEMAS; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CINEMAS; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; UA ESCONDIDO 8; FROM 1/7)

Star Wars, Episode I: The Phantom Menace — The long-awaited (by some) prequel to the *Star Wars* trilogy, and such a letdown as to make you feel almost sorry for George Lucas, poor little rich boy. Even moviegoers who have never attended a foreign film in their lives are apt to be aware that Akira Kurosawa's *The Hidden Fortress* is cited by Lucas as one of the inspirations for the original *Star Wars*. (In this one, too, we have the female royal in commoner's disguise.) And it is slightly painful to think that any filmmaker who knows enough to mention and admire and emulate the, or a, work of that Japanese master, that most intrepid explorer of screen space, that virtuoso of rhythm and tempo, could have learned so little from the master's example, could have turned out something so flat and inflexible in its staging, so hasty and inept in its action, so ponderous and monotonous in its pace, so slapdash and seat-of-the-pants in its storytelling ("If we can't get the shield generator fixed, we'll be sitting ducks"), so sandy, dusty, drab, and dull in its image. Part of the problem may be that whatever Lucas once knew about directing, he has forgotten in the twenty-two years since he last tried his hand at it. But another, a larger, part of the problem may be that there is some technical reason for a director's hand to be tied behind his back when he depends so heavily on computer animation, when, in other words, what's in front of him on the set is only a fraction of what will eventually fill up the screen. Or if no technical reason, then maybe a mental reason. Maybe the mind-boggling possibilities of computer animation are too huge a distraction to leave room in conscious thought for any attention to little matters such as pacing, composition, color. And perhaps the best way to make sense of this movie — as anything other than a money-making machine — is to view it as the farthest point of decadence in the evolution of live action mixed with animation. The primitive "Out-of-the-Inkwell" series would be the seed; *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* would be the full flower; and the *Star Wars* series, or rather the first installment of the second *Star Wars* series, would be the overgrowth. Cluttered, choked, strangled. With Liam Neeson, Ewan McGregor,
Natalie Portman, Jake Lloyd. 1999.
● (EL CAJON 8; SILVER CINEMAS)

The Straight Story — An oddity among oddities, a G-rated Disney film, in nice bright color, directed by David Lynch (*Eraserhead, Blue Velvet, Wild at Heart,* etc.). But notwithstanding its Midwestern corn and its heartland-on-the-sleeve, it turns out to have its fair share of Lynchian crotchets as well. This cuts both ways. The movie — the true story of a crusty old codger called Alvin Straight who travels 370 miles from Iowa into Wisconsin on a motorized lawnmower to visit his estranged brother before it's too late — has more laughs, or anyway more sniggers, than you might anticipate, but it also has an element of condescension that throws a cloud over the homespun sentiment. The obese, snacking, front-yard sunbather ("What's the number for 9-1-1?") and the plaid-shirted bar patron with six inches of turned-up cuff on his blue jeans are fair representatives, or victims, of the double-edged sword. The puddly-eyed Richard Farnsworth, the titular Straight-shooter, couldn't possibly be the revelation he was in *Comes a Horseman*, but it is good, not great, to see so plain-spoken an actor in so commodious a role. Sissy Spacek, on the other hand, well-entrenched as one of the finest actresses of the age, can still manage to be a revelation. As the hero's somewhat dim daughter, she comes up with an oddish, freakish, barking manner of speech as distinctive in its own way as Billy Bob Thornton's growling manner in *Sling Blade*, a one-of-a-kind. And it's a serious loss, in humor as much as in humanity, when the hero and the movie leave her behind just past the half-hour mark. Slowness now becomes a way of life (the tortoise-paced tracking shot over the yellow line in the middle of the road is a sort of low-gear parody of the opening sequence in Lynch's *Lost Highway*), and boredom becomes the daily diet. A not disagreeable light-headedness follows. 1999.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Stuart Little — Aw-w-w-w-w-w. The computer-animated talking white mouse, in his high-top red sneakers and assorted out-

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Ave., Santee (619-448-7447)
Any Given Sunday and **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo**; **Bicentennial Man** and **Galaxy Quest**

Santee Village 8
9625 Mission Gorge Rd. (619-562-7910)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego Stadium 15
2951 Jamacha Rd., El Cajon (619-660-3460)
The Cider House Rules (PG-13); **Snow Falling on Cedars**; **Magnolia**; **The Talented Mr. Ripley**; **Stuart Little**; **Bicentennial Man**; **The Green Mile**; **Toy Story 2**; **Any Given Sunday**; **Anna and the King**; **Man on the Moon**; **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo**

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Cinema Star Chula Vista 6
320 3rd Ave., Chula Vista (619-525-3512)
Any Given Sunday (R); **Galaxy Quest**; **Stuart Little**; **Bicentennial Man**; **Anna and the King**; **Toy Story 2**

Cinema Star Chula Vista 10
5th and I Street, Chula Vista (619-687-FILM)
Magnolia (R); **Any Given Sunday**; **The Talented Mr. Ripley**; **Man on the Moon**; **Galaxy Quest**; **Bicentennial Man**; **Stuart Little**; **The Green Mile**; **Toy Story 2**; **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo**

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road, San Diego (619-558-2262)
Magnolia (R); **Snow Falling on Cedars**; **The Cider House Rules**; **Any Given Sunday**; **Man on the Moon**; **The Talented Mr. Ripley**; **Galaxy Quest**; **Bicentennial Man**; **Stuart Little**; **Anna and the King**; **Toy Story 2**; **End of Days**; **The Green Mile**; **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo**

Rancho Del Rey
1005 & 1025 Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
Magnolia (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 4:30) 8:30; **The Cider House Rules** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:15, 4:00) 7:45, 10:30 Fri.-Thu. ; **The Talented Mr. Ripley** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00) 7:00, 7:15, 10:00, 10:15; **Any Given Sunday** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 1:05, 3:30, 4:30) 7:00, 8:00, 10:30; **Man on the Moon** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; **Anna and the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:15, 4:35) 7:20, 8:00, 10:20; **Bicentennial Man** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:50) 6:50, 8:15, 9:40; **Stuart Little** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 12:30, 2:30, 2:45, 4:40) 6:10, 7:10, 9:20; **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:00) 7:20, 9:35; **The Green Mile** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:15, 3:45, 4:00) 7:45; **Toy Story 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 12:30, 2:35, 2:50, 4:45, 5:00) 7:40, 9:55; **The World Is Not Enough** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 10:10

Vogue
226 3rd Ave. 619-425-1436
Pokémon: The First Movie (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 6:00; **The World Is Not Enough** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:40, 8:00; **Sleepy Hollow** (R) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 10:15

IMPERIAL BEACH

Studio Cinema 3
827 Palm Avenue., Imperial Beach (619-429-9640)
Stuart Little (PG); **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo**; **Galaxy Quest**

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In
32nd and D, National City (619-477-1392)
The Green Mile (R) and **Pokémon: The First Movie**

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado, Imperial Beach (619-423-2727)
Galaxy Quest (PG) and **Inspector Gadget**; **Bicentennial Man** (PG) and **Toy Story 2** (G); **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo** and **The 13th Warrior**

Sweetwater
1920 Sweetwater Rd. (619-474-8571)
Any Given Sunday (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50) 4:15, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 4:15) 7:40; **Stuart Little** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:15) 7:20, 9:25; **Galaxy Quest** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:35, 5:50) 8:10, 10:25; **Toy Story 2** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:25, 5:40) 7:50, 10:10; **The Green Mile** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:55) 7:30; **The Talented Mr. Ripley** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:50) 7:00, 10:00; **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:30) 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:30, 4:30) 6:30, 8:30, 10:30; **Man on the Moon** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:25, 8:00, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:55, 5:25) 8:00, 10:35; **Bicentennial Man** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:10, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 10:05

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Cinema Star Galaxy 6
Hwy. 76 and Mission Road, Bonsall (760-945-8784)
Snow Falling on Cedars; **Galaxy Quest**; **Bicentennial Man**; **Anna and the King**; **Toy Story 2**; **The Green Mile** (R)

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mt. Rd. (619-674-9770)
Snow Falling on Cedars (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:05, 7:50, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:05) 7:50, 10:30; **Magnolia** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 4:30, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 4:30) 8:30; **The Talented Mr. Ripley** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 4:05, 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:05) 7:15, 10:15; **Galaxy Quest** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:10) 7:30, 9:55; **Stuart Little** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:20, 3:35) 5:40, 7:45, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 1:20, 3:35, 5:40) 7:45, 9:45; **Toy Story 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:35, 3:55) 6:10, 8:30; **Toy Story 2** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:05) 4:20, 6:40, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:50, 2:05, 4:20) 6:40, 9:00; **The Green Mile** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:50) 8:00; **Any Given Sunday** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 3:00) 6:30, 9:50; **Anna and the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:05; **Bicentennial Man** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:50) 4:45, 7:40, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:50, 4:45) 7:40, 10:25; **Man on the Moon** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:05, 7:45, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 2:25, 5:05) 7:45, 10:20

ESCONDIDO

Carousel Cinema 6
1868 East Valley Parkway, Escondido (858-480-4666)
Any Given Sunday (R); **Galaxy Quest**; **The Green Mile** (R); **Toy Story 2**; **Bicentennial Man** (PG); **Stuart Little**

Escondido 8
Del Norte Plaza 362 W. El Norte Pkwy. (760) (745-4470)
Magnolia (R) Fri.-Thu. P.M. 12:15, 4:15, 8:00; **Snow Falling on Cedars** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. P.M. 12:30, 3:20, 7:15, 10:05; **Galaxy Quest** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:35, 10:00; **Tumbleweeds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. P.M. 2:40, 7:30; **Bicentennial Man** (PG) Fri.-Thu. P.M. 12:10, 3:30, 7:10, 9:50; **Anna and the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. P.M. 12:40, 3:50, 7:00, 10:10; **The Green Mile** (R) Fri.-Thu. P.M. 12:00, 4:00, 7:45; **Being John Malkovich** (R) Fri.-Thu. P.M. 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; **Music of the Heart** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:55, 4:50, 10:00

POWAY

Poway 10 Cinemas
13475 Poway Road, Poway (858-679-3878)
Magnolia (R); **Anna and the King**; **Any Given Sunday**; **The Talented Mr. Ripley**; **Galaxy Quest**; **Stuart Little**; **Bicentennial Man**; **The Green Mile**; **Toy Story 2**; **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo**

RAMONA

Ramona Twin Cinemas
626 Main Street, Ramona (760-789-3422)
Galaxy Quest (PG); **The Green Mile**

RANCHO BERNARDO

Silver Cinemas
11740 Bernardo Plaza Ct. (858-485-8641)
Three Kings (R); **Random Hearts**; **The Bone Collector**; **Bringing Out the Dead**; **End of Days**; **Star Wars, Episode I: The Phantom Menace**

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 6 Cinemas
Highway 78 at Nordahl, San Marcos (858-480-8900)
Man on the Moon; **Any Given Sunday**; **The Talented Mr. Ripley**; **Stuart Little**; **Toy Story 2**; **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo**

San Marcos Stadium 18 Cinemas
West San Marcos Blvd. at Old California Walk, San Marcos (760-471-3711)
Magnolia (R); **Snow Falling on Cedars**; **The Hurricane**; **Any Given Sunday**; **Galaxy Quest**; **Man on the Moon**; **The Cider House Rules**; **The Talented Mr. Ripley**; **Bicentennial Man**; **Stuart Little**; **Anna and the King**; **Toy Story 2**; **The Green Mile**; **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo**; **The World Is Not Enough**

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas
2565 El Camino Real, Carlsbad (858-729-7147)
Snow Falling on Cedars; **The Cider House Rules**; **Galaxy Quest**; **The Green Mile**

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar (858-259-6610)
Magnolia (R); **Man on the Moon**; **Any Given Sunday**; **Galaxy Quest**; **Stuart Little** (PG); **Anna and the King**; **Toy Story 2**; **Bicentennial Man**

Flower Hill Cinemas
2630 Via de la Valle, Del Mar (858-755-5511)
Snow Falling on Cedars; **The Talented Mr. Ripley**; **The Green Mile** (R); **Sweet and Lowdown**

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas (760-436-SHOW)
American Beauty; **To Hell with Love** 1/9

Wiegand Plaza 8
220 North El Camino Real Encinitas (760-942-5544)
Man on the Moon; **Any Given Sunday**; **Galaxy Quest**, from 12/25; **Anna and the King**; **Stuart Little**; **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo**; **The Green Mile**; **Toy Story 2**

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
El Camino Real at Alga, Carlsbad (858-431-1990)
Magnolia (R); **Any Given Sunday**; **Man on the Moon**; **Bicentennial Man**; **The Green Mile** (R); **The Talented Mr. Ripley**

OCEANSIDE

Cinema Star Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue, Oceanside (760-806-1790)
Magnolia (R); **Snow Falling on Cedars**; **The Cider House Rules**; **Any Given Sunday**; **Galaxy Quest**; **The Talented Mr. Ripley**; **Man on the Moon**; **Stuart Little**; **Bicentennial Man**; **Anna and the King**; **Toy Story 2**; **The Green Mile**; **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo**

Oceanside 8
2617 Vista Way (619-439-7008)
The Talented Mr. Ripley (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:30) 7:00, 10:00; **Man on the Moon** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:00; **Any Given Sunday** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:00, 4:00, 4:30) 7:30, 8:00; **Stuart Little** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 12:45, 3:00, 3:30, 5:00, 5:30) 7:00, 7:30, 9:00; **Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:45, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **Toy Story 2** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:00, 5:15) 7:30, 9:45; **The Bone Collector** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:30

Star Theatre
402 North Coast Highway (760-721-5700)
Galaxy Quest (PG) Fri., Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 7:15; Sat.-Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15

Town and Country
2253 El Camino Real, Oceanside (760-433-9144)
Bicentennial Man (PG); **Anna and the King**; **American Beauty**

Valley Drive In
3840 Mission Ave., Oceanside (760-757-5556)
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fits, is cute as all get-out, even if his computer program gives him a too-close resemblance to a Coca-Cola polar bear. The soft-sell absurdity of his adoption into a live-action human family (Hugh Laurie and Geena Davis are as perfect a pair of parents as any in a Fifties sitcom), and his friction with an unwelcoming housecat, intermittently rises to the threshold of charm. From the children's book by E.B. White; with the voices of Michael J. Fox and Nathan Lane; directed by Rob Minkoff. 1999.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CAROUSEL CINEMA 6; CINEMA STAR 6; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 8; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; STUDIO 3 CINEMAS; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; UA HORTON PLAZA 14; WIEGAND PLAZA)

Sweet and Lowdown — Writer-director Woody Allen here makes only token appearances on screen, as himself, in talking-head interview segments, together with jazz writer Nat Hentoff and others, to lend a documentary touch to the made-up story of Emmet Ray, a "little-known" American jazz guitarist of the Thirties ("I was a *huge* fan of his when I was younger, " Allen deadpans to the camera), second in ability to the inimitable European gypsy, Django Reinhardt, with whom he shares a propensity to show up late or not at all for a performance. Ray's torment at being only second best is one of a number of running gags in the film, running alongside the guitarist's tendency to, so to speak, blow his own horn ("I'm an artist"), and his bonehead notions of a good time: shooting rats at the city dump or sitting by the tracks and watching trains go by. Indeed, the film seems founded on the principle that repetition will sooner or later produce humor. In this instance it produces only a little, and mostly later. The end result is one of Allen's more innocuous and inconsequential concoctions, albeit prettily photographed by Zhao Fei (*Raise the Red Lantern*). Sean Penn, besides adding a noteworthy topiary hairdo to his vast gamut of do's, obviously studied hard to learn the credible fingering for the musical numbers: an "A" for the fingering; a "C-plus" for the overgrown Dead End Kid speaking voice. Samantha Morton and Uma Thurman are the dissimilar women at different stages of his life, an adoring simple-minded mute (you'd never know she's British in reality) and a slumming kicks-craving would-be Boswell, respectively. The emotional climax — when (and why) the jazzman smashes his instrument — is so subtle and unprepared-for, it might almost escape comprehension. Had it been better prepared-for, on the other hand, it would not have been so subtle. As is, it is mildly surprising without being remotely affecting. 1999.
★ (FLOWER HILL CINEMAS; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Talented Mr. Ripley — Hollywood remake of the first of Patricia Highsmith's five Ripley novels, originally made in France, under the title *Purple Noon*, forty years earlier. (The remake is done in period: Chet Baker and Charlie Parker are the coolest, man.) Clearly, writer-director Anthony Minghella does not owe his inspiration to a desire for greater fidelity to the novel. René Clément's version may have had a conventional (though very clever) ending that wasn't true to the book, but in Minghella's version the entire conception of the hero, or antihero if you'd rather, is not true to it. Which would be no crime in itself if it made a different kind of sense. Which it doesn't. And the ending is scarcely improved by being left up in the air. Minghella's main creative contribution is to homosexualize the hero (Matt Damon), so that the initial killing becomes a spur-of-the-moment affair motivated by things like jealousy, rejection, hurt feelings, even retaliatory self-defense. (If the new sexual orientation was the way Minghella wanted to go, he might have found richer soil in the fourth novel of the series, *The Boy Who Followed Ripley*, where the hero dons a dress and high heels for an escapade in Berlin.) The killer's talents as a mimic and a forger, laid out as givens early on, now come in conveniently handy for the purposes of stepping into the identity of the dead man. Which does away with one of the most memorable sections of the earlier version: the studious details of the transformation. The different motive, coupled with the different, tortured personality of the killer (no longer an ice-water sociopath), infuse the proceedings with a new purposelessness. And Minghella's pacing, carried over from *The English Patient*, threatens continually to bring things to a standstill, sinking into the luxurious cocktail-swilling lifestyle of affluent Americans abroad. (Admittedly, the Australian actress Cate Blanchett does a note-perfect debutante accent, in a squanderingly subordinate role.) Things pick up a little when the *polizia* come into it, and there are sufficient remnants of Highsmith's genius to ward off total boredom. But barely. Jude Law, Gwyneth Paltrow, Philip Seymour Hoffman. 1999.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL CINEMAS; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 8; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Three Kings — A kind of update of *Kelly's Heroes*, in deportment as well as in period: an insanity-of-war movie, set impudently at the end of Desert Storm, centered around four American soldiers (George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg, Ice Cube, and, immediately recognizable as expendable, Spike Jonze) who have extracted from a captive Iraqi's rectum a treasure map to millions upon millions in stolen Kuwaiti gold, who then set out in secret to retrieve the loot for themselves (how, again, were they planning to take this home?), and who end up old-fashionedly fighting for the cause of Iraqi dissidents left dangling in the wind by the cease-fire. Needless to say, this is not the picture of Desert Storm that George Bush (whose name is frequently uttered as a synonym for skunk) or Charlton Heston, for that matter, would have wanted to see painted. For others, less entrenched in their positions, there is healthful attention paid to American fatheadedness and to the contrasting points of view of the natives — even and especially the well-acted Iraqi torturer who bears a legitimate personal grudge. And those fabled underground bunkers, about which we heard so much at the time, are here explored far enough to satisfy the wildest imagination. Some of the aforesaid healthful attention, however, seems no more than lip service. In matters of style and attitude the movie is unrepentently in the camp of the Orthodox American Fathead. (OAF, for short.) Not the branch of it presided over by the Bushes and Hestons, but the one figureheaded by MTV and Tarantino, among others: new and now are always good; edgy is good; quirky is good; flip and facetious are good; cynical and callous are good; shock is good; gore (not Gore) is good; cutting-edge technology is good; tricks and gimmicks are good. David O. Russell, the writer and director, has beaten a fast path to the Hollywood Establishment from the independent *Spanking the Monkey* through the marginal *Flirting with Disaster*, but it still seems important to him to be seen as Out There. (Farthest out: following the flight of a bullet all the way through the internal organs. More ho-hum: the bleached and blotted color.) His visuals are sufficiently showoffy to defeat disinterest if not distaste. 1999.
★ (EL CAJON 8; SILVER CINEMAS)

Toy Story 2 — A sure bet to be enjoyed by all who enjoyed the first one. And endured by most others. The central theme of the built-in obsolescence of children's toys — Woody, the pull-string cowboy, has suffered a torn shoulder and is retired to the shelf while his owner goes off to summer camp without him — gives rise to some difficult, even painful, questions on aging, mortality, the instability of relationships, the impermanence of love, and the like. ("Do you really think Andy is going to take you to *college?* Or on his *honeymoon?*") The easy answers will doubtless be more soothing the younger you are. Parents, in consequence, are to be cautioned not for their kids' sake, but for their own sake. On another front, the advances in computer animation since the original *Toy Story* are plain to see, particularly in the depth of field (including at times an artificially blurry foreground), the openness and airiness of the space, and the lifelikeness of some of the human figures (all the way to nose hairs and a bad comb-over). Sometimes it is hard to know, or to remember, what you are looking at. This development, if you are old enough to be unsoothed by the aforementioned easy answers, is apt to be too fraught with misgivings and forebodings (where will it lead? where will it end?) to be entirely enjoyable. With the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Joan Cusack, Kelsey Grammer, Wayne Knight; directed by John Lasseter. 1999.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CAROUSEL CINEMA 6; CINEMA STAR GALAXY; CINEMA STAR 6; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 8; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; UA HORTON PLAZA 14; WIEGAND PLAZA)

Tumbleweeds — Small movie with a large central performance from Janet McTeer, a British actress putting on a thick white-trashy Southern accent, as a lusty, gusty single mom, four times married, who drags her twelve-year-old daughter (Kimberly J. Brown) from West Virginia to Southern California for their latest fresh start. Angela Shelton's semi-autobiographical screenplay (co-written with director, and supporting player, Gavin O'Connor) has frequent rings of truth to it: e.g., Mom giving daughter kissing lessons on an apple. And Jay O. Sanders, so often a big dope or big jerk, has a couple of warmly human moments, teaching the girl about Shakespearean meter in preparation for the school play, and recollecting the death of his wife. The sum of the parts, however, never outgrows the aura of smallness. 1999.
★ (UA ESCONDIDO 8)

The World Is Not Enough — Agent 007 for a change, gets a "real" director, Michael Apted, which is to say a director with some creditable credits to his name, *Coal Miner's Daughter*, *Gorky Park*, the documentary *28 Up*. But what's the use when he's still to be held to a formula requirement like the ever more elaborate Pre-Credits Sequence? (This one starts in Bilbao, with a shootout and a couple of extraneous shots of the Gehry-designed art museum to appease the local Board of Tourism, moves to London for some standard banter with Miss Moneypenny and "M" and an interminable chase in a submersible speedboat-*cum*-sportscar, and lasts a quarter of an hour altogether.) What's the use, again, when the wounded Bond is able to get himself back on active duty by simply — and easily — seducing the comely Dr. Warmflash? (Titter titter.) What's the use when Bond always has at hand an inflatable bomb shelter to protect him in the midst of an avalanche, or a push-button rocket launcher hidden in his car to repel a buzzsaw-wielding helicopter? What's the use when he must search his brains to sprinkle his dialogue with lame quips and double-entendres? (To a gold-toothed torpedo: "I see you put your money where your mouth is.") What's the use when Denise Richards can get herself cast as a nuclear physicist? The Bond series is a runaway train, and Apted can do no more than drag his heel alongside the track. With Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, and Judi Dench. 1999.
● (HAZARD CENTER-7; LA JOLLA 12; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; UA HORTON PLAZA 14; VOGUE)

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I Need to Talk with You About My Husband

REVIEW
MAX NASH

Several weeks ago I was parked at a tiled table in El Zarape, waiting for my usual shredded beef tostada, when out of nowhere a young, well-dressed black woman appeared and sat across from me. Squaring her shoulders, she looked me in the eye. "I need to talk with you about my husband."

Since I'd never met the woman before, I didn't exactly see why she *needed* to talk with me about her husband, but I decided to go with the moment. The woman's husband was, as I'd intuited, bad news. Your garden-variety no-account. She'd left him. In Chicago. She'd taken the two kids, she explained, pointing a well-manicured finger to a late-model Honda parked in front of El Zarape. I saw two little brown round heads dozing in the back seat. Getting to the point, the woman told me she needed money, that she hated to interrupt my lunch, but she needed money, anything that I'd be willing to give, and that, again, she was sorry to bother me. I gave her five dollars. She went away. My tostada was ready. I ate my lunch in peace. Things happen to me at El Zarape that don't happen to me when I'm eating at the WineSellar & Brasserie or, say, at George's at the Cove.



PHOTOGRAPH BY SANDY HUFFAKER, JR.

You'll never feel lonely at El Zarape.

While I don't go to El Zarape to have offbeat encounters, the offbeat crowd that frequents this small, stylish taco shop is a reason why I return. El Zarape is one of the best places I know to eat a cheap meal alone. The owners have decked out the walls with a lot of tasteful tile inlay and artisanal antiques. The look is more Moorish than Mexican, and the interior is always clean and cool and calm. On a hot day, El Zarape is great for sitting and sipping sweet hibiscus flower punch (jamaica), nibbling rolled tacos with guacamole, and paging through a book or magazine, or just eavesdropping on conversations.

El Zarape's food, too, keeps me coming back because it's superior to most taco-shop food, which isn't really Mexican cuisine but a borderland hybrid that can and should be judged on its own merits. (In other words, not all taco-shop food is equal.) With few exceptions, El Zarape isn't trying to offer what street vendors sell in Mexico City or Tijuana. The cheese El Zarape sprinkles over its tacos and tostadas isn't salty, crumbly *queso anejo*, but it seems to be either a fairly high-grade sharp American cheddar or a not-so-bad Monterrey Jack. El Zarape drizzles *crema*, the traditional thick, sourish cream, only on its *sopes*, small cakes of corn *masa*, pinched up around the rim and filled with either stewed chicken or beef.

I wouldn't much care if El Zarape did away with everything on its long menu and served only its stewed chicken and stewed beef. In fact, when I order a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada, I usually push aside the iceberg lettuce and grated cheese and concentrate on the generous mound of juicy, slow-cooked meat underneath. *Salpicón de res* and *ropa vieja* are two classic Mexican ways of stewing beef — there are similar preparations for chicken — and here in this tiny taco shop on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard, you find a very fine approximation of these dishes hidden in its tostadas and tacos. El Zarape takes good flank, onions, garlic, tomatoes, and green pepper and stews them all in broth for what must be a very long time. I've often seen El Zarape's cooks, packed into their minuscule kitchen, somnolently stirring huge, perfumy pots of the stuff. When I walk through the front door, the beefy, oniony smell makes my mouth water.

The menu offers a dozen other things — your usual carne asada burritos, chiles rellenos. Many people seem to enjoy the scallop burritos. Vegetarians, I know, come for the rolled tacos filled with potatoes, which are a somewhat interesting change of pace, and for the potato-filled burritos. I'm not a big fan of any of those things, not because their quality is poor but because they're not things I personally like to eat. I've tried enough of them, however, to know they all have a solid, homemade, handmade flavor. El Zarape runs its kitchen in an honest, home-style way: the oil it uses for deep-frying always tastes clean.

These clean, simple tastes, El Zarape's sheer dependability, keep me coming back. Diversionary Theatre's offices are just across the street, and its cast and crew members wander in to gossip over vegetarian burritos. Then there are the other customers, the ones whose conversations mystify me. One late afternoon I listened to a thin, mustachioed man chatter with two obese blondes who looked like twins.

"What if we get stopped by the police?" one of the women asked the man. "What if they ask us for our passports?"

"You're American citizens," the man replied. "You're not required to carry a passport while traveling in America."

"Maybe we could make a run for it," the other woman said. "But we can't run very fast."

I've never felt lonely at El Zarape. ■

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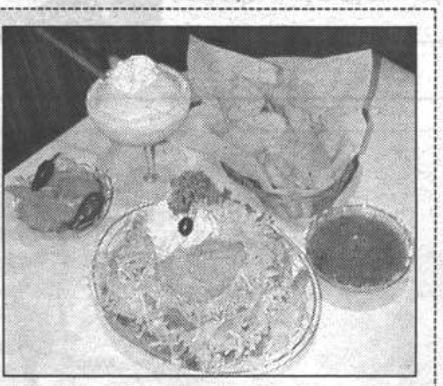

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TIN FORK
ED BEDFORD

Sometimes Joseph Salame sits outside his Phoenicia bakery and dreams. He's sitting in the square of Hadeth El Jebbé, his mountain home town, bidding good day to his neighbors, Muslim and Christian. And smelling the sweet sap from the nearby cedars of Lebanon, heavy and white with snow. And looking across the great valley to Basharri, the village on the next mountain, where his hero Khalil Gibran (*The Prophet*) was born.

Then he opens his eyes and he's on Adams Avenue, next to his plastic display of cookies, looking up at me.

It's not a coincidence I came here. I was spouting off to Carla about our trying times. Like, millennium's coming, economy's booming, and I'm pinch-hitting as usual. Cowering before our landlord Tom, Mr. Boniface, like he was the dreaded god Baal, with his Monthly Visitations.

"No, not Baal," says Carla. "Baal's the good guy."

Turns out Baal was the Phoenician god of fertility. Every seven years he would fight Mot, the god of sterility. If Mr. Mot won, we'd have seven years of famine. If Baal won, hey, party time! Seven years of good harvests. Feasts! Boy, could I do with that.

"So let's go find a Phoenician restaurant," I say. "No," says Carla. "You go find one. Remember, the Phoenicians are a fantastic people. They gave us our alphabet. Without them, no Shakespeare. No Internet. No love letters from you." She pushes me toward the door. "Find out if they have *kibbeh* and rose water. Then I'll come."

"*Kibbeh?*"

"Go. Go! They'll know."

I get off the 11 bus at 34th and Adams. You don't notice the Phoenicia till you get past Lou's Bar and Grille. The front window has an American flag, a Cedar tree, and "Phoenicia," written in English and in sweeping Arabic script. Inside, it feels like your own den. Lots of Formica wood paneling, cream walls, boxes, posters of Lebanon, and five red booths. The only thing really different is a huge Vulcan brand baker's oven.

"Something to eat?" says Nouhad, Joseph's wife, tearing herself away from the lunchtime soaps. Joseph gets a menu and flips it open to the "lunch" page. I see vegetarian things that are pretty familiar. Hommos (ground garbanzo beans with tahini sauce, garlic and lemon, and Lebanese bread, $3.50) or *foul moudames* (boiled fava beans with garlic, lemon, parsley, oil, and bread, $3.50). Even a "Phoenicia Combination Special," including tabouleh, hommos, bread, rice, grape roll, cabbage roll, kafta kabob, and baked eggplant for $6.95.

I'm still looking for Carla's *kibbeh*. Everything in the meat section is $5.50. Like a lamb or beef kabob with tomatoes, onions, and bell peppers, or cabbage leaves stuffed and rolled with beef, rice, lemon, and seasoning. And, ooh, baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, roast pine nuts, onions, garlic, and seasoning.

Then I see number 12. "Baked kibbeh, cracked wheat blended with lamb and stuffed with lamb, roast pine nuts, onions, and our special seasoning, $5.50."

"*Kibbeh* is our famous dish," says Joseph. "In Lebanon, after church on Sunday — we're Christians — we'd eat it, with meat — usually goat meat, usually raw. For the rest of the week we'd be vegetarian. So our special is *kibbeh neyeh*. Fresh meat, not cooked."

He points to the *kibbeh neyeh* special for two people: "cracked wheat blended with fresh lamb, onions, and our special seasoning. $10.95."

"Only problem is, we need one day's notice," he says, "so we can order the fresh lamb. Unless you come on Saturdays. We do it every Saturday."

Now here's a dilemma. Eat the baked *kibbeh* now or leave the treat till Carla comes with me for the real raw thing? I decide to save the marriage. I order the baked eggplant.

"And to drink?"

"Uh, rose water?"

"No problem," says Nouhad. "I make it myself. From the rose petals." She points to a dozen dark-looking bottles. "Those are concentrates. I sell them for $8.00 each. They make about ten glasses."

The rose juice, as they call it, is pink and cool and tastes of — roses! It's like drinking a perfume. The recipe is probably thousands of years old, Nouhad says. As I suck on my straw, I can't help imagining hot and weary travelers in ancient Phoenician ports like Tyre and Byblos glugging down this Coca-Cola of the ancient world.

The baked eggplant comes mixed in with lamb, which Nouhad says she chopped up "with two knives," and large-grain rice with crispy noodles, and a kind of tomato paste on top. This is where the pita bread comes in. It's great for pushing the whole red and brown mess onto your fork and wiping up the remains.

Joseph and Nouhad have been doing business on Adams Avenue 23 years, longer than anyone else, they say. And six nights a week, at 10:00 p.m., after the restaurant closes, Joseph starts his other job — baking pita bread and French baguettes through till 5:00 a.m. "I get a couple of hours' sleep, then we open up again," he says as Nouhad brings a large pot of Lebanese coffee. Oh boy. That smell. "We've put seven children through school on the earnings," she says.

Man. I'm feeling such a slob. You can forgive the man for nodding off halfway through the day. Sure, I can hear Baal saying, "Give this man seven years of prosperity! He's earned it." ■

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Crush
MATTHEW LICKONA

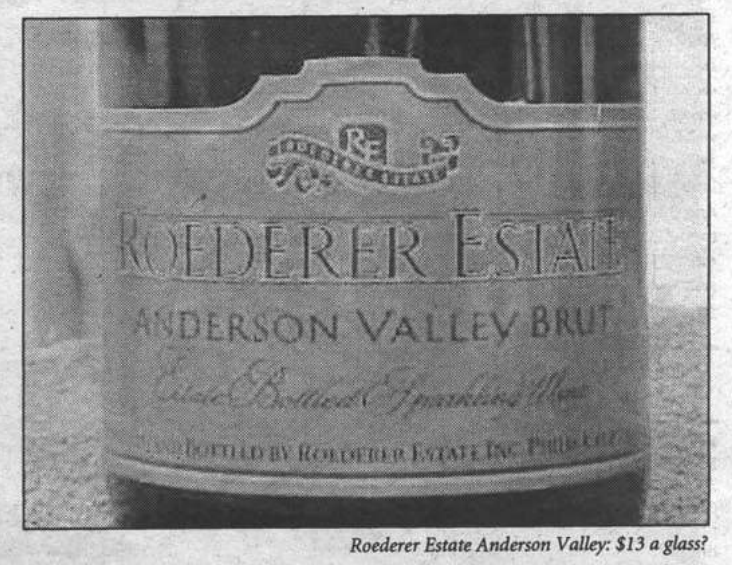
As I mentioned last column, chef-restaurateur Charlie Trotter was recently taken to task in the letters department of the *Wine Spectator* for a quote he gave in an article on corkage — the practice of paying a fee to bring wine into a restaurant. In the quote, he said that his restaurant would never charge corkage if a customer brought in a bottle of "great wine," because such a wine was a compliment to the restaurant. The letters that followed were from hurt customers, upset that their bottles had apparently not been "great" enough to deserve a waived corkage fee.

The *Wine Spectator* let Trotter write a response. It read, "First, let me say that no one in my restaurant is going to retire on our corkage fees, nor do I want to get into a debate on what is a great wine. I do not question that the wines these clients wanted to bring in were 'special.' However, the wines that these guests mentioned, or similar vintages, were available on our wine list at the time they dined at the restaurant. Therefore, in these cases we would charge a $50 corkage fee. On occasion a guest will bring in a very unique, rare bottle of wine and we will waive the corkage fee. It was in that context that my statement was made. Frankly, we do try to discourage people from bringing in wine. We are in the business of selling food and wine, and to have guests bring in wines that are the same or very similar to wines we have on our list is not a sound business practice. I'm sorry for any confusion this may have caused."

It seems a bit of a dodge in places — having an '83 or an '81 Lafite-Rothschild is nothing like having an '82, so the bit about "similar vintages" sounds iffy. And "great" is not the same as "unique" or "rare." Some outstanding wines are produced in great quantity — '82 Lafite-Rothschild, for example. If he meant "unique," he shouldn't have said "great." But I'm willing to give him the benefit of the doubt — it was a quote, not a policy statement. What stuck with me was the part about discouraging people from bringing in wine, since "we are in the business of selling food and wine."

Growing up, my family was not wealthy. But my grandfather, whose only child was my mother, had lived carefully and retired with a little money to spend. He spent a lot of it on us, which allowed us, on occasion, to eat in restaurants that would have otherwise been out of reach. When Pappy wasn't around, eating well was still something of a priority — Mom helped run a catering service for a couple of years, and we always hunted for the best restaurants we could afford. But even when, for my 16th birthday, I was treated to a marathon seven-course feast at L'Auberge de Cochon Rouge in Ithaca, New York, we did not order wine.

This was no great surprise — we didn't drink it at home, so why should we drink it in a restaurant? And besides our unfamiliarity, there was the price. Without too much trouble, wine could double a bill, rocketing a restaurant back out of reach. Wine was a luxury we couldn't afford. (Now, dinner without wine feels incomplete, but the sticker shock remains.)



Roederer Estate Anderson Valley: $13 a glass?

Amy Weinberg, a La Jolla wine collector, has similar memories. "We went out to eat often — to medium restaurants, good little Italian restaurants, things like that — and we never got wine. I grew up with 'Oh, never get wine in a restaurant, it's so expensive, it's such a rip-off.' "

That attitude sank in — at least partly. "If I go to a restaurant and they have a terrible wine list, or the markup is just outrageous, I'll get a cocktail if I want a drink. When I'm looking at $40 to $50 bottles knowing that they're $8 to $9 bottles, I can't do it." She recalls one local establishment where Gruet, a domestic sparkler, sells for $7.50 a glass. "I can get it for $11 to $12 a bottle. And Roederer Estate for $13 a glass — it's $15, $16. If they sell one glass, they've almost paid for that bottle."

But she will buy when the markup is "reasonable." "I consider reasonable markup to be double or less. Standard markup is two and a half times retail, but when you're talking about [expensive wines]... I think as the price of wine goes up, the markup should go down. You're talking a $200, $300 bottle of wine. Two and a half times $300, that just makes it unaffordable for me — for most. I like the restaurants that mark up the lower-priced wines more, and then as the prices get higher, they get marked up less. Of course, my favorite is to see a flat markup on the wine, but you don't see that very often."

Amy and I have both converted our fathers to the point of an occasional restaurant wine purchase, but old habits die hard. On a recent visit, my dad took me out to the Pamplemousse Grille. Nothing on the list under $40 grabbed me, but Dad, though he was paying for an expensive dinner, couldn't bear the thought of that much more for wine. I offered to pay, but it was the principle of the thing. I got a glass.

Given that restaurants regularly mark up their wines 200 to 300 percent above retail, I suspect that we are not alone in our recollections of parental abstention. I also suspect that such attitudes are not limited to previous generations. My parents' copy of *Miss Manners' Guide to the Turn-of-the-Millennium* makes no mention of wine sales in its definition of a restaurant, only food. I am sure Charlie Trotter has no trouble filling his tables with wine-buying patrons, but if a customer will either pay a corkage fee or skip the wine, why try to discourage him? ■

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NORTH COASTAL

BELLEFLEUR WINERY & RESTAURANT 5610 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-603-1919. The restaurant serves California cuisine at fair and reasonable prices. Wine-tasting bar and separate dining area in the winery for large parties. Noisy at night, but a good spot for wine lovers. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive.

BULLY'S NORTH 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Especially during summer, this branch is the most colorful and is jammed with the sporting crowd, which makes the place exciting. Food is the same as at other Bully's, but the high intensity carries it. Steak, prime rib, hamburgers, fries, and fresh fish are favorites. Open daily. Moderate.

CALIFORNIA BISTRO Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6800. On Friday night there's an all-you-can-eat seafood buffet in the more casual dining room of the hotel. The cost is $32.50. Reservations must be made weeks in advance. Cancellations charged to your credit card. Gorgeous setting and better than most seafood buffets. Friday night only. Expensive.

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999. Here's a good family restaurant where you can take your children and grandchildren for salads, pasta, pizza. There are 28 pizzas. The chicken tequila with spinach fettuccine is great as are vegetarian sandwiches. Same menu, lunch and dinner. Open daily. Low. Branches also in La Jolla Village Square, 3363 Nobel Drive, 619-457-4222; and Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, 619-675-4424.

EL CALLEJON 345 South Highway 101, Suite C2, Encinitas, 858-634-2793. If you're searching for a romantic, low-cost, lower-fat Mexican restaurant, then this should be right up your alley (the name means *alley*). Recommended are grilled cod, grilled shrimp, chicken breast in several preparations, and medallions of beef in chipotle sauce with potatoes and vegetables. Full vegetarian menu. Everything Central Mexico–style: light ingredients, delicate preparations. Open daily. Low.

THE ENCINITAS CAFE 531 South Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-0919. This American café serves breakfast from opening to closing. Egg dishes are served with biscuits and gravy. Sandwiches and salads for lunch; American entrées for dinner. Fast, excellent service. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Low.

THE FISH MARKET 640 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-2277. From the moment it opens until closing, there's scarcely a lull. The reason: lots of fresh food, on-the-run service, and a choice of 15 to 20 fresh fish items, accompanied by sourdough bread, potatoes or rice, and coleslaw or cottage cheese. Fish is grilled over mesquite. Limited sushi menu available. Fine value, but not a place for the three C's: calm, conversation, and contemplation. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Moderate to expensive.

IL FORNAIO CUCINA ITALIANA 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio offers a stunning unobstructed view and its outdoor and indoor seating are gorgeous. The grilled items tend to be uneven, but the stuffed focaccia, angel hair pasta, soups and salads are always good. Always crowded. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate to low expensive.

LA BONNE BOUFFE Town and Country Shopping Center, 471 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-436-3081. Boeuf Bourguignon, rack of lamb, frog legs (when in season), duck in peppercorn sauce, and Dover sole in lemon butter sauce are the staples of this French provincial restaurant. Dinners are à la carte. Charming room and sensitive wine list. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate to expensive.

LA ESPECIAL NORTE 664 N. Highway 101, Leucadia (I-5 to Encinitas Boulevard; turn right on 101), 760-942-1040. Specializes in Mexican dishes; 12 extraordinary soups prepared daily. Seek out this one. Low.

NOBU JAPANESE RESTAURANT 315 South Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-0113. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées, including an eight-course feast and box dinners. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive.

PAMPLEMOUSSE GRILLE 514 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. Surely the best French provincial restuarant in town, the food is exquisite. The mushroom ravioli is highly recommended. The brisket of beef in barbecue sauce is outstanding, but you should call in advance for it. Outstanding lunch menu. Dinner nightly. Lunch Wednesday through Friday. Serene atomsphere with excellent service. Upper moderate to expensive.

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SAMURAI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts "the largest California sushi bar," as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar, teppan room, or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. Open daily. Moderate to expensive.

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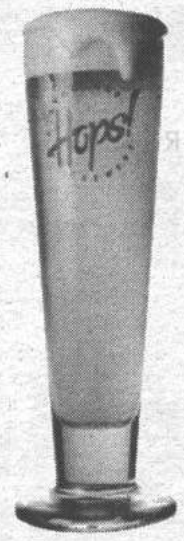

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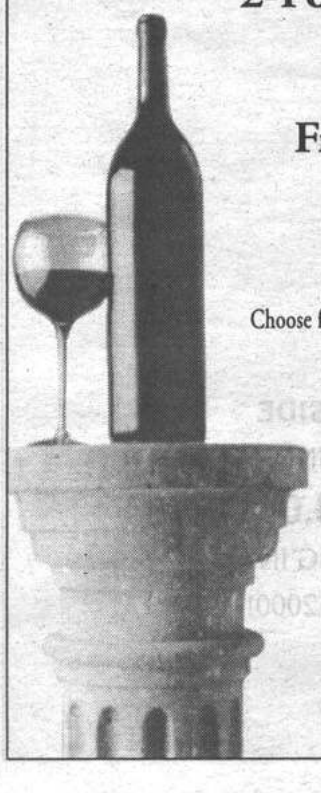

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NORTH INLAND

ANTHONY'S RANCHO BERNARDO 11666 Avena Place (off Bernardo Center Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-2070. One of the best features of this handsome branch of Anthony's is that it accepts reservations. This relieves you of waiting around until your name is called. The dining room also tends to be less frantic than the downtown branches. Good fish and chips, seafood salads, broiled fish. Fast service. Open Daily for Lunch and Dinner. Low to expensive.

ASHOKA THE GREAT 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Ten vegetable platters and six rice dishes are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. It's worth the drive to get this excellent food. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Low.

BOLSA VIETNAMESE CUISINE RESTAURANT 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Suite 118, 858-693-3663. Try this fine Vietnamese café run by an energetic woman named Trang. Over 130 items on the menu. Especially jolly weekends. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Same menu, continuous service. Low.

CHIEU-ANH VIETNAMESE CUISINE 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. Gourmet Vietnamese food is available here. Menu offers 60 items, many with French influences. Good bets are chicken crepe, fresh fish with lemon grass, tangy-and-sour soup, egg rolls, and filet mignon beef. Chiêu-Anh enhances the selection of fine dining rooms in Rancho Bernardo. Closed Monday. Open for lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low.

EL BIZCOCHO Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500 or 858-487-1611. Rack of lamb and fresh salmon are memorable. Located on a golf course, this à la carte dining room produces some of the best meals in North County. All-you-can-eat buffet brunch Sunday. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive.

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RESTAURANT EUROPA 9379 Mira Mesa Boulevard, 858-693-3252. If you love German food or would like to try it, hasten to this restaurant. The new management retains the same high standards. Meat balls with potato salad, pork steak with red cabbage and noodles, rolled beef with potato pancake and sauerkraut are all mouthwatering. A separate bar room serves draft German beers and food specials (a two-foot weiner) to late hours. Open daily. Moderate.

SANDCRAB CAFE 2229 Micro Place, Escondido, 858-480-2722. Crab, lobster, and other shellfish are boiled with potatoes and corn and served on butcher paper. A mallet and board are provided, but no utensils or picks. The food is cooked in Cajun spices. Good fun, but not inexpensive. Call for directions, because the café is located in an industrial area. Open daily, continuous service, same seafood menu lunch and dinner. Low (for appetizers) to moderate.

VALENTINO'S 11828 Rancho Bernardo Road, New Mercado, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-3200. Located in a shopping center that will remind you of Beverly Hills, Valentino's has a lovely interior, good salads and pastas, and fine entrées which include chicken Vesuvio and homemade cannelloni. A separate room holds a pizzeria. Open daily. Moderate.

LA JOLLA

ALFONSO'S OF LA JOLLA 1251 Prospect Street, 858-454-2232. Both the patio and the dining room are lively, crowded, noisy, and festive. The house specialty is carne asada, and the Quesadilla Mercedes (shrimp over a quesadilla) is outstanding. Extensive menu offers combination plates, chiles rellenos, *sopes*, and flautas. Open daily for dinner. Lunch Friday through Sunday. Low to moderate.

ASPEN MILLS BAKERY AND CAFE 1044 Wall Street Suite F, 858-551-5550. Formerly Woodys, Aspen Mills has the same menu with additional items. If you are an early riser, you can eat here as early as 6:00 a.m. Beautiful room. Open daily, 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

GEORGE'S AT THE COVE 1250 Prospect Street, 858-454-4244. The always-excellent George's, with its first-rate fish and meat menu, boasts three dining levels on its ocean-view site. The first level is the fine dining room, with full menu and gourmet lunch and dinners. Above is the Café, and on top is the Terrace, which is romantic on balmy nights. The Café and Terrace offer identical menus: light meals for lunch, extensive menu for dinner. The Ocean View Room offers high quality California regional cuisine, with higher prices. A five-course fixed-price meal is $49.00, steak is $32.95, and organic chicken, the least expensive item, is $23.00. Food is well prepared and their famous roasted chicken, bean, and broccoli soup is still on the menu. Incomparable service. Call for exact hours. Expensive, George's gourmet room; moderate to expensive, other rooms.

KISOYA JAPANESE RESTAURANT 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-459-8022. Located one flight up, this small café offers an excellent sushi bar and many cooked Japanese specialties. Open daily. Low to moderate.

HARRY'S COFFEE SHOP 7545 Girard Avenue, 858-454-7381. This landmark coffee shop is noted for its breakfasts, served from opening to closing. The buttermilk pancakes, varieties of waffles made from scratch, and egg combinations are all generous and well prepared. One of the few places where you can still get hot oatmeal or cream of wheat, Harry's also serves freshly squeezed orange juice and entire carafes of freshly ground Kona coffee, as well as specialty coffee drinks. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, from 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Low.

LA TERRAZZA 8008 Girard Avenue, 858-459-9750. This pleasant Italian café provides a loving and festive atmosphere. The pastas are delightful and so are the salads. The restaurant specializes in homemade *gnocchi* and ravioli. Special dishes available with advance notice. A good place for casual dining. Same menu lunch and dinner except for nightly specials. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Low to moderate.

MANHATTAN OF LA JOLLA 7766 Fay Avenue, Empress Hotel, 858-459-0700. If you're searching for a restaurant that provides a sense of gaiety as well as good New York–style Italian food, then try Manhattan of La Jolla. Of the many tantalizing à la carte dishes, some of the best are rack of lamb, superb steaks, and "Seafood Mediterranean." Cannelloni is the best in San Diego. Very New York atmosphere. Lunch, Wednesday through Friday; dinner, nightly. Expensive.

MEDITERRANEAN ROOM La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, 858-454-0771. The room has been redecorated at a cost of $1.2 million. It's dazzling. Dinner entrées range in price from $18.00 for potato dumpling to $26.00 — almost as steep as the Sky Room. Beautiful setting but the food preparation is uneven. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner. Dinner, expensive.

OCEAN KITCHEN 5525 La Jolla Boulevard, 858-459-3993. The dishes at this Mandarin and Cantonese restaurant contain no MSG, nor are there starches in the sauces. Very lively cooking with many unique recipes. The dinner menu is available from opening to closing. This remains one of our best natural Chinese food restaurants. Open daily. Low to moderate.

P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Low to moderate.

PIATTI RISTORANTE 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-1589. This country-style Italian restaurant serves admirable Italian dishes with light sauces and moderate prices. Not-to-be-missed items are the daily soups, rotisserie chicken and garlic mashed potatoes, vegetarian lasagne with zucchini, and ravioli with lemon sauce. Saturday and Sunday à la carte brunch offers 11 items, including pizza. Patio dining for all meals. Superb service. Arrive early for more leisurely dining. Very crowded weekends. Open daily. Moderate to expensive.

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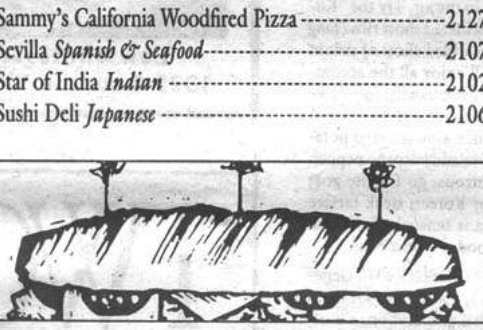

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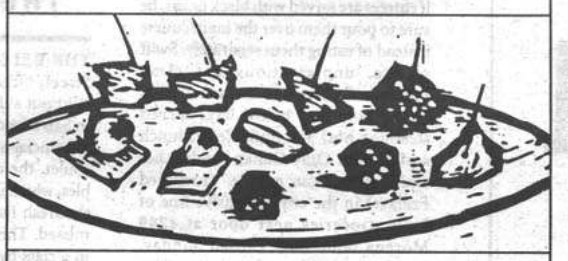

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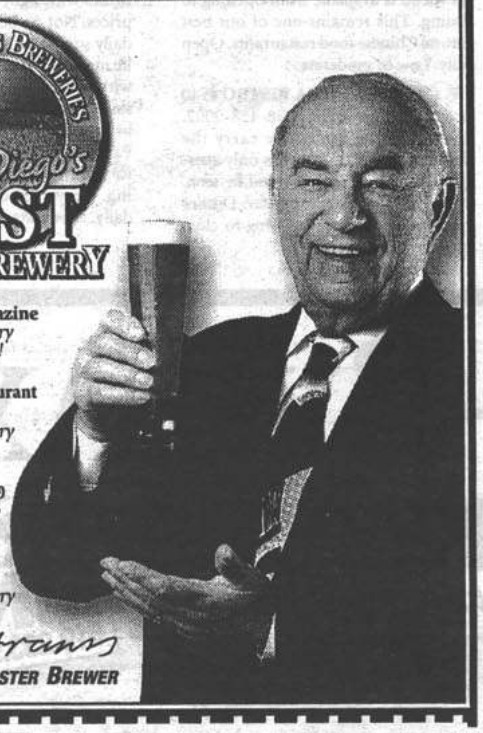

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RESTAURANTS

PICOSO 828 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-3232. Except for the small dining space (nine tables inside, five outside) this Mexican café offers delights: authentic well-prepared gourmet cooking. Twenty-one items plus 18 kinds of tacos, all exciting. *Pozole* soup/stew weekends only. Nothing is Americanized. Don't miss this one. Closed Monday; lunch and dinner, Tuesday through Sunday. Low to low moderate.

SHABU SHABU JIN SANG 7614 Fay Avenue, 858-456-4545. Shabu shabu is a style of Japanese cuisine in which the ingredients are cooked in boiling water and then dipped into sauces. The liquid becomes a soup, which you drink last. This gorgeous restaurant offers an excellent selection of shabu shabu entrées, electric cookers, patient servers, and an exotic appetizer list. Food is low calorie, low fat. Portions small, but aesthetic. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive.

SU CASA RESTAURANTE 6738 La Jolla Boulevard, 858-454-0369. Su Casa has returned to regional Mexican cooking: homemade corn tamale stuffed with crab and shrimp, deluxe fish tacos, shrimp *fajitas*, and *carnitas Michoacan*. Beans are prepared without lard. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Lunch, low. Dinner, low to moderate.

TORREYANA GRILL Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Best seafood buffet in city, served Friday nights, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. At least 21 items, most of them fresh seafood and fish plus New York cut beef and chicken. Price is $28.95, $10.95 for children. Add $10.00 for one and a quarter pound fresh Maine lobster steamed to order. Excellent value for the money. Friday night only. Expensive.

THE WHALING BAR La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, 858-454-0771. Now open after extensive renovation with an expanded menu. They offer their usual specialites, including paella. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive.

CLAIREMONT & KEARNY MESA

ANDRES PATIO RESTAURANT 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This low-priced Cuban café provides authentic specialties, of which the best are shredded beef in wine sauce, roast pork with yucca and *moros*, chicken and rice, and top sirloin, Cuban style. Select the soup over the salad, and if entrées are served with black beans, be sure to pour them over the main course instead of eating them separately. Swift service, unpretentious but clean premises. Excellent Cuban sandwiches (roast pork and baked ham served steaming hot) are available for lunch and dinner. Only Cuban sandwiches and Puerto Rican *pasteles* (prepared Fridays) in the city. Extensive line of Latin groceries next door at 1249 Morena Boulevard. Closed Sunday. Lunch Monday through Saturday. Dinner, Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations suggested. Low to low moderate.

BALBOA TOFU HOUSE 4646 Convoy Street, Clairemont, 619-576-6433. This stylish little Clairemont eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Balboa Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom), with raw egg drop you drop yourself, and side of tasty fresh kimchee. From the friendly, mannered waitress I ordered the mushroom *soontofu*, which the kitchen promises is 100 percent vegetarian, and my mouth was never bored. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food, Balboa Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Low. — Max Nash

BISTRO YANG 4705-G Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Town Square, 619-483-6893. A sister restaurant to Fortune Cookie, this elegant bistro will charm gourmet Chinese food lovers with its curried salmon, sea bass, Yang's chicken, spicy spring rolls, and other delights. Standard dishes also available. Outstanding gourmet preparations. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate.

LORNA'S ITALIAN KITCHEN 3945 Governor Drive, Vons shopping center, University City, 619-452-0661. Twenty pasta dishes are prepared here, all from scratch, as well as hot sandwiches and pizza. Fine place for families. Open daily. Low to moderate.

NIJIYA MARKET 3860 Convoy, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heatlamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *Max Nash*

THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. If it hasn't already, the "apple pancake," which is really an enormous, puffy soufflé prepared with cinnamon sugar and apples, should win a prize. Its ability to satisfy all that is soft, sweet, and wonderful can't be duplicated anywhere. The recipes for the apple pancake, the Swedish pancakes, and the flapjacks are from the original restaurant in Oregon. Omelets that cover the entire plate are accompanied by pancakes, coffee is served with whipping cream, and you'll need someone to help you out the door if you let your instincts go wild. Dream breakfast food includes fresh seasonal fruit with cream. Open daily, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Low.

SEOUL B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-505-0038. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous, go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — *Max Nash*

THAI ORCHID CUISINE 4310 Genesee Avenue, #111, 858-278-4949. Inexpensive fresh Thai preparations are offered here. The items are very mild at lunch (won ton soup arrives with every entrée), but dinner will provide you with some hot stuff. Home-style cooking. Open daily. Low to low moderate.

THE BEACHES

THE BELGIAN LION 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Without a doubt the best Belgian food in San Diego is served in this charming provincial-style dining room. The cassoulet, the confit of duck, the vegetables, which include a turnip soufflé, and the fresh fish specialties are not to be missed. This venerable dining room is in a class by itself. Please note that the Belgian Lion is open just Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for dinner only. Expensive.

BLUE BAY CAFÉ 3780 Ingraham Street, Pacific Beach, 858-581-0200. The cuisine here tends to be somewhat elaborate, so order the simplest items, especially fish. Beautiful surroundings, excellent service, and first-rate desserts. Open nightly for dinner and Sunday brunch. Low to moderate.

CHINA INN 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand streets), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. At least 118 items appear on the menu, which offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties and includes sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, shrimp in garlic sauce. Simple setting; outstanding food. The dinner is always preferable when Andy Kam, the chef/owner, is there. Ask his advice about dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Low to moderate.

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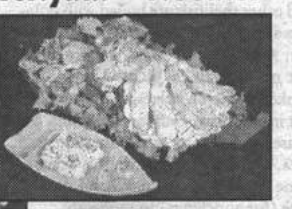



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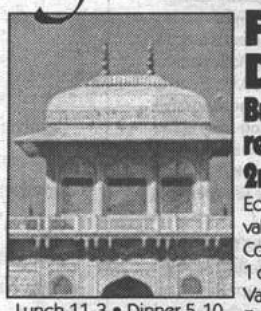

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THE FISHERY 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Half fish market, half casual fish menu, it offers fine fish and chips, salads, and fish sandwiches. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Low.

FRENCH GOURMET 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. This pleasant, airy dining room serves French food with California influences. It's light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch are served simultaneously. Ravishing desserts and bakery at one end of the restaurant. Open daily. Moderate.

KARINYA THAI RESTAURANT 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. The impressive menu boasts 80 items, of which 21 are appetizers. There's also a room with floor seating. Best bets here are firecracker shrimp, spicy fish cakes, stuffed chicken wings, and any item from the list of house specialties. Stunning presentation and excellent preparation. On weekends arrive early to avoid waiting for tables. Open daily. Low to moderate.

KOLBEH RESTAURANT 4501 E. Mission Bay Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-273-8171. Persian food is low in calories and fat and many of the dishes are charbroiled. The two best, served with enormous amounts of basmati rice, are the filet mignon and the chicken *barg* (as distinct from kabobs). To accompany any charbroiled dish, you should order yogurt with cucumbers or puréed eggplant (*borani*). Same menu served from opening to closing. Open daily. Low to moderate.

LOTSA PASTA 1762 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-581-6777. This family Italian American restaurant seats 160 people. It offers a menu where you can select your own pasta and your own sauces (12 pastas, 18 sauces). Best bets: dinner specialties with dinner salad $8.95. Only restaurant to offer *timpano* (from the movie *Big Night*). Open daily, lunch and dinner. Low to low moderate.

THE MISSION CAFE AND COFFEE HOUSE 3795 Mission Boulevard at San Jose Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Low.

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

BERTA'S LATIN AMERICAN RESTAURANT 3928 Twiggs Street, Old Town, 619-295-2343. You'll find preparations from many Latin American countries, from Argentina and Brazil to Peru. However, with few exceptions, the food is very spicy, and this includes the potato appetizer with a fiery red sauce. If you enjoy hot seasoning you'll like the pork, chicken, fish. But it's not for those who prefer what's smooth and subtle. Closed Monday, Open Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Low to low moderate.

CAFE PACIFICA 2414 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-291-6666. Superior standards always prevail here. The cooking is clean to the palate and bursting with freshness. For appetizers: Dungeness crab cakes or mussels steamed in chardonnay. For entrées, daily fresh fish, lamb chops, pasta. Everything is memorable. Not to be missed. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive.

PREGO RISTORANTE 1370 Frazee Road, Hazard Center, Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. The Italian menu offers about 50 dishes, some Italian-Californian-style, others are regional cooking. The dining room is glitzy with an open kitchen, lots of buzz and excitement. Interesting dishes here are fettuccine with scampi, double pork chops, and chicken breast. Same menu from opening to closing. Open daily. Moderate to expensive.

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ANTHONY'S LA MESA 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. The renovated room holds about 300; the menu is the same from opening to closing. Many of the old seafood salads and fish and seafood in batter are still available. However, many new seafood salads as well as fish dishes have been added. Try eating early in the week at an early hour to avoid a long wait. Noisy and crowded but located on a natural lake. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Low to expensive.

ANTONIO'S HACIENDA 700 N. Johnson (corner of Arnele), El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Fine place for children, parents, grandparents. The food is not regional or gourmet, but standard items are fresh, generous in size, and inexpensive. Sopaipillas, a deep-fried confection served with honey, are complimentary with meal. Open daily, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Low.

ASMARA RESTAURANT 4433 El Cajon Boulevard, East San Diego, 619-563-3666. Try this Abyssinian/Ethiopian restaurant. The menu is limited to beef, lamb, chicken, and vegetables, and the food is very spicy. No utensils are offered. You pick up the food with *injera*, a spongy bread. Try the *sambusas*, chicken with hard-boiled egg, lamb cubes, and vegetable platter. Often frequented by college students. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Low.

D.Z. AKIN'S Alvarado Plaza, 6930 Alvarado Road, State College area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Low to moderate.

J-K'S GREEK CAFE 7749 University Avenue, La Mesa, 619-464-1915. This recently remodeled restaurant is a find for tasty, fresh, home-style Greek cooking. The marinated half-chicken, the moussaka, the *pastitsio*, and the *souvlaki* are authentically prepared, as are the hummus and ground beef and lamb. A Feast, for two people, includes mousaka, *pastitsio, dolmades,* gyros, pita, and Greek salad. Desserts — baklava, *kataifi,* and custard pie — are prepared on the premises. Takeouts available. Lunch and dinner, Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday. Low.

PHO HOACALI 4126 University Ave., City Heights, 619-284-2620. This place isn't glamorous, but there's an ease about it I like. And the kitchen is dependable, *consistently* good. Try their complex, clean-tasting chicken noodle soup or the light, intricate *bungio*, a bowl of rice noodles and spring rolls with spicy dipping sauce. The chicken in lemon grass with hot pepper is also particularly good. Their menu lists 24 beverages, which are simple, but artfully made. I'm partial to their limeade. Pho Hoacali is a lesson in how the plainest ingredients, intelligently balanced, can produce something unforgettable. — *Max Nash*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

A DONG 3874 Fairmount Avenue, East San Diego, 619-298-4420. Since the Vietnamese menu runs to 200 items, you may eat here several times a week for a month and not exhaust the variety. Extensive vegetarian selection. Dishes may not arrive in the order you requested them, so relax and enjoy the surprise. Closed Monday. Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low.

JYOTI BIHANGA 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Low-cost, tasty, and fresh vegetarian dishes with international influences. The mildly Indian ones include a different curry every other day. Soups, salads, and nightly specials are good bets. Simple dining room. Saturday brunch, all you can eat. Hours change often, so phone before you go there. Open daily. Low.

KENSINGTON GRILL 4055 Adams Ave., Kensington, 619-281-4014. This new addition to an old neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Salads are well prepared, as is the savory smoked duck appetizer with cheese-bread pudding. These preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold — as do the entrées. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jécama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hard-working kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *Max Nash.*

VESUVIO GOURMET 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-282-7040. Wonderful Southern and regional Italian food is served here. The interior is gorgeous, the service swift, and the servings huge and tempting. Open nightly for dinner. Low to upper moderate.

UPTOWN

ADAMS AVENUE GRILL 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The chef-owner produces first-rate cuisine at low prices with mammoth portions — it takes two people to finish one dish. Best bets: Thai salad or walnut-teriyaki chicken salad or any dish from "Tempting Features": salmon, pork, pasta. Don't miss the pot roast with mashed potatoes, from 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, lunch and dinner. Saturday and Sunday, brunch and dinner. Low to moderate.

ARRIVEDERCI 3845 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. The chef has cooked at major European hotels and the food is outstanding. You won't go wrong with any of the pastas, and you may order small portions in combination. The appetizers and salads are also excellent. Chicken and shrimp fare well here. Modest physical plant, but it delivers in flavor and light preparations. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Low to moderate.

CALIFORNIA CUISINE 1027 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. This Hillcrest restaurant has been around forever, has a durable reputation and an established clientele. Perhaps the flawless waitstaff working their sleek, calm dining room is the reason why. The menu is sensible but the preparations uneven. The appetizers are interesting, but don't live up to their promise. It is California Cuisine's classic entrées that endure despite their menu's excessive range. I recommend the New York steak or lamb loin, accompanied by one of their clever salads. If you appreciate life's finer things, California Cuisine is a place for a good meal. Moderate to expensive. — *Max Nash*

GULF COAST GRILL 4130 Park Boulevard, 619-295-2244. Artistic two-level interior, lots of spicy Cajun/Creole. Best bets, peel 'n' eat shrimp, New Orleans barbecue shrimp, New York strip steak, rainbow trout. Dinners only nightly. Low to expensive.

HOB NOB HILL 2271 First Avenue, Bankers Hill, 619-239-8176. This restaurant has always led a double life. For breakfast during the week it appeals to professionals who make deals and exchange news over endless cups of coffee. At night it serves old-fashioned meals: corned beef and cabbage, fried chicken, beef stew with dumplings, roast pork and lamb, sauerbraten. These specials are accompanied by choice of soup or salad, potatoes, vegetables, small individualized breads or muffins. However, the old-fashioned preparations are not low-calorie. Breakfast is served all day. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Dinner starts at 4:00 p.m. nightly. Low to moderate.

IMPERIAL HOUSE 505 Kalmia Street, 619-234-3525. If you are close to Balboa Park, this is an excellent place for lunch. The special, which costs $8.95, includes soup or salad plus hot entrée. For dinner try steak, fresh fish, Anna potatoes. Tableside service and a charming view of the park. In a separate room is the Mystery Dinner Theatre which includes dinner plus theater on Friday and Saturday. (Call for prices.) Closed Sunday. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Saturday; dinner theater, Friday and Saturday in separate room. Moderate to expensive.

MISSION HILLS CAFE 808 West Washington, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010. Here's a good bargain restaurant for dinner. There are two dining rooms with the atmosphere of a casual neighborhood restaurant — nothing fancy, but good value for the money. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Breakfast items available until 4:00 p.m. Moderate.

MIXX RESTAURANT 3671 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. Your old favorites are still available with the executive chef offering interesting appetizers and entrées Friday and Saturday night. Weekend specials change weekly. Music, beautiful art, attentive service. Open nightly for dinner. Moderate to expensive.

MONTANAS AMERICAN GRILL 1421 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-297-0722. At this Southwestern American café you can easily make a meal from the first courses plus one of several salads. Pasta dishes are good choices. Smoked or grilled items include barbecue salmon, ribs, and skewered lamb. Venison chili or steak sandwich always a good bet. Pleasant atmosphere. Excellent service. Open daily. Lunch Monday through Friday. Dinners nightly Low to upper moderate.

ONO SUSHI AND PACIFIC SPICE 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly. Low to moderate.

PARALLEL 33 741 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, etcetera — the 33rd parallel. This new ethno-blend resaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for their shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the mango and ahi appetizer, one of the best I've ever eaten. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or steak strips over mashed potato and caramelized onion show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, thinks with her mouth. — *Max Nash*

TRATTORIA POSITANO 142 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. Sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty Italian food but also for loving atmosphere. Sixteen pasta dishes; many salads and entrées. A treat. Try seabass, salmon, any pasta. Lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive.

DOWNTOWN

ANTHONY'S FISH GROTTO 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), 619-232-5103. For its fresh seafood salads, its fish and chips, and its daily fresh fish specials, Anthony's still goes to the head of the class for stability of product, good-sized portions, time-honored preparation, and low cost. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Low to expensive.

ASTI RISTORANTE 728 Fifth Avenue (near G Street), Gaslamp Quarter, 619-232-8844. The room is very attractive and an open hearth for wood-fired pizzas adds to the festivities. First courses, such as polenta, salads with filet mignon, and salads with seafood, are first-rate. Recipes are from Piedmont, in northern Italy. Outdoor seating. Open daily, lunch and dinner. A few expensive dishes but mostly moderate.

ATHENS MARKET 109 West F Street, 619-234-1955. Surely the finest Greek restaurant in San Diego, and it's ideal before or after a cultural event. Lentil soup, Greek appetizers, salads, chicken, fish, and lamb dishes are first-rate and so are the desserts. It's festive for late-night dining. Open for lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Separate dining rooms for parties. Moderate to expensive.

BANDAR FINE PERSIAN CUISINE 825 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter, 619-238-0101. The best Persian food in the city is prepared here. It's sensuous, low fat, and a blessing to the sight as well as the palate. Try stuffed grape leaves, yogurt, eggplant, charbroiled filet mignon, lamb, or chicken. Order all three kinds of rice. Enchanting interior, wonderful service. Not to be missed. Open daily, same menu lunch and dinner. Low to moderate.

BAYOU BAR AND GRILL 329 Market Street, 619-696-8747. You'll find the best Creole and Cajun food here, prepared in authentic style. The menu offers crawfish, jambalaya, soft-shell crab, duck, trout, and many other ravishing goodies. Open for lunch and dinner daily, Sunday champagne brunch. Moderate.

CANDELA 416 3rd Avenue, downtown, 619-702-4467. The food at this downtown restaurant is best described as continental with Mexican influences. The kitchen at Candela is conscientious and the service attentive, delivering enjoyment from appetizer through dessert. They also offer a fine selection of affordable Baja wines. Recommended dishes include lamb chops, mussels, or salmon. And when they offer, do take an extra fresh roll filled with soft white cheese, but leave room for one of their excellent "grown-up" desserts, like chocolate banana cake or cheesecake. Moderate. — *Max Nash*

DAKOTA GRILL AND SPIRITS 901 Fifth Avenue, 619-234-5554. If you enjoy barbecued ribs, rotisserie chicken, or roasted garlic, you'll have a field day here. You can dine upstairs and look down on Fifth Avenue, or you can dine at street level. A simple but highly satisfying meal consists of spiced tamale soup plus Caesar salad. Open daily, lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Low to expensive. Nightclub, Club 66, downstairs.

DOBSON'S 956 Broadway Circle, 619-231-6771. Best bets here remain the signature soup, mussel bisque with a crust; the nightly fresh fish entrées; and rack of lamb. Monday through Thursday, fixed-price meal for includes soup, salad, or appetizer, and choice of one of four entrées, dessert, and beverage. Upstairs seating area preferable. Excellent service. Closed Sunday. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Monday through Saturday; late hours on the weekends. Expensive.

DOBSON'S 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, cu-

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HARBOR HOUSE 831 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-1141. The two-level building and the view of the harbor are major attractions. Fish and seafood predominate but chicken, pasta, and steak are also available. The dining room seats 250, so don't expect intimacy. Preparations are wholesome but not original. Open daily. Moderate to expensive.

KING AND I THAI CUISINE 618-622 Fifth Avenue (at Market), 619-238-2328. Very attractive surroundings include one area with pillows and small tables for floor seating; the other side has tables and booths. The dinner menu offers 52 items, all a treat to the eye and palate. Remember that "medium" spicy means very hot and green curry sauce is the spiciest. All appetizers are first rate and so are seafood dishes. Open daily, lunch and dinner; to 11:00 pm Friday and Saturday. Low to moderate.

MISTER A's 2550 Fifth Avenue, 619-239-1377. The views of the bay and the city are as dazzling as ever. The cadre of waiters and the luxury dining room have remained constant through the years. If you've dined here recently and enjoy the food, so much the better. But if you have never dined at Mister A's, be aware that the food preparation is average. Fish, chicken, steak, and beef Wellington are featured. Lunch, Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive.

RESTAURANT VIGNOLA 828 Sixth Avenue (next door to Ramada Inn), 619-231-1111. Excellent cooking from south of France. Five entrées plus chef suggestions insure fine meal. Call 24 hours in advance for any special dish that you'd like. Lovely setting, excellent service. Best French restaurant in the Gaslamp. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive.

SALLY'S RESTAURANT One Market Place, rear of Hyatt Regency Hotel, 619-687-6080. You'll get great fish here as well as free-range chicken, lobster, and beef. Try Arctic char, loin of tuna, swordfish. Side dishes tend to be elaborate. Dinners for 6 to 12 served at chef's table in the kitchen. Open daily. Expensive.

TRATTORIA PORTOBELLO 715 Fourth Avenue (at G), Gaslamp Quarter, 619-232-4440. The owners of Panevino operate this chic restaurant with its light menu and wide variety of dishes. You can make a meal from appetizers. The pastas are the best bets. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive.

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

ANTHONY'S CHULA VISTA 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200. The only Anthony's to serve candlelight dinners nightly in the cocktail lounge. Regular Anthony's menu plus fresh fish market. Open daily, lunch and dinner. No reservations. Low to expensive.

CHEZ LOMA 1132 Loma Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0661. Chez Loma, located in a historical house, serves fine fresh fish, chicken, and duck. Early-evening dinner every night includes soup or salad and entrée. The Sunday sit-down brunch is highly civilized. Open for dinner nightly; brunch Sunday. Early dinner, moderate; menu, expensive.

ISLAND PASTA 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. Casual atmosphere and fine pizzas, pasta dishes, and daily specials at low cost. Same menu lunch and dinner. Remember this café if you're visiting Coronado. Arrive early to avoid wait. Open daily. Lunch and dinner. Low.

L'ESCALE Coronado Island Marriott Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. This is the casual dining room that faces the pool at this first-rate hotel. Menus are constantly changing, so call to discover what type of cuisine is available. Twilight dinner is served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The dinner includes salad, entrée, dessert, and tea or coffee. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate to expensive..

PRIMAVERA 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This standout in Coronado's culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera's accomplished staff takes unpretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. — *Max Nash*

TOMATOES PLUS: A CALIFORNIA BISTRO 4346 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-8494. Here's a low-cost California-cuisine restaurant with very friendly atmosphere, very good preparations for the money, and a menu that offers 15 entrée salads, 15 pasta entrées, and nightly specials. You can make a meal from chili or homemade soup served in a bowl made from bread, or any of the excellent salads. Pasta dishes arrive with soup or salad. The home-style soup is a knockout. Nonfat or low-fat oils used in cooking. Great fun. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Low.

TIJUANA

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BIRRIERIA GUANAJUATO Avenida Abraham González 102, Colonia Francisco Villa, 37-70-70. The amazing aspect of this restaurant high in the Tijuana hills is that the menu, limited to roasted baby goat (*cabrito*) and melted cheese pancakes (*gorditas*), is authentic, tasty, fresh, and unbelievably low in cost. It's worth the effort to find this place. Take downtown offramp to Third. Consider Avenida Revolución "A" Street. Count down the streets until you arrive at "H." Turn left at "H," turn right on Fourth and go all the way up the hill to Colonia Altamira, then turn onto Francisco Villa. A true dining adventure. Be sure to arrive as early as possible, before food runs out. Open daily, continuous service, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Low.

BUENOS AIRES Calle 9 and Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, Suite 7 and 8, Centro Comercial Bazaar Rio, Zona Rio, 84-73-32. If you've never sampled Argentinian food you should do so in this charming restaurant. It offers a cold appetizer platter, *Plato Argentino*, that holds meat stuffed with spinach or grated carrots, tounge, kidneys, and two types of empanadas, pastries filled with ground beef or cheese. Argentinian menus always provide Italian specialities and the cannelloni here is excellent. Should you adore grilled meats, try the *parrillada*, with the grill brought directly to the table, filled with steak, sausage, and sweetbread. If you'd prefer less exotic fare, try soup, empanadas, a pasta dish, and rolled breast of chicken. The service is excellent, the hostess-owner is delightful, and the prices are low. Menu is printed in Spanish, but the waiters speak English. Live music Tuesday through Sunday. Open Sunday through Thursday noon to midnight, Friday and Saturday until 1:00 a.m.

CAFE LA ESPECIAL 718 Avenida Revolución, between Calle 3 and Calle 4, 85-66-54. Robust tacos, enchiladas, chiles rellenos, tamales, egg dishes, and steak have been prepared at this unpretentious but good café for decades. La Especial is a favorite for families who want to eat at low cost. The stairway leading down to the dining room opens on Revolución, and the covered bazaar that extends beyond is a prime tourist attraction. Open Sunday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Low.

LA FONDA ROBERTO'S La Sierra Motel, Old Road to Ensenada, Avenida Cuahutemoc #2800, 86-46-87. Unusual regional specialties are found here. Beef tongue in sesame seed sauce, spicy shredded pork with artichoke seeds, two preparations of chicken, a half dozen of steak. Don't miss the soups or *chile en nogada*. Portions are small, so two people may order three entrées. Take Avenida Revolución all the way to Agua Caliente Blvd. At Calimax, make a right; go up three blocks and make a left. After one block, make another left. Roberto's is in the motel just after the road veers right. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. Low to moderate.

VALLARTA NATURAL 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 011-52-66-86-15-60. Vallarta Natural makes travel to Tijuana appetizing, serving only the healthiest, freshest ingredients. The kitchen makes its own bread and rolls, soy chorizo, vegetable stock, and gluten daily. Recommended are goblets of fresh juice, *caldo Tlalpeño* soup, *taquitos panzones* (soft tacos) filled with sautéed mushrooms or soy chorizo, tostadas, and especially *milanesa*. The *milanesa* is made from fresh gluten and is almost indistinguishable from veal: breaded, fried, it is delicious. Cool, clean, pleasant atmosphere. Open daily. Low. — *Max Nash*

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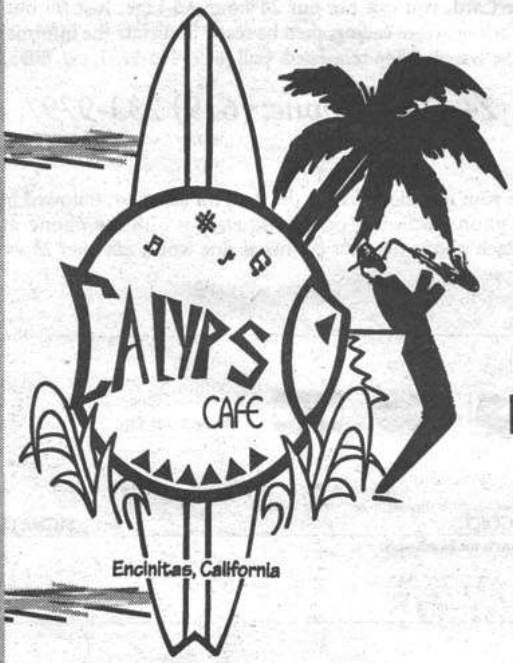

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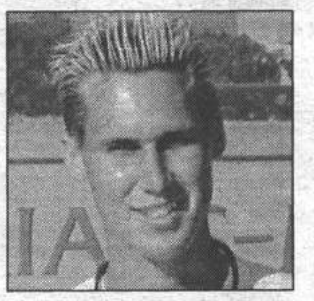
I don't think you're going to see the rapid rate of progress that we've made in the last 50 years in the first 50 years of the 21st Century. We went from something that barely flies to propeller-driven planes to supersonic speeds to space travel in this century. I don't think you're gong to see that kind of change in the next. I think we've hit a plateau. I mean, we've gone from inventing the telephone to wireless, digital, computerized everything. It's just been an incredible century. I think changes from now on will be more subtle, more behind-the-scenes. And as a society, we're in big trouble. Take the schools, for instance, they've got metal detectors in some schools and they're frisking students. It's a mess and it's hard to see it getting better. I think you're going to see a large movement toward in-home-school-type stuff in the 21st Century.



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I think the advances in technology in the 21st Century are going to blow people away. Technological advances are going to change our lives in so many different ways from cars, to TV, to music. Our personal environments will change drastically. These things are going to make life more convenient for us but at the same time make life more difficult than it has been in this century as far as jobs go. If you don't have computer skills, you're not really going to be able to get a good job anywhere. If you can't operate the new things that they're going to come out with, you'll find it hard to find work.



Kevin Murphy
Clinical Researcher
Oxford, England

I think it will be worse than the 20th Century in many ways because there will be too many people on earth. The planet is going to become too polluted, and there will be too many people and too few resources. Richer countries will probably put up big high walls, trying to protect themselves. It's going to be two very divided parts of the world. There will be the very rich people and many, many more very poor people. The disparity between rich and poor will become greater. I think you can already see it happening. The rich countries will want to preserve their way of life so they'll build walls to keep out the Third World populations. It's going to get worse and worse in the next century because Third World populations are booming. The world's population is going to double in the next 30 years.



Jan Leo
Housecleaner
Banker's Hill

I think there'll be more advances in scientific areas, in particular space exploration. I think it's really going to accelerate to where we're sending people to other planets. I think you'll see people become less personal with each other than they've been up to now. As we become more electronic, as our communications become more and more electronic, as our entertainment becomes more electronic, people will have less direct interpersonal contact with each other. An evening's entertainment used to be getting together with three other people and playing bridge. That's old hat now. Now we've got computers, we've got TV, all these types of personal entertainment that don't involve interaction with other people. It's you in your little box. You don't need to socialize, you don't need other people. That will just get worse in the 21st Century. But, hopefully, people will recognize that they are becoming too insular and return to interpersonal communication and entertainment.

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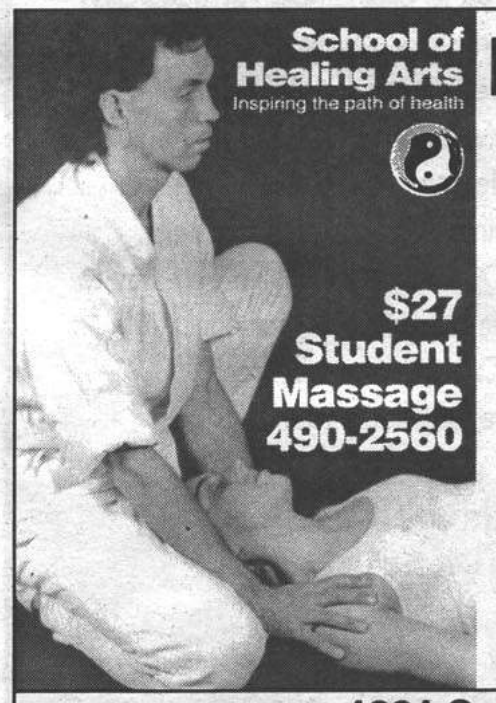

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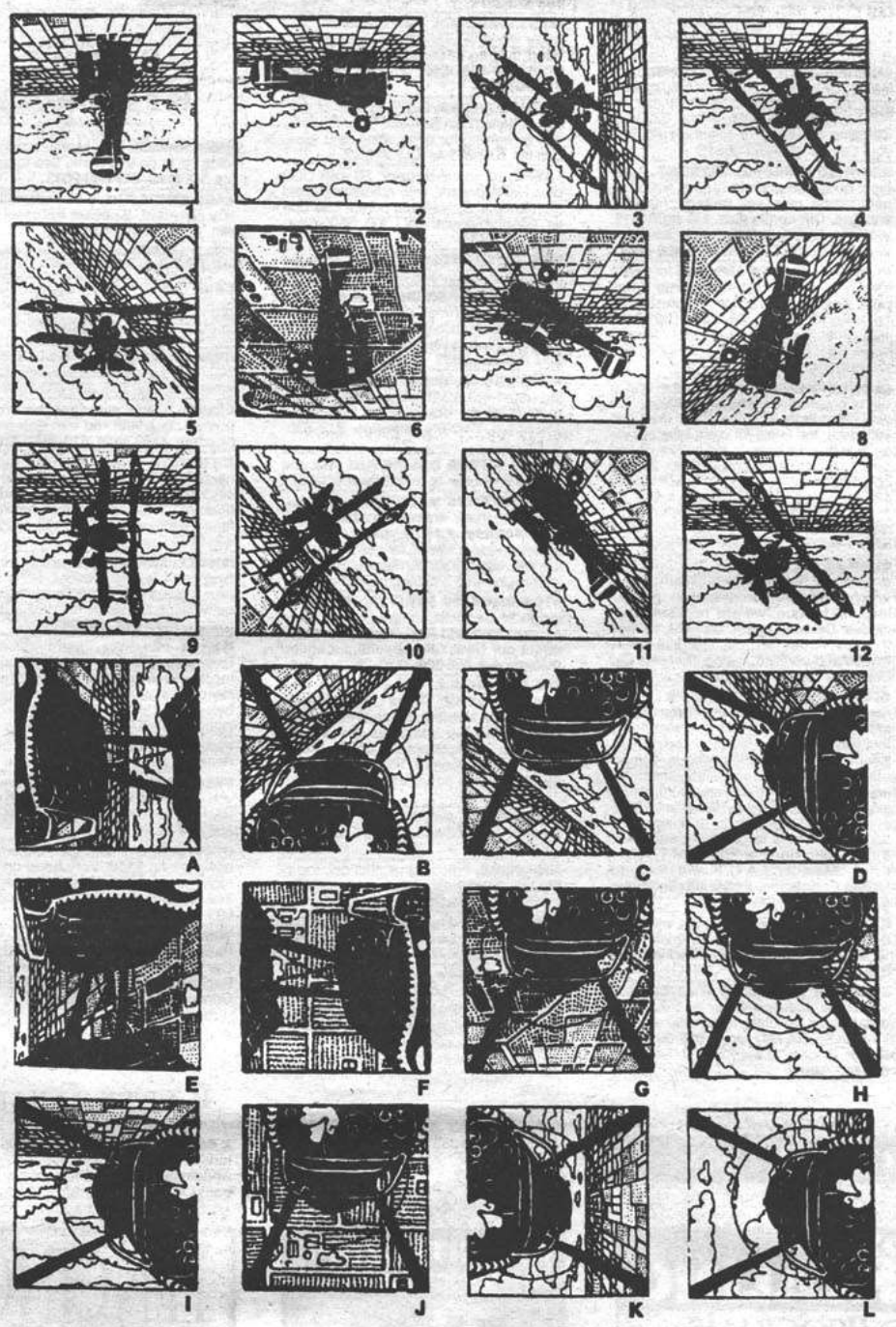

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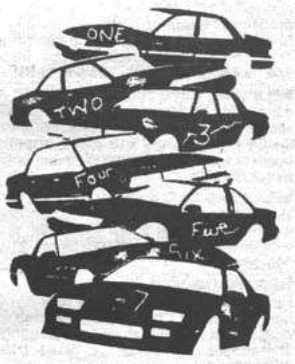

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AUDITIONS. For performing improv-sketch comedy group, Comedy Under Construction. Los Angeles trained director looking for experienced performers with resume. Call 858-551-1169.

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PICTURE STORY

Photograph from the San Diego Historical Society



Rubberneckers survey the damage following a streetcar crash near Ocean Beach. Death by streetcar wasn't uncommon in San Diego's early days. The *Union*'s archives note the passing of a little girl named Creotilda, elderly widows, an "old Indian" named Christova, and, in 1937 (the year of this collision), a Ross De Armond, a Union Tribune proofreader "...[his] body wedged between front wheels of street car; native of Dayton, Michigan, survived by wife Florence...."

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MATCHES

SHARED INTERESTS

FEMALE DANCE PARTNER wanted. I want to improve and learn country dance skills with partner in classes or videos, or on location. (1/19) ☎49442

FRIENDSHIP. Irrepressible athlete, 49, new-to-area female, Ph.D. Passions include distance swimming, hiking, running, biking, music, philosophy, wit/humor, mentoring children. Seeking congruent companion with joie de vivre. (1/12) ☎49294

FRIENDSHIP. Y2K resolution: Meet new people. Female, 30, looking to make new, easygoing, open-minded friends. Hiking, weekend travel, trying new things, just enjoying life. (1/12) ☎49293

FRIENDSHIP. Single, intelligent female, 30s, seeks down-to-earth, positive, platonic female friends who appreciate the arts, points of interest, animals, movies, music, cooking, laughter. (1/19) ☎49326

FRIENDSHIP. Ph.D. looking for someone who is somewhat educated in and appreciates the fine arts and the finer things of life. (1/19) ☎49322

FRIENDSHIP. Single, 26 year old, female. Looking for fun, reliable females to carry over to the new year as friends. (1/19) ☎49323

FRIENDSHIP. Seeking professional female or male friends (26-36) for intelligent conversation, theater, movies, bookstore browsing, occasional dinners, work day rants and more. (1/19) ☎49344

FRIENDSHIP. Active guy, 37, going to Philippines next year. Like to meet friends to help me with travel plans. I sail, camp, cycle. Open. (1/19) ☎49443

FRIENDSHIP. Intelligent, easygoing, witty guy, 47, seeks platonic friends for activities and good conversation. Music, walking, happy hours, hiking, car camping, sightseeing, etc. (1/19) ☎49441

FRIENDSHIP. Mutual support for fitness in Mesa College area. Walk, bike, roller skate? Me: Female, 50s, need partner for nagging and reminding. (1/19) ☎49440

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FRIENDSHIP. North County male, 48, dad, wild and crazy golfer, skier; Vegas, humor, passionate, parent, kindhearted, outgoing, open, honest. Seeking female friend— ditto. (1/19) ☎49439

FRIENDSHIP. Female, 35, seeks down-to-earth and very sincere girlfriends for movies, restaurants, just visiting, light walking and shopping. Nonsnobs; East County. (1/19) ☎49456

FRIENDSHIP. Single female, 35, looking for single female hiking partner to enjoy outdoors on weekends. Platonic friendship. Just looking for friend/female only. Escondido area. (1/19) ☎49457

FUN AND FRIENDSHIP. Upbeat, mid-30s female seeking new girlfriends for clubbing, beach, happy hours, meeting men. Please be reliable and available for friendship. (1/19) ☎49438

HORSE CLUB. Special ad. Love horses? European lady looking for friends to create organization. I have 20 years experience. Only honest answerers please. (1/19) ☎49437

IN-LINE SKATERS/rollerbladers! Let's meet. Fun! Fitness-oriented skates! All abilities. Also hike, mountian bike, snowboard, ski, drink beer. (1/19) ☎49324

LANGUAGE EXCHANGE. Practice your English, correct my Spanish or Portuguese. I have professional teaching experience but you don't need any. (1/12) ☎49290

MOVIE BIZ. Single male, 40s, seeks others for treks to movies, and to share interests in movie making. Work part-time in film, video, animation. (1/12) ☎49265

SPORTS FANS. NFL, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs, sports-oriented individuals to attend games. Workout partner wanted. Coach preferred. USMC, USN or football background ideal. (1/19) ☎49325

Walking/Hiking

Female, white, 55, wants to lose 20lbs. and enjoy doing it. La Jolla resident. Start with 2 miles. 10 miles later. (1/12) ☎49262

WRITERS. Seeking female writer to coauthor spiritually based movies and/or personal holistic growth or metaphysical books. (1/12) ☎49289

MATCHES

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

DAMSEL IN DISTRESS. 42, fit, fun nonsmoker looking for same or older— male companionship for happy hours, dinners, movies, travel. Save me from loneliness! (1/19) ☎48916

STUNNING, ATHLETIC, fun, tall blonde, 32, professional, avid traveller, new to San Diego. Love outdoors, skiing, concerts, cozy evenings. Seeking tall, attractive, fun, intellect, 27-35. (1/12) ☎48855

YOUNG LOOKING, CLASSY, attractive European lady, 45, tall, slim, romantic, professional, great personality. Seeking classy, tall African-American, 38-48, for friendship, maybe relationship. (1/19) ☎48924

AFFECTIONATE, VIBRANT, humorous, 50ish, Asian professional, travelled, financially/emotionally secure, no vices. Seeking Caucasian, degreed, honest, loyal, traditional values, single life style. Monogamous, enriching relationship. (1/12) ☎48862

STRIKINGLY BEAUTIFUL BLACK woman, 5'8", 125lbs., 26, happy, healthy, intelligent, talented. Seeking attractive, charming, successful Caucasian, 40-55, for friendship, laughter, adventure. Please be generous, romantic. (1/19) ☎48897

WILL YOU TAKE ME OUT ON Valentine's Day? Cute Asian, master degreed, single mother seeking handsome, Caucasian, 5'10"+, nonsmoker, 32-42, military, Coast Guard, fireman; relationship. (1/19) ☎48901

PISCES. BLACK, INTELLIGENT, good-looking lady in her mid-30s looking for a black, intelligent gentleman, 35 and up, for one-on-one relationship. (1/12) ☎48833

TENNIS? DANCE? BIKE? Theatre? Films? Stimulating conversation? Pretty, petite, North County professional seeks active, slim, educated male playmate (60-70) for outdoor and indoor activities. (1/12) ☎48851

ONE IN A MILLION— that's me; that's you. No Mr. Macho. Be thoughtful, gentle, honest, creative, animal lover, nonsmoker, 38-48. I'm cute, smart, sweet, independent. (1/19) ☎48914

GERMAN BLONDE, blue-green eyes, sensual, passionate, great looking, 5'6", 39. Seeking financially stable, successful, well-educated professional, handsome, tall, humorous, honest, sincere, caring romantic. (1/19) ☎48907

LOOKING FOR MR. Nice Guy. Me: 48, 5'2", curvy, brunette. Likes skiing, golfing, "River," reading. You: Nonsmoker, honest, humorous, jeans to tuxedo. Friends first. (1/19) ☎48888

REFINED, BRIGHT, attractive, 47, fit, intense, communicative, affectionate; adore touch, travel, reading. Seeking 48-53, classy, caring, warm smile gentleman— wants be treated like a king. (1/12) ☎48837

SUNSETS FROM THE COUCH. Walks along the beach. Adventurous lady, slender, feminine, romanceful, sometimes outrageous, 40s. Dancer, swimmer, exotic travels. Seeking upscale guy. Let's love! (1/19) ☎48874

AFFECTIONATE, ATTRACTIVE Jewish lady seeks tall Jewish gentleman, 58-62, who is considerate, loving, physically fit and who enjoys exploring various facets of life's offerings. (1/12) ☎48834

CUTE, FULL FIGURED, 32, blonde, affectionate southerner, good people. Desire tallish black man, open, honest, real, 28-38, can handle his own; fun times, maybe more... (1/12) ☎48860

ENERGETIC GO-GETTER, petite, cute, young 50-year-old white female looking for an honest rèlationship/romance. I am caring, affectionate, passionate, sensual. Interested? (1/19) ☎48936

NICE LADY SEEKING an attractive man, 25-40, for fun times, dating. I enjoy concerts, dining out, movies, weekend getaways. I'm 34. Brown/hazel. Call! (1/12) ☎48854

CONSCIOUS COMMITMENT. Beautiful inside/out, creative healer/mystic, 38, seeks tall, sensual, solvent, mindful knockout. Strong mind, body, energy, ready for unimaginable intimacy, eclectic partnership. (1/19) ☎48937

SPORTY (SHORTIE) BLONDE, attractive, active, young 49, looking for a nice, athletic man (with dog a plus) for fun in the sun and cultural evenings. (1/19) ☎48902

ENERGETIC, DYNAMIC, attractive 51, 5'4", youthful, active; hikes, bikes, walks, adventure, music, movies, theater; caring, loving, spiritual, cheerful; integrity, communicator, nonsmoker/drinker. Seeking similar 43-55. (1/19) ☎48917

ATTRACTIVE LATINA, professional, fit, 5'4", 33 and fun. Love to travel. Seeking handsome, 35-45, confident, spiritual, educated career man with no kids yet. (1/12) ☎48826

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, voluptuous blonde, 38, spontaneous; sophisticated yet wild, seeks fun, attractive stable man. Prefer dark, handsome, American-Indian/Hispanic, etc., for fun, relationship. (1/19) ☎48906

IMPATIENTLY WAITING and ever hopeful. Great looking, 40s professional with smarts, humor and playful core seeks same in great guy. Good times are fleeing fast! (1/19) ☎48872

SEXY, SASSY, SILLY— smart too! Love to laugh, 34, professional, brunette, green eyes, 5'5", fit. You: 32-42, fit, professional. Baggage must fit in overhead compartment. (1/19) ☎48895

ATTRACTIVE PROFESSIONAL, Hispanic, active, 44, intelligent, sincere, compassionate, communicative, considerate, romantic. Seeking 43-55, good-natured guy with kind heart and mature, positive outlook of life. (1/19) ☎48884

BRAZILIAN GIRL, 5'1", 158lbs., beautiful smile. Looking for a cute black guy. No games please. (1/19) ☎48934

PRAGMATIC OPTIMIST, PETITE, attractive, shapely, energetic, intelligent, sensuous, young 52; enjoys life, movies, dancing, talking, San Diego. Seeking 48-60 man to share adventures. Humor essential. (1/19) ☎48898

ADVENTUROUS SINGLE MOM looking for man to share family time as well as alone time. Like camping, dancing, movies and trying new things. (1/12) ☎48859

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD. 40s, Jewish (nonreligious). Enjoy movies, dining, Chargers, comedy clubs. Seeking intelligent, outgoing, affectionate, romantic man for warm days, cold nights, and exploring the city. (1/12) ☎48861

ATTRACTIVE, ASIAN healthcare professional, nice legs/figure, 5'3", 110lbs., never married, nonsmoker, homeowner. Seeking financially stable, successful professional, nonsmoker, handsome, fit Asian/Caucasian. 32-50. (1/12) ☎48847

BROWN SUGAR MOMMA. Seeking tall, black, thick, handsome, gentleman professional for possible serious long term. 37+, stable/secure. Love concerts, music, movies, romance. No games. (1/19) ☎48873

SEIZE THE MOMENT with classy brunette who enjoys boating, fishing, snorkeling, ocean and much more. Want humorous, outgoing, spontaneous, happy professional/entrepreneur, handsome, 45-55, gentleman. (1/19) ☎48885

VOLUPTUOUS REDHEAD, 40, seeks tall, strong man. You should be 35-45, financially stable, good sense of humor and ready for the relationship of a lifetime. (1/12) ☎48865

TALL, BLONDE NONSMOKER, early 40s, active, single mom (of one), employed, stable, honest, fairly conservative, seeks similar traits in gentleman for friendship/companionship. Race open. (1/12) ☎48853

BIKER WANTED. Harley rider, 6'+, for navigator born to ride. Adventurous, healthy, good-looking laugher needs friend to share fun times. Relationship possible. Let's go! (1/19) ☎48903

AUTHENTIC, ARTISTIC, active, spiritual, financially/emotionally secure cutie. Seeking interesting, honest, humorous professional to share life's adventures. Love of theatre, arts a plus. 48-55. (1/19) ☎48871

ADVENTUROUS, ATTRACTIVE, petite homeowner seeking tall, professional, single white female, 36-45. We love water sports, traveling, Mexico, golf. Let's get together and have some fun. (1/19) ☎48875

SEXY, VERY ATTRACTIVE, green-eyed, blonde business owner, 53, in search of single white male to be my millennium man, nonsmoker, 46-58, 6'. You're it if you're spiritually, physically, emotionally, financially fit. A witty, inquisitive, sharp mind a must! Right chemistry, travel, theater, sports, concerts, stimulating conversation keeps my attention. Are you my man? (1/19) ☎48920

HAIR IMPAIRED BUT STILL adorable, successful? It's not what's on your head, it's what's in your head! I'm dreamy, a yummy, lively, carefree, intelligent blonde. (1/12) ☎48828

INTELLECTUAL APPROACH YET humble. Enjoy gym, books, film, arts, nature, getaways, spiritual outlook, KPBS, humor. 43 seeks similar with style, class to share, learn, love. (1/19) ☎48886

PETITE, FIT, INTELLIGENT, playful, nature lover, vegetarian, mid-40s, RN, daytrader, mom (son, 13), seeking communication, companionship (hiking, biking, music), chemistry with congenial 42-43 year old. (1/19) ☎48940

PASSIONATE DANISH WOMAN, blonde with brains, 25, 5'7", shapely, abs. Cute, confident. Seeking handsome, athletic, intelligent, ambitious, thoughtful romantic. No kids, 27-40, for living life. (1/12) ☎48840

FUN LOVING, ATTRACTIVE, 23 years. Love nights out on the town and quiet nights at home. Enjoy dancing, movies, weekend getaways. Looking for the same! (1/19) ☎48912

ATTRACTIVE, FIT, 35 years, brown, green eyes. Into working out, golf, cooking, theater, dancing. Seeking similar in tall, handsome, fit, nice guy. Hair a plus! (1/19) ☎48896

ATTRACTIVE, 5'5", black/green, cultured, intuitive, sensuous, successful professional seeking same in health-conscious white male, 48-58, positive, fun-loving companionship and travel. (1/19) ☎48869

SMART, PRETTY, FUNNY, sexy stewardess, blonde, 5'6", 123lbs., slender with great legs, desires educated, witty, tall, North Coastal cuddler! Love outdoors, music, reading, biking, beaches. (1/12) ☎48845

BRAINS REQUIRED, hair optional. Blonde, 5'8", fit, financially secure, female professional seeks nonsmoking North County Coastal man, 45-55. (1/12) ☎48850

LOVE FOR 2000. Looking for a new love for the new year and century. Been alone too long. Silver and fluffy and active. (1/19) ☎48878

WHAT'S THE DEAL? I'm cute, sexy, educated, successful, great smile, adventurous, fun to be with, 38 years old, 5'9" and alone. Where are you? (1/19) ☎48889

COMPASSIONATE, SUPPORTIVE, 40, 5'7", 165lbs., curvaceous, pretty, spiritual/enthusiastic, educational-children's entertainer seeks creative, healthy, loving, responsible, fun man with intuition, depth, beauty, open communication. (1/19) ☎48929

SMOKER, 55+. Are you? Teddy bear, huggable, jolly, flexible, country, trustworthy, handy, all-around treat. I'm 55, jolly manager seeking you! I'm flexible, white, widowed. (1/19) ☎48908

SINGLE, 53, 5'4", 127lbs., classy, nice personality/looks. Seeking single, white, educated gentleman, 49+, to celebrate/have fun New Year's Eve dinner at friend's house. (1/19) ☎48877

WHITE, 26, ATTRACTIVE, full figured, outgoing and loving seeks white, 30-36, serious minded, ready to settle down, love children, play no games, must be romantic. (1/19) ☎48880

SINGLE MOM, light smoker, seeks family-oriented man; enjoys camping, skiing. Honest, does not minimize my feelings. Must be kind and romantic. (1/19) ☎48890

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE seeking single white male, 24-30, who loves outdoors, dogs, theatre, Seaport Village. Non-drinker, no drugs. Career and family oriented. Honest, outgoing. (1/19) ☎48891

ASIAN WOMAN HERE. Cute 26, young looking, 5', 90lbs., Japanese, educated. You: Kind, intelligent, to teach me English, long-term relationship and more. (1/12) ☎48844

A Gift To Both Of Us

45-60; a man open to his senses, open to the mind between us, psychologically kind, passionate about the beauty and harm he sees, comfortable with silence or conversation. (1/12) ☎48856

JEWISH, 23, MATURE, attractive, intelligent, educated, kind, honest, stable woman seeking same in man, 22-32. Must be clean from drugs and alcohol. (1/12) ☎48842

NORTH COUNTY PROFESSIONAL, black female, 49, 5'8". Seeking white male professional, 5'10"+, 47-58, for affectionate, loving companionship. I enjoy concerts, dining out, movies. Romantic? (1/19) ☎48910

ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC, slim, brunette, young 46, seeks handsome, sincere, romantic 46-50 with hair and sense of humor; for romance and fun. (1/12) ☎48852

YOU: PASSIONATE, grounded, use your brain? Me: 28, moved back from San Fransisco and I am not blonde or the Baywatch type. Brain needs food! (1/19) ☎48879

ATTRACTIVE; ACTIVE, European blonde lady, young 51, would like to meet successful gentleman for dancing, hiking, movies, museums and more. (1/12) ☎48867

HIGH CLASS, ATTRACTIVE, slender, educated lady seeks similar, romantic gentleman, 48-60, with mansion, servants, humor, generous heart, passionate soul, integrity and enjoys exquisite fine times! (1/19) ☎48905

I WANT QUALITY— To last a lifetime. White professional, 34, brown/green, 5'6", 145lbs. Searching for black male, tall, honest, sincere, relationship ready, no games. (1/12) ☎48843

EL GRECO TO ART DECO. Art teacher, MFA, Jungian, Wiccan, equestrian. Earthy redhead, petite, slender, ex-model. You: Erudite, handsome, accomplished, gentlemanly manners, values, 38-50, unencumbered. (1/19) ☎48930

CHILD AT HEART, adventurous nurse, gentle spirit, fun, happy, independent, caring, loving, 45, blonde, secure, romantic, unique. Looking for you: Tall, educated, sincere nonsmoker. (1/12) ☎48830

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE, full figured, seeking male for companionship, possible relationship, age 40-50. (1/19) ☎48899

HIDDEN TREASURE YET TO BE discovered by the Y2K! I'm beautiful, Asian exotic jewel. You're fit, generous, successful white professional, 40-50, nonsmoker. Dare you try? (1/12) ☎48863

ATTRACTIVE MOM, 29, BLONDE hair, brown eyes, enjoys sailing, dancing, beach, kids. Are you 25-35, confident, cute, funny? Let's have some fun together. (1/19) ☎48931

NATURE BOY WANTED. Camping, hiking, traveling, exploring nature, learning, growing, Allman Brothers. Pretty, 39, slender, 5'10-1/2", blonde. Tall men preferred. Good kisser. No kids. Passion! (1/19) ☎48883

LET'S DATE. 43, single mom, nonsmoker, nondrinker, spiritual, sense of humor, seeking man who's secure, happy, emotionally available for dating, movies, Padres, camping, bowling. Call. (1/19) ☎48921

FIERY REDHEAD SEEKS friendship with fit firefighter, 33-48. Desire well-read, authentic, humorous, romantic, kindhearted, spiritual. I'm 35, attractive, intelligent, bright, creative, independent, articulate, metaphysical. (1/19) ☎48925

CHARMING, ATTRACTIVE lady, curvy, sales, varied interests, 5'8", young 50, nonsmoker, unencumbered, seeks quality, tall, normal guy (6'+), 45-53, with humor, brains, sensitivity, stability, romance. (1/19) ☎48923

DYNAMIC, BIG BEAUTIFUL woman, 38, smart, sexy and sincere, seeks a man, 28-40, who knows and loves himself, has integrity and great energy. (1/12) ☎48866

JOHN GALT PLEASE. Sexier and happier than Dagny. Extremely attractive, successful, ethical, intelligent, passionate, capable, and loving. Of course, that applies to both of us. (1/19) ☎48894

SUGAR AND SPICE, everything nice. Professional black woman, tall with long legs. Seeking man, 40-55, 6', who enjoys walks, dancing, movies, beach, candlelight dinners. (1/19) ☎48893

ATTRACTIVE, CARING, slim, warmhearted Christian seeks gentleman, 45-59, to share life, love, laughter, cuddling, nature, healthy lifestyle, dance, country living; who's emotionally available, financially secure. (1/19) ☎48876

BEAUTIFUL REDHEAD, 31, intelligent, wild, spirited, part-time mom, 5'5", 130lbs. Seeking handsome, intelligent gentleman, 31-41, professional, self-confident, humorous, sexy, slight wild side. (1/19) ☎48938

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SEEKING UTOPIAN PASSION artist with a talent for making optimism intriguing. Me: 49, white/female, trim, Catholic, outdoor, active to classy, Midwest values, nonsmoker. (1/12) ☎48825

ASTUTE, VIBRANT, POSITIVE, educated, attractive middle-age lady seeks self-assured, stable gentleman, middle age, ready to leave the past behind. Be nonsmoker, loving, outgoing. (1/19) ☎48904

PETITE AND PRETTY, successful professional, 49, interested in athletic, highly successful professional. I ski, scuba, motorcycle, lust for travel. Love romance, monogamy, family, quiet times. (1/19) ☎48928

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous, petite. Seeking very successful, stylish, nonjudgmental family man; friendship, sports; spiritual, nonreligious, self-growth, communicative, affectionate, optimist, no previous kids, 37-44, 5'9"+. (1/12) ☎48831

PROFESSIONAL, EDUCATED Latina likes travel, theatre, opera, ballet, family, friends. Seeking single, Catholic white male, fit, average height, sense of humor, nonsmoker, 42-52. Kids OK. (1/12) ☎48836

CREATIVE ARTIST TYPE seeking same. African-American, 35-40ish, for interesting encounters. White, 43, blonde/blue, decent shape. Be honest and in decent shape physically/mentally. (1/12) ☎48839

TALL, SLENDER, PRETTY, 24, Japanese, 5'6", 120lbs., energetic, biggest heart. Seeking honest, intelligent, humorous, sweet Caucasian for long-term relationship. (1/19) ☎48919

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LIKE PEACHES? Come shake my tree! Toffee dream, 40, tall, sweetheart, business oriented. Seeking European Englishman, business professional, handsome, tall! Loving 45-53 wants monogamous relationship. (1/19) ☎48881

KIND 43 YEAR OLD SEEKS attractive, kind, attentive male to 55. Youthful, fun-loving vegetarian looking for companionship and/or relationship. Let's see what happens! (1/12) ☎48829

GOTHIC, SINGLE WHITE female, Rubenesque, black hair, green eyes, 26. Looking for 27-30. Looking for a friend, possibly more. (1/19) ☎48913

VIETNAMESE, 28, 5'6", Catholic, educated, honest, family oriented; hiking, sunsets. Searching for 5'9"+, 28-36, down-to-earth male, similar attributes. Friends first. (1/19) ☎48926

FASCINATING OLDER WOMAN seeks fascinating younger man. If you're adorable, tallish, clever, funny and creative, contact me. (1/12) ☎48838

LIGHTHEARTED, PRETTY, LADY executive, 50, herpes tolerant, desires equal in white male professional, nonsmoker, one-woman man for play, partnership, humor, hugs and happiness. (1/19) ☎48915

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35, COLLEGE GRADUATE, 6' tall, financially secure, honest, nonsmoker, Caucasian, fit, likes dancing, working out, beach. Seeking 25-35, tall, fit, outgoing college graduate for relationship. (1/19) ☎49365

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HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL executive, 55, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s, for travel, fun, happy exciting, committed relationship. (1/19) ☎49311

LEAN, 25-YEAR-OLD handsome Cuban male is looking for petite lady for love, romance and fun. Your pleasure will by my mission! E-mail me. (1/19) ☎49433

SENSE OF HUMOR, 49, blue/brown, 5'8", 165lbs., good shape, honest, spiritual, educated. Interest: A.A., psychology, Zen, stimulating conversations, coffeehouses, movies, nature, books. Age unimportant. (1/12) ☎49251

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TAKE CHARGE WOMAN needed, any race, by passive, clean white male, 53. Seeking long-term relationship if possible. (1/12) ☎49270

EX-NEW YORKER, CAUCASIAN, 5'6", trim, nonsmoker, unpretentious, casual lifestyle, widower, vegetarian. Enjoy movies, videos, TV, walks, oldies music; monogamous, 45-53, any race, liberal values, sincere. (1/19) ☎49310

TALL, FIT, FUN, HANDSOME, 38, blue eyes, good communicator, happy with life, sense of humor. Seeking slender, attractive soul mate for dining, dancing, travel, relationship. (1/12) ☎49266

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CREATIVE, AFFECTIONATE, imaginative, festive, 43, 5'8", 165lbs., brown/blue. Interests: Sailing, walking, arts, computers, life. Seeking stable, outgoing, communicative, intelligent, inquisitive, positive female. (1/12) ☎49210

WORTH THE CALL. Attractive, shapely, Christian or Catholic, single, white or Latina female wanted: 24-31, without children. Me: Fun loving, attractive, white male professional, 38. (1/12) ☎49211

43, PACIFIC BEACH, 5'10", slender, full head of hair, professional, avid reader, passionate about Jazz Fusion, seeking petite or slender(ish), brown-eyed conversable pretty lady. (1/19) ☎49357

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35, WHITE MALE, 5'11". Seeking same qualities, nonsmoker, 25-33, attractive, professional career, physically active, independent, integrity, responsible, educated, mature, considerate, secure; no kids, cats, drugs. (1/12) ☎49220

CHRISTIAN LIKES BIBLE, health food, exercise and classic movies. White. Age: 41. Weight: 162lbs. Hair: Brown. Seeking white Evangelical with character, intelligence and heart. (1/19) ☎49385

WANTED: GAL, 50-69, who remembers the song "Older Women are Better Lovers." Call guy who's 70 for romance monogamously. Johnny. (1/19) ☎49309

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TALL, HANDSOME MALE, physically fit, great personality, entrepreneurial, athletic, seeks beautiful lady. Dancing, movies, dinner, beaches, working out; for love, romance, friendship, good times. (1/12) ☎49278

41-YEAR-OLD HISPANIC male seeking full-figured, voluptuous, loving, mothering, nurturing, caring, white or Hispanic female for long-term relationship leading to marriage. Serious. (1/19) ☎49354

PROFESSIONAL, VERY attractive white male, 32, 6'1", 170lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, seeks similar, preferably Asian, for relationship. (1/19) ☎49386

HONESTY, TRADITIONAL values, lasting relationship? Professional, 50ish, intelligent. Seeking nonsmoking woman who enjoys weekend adventures, casual entertainment, good food, music, mountains, cats, my cooking, life. (1/12) ☎49225

MINOR HERPES. ATTRACTIVE, 42, creative, caring, attentive. Enjoy the arts, passion, togetherness. Seeking soul mate to share new millennium. Sense of humor, honesty a plus. (1/19) ☎49308

SMOOTH JAZZ. Fit, 44, professional, jeans to suits. Enjoy the beach, running, movies and looking into a beautiful woman's eyes. You are attractive, fit, 34-40, sensitive, romantic, sensual, and look great in jeans and incredible in an evening gown. (1/12) ☎49206

33, ATHLETIC, OUTGOING, white male professional, 6', 190lbs., brown/blue, homeowner. You're an attractive, white female, 22-29, who enjoys dining, travel, fun and adventures. (1/19) ☎49410

LONELY GUY, Lakeside homeowner, trying hard for a great life, needs your affection. 57, 5'11", 150lbs., sensitive, enjoys music, movies, square dancing. Friendship/lasting relation. (1/19) ☎49355

REGULAR, NICE GUY, 5'10", 175lbs., 53, fit, humorous, unpretentious, active. Nonsmoker, outdoors, hiking, cycling. Seeking serious relationship with lady, similar interests. Be fit, attractive, available. (1/19) ☎49405

HANDSOME, DEL MAR EXECUTIVE, skier, 5'10", 175lbs., 53 (looks 40), fit, fun, financially secure, educated, seeks pretty, fit, affectionate, unencumbered lady professional to 47. (1/19) ☎49418

HAPPY NEW YEAR. It would be if we filled in each other's missing pieces. Me: 52, 6'1", likes music, movies, dancing and hopefully you. (1/19) ☎49341

STABLE, COMMITABLE, tall, good looking, nonsmoking, North County homeowner, 49, seeks attractive, intelligent, sincere, active, fit lady with class, 36-46, companionship, romance, possible long term. (1/19) ☎49378

A LITTLE IRREVERENT, a lot humorous, body like Tarzan's, face similar to Cheeta's, classical liberal, nonreligious, degreed, business owner. Want girlfriend and date. (1/19) ☎49313

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ARTIST NEEDS CRITIQUING. 50, male with 3 teenagers seeks someone to evaluate art and life experience. (1/19) ☎49402

TWO HANDSOME BLACK MEN (40s) looking for two attractive ladies, 30s-40s, any race, that like to have fun. Wining, dining, dancing, etc. (1/12) ☎49258

SWEET, ROMANTIC, handsome, single, white, professional, Christian male, 29, 5'10", medium build, enjoys movies, music, dancing, traveling; seeks outgoing single female, 21-35, for possible relationship. (1/12) ☎49287

FIT FOR LIFE, 34, playful, energetic yet sensitive, down-to-earth guy enjoys outdoor activities, beaches, holding hands. Personal trainer seeks girl, similar interests, 28-38. (1/19) ☎49360

LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHIP first. 6', 160lbs., good looking, long hair, 46, happy, clean cut. Seeking fun, happy, feminine, 30-45 for excitement, adventure. Please be sweet. (1/19) ☎49319

HANDSOME, HISPANIC MALE, professional, 33, muscular, fit, likes dining, movies, beaches, sports; spontaneous easygoing. Seeking attractive, fit white or Hispanic female, 25-37, for lots of fun. (1/12) ☎49227

G.Q. MODEL LOOKS, muscular body, great personality. Seeking wealthy woman accustomed to the finer things in life who knows how to enjoy the very best. (1/19) ☎49369

ASIAN FEMALE SOUGHT, attractive, slender side, 40-54. I'm 49, youthful, pleasant looking, very cute; humor, joyful, colorful person. Leisurely life, movies, arts, nature. (1/12) ☎49268

JAPANESE-ITALIAN, 32, attractive. Looking for friend, lover, everything in between. Let's play together, stare in to each other's eyes, watch stars fall to earth. (1/19) ☎49352

ME: 45, TRIM, FIT, fun, attractive, attentive, passionate. Like running, music, movies, romance. You: Fit, slender, fun, attractive, attentive, passionate. Be my companion and lover. (1/19) ☎49454

SEEKING OLDER WOMAN. 28 years, single dad, college degreed, spontaneous, Asian descent, seeks attractive, fun lady for dining, movies and good conversation. (1/12) ☎49254

LET'S MAKE MUSIC TOGETHER. 25 year old with big blue eyes looking for kindred spirit to share love of music and laughter. Sing to me. (1/12) ☎49243

32, RICH INTERNET chief executive officer, fit, attractive, enjoys gym, ocean, live music; seeks open race, 22-35. Be under 125lbs., dancers body, selective, very attractive. (1/12) ☎49248

HONESTY WINS SINGLE father. White male, 45, 5'10", 210lbs., stable, secure, romantic. Seeking monogamous relationship with honest female not afraid to be loved. (1/19) ☎49358

HANDSOME, EDUCATED, successful, athletic, sexy, cultured, professional, world traveler, 43. North Coastal homeowner seeks ethnic, active woman, 30-40, flexible, energetic, spontaneous, liberal, childless, beautiful, passionate. (1/19) ☎49346

ITALIAN/AMERICAN, 45, 6', 184lbs., athletic. Bicycling, tennis, arts, comedy clubs, metaphysics. Seeking very attractive, single black female, 30-42, athletic, warm, kind, North County. (1/19) ☎49302

BRIGHT, SINGULAR GUY professional, young 42, slim, fit, very funny, seeking lovely woman for friendship, fun, romance. Love nature, animals, art, outdoors. (1/19) ☎49431

SINCERITY, HUMOR, HONESTY. 35, Caucasian, 6', 210lbs., brown hair, brown eyes, tolerant, never married, teddy bearish nice guy. Seeking intelligent, fun woman for serious relationship. (1/19) ☎49447

LOOKING FOR RED ROSE. Asian male, 25, 5'10", athletic, self-assured, professional, honest, social smoker, social drinker, looking for an honest woman. (1/19) ☎49401

YOU'RE THE BEST. That's how you will get treated if you are the one I'm looking for. Successful, fit, adventuresome professional looking for his equal. (1/19) ☎49306

WHITE MALE, 49 YEARS OLD. Seeking white female, 45 to 55, who is into romantic, passionate, intimate evenings at home. Want to know more? Call. (1/19) ☎49351

GENTLE HANDS, attentive, differential toward women, attractive, fun, romantic, movies, books, yacht, business owner, 55. Seeking financially secure, slender, upbeat, pretty lady to 5'6", 120lbs. (1/19) ☎49334

UPGRADE TO MR. RIGHT 2000. Specifications include: Handsome, fit, educated, athletic, 38, 5'10". Seeking pretty, intelligent, fit woman into romance, travel and outdoors. Click here! (1/12) ☎49284

ITALIAN AMERICAN via Boston, 42, honest, stable, humorous, fit, UTC, black hair, 6'1", medium build seeks honest, stable, well-adjusted, fit woman; nonsmoker, easygoing. Ciao. (1/19) ☎49362

CAN YOU IMAGINE a magnetic attraction, pulling you so irresistibly into your most wonderful fantasies? Late 20s to 30s welcome. (1/19) ☎49444

GORGEOUS, STRONG, TALL, 38, 210lbs., 6'3", nonsmoker, selective, seeks healthy lifestyle, nonsmoking beauty under 37 and 140lbs., for downtown, Old Town, gym, wine and romance. (1/19) ☎49393

HEALTHY AND HAPPY, 31, 6', cute, fit. Enjoy most everything in moderation including cooking, wine, beach, all animals. You: Close to my age and goofy. (1/12) ☎49221

WHO ARE YOU? I'm 6'1", 37, fit, musically employed, usually quick-witted. You're under 40, fit, cute, love back rubs, and are circling this ad. (1/19) ☎49430

ONE OF A KIND! 33, intelligent, attractive, educated, romantic, athletic, funny, supportive, emotionally available. Diverse interests: Theatre, music, art, outdoor activities. Great cook. Modest, too! (1/19) ☎49435

WANNA MEET A CUTE GUY? I don't, but I've been told I am one. And not by other guys. 33, 5'7", 155lbs., adventurous, educated, professional. (1/12) ☎49242

BLACK LADY WANTED. Handsome guy, 5'8", 36, 145lbs., slim physique, college graduate. Seeking attractive black lady with sweet disposition. (1/12) ☎49194

ANTIQUES, MUSIC. 6'2", 185lbs., nature love. Big trees, animals, hikes, bikes, 40, RV travel, Arizona, camp fires. Self-employed, fun, good attitude, dance, comedy, spirit. (1/19) ☎49331

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE, 43. Sincere, honest, healthy, attractive, 5'10", 180lbs. Music, beach, dining. Seeking attractive blonde, 34-40, with similar interests for meaningful long-term relationship. (1/12) ☎49250

22, 6'3", UCSD STUDENT likes reading, women and intimate relationships. Seeking nice, intelligent woman; fun, friendship, casual dating. 18-25. (1/12) ☎49226

LONELY YACHT OWNER. Love the ocean, reggae music; ex-hippie, successful, spontaneous, well traveled, cat owner. Desire fit, attractive 30-43 for boating, conversation and love. (1/12) ☎49212

HAPPY, FUN, FIT, tall, 32, outdoor type. Seeking smart, funny, fit, educated female. Nonsmoker. (1/12) ☎49256

ADVENTUROUS, FUN-LOVING professional, 44, white male seeking available woman, 34-44, who enjoys art, travel and spur-of-the-moment living. Friendship, possible relationship. (1/19) ☎49400

TALL, HANDSOME, 49, financially secure, nonsmoker, athletic, white professional. Honest, communicative, responsible; humorist, hugger, dancer. North County homeowner. Diversified interests. You: Great looks, figure, mind. (1/19) ☎49314

ATTRACTIVE, discriminating holistic professional, emotionally available, accomplished, white Ph.D., 6', nonsmoker, spiritual, aware, financially independent, dream come true. Seeking slender, wholesome, emotionally available, 40s nonsmoker. (1/19) ☎49339

FOR THE PLEASURE OF your company (female, 40-48), an evening/daytime adventure with intelligent, secure, successful, professional, blue-eyed gentleman, (6', 46). (1/12) ☎49257

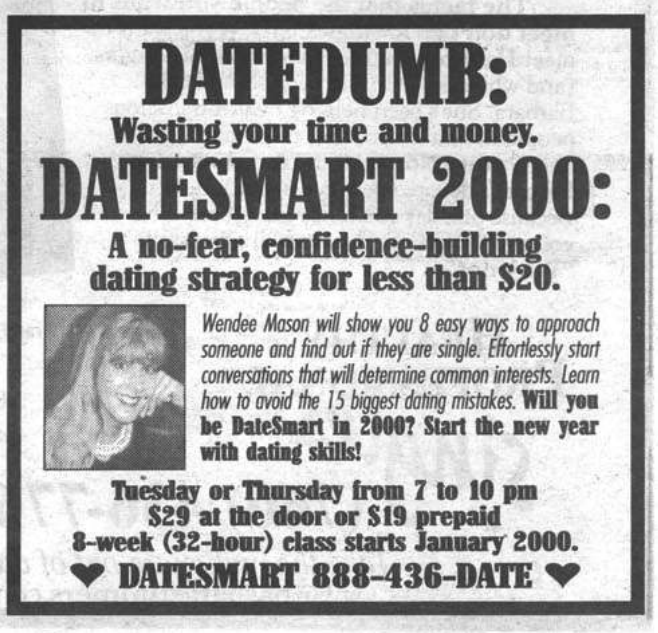
JOIN THE ADVENTURE. Tedd's adventure is searching for a female liason, best











friend and soul mate who would like to join me on our quest. (1/19) ☎49409

BLACK MALE PROFESSIONAL, 49 years, 6'3", fit, interested in meeting nonsmoking, good humored, honest, down-to-earth female, 35-45, for friendship and dating. Race unimportant. (1/19) ☎49415

SUPER SENIOR, user friendly, ED impossible. White, 6', 170lbs. No smoke, pets, kids or drink. (1/12) ☎49252

LIKE RUNNING? Cycling? Soccer? I do. 36, 6', 170lbs., intelligent, educated, handsome, athletic, considerate, happy, successful science-oriented professional seeks similar 24-34 soul mate. (1/19) ☎49345

LET'S START AS FRIENDS and build a relationship. Latino, 33, 165lbs., attractive, athletic, emotionally secure, searching for an exciting lady to enjoy San Diego with. (1/12) ☎49198

GOING, GOING, last chance to meet this great guy. Honesty, communication, health, happiness, love... Sounds good to this 30-year-old, North County single. Gone? (1/19) ☎49453

JEWISH, 36, FIT, fun, dynamic; love hiking, nature, cultural events; traditional minded. Seeking beautiful, intelligent, traditional minded for long-term relationship leading to marriage. (1/19) ☎49329

DAYTIME'S THE RIGHT TIME! White professional researcher, 47, decent looking, works evenings; seeks woman (age unimportant), for daytime fun— ocean, zoo, lunch, maybe shopping, etc. (1/12) ☎49217

CEREBRAL, PETITE, vivacious woman sought by man, 39, in Del Mar. Me: Well-rounded professional. Enjoy hiking, biking, cooking in/fine dining out, theater, museums, flying. Embrace life. (1/19) ☎49379

ATTRACTIVE VIRGO, romantic, North County bachelor seeks affectionate, outgoing soul mate/partner, 26-40, still hoping for that perfect match. Pre-millennium possible; humor abounds. (1/12) ☎49273

IT'S A NEW YEAR, time for me to meet you! I'm 40-something, easygoing, humorous, professional, fun, comfortable to be with guy. See you soon! (1/19) ☎49428

OUTGOING ASIAN FEMALE sought by happy, adventurous doctor, attractive, young 39, loves life, fun activities, fitness. You: Over 21, slim, similar interests. I'll call back. (1/19) ☎49432

HANDSOME, EDUCATED, athletic. 6'1", 29 years. From playing basketball to theater. Looking for someone who shares my interest and enthusiasm of life. (1/19) ☎49391

COUNTRY LIVING, home office, East Coast fantasies? Prefer reading, long walks, quiet mornings, fresh fruit? Love horses? Me, too. Male, 49, educated, homeowner, creative, kind. (1/19) ☎49364

FAMILY-ORIENTED single dad, tall, average looks, good communicator/listener, personality, financially and emotionally secure. Seeking same qualities in nonsmoking woman, 30-40. East County! (1/12) ☎49245

CARPE DIEM. 32, athletic. Life is too short! Down to earth, educated, sense of humor, outgoing. Seeking a woman who can talk with her eyes. (1/12) ☎49222

Y2K COMPLIANT MAN, 41, 6'4". Guaranteed not to disappear prematurally, able to worship an affectionate soul who can relate humanly regardless of my stock portfolio. (1/19) ☎49388

AFFECTIONATE, GOOD NATURED, sensitive, intelligent, and successful! Light brown/blue, 5'10", nice looking, trim and youthful at 52. Relationship minded, financially secure, childless Oceanside homeowner. (1/12) ☎49272

BOND, JAMES BOND. Tall, 6'4", younger version of Sean Connery, counseling professional, educated, artistic, spiritual, easygoing, romantic, humorous, nonsmoker, nondrinker, fit, fun and 50. (1/12) ☎49280

ALMOST HOUSEBROKEN, 49-year-old white male in search of nonsmoking, fit, 40-50, white female. Beach, bikes, music, dining. Sense of humor a must. (1/19) ☎49303

Lonely 24

Russian graduate student is looking for Asian lady for a serious relationship. I am 24, 5'4", 116lbs., blue eyes, attractive. Call me. (1/12) ☎49292

NEED PAMPERING? Imaginative, generous, gentle sensualist available for quiet intimacy, good times. 42, tall, attractive, dark blond hair, green eyes. Warm, affectionate, funny, professional, uncommon. (1/19) ☎49337

BLACK PROFESSIONAL, 40ish, tall, slim, young acting and appearing, seeks intelligent, slim-medium female, 25-39, who respects black culture. Friendship, more? (1/12) ☎49277

SILLY, SERIOUS, SUBLIME. Loving, lovable educator, 5'9", 160lbs., very fit, energetic, communicative, humorous, playful. Reader, thinker, passionate life enhancer. Dance, theater, Scrabble, tennis and/or your choices. Feminine? Mid-age? Flexible? Fit? Comely? Fun? (1/12) ☎49231

NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNING. Educated adventurer seeks free spirit to enjoy life's wonders. Enjoy theater, travel, Gaslamp, movies. I dare you. (1/19) ☎49429

VERY (VERY) ATTRACTIVE, athletic, 6', 180lbs., dark hair, hazel eyes, sensual nonsmoker seeking very attractive, assertive, athletic amazon. (1/19) ☎49414

NORTH COUNTY. 37, 5'10", 180lbs., professional, secure. You are attractive, funny, 25-40. Enjoy dining, travel and the outdoors. (1/12) ☎49274

Quality Boyfriend For The Holidays

This holiday season, let me wine and dine you! 29, fit, swing dancer, sail, ski, movies, art, film, music of the 40's. I like truth, honesty in relationships. You are under 5'6", 21+, confident in your style, likes, passions. Let's make plans for New Year's during coffee. (1/12) ☎49291

TRAVEL COMPANION WANTED. Me: 52-year-old, rugged teddy bear looking for someone to share life on the road. 6 months to get acquainted first. (1/12) ☎49224

COASTAL PROFESSIONAL. Attractive, wholesome, white, 6', 200lbs., vegetarianish, financially independent, Ph.D., seeks slender, emotionally mature, 40s-50s, vegetarianish, discriminating nonsmoker, for quality friendship, romance or commitment. (1/19) ☎49356

YOUR ATTRIBUTES ARE: Tall, slender, attractive, intelligent, educated, eclectic, adventurous, unencumbered, vegetarian, witty, creative, romantic, sensitive, outdoorsy, nonmaterialistic, curious, rare, monogamous, permanent, 40 to 55. (1/19) ☎49390

UNEMPLOYED LOSER, 34, seeks supermodel for surfing, kayaking, hiking, biking, adventure on the high seas, romantic dinners at Rice King. Animal lovers encouraged to reply. (1/19) ☎49417

BIG GUY, SHY AND loveable, single white male, 39, looking for companion, girlfriend or best friend. (1/12) ☎49244

DIVORCED SINGLE FATHER of two teenagers seeking a woman for friendship, movies, camping, skiing, dating, etc. Must be an animal lover and prefer North County. (1/19) ☎49404

GOOD LOOKING, GOOD SHAPE. I'm middle-aged, 5'3"; love music, nature, exercise. Sincerely seeking a small, cute woman, preferably in East County! (1/12) ☎49234

KIDS ARE GROWN AND I'M all alone. Seeking pool shooting, rock and roll, vivacious bombshell. I'm 46, look 36. Start new century in my arms. (1/19) ☎49320

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE wanted! Must be honest, monogamous, sincere, compassionate; like sports, movies, jazz, 25-35. Me: Black, 6'4", 230lbs., fit. I'm taking applications. Let's talk. (1/19) ☎49363

HOOSIER BY BIRTH, tall (6'6"), professional, 37. Enjoy the desert, hiking, traveling, home theater, dining out, animals. Seeking slender, active, fun, 5'6"+, 26-36. (1/19) ☎49451

YOUNG 35, TALL, THIN, attractive professional, blond/blue, beach area. Seeking mature female, thin, beautiful eyes, monogamous, fun loving. Art, culture, sports, sunsets, good wine. (1/12) ☎49204

WESTERN WASHINGTON GUY seeks reasonably slim gal, 30-47, for quiet times here in Puget Sound. I like trips, walks, nature, moonlit nights and cuddling. (1/12) ☎49259

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER seeks female who likes beach walks, movies, music or travel. I'm 5'11", 210lbs., brown/blue, 50. Call or e-mail me. (1/12) ☎49275

EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES of us! 27, confident, sincere, athletic, writer needs creative, secure, mentally/physically fit woman to explore mind, spirit and endless opportunity. (1/12) ☎49208

PRINCE OF DARKNESS looking for his ivory princess. Come let me take you into my castle and show you that chivalry isn't dead. (1/19) ☎49342

PASSIONATE PUBLISHING professional prefers post-30s, peak performing, pretty woman with playful personality for promising, progressive partnership possibilities. Please phone proforma proposal promptly to Patrick. (1/19) ☎49421

ROMANTIC, CARING, fun guy looking for a friend. Movies, dancing, talks, gazing, hoping, believing. Am handsome in youthful, sexy way. Adoring for you my sweetheart. (1/19) ☎49392

TIRED OF WAKING UP ALONE in the morning? I'm 6', blue eyes, brown hair, muscular. Looking for kindhearted, reliable girl for dancing, movies, partying, etc. (1/12) ☎49288

PROFESSIONAL, 41, with personality, character, goals, looks, intelligence, humor, no priors. Seeking 30-something female, similar traits, dark hair. (1/19) ☎49407

OH SUZY QUALCOMM! I love the way you walk, I love all your stock, Suzy Q! Secure, handsome, unpretentious, fun, adventurous, 6', fit, 45. (1/19) ☎49340

Happy New Year?

Should a post-holiday atmosphere be of interest, you may choose to read no further. If you are an attractive and fun-loving companion, 35-50, you may enjoy meeting a sincere and caring 45-year-old professional who has recently relocated from the Midwest. I am physically fit, nice looking, outgoing, witty and down to earth. If you enjoy a wide variety of interests, let's begin with a fun telephone conversation as a start! (1/19) ☎49459

SNOWBOARD, SKI? Have season pass, will travel! Intelligent, successful, good looking. Seeking boarding partner for weekend trips to Big Bear. I'm 32. You:? (1/12) ☎49236

MOUNTAINS, SKIING, outdoors. Midwestern transplant, real estate profession, 48. Seeking adventurous female accomplice, 35-50, into career, nature, hiking, camping, motorcycling, skiing, travelling, Big Bear escapes. (1/19) ☎49347

NORTH COUNTY, HANDSOME, athletic, 43, 6', 175lbs. Healthy lifestyle, financially secure. Enjoy outdoors, biking, walks, working out, aerobics, dancing, dining. Seeking attractive, fit, unencumbered woman. (1/19) ☎49374

ATHLETIC, YOUNG BLACK MALE, 28, 6'1", 195lbs., looking for a fun-to-be-with, easygoing, young woman, 21-30. Let's go out. Race unimportant. (1/19) ☎49381

ARE YOU DROP-DEAD gorgeous, thin, serious, ego and self-esteem, high maintenance and independent? I am the extraordinary man you have been searching for. (1/19) ☎49377

PHYSICAL, KINETIC, sleek, romantic, cerebral, vegetarian, endless fun without substances. Be a doer, not a spectator. Me: 42, 6'1", 180lbs. You: 25+, similarly energetic, coastal. (1/12) ☎49209

MARVELOUS, MILLENNIUM soul mate, tall, slender, attractive, emotionally/financially secure, sought by tall, humorous, intelligent, easygoing, Jewish professional, 52; hugs, happiness, sensational long-term relationship. (1/12) ☎49286

JIMMY CONNERS SEEKS Chris Evert. Bright, educated, trim, sexy, casual, part tomboy? Love things with wheels, wings, learning? 40s? Long-term relationship. Just do it! (1/19) ☎49395

SWEET, SLENDER ASIAN lady sought by blue-eyed white male. 41, 5'10", 160lbs., educated, professional, successful. Looking for someone who has time for serious relationship. (1/12) ☎49279

23, ATTRACTIVE, NICE, 6'1", 185lb. guy. I'm respectful and easygoing. I love beaches, movies, sports and good books. You: 18-25, attractive, fun and smart. (1/12) ☎49230

FIRESIDE CUDDLER, romantic, sexy, tall, slim Caucasian, 50ish, seeks successful, attractive, stylish woman. Enjoy candlelight, romance, quiet evenings, cocktails, candles, kisses, sharing, children, home life. (1/12) ☎49267

YOUTHFUL LOOKING 37 YEAR old looking for open-minded, petite Hispanic/Asian woman. Casual dating, movies, theatre, dining, dancing and stimulating conversation. (1/19) ☎49301

TALL, EDUCATED, ROMANTIC Asian male, 29, clean cut, GQ, stable job, seeking sweet, passionate, sincere, romantic Asian or white female with good sense of humor. (1/19) ☎49411

ASIAN WOMAN WANTED! I'm Italian, 45, 5'11", 165lbs., nice looking, health minded. Own home in Bonita. Seeking Asian, 35 to 52. All replies answered. (1/19) ☎49353

NEW YEAR, NEW MAN, new intention. Gemini, 6', lean, brown/blue, intellectual, metaphysical, open with a penchant for passion and pleasuring. You— let's find out. (1/19) ☎49394

EGYPTIAN AMERICAN, kind, compassionate, attractive, 49, 6'2", 195lbs., professional. I like running, hiking and people. Seeking elegant, classy and feminine lady. (1/12) ☎49216

CALLING ALL GIRLS. Tall, witty, educated professional seeks pretty, friendly, uncanny woman, 21-31, interested in the arts, indie-rock, hiking, antiques. Points for mettle. (1/12) ☎49237

33, CAUCASIAN, 5'6", a master's degree, nonsmoker, soccer player; honest, respecting, loyal. Seeking attractive, sexy, playful real girl to share life's adventures. (1/12) ☎49218

GREAT ATTITUDE ON LIFE. Me: Caucasian, mid-30s, medium build, young at heart, stable minded. Enjoy music, beaches, cooking, companionship, golf, Catholic, gym, sharing, risk taking. (1/12) ☎49199

BLACK, DASHING, 34, 6'2", 190lbs., athletic, well educated, debt free, seeking attractive, educated, athletic woman for relationship. Must be passionate and open minded. Race open. (1/19) ☎49304

GREAT CATCH. Attractive, romantic, affectionate, tall, very successful. Enjoy tennis, travel, gourmet cooking. Seeking quality lady, 33-45, beautiful inside and out; fun, long-term relationship. (1/19) ☎49317

FUN LOVING, ARTISTIC, monogamous, management level executive/musician seeks 38-45 lady with a zest for life and no fear of commitment! Is that you? (1/12) ☎49261

BEAUTIFUL, WONDERFUL white male, 40, artist, musician, media; intelligent, witty, caring. Seeking easygoing, fit white female, Cancer preferred, 30-40s; intelligence, heart, beauty. (1/12) ☎49229

LIKE BEING SINGLE? Not me! 29, white, 6', 200lbs., athletic, blond/green, professional. Offering sincerity, honesty and responsibility. Looking for similar qualities in female companion. (1/19) ☎49455

PLAYFUL, SEXY, COOL, blue eyes, athletic, outgoing. Love outdoors, travel, music, dancing. Seeking 30ish female, old-fashioned romance, honesty, sincerity, chivalry. No games. North County. (1/19) ☎49445

ACTIVE WHITE MALE, 30, 180lbs., shaved head, mustache/goatee, nonsmoker, nondrinker, enjoys concerts, alternative music, bicycling; seeks female, 24-36, with similar interests. (1/19) ☎49297

LONELY WHITE MALE, 48. Been single three years too long now. Attractive, well-employed smoker seriously seeking just one honest, sensitive white female to love. (1/19) ☎49361

SCRUMPTIOUS MEAL settles you for an evening of conversation, new ideas, concepts captivate your mind, your eyes sparkle into the wine. Go for it. (1/19) ☎49336

Let Me Spoil You

Tease, hug and please me. Be there when I hurt. Dress for me. Be sensual, unreserved, loyal, kind, attractive, single white female, nonsmoker, 30-45. Let me be your prince, nonsmoker, 6'2", 180lbs., handsome, successful, kind, personality, 49, great dresser. (1/12) ☎49295

PICK ME. Outgoing Jewish male, 30, enjoys good conversation, movies, moonlight adventures. Seeking honest, charming, fun-loving Jewish female for possible long-term relationship. (1/12) ☎49269

RETIRED DOCTOR, 60s, financially generous, secure, intelligent, humorous, active, athletic. Looking for attractive woman, 35-60; share good times, fun and physical companionship. (1/19) ☎49373

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN, 37, 5'7", 153lbs., open minded, sensual, very passionate. Enjoy getaways, outdoors, quiet evenings, love and lasting relationship. (1/19) ☎49382

ACTIVE, CARING, SINCERE teacher, 58, near retirement, seeking fit, secure, adventurous woman for relationship involving romance, hiking, hot springs, sailing, United States, worldwide travelling. (1/12) ☎49205

THE SONG SAYS THAT everybody needs somebody to love. Retired, 54, nonsmoking/drugs, no games, financially/emotionally stable. Stop being alone. Please call; leave number. (1/19) ☎49413

LOVING, CARING, SHARING, over the hill, retired businessman. Widower 11 years. Scares me. Travel full time, big motorhome. Want travel companion. Let's talk over coffee. (1/19) ☎49359

PASSIONATE WHITE MALE, 45, sensual, cultured, kind, seeking romantic cuddler, any age, for travel, laughter, spontaneity, weekend getaways and just plain fun. (1/19) ☎49366

QUIET DOCTOR, 38, very attractive, low key, sensitive, creative, Jewish, plays electric guitar; writes book; dislikes bar scene; meets few single women. Seeking intelligent female. (1/12) ☎49271

VERY ATHLETIC, SUCCESSFUL attorney, new to San Diego, worldwide traveler seeks Asian woman, 20-35, for travel and adventure here in San Diego and Southern France, Europe, Australia and other worldwide destinations. (1/19) ☎49425

1999: SOUTH AMERICA. 2000: Africa. Love travel! Also, love gardening, creativity, cats, deep conversation, intimacy. I'm 31, humorous, intelligent, thoughtful; seeking bright, progressive, beautiful woman. (1/19) ☎49397

PRETTY JEWISH LADY desired by handsome Jewish male. You are 30 to 40. I am financially secure, fun, romantic, happy person for long-term relationship. (1/12) ☎49253

LOVE POTION RECIPE: Combine attraction, compatibility, sincerity. Blend openness, compassion, refinement. Seasonings: Dancing, arts, outdoors, laughs, togetherness. Simmer progressively. Tastier each anniversary. You're special, 39-49. (1/19) ☎49376

CREATED MY FREEDOM. White, 39, 5'11", athletic, long hair. Educated, unmarried, no children. Rags to riches the hard way. Seeking friend with similar life experiences. (1/19) ☎49399

ARE YOU AN ATTRACTIVE Caucasian female, 30s, tired of loser guys? Try me! Tall, blond surfer type, good morals, interested in a committed relationship. (1/12) ☎49197

TATTOOS, BIKES, TOYS. 6'2", 220lbs., 38, rugged good looks, tattoos, custom Harley, good job, divorced dad. Love life; sensual, uninhibited. Tantalize me physically, stimulate mentally. (1/19) ☎49318

I'VE GOT EVERYTHING except that special woman. I'm attractive, 37, 6', fit, athletic, muscular, honest, romantic, healthy, fun, blue-eyed engineer. You're attractive, happy, secure. (1/19) ☎49448

TALL, DARK, HANDSOME, physically fit, 35, single professional recently relocated to Southern California and interested in meeting intelligent, educated female companion for fun, possible romance. (1/19) ☎49305

HISPANIC, HONEST, attractive, nice, 6', 205lbs., 41. Padres, gardening, Old Town, Seaport, Beatles, oldies rock. Seeking slender, sincere, pretty Hispanic, employed, nice. Friends? More? 33-43. (1/12) ☎49196

SERENE, CARING, affectionate, fun-loving 45-year-old spiritual male seeking woman, 37 and under, who resonates with these qualities. (1/19) ☎49335

CARIOCA. Are you from Rio? Looking for woman from Rio de Janeiro. Traveling there in March. Looking for lessons in Brazillian Portuguese and travel tips. (1/19) ☎49406

HIKE GRAND CANYON. Play Broadway, London. Tennis, opera, skiing! You: 5'5"+, 40-47. Me: 6', 47. Both: Degreed professionals, attractive; emotionally, financially, physically fit; enjoy life! (1/19) ☎49316

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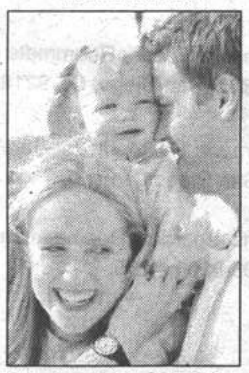

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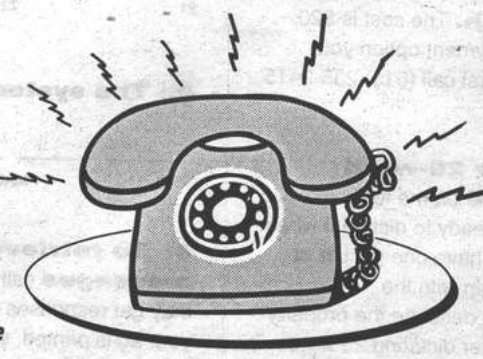

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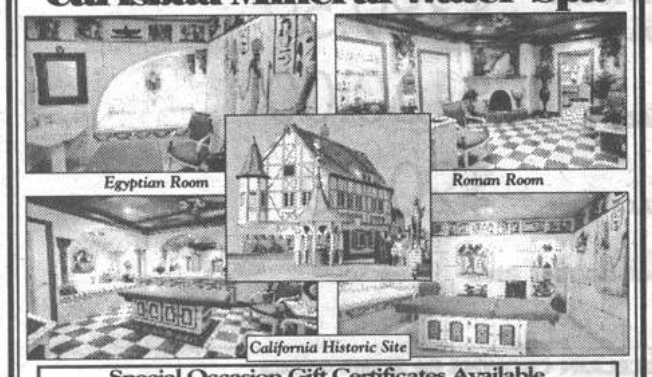
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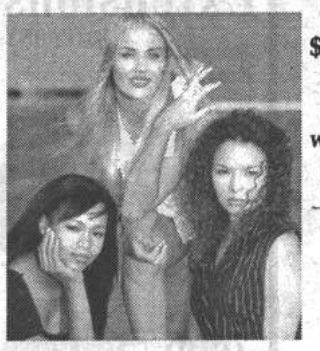
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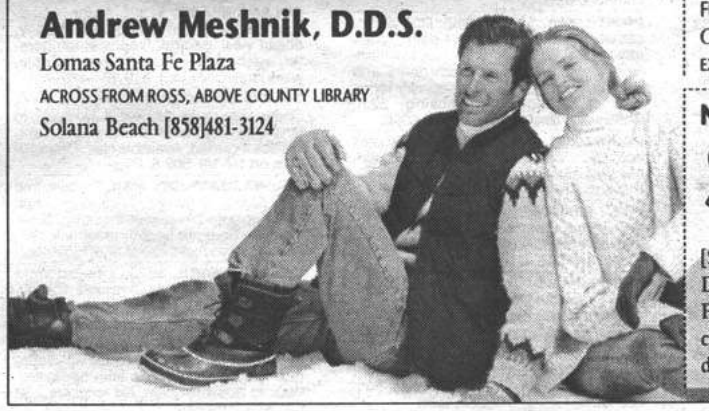

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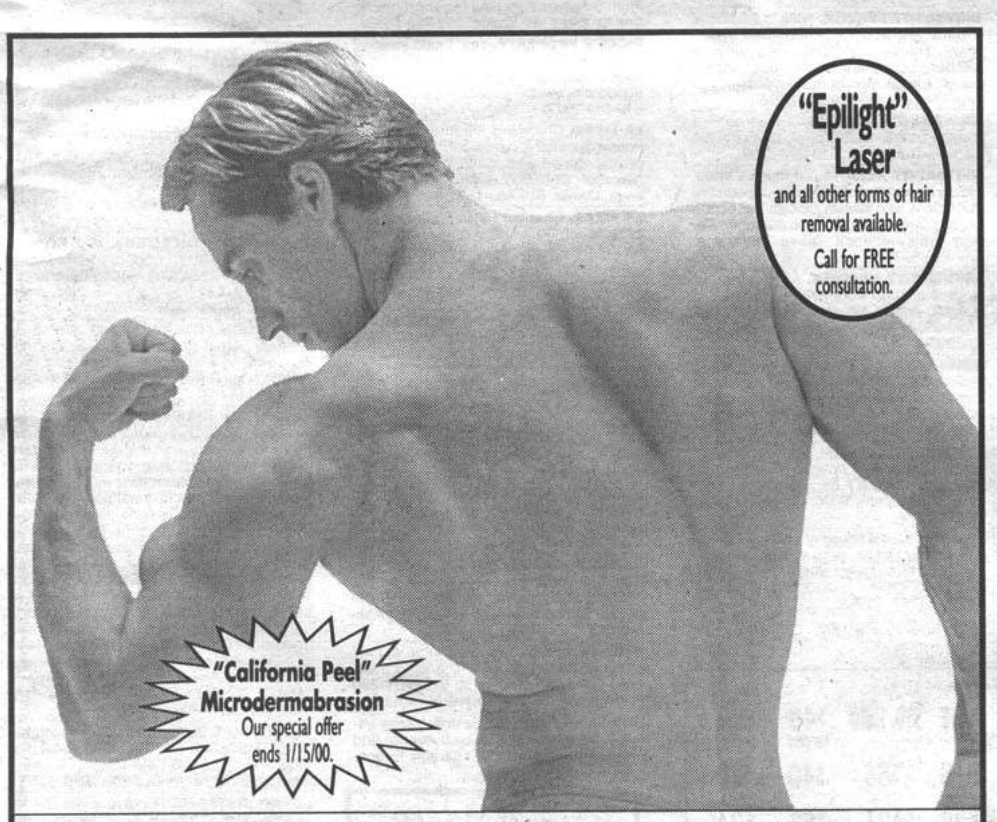

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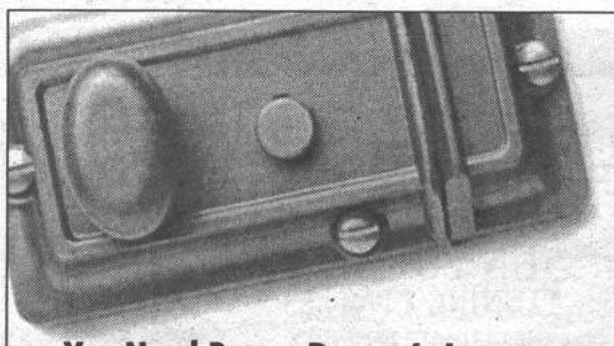

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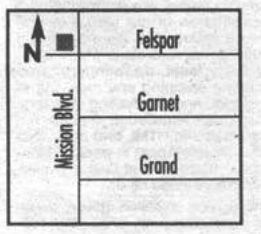

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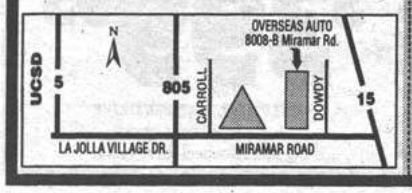

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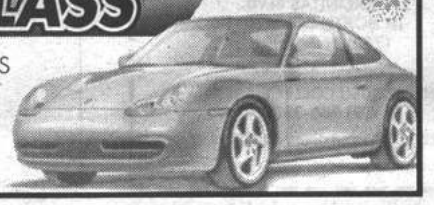

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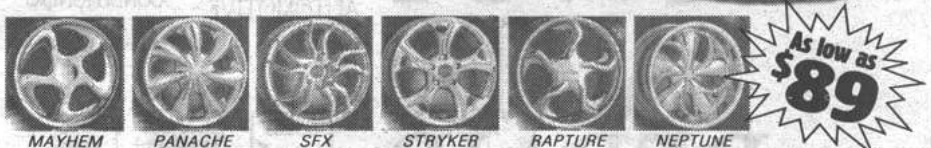

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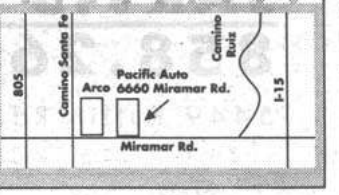

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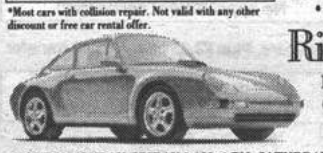

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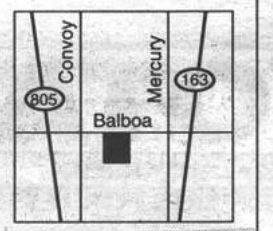

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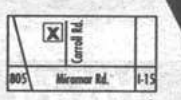

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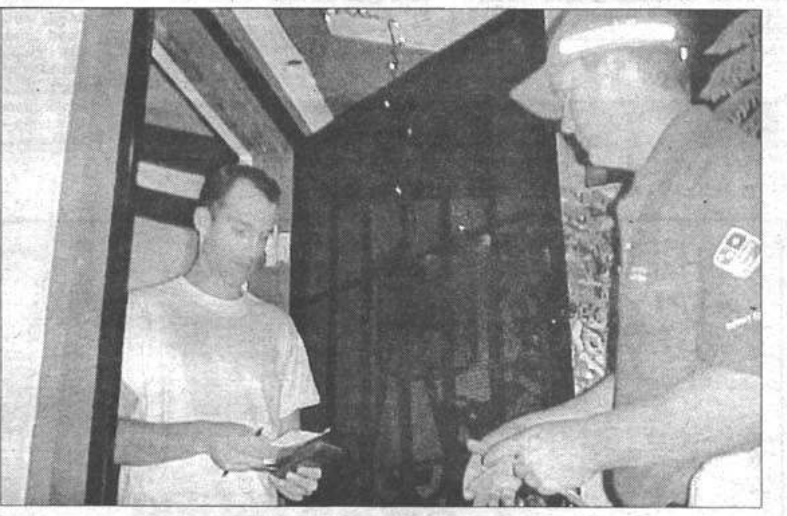
"I even double-parked in front of a squad car once."

By John Brizzolara



Nothing says Friday night like pizza. Every other night (or day, for that matter) it is appropriate, welcome, a cheesy comfort, a standby, a staple, and there is nothing more American, not even cheeseburgers or corn dogs. But there can be little debate that on Friday nights, pizza will rule.

I've always been vaguely distrustful of the few deviates I have met who don't like it or deny themselves pizza's populist pleasures for so-called "health reasons," citing nitrates or cholesterol. You scratch these birds and you'll find socialist tendencies, foreign film buffs, those among us who, for example, never eat "spaghetti" but will happily order an $18.95 "pasta" at a "bistro." You want my rule of thumb for a first date? Suggest a pizza and cheap Chianti at a dark restaurant with a name that ends in a vowel and features (preferably red) checkered tablecloths and maybe plastic fruit hanging on the walls. If you run in to any resistance at this suggestion, cut your losses and move on. You'll be better off.

And what of the men and women in the workforce who facilitate our love and need for this unpretentious soul food? Who are they? What are their hopes and dreams? What can we learn from them about the nuances of crust, tipping etiquette, and double parking? We need go no farther than our local Domino's — and we all have one, or will one day.

Mike is a 24-year-old bio-chem major at San Diego State. On Friday nights, his 1992 Nissan hard-body will be plying the streets of Pacific Beach at a safe but purposeful speed informed by the rhythms of Rage Against the Machine or Great White pulsing from the dashboard. Mike is based out of the Domino's at Garnet and Morrell Street. He will service the hungry from Mount Soledad to Clairemont all the way to Mission Beach to the south and Nautilus to the north. "This is one of the busiest [Domino's] stores in San Diego County," pronounces Mike's boss, Robert, who at 35 has been with the company for 15 years. He has arranged for me to ride shotgun with Mike (or "Mik" as he is sometimes called).

Mike has been delivering for a year and a half. Our first delivery is to Noyes Street. "On Friday nights," he says, "if you're working a rush shift, you can make about $50 to $60 in tips. The busier the night, the more drivers they schedule, so there can be more competition. It pays to get back to the store as soon as possible after a delivery. It works to your benefit if a supposed slow night turns out to be busy — more calls, less drivers." The one-time policy of Domino's to deliver in 30 minutes or the pizza is free has been long abandoned as unsafe. "People still try to get free pizzas, though."

When pressed for outstanding memories associated with the job, Mike recalls, "Fourth of July, last year. It was probably around 11. This guy had a hot tub in his backyard, and I had to go around the back. He was in there with three or four naked women. One girl got out of the spa, butt naked, and paid me. It was pretty cool. There are some embarrassing things that have happened, like walking up to the front door of someone's house and their bathroom window's open and they're in the shower. I'm standin' there, ringin' the doorbell, waitin' for them to hear it, watchin' them take a shower."

It's a quiet scene at Noyes, a couple watching television and the next several deliveries are routine as well. We decide that parties have taken a back seat to last-minute Christmas shopping. It is about ten o'clock, and while "You might get some interesting pizza lovers liquored up around midnight" (Domino's will deliver until 1:00 a.m.), I explain that it is already past my bedtime, I have a slow thyroid, I think.

"P.B. is a good place to deliver. All the streets are alphabetical from the ocean," Mike informs me, and for the first time I notice this is true. We deliver to the Vagabond Inn, a family. In between runs, drivers will take orders over the phone, unfold boxes, wash pans, even assist the adorable, elfin-like Allyssa in preparing pizzas. "It is called cross-training," says honcho Robert.

"Uh-huh," I nod and cannot resist asking Allyssa if eating peanut butter is a problem with that stud in her tongue. She agrees it would be and confesses that pizza itself poses a similar problem. Still, she works with dedication and can produce up to 100 pies an hour, manipulating "classic hand-tossed" or "crunchy thin," even deep-dish crusts while layering pepperoni, ham, sausage, and ground beef over the new "Meatzza Feast" specials. It is an inspiration to watch her work, and I recommend it next time you're tempted to take that pineapple, fresh garlic, and banana pepper X-large for granted.

During the next few runs, Mike assures me that the cops never hassle him about double parking. "You've gotta do it to keep moving, and the cops know you'll be gone fast. I even double-parked in front of a squad car once. Never got a ticket."

I make a few more runs with 29-year-old Randy, who says he can make over $100 a night at times. His most treasured experience in the field was a bachelor party where he was treated to a topless lap-dance as well as a tip.

"Friday nights start getting busy about now," he says. "People will order pizzas before they hit the bars." I can see the wisdom in this; a solid foundation of carbohydrates, protein, and congealed bovine lactose should stand the most dedicated drinker in good stead.

"Sensible," I say.

"Exactly," the driver agrees as his headlights carve twin patches of light up Diamond Street. Motoring through the heart of Friday night, a nutrient-rich aroma of garlic, fresh-baked crust, and hot tomato sauce in our wake, we are infused with an unmistakable sense of purpose.

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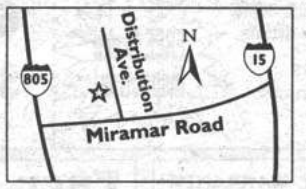

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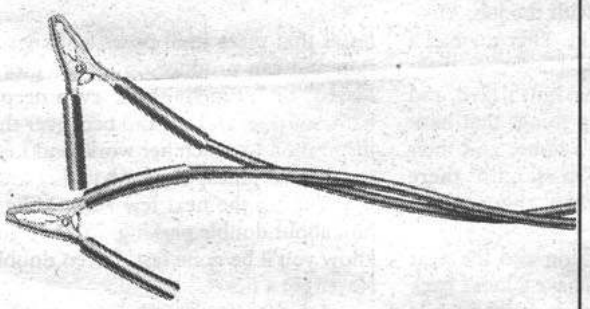

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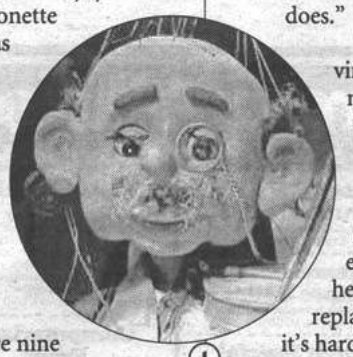
Tom Jensen is a marionette and puppet master who has been performing at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater for ten years. He also makes his own marionettes. "I started out when I was a kid, doing hand puppet shows," he recalls. "As I grew up, I wanted to try something more difficult, so I started with marionettes. There are nine basic strings on a marionette: one from each shoulder, one from each side of the head, one to each hand, one to the back, and usually, one to each knee. What makes them do their tricks are extra strings. For instance, this one here [a light teal mouse on roller skates] can wiggle his ears or close his eyes by my pulling extra strings.



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"If you're looking at it from a distance, the face and hands are very complicated; it looks like mush."

"Marionettes are jointed to move like the human body. The arm stops bending at the elbow when it's straight, just like mine, and the hand goes back just about as much as mine does. Marionettes' strengths are movement — walking, dancing, flying. What a marionette does not do well is move fast, and it doesn't pick up things well like a hand puppet does."



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Another virtue of good marionettes is lightness. Tom explains that the biggest mistake that people make "when they build marionettes in the beginning is that everything is heavy. I had a lot of heavy puppets that I eventually replaced with lighter ones, because it's hard to work with them. It's hard on your arm, and you can't tour with them because they're too heavy and expensive to ship."

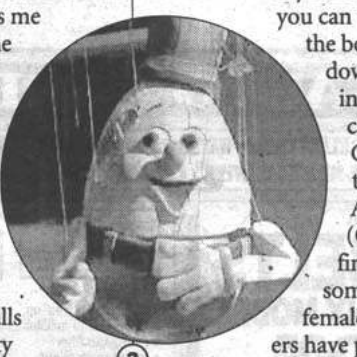
Other things to look for: "The face, of course, is the most expressive part and should be simple. When I sculpt a face, I put it in a mirror and rotate it while looking at it in the mirror. That way, I can see if it's uneven. After the face, the most expressive part is the hands. They, too, should be simple, because if you're looking at it from a distance, the face and hands are very complicated; it looks like mush. In the theater, you go to the back of the house to see if something reads. You want it to have enough definition so the person way in the back is getting what you are trying to portray."

When I ask him to compare puppet theater to other forms of entertainment, Tom responds, "Puppet theater, actually, is all the other forms of entertainment wrapped into one. It's stagecraft, building the puppet, writing the scripts, mixing soundtracks, and acting the shows. That's what drew me in to it."

Tom tells me that "a lot of the stringings of my marionettes are traditional. The characters come from vaudeville. I have the violin player, the roller skater, and a ballerina. A good example also is the breakaway marionette, which is normally a skeleton. When you tip the controls, it all falls apart. I made mine to be a Humpty Dumpty."

Tom and his marionettes can be seen in the Tom Jensen Marionette Variety Show at the Marie Hitchcock Theater in Balboa Park from January 26 through 30. The show includes 10 to 12 different marionettes, all of which do some sort of trick or stunt, including a violin player who plays the violin so fast that by the end, his instrument smokes. Prices: children **$2**, adults **$3**. Call the Puppet Theater Hotline at 619-685-5045 for showtimes.

A few places where you can purchase your own marionettes are Geppetto's at Bazaar Del Mundo in Old Town, Geppetto's in Fashion Valley, and F.A.O. Schwartz in Horton Plaza. The first has a wide variety of marionettes in prices ranging from **$14.95** to **$45**, while Geppetto's in Fashion Valley has only three to choose from: two little wooden male figures, Officer Bob and Johnny Appleseed (**$14.95**), and a mid-sized, colorful Dunston the Dragon (**$26.95**). F.A.O. Schwartz has only one rather shabby-looking marionette, a birdlike creature called a Doozy with plastic strings attached to a crossbar (**$14.99**). It comes in a variety of colors.



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If you're feeling adventurous, you can worm your way through the border traffic and head down to Ensenada. There, in an open-face store called Viva Mexico! Curios on the main tourist shopping drag, Avenida Lopez Mateos (Calle Primera), you will find sunny, bronze-faced, sombrero-clad male or female marionettes. The makers have paid careful attention to detail of dress. The marionettes cost **$15**, but you can probably haggle and get them for **$10** or **$12**. I got two for **$20**.

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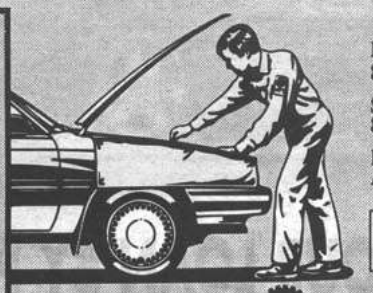

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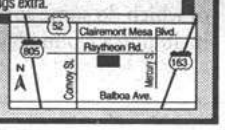

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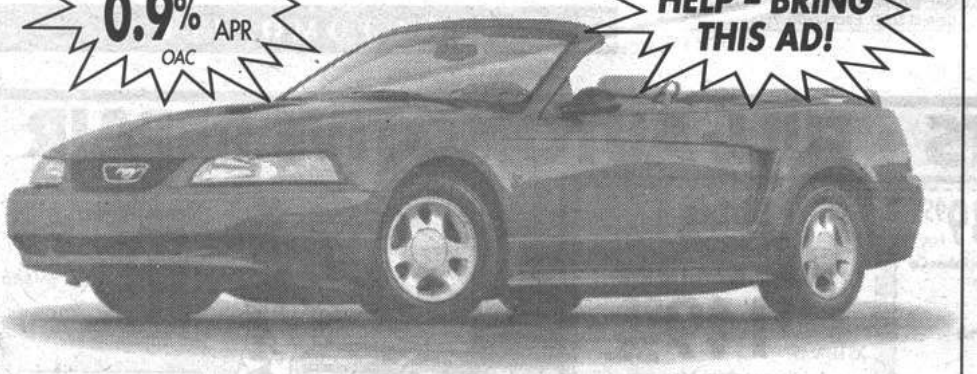

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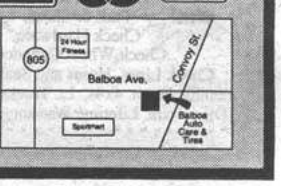

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BY ANNE ALBRIGHT

Jennifer Has the Size, Weight, and Wiggliness of a Real Newborn

No matter what I buy my four children for Christmas, someone is always unhappy. This year was no exception.

One afternoon a few weeks before Christmas, seven-year-old Rebecca sat down at the kitchen table before she started her homework. "I'm going to write a letter to Santa Claus," she announced.

"That sounds like a good idea," I told her. I handed Rebecca a piece of paper and a pencil.

Leaning over the paper, Rebecca wrote, "Dear Santa, I would like a dolly that looks real and a cradle." Rebecca paused and looked over at four-year-old Angela, who kneeled by the coffee table playing with her plastic *Lion King* figurines. "What do you want for Christmas, Angie?" Rebecca asked.

Angela didn't look up. "I want a dolly with everything," she answered.

Rebecca wrote, "Angela would like a dolly with everything."

"Lucy," Rebecca called into the living room, "what do you want for Christmas?"

Lucy walked around the corner holding the book she'd been paging through. She thought for a moment then said, "I want the *Prince of Egypt* video and some *Prince of Egypt* guys." "Guys" are what my girls call their plastic figurines.

I looked down at Lucy while Rebecca wrote out Lucy's request. "What if Santa can't get *Prince of Egypt* guys?" I asked. "What else might you want?"

"Nuffing," Lucy answered and carried her book back to the living room.

"What about Johnny?" Rebecca looked up from her letter. Eighteen-month-old Johnny toddled over, reached his fat hand up onto the table, and tried to pull Rebecca's letter to the floor. "*No,* Johnny." Rebecca snatched the paper back.

"Just tell Santa that Johnny wants a truck," I said to Rebecca.

Johnny didn't object.

Ten days before Christmas, I stuck my list in my purse at 8:30 p.m. The kids were in bed. My husband Jack sat at the computer ordering family presents on-line. "Good luck," he said as I headed for the door.

At 9:00, the parking lot at the local Toys R Us was three-quarters full. Inside the store, bewildered dads and moms with sleepy toddlers squirming in their carts wandered down the crowded aisles. The shelves looked as though gorillas had run through the store waving their long arms and randomly tossing toys here and there. I wheeled my cart to the doll aisle. A hundred baby faces stared into space. Some smiled. Some cried. Some looked surprised with little o-mouths, like their mommies had just changed their diapers using ice-cold baby wipes.

I hunted for the right dolls. Rebecca's had to look real. Angela's had to have "everything." I chose three or four realistic-looking babies and put them back before I found "Newborn Jennifer." The box said, "Filled with warm water, Jennifer has the size, weight, and wiggliness of a real newborn." I set Jennifer in her box in the cart. I found a cradle for Jennifer and tossed that in too. After some more searching, I found a baby doll packaged with a swing, baby carrier, diaper bag, food, bottle, change of clothes, bib, spoon, fork, dish, and diaper. "I think this is as close to 'everything' as I'm going to get," I muttered to myself. The doll didn't look as realistic as "Jennifer," but Jennifer didn't come with "everything." I said a little prayer that Angela would be happy and moved on.

I had no trouble finding Lucy's present. *The Prince of Egypt,* an animated retelling of the biblical story of Exodus, recently came out on video. Toys R Us had plenty of copies. The figurines were another story. When I asked where I might find figurines, a teenaged clerk pointed me toward the back of the store. I found World Wrestling Federation figurines. I found little G.I. Joes. I found the scary guy from *Scream* and *Psycho*'s Norman Bates, complete with a bloody butcher knife. I didn't find anything from *The Prince of Egypt.* No Moses. No Pharaoh. No Pharaoh's daughter. Instead, I got Lucy a Play-Doh spaghetti factory and a Barney bike helmet and said another little prayer. I got Johnny a toy vacuum cleaner that makes noise and a fireman kit. I knew my mom was getting him a truck.

Christmas morning, Rebecca tore the wrapping off Newborn Jennifer's box. After my father had undone all the twist ties and tape holding Jennifer in place, I filled her soft rubber body with warm water from the kitchen sink. Rebecca cradled Jennifer and gently pulled Jennifer's baby clothes up over her floppy limbs. "Mommy," she told me, her eyes shining, "she's not exactly what I had in mind. She's better."

Angela stared at Jennifer, then ripped open the wrapping on her dolly's box. "Look at all the stuff it has," Rebecca exclaimed. "Angela, your doll has everything."

Angela seemed satisfied. For about three hours. By early Christmas afternoon, Angela followed Rebecca around the house begging to hold Jennifer. "Rebecca, you need to share," Angela whined.

"But she's my brand-new doll," Rebecca protested.

"I want a dolly, too," Lucy joined in.

The next Monday morning I drove the girls to Toys R Us. We walked directly to the doll aisle and picked out two more Newborn Jennifers. We paid with the Christmas money my mom had given the girls. "Are you happy now?" I asked as we headed home.

"Yes," they called from the backseat.

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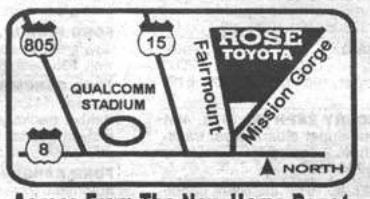

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