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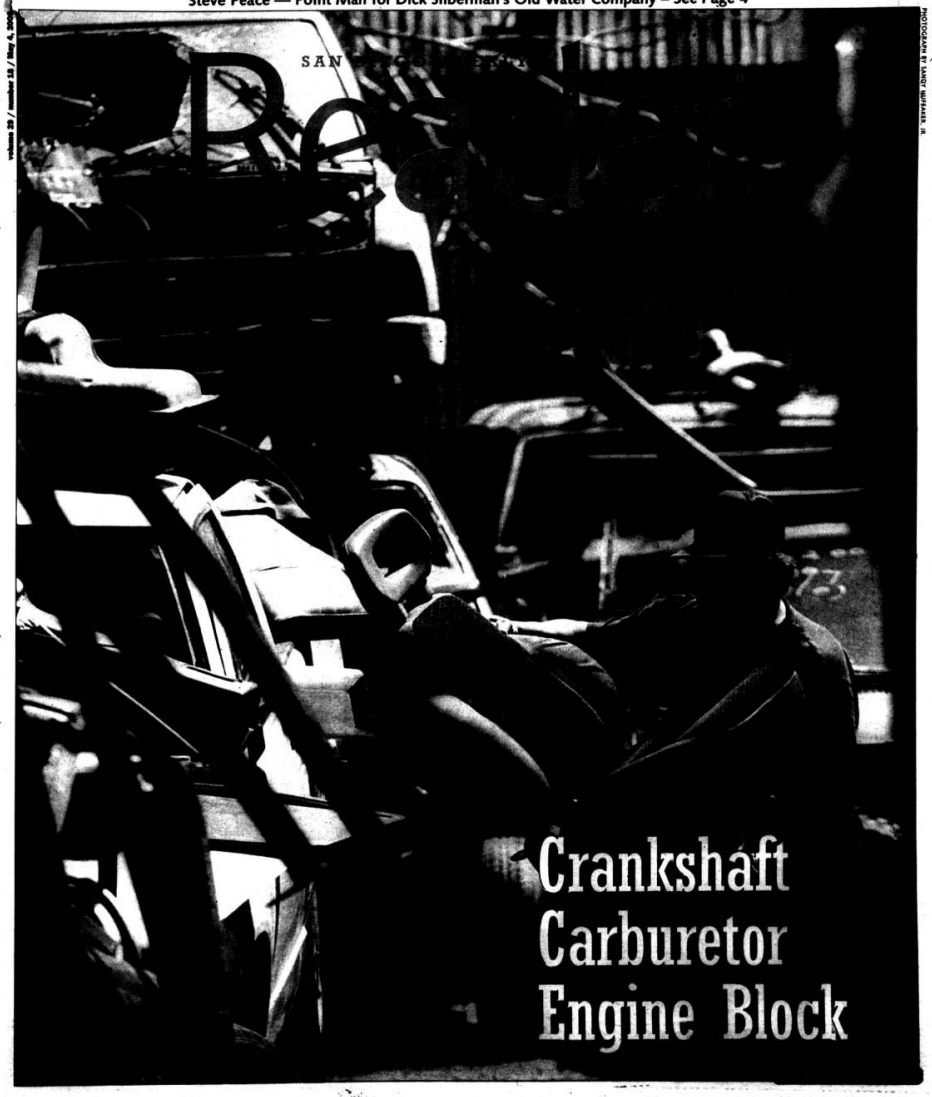

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Audio's Emotional Gestalt

I found Jeanne Schinto's cover story ("What the Ears Love," April 27) to be a refreshing departure from the usual nonarts-related cover story, although its run-on length didn't surprise me. I've been involved in high-end audio the past decade and found there were two aspects of hi-fi that she really missed, though she had an overabundance of column inches not to. These are the issues of "neutrality versus musicality" and "try before you buy."

In relation to the latter, many high-end audio retailers will let you try a component at home before you purchase it, and this allows you to examine the synergy of that product and how it coalesces with the room and other equipment. Schinto mentioned that Breier's gets a lot of stuff returned by audiophiles after purchase. Breier's wouldn't if they instituted a try-before-you-buy policy, like other sensible retailers.

As regards to the first issue, musicality versus neutrality, Schinto may have hinted at it by mentioning objectivism versus subjectivism (e.g. measurement as opposed to what pleases the ear), but she neglected to point out that equipment used for measuring sound does not and never will have the same attributes of the human ear.

While some people take an almost clinical approach to neutrality, e.g. Roman Zajcew, the part-time reviewer for *The Absolute Sound* quarterly, others like myself value the emotional gestalt of audio, the liveliness of the performance.

It's hard to get that type of visceral experience if you deaden the sound of your listening space with an overabundance of acoustical treatments. The highs and lows simply don't work for me if there is such a lack of emotion. That's not to say a room can't benefit from acoustical treatments. In the real world, all rooms can. It's just when you overdo it, as I believe is the case with Mr. Zajcew, you lose the intensity of the original performance.

I attended a listening session at Mr. Zajcew's home five years ago, with himself and his late former wife Ann Turner, who was gracious enough to invite me over. I found the sound to have a great deal of resolution, but I didn't become emotionally involved in the recordings I brought over to listen to like I do with my system at home.

While my two-channel system may only be one-third the price of Zajcew's, I have managed to get plenty of enjoyment from my Quad electrostatic speakers and ancillary vacuum tube electronics. And I credit this with creating a room environment that enhances the sound, not deadens it, brightens it, nor makes it darker. Any more than the six ASC tube traps and two Deluxe room tunes in my listening space would leave me feeling like I was in an antechamber.

Paul Gordon
North Park

Three Cheers For Bilingualism

Three cheers for Lorena Gonzálee's ideas on bilingual education ("City Lights," April 27). My adult children are living proof that being literate in Spanish is a valuable asset. My son and daughter learned Spanish in San Diego city schools and colleges; that knowledge enabled them to study medicine in Guadalajara. Both are board certified physicians practicing in Los Angeles.

I insist that learning a foreign language is as important a skill as playing the piano, typing, or being ambidextrous in baseball. I read a phrase recently: "The surest way to become a victim of propaganda is to be ignorant."

J.P. Lopez
Clairemont

Mr. Bersin's Merry Band Of Storm Troopers

This is in response to the letter entitled "Applause for Mr. Bersin" and signed by Tom Kitch in your April 27 issue. Okay, Mr. Kitch, shall we indulge ourselves with the latest version of "Teacher Wars"? I'll see your 2208 assignment days and raise you my 8015 assignment days as a teacher at elementary, middle school, high schopl, and adult levels. So does that mean my words should carry more weight than yours? Hardly. And let's also put aside what I'm tempted to write in reply concerning your assumptions about my assumptions. That would be equally silly. However, I must confess I'm still unsure if you're a bought-and-paid-for Bersin sycophant or just uninformed. Let me acquaint you with some verifiable facts:

1. You were incorrect when you asserted that "Mr. Bersin is the first superintendent to offer a serious plan of reform to end social promotion." Before Bersin took office, a carefully crafted plan at the SD Department of Education (working in close cooperation

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Drip drip drip Democratic state senator **Steve Peace** has been fighting hard for Western Water, formerly Yuba Natural Resources, the company once run by ex-felon **Dick Silberman**, one-time husband of San Diego mayor **Susan Golding**. Before Silberman went to prison in 1991 after being set up on money-laundering charges in an FBI sting, the failed financier told investors he had discovered gold on the Yuba River north of Sacramento. After no gold was found and Silberman was busted, other controlling shareholders in Yuba, including the late Hotel Del Coronado magnate **M. Larry Lawrence**, changed the name of the company to Western Water and began touting its expertise in brokering water deals. But fortune has eluded the firm. For the past two years, Peace has been waging a legislative war on L.A.'s Metropolitan Water District on behalf of Western Water and other water brokers who claim that the MWD is unfairly blocking access to its lucrative network of pipes and aqueducts. Last week, according to the *State Net Capital Journal*, Peace lashed out at Assemblyman **Mike Machado**, a fellow Democrat and an MWD champion and opponent of Western Water's legislation, who Peace accused of "prostituting" himself for the giant water agency. "When you get to a point when you get a chairman and he's participating in fundraisers with all your contractors and that chairman refuses to set a bill [for a hearing], you have succeeded in fundamentally corrupting the legislative process.... Why do we bother hearing bills on this subject when we know the fix is in the other house?" Ironically, Western Water has moved its headquarters from La Jolla to Point Richmond and now says it wants to sell the company. "We are disappointed that the slow pace of market development has made it unlikely that we will be able to achieve our objective of building a viable, sustainable water sales business as a free-standing company and within a reasonable time horizon," the company announced in a news release last week that also disclosed that Western Water had "limited cash resources."



Steve Peace

Return of the prodigal **Roger Vitaich**, forced out of his job as general manager of the Del Mar Fair back in August 1992 when it was alleged he had sexually harassed female fair workers, has turned up in a new role: general manager of the Ramona Pageant near Hemet in Riverside County. Vitaich, who later was accused by state auditors of shabby business practices at the fair, told the *Riverside Press-Enterprise* he was planning major changes for the pageant. "All in all, the whole [operation] needs to be looked at; who are we, where are we from, where are we going." ... A Nevada slot-machine manufacturing outfit has announced its "first major California order," a $1 million contract from the Barona Casino. A news release from Mikohn Gaming Corp. says the order for new Barona gambling machines will include "visual displays, electronics, and oversized Mini-Begha slot machines." ... The latest newspaper circulation numbers are in from the Audit Bureau of Circulations. For the six months ended March 31, the *Union-Tribune* had a daily circulation of 381,306, little changed from 381,256 last year. Sunday circulation, meanwhile, slipped noticeably to 450,304 from 453,666.

Murder Police in Spokane, Washington, say they may have finally solved the murder of the daughter of a Marine Corps colonel from Oceanside. Forty-seven-year-old **Michelyn Derning**, after graduating from high school in Virginia, followed her father Ed to Oceanside, where she briefly attended Palomar College. She also got married and divorced and began doing drugs. After losing custody of her son, she moved to Spokane three years ago in an attempt to rebuild her life but soon fell back into a life of drugs and prostitution in that city's seedy red-light district. Her body was found in a vacant lot on July 7, 1998. Police now say they have linked Derning's murder, along with the killings of at least 11 other women, to **Robert Lee Yates Jr.**, 47, a former Army helicopter pilot and father of five from Spokane who regularly cruised a two-mile strip along East Sprague Avenue in his white Corvette looking for "dates." Yates may have murdered as many as 18 prostitutes in the area between 1992 and October 1998.

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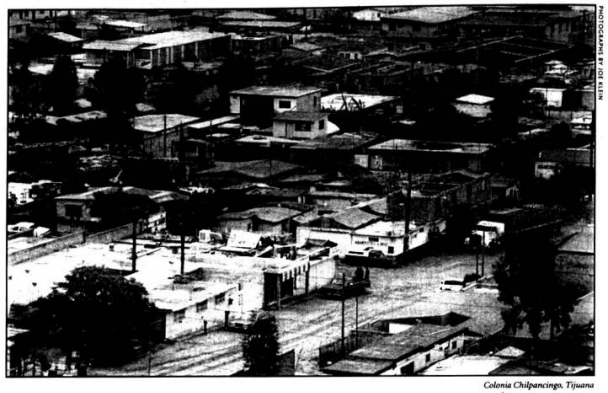

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Colonia Chilpancingo, Tijuana

The Mouse that Roared

By Bill Manson

Is the Clinton administration developing a conscience on border pollution? When Energy Secretary Bill Richardson comes to San Diego May 11 to host the energy conference of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, he will be the bearer of glad tidings — at least for USD.

On April 6 in Washington, D.C., Richardson delivered a mea culpa on behalf of the current administration. He admitted that in the rush to make money, NAFTA had "failed to [ensure] that we have sufficient health and safety in the border region."

The genial secretary promised to develop a program to reduce pollution along the border. USD and three other border universities will help develop technologies and carry out research to make it happen. And to any jaded environmentalists who may have heard government promises before, he emphasized that the enabling "Memorandum of Understanding" he was about to sign meant business. "It will not just be a piece of paper," he said. "It will have bucks behind it."

Sure enough, a week later, April 13, the bucks appeared — at least on paper. The U.S. senate passed S. 397, the National Materials Corridor and United States–Mexico Border Technology Partnership Act of 2000 — sponsored by Democratic senator Jeff Bingaman from New Mexico. "There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act $10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000 through 2004," reads the legislation.

Of course, this is just an authorization; only the actual appropriation will make it real. But $50 million sounds sweet, and it's a good start to alleviating the mess left by laissez-faire business practices along the 2000-mile strip that starts at Imperial Beach.

But tell that to the pollution-weary citizens of Tijuana's Colonia Chilpancingo, sitting downwind and downwater from one of the worst lead-leaking sites on record. While Washington thinks macro — 2000-mile border cleanup — people like San Diego environmental lawyer Cesar Luna are thinking about one small Tijuana battery-recycling site, which belongs to San Diego resident José Khan. Chilpancingo leaders have been complaining about its effects on their community for years.

These local problems, says Luna, are the real world. And they're the ones beyond the scope of this bill. Luna doesn't see S-397 saving the Mexican victims of such toxic dumping as Kahn's lead-leaking Metales y Derivados, the mesa-top plant at Tijuana's Otay section. Six thousand metric tons of lead slag have been eating their way through the cinderblock walls ever since PROFEPA, the enforcement arm of Mexico's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), shut it down in March 1994. Years of complaints from residents in the valley below, including claims of cancers, deformities, and respiratory illnesses, have met with no response.

"We've been hitting a wall trying to get NAFTA's environmental watchdog organization, the Commission for Environmental Cooperation [CEC], to take action against this site," says Luna. "Our 'citizens petitions' have been sitting at the commission for almost three years!"

So they plug ahead on their own. Last month Luna captured some startling evidence on his camcorder when he documented the walls being eaten away by battery acid. "The walls were starting to collapse. The entire back wall of the site came apart, and lead slag had started to escape. Apparently the owner's representative in Mexico agreed to rebuild that wall. So you had one guy working there with absolutely no protection, right in the middle of this hazardous-waste stuff,

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Hole in wall of Metales y Derivados



Cesar Luna

A Special Kind of Destiny

By Robert Kumpel

At the Carl's Jr. on Clairemont and Burgener, Michelle is on top of everything. Conscious of every customer, she double-checks the cleanliness and efficiency of the staff. Although not the manager, the other employees treat her with the respect only a boss can command. Michelle is also mentally disabled.

"She is very alert and aware of what's going on around her," says restaurant manager Linda Hight. "She's really conscientious about her work. As a matter of fact, when one of my new hires does something wrong, she corrects them. She takes it very seriously. If she sees anyone come in [to refill] a cup that they got from the outside, she'll approach them. Where some people might just brush it off and say, 'Oh well, let 'em do it,' she'll at least tell the person in charge."

A graduate of Grossmont High School's special-education program, Michelle, 28, was trained by the East County branch of San Diego's Arc (formerly the Association of Retarded Citizens). She's worked at Carl's Jr. for six years. "Michelle was actually hired at another restaurant in El Cajon. She was hired at first through another program, and then we chose to keep her on. She's learned to do the dining room, the salad bar, a little bit of the kitchen prep, stuff like that. She's been a big help. She's friendly with everyone. The staff all love her."

Hight has managed several Carl's Jr. locations since Michelle was hired and always takes Michelle with her when she moves. "She's kind of attached to me after five years. She comes all the way from El Cajon to Clairemont on the trolley and the bus. It takes two hours each way, and she'll work five days each week, usually for five hours per day."

Michelle's biggest difficulty is accepting her own limitations. "She wants to move up, and she just doesn't have the capability. She wants to be a shift leader, and she doesn't understand that she does not have the ability to do deposits, and I can't leave her accountable for the entire restaurant. She just doesn't understand that. She's learned a little bit of cooking and cashiering, but she's never scheduled for those stations.

"She really tries hard. She wants to try different stuff. She's always willing to help everybody and do everything. She called in sick one day and everyone said, 'Oh no! Michelle's not here!' because she's just such a help. You don't have to tell her what to do — she just does it. She's also conscientious about what other people are doing — not that she likes to watch everybody — she just really cares about her job and the store. When we're up for awards or an inspection, she looks at the store as a whole picture rather than just, 'Oh is my dining room clean?' If the kitchen needs to be mopped, she'll do it rather than some employees who probably don't care and do as little as possible. If I tell her to do something, it'll be done right."

The hard work and tough attitude reflect Michelle's independence. She lives with an uncle in a trailer in El Cajon, where a social worker checks in on her twice a month. "She's very self-sufficient," Hight says. "Sometimes I'll help her balance her checkbook or explain a payment or make a phone call once in a while, but not very often. I know she misses her mother and father — they had to move to Arizona for a job opportunity, but she wanted to stay here and work at Carl's Jr."

Michelle beams with pride when asked about her work. "I worked at Pizza Hut for a little bit, but I liked it better here at Carl's Jr. I like the people, I like the customers, I like the service. I try to push myself very hard in everything I do." She is seldom bored on the long ride to work. "Actually, I have my own comic strips. I'll work on that. I enjoy doing a lot of things. In my spare time I go to church and do a lot of errands — but I really like my cartoons."

The highlight of Michelle's career came in March of 1999 when she met Carl's Jr. founder, Carl Karcher, and delivered a speech in front of 300 people. As Hight recalls, it was at the Hyatt Hotel on Mission Bay, but Michelle corrects her: "It was at the Hilton Hotel on Mission Bay. For me, that was a dream come true. I did write out a speech, and I presented him with an award on behalf of people with disabilities. I got a standing ovation. I got hugs from people I didn't even know. I was very honored to do something like that.

"I thank Linda Hight for training me very well. If it wasn't for her, I don't know where I'd be today. She's one of my favorite bosses that I've ever had. I'm looking forward to going farther with my skills."

At the Vons market in Mission Hills, Mikey, 28, bags groceries two hours a day, four days a week. Because of his Down's syndrome, Mikey does not communicate as clearly as Michelle, but he works just as hard. Store manager Robert Goulding doesn't know where Mikey was trained. "He's worked here for four years. He was here when I got here." (Goulding recently transferred from another store). "I know that there's an agency involved in it, and he does have a job coach, but he's far enough along in his career that she doesn't actually come in unless we call her in and request her.

"He's worked out really well. His attitude is good as long as he stays focused. He's always willing to turn around and readjust his focus. Every day he interacts with customers — in fact, he just received a letter not too long ago from a customer. She was very impressed with Mikey."

Mikey is well-liked by the staff, and they treat him like a brother. "Everybody likes him. Our store is like a family and he's just part of our family. He does everything a normal courtesy clerk would do. He bags groceries, interacts with customers. He does a lot of dusting and cleaning around the store. We like to keep him involved and interacting with the customers — either up front or on the sales floor. He's not shy at all. He loves football. He's got season tickets for the Chargers. He's a big sports fan; he can tell you who won every game every week."

Mikey shows no shyness when interviewed, but his answers are short and his affect is flat.

How long have you worked here at Vons?

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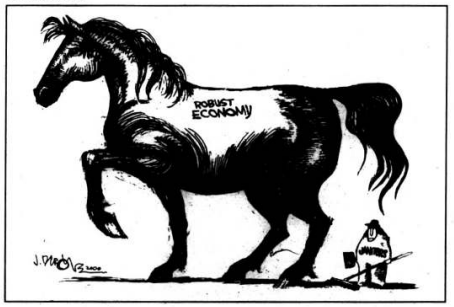

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putting the wall back up. I filmed him. He explained that there was no big deal, that the government officials had promised him gloves and boots, but they hadn't arrived, and now they were about 70 percent done with the wall anyway. I explained to him that what he was handling was really serious hazardous waste; if he was in the U.S., he would have been wearing a kind of astronaut's suit to handle that material. He had absolutely nothing. We were shocked. We contacted the EPA. They knew how bad it was. People we took down once before had gagged, it was so bad. There's no doubt it would be a Superfund site if it was in the U.S."

In the agency rulebook, a "Superfund" site has a toxic situation serious enough to constitute "an imminent and substantial endangerment." But according to Chris Reiner, the agency's California expert on toxic waste, Mexico's PROFEPA can't afford to clean this mess up, and the U.S. isn't authorized to.

"We have looked at the possibility of [putting EPA money in to clean up the Metales site]. The only money that we even possibly would be able to dedicate towards that would be money from our Superfund program. But, legally, we wouldn't be able to spend money on this site. We can only apply the Superfund to sites in this country. If this site had groundwater carrying

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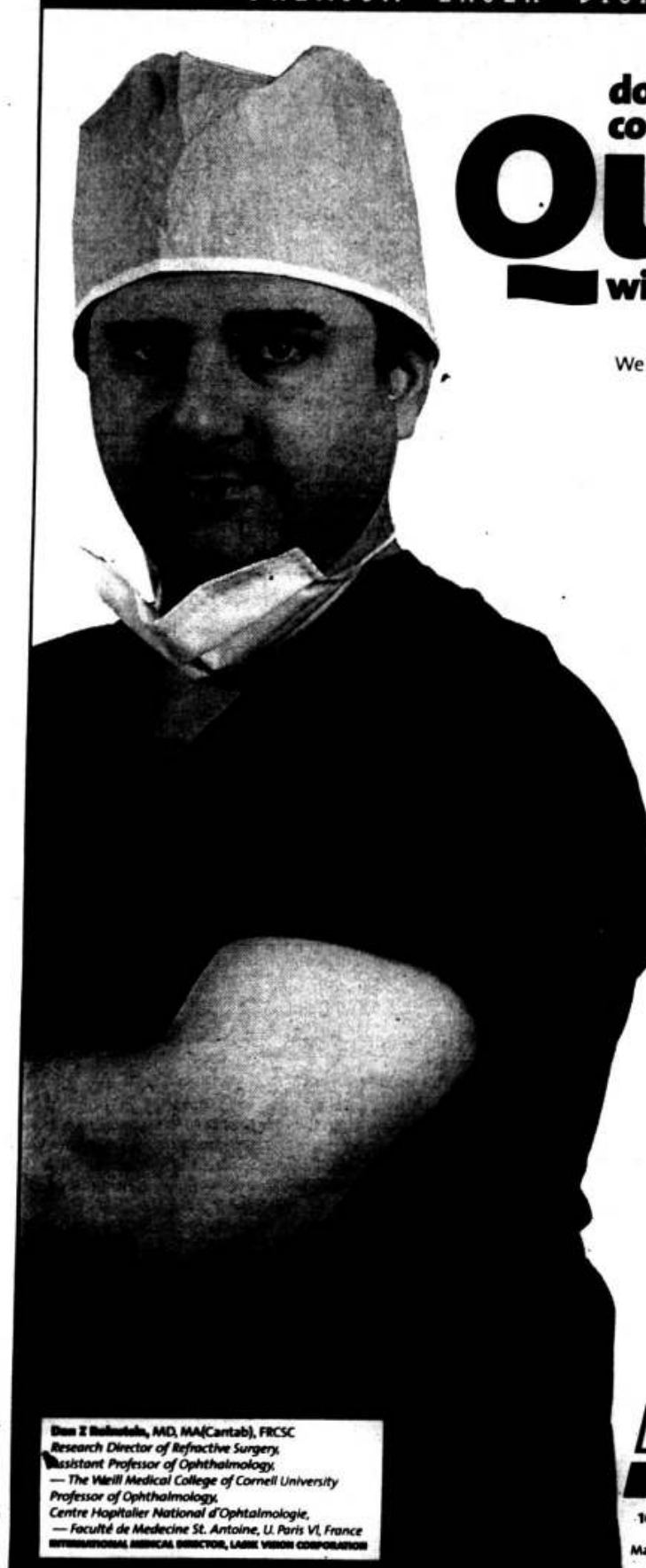

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across the border, then there'd be a stronger chance, but our mandate from Congress is to protect human health and the environment in the U.S., not in other countries."

So Luna and the Environmental Health Coalition, and the Tijuana-based Comité Ciudadano Pro-Restauración del Cañon del Padre, filed a "citizens submission" to the commission, claiming Mexico had failed to enforce Articles 170 and 134 of its General Law of Environmental Equilibrium and Protection. They also said Mexico had "failed to effectively enforce its environmental laws," because it wouldn't move to extradite José Kahn from San Diego to face trial in Baja California.

How responsive is NAFTA? "In the almost three years we've had this petition with them, there hasn't been any response whatsoever."

To make matters worse, says Luna, when the commission did submit his complaint to Mexican authorities, the Mexicans sent their response only to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, insisting it be kept confidential. "The agency's goal is, in general, to ensure that we have as open a process as we can," says Reiner. "And the claim of confidentiality on the part of Mexico in response to this makes it very, very difficult — even the Environmental Protection Agency, as one of the agencies represented on the commission council, can't see the documents."

And now, according to another researcher — Priscilla Stephan of the World Wildlife Fund — Mexico, Canada, and the United States have been "secretly negotiating" changes to the rules so it will become even harder for citizens of the three NAFTA countries to have a say in environmental matters. "In the shadow of Seattle," Stephan wrote recently, "and protesters in the streets of Washington, D.C. responding to commercially driven globalization, the NAFTA parties appear to be weakening one of the only mechanisms ever designed to create international rights for individuals and nonprofit groups..."

Under Article 14 of the NAFTA environmental side agreement, writes Stephan, "The citizens submission process is at the core of the environmental promises made when NAFTA was signed."

In a letter to the commission, Stephan says a U.S. position paper, which she acquired with Environmental Protection Agency help, "contains ideas that raise the specter of unjustified new restrictions on the citizen petition process.... We demand, quite simply, a halt to these negotiations until the citizens whose interests are directly at stake have an opportunity to make their voices heard. Anything less makes a complete charade out of past shows of concern for public participation."

Yet on April 10, San Diego's Environmental Health Coalition scored a small victory. NAFTA's environmental secretariat in Montreal, Canada, announced that a "factual record" (read: investigation) should be undertaken regarding the San Diego and Tijuana petition for action over the abandoned Metales y Derivados lead smelter. They rejected Luna's proposal that Mexico should seek to extradite Kahn from San Diego but were willing to examine the group's claim that Mexico "has failed to effectively enforce its environmental laws" at the site.

"Alan Hecht [Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator of International Activities at the EPA in Washington] told us he's been monitoring our case very carefully," an excited Luna said last week. "He says the case is being fully considered, and he expected something may happen after the next meeting of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation bosses [environmental administration chiefs from each NAFTA member government] in June. He said this case 'is really on the radar screen. It's a hot topic for discussion.' And he was very impressed with ours and the commission secretariat staff's analysis of the case."

The best that Luna and his co-activists can get out of this is publication of that commission's "Independent Factual Record." The commission has no enforcement or penalizing powers against member countries that have broken their own environmental codes. "But at least the factual record might shed light into why the Metales y Derivados problem continues to exist," says Luna. "What we're hoping for is that the U.S. and Mexico will now find the will and the way to actually do the cleanup. Hecht told us, 'This is prompting us to really look at "How can we remedy it."' So...I think it's actually working!"

If it is, it will not ring any big bells like Richardson's $50 million border-cleanup proposal. But for the people of Colonia Chilpancingo, after decades of what they believe has been breathing, drinking, and eating lead poison, it will spell relief. ■

Special destiny

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"About three years — four."

Did you go to school before you came here?

"Yeah."

Were you involved at all with Arc of San Diego?

"Yeah."

Did they train you for this job?

"Yeah. Buffy."

Is she your trainer?

"Yeah."

Can you tell me about your job?

"I like it here. I like the customers. Nice work here."

What do you like about working here?

"Being a bagger. Helping dust. Helping customers."

Can you tell me a little bit about sports and who you like?

"The Chargers lost to Denver."

Do you go to all the games?

"Yeah. But now the tickets are going up."

What do you think about the Rams this year?

"The Rams — don't like 'em." He shakes his head.

Are people nice to you here?

"Yeah."

Mikey lives in National City with his grandparents. Until recently, he lived downtown in Little Italy.

Kathleen Swett, 45, is the director of food services for Children's Hospital. She's hired mentally disabled workers since 1989. "Our people were not doing a good job keeping the cafeteria clean. I heard about the Arc program, and from a purely business perspective it seemed

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David, 39, was not born mentally disabled. He originally came to Children's Hospital as a patient with measles. Persistent high fevers damaged his brain, diminishing his mental capacity. "I was a patient here a long time ago — I don't know when I started. I think I was a teenager. I enjoy working here. I've probably worked here for about 15 years. They all like me here, and I'm treated well." David now works in the hospital cafeteria:

"The people are real nice. I also work part time at North Shores Arc. They train you to work out in the community. When you work out in the community, you get a bigger paycheck. I live not too far from Children's Hospital and North Shores— I live with my mom and dad. I work from 9:00 to 2:30, Monday through Friday."

Liz Nelson, a job coach, has worked for the San Diego Arc at Children's Hospital since January. "I oversee and assist any way I can. I'm here to help and support the workers." Nelson acts like a den mother to the other Arc "clients" working in the cafeteria. Alison and Loretta, curious about the interview, walk over and join Nelson.

"What's going on?" Alison asks. When Nelson explains there will be a story about them, Alison enthusiastically answers questions. "This is a wonderful company to work for. I've worked here since August of '99. The best thing about working here is the free lunch! I also like the color scheme of the tables and stuff. It's probably the colors I'd want to decorate my room. I'm 21 years old. I live in La Mesa with my stepdad, my mom, and my half-brother." Alison is quick to praise Nelson: "She's a better supervisor than our other one ever was." Nelson later adds that Alison is the president of a group called the Independent Club.

Her companion, Loretta, 32, is more reserved. "I've worked here for a long time — about a year. They rotate [the tasks] every week. I was trained at North Shores. I like to make sure everything is clean." She boasts about correcting another worker's error. "Just a minute ago I had to go change what he did. I had to make sure everything was in order. One thing about this job...I can make more money and do anything I gotta do."

When we're alone, Nelson brags about the workers. "I really love this group. I like working with them." She talks about her studies at Grossmont College. "I'm in the disabled-services management program. I'm trying to get ahold of the language part and address them as 'people-first' rather than 'disability-first.' The whole movement is toward getting rid of the stereotypes and stigmas...to get people normalized rather than different.

"Disability can affect any one of us at any time in our lives. We always think of disabled people as people with congenital defects, who from birth on have had these things, but my brother is a quadriplegic as a result of an accident, so he's in the category of disabled now — severely. My sister, also, as a result of diabetes, has become disabled. That's what sparked my interest in this whole field, because I need to take care of my family now. I'm in the position with all the dynamics that affect you when you are dealing with that. That's opened up my eyes for the first time in my life towards these things."

After finishing at Grossmont, Nelson plans to pursue gerontology (the study of aging). "One in five people have a disability of some sort. We're all interconnected. It broadens our acceptance of the elderly when we embrace, as a society, what disability is.

"The entire disabled population is taking charge of themselves and their identity. They're moving forward with their own strength and power. There's quite a few people to address and deal with. If you want to talk about prejudice toward minorities, you'll see it toward them more than any other group. They've endured the same struggle and are heading toward equality — to be accepted." ■

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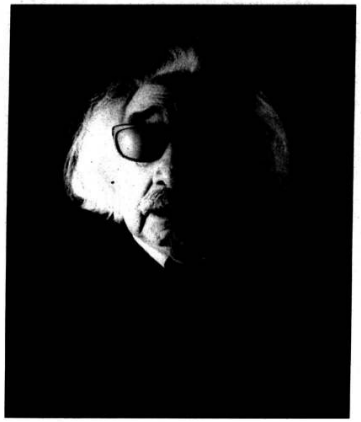

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BY MATTHEW ALICE



Illustration by Rick Geary

Matthew:
I like to fish Lake Hodges, and a pal told me that somewhere at the bottom of the lake there is a town that existed before they built the dam. Is this a fish story, like the other tales he tells me?
— Fisherman Frank, Escondido

If the water level in Hodges gets any lower, we can go look around for ourselves. But I don't think we'll find a town. Just two soggy ranches. The Hodges Dam was built between 1917 and 1919 to stop up a river that flowed through what was then called Crescent Valley. The Carroll brothers each had a ranch down there, but when Ed Fletcher and his water company blew through town, he convinced them to sell out so San Dieguito would have a reliable year-round water supply. The village of Del Dios sprang up after the lake formed. It was principally a Boy Scout camp and get-away spot for city slickers. Maybe your fishy friend was thinking of the town of Bernardo, not too far away. It was a moderately boomy place early in the century — post office, general store, blacksmith, school, and a few thousand folks. If my calculations are correct, the long-defunct Bernardo is now under the North County Fair shopping center.

Heymatt:
I was at Office Depot the other day and felt like a fool for asking them where there "mice" were, as in a mouse for a computer. Is there a way to pluralize this, or should it just be left in the singular form? What if your computer has two mice? or mouses? How would you refer to them? If Office Depot was to have a sign displaying their mice/mouses, what would be the proper way to do so?
— Desperately Seeking Stuart, the net

An unresolved issue, Des. You've got your "mice" faction and your "mouses" faction, but so far, I don't think the dispute has caused any good fistfights. English-language usage guru Brian Garner figures that the plural of the computer mouse will eventually find its own level; one word will begin to be used more often, for whatever reason, and the other will disappear. He primes the oblivion pump by declaring "mice" to be a bad choice. *Wired* magazine's style guide for tech writers also prefers "mouses," though they admit they hate rules, so take that one for what it's worth. According to an article in *New Scientist* mag, written by a hard-core dweller in the info-tech domain, Geekworld prefers "mouses" and considers "mice" a dead giveaway that you're not a techie insider. Two journalistic sources (*The New York Times* style guide and *Copy Editor* magazine), naturally, say "mice" is correct. Which explains why editors and technical people will never agree on anything. Microsoft, too, has weighed in on the debate. "Avoid the plural" is their typically cagey advice to staffers; but if you can't, they say, use "mouse devices." As for your average computer-gear retailer — yeah, like they really care about grammar and usage. As long as your check doesn't bounce, they'll let you call them anything you want.

Hi, Matt!
What happened to the colorful tower that used to crown the Tower Bar on University Avenue in City Heights? I just drove by tonight, and it's gone, nada, zero. Did it burn down, or did the public art police have their way with it? Please tell me that it's going through some grandiose retrofit or restoration…
— Sallybird, North Park

Slap all the makeup you like on an old dame, and you've still just got a tarted-up old dame. Dry rot and termites got the better of the tower. If you'd driven by before they disassembled it, you'd know why. It was listing madly to the south. Things like that are national treasures in Italy, but here they're just lawsuits waiting to happen. The children's tiles that decorated the façade are still intact, and it's been reported that the tower will be rebuilt, but not with city money, so the public-art police can relax.

Dear Matt:
Do convicts still make our license plates, or was that all a big story told to us by our mothers?
— Charlie B., San Diego

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Rollin' 'round the bend,
And each one has a license plate
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The Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) 2000 tour runs from April 16 through November 11. This week, bowling's womenfolk are in town for the Greater San Diego Open, which is being hosted by the Grove Bowling Center (6348 College Grove Way).

Last year there were 91 women on the national tour. Of that number, there is room for about 5 to make a good living. Wendy Macpherson, 1999's top money winner, earned $82,265. Number ten was Cara Honeychurch, coming home with $48,900. Subtract the cost of living on the road for 30-plus weeks a year and we're talking potato-salad dinners for everybody else.

I'm chatting with Kristy Whitcher, 42, from Belfair, Washington. "How long have you been on the tour?"

"Twenty years, but I'm a regional player. I'm not ranked nationally. I am one of the top bowlers in my region. I've won 13 regional titles and have the number-one average in Washington."

"Which is?"

"My average is 225."

Wendy Macpherson, the 1999 PWBA champ, had an average of 218.85. "What do you do that other people don't?"

"Practice, practice, practice, and buy new equipment all the time."

"When you say equipment, you've got a ball, shoes, and gloves. What else do you need?"

"Ten years ago they came out with a new ball called a particle ball. The outer surface is particles and it makes the ball want to grab the lane. Now, they make all different kinds of ball surfaces to match up to the lane. Then, inside the balls, are different weight blocks to tell the ball when to turn left or hook or whatever."

I can picture that, barely. "So, 30 years ago you would have had to make the ball move with your wrist?"

"Right, definitely, balls are everything."

"So, now you only have to throw the ball in a straight line and it will do the rest?"

"Well, it varies week to week. Sometimes it's better to hook, sometimes it's better to throw straight, it depends on the type of oil they put on the lanes. Whatever oil they put out there we have to match with our bowling equipment and our style. We have a lane man, he sets the condition."

"What is 'sets the condition'?" I'm deep into the forest and it's getting dark.

"There is a man who oils the lanes to make them conducive to whatever shots he wants them to emphasize. Since we travel, the lanes will be different from week to week."

"How do you deal with that? Sneak up to the oil maître d' and whisper, 'What's the mix today?'"

"He maps it out, makes a chart. He'll tell you exactly what he's done. Some of these gals out here research oils, they're really good at matching up their equipment to the oil. You just don't go down there and throw the ball."

Complexity instead of meadow[s] with sunflowers, I sigh. "You said you'll a lousy game today."

"I started at the high end and had to make the transition to the low end [lane 50 to lane 1]. I got caught up in the transition and made bad shots."

"Aren't all lanes the same?"

"No. I'm sure local bowlers probably play more in the middle, so those lanes would be different. The high end is probably hotter, because there are more doors up there, so the oil wouldn't inspissate as fast. Lane to lane it's totally different. You could bowl a 240 on one lane and 160 on another."

I'll never watch bowling in the same way again. "How did you get started?"

"Max, my ball driller, used to be a professional bowler in the '70s. He watched me bowl and said if I practiced a little bit I could be a pretty decent little bowler. He taught me about the break point, where the ball will go."

The sun has set. "What is a break point?"

"Where the oil ends and the dry begins. This week, they only oiled 42 out of the 60 feet, so, the break point is somewhere between 43 and 45 feet."

"They never oil the entire lane?"

"If they did, our balls would go right on through every time. You got to have some dry in there."

Get me a double order of dry. "How, exactly, did Max teach you the break point?"

"You start at the gutter and count the hardwood boards right to left; one, two, three, four, five. He'd say, 'Hit the five board,' and I'd hit it and the ball would go straight. He'd say, 'Hit the seven board,' and I'd hit it and the ball would start hooking."

"In other words, you can pick any one of those boards and throw the ball only on that board and the break point is where the ball turns, where the oil stops?"

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Denomination: Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations
Address: 3219 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont; 858-490-4355
Year founded locally: 1981
Senior rabbi: Barney Kasdan
Congregation size: 90 families
Staff: four full-time
Sunday school: 60
Annual budget: $200,000
Weekly giving: $3900
Singles program: yes
Diversity: predominately white, some African-American
Dress: casual to dressy-casual
Services: Saturday worship, 10:30 a.m.

The first thing you notice about Synagogue Kehilat Ariel is that it meets in the First Southern Baptist Church of Clairemont. The second thing is that there are more barefoot women wandering about than you might find in your average synagogue. And as soon as Kehilat Ariel's two-hour Saturday-morning liturgy begins, all bets are off.

Kehilat Ariel is a member of the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations, which means its members embrace Jesus not only as their Messiah, but also as God. They believe in the Holy Trinity. They believe that Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit, became flesh in the Virgin Mary, and was made man; that he was crucified under Pontius Pilate and suffered death and was buried; that on the third day he rose again and ascended into heaven; that he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. They also believe that their faith in no way subverts their legitimacy as Jews.

Jews who do not share their beliefs tend to regard Messianic Jews with some distress, likely due to the fact that, over the past 1600 years, countless thousands of Jews were raped, tortured, and slaughtered precisely because they did not accept the divinity of Jesus. Christian misbehavior during the Holocaust also remains a sore spot. Kehilat Ariel's Rabbi Barney Kasdan is not indifferent to these concerns.

"I would never wear a cross around my neck," he told me. "As a Jew I just wouldn't feel comfortable with it. If the cross symbolized only the death and resurrection of Jesus, well, that would be one thing. But to Jews the cross symbolizes so much else."

For Jews, one thing the cross does not symbolize is folk dancing, of which there is a great deal at Kehilat Ariel. As last Saturday's service began, Rabbi Kasdan started strumming his bass guitar and a four-piece band behind him pumped out a plucky, Israeli-style tune. The congregation clapped and sang "How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob," and barefoot, long-skirted women streamed to the front of the sanctuary where they formed a circle and began to dance, Israeli-folkdance-style, but with a lot of broad, swooping hand gestures. By my watch, the singing and dancing lasted a good 40 minutes.

The following liturgy little resembled that of non-Messianic Jews. Standard prayers were either truncated or elided; the name *Yeshua* (Jesus) was often invoked. Those parts of the traditional liturgy that remained intact were done in unusual ways. For example, during the recitation of the *Shema* ("Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One"), Judaism's supreme affirmation of monotheism, tradition dictates that each person cover his eyes with his right hand. But Kehilat Ariel recited the *Shema* with right hands held aloft, toward the ceiling.

However, Rabbi Kasdan's sermon on the civil war, described in the 12th chapter of Judges, was pretty much standard issue, the sort of thing you might hear in any synagogue or church. He discussed the importance of believers not dividing themselves over small issues; he admonished us not to gossip. His grasp of Hebrew pronunciation was no more or less shaky than that of some Reform rabbis. One time he pronounced *hametz* (leavened bread) as "*humus*" (chickpea paste); a sentence or so later it was "*hometz*" (vinegar).



RABBI BARNEY KASDAN

Synagogue Kehilat Ariel
Clairemont
★★

Sermon	
content	★
delivery	★★
Liturgy	★
Music	
congregational	★
choir	no choir
Snacks	★★★
Flowers	★★
Architecture	★
Friendliness	★★

Poor to satisfactory	(none)
Good	★
Very good	★★
Excellent	★★★
Extraordinary	★★★★

Rabbi Kasdan is very handsome, broad-shouldered, mustached. At 47, he could pass for someone in his early 30s. He surfs on a regular basis. When I spoke with him after the service, he was friendly, a tad nervous. "Messianic Judaism is extremely controversial." If he was difficult to pin down theologically, it was only because the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations is 20 years old and the formalization of its beliefs and practices is ongoing. Messianic Jews, he told me, aren't quite sure if they believe once-saved-always-saved, but they do not practice infant baptism. They fast on Yom Kippur. They celebrate Jesus' birth during the Jewish festival Shavuot. They celebrate his resurrection on the third day of Passover, the only day of the year when they take Communion. (For Messianic Jews, the matzo and wine they use for Communion are only symbols of Jesus' body and blood.) They try to keep kosher and try not work on the Sabbath. They are indifferent to intermarriage between Gentile and Jew.

Perhaps most surprising, Messianic Jews are exclusionist. While even the most Orthodox Judaism holds that any person can secure a place in the World to Come, Messianic Jews believe that salvation comes only through faith in Jesus.

I asked Rabbi Kasdan if I, as a Jew who did not believe in Jesus, were hell-bound. He smiled, toyed with a paperweight. I persisted.

"Well," he said. "Yes." — *Abe Opincar*

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Not a Mild Party

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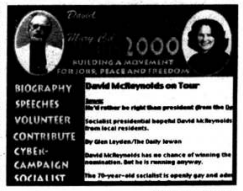
But no matter what the public's conscience is on this matter, it won't elect a third-party candidate anytime soon. As absurd as we know the purported differences between Gore and Bush to be, we will elect one of the two men president, in November.

Still, this won't stop the New York–based Socialist Party from mounting a quixotic presidential campaign, something it has focused more intensely on in recent decades. Manhattan's David McReynolds, the presidential candidate for the 99-year-old party, put it bluntly during a press conference in September 1999. "Neither Governor Bush nor Vice President Gore are free agents," he announced. "They represent corporate America."

In March, McReynolds amended this charge. "Well, it's not fair to say they're the same," he said. "Bush is not terribly bright, and Gore is."

McReynolds does campaign, but, naturally, you won't hear about him in the mainstream media. However, the websites of the Socialist Party (*www.sp-usa.org*) and the campaign (*votesocialist.org*) are packed with information about



From votesocialist.org

the candidate, his positions, and the history of American socialism. The campaign pages, for instance, include links to his dense speeches and to a detailed biography written by Brown University professor Paul Buhle.

McReynolds, 70, who is openly gay and who admits to smoking marijuana, joined the Socialist Party in 1951, when he was a student at UCLA. Since then, he has embodied the party's ideals, which are discussed at length at its site. "Socialists," it explains, "believe that the problems facing America and the world, such as environmental despoliation, the systematic waste of public resources for private profit, persistent unemployment concentrated among women and racial minorities, and the maldistribution of wealth, power, and income, are not mere aberrations of the capitalist system — they are the capitalist system. This is why Socialists are not impressed by political appeals based on the personal qualities or 'charisma' of any individual politician. Socialists believe that it is the system — and the institutions which make up that system — that must be changed. Socialists differ fundamentally from liberals in this regard. Socialists critically support liberal reform measures (such as increases in the minimum wage) not as ends in themselves, but as guideposts pointing to the need for a fundamental transformation of our society."

"Raising questions about our government is the most American thing."

For most of his career, McReynolds made peace his priority; he worked for 38 years for New York's War Resisters League before retiring in May 1999. ("Of course, radicals don't actually retire," he wrote in a good-bye letter posted at the campaign site.) Military spending, he claims, is the only subject about which he and the party disagree.

"They favor cutting military spending 50 percent; I favor cutting it completely," he says.

McReynolds does not pretend that he'll win the November election. When he ran for president in 1980, he received fewer than 10,000 votes in the 11 states where he made the ballot. The numbers have been even worse for the party in subsequent elections. "Prosperity benefits the status quo," he reminds us.

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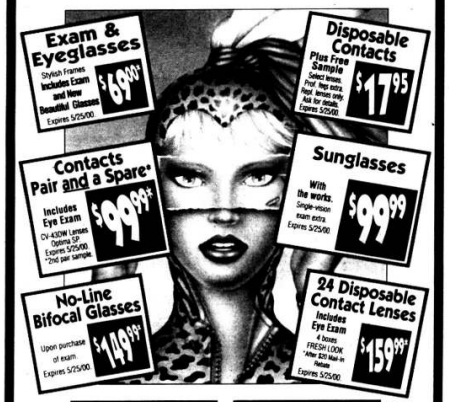

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is more about being radical than winning. "I have two main goals during the campaign," McReynolds says. "To put socialism on the political agenda as a legitimate topic and to build membership, whether in the Socialist Party or in socialist organizations. I want to remind people that raising questions about our government is the most American thing." McReynolds also reasons that "a vote for an obvious winner is a wasted vote. The vote that registers a complaint or dissatisfaction with the current system is a winner."

Though his campaign is undoubtedly radical, the meat of McReynolds's positions — as they're described at these pages — can be reduced to a single breath. He wants to reform our prison system, which he describes as a "gulag state" crowded with petty criminals; he wants to abolish the CIA, lift all embargoes against foreign countries, legalize marijuana, and establish a national healthcare program.

The catch-22 facing the Socialist Party and McReynolds's candidacy is, of course, that their radical positions alienate most voters — even ultraliberals. But the party would dishonor its most basic tenets if it softened for the sake of votes. "This is not a mild party," McReynolds insists. And to prove this assertion, when he announced his candidacy in September 1999, he reminded voters of his most fundamental ambitions.

"Let no one think," he said, "that the Socialist Party has abandoned the goal of social ownership of the commanding heights of industry, combined with democratic control, and decentralization and community involvement. The corporation is an artificial creation which has no inherent rights. If we won control of Congress we would place such vast corporate structures under social ownership. Capitalism as we know it is not a vision of the future in which we can take comfort, in which all things have a price, and all things are on the market place. For us, the unit of measurement is the human being, not the rate of profit." ■

— *Justin Wolff*



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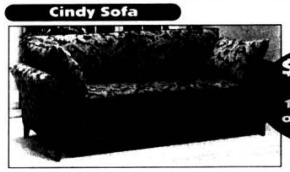

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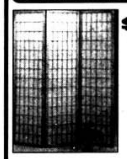

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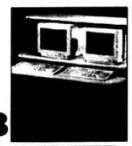

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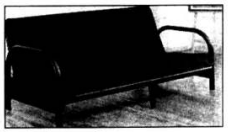

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Chicken

by MAX NASH

I baked a chicken the night I left my wife. It was a chubby-thighed roasting hen I rubbed with olive oil and salt and hefted into a 500-degree oven where I left it to sizzle for about an hour. The hen's buttery smell filled the kitchen. Soup I'd made with the hen's neck, giblets, and feet simmered on the stove. Out in the dining room, my wife, my stepson and his wife, and two guests, chattered and laughed and complained they were hungry. Our Sabbath candles shone in their silver holders. The *challah* waited beneath its embroidered velvet cover to be blessed.

On many Friday nights we gathered around that big oak table where I blessed my stepson and his wife, where I sang *Aishes Chayil* to my wife ("Who might find a woman of valor? Her value is far beyond pearls...."), where I blessed wine and bread, served chicken soup, carved juicy hens, chanted the Grace After Meals ("Blessed are You, our God, King of the Universe, who nourishes the entire world, in His goodness, with grace, with kindness, and with mercy....").

For a long while I thought my life was full and sweet. For a long while it was.

"He monopolized my time on my honeymoon," is what my wife told Star and Bob, our marriage counselors, by way of expressing her past and present dissatisfactions. I sat there and wondered about my wife's use of the possessive, "*my* honeymoon." But what did I know? I wasn't sure of much. The only thing I knew for certain was that I was paying $185 an hour to a husband-and-wife team named Star and Bob to listen to my wife complain that I'd monopolized her time on her honeymoon.

"Interesting," murmured Star, toying with her chunky ethnic necklace. Bob picked imaginary lint off his taupe corduroys. Star, eyes wide with bland compassion, turned to me, "What are you feeling?"

"I'm feeling," I said, "that I have to go home and bake a chicken."



I suppose every failed marriage has its own Dealey Plaza, Texas School Book Depository, grassy knoll. Its own Star and Bob. A mystery point where fatigue, despair, and anger find triangulation. Motives forever remain murky; history changed nonetheless. When I left Star and Bob's office, I knew I would never come back.

I went home and monopolized a roasting hen's time. As millions of Jews have done for centuries on early Friday evenings, I baked a chicken. Humming "Some Enchanted Evening," my wife cleaned the living room. She arranged daisies in a vase. The sun went down. She lighted and blessed two candles. The guests arrived and, a few minutes later, my stepson and his wife. Our meal began.

God created the Sabbath and said, "Israel shall be your mate." Rabbis further explained, "Accordingly, every week, Israel greets the Sabbath like a groom awaiting his bride." The Sabbath, too, represents a foretaste of Heaven, a never-ending honeymoon. I didn't want our meal to end. I wanted it to go on forever.

Our guests said goodbye. My stepson and his wife lingered. She got up and hugged me, "You're the father I always wished I'd have." She wasn't going to wish that for much longer.

They left. The house was quiet. My wife cleared the table then went to bed. I fed the dog and went outside and stared at the garden I planted. Every seed I'd carelessly poked into the ground, every sunflower, every bean, every marigold, every gourd, every mint, every tomato, had shot up out of the earth. The tiny one- and two-leafed sprouts mocked me.

I crept back to the bedroom to take some clothes, a book I was reading, a leather satchel. My wife was asleep. Under the reading lamp, her long dark curls, her sweet pale complexion, glowed. Her lips were slightly parted. I wanted to kiss them again. I wanted to taste her breath again. I knew I could never make her happy.

The last time I saw it, our dining room was chilly. The candles in their silver holders flickered. (You don't blow Sabbath candles out.) Our dog, an aging black Labrador, snoozed beneath the table. In the kitchen, the refrigerator hummed.

I took the leftover baked chicken with me and ate it in my motel room the next afternoon for lunch.

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"Support your local junkie," read the bumper sticker.

"Ahh, Marion, do you have to?" said the police in Barrio Logan.

The junkie is Marion Martinez, part-owner of Mini Truck Dismantling Center, what used to be called a junkyard, and the bumper stickers had been an advertising gimmick. Mini Truck primarily specializes in Toyota and Nissan trucks, but just about any other small truck can be found in the seeming hodgepodge of twisted metal and banged-up examples of hundreds of people's bad luck that fills Mini Truck's back lot.

But from the front, on the 1700 block of Newton Avenue, Mini Truck doesn't look like a junkyard, despite the razor wire and half dozen signs. Leaning over the 12-foot corrugated metal fence are ten 30-foot eucalyptuses, while on either side of the entrance to the office are two tall Mexican palms that Marion planted back in 1960. And on the fence itself is painted an underwater seascape with octopuses, jellyfish, whales, porpoises, sea turtles, and dozens of oversized tropical fish.

The reason for the trees and mural is what's across the street — Perkins Elementary School.

"We went out and planted all these eucalyptuses," says Marion, "so the kids wouldn't have to look over here and see a yard full of junk. I thought they might enjoy it. Then I hired a dozen taggers from a local halfway house to do the mural and I supplied the paint. Now I'm getting ready to paint the fence again. I'll turn it over to the kids. Let them do what they want. They can paint their houses. No matter how primitive."

In the same way Mini Truck has a classy look for a junkyard, so is Marion equally stylish — a good-looking blonde in her early 60s, carefully made up with lipstick, eye shadow, and long lavender nails that get a little chipped by the end of the day. She has torch-singer eyes, and 30 years ago, she must have been striking.

"I had a girlfriend in the business who was over 200 pounds and falling out of her clothes, the typical stereotype," she tells me. "Just because it's a junkyard doesn't mean we have to look like a junkyard, so I told Gina we had to wear makeup and dress well."

Gina Martinez is Marion's attractive 31-year-old daughter who works at Mini Truck as office manager. With blond-streaked hair and more makeup than her mother, she has Marion's eyes. A second daughter, Robin Badilla, is 34, equally attractive and worked for her mother for seven years and still works for her off and on. She has just gotten back from vacationing in Hawaii and is full of good cheer. All three women are at the edge of sultry and seem dressed for some sort of celebration. But they don't flirt, because Mini Truck is a serious business and they are serious businesswomen. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

As I enter the office at Mini Truck, my first impression is one of chaos. Telephones are ringing; dogs are barking; people speak loudly in English and Spanish; from the yard comes the sound of banging and the whine of a power wrench; someone drops a chunk of metal on the floor; a man laughs.

Gina shouts into the yard, "Hey, is that a military jeep or a mail jeep?" Then she shouts into the telephone. "Do you want a free jeep, no motor, no transmission? No, I can't send you a mail woman with it."

The office is about 25 by 25 feet, half the floor is concrete and half plywood, the walls are dented paneling with shelving on two walls and pegboard on the others. There are shelves of fuel pumps, generators, boxes of mirrors, steering wheels; against the walls lean hubcaps, bumpers, grills, reconditioned transmissions, cylinder heads. Stuff hangs from the ceiling. To the left entering the door is another small office. To the right are five white containers with towels over them — we'll come back to these. Two large rottweilers are lying on tattered yellow rugs in a rather flimsy pen. Occasionally they bark ferociously. One of the women calmly addresses remarks to them — "Oh, stop that. Cut it out, why don't you."

Near the dogs is a sign: "These dogs can reach the fence in three seconds. Can you?"

At the far side of the office is a plywood counter about ten feet long, four feet high, and three feet wide with two stools in front and two behind where Marion and Gina usually sit, or whoever is answering the phones. The counter is covered with phones, papers, Styrofoam cups, a Rolodex, cups full of old pens, a closed-circuit TV showing the yard, a jar of candy, endless bits and pieces. The front of the counter is covered with bumper

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stickers — "Keep Honking, I'm Reloading." "All Cars Run On Used Parts." "Just When You Think Life's A Bitch, It Has Puppies." "We Support Our Troops In The Gulf" — maybe 30 bumper stickers. On the wall behind the counter are tacked dozens of photographs, postcards, letters, pictures of movie stars, pictures of racing cars, calendars, a dozen trophies on shelves, receipts, pictures of dogs, a small statue of a rottweiler, and various small car parts hanging from the pegboard. On the floor behind the counter sleeps a 14-year-old rottweiler — more comatose than sleeping. Rottweilers are very popular here. To the left is a refrigerator, microwave, toaster oven, watercooler, a fan, piles of auto books, and several bags of oranges and avocados — "bribes," Marion calls them, a gift from one of her customers, and at the end of the day she gives great handfuls



Mike Wolfe

to her three parts pullers who work in the yard. Although the office seems to contain 10,000 objects, what appears to be clutter is in fact a peculiar sort of order. Or at least anyone who works at Mini Truck can lay a hand on a part almost immediately.

"I've known that guy since Gina was six months old," Marion is saying to a customer seated on one of the stools. "He's a nice guy, but he drives you crazy. He painted the top of Robin's Subaru gray and I took him out and showed it to him. The paint was all blistered and chipped. I said look at that and he said, 'What do you expect? It's almost one year old!' "

There is a steady stream of gringo and Hispanic, white and black, sentences in English and Spanish, a constant naming of body parts — "A Bronco II rear end," "AT100 is way too hard to find," "Does she know her ratio?" "Do you have a '91 D50 clutch pedal?" "Ah, alternators, I've got plenty of." "Gina, an '86 Ford harmonic balancer?"

A bearded young man with a cold is standing at the counter looking depressed. Marion says, "The truck is such a late model that it would have to be almost annihilated to wind up in a junkyard. Did you try Toyota Trucks? You did? You might have to buy new. Sorry." She gives the young man a Sudafed, then asks Gina, "Where's the Advil?"

A Hispanic man with a heavy accent tentatively approaches the counter and asks Gina, "You still have that mean dog?"

"Sure do," says Gina, with her sultry smile. "It's right behind the counter."

The man looks and sees only the sleeping antique rottweiler.

"That's not the same dog."

Gina jabs her thumb toward a shelf above her. "He's right there in that box." The ashes of three of their past rottweilers are kept in three small fancy boxes — two of the cremated remains are the grandparents of the two dogs in the flimsy cage.

The man looks thoughtfully at the three boxes, and I can't tell if he's encouraged or discouraged.

"We're all kind of dog crazy," Gina tells me. "Robin has rottweilers. I've got a shepherd and a chow at home. The chow's so smart — he takes my money off the table and carries it out to the backyard."

Gina holds out a large plate of sweet rolls to me. "Mom makes these in the morning. You might have noticed that everyone's a little chunky around here."

A young man who looks

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like a student asks Marion to find him a part. "You wouldn't want me to get grease all over my fingers, would you?" she asks him. She calls one of the parts pullers.

Out in the back lot the chaos of the office seems increased a thousandfold with hundreds of trucks in various states of disintegration, like turkey carcasses lined up and in heaps on the days following Thanksgiving. Some are only shells making their way to the scrap pile. On the heavy shelving is a tidy row of many colored doors above hunks of transmissions, cylinder heads, all the heavy pieces. A yellow forklift winds its way along makeshift paths. Near the exit from the office an oil-streaked driveway leads to the alley with trucks on either side, but far back in the yard it's a jungle of metal.

Marion shows me around. "Our business here is we buy what people don't want anymore and try to convert it into parts that somebody else might need for the same vehicle. It used to be a really lucrative business, and in some ways it still is, but it costs you about three times more than it did 25 years ago. I've been doing this since 1961, and I started in this very place, working for someone else, and it's been my own place since 1987. The man who had it found he was ill so he sold me some of his equipment and said it was up to me to renegotiate the lease with the lady that owns the property, which I did. We get the trucks from the insurance auctions and sometimes we buy them off the street. Someone will call and say I just had an accident and I don't have insurance and want someone to pick it up. Often one of the three of us will go out and look at it and give him an idea of what we'll pay for it."

Marion points to a dark red '89 Toyota truck that appears to have been wrapped partly around a tree. "We just bought this yesterday. The fellow didn't have insurance. And you can see it was a pretty nice truck until he got in trouble. That's definitely totaled. First of all what we do is bring it in and let it sit here while all the paperwork clears. Seventy-two hours at least. Now, my DMV girl just came and took the paperwork, so now I can start parting it out. The DMV girl is actually bonded to work as kind of a liaison between me and DMV, because obviously I can't run this business and run to DMV every day too. So I pay her, she comes in and I pay her by the piece. She works for a lot of places. She takes the paperwork and does whatever's necessary and gets it turned into a junk title and enters it in my logbook so we all know its history and where we got it from.



Robin and a customer

"So after this truck is cleared, well, then supposing I sell the bed and the door and the seat and the motor, if the motor made it — which we don't know, see how hard it's hit right there? We've got to get the front cut off and see if the motor is salvageable. And once all the parts are sold out of it, then it goes to scrap — and for us that's PSI — and you'll see a couple of bins back there. Now it used to be lucrative because scrap used to be up to, like, $40–50 a ton. Well, now it's down to about $14, so it's not worth it to them, so I have to pay them to take it. But it will go back up again and then they'll take it for nothing.

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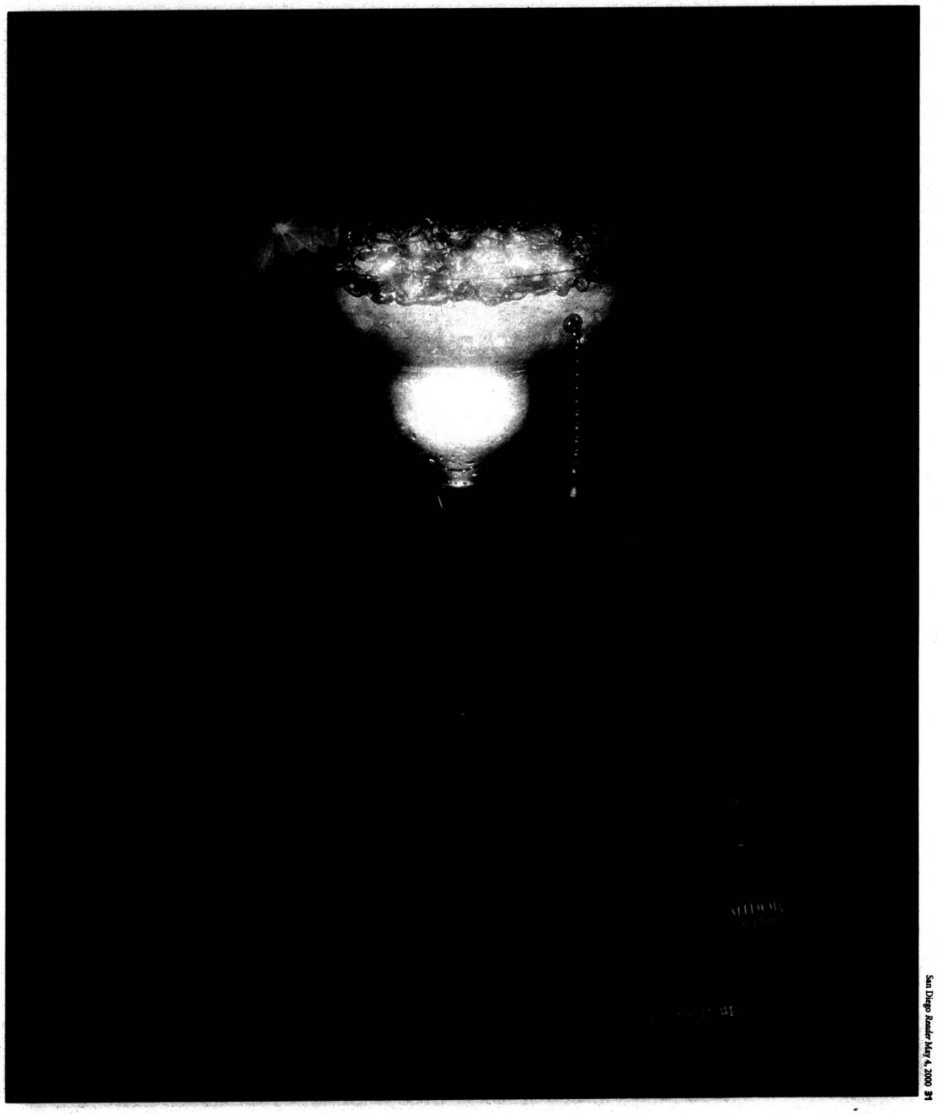

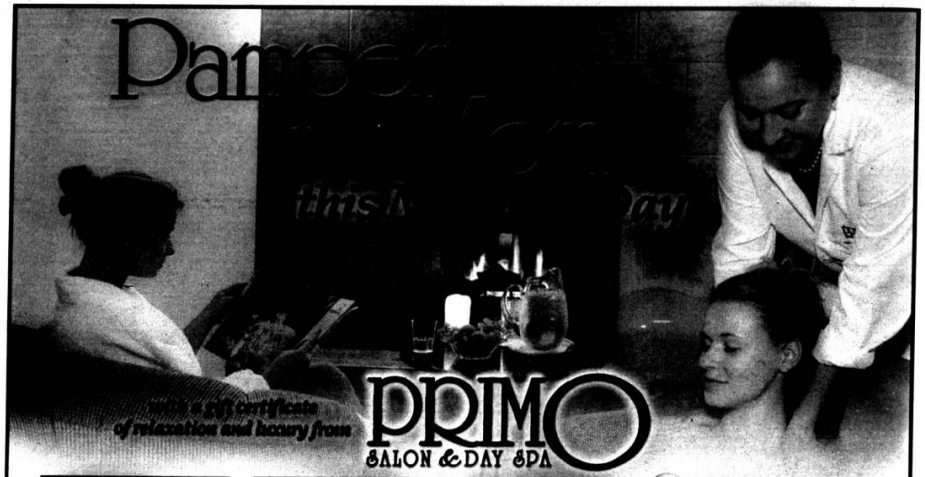

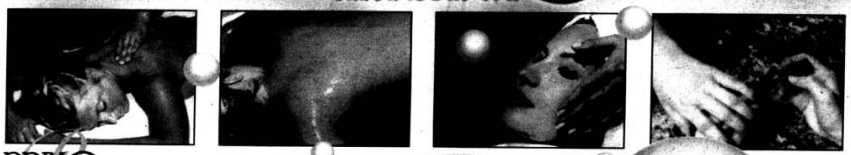

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"I was about 25 when I got into this business. I was really interested in sports cars. That's all we bought when we first opened up. I worked up here for a body shop, and every once in a while we'd get some rare sports car, and the parts to fix it were so high that the person who owned it didn't want to bother. So I told my boss, 'Gee, why don't we rent a little lot and store all these cars they don't want and then the next one that comes in, we'll have a part for it.' And we did and pretty soon we had the yard filled up, this yard right here, and I said why don't we open it up and sell parts. The first month that I opened it, we did $3000 and he said, 'You know, I probably lost that much by not having you at the body shop.' And I said, 'Come on, let me try just one more month.' Well, the following month we did $30,000. So he closed the body shop. Because back in the '60s, $30,000 a month was a lot of money. I don't think we did a dollar under that for the next ten years. Now our gross sales at Mini Truck are about $60,000 a month. Actually, I stopped working for him in 1973, and I came back here in 1980. In between I worked for someone else in the business, several other yards.



Marion

"When I bought it from him in '87, he was still into sports cars. I was living in Alpine. Gina would ride in with me sometimes and I knew I was going to buy this place and I said to her, 'Okay, you count all the little trucks, like Toyotas and Datsuns, and I'll count all the sports cars.' Well, the trucks way outnumbered them. And I said I think light trucks are going to be the next demand.

"I was born right here in San Diego and went to Helix High School. I didn't know a thing about cars, didn't even know how to change oil or where to put the oil. Right now I could take apart a Toyota truck if I had to. I'd rather not. I'm still not into getting that filthy, but occasionally I have to pull small parts. And I *do* know my parts. When they walk in the door with a part in their hand, most of the time I know what it goes to. That takes experience, it takes years of experience."

Marion gets called away by a phone call. She never appears to hurry, no matter how busy it becomes; nor does she ever seem any less than good-natured. Although on another day, I heard her say, "I never had a day that bad. I thought I'd throw myself off a cliff."

And her daughter Robin grinned and said, "She threatens to throw herself off a cliff every Christmas when business gets bad."

This afternoon, however, I roam through the yard in the company of half a dozen prospective buyers, men who



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wander around, picking up pieces of metal, looking at them thoughtfully, then putting them down again. A few other men are leaning over the hoods of cars, and several others are pounding pieces of metal.

The three parts pullers are Hispanic and wear ragged black T-shirts with Mini Truck printed across the front and back in Day-Glo orange along with the picture of an all-terrain fighting mini truck. The oldest parts puller is Luis, who could be 50, but the grease seems to have permeated his skin so it is hard to tell, and he never stands still — craggy, small, wiry with a mustache and long sideburns — he's always walking fast, slightly bent over. Even when he's standing still, he seems in a hurry in his blue coveralls and gray, greasy cap. A dirty red rag hangs from each of his back pockets. When he came to Mini Truck in 1987, it was only part-time because he was working at a restaurant as a waiter and a cook, and what he really wanted was to be a waiter. Actually, he hurries around the yard somewhat like a waiter hurrying from table to table. In Mexico, before coming to the States, he had been a circus acrobat and juggler.

"Luis has never taken a day off," Marion told me. "Never. Even the day he got married, he only took an hour off for lunch."

At the moment, Luis is with another man in overalls — a customer — who is pointing under the hood of a bashed Mazda, saying, "*¡Basura, basura!*" Trash, trash.

Luis is adamantly shaking his head, with a touch of indignation. "*No, no, es muy barato.*" Meaning that the part can be fixed cheaply.

The two other parts pullers have been at Mini Truck a much shorter time.



Blas and Rafael

Blas, or Freddie, is in his 30s and is round-cheeked, unshaven, mustached, and his black-framed sunglasses are perched on the visor of his baseball cap and an orange rag hangs down from the back. A thin gold earring sparkles in his left ear and he has the beginnings of a substantial belly. He is quiet, somber, and wears steel-toed shoes with the steel cups showing through as he walks slowly from one side of the yard to the other.

Blas's speed or lack of it is often a source of irritation to the third parts puller, Eddie, or Edgar Garcia, whom I hear saying to one of the partners, "Push him a little faster, will you?" on a particularly busy day. Eddie is 30, handsome with a curly black ponytail, a mustache, a thick goatee, and a gold chain. He is clearly very smart and articulate, but troubles in his past have left him with a lot of anger, so his moods seem to range from scorn to a slow smolder, and there seems little sweetness within him, as if he had sand chafing beneath his skin.

At any point in the day these three men are pulling parts for customers or are in the office or are helping unload new wrecks from a tow truck in the back alley. Years ago while haunting used bookstores, I had been amazed at how the employees would know exactly where a book was in the jumble of boxes, shelves, different rooms, and different floors; and I find that it is no different at Mini Truck. Each of the seven people who work here has a mental inventory and a map of where everything is despite the jumble, and what one may not know — just where is that '86 Ford harmonic balancer? — another does.

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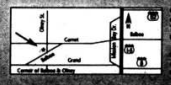

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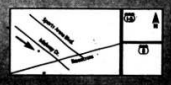

Shortly, I meet one of the other partners, Mike Wolfe, a 45-year-old stock-car racer who has known Marion since he was a teenager and whose mother is one of her best friends. Wolfe lives in El Cajon. He is red-faced with close-set blue eyes and sandy hair. He's about five foot ten and likes to wear loud racing T-shirts and caps with names of race drivers and vehicles in Day-Glo. Wolfe is proud, a little vain, and fast in his movements, actions, and speech, which sometimes causes a problem, because he has been accused of talking faster than he thinks and getting himself in trouble. But, others assure me, he's getting better. Wolfe has a six-year-old son, Mikey, who is the treasure of his life and who races high-performance bikes, going to highly competitive races with his father several times a month. Wolfe's main job at Mini Truck is to supply the yard with wrecked trucks.

"Where do I buy the trucks?" says Mike Wolfe. "Years ago, the insurance companies themselves used to sell to the dismantlers and dealers only. Well, this big company up in L.A. called IAA [Insurance Automobile Auctions] started buying up wrecks from the different insurance companies. They've got about 50 places around the country, and another auction place, CO-PART, has another 50. IAA has an auction here every Monday morning. Nowadays they also sell to the public. They have a big auction here. They charge you $25 to get in, a $100 buyer's fee, then $15 to load your wreck onto your truck, then a $20 storage fee after the second day, then I've got to pay $175 a year to have a bidder number. But the trouble is that this '89 Toyota truck that I got yesterday for $1000 would go at the auction for $1500 to $2000. And I'll give you three reasons why. One reason, you've got competition. Second, you've got thieves doing what they call the VIN switch — you've heard of the VIN switch? These thieves will buy a truck wrecked real hard. Then they go steal a truck just like it. Now they cut the frame number out and take the door tag off of here and the one off of here. The VIN, or vehicle identification number, has a nine-digit code. See, it has a rivet on there — it's a special rivet. You can't make new rivets. This has got a sticker on here. You pull it off, it'll screw it all up. So what they do, they laser it out and they weld this piece on the other truck. And now they also have all these other parts from the wrecked truck to sell to people. So they've got the other stolen truck that's perfect, never been wrecked, with these little part numbers on it, identification numbers, which you can register. And they got the rest of this wrecked truck to sell. And now they've just got an $8000 truck for $2000. These guys make millions of dollars a year. By opening up the auction to everyone, it also lets in these thieves and you'll see them there buying these hard-wrecked cars, late models for more money than they're worth, and they'll go steal another just like it. Also places like IAA are pushing out the smaller auction companies and they're gambling on the thieves for their profit, but they want the dismantlers to take the trashy stuff no one wants. But they pretend to be everybody's friend.



Robin and Marion

"But these days the cops in San Diego County have something called RAT Patrol, a bunch of cops from different departments and agencies with special funding and they have undercover guys who go to auctions, there're probably two or three at every sale, I don't know who they are, and they're watching, but the sad thing about it is they won't bust the thieves on one or two cars. They want to get them for over a hundred cars. They want to make a big bust. So you and your friends who have lost your cars, you're out of luck.

"The third reason that stuff is more expensive at the auctions is that you've got guys from used-car lots and body shops. Like this '89 Toyota, there's no way to be fixed. It needs a whole new frame — thousands of dollars of parts, and even if it could be fixed it's not worth much. But a body man in Tijuana makes $8 a day, in San Diego he makes between $100 and $200, and in an Asian shop he might make $50. So imagine you got this Toyota in Tijuana and you got four or five guys working on it for $40 a day. They can do a hell of a lot of work. It won't be perfect, but they can beat everything out. They can pull it and hammer on it. And they can drive it down there. So that's another thing I'm competing against. You got United States customers, you got the guys that steal, and you got the Mexican labor. This Toyota would never be right, but they need a lot of cars down there. And it can be sold on either side of the border. It'll have a salvage title. It'll say 'salvage' right across the pink slip — that means it's been in a major wreck or was a major strip. People don't care. I drive a salvage-title truck, my wife does, a lot of my friends do. All it means is the insurance company totaled it. I've got a friend in Denver, when they have a hailstorm, he buys a whole used-car lot — all the cars have is dents in them and broken glass everywhere. All totaled. He makes a lot of money.

"But this here Toyota, what's really weird about '89 and newer Toyota trucks, two-wheel drive, 98 percent don't come with power steering. I've got a customer who's willing to pay 400 bucks just for the power steering. So the whole thing is about a minimum of $2000, but we've got overhead. We've got to figure the rent and everything else, the forklift and paying the workers, and I got to deliver parts. All this stuff adds up. Years ago, you sold the motor and you broke even. Now that's only $700. If you had to buy the computer, which is under the dash, that's $800 for the computer. Nowadays the motor's not the expensive thing, it's the stuff around the motor, like what you have to have for smog. I've been working on mini trucks for over 25 years. I've been a mechanic my whole life. I've always liked mini trucks, and I've always liked big trucks. I've lived here most of my life. My dad came here in the Navy when I was 5 years old. In high school I took all the carpentry classes; I wanted to be a carpenter. I got out and I had a delivery truck on Mt. Helix, and in six months I wore out the brakes and tires. The mechanics wanted a million dollars to fix my truck. So I took a college class in '74 and learned how to fix it myself. They'd wanted 100 bucks to fix my truck, and I did it all for $20 in an hour. So I thought a mechanic's the way to go. I went to school and learned a lot about cars and how to fix them the right way and everything. In the '80s I worked for Chevrolet, but I kept working on my little Nissan truck, then I started working in a Nissan shop and then I came over here. You need to work on one thing and stay with that one thing. And that's why we done so decent over the years, because we have one product — Japanese and mini trucks. Toyota is what we like the most because it's a good product and there're so many out there and they can't last forever and everybody tears them up. Actually, August is one of our best months. It's so hot. People are blowing their heads all over town. It goes Toyota, then Nissan, then Mazda, then Isuzu. What's really funny is all these companies that have their fleet of trucks. They'll have Toyotas and they'll tear up the trannie. And then they'll be complaining. We got a friend, he said, 'I'm getting rid of my Toyotas, I got a whole new deal at Chevrolet.' So he bought the S10. For like the first two years he was happy. He got the 60,000 miles on it, but after the warranty was over, man, they were falling apart worse than the Toyota ever did. He got rid of them all, now he's back with Toyotas."

Each day trucks are delivered to Mini Truck. Some come from other small auctions, some from dealers that Mike Wolfe engages. Every three or four months the INS has a sealed-bid auction for United States dismantlers for vehicles seized in the smuggling of illegal aliens. Because the INS wants to make sure smugglers don't buy the car or truck and put it back on the road, the buyer has to sign an agreement to dis-

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Mike Wolfe also buys a lot of trucks in sealed-bid auctions in Utah, Idaho, and Montana. "This Toyota T100 came from Montana two weeks ago. I have a guy from Washington who brings them back for $500. He has lumber and other stuff and he goes up and down the West Coast. He's just an old guy I've known for years. I used to go a lot in my old truck, but now I've got a kid and I can't travel that much. But I used to go once a month and I'd buy the latest trucks for parts, but around here everybody buys the late ones for paperwork. That's what they're called here, the hard wrecks. Then they'll go steal a truck just like it, like I was saying. That Honda Passport I bought in Utah for $1600, and down here it'd go for $2400 to $4000. I'm buying it for parts so I go where there's no thieves. You know, it's funny, right? I go to Montana to the auction about once a year now and the old guys will crawl underneath the car and measure everything, get their book out, tell you what the car is worth, then bid on it. Out here there's guys don't even know what to bid, they just bid on the car until they buy it. And the trucks from up there always come with a jack, tool kit, and radio and have less miles on them."

Wolfe, as I learn, is someone with a lot of suspicions and he hurries to conclusions. Even though his suspicions may turn out to be correct, he often suspects a gimmick or scam and he has a deep belief in the world's instability. It is one of the reasons he is quick to judge and tends to intolerance, and it must keep him on edge and uncomfortably watchful. Only his love for his son seems unconditional. Marion, on the other hand, seems just the opposite. It strikes her as too difficult to be suspicious, too difficult not to be truthful. She seems naturally generous and likes people. Forty-some years ago she was married to a cop in Riverside and was herself briefly a cop, but she says she wasn't any good at it. "I had too much empathy to be a cop." Frequently she found herself siding with the people arrested.

Behind the counter there tends to be a lot of good-natured haggling. Marion normally lowers the price. When she doesn't want to go any lower, she will usually say, cheerfully, "Then go someplace else," or, as she tells me, "When I have trouble saying no to a person, I just call in Mike Wolfe.

"I tell my customers," says Marion, "if you buy it and hate it, you can always bring it back. There's something all businesses have to contend with. It's called buyer's remorse. I'll always give them their money back, but usually they needed the part in the first place and usually you can show them that they still need it."

On the other hand, Mike Wolfe wants to be fair-minded. "Body shops and wrecking yards are increasingly squeezed by environmental laws, but we haven't raised our prices in ten years. The people coming to our place don't have a lot of money. You don't see a lot of doctors and lawyers at Mini Truck unless they're buying something for their kid."

"It's a balance," says Robin. "They balance each other out."

When I go back into the office, Robin is cleaning up. She owes her mother some money and is paying it off by doing the cleaning, which is more or less for my benefit.

"Amazing," says Marion, "I never thought I'd see that corner again. Look at this Mazda fuel pump!"

"Anyone want these tapes or shall I throw them out?" asks Robin. "None of them are any good."

There is a steady stream of customers. The dogs bark. I again notice the five large flat plastic containers by the door, like dishpans. Each is filled to the top with candy, which customers keep sneaking.

"Hey," says Marion, "just one each."

"Look at this," says Robin, "my best sweatpants and new Hawaiian sweatshirt, all dirty."

Marion tells me, "Robin is a party girl and Gina is just the opposite."

Mike Wolfe sells a cylinder head to a man who has to take it to a machine shop to be worked on. Wolfe takes a metal stamp with the letters MT and a small sledgehammer. He stamps the letters into the cylinder head, which starts the dogs barking.

"Sometimes the machine shop likes to keep the good head," Wolfe says, "and give the customer back a bad one, saying it's no good. Then, the customer brings the bad one back to Mini Truck. The stamp protects both them and us."

Gina, who has just reappeared from the small office, adds, "We have to stamp the transmission cases as well. I hate it when some automotive place gets ahold of some unsuspecting single woman and cheats her." Then she looks into the trash barrel and says indignantly, "I can't believe Robin threw out my tapes."

For a few minutes I have been noticing kids at the front door of the office — a few kids around 12 or 13, then some little ones — nursery-school age. The big kids give the little kids candy from the white plastic dishpans. This is the beginning of the weekly Friday onslaught, and it is why Marion is known throughout Barrio Logan as the Candy Lady.

Every Friday afternoon when Perkins Elementary School lets out, up to 500 kids in a semiorderly rush cross the street, fall into line with minimal pushing and shoving along the sidewalk and up the steps to the Mini Truck office, get their hands stamped with the word "candy," then come face-to-face with the teenager who is balancing the dishpan of candy on a stool by the door who gives each kid a handful of jawbreakers, Snickers bars, Milky Ways, Mounds bars, Baby Ruths, lollipops, Kit-Kats, whatever. Then the kids descend the other side to see what they have been given. And sometimes they don't like it. Sometimes they have three Mounds bars when what they really wanted was three Snickers bars, so they go back up and tap the big kid on the arm and say, "Hey, hey..." And the big kid makes the exchange.

Two other big kids are down below picking up candy wrappers off the sidewalk. The whole business costs Marion several hundred dollars a week and she has been doing it for years, so that kids who once came in their teens are now showing up with their own little kids — the Candy Lady.

Marion's husband, Mike Moon, the third of the three

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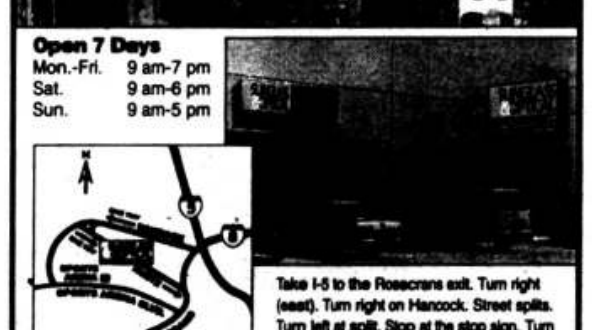

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"We're very different," Marion had told me. "That's probably what makes it work. He's very much of a homebody, doesn't like to go out, but if I make a mistake, he always stands behind me."

I talk to Moon as he watches the traffic. Just to the south is the high curve of the Coronado Bridge. "If I was going to go back into something else, like in another life — it would be medicine, because that's what I did in the military. But not as a doctor because they catch hell for everything. I'd volunteered for Vietnam, but I had one too many schools under my belt and they said they wanted me here in San Diego to help patch guys up when they came back."

He is a quiet, thoughtful man, and at Mini Truck he is in charge of the back lot, oversees the parts pullers, sometimes pulls parts himself, drives the forklift, unloads the recently arrived wrecked cars, and also works behind the counter in the office.

"I'm not in charge of anything here," Moon tells me, "I'm a co-owner. Before I came here I was a paperboy. I didn't know anything. You pick it up. Some of it's real easy; some of it's real technical. After they whip you often enough with a windshield wiper, you learn to know what a part looks like. Some people can't relate to how a nut and bolt go together. For some people it's natural. Most people are in-between. For me it was natural. Every day someone comes in and asks for something that I don't know what it is, but they're usually calling it by the wrong name, especially if it's a smog part."

In his blue coveralls and holding his sign and standing so still, Moon looks vaguely like the Statue of Liberty. He doesn't shout at the kids, just makes remarks to them, telling them not to run and to cross at the corner where a teacher from the school is waiting. A number of parents are waiting, partly anxious, partly proud. Despite how eager the several hundred kids are for a candy fix, they are surprisingly well behaved — patient and not too noisy.

Marion stands up by the dishpan, replacing it with another when it gets empty, speaking to the kids as they go by, sometimes by name. The great majority of the kids are Hispanic.

"I always tell them, 'Brush your teeth,'" she says.

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Despite her Spanish surname — Martinez — her background is Irish, and she has the pale Northern skin, blue eyes, and blond hair. "I kept the name Martinez, because Gina wanted me to have the same last name that she did. Actually, her father has now changed his name to Avila.

"It took years before my Hispanic customers really trusted me. It probably took about 15 before I finally built up a rapport with them. It took that long for them to realize I could take their money and if something was wrong I would either give it back or make it right. My Spanish is fair. And it's even got to the point now where some of my Hispanic customers won't shop anywhere else. If they need a part and I don't have it, then I have to call some other place and get it for them, or if they need something from the dealer, I have to go get it. They won't go anywhere else. They only trust me. In the earlier days, my Hispanic customers came in and would go straight out to the parts pullers, who're Hispanic. They wouldn't deal with me at all. But now with my Spanish, instead just of understanding what they're saying, I'm able to talk back. That helps a lot. Some of these guys, you got to realize, their dads were my customers. So this is like a family thing. Now their kids come. Their dads call and say, 'I'm sending my son down, please take care of him.' On the other hand, I still get men that call and say, 'Can I speak to a man that knows something?'" Marion laughs. "I just say sure. It doesn't matter to me. And you know what? You'd be surprised how many women mechanics come in here and buy parts for their own and all their friends' cars."

As the candy is handed out, Marion occasionally takes an older kid's hand and checks his tattoo, then she ruffles his hair or pats his back. "Before we had the stamp, we kept running out," she says. "Kids would go around the block and change their hats and jackets. The little kids like the stamp as much as the candy and sometimes we'll forget to stamp their hands and they'll cry. So we'll change the stamp in the summer — use a giraffe or a lion. They'll like that better than just candy.

"Ten years ago Barrio Logan wasn't a safe place after dark. It used to be much more dangerous. It's come up a lot. Every year or so the police and men from the city and businessmen meet with people in the community to see what they can do to improve things. They make a lot of plans but, really, nothing ever happens. It's just for show. Oh, they may put up a new stop sign or pick up the garbage more regularly for a while, but that's it."

When the mob of kids starts thinning out, I walk down to the teacher on the corner, hoping to find some controversy — all the cavities and pimples that the candy might cause, etc.

"A little candy on a Friday afternoon, what's the harm?" she says. "How could you not like it? Every kid in Barrio Logan knows the Candy Lady."

Back in the office, I ask Marion if she does other things for the community, like the candy. Gina points to some of the trophies and speaks of a local soccer team that Marion sponsors.

But not all the trophies come from local teams, Marion adds. "The wrecking yards play against each other, and our trophies are in volleyball, baseball, and tug-of-war — so these are our trophies too."

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gatherings. It's a pleasing image — a parts pullers' tug-of-war, several hundred rottweilers from all the junkyards goose-stepping in military formation, hep-two-three-fouring with their deep awe-inspiring barks.

Outside, Marion has a fourth rottweiler that she keeps locked up in a run — the dog she calls "the mean one."

"Once I tried to keep him behind the counter," she had told me. "First time a man walked in here and I was back there, and the dog just leaped right up on top of it. The man kind of froze. So I grabbed the dog shouting, No, no. He's just not good with other people. He's *really* good with us. He doesn't like anyone else. He's very good out there in the yard. Even with my huge dog — the one that's up there in the little box — I used to get stuff missing all the time. Not with this one. He's a psycho and I think they're afraid of him. He's got that look in his eye and you never know what he's going to do. But my dogs have never bit anyone. None of them. But one time, one old man, he had an old '72 Datsun, so his truck's back there and he brings his own tools and I've always let him work on his own. One Monday he calls me and he goes, very quietly, 'Can I come today and get my tools?' This is an old man; he's, like, 75 or 80. I go, 'Well, sure, but what are your tools doing here?' And it turns out he accidentally got locked up in the yard on Friday and we let the dog out. You wouldn't think this guy could jump 3 feet, but we let out that crazy dog and the old man jumped that 12-foot fence with no trouble. It put that much of a scare into him. I felt terrible about it."

Anyway, Gina is fishing out various notes thanking Marion for money she has contributed to a local youth center and other local programs — letters from a school thanking her for contributions for Halloween carnivals, a letter of thanks for $200 for books, thanks for a gift of $250 for toys for the Christmas party for the Mujer Program. Gina keeps looking. "We don't keep them all," she says.

"You heard about this community garden that was vandalized?" Marion asks. "Somebody went in there and pulled everything up. So we went over to the garden center and filled up our truck. They're probably *still* planting the stuff."

Robin tells me about a local girl for whom Marion paid for braces for her teeth.

"She could have been real pretty," says Marion, "but her mother was an alcoholic and her father had had a stroke."

Gina shows me a note from the girl and a picture of a pretty young woman. "Dear Marion: Just writing to say thanks for everything. I could never explain how nice you are to me. Here's a picture of me in my baseball uniform. My teeth are natural and straight and beautiful thanks to you. I just need to get them whitened and I'll be all set." The girl had gotten the braces in 1997 and will graduate from high school in June. Across the back of the picture, the girl had written, "You won't believe what happened — I pursed my lips and they closed."

Robin holds her hand about a foot from her mouth. "She had teeth out to here."

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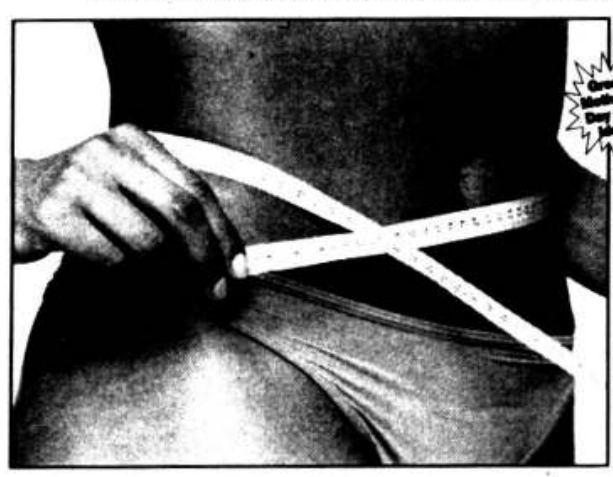

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with a customer over by the door to the yard. He holds some greasy part in his hand — I don't know what it is. Wolfe isn't angry, just stubborn. The customer is angry and getting angrier. Maybe he is 25. He keeps saying, "Fifty bucks." Wolfe says, "No, no," then shrugs and says, "Try someplace else." The customer leaves, unhappy. If the door were not already open, he would slam it.

Wolfe holds up the part for my inspection. "I don't know if you know anything about airflow meters. We got a throttle body here and this is like a carburetor — it's called an airflow meter. It's electronic. Years ago this was a carburetor. Well, this is $650 new. Okay? A little spring breaks on it all the time. You can't buy the spring. You got to buy the whole thing. Well, we sell them for $150 and they throw a fit. This is a specialized wrecking yard. Did she tell you that this is Nordstom?"

Marion joins us. "That's what I tell my customers when they argue with me. They go, 'That's too much money!' And I go, 'This is Nordstrom's Auto Wrecking!' "

I discover something very important in my visits to Mini Truck. If I am in the market for a new vehicle, I don't read *Consumer Reports* or *Road & Track*. I don't go to the dealers for a test drive. I don't talk to my friends. I go to the dismantlers, the ones who see the vehicles and the end of their automotive careers.

"Each vehicle has its weakness," Marion tells me, "its particular flaw, and that's the part that everyone's looking for. Like Isuzu — the truck and the Trooper — the common thing is the cylinder head, carburetor, and exhaust manifold. Those are the three things we get calls for every day. Today I got three different calls for an Isuzu exhaust manifold — in one day, that's amazing. Toyota and Nissan don't have quite the problems as the Isuzu and the Mazda. Mazda has cylinder head problems something terrible. And then all your Fords — Rangers, Aerostars, Explorers — terrible transmissions. The standard transmissions on them are awful. We even sell them for '94, '95, '96, '97 vehicles. Their transmissions are already gone. They're made by Mazda and they're awful. We got in a late-model Ford Explorer the other day and we sold the motor, trannie, and seats within 24 hours. So we make more money on Isuzu, Mazda, and Ford. We sell at least one Ford Ranger transmission a week, sometimes twice a week. And these Mitsubishis are terrible — very bad motors. Toyota and Nissan are probably the best mini trucks, but with Toyota and Nissan, it's the motors that we make money on. But it isn't because they aren't good motors but because there're so many of them out there and they have so many miles on them and we're constantly called for 22R motors — that's the Toyota — or the Nissan D24 motors. They're a big seller."

Out in the yard, Mike Moon drives the yellow forklift toward the back alley. This isn't your normal forklift, because it can scoop several tons of wreckage off the back of a tow truck without a wobble and bring it inside before the local meter maid can rush up and give it a ticket.

"Our last ticket lady," says Marion, "I once saw her parked at the curb with her boyfriend and her motor idling and they were smooching. So I honked and waved at her and she never gave me a ticket. But the new ticket lady has it in for me and gets us all the time when we leave a car in the alley."

Mike Moon transports the wreck down the narrow drive as neatly as an egg on a spoon and sets it down in a narrow space. "My Mike," Marion calls him, as opposed to "the Other Mike."

Clearly in some of the trucks people have gone through the windshields, and in others the cabs are bashed so badly one wonders how the drivers could have survived. However, since the trucks come from middlemen it is rare that anything is known about the bad luck that got them into the yard. Yet something is sometimes known.

"I don't even have to tell my guys when we have a truck where there's been a fatality," says Marion. "Nobody wants to work on them. Bad energy. We pull the outside things and leave the inside as long as we can — the seats and dash and radio. We had a Mazda covered with black stuff — we all knew it was blood. It eventually went to scrap. And there's a '93 Toyota back there in the corner with a blue rose on the seat. A boy was killed in it and his mother lost her sister in an accident just the day before. Really bad luck. No one wants to go near it."

When Mike Moon finishes unloading the truck, I go over to talk to him some more. He walks slowly and pauses before he talks, then chooses his words carefully.

"Some people will get a part that doesn't quite fit and they'll adapt it so it works fine; some people will bring it back if it's the wrong color. Even though I have a talent for this job, I'm nowhere as fast at it as Luis. I can't even walk across the yard as fast as he can. A guy came in last night at twenty to five and wanted the head pulled off an engine that was still on a truck. That's a long job and I wanted to say no. Luis went out there, got to work, and had it back in the office in ten minutes and still had time to wash his hands.

"After driving these trucks, you know which is good and which is bad. You know just by the smell. People come in and think they're getting something cheap. Well, there's a reason it's cheap. We're not hiding nothing. The guy who's buying the Mazda — I told him, it has a bad motor. Well, he thinks he can fix it.

"I find it surprising being 60, but I've got no wish to retire. I can't see just waking up in the morning, hanging around the house and moping. I don't see any point in retiring. I like what I do. It's companionable here. I'm not a literary person. I'm liter-

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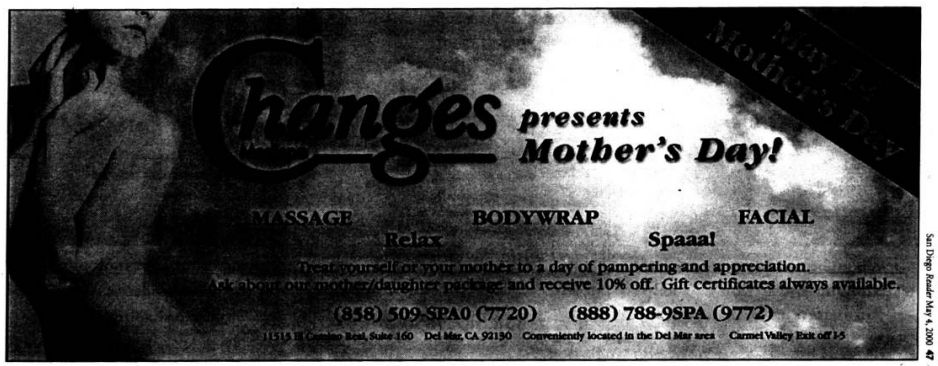

ate. I read for pleasure, but I'm not literary. I'm not good company for myself, waking up in the morning and hating the world when it's my problem and not the world's. I don't like a high-stress job. I did that long enough when I had the delivery route for the paper."

When Mike Moon and Mike Wolfe work together, they appear to get along, but there seems to be no closeness between them. Wolfe says, "He's just putting in his time like all the rest of us."

But I'm not sure that's quite true. Mike Moon and Gina have been taking Spanish classes in order to talk to the Hispanic customers, which is more of a commitment than just putting in one's time.

"I just need to work on my verbs now," Moon told me, "and get a lot of practice, but that won't be bad. Everyone around here speaks Spanish except us gringos." And of Mike Wolfe he says, "He's mellowing some."

While we are talking in the yard, Moon keeps an eye out for his wife and shoos her back inside if she is not wearing a hat. Her light skin has made her susceptible to cancerous growths, and she has had to have a number burned off. As Marion walks by, Mike Moon says in his slow way, "Get out of the sun, my little vampire."

"It's companionable here," Mike Moon had said. This also seems to be Gina's reason for working for her mother. She lives in Claremont with her 8-year-old son, Brendon, and started working at Mini Truck in 1989 when she was 20. At Mini Truck she takes care of the bookkeeping, manages the office, and often works on the counter.

"It's funny, when my mom used to work here and I didn't, I always would come down here and look at cars and see if there was anything I needed for my car, so maybe my interest in being here started with that. I used to work on my own car, just minor stuff, but I don't do that now. But I pretty much know all the parts, though every once in a while I look at one and say, What's that? I like working with my family, so I'll probably stay here, but sometimes I think how hard I work and I think, gosh, could I do this for another 30 years? I don't find it difficult working here as a woman, though a lot of my out-of-state calls will ask if they can talk to a man and I'll tell them that I probably know more than most of the men here. Actually, I don't, but anything I don't know I'll get one of the guys to help with.

"As for Mom, sometimes people think she's tough, but I just laugh because that's not true because she's really not tough. Kevin from Snap-On tools said when she started down here 30 years ago she had to be tough because the men wouldn't take her seriously. She was running a shop and she wanted people to work for her. She had to be tough or they weren't going to work under her. And it did her good because they respected her. And they knew she knew what she was talking about. There's a lot of customers come here that don't have a lot of money, and sometimes when they need something she gives it to them for free, and maybe you're not supposed to do that, but she does. I think a lot of customers take advantage of her sometimes, because they know they can talk her out of stuff and sometimes I just say, No, that's it. Because they'll sit here all day long and argue. What do they think, it's a swap meet? Trying to talk me down and talk me down. And I don't think you could do that anywhere else, I mean, maybe. It could be a more profitable business, but we warranty everything and take care of our customers. If our warranty's out a couple of days, we still do it. If it's out a couple of months, we work with them."

Dismantlers themselves often force up the bid just out of spite.

On another morning, Marion and I go to an auction of about 40 wrecked cars and trucks at Star Towing. The owner, Star, is a tough, no-nonsense woman, and she eyes me with extreme suspicion until Marion says that I'm with her. Then she eyes me with only moderate suspicion. Star is in the process of arguing with a man who had bought a car for $200 but had not understood the rules and so he has lost both the car and his money. He wants to try his luck again, but she wants him to get the hell out. Marion tells me that Mike Wolfe had made the mistake of arguing with Star and she now thinks he is a "smart-ass" and doesn't want him around. She has a thin husband who helps the auctioneer by cranking up the bidding when it gets a little slow and an attractive daughter who is running a sort of garage sale where Marion buys half a dozen battered gas cans ("I'm always needing gas cans").

About a hundred men are inspecting the cars. Some are only good for parts, some are repairable, although, as Marion tells me, many of the small Hispanic garages will attempt to fix up wrecks that no one else would. Some of the men are dismantlers, some are from used-car lots, some are from body shops, some are private citizens, perhaps some, as Mike Wolfe claims, are thieves after the paperwork and VIN numbers, perhaps some are undercover members of the RAT Patrol. Men are laughing; I hear fragments of English and Spanish. It is hot and dusty. Star has sunbonnets available for the few women. Marion takes one. A red biplane advertising super deals at the strip mall across the street sputters and coughs above us.

The auctioneer goes from car to car. "You buy the car as it is and have to take the car by 5:00 p.m. today," he says through his P.A. system. "Make $100 deposit. We make no claims at all. You buy it as it is." Some of the cars are able to start, which seems to surprise everyone. "This one's working," says the auctioneer. "Listen to that, this one's working." He rattles out his words with his auctioneer's trill, going back and forth between English and Spanish. He knows many of the buyers by name — Big Jim, Scottie, Arturo. "Got to go, got to go, just like checkers, your move, ten more dollars, gentlemen, would you like it for ten bucks, gotta go, 240, Big Jim. He's got a baseball bat, don't bid against him. Motivate your competition in the right direction. Ten dollars, last call, 260, for ten dollars, talk to me, Scottie, 270, 270, sold to Arturo for 260."

The first car, a Ford Escort, goes for $165; the second, a Nissan Stanza, goes for $835 (Marion says, "It's got a motor").

Marion looks at the busted, wrecked, and beat-up trucks the way a millionaire buyer will look at a bit of horseflesh at the Saratoga Springs' yearling auctions. A couple of Mazda trucks, a Suzuki Samurai, and a Toyota catch her eye. She greets many of the other buyers by name, engages in short, cheerful conversations, asks after their families.

"Some of these guys I've known for a long time," she says. "That man over there, Paco, he won't bid against me. At the beginning, he'll ask me if there's anything I like and he won't bid against it, just out of respect. But it means if he starts bidding for something, I can't bid against him either."

As we near the Toyota truck, Marion gets more serious, thoughtful, slowly approaches the truck as if stalking it. The previous car, an '86 Honda, had sold for $560. Star's husband starts the truck.

Marion bids with a nod. The bidding starts slow, then when Marion bids a lot of guys jump in. "They're so macho," she says. "They can't stand it when I bid. It just goes crazy." The bidding gets much faster, louder, many men jump in, the truck goes for $560.

"I went up to $500 and that was enough," she tells me. "Did you smell it? The motor's going."

The cars and trucks stand in moderately neat rows. There is a big sign: "Please do not open doors or hoods." I ask about it, and the manager tells me they put up the sign because of the huge amount of theft.

"All these guys know each other," he says, "they're even friends, but they steal from each other all the time"

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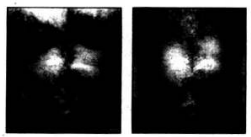

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the moment a car is sold. They try to take the battery, distributor, radiator cap, anything they can get. Even the person who bought it can't get in the vehicle until it's taken from the lot."

About ten minutes later, the manager kicks a man out for stealing sunglasses. "You see, it's stupid stuff. He looks this way, then that, then he takes it. But after the glasses, it's a radio, then something else."

Marion gets the '87 Samurai for $360. "I'll pay up to $500 if they're running, so that was cheap."

She says she will get $300 for the transmission; $200 for the rear end; $100 for the drive shaft; $100 for the carburetor; $100 for the seats, etc.; $100 for the head; $100 for the motor, if it's good; $100 for the bumpers; $100 for the wheels; $200 for the transfer case; and $200 to $300 for other miscellaneous stuff. Then she has to take out her buyer's fee, transporting the Samurai to Mini Truck, and other overhead. A little later she gets the Mazda for $460; the other one goes to someone else for $725.

It's been a pretty good morning. As we drive back to Mini Truck, she tells me about her son who is a cop up in Riverside County in the sheriff's department, who worked for Marion when he was younger and whose father is also a cop; and of another son, Jeff, who has also worked for Mini Truck and still helps out. I comment about the number of husbands. Marion rolls her torch-singer eyes and says something about "men." It's a subject I decide to tiptoe away from.

One evening Marion invites me to the San Diego Auto Recyclers Association meeting at the Radisson, which begins with cocktails at 7:00, then a chicken and roast beef buffet. It is in one of those windowless hotel conference rooms, both classy and oppressive — round tables with seating for 100. A variety of vendors and salesmen have come to talk about their products. Dismantlers have come from about 30 different yards. Some look like bankers, some like hoods, some like schoolteachers. Marion's reddish blond hair is piled up and shines, gold flakes glitter on her lavender nails — she could be dressed for a reception at the White House. The meeting is chaired by the group's president, Gretchen Mathison, owner of All G.M. and Escondido dismantling yards. She announces the upcoming convention (complete with dance and picnic), the trade show in July with seminars in hazardous shipping materials (for example, air bags can accidentally explode and this draws a huge fine), seminars on family businesses, and so on. She offers subscription forms to the *California Dismantling Magazine*. I realize every organization from the Ant-Squashing League to Penny Eaters Anonymous must have its conventions and trade shows.

Men have brought their wives. There is a certain amount of animosity between the dismantlers — people who will not sit with other people. Anglos who dislike dismantlers from the Middle East; gringo-Hispanic prejudices. This creates a delicate ballet. Marion says she has been censured for sitting with anyone. The vendors are friendly to her, as are about half the dismantlers. Others snub her rather aggressively. She laughs it off.

"I had to be really kind of mean for a long time just to show people I could do it, just to be accepted in a man's world," she says. "Now people say how nice I am or how nice I've become and how mean I used to be. Life's too short to be tough all the time. My mother was afraid of everything. She was a Mormon and my father was a sailor. She was timid, small, and the last of 12 children, and I always said I wouldn't be afraid of anything, but sometimes I have to deliver some part to a rough place with five or six rough-looking guys, and for just a minute I feel afraid and I can't hide it because my lower lip quivers."

She spends some time discussing the price of health insurance and workman's comp with other owners — what they pay, what they do — and wonders whether she would save money going someplace else. They discuss if business is up or down ("You been busy? Dead at my place too. It's slow everywhere right now"). She discusses what parts she has for sale and hears what others have for sale. She hears who is sick, who has been injured, learns if anyone has died, and passes on whatever information she has herself. Salesmen give her trinkets — pens, key chains, little tools. She seems delighted. She talks about her lousy Jaguar sports car that had 32,000 miles that she finally unloaded for ten grand because it broke down all the time with a man who had a similar Jaguar that worked fine, except his was a 6-cylinder and hers was a 12.

She tells me about her '90 Lotus with 40,000 miles that she hardly takes out of her garage except for smog inspection. She says she liked to drive after midnight "and blow it out, but now there's too much traffic even after midnight." I ask her about "blow it out" and she says she'd had it up to 130 miles per hour. I imagine her son, the cop, pulling her over for speeding. "Hi, Mom."

The vendors give little talks on their products. One talks about the need for dismantlers to computerize their yards, to bar code all their parts so they can do their inventory with a laptop. Then Jerry from Environmental Service says how his company will pick up hazardous waste, oil, gas, antifreeze, and contaminated soil. A man from Pacific Steel says they buy car bodies and engine blocks. There is a health-insurance broker, a man selling uniforms, a man selling solvents for cleaning the oil out of your hands. Each vendor has brought something to raffle. The winning tickets are drawn. The lucky winners get a pair of Padres tickets, a box of chocolates, a T-shirt. During it all the dismantlers talk business — who is doing well and why, who is buying what cheap and how and where they got it.

Marion tells me how in the '70s and '80s she had become an expert in rare birds and would help the former curator of rare birds at the San Diego Zoo key out some odd bird that might fly in and need to be identified. After a while she had a private collection of her own of 150 species and subspecies. "I had read a lot about birds and I traveled to a lot of zoos — the Bronx Zoo, Colorado, Baltimore, Dallas, Miami, Seattle — and saw what they had, helped key out birds, and traded birds back and forth — red-leg honey creepers, Queen of Bavarias. It was more fun than anything else. There was no money in it. Finally I sold them all."

Next Marion became interested in channeling, or perhaps it should be said that channeling seized her, which, after a dozen years, ended up in a book published in 1989 called *The Survivor* and dictated to her and two friends, Ruth and John, by a spirit entity by the name of Matthew. "There's no money in that either," says Marion.

Matthew spoke to them over a Ouija board. "My past lives were even more varied than yours," he said. "I fought wars just as Genghis Khan did. I blessed souls as a high priest. I was a pirate and wore black. I showed black flags and blackened the eye of anyone who got in my way… I am trying to show you I was only human too… The last time I shared a physical life with you was at the time of Christ. In that lifetime I was called Matthew the Apostle."

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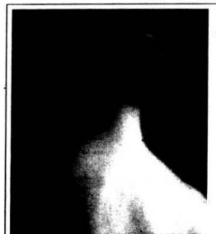

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When I was 30 I spent many hours over a Ouija with two older friends whom I had known for ten years. We received extremely clear and long messages from six different people. They weren't particularly interesting but they were detailed. The only thing to say about it with any certainty was that none of us were consciously faking it. I only mention this to indicate that it let me listen to Marion with less skepticism than I otherwise might have had.

In any case, Matthew had discussed at great length the hopeless corruption and decadence of our society and said how Mother Earth would destroy most of the country, cleansing it (Matthew supplied maps). "California will be particular hard hit. The cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego will be destroyed by earthquakes, tidal waves, and/or just fall into the ocean, but not all at the same time. San Diego will be the last to go. Mexico will also be destroyed.... There are three areas in Arizona which will be safe: Flagstaff, Sedona, and Prescott.... The whole state of Nebraska will survive but will not necessarily be a desirable place to reside after the disaster. Here, and especially in the Midwest, there will be many tornadoes and windstorms creating fury on the flatland."

Matthew, as can be seen, had this figured out in some detail. The book took two years to complete, and afterward Marion, Ruth, and John drifted apart. Despite the imminent destruction of San Diego (actually the date has passed), Marion did nothing to prepare. I ask her about this.

"Those aren't necessarily my ideas," she says. "They're Matthew's. I have no idea where it came from." In any case, she has stayed away from Ouija boards since that time.

One Monday morning, I go to an IAA junk-car auction with Mike Wolfe. The auction is held inside a gigantic building about 100 by 600 yards, constructed of corrugated metal and steel girders with a 40-foot ceiling, though only half the space is used, with about 400 busted cars lined up in rows and a row of motorcycles. I pay $25 to get in and get my hand stamped just like at the candy line at Mini Truck. By the sliding door where the forklifts haul out the goods are several hot dog and taco stands. There are several hundred men, half around the auctioneer, a quarter nearby, and a quarter scattered around. More than two-thirds seem Hispanic, 10 percent Asian, a few blacks. Only about a dozen are women. It is dusty and people sneeze.

Many of the vehicles are marked "Mexican Theft Recovery" with the warning "true mileage unknown." The cars aren't warrantied. They don't start them up, as they did at Star Towing. They don't wash them or do anything to them — the competition is too great.

The auctioneer stands in an oversized modified golf cart on a plywood platform under a blue canopy — a sort of chariot. Beneath him and in front sits the driver and a clerk with a catalog who takes the buyers' ID numbers. The auctioneer is fiftyish with a gray mustache, goatee, gray hair, and tan baseball cap bracketed by the P.A. system headset. He wears a bright green, yellow, and red Hawaiian shirt with palm trees, yellow flowers, and woodies with surfboards on top. Behind his glasses, he has eyes like a red-tailed hawk. He says, "Beep, beep," whenever he wants the cart to get moving and he never stops talking. Most cars sell in 15 seconds; in active bidding, the length of time might go up to 40 seconds.

Mike says the auctioneer gets between $3000 and $4000. "This guy's been doing this about 20 years. He flies all over. You need a good auctioneer to make it go."

Mike recognizes about ten other dismantlers and a number of small car dealers, then about a dozen men from body shops. Mike speaks to about a quarter, but not like Marion, not with warmth. They are more remarks than conversations, no backslapping.

He tells me that to make its money on a vehicle, the auction house has to get a certain price. If it doesn't, then IAA auctions the vehicle again, maybe several more times. Or it ships the vehicle to another of its locations where that particular model might be more popular. Or it might give up and lose its money, but what they lose on one they make up on another.

The uglier stuff did better here in San Diego, he says, where it "went right across the border to Tijuana and into the cheapo body shops. The ritzier stuff goes up to L.A."

Mike uses the phrase "bouncing off the wall" to refer to the practice of guys who work for the company bidding in order to force up the bid of legitimate customers.

According to him, the dismantlers themselves often force up the bid just out of spite. "The wrecking yards are an organization but they're also in competition, so there can be a lot of bad feelings, and a lot of people can run each other up in an auction just out of bad feeling, and the auctioneer loves that."

Mike Wolfe has an endless stream of stories about VIN numbers and stolen cars going back and forth across the border. He describes how a thief often hires a crew with air tools, then picks out a new vehicle he likes that's parked on the street. The crew totals the car in less than eight minutes by taking the wheels, interior, computer, radio, and air bag. Cops arrive in ten. The insurance company then sells the car at an auction and the thieves buy it back for $5000 and reassemble the car. They make millions. However, it also drives up the price of the cars at the auctions. This had changed quite a bit because of the RAT Patrol. Ten years ago, 100 out of 400 cars at auction might be complete strips. Now there were only about 25. He has a kind of manic excitement when he describes this. He assures me there are undercover cops nearby right at that moment.

I sidle up to three coptypes to hear what they are talking about. They turn out to be used-car salesmen discussing the perfect mixture of alcohol and premium gas they need to use to get a burn car to pass smog inspection.

But Mike shows me half a dozen of what he calls "complete strips" — cars that someone could put back together again if he had the pieces. Then we look at an '86 Toyota Celica all banged up with what appears to be big bites taken out of the steering wheel.

"This had a Club on here," he tells me, "and they just cut it off. If they want your car, they'll steal your car. A Toyota Celica used to be the number-one stolen car. Not anymore. Now it's Honda. I wonder why they stole this Celica. Now there's a big business in stealing air bags. You can get $100 for them. They're hotter than radios."

He points to a string of bashed-up motorcycles. "Russians and Eastern Europeans buy them for big money and ship them out of the country. They make a fortune on the parts. There's lots of money to be made. It's funny, if I had to do it all over again, I'd have a tow company. Really, there's huge money in it. Now look at this Ford Explorer. It's a '98 and it'd cost $28,000 or $29,000 new or $23,000 used. With ten obvious problems, the insurance company would total it and send it to the auction, where it would normally go for about $10,000. But you see? It's gone for $13,000. Thieves were after the VIN. It'd cost ten grand to fix that here in San Diego; three grand in T.J., but it would never be right. In Mexico, they don't care if it has a salvage title. In Montana, I could buy that for between $4000 and $6000. I don't know who bought it, but to make a profit, he's got to fix it with all stolen parts. The insurance companies hate the body shops — it's cats and dogs. Any borderline total they send to the auction, which means less headache."

Then Mike points out a badly wrecked '93 Chevy truck that went for $900 but only has $900 worth of parts. "You couldn't fix it anywhere. It'd be a good candidate for a VIN switch. Maybe they have a similar truck in Mexico without papers. You see? A wrecking yard might pay $300 for it, but it went for $900."

Mike says he usually buys one truck a week here. He's interested in a Toyota truck. When he decides to bid, he leans resolutely back against the hood of the truck and folds his arms. He looks a little tight-lipped, anxious. He looks like someone who is showing that he can't be fooled. When he bids, he lifts his program a few inches. His face grows redder. He is very serious. Five people are bidding. It drops down to three. Mike quits at $500. The truck goes for $700.

I am struck that the gigantic room is filled with hundreds of examples of people's sudden bad luck and, on occasion, sudden death, lots of blown air bags looking like the discarded condoms of giants. Dream machines transformed into what Mike calls "hard rollovers." There's a beautiful black '97 Mustang muscle car that someone had lovingly cared for and which had banged off several unforgiving big objects. One blown air bag, a windshield that someone had traveled through, and dried blood on the seats.

Mike buys a '94 Ford Ranger for $725. "Our driver will come over tomorrow for $35 and pick it up." The miscellaneous parts — $400; seats — $200; wheels — $400; motor — $300; trannie — $550. The profit might be a couple of hundred.

Driving back to Mini Truck, Mike tells me more about his son, Mikey. The high-performance bikes cost $2000 and weigh 10½ pounds. Mikey races against kids his own age, but there are three different levels — novice, intermediate, and expert. He races locally about three or four times a week.

"Once we went to a race up in Minnesota where all my relatives live who I haven't seen for 30 years. My wife, Janet, she works in a pharmacy. She hates traveling, but I'll go to races within 500 miles. She's happy with Mike's trophies. He's got 25 of them. He's amazing; he's got no fear. I don't know how she'll be when he breaks an arm or a leg. I've raced stock cars for years — 600 sprint cars or mini-sprint with 600cc Honda motors, on a quarter-mile dirt track with 15 to 20 cars. All the cars run on Japanese motorcycle motors, which run up to 13,000 rpm. We get used motors at auctions because everybody crashes them. I got one guy to help me and we race about three weekends a month, but I'm selling the car at the end of the year to spend more time with Junior."

I think how I'd like to go to some races with Mike. He's been good company.

As we're about to get off the freeway, Mike points to a late-model Ford truck. "See how it bends to the left? It's been in a major wreck and wasn't put back together right. Now he and his friends are going to sell it to someone and it will never run the way it should. The front end must be three inches off."

The next morning I come by Mini Truck for a last visit. It's about 11 o'clock. There is a lull in the office. The dogs are snoring. Marion's sweet rolls are being passed around; cups of coffee are being poured. Then the tow truck arrives in the back alley with the '94 Ford Ranger, which Mike Wolfe had bought the previous morning at IAA for $725. Mike Moon starts up the oversized forklift. It backs and turns and lurches, and soon the Ford Ranger is lifted up about eight feet off the ground. It is somewhat V-shaped, as when you take a beer can and bend it in half. The windshield is shattered; the hood's a mess; the front bumper is just a squiggle. Bits of the underside dangle down like rusted ribbons. Marion comes out to look, then Mike Wolfe and Gina. Luis stops what he is doing, then the others. As the Ford Ranger wobbles on the forklift, they stare up at it with the proud expressions of a family looking at its newest addition. ■

— Stephen Dobyns

Stephen Dobyns has been a reporter for the *Detroit News* and is the author of ten volumes of poetry and 20 novels. His book of short stories, *Eating Naked*, will come out this month.

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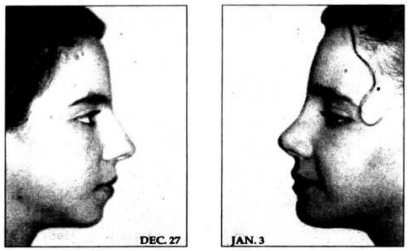

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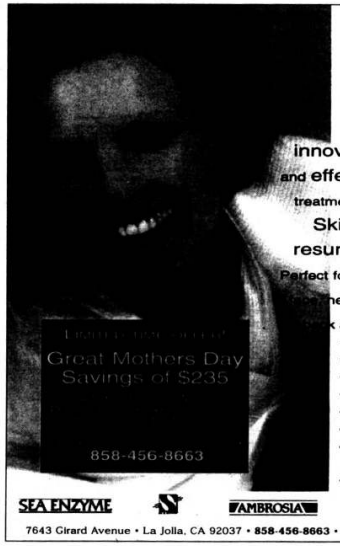

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with principals, administrators, parents, and teachers) was in place that would have intelligently addressed the social-promotion problem in San Diego City Schools (SDCS). Bersin canceled that plan and replaced it with his so-called blueprint. The problem with this document is it's illegal and will ruin the SDCS system. Bright students whose parents can afford it will now have a strong incentive to enroll in private schools. Those students who remain will now become greater discipline problems, drop out, or become truants. The Bersin blueprint is a disincentive plan that could produce broad-based public outrage and unrest by students and parents this fall the like of which this city has never seen.

2. No one who opposes the blueprint is in favor of social promotion. The real issue isn't reform; the issue is *real* reform that will make things better for *all* students! You were preaching to the choir when you wrote, "Social promotion takes the seriousness away from school." You were incorrect when you wrote, "Mr. Bersin's plan limits elective subjects for underperforming students (those who read and write below grade level)." The truth is the blueprint (in the form approved 3/14/00) will eliminate electives for *all* students, including the brightest. Just pay a visit to Muirlands Middle School or La Jolla High School and find out for yourself, or attend one of their PTA meetings.

3. In the last paragraph of your letter you wrote, "I long for the day when there will be standardized testing (scored by strangers in faraway places like Sacramento or Princeton) that will determine student promotion at grades 8 and 11, with an exit exam at grade 12 for a diploma." Guess what, Mr. Kitch, your dreams have almost come true. Independently graded tests were given this spring and last. And soon 12th graders will be required to pass a California state test in order to receive their diploma. However, there's one huge problem: The test given to San Diego City high school seniors will be based on California State Academic Standards. And guess what? Mr. Bersin and his merry band of storm troopers refuse to recognize the California State Standards. Therefore, the blueprint does not include a required curriculum to meet those state standards. As we speak, SDCS do not teach to California-mandated graduation standards.

Mr. Kitch, as fellow members of the teaching profession, we both have a responsibility to fully inform ourselves concerning this vital public issue. It is a complicated subject and requires a careful reading of the many long documents the city school board pumps out in the name of public information. If my organization can be of any further service to you or your associates, please visit our website: *www.vote4truthineducation.com* or contact me directly. Come this fall, I have this feeling we're all going to be asked a lot of questions about the blueprint and Mr. Bersin and why there's so much turmoil in the San Diego City School system.

Mike MacCarthy
Voters for Truth in Education

Think About That, Mr. Kitch

"Applause for Mr. Bersin," (Letters, April 27).

Mr. — well, I don't even know if I should call you a Mister. Tom Kitch from San Diego, I hope you have no more than 2208 assignment days as a substitute teacher. You did not attempt to stuff your opinion down anyone's throat and you alone were heard. You are the only one applauding Mr. Bersin in previous letters to the editor. Think about that, Mr. Kitch. Children do not deserve to flunk. Children are the reward of parents and children need to be taught. You need to learn the true plan of the blueprint. It does not end social promotion.

A Very Involved Parent

Blame-The-Student Mindset

Tom Kitch in "Applesauce for Mr. Bersin" (Letters, April 27) starts off in the usual blame-the-student mind-set. From this he hits his stride with Bersin's plan to end social promotion. He says good students are kept from learning. The meat of Bersin's plan seems to be districtwide standards for students and remediation in the basics. Then he gets to the meat of the situation: foster an inquisitive mind and love for learning. Nowhere does Bersin's plan address this meat with any gravy. Nowhere do I read about Bersin's plan for any change which will accomplish fostering an inquisitive mind and love for learning. It is get tough when tough is the reason why schools and teaching have not and never have fostered the inquisitive mind and love of learning.

Only when the Bersins and their lackeys like Kitch try to learn what *really does* foster the inquisitive mind and love of learning will those poor crucified 141,000 stand a chance.

But this will require *real reform*, and John Holt many years ago proved schools by their very nature totally resist any reform in this direction.

I subbed, too, almost five years in Boston in all kinds of areas from K to high school, but I was on the side of the students, having majored in Jim Herndon's books plus all the books I could find which analyzed schools. These were totally critical as it is a rare book which can praise schools for what they are. The above-mentioned John Holt lectured from coast to coast in vain, then in despair formed Growing Without Schooling, which enlarged my school information by over 75 issues of GWS.

After seeing the PBS program about our police last evening, I feel schools are in as bad shape as the minority citizens are in bad shape when stopped by a police officer. In fact, our 141,000 students are at terrible risk to their self-esteem as one of the main reasons for the criminal mind is being shamed in front of a classroom by a teacher. Students also are in a position of having their minds altered by teachers who, if you read a book describing teachers, hardly qualify as intellectuals, let alone qualify to assist fostering the inquisitive mind and love for learning.

The most realistic analysis of teaching is that it is so harmful that it must be done away with in order to foster the inquisitive mind and the love of learning. Not only is this a conclusion, but when teaching is done away with and learning is assisted, the inquisitive mind and love of learning takes over in students *and* all the problems *teaching* causes are solved or reduced materially. But this requires a total restructuring of all that school administrations hold dear.

One thing for sure, San Diego parents, your children are at risk and nowhere more so than in their schools, which are not even safe day-care sites anymore.

Don Stevens
Escondido

Despicable Bad Taste

The ad your paper decided to post (April 27) about comparing animal cruelty to the Holocaust is of bad taste and despicable. You need to learn about the culture and religion prior to posting an ad. I hope you are happy with your outcome and for saying that the Jews are like animals.

Rosa Felix

Thanks For Animal-Testing Horrors

I am pleased that you chose to run the ad (April 27) containing the important message that animals are being abused by testing companies as well as slaughterhouses. It is vital that people begin to realize the horrors that occur within the United States.

Thank you for being conscious about all life.

Victoria Carry

Disrespect To Holocaust Victims

This ad is in very bad taste (April 27). It is disrespectful to survivors and victims of the Holocaust. It is insensitive and equates two very different unjust acts. I will no longer consider sending money to the animal rights group. We are longtime readers and are surprised at your running of this ad.

Mike Michaelson

Mayor Cafagna Is Criminally Negligent

Thanks to Thomas Larson for his exceptional article on the vernal pool destruction in Mira Mesa ("Fairy Shrimp and the Mayor of Poway," April 20). He's demonstrated persuasively that Poway mayor Cafagna is criminally negligent and that the City of San Diego is, at best, incompetent at managing environmentally sensitive land in a way that supports the intent of the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) doctrine.

The city claims that this one fell through the cracks because it's on private land. But the city is no better at protecting land that is wholly owned; sensitive open-space areas in the city are assaulted routinely by damaging earth-moving projects. A case in point is the lingering desire of the Metro Wastewater Department to build 20-foot access roads in canyons around the city, many of which contain sensitive habitat and are covered by the MSCP. In particular, the mitigation requirements are laughable. A document prepared by the Department of Planning and Development for access roads in Switzer Canyon in North Park indicated that the damage to the one-third acre of coastal sage scrub can be mitigated by one of four methods. One of the methods is "a monetary contribution by the applicant City department to the Habitat Acquisition Fund in the amount of $7920." This dollar figure is completely absurd — my lot in North Park (which is less than a quarter acre) would sell for at least $100,000. Another one of the options is to fund a five-year program of revegetation at another site. If you had a choice between a small contribution and responsibility for an expensive restoration project, which would you choose? The result: sensitive habitat within the city is continually degraded.

Name Withheld

Downward Spiral

As president and founder of the Vernal Pool Society, your in-depth cover story on fairy shrimp versus the City of San Diego over the destruction that has occurred at the Arjons site was much appreciated ("Fairy Shrimp and the Mayor of Poway," April 20). As a "battlefield naturalist" with 30 years at ground zero fighting to save our few remaining vernal pools, I am not surprised at what occurred.

The city has been on a downward spiral of failure to protect vernal pools since the early 1970s and the coming of Mira Mesa. Despite the fact that they had a Vernal Pool Management Plan for city-owned vernal pools in place in 1996, they have allowed the destruction of hundreds of pools and their related endangered species. The city downgraded its plan to a less restrictive management tool by more recently creating a Biological Ordinance.

The city has told me that it has no obligation to protect vernal pools on city-owned property until the pools are actually purchased through the mitigation process, which, to me, is double-dipping. They and everyone else have a direct obligation to protect our endangered species wherever they are!

The lawsuit you referred to was filed by 14 environmental organizations against the city and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and was necessary because under the Multiple Species Conservation Program as written, vernal pool species would not be protected *and have not been protected!* The infamous Cousins Market Center in Mira Mesa where 67 pristine vernal pools were destroyed — despite the Multiple Species Conservation Program being in place — is the prime example of the city's lack of concern or obligation to vernal pools.

But we must realize that vernal pools are being lost throughout the county as well. Your article failed to mention Ramona and our endangered San Diego fairy shrimp. Ramona valley has perhaps 50 degraded vernal pools still remaining out of the thousands originally covering the area. Within the last year, 3 vernal pools have been destroyed despite my pleas to the Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife. I requested action both before and after the destruction, yet to date, nothing has been done. I'm told that since the Corps has jurisdiction for filling or dredging under the Clean Water Act, they are the lead agency on this. Two weeks ago we went to Sacramento to complain.

Our local Corps official, at the April 17 San Diego Watershed Forum 2000, announced that in his 15-year career at the Corps, he was proud to say, "I haven't stopped a project yet!"

Mary Anne Pentis
Ramona

Saville's Brilliant, Incisive Wit

The Jonathan Saville Classical Music Review "Bach in a Cage" (April 20) is one of the funniest articles I have ever read; and one which I cannot, without fail, reread without bursting out laughing again and again. Saville's brilliant, incisive wit equals the best that was ever written by H.L. Mencken, George Bernard Shaw, and Mark Twain.

Dennis G. Wills
La Jolla

Film Merits Another Star

I honestly enjoy comparing and contrasting my perceptions of a film with those of the reviewer. Though I've never written in before, I would like to take issue with the recent review of *East-West* (Movie Review, April 20) starring the extraordinarily talented Sandrine Bonnaire. Besides having the coolest name I've ever heard, Bonnaire is superb in this film; on that much we happily agree. The general characterization of the film, though, is way off. The idea of spouses resetting because of the other's job or family situation is neither uncommon nor old-fashioned. It works both ways. Whether that makes one "dutiful" or not is unclear and ultimately irrelevant since the central theme of the film hasn't a lot to do with gender or even ideology, for that matter.

The film's real focus is sacrifice. It explores the idea of how much one is willing to risk on behalf of another human being. Sasha and Marie take risks for themselves and each other. Likewise, there is no question that the doctor's intention is to protect his wife and son. The things he did, which on the surface seemed selfish and cowardly, were in fact calculated steps, using the system to achieve this goal. Shepherd's flippant remarks about him moving in with the neighbor leave a terribly mistaken impression.

All one has to do is look at

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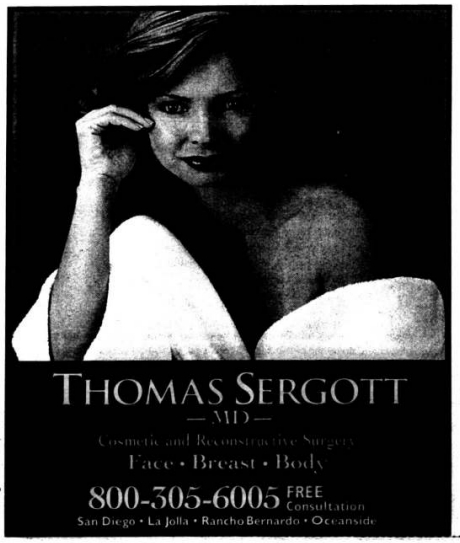

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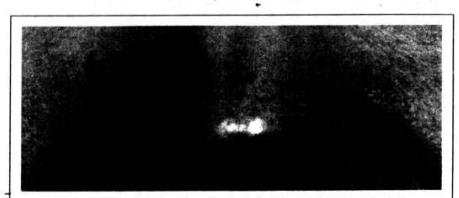

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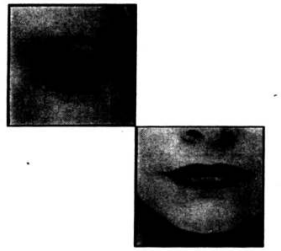

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the doctor's joyless expression in his first responding overture to Olga and later when he is settled in across the hall to put it together. Who was it that denounced Sasha's grandmother? Who so willingly helped Marie in her naïve attempt to visit the Ministry of the Interior? Who was intercepting Marie's mail? Clearly Olga was a threat that had to be disarmed.

Granted the doctor is no rebel, and his plan takes years. Nonetheless he goes through with it knowing the likely outcome for himself. The last frame of the film ties the theme up well.

As for the "dyed-in-the-wool bad guy," the world hardly needs to contrive its villains. Forget about communism and other isms in history, there are plenty of contemporary examples of ruthless oppression and slaughter of civilian populations that test the limits of courage and love. Shepherd calls it unambiguous melodrama, ashamedly commercial, and perhaps if it were poorly done, that would be so. As it happens though, the film both inspires and provokes thought. A second viewing by Shepherd is in order. Surely it merits another star or two.

Patricia Walker
Golden Hill

I Love Anne Albright

Monday morning I was still riding high on my Easter uplift when I read the two letters to the editor blasting Anne Albright's column, "Kid Stuff." Not a single week goes by that I don't make sure I've grabbed a copy of the *Reader*, mainly because I love to read "Kid Stuff" so much. I wouldn't miss it for the world and recommend it to all my friends. Her writing style, various typical family-life happenings, antics, and stories are always good for a smile, laugh, or chuckle. I dare say, if she turned her talented pen to the grimmer subjects of the day, some of her caustic critics would be more impressed with her all-around adult intelligence and general knowledge, but her real fans would suffer a great loss. We're already on overload in the news-of-the-world and personal-political-points-of-view departments. Keep up the relief and enjoyable reading of life in the personal real world, Anne, and make "Nauseous" and "Reality Check" nod off.

Pat Stiles
Ocean Beach

Anne Albright Must Go

Just wanted to commend you on an overall really decent paper, but this Anne Albright crap has got to go. What is this? It's boring, ineffectual, and frankly a waste of your paper's space. I am sure you can put this back page to some better use. How about some kind of regular article regarding travel? Your paper doesn't really have sections regarding travel. Just a thought.

Roland Pietsch

Yes, I'm Gay

In the "Sheep and Goats" column of April 13, Scott Lively says that the Nazi Party's official vilification and persecution of homosexuals was nothing more than a smoke screen, a clever trick to blind the German public from the rampant homosexuality within the party itself. "Why go so publicly against gays? It's going to quell suspicion against yourself," he says. So I would have to ask Scott Lively, as well as Pat Robertson, Bob Dornan, Jesse Helms, Dr. Laura, and many others: "Why go so publicly against gays? Are you trying to quell suspicion against yourself?"

Yes, I'm gay. I came out seven years ago, and while my best friend, my favorite aunt and uncle, and my goddaughter's parents deserted me, my coming out brought my brother, sister, and mother back into my life, three people, whom I had not seen or talked to in 28 years. And I celebrated my sixth anniversary in May with Jim, my significant other.

When I was closeted, I thought I had a lot to lose if anyone thought or knew I was gay. So I was the most hateful person you could imagine toward gays and those I perceived to be gay; it redirected suspicion away from me. And while I did lose five people, I cherish the three family members who reentered my life, as well as the countless numbers of friends who like me because I'm me, not because I date a woman. When one door closes, another one opens.

Russel R. Kirk
El Cajon

Widmer Is Honesty's Personification

Regarding the letter to the editor by a W. White (April 13) attacking Eleanor Widmer and extolling the genius of Max Nash, I cannot determine the validity of the fawning over Nash who was allegedly "[one with] an excitement and honesty."

What I can do is comment on Eleanor. She is the personification of honesty, and her reviews show a far superior knowledge and understanding of the elements which go into every dish she tastes and critiques than any of the simplistic pieces that I have endured by Mr. Nash.

To compare Ms. Widmer with Mr. Nash is an outrageously cockeyed commentary. Widmer's background, knowledge, intelligence, and writing skills far surpass most writers on the *Reader* and are, in sports vernacular, like comparing a major league player with a college player when it comes to the Nash comparison.

This tirade by White sounds like someone who either had a restaurant that got a lousy review or just has a dislike for anyone over the age of 25. White's allegation that Widmer's reviews are "so self-centered that they almost always exclude the reader, restaurant service staff, managers, owners, and chefs from any serious investigation and review" is so inaccurate that an investigation of the writer (White) screams for a background check on this critic.

Eleanor Widmer is an icon in the world of restaurant reviewers. She has a track record of respect with her decades of interesting work on radio, television, and in print. Anyone who does not understand that is oblivious to the facts or lacks basic intelligence.

Do not replace Ms. Widmer, give her more opportunity to write with her accurate and entertaining style and content.

Gerald Gross
Carmel Valley

Max Nash Did Me A Favor

After reading Max Nash's review (Restaurant Review, April 13), my wife and I went to the 99 Ranch Market and thoroughly enjoyed it: we will return. I picked out a fine red snapper and had it fried. My wife had one of the plate lunches available at the food bar. She was overjoyed to see and be able to buy fresh sardines and mackerel, which she is used to eating in her native Spain. We also bought some meat and a number of packages of dried fish and other items to use in making a miso soup at home. The walk around the area of fresh fruits and vegetables was an eye opener. It would be great to know how to use some of these exotic items in cooking. Reader Cindy Balog (Letters, April 20) should not chastise Mr. Nash for his style. He did me a great favor by introducing me to this market.

Richard A. Poedtke
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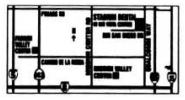

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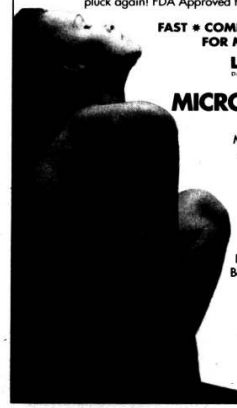

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Elizabethan Renaissance



German Medieval



Italian Renaissance

LOCAL EVENTS

"The bride who chooses a theme wedding probably knew from when she was six years old that she didn't want a traditional dress," says Diane Barr of Oceanside, designer of historical wedding attire. "She knew she wanted Cinderella or Marie Antoinette or whatever it might be. It struck a chord in her soul."

Barr draws on her knowledge of 1500 years of bridal-fashion history, "from medieval through the 1910s," to create these clothes, which she hesitates to call costumes. "Historically, 'costume' meant 'ensemble,' 'the fashion of the era.' A costume was simply what a woman wore. In our contemporary world a costume is considered a bizarre alter attire. I don't create that. I don't do Halloween. What I create is accurate, authentic, and documented by research. I sleep with my books," says Barr, whose current bedfellows are volumes for wedding clothes from the pre–World War I era.

Rose D'Zynes, as Barr calls her business, outfits grooms as well as brides. The guy can't show up in a boring tux if his betrothed is decked out as Guinevere, can he? Bridesmaids and other wedding-party members may also want to be dressed in kind. Barr can outfit guests, too, if they're game.

She sells outright, and she rents. Either way, she has learned to include instructions. "Some don't know whether the bustle or the petticoat goes on first. One bride wore an entire Elizabethan thing backwards, because she had seen movies where it laced up the front instead of the back." What her customer didn't realize was that a noblewoman's bodice is back-laced, while a peasant's is necessarily front-laced, since peasants lack ladies-in-waiting to help with those laces. Barr doesn't have a peasant in her repertoire. "Some women feel free to be wenches. I prefer to work in brocade and velvets. I don't like working in woolens. Life is too short to be a peasant."

Though Hollywood foiled the backwards bride, films have helped to create demand for Barr. "When a movie with period costumes occurs, I have to go see it, because I'll start getting requests."

She mentions *Maverick* and *Tombstone*, whose Western themes have inspired clients to order frock coats for their grooms. *Braveheart* and *Robin Hood* have motivated others' imaginings. She can understand Scotland's appeal, but questioned Sherwood Forest's. "I said, 'What do you want? Kevin Costner wore a rag around his neck in Robin Hood.' But you see, it's a feeling they want. It's not the clothing. Creating your dream —that's where I come from."

Until seven years ago, Barr would have described herself as "primarily a seamstress." She had "spent a lot of years sewing things, doing community theater and work for the Society for Creative Anachronisms." Then, at age 50, she went into the bridal-consulting business after designing the clothes for her own wedding with an Italian-Renaissance theme.

Distinguishing between Italian and Elizabethan Renaissance, she says, "Italian can be more flattering. Although it still compresses the bosom, it has a shorter waist." For reference, see the movie *Ever After*, she suggests. Elizabethan, by contrast, has a long pointy waist. "That's *Shakespeare in Love*."

"Italian can make large women look very beautiful," says Barr, who speaks from experience, having herself been a size-20 bride.

Large brides and small ones. Older brides and young ones. Alaskan brides who wanted to be Victorians. Ones from New Jersey and Illinois. Barr has dressed many sorts of brides, but not a San Diegan.

"San Diego has never bought me, not in seven years." Not a single wedding? "One, maybe. But that was really early. A little biker couple came in. They were part of the beginning of Gothic. And they bought me for the man. And then I had one other couple almost to the altar, and they cancelled for personal reasons two weeks before."

The trouble is, San Diegans are "do-it-yourselfers," Barr says. They are also conservative. "Daughters of engineers and retired military, they don't think in terms of theme weddings."

Maybe they'll change their minds Monday evening, when Barr gives a presentation sponsored by the San Diego Creative Stitchery Guild. Her talk will be illustrated with samples worn by models and mannequins. One creation she will show was inspired by the movies made from Jane Austen's novels (*Emma*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Mansfield Park*). Another was on the cover of *Philadelphia Bride Magazine*. It's a recreation of Princess Diana's white, beaded, so-called Elvis Dress, with the high collar. "I don't do contemporary gowns, unless it's for family," says Barr, but she felt that this reproduction was an appropriate job for her, "because Diana had already passed away. She already was a historical personage."

Barr rarely attends the weddings she wardrobes. "It's not the place I want to be. The frantic energy that occurs before a wedding is like the frantic energy that occurs before a theater production. I'm a good audience, but once I got caught between the cast and the dressing room, and I think they trampled me."

— *Jeanne Schinto*

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BAJA

Explore the Pinyon Woodland Area south of La Rumarosa in the northern Sierra Juárez region during a field trip hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, May 6, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Participants in "Botany and Basal" will learn about the geology and Native American uses of the region. The $65 fee for nonmembers includes transportation. To reserve a spot, call 619-232-3821 x203. (LA RUMAROSA)

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The other featured films include *Niagara Falls* (1 p.m.), *Los descubridores* (3 p.m.), *The First Emperor of China* (5 p.m.), and *The Grand Canyon* (9 p.m.). The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For more information, call 011-52-66-87-9600. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

The Silk Oak Tree, a fast-growing import from Australia, comes into short-lived glory this month. Golden flower clusters decorate the silvery-green branches, an effect that is particularly stunning when seen in contrast to the blue-blossoming jacaranda trees often planted nearby. A common tree in San Diego-area parks, the silk oak is also a popular street and back-yard tree in the older residential areas.

Black Oaks are sending out new leaves in the mountains, painting the hillsides with subtle red, brown, and green shades. When the leaves first emerge from buds, they're reddish or brown in color; they gradually become light (and later dark) green as they unfold and grow in size. Large numbers of black oaks can be found throughout the Jeffrey pine forest along Sunrise Highway, north of the village of Mount Laguna. Take a walk along any of the nature trails in the Laguna Mountain Recreation Area or along the nearby Pacific Crest Trail to admire them.

Highest Tides this month, measuring +6.3 feet, occur on Thursday, May 4, at 10:12 p.m., and on Friday, May 5, at 10:51 p.m. The lowest tides of the month, measuring -1.2 feet, occur on Friday, May 5, at the inconvenient hour of 5:03 a.m., and on Saturday, May 6, at the slightly more forgiving time of 5:53 a.m.

A Smiling Moon, low in the western sky Friday and Saturday nights, May 5 and 6, announces the beginning of the current lunar cycle. On the dark portion of the moon — the part that does not include the bright crescent — look for "earthshine" (poetically called "the old moon in the new moon's arms"). This faint glow is our view of sunlight reflected back into space by Earth and reflected once again by the moon.

Look for Migrant Warblers and Flycatchers with Audubon Society birders in Marion Bear Park (San Clemente Canyon) on Saturday, May 6, from 8 a.m. to noon. Join the group in the parking lot on the west side of Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, at Highway 52; participants will convene at the far end of the parking area, near the restrooms. Bring drinking water. Expect a moderately strenuous outing. 619-280-7710. (CLAIREMONT)

Take a Slow-Paced Walk through Blue Sky Ecological Reserve when naturalist Terry Margeson presents an introduction to this oasis on Saturday, May 6. "Bring the Kids!" for the fun hike planned by naturalist and teacher Liz Kennedy on Sunday, May 7. Both events begin at 9 a.m. Find the park on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. For information, call 858-679-5469. Free. (POWAY)

The Perennial Display Garden Shines during the garden tour starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, at Buena Creek Gardens (418 Buena Creek Road). 760-744-2810. Free. (SAN MARCOS)

Special Permission has been granted for the Canyoneers to lead an easy hike on the private property of Dayspring Ranch on Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's a historically interesting place with an abundance of plants. For information and directions, dial 619-232-3821 x203. Free. (WYNOLA)

Bring Your Canine Buddy to the "Family and Fido" hike planned by naturalist Lori Dekker on Saturday, May 6, in Daley Ranch. Learn about the natural resources on the ranch and how to protect your four-legged loved one during the easy 2.5-mile hike. Bring your well-behaved (leashed) dog, water, and bowl to the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive) at 8:30 a.m. For details, dial 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

History to Observe, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, on Saturday, May 6, at 10 a.m., starting at the visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

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on May 6, starting in the north beach parking lot off Carmel Valley Road. Bring gardening gloves and wear sturdy shoes. Free. Call 858-755-2063 x308 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge is the site for a bird walk hosted by the Chula Vista Nature Center on Saturday, May 6, at 8 a.m. For the required reservations and directions, call 619-422-2481. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Hike Back in Time with docents Sally Snipes and Toni Marquette in the Volcan Mountain Wilderness Preserve on Saturday, May 6, at 9:30 a.m. Participants will learn about the Kumeyaay Indians' use of native plants and their way of life. The hike to mid-summit is 2.5 miles round trip.

To reach the trailhead, drive to Julian, and then take Farmer Road 2.2 miles; turn right on Wynola Road and drive 100 yards. Turn left, back onto the continuation of Farmer Road; proceed 100 yards and park on the shoulder of the paved road by the preserve sign on the right. 858-694-3049. Free. (JULIAN)

See the Elusive Grunion — the small silver fish that spawn on beaches following certain high tides throughout the year — when the Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts an outing on Saturday, May 6, from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. A lecture and film precede a beach walk to find grunion in action at La Jolla Shores. The fee is $9 for adults, $5 for children 7-13. Call 858-534-7336 for the necessary reservations. (LA JOLLA)

Take a Bluff Hike to see the flowers and the rare Torrey pines in Torrey Pines State Reserve with Coastwalk on Sunday, May 7. The (roughly) five-mile outing starts at 10 a.m. in the driving range parking lot at Torrey Pines Golf Course (11480 North Torrey Pines Road). For information, call 858-755-3699. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Sunset at Hodges, take a late-afternoon hike and learn about Native American history and culture during an outing planned by Heather at Lake Hodges at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, hosted by the San Dieguito River Park organization. Dial 858-674-2275 x5 to make the mandatory reservations and obtain directions. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Hug a Bug, Bill Howell — all-around bug guy, trail guide instructor, and environmental teacher — plans an exploration of the world of insects at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, at the Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Children must be accompanied by an adult. 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

La Jolla's Idiosyncratic Laws of Nature provide the focus when "accredited plantsman" Carolyn Ray conducts neighborhood tours for A Bit of Earth on May 7 and 8. Participants stroll around typical La Jolla microclimates and learn "how your garden and the wider environment interact." The emphasis is said to be on ecologically friendly beautification.

Sunday's tour begins at 1:30 p.m. at Mata Park (2223 Avenida de la Playa, in front of the La Jolla Shores Plaza building); Monday's event starts at 4 p.m. at the entrance to the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). The 90-minute tours are free, and the pace is leisurely. Kids and leashed pets are welcome. 858-550-9498. (LA JOLLA)

Senior Trail Days are slated for Monday, May 8, at 10 a.m., at Oakoasis Open-Space Preserve. Barbara Moore and ranger Craig Juleen will lead this 2.5-mile hike along the Trans-County Trail through an oak woodland, past a log house built in 1936. Bring a sack lunch and water. Find the park at 12620 Wildcat Canyon Road (just past mile marker four on Wildcat Canyon Road). 619-561-0580. Free. (LAKESIDE)

DANCE

Intermediate Tango and beginning cha-cha are the featured dances being taught by the Smooth Dancers beginning tonight, Thursday, May 4, at 7 p.m. The donation is $5 per class, or $9 for both. Learn the steps at the Vista Women's Club, 1375 Oak Drive. Questions? Call 760-941-0386 for answers. (VISTA)

Jump With Cosmos, Jump Fingers provide the music and Harry and Steve call for the contradance scheduled for Friday, May 5, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Events get underway at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission is $6. Call 760-436-4030 for information. (NORTH PARK)

Attention, Ballroom Dancers! Enjoy the big-band sounds of the Swingtime Orchestra at the Veterans Memorial Center on the first and third Saturday of each month, including May 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. Find the center at 2115 Park Boulevard. Admission is $5. Call 619-239-2300 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Argentine Tango Has Its Own Vocabulary, according to organizers of the "Authentic Argentine Tango" classes plotted by Donna Wood and Martin Vollmer at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 7, at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Call 858-457-3030 x1339 to register. (LA JOLLA)

Spring Swing Festival, the outdoor party is slated for Sunday, May 7, from noon to 5 p.m. Expect dance lessons, a contest, and dancing for all to the sounds of Hot Rod Lincoln and Jazz Trax. A classic car club display, vendors of vintage clothing and music, and food for sale round out the fun. The festival takes place on Louisiana Avenue, next to the InnSuites Hotel (2223 El Cajon Boulevard). 619-283-3608. Free. (NORTH PARK)

Swing, Part III, the Dancetime Center hosts swing dancing on Sunday, May 7, for singles and couples of all ages. Swing lessons start at 8 p.m.,

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Learn Exciting Movements when Jihan Kamal conducts a master class in "Oriental Dance" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, at the Art/Dance Academy (1837-A South Coast Highway). The fee is $25. Call 760-757-4470 to register. (OCEANSIDE)

An Informal Dance Demonstration showcasing the variety of dance classes offered at MiraCosta College is set for Wednesday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m., in room 204 at the San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). For more information, call 760-795-6815. Free. (CARDIFF)

FILM

"Surf for Life" and *Just Melvin*, both from the USA, will be shown when the San Diego International Film Festival 2000 continues tonight, Thursday, May 4. Eighteen short films will be featured (beginning at 7 p.m.) on Tuesday, May 9.

Screenings start at 7 p.m.; second features commence at 8:45 p.m. Tickets are $6 general per screening. For information, call 858-534-0497. (LA JOLLA)

Raw, Ruff, and Unrefined, the Spin Cycle Film Festival runs May 5-7 in the Little Theater at San Diego State University. Films with live musical accompaniment, music videos, and other short films will be screened from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 5. "Short Film Exhibition A" continues from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

On Saturday, see "Pre-World Premiere Flicks" — that is, works-in-progress — from 6:30 to 8 p.m. A movie memorabilia auction is planned as well. "Short Film Exhibition B" runs from 8 to 10 p.m.

A Festival of Animation starts at noon on Sunday, with cartoons, computer animation, and effects animation films on tap. Short film exhibitions start at 1 and 2:30 p.m. The Spin Cycle Wrap Party commences at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are $5, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). For more information, call 619-299-4034. (SDSU)

The Premiere of the Surf Film *electro ember* by filmmaker Paul Barranco is slated for Friday, May 5, at La Paloma Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101). Screenings begin at 7, 8:30, and 10 p.m. Barranco graduated from the SDSU film department in 1998. For information, call 760-436-5774. Tickets: $5. (ENCINITAS)

Animated Short Films from around the world are showcased in Spike and Mike's 2000 Classic Festival of Animation, offered in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego. Each screening offers a variety of animation styles and techniques; the roster includes *When the Day Breaks, Three Misses, Hum Drum, At the Ends of the Earth, One Day a Man Bought a House*, and many others. All 14 films are shown at each screening.

The festival is suitable for all ages. Tickets are $7.50 (available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. Enjoy the flicks at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 5, and at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 6. Call 858-454-0267 for information. (LA JOLLA)

A Cranky Loner and a Headstrong Child make a journey that changes both their lives in *Central Station*, screening for the Sunday Matinee at 2 p.m. on May 7, in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. This "eloquent meditation on the renewal of identity and family" is presented in Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

Cinematic Works Exploring the Diverse Histories, cultures, values, and traditions of peoples that make up the African diaspora are offered in "Diaspora 2000: The African Diaspora on Film," a series beginning on Monday, May 8, and continuing every consecutive Wednesday through July 5, at the Malcolm X Library.

The series starts at 6 p.m. on May 8 with *Man by the Shore*, a Haitian film directed by Raoul Peck. It's the story of a young girl's struggle for survival in the political and social environment of Papa Doc Duvalier's 1960s Haiti. The speaker is Aglaé Saint-Lot, from the San Diego Public Library. Find the Malcolm X Library at 5148 Market Street (at Euclid); 619-527-3405. Free. (ENCANTO)

Eerie, Compelling, and Stylish...see *Twin Falls, Idaho* when it is shown for the Film Forum hosted by the San Diego Public Library at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 8. Real-life identical twins Michael and Mark Polish cowrote the script, and Michael directed the film. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, from the coral reefs of the Bahamas to the seas of Patagonia, *Dolphins* takes audiences under the surface of the water for romps with Atlantic spotted dolphins, dusky dolphins, and bottlenose dolphins. The film uses the exotic locations, current scientific research, and encounters between people and dolphins to present a close-up view into the world of these playful cetaceans.

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

LECTURES

"Transcending Earth and Sky" features paintings by seven artists from across the U.S. exploring the potential of the landscape to both inspire and express the spiritual, the transcendent, and the metaphysical. Artists Anthony Pessler and Gillian Theobald will present a slide-illustrated lecture tonight, Thursday, May 4.

Next Thursday, May 11, Julia Fish and Stephen Hannock will speak. Both talks begin at 7 p.m. in room 412 of the School of Art, Design, and Art History at San Diego State University. Free. Call 619-594-5171 for information. (SDSU)

Israel's Rapid Evolution on lesbian and gay rights will be discussed when Lee Walzer, author of *Between Sodom and Eden: A Gay Journey Through Today's Changing Israel*, speaks at 4 p.m. today, Thursday, May 4, at UCSD's Women's Center. Free. Call 858-822-1047 for information. (LA JOLLA)

What Issues Face the City in upgrading, maintaining, and accessing sewers while protecting the urban canyon environment and natural resources? Find out during the community workshop planned today, Thursday, May 4, in room 101 of the Casa del Prado. The workshop starts at 7 p.m. (registration starts at 6:30 p.m.).

The workshop will be repeated on Saturday, May 6, in building I-100 at Miramar College. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m., with the workshop running from 10 a.m. to noon. Free. For information, call 619-908-5359. (BALBOA PARK, MIRAMAR)

"Beyond 'Blacks' and 'Bondage: Humanizing Africans in a Multi-Centric World History" is the subject when University of Virginia history professor Joseph C. Miller speaks at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 5, in Casa Real, Aztec Center. He is the author of *Way of Death: Merchant Capitalism and the Angolan Slave Trade*. Free. 619-594-5262. (SDSU)

"Beyond the Cultural: Urban Landscapes and Global Economies" is the subject when SDSU geography professor Larry Ford delivers the keynote speech for the annual meeting of the California Geographical Society at

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"Dinosaur Lives: Unearthing an Evolutionary Saga" is the theme when Jack Horner gives presentations for the San Diego Natural History Museum on May 5 and 6. The celebrated paleontologist will explain the enormous impact dinosaurs have on our lives, from films to current research.

The talk at 7 p.m. on Friday is geared toward adults, while Saturday's talk at 10 a.m. is suitable for families. Both take place in UCSD's Robinson Hall. The fee for nonmembers is $9. For details, dial 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Three Books in Two Hours," you don't need fancy computer software to get started in book making. Art teacher Genie Shenk presents this class at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, in the second-floor meeting room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Students will learn to create books using a few household items and imagination. Free. Call 619-236-5847 for registration and materials needed. (DOWNTOWN)

What Is a Marine Mammal? What's a pinniped? Learn about these creatures and La Jolla's harbor seal colony during the naturalist and docent trainings planned by the La Jolla Friends of the Seals from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 (and May 13), at the La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). Training includes slide shows, videos, lectures, and on-site training. To register, call 619-687-3588. (LA JOLLA)

Beginners Beckoned, the North San Diego County Genealogical Society announces a beginners' class from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. For information, call 858-481-8511. (CARLSBAD)

Explore Color-Mixing Techniques and basic shape making when Joan Baxter presents "Basic Tapestry-Weaving Techniques" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, at the Oceanside Museum of Art (704 Pier View Way). The fee is $65. Call 760-721-2787 to register. (OCEANSIDE)

Showcase Lectures, in conjunction with the San Diego Historical Society's Showcase — this year set in the Pelton-Craig house, a 1930 Monterey-style home — the society presents a lecture series starting on Saturday, May 6. Tam Ashworth, owner of the Isari Flower Studio at the Four Seasons Resort, will present a floral design demonstration using seasonal flowers. The arrangements will be auctioned at the end of the session.

Talks start at 10:30 a.m. Admission is $10. The house is found at 1802 Amalfi Street. For information, call 619-533-7355. (LA JOLLA)

Let It Rot, head to Quail Botanical Gardens for a backyard composting workshop slated for Saturday, May 6, at 11 a.m. Participants will learn to turn yard clippings into a valuable soil amendment. The class is conducted by the San Diego Master Composters. Free. Find the gardens at 230 Quail Gardens Drive; call 760-436-7986 for information. (ENCINITAS)

Learn to Energize Your Home and work environments when Catherine Yi-yu Cho Woo speaks on "Feng Shui" for the U.S.-China Peoples' Friendship Association at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, in the meeting room at the Linda Vista Library (2160 Ulric Street). Free. 619-566-0711. (LINDA VISTA)

Follow in Kit Carson's Footsteps, who led General Stephen Watts Kearney through Peñasquitos Canyon in the 1800s, by taking a nature guide training course beginning on Saturday, May 6. Trainees will learn about a variety of outdoors topics. Classes continue from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on May 13 and 20 at the Adobe Ranch House. To register, call 858-538-8066 or 619-525-8219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Carry-On Casualty? Lost passport? Become an organized traveler by attending in-store travel demonstrations planned at the Container Store on May 6 and 7. Workshops divulge advice and demonstrations on packing clothing, cosmetics, and toiletries; "how to" tips for organizing documents on the road; and a travel checklist for planning and packing.

Seminars begin at 1 and 3 p.m. on Saturday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Find the Container Store at 7097 Friars Road (at Highway 163); 619-220-0909. Free. The seminar repeats on June 10 and 11. (FASHION VALLEY)

ScamJam 2000, the fifth annual fraud prevention seminar hosted by the Better Business Bureau, is slated for Saturday, May 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Golden Hall (202 C Street). Attendees will learn how to avoid becoming victims of new and old scams, and there will be a consumer expo and a variety of speakers. Admission is free, but reservations are required, obtained by calling 858-637-6199. (DOWNTOWN)

Step-by-Step Stenciling is the subject at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, by Stencils & Interiors at Vintage Rose (324 South Cedros Avenue). Free. For information, call 858-509-1775. (SOLANA BEACH)

"What's Happening in Iran?" Find out when Badi Badiozani speaks for People to People International on Sunday, May 7, at 3 p.m., in Green Hall on the USIU campus (10455 Pomerado Road). Free. For further information, call 619-484-6069 or 760-746-1670. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"Bridges and Borders/Puentes y Fronteras," the discussion series hosted by Beatrice Pita of UCSD continues on Monday, May 8, with *Woman Hollering Creek* by Sandra Cisneros. Copies of the book (in English and Spanish) are available through library loan. The discussion group meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room on the third floor of the San Diego Public Library, 8920 E Street. Free. 619-236-5817. (DOWNTOWN)

Historical Wedding Gown Designer Diane Rose Barr will showcase a selection of her gowns when the San Diego Creative Stitchery Guild meets on Monday, May 8, at 7 p.m., in Forum Hall (upstairs from Wells Fargo Bank in University Towne Centre). Barr designs bridal attire from six historical periods. Guests pay $5. For details, dial 760-753-7896. (LA JOLLA)

Lots of Color "Wet into Wet" describes the watercolor demonstration planned by Craig Anderson for the El Cajon Art Association at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 8, at the El Cajon Art Association Gallery (1246 Main Street, suite 113). Free. 619-588-8875. (EL CAJON)

I Remember Grandpa... Carlos Barela, grandson of famed woodcarver Patrocinio Barela, will discuss life and the work of his legendary grandfather during a slide-illustrated lecture and exhibit tour planned at noon on Monday, May 8, at the San Diego Museum of Man. Admission is $6 (non-members). For details, dial 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Examine Puccini's *La Bohème* during the opera previews addressing the music, drama, and history of this upcoming San Diego Opera production at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library on Monday, May 8. The speaker at 2 p.m. is vocal music specialist Ronald Shaheen; at 7:30 p.m., listen to Nicolas Reveles (education director for the San Diego Opera).

Admission to either talk is $7. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street. Call 858-454-5872 for information. (LA JOLLA)

The Finest Gardens in Scotland are said to have been created around the old castles. Artist Eric Gronberg visited these gardens last summer and will discuss the "creative and sensitive way the borders mix many different flowers without losing a sense of unity" when the San Diego Horticultural Society meets on Monday, May 8. "Gardens of Scotland: The Glorious Border" starts 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)

"Internet Research Techniques and the Use of the Melvyl Library System of California State Universities" is the topic when CSU-SM business reference librarian Ann Fiegan speaks for the computer genealogy section of the North San Diego County Genealogical Society. The talk starts at 1:15 p.m. at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). 858-481-8511. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"Energy and Gasoline: Future Global Supply and Prices" provide the topic when James Kenall speaks for the World Affairs Council of San Diego on Tuesday, May 9. Kendall is director of the oil and gas division of integrated analysis and forecasting at the Energy Information Agency. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Rancho Bernardo Swim and Tennis Club (16955 Bernardo Oaks Drive). For information, call 858-673-1211 or 760-743-8519. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Scientists Now Assemble Atoms into tiny bits of matter exhibiting strange properties unlike those of the atoms themselves or the solid materials encountered every day. Award-winning physicist Ivan Schuller plans a talk entitled "Architects in the Laboratory: Constructing New Materials Atom by Atom" for the Millennium Lecture Series on Wednesday, May 10. Get the skinny on this new era of "atomic engineering" at 7 p.m. in the Institute of the Americas auditorium on the UCSD campus. Free. 858-822-0510. (LA JOLLA)

Concepts of Self-Government and domestic-dependent nations will be examined when Rodney Bobiwash delivers lectures entitled "Crossing the Medicine Line: A Comparative Examination of Indian Policy in Canada and the U.S.A." next Thursday, May 11 at MiraCosta College. Bobiwash is a member of the Anishinabe Nation and director of the Forum for Global Exchange at the Center for World Indigenous Studies in Toronto.

Talks begin at noon and at 7 p.m. in Aztlan A and B on campus, at One Barnard Drive. For more information, call 760-757-2121 x6377. (OCEANSIDE)

Early Music of the American Colonies and through the Civil War is the focus when Jacquelyne Silver kicks off a lecture series entitled "The Great American Millennium! 400 Star-Spangled Years" at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday, May 11, at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. Admission for nonmembers is $12 per talk, or $33 for all three. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street; call 858-454-5872 to make the suggested reservations. (LA JOLLA)

"The Natural History of Fire in Southern California" will be explored during a class (at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday, May 11) and field trip (May 13) hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum. Participants will learn strategies that plants have evolved for dealing with periodic fire and discuss the ecological implications of changing fire regimens.

The $45 fee for nonmembers includes transportation. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to make reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

Tony Award-Winning Singer Betty Buckley performs at 8 p.m. tonight, Thursday, May 4, at the Poway Center for Performing Arts. She played Grizabella in *Cats* and starred in Broadway musicals including *Song and Dance, The Mystery of Edwin Drood,* and *Sunset Boulevard,* among others.

Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way). Tickets are $40 and $45; call 858-748-0505 for reservations. (POWAY)

The Musical Comedy *Bye Bye Birdie* is being presented by Escondido Dramatic Arts Thursdays through Saturdays, May 4-13, in the Performing Arts Center at Escondido High School (1535 North Broadway). Performances begin at 7 p.m. General admission is $5. Call 760-293-9961 for details. (ESCONDIDO)

It's a popular production this month! The Coast Kids Theatre presents its version of *Bye Bye Birdie* May 5-14 at the Avo Playhouse (303 Main Street, formerly East Vista Way). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are $10 general, $5 for children 12 and under. For reservations, call 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

A Historical and Musical Reflection on art, music, and events from the decades after the '60s are presented in "Retrospect," original shows being performed by the students at the Coronado School of the Arts May 4-6. The curtain rises at 7 p.m. next Thursday through Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. Find the school on the campus of Coronado High School (650 D Avenue). Tickets are $10 for reserved seating, $7 general. Call 619-522-8969 for information. (CORONADO)

You Are What You Eat? In 1987 Mina Dobic was diagnosed with incurable cancer and given three months to live. Today she is cancer free and a nutritional consultant to many celebrities. She'll share her story and sign her book, *My Beautiful Life,* at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, May 4, at the School of Healing Arts (1001 Garnet Avenue #200). Free. 858-581-9429. (PACIFIC BEACH)

All Styles of Music may be heard when the Peter Pupping Quartet performs for the Escondido Library's First Thursday Concert starting at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, May 4, in the Turrentine Room of the library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. Dial 760-839-4329 for details. (ESCONDIDO)

Mystery Author and Illustrator Jane Langton will sign and discuss *Thief of Venice* at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, May 4, at Borders Books and Music. It's Langton's 14th Homer Kelly mystery. Find the bookstore at 1072 Camino del Rio North; 619-295-2201. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Langton also plans a signing and discussion at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 5, at the new location of Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. Call 858-268-4747 for details. (CLAIREMONT)

Poets 2000, local poets of all ages will read from their works at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, May 4, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (11744 Carmel Mountain Road). Free. 858-674-1055. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

"Two Worlds, One Family" is the theme when the San Diego Regional Signing Choir presents its eighth annual "performance nights" Thursday through Saturday, May 4-6, at the San Diego North Stake Building of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (4741 Mount Abernathy). Expect songs and skits uniting the deaf and hearing communities. Donations are encouraged. For information, call 858-560-9927 or 619-463-7929. (CLAIREMONT)

Comedy With a Twist of Truth is the goal when the Comedy Codependents, an improv comedy troupe, perform at the Creativity Centre (4716 32nd Street) on Friday, May 5, at 8 p.m. The suggested donation is

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LOCAL EVENTS

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"The Envelope, Please!" It's the theme for the spring concerts planned by the San Diego Men's Chorus May 5-7. The tribute to Tony and Oscar award-winning songs includes selections by *Sweet Charity, Pinocchio, Gypsy, Rent, Kismet, The Wizard of Oz, Les Miserables, Sweeney Todd,* and many others.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 7 p.m. on Sunday at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Tickets are $17. Call 619-296-7664 for information. (HILLCREST)

Two for One, the Grossmont College Jazz Ensemble and the Mt. Miguel High School Jazz Ensemble unite for a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 5, in the Grossmont College Fine Arts Recital Hall (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Admission is $5 general. Call 619-644-7254 for information. (EL CAJON)

Poet Steve Kowit reads from his new collection, *The Dumbbell Nebula,* at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 5, at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Sam Shepard's *True West* is being presented by the Poway Performing Arts Company through May 21. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Sundays upstairs at the Lively Center (13250 Poway Road). Tickets are $10 general. For reservations, call 858-679-8085. (POWAY)

African Attire Is Recommended for the "Sistah Gala" planned by the Black Infant Health Program on Friday, May 5, at 6 p.m., at the Bayview Baptist Church (6134 Benson Avenue). Motivational speaker Jewel Diamond Taylor will speak, and the talents of prominent African American women will be showcased. $5. For information, call 619-266-7466. (ENCINITAS)

Spring Sounds from *The Sound of Music* may be heard when the Palomar Youth Chorale performs at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 5, in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Tickets are $10 general. For more information, call 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

She of the Intriguing Voice and Insights, National Public Radio commentator and author Bailey White will tell stories of "life lessons and Southern charm" at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 5, at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). She'll recount some of her most popular stories and answer questions. Tickets are $21. Call 619-440-2277 for reservations. (EL CAJON)

Avant-Garde Jazz, Classical Piano, vocal repertoire, and more may be heard when the MiraCosta music faculty and honor music students present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 5, in the MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). For information, call 760-795-6615. General admission is $8. (OCEANSIDE)

Poetry and Performance, head to the Porter Troupe Gallery for events beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 5. Experimental poet and UCSD professor Fanny Howe will read from her latest book, *Fanny Howe: Selected Poems.* She's the author of more than 20 books.

Following Howe, Arab American author and poet Elmaz Abinader will present *Under the Ramadan Moon.* This original two-act poetry performance features music by guitarist Tony Khalife and percussionist Diem Jones.

Admission is $8 general. Find the Porter Troupe at 301 Spruce Street. Call 619-291-9096 for additional information. (HILLCREST)

American Classical, Folk, and Patriotic Music by composers including Copland, Gershwin, Randall Thompson may be heard when all four of MiraCosta College choral groups present concerts on May 6 and 7 in the MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets to "America Sings!" are $7 general. For more information, call 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

"Catch a Rising Star," the ninth annual production of the La Jolla Stage Company's talent search and showcase, features 20 different variety acts performing for the grand finale on Saturday, May 6. The curtain rises at 7 p.m. in Parker Community Auditorium (on the campus of La Jolla High School, 750 Nautilus Street). Tickets are $12. For reservations, call 858-459-7773. (LA JOLLA)

They're at It Again, the Fault Line Players present improv comedy at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, at the Fault Line Theatre (3152 Fifth Avenue, at Spruce). For information, call 619-692-3382. Admission is $5. (HILLCREST)

Author and Photographer Andrew Hudson discusses and signs copies of his new book, *The Magic of Balboa Park,* at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, in Alcazar Garden. For information, call 619-235-3067. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

A Reopening Celebration is planned at the Blue Door Bookstore at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, with an appearance by Dave McGown, author of *Derailing Democracy.* Find the Door at 3823 Fifth Avenue; 619-298-8610. Free. (HILLCREST)

Specializing in Paraguayan Harp, Alfred Rolando Ortiz plans a stop on his current tour on Saturday, May 6, in the Civic Center Community Rooms at the Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Concerts begin at 7 and 9 p.m. Tickets are $6; for space availability, call 760-435-5570. (OCEANSIDE)

The Change, when you retire, your emotions, lifestyle, and relationships undergo an enormous change. So says Dorothy Sampson, who will visit Warwick's Bookstore at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, to sign and discuss *The Healing Journey Through Retirement: Your Journal of Transition and Transformation.* Find the shop at 7812 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Who's the Patron Saint of Firefighters? It's St. Florian, celebrated when Mission San Luis Rey and the firefighters of the Wind and Sea Motorcycle Club host the second annual St. Florian's Day and Blues Festival on Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Events commence with a motorcade procession beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Harley's House of Harleys (1555 South Coast Highway), proceeding to the mission, found at 4050 Mission Avenue. The blues concert starts at 1 p.m., and tickets are $10. For details, dial 760-757-3651 x161. (OCEANSIDE)

"The Vanished Truth: Tales to Welcome 'Faire Fresh May'" may be heard when storyteller Martha Holloway serves up a blend of Texas folktales and Southern literary stories for the Storytellers of San Diego on Saturday, May 6. The yarns begin 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)

Praise the Music, Julian's Gospel Music Festival runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, in Frank Lane Park (on Farmer Road). The Bluegrass Brethren gospel band headlines. Tickets are $10 per person, or $25 per family; kids under 12 free. For details, call 800-860-7970. (JULIAN)

Southern Italian Folk Music stars when percussionist Alessandra Belloni appears around town this week. "The Dance of the Ancient Spider," a solo concert of Southern Italian ritual drumming, dances, and chants especially arranged for voice and "world percussion," begins at 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. Tickets are $15 general. Sushi is located in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For information, call 619-237-0601. (DOWNTOWN)

Belloni plans a lecture — partially in Italian — entitled "Black Madonnas and Ritual Tarantellas in the Musical Tradition of Southern Italy" at noon on Monday, May 8, at the UCSD Cross-Cultural Center. Free. 858-534-9689.

A workshop of Southern Italian ritual drumming, dances, and women's chants runs from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, May 8, in Performance Space Visual Arts at UCSD. You're welcome to attend, whether to take the class or observe. Women should wear skirts and preferably dress in white. Free. Questions? Call 858-822-1615 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Never Short of Inspiration from Real Life, the political comedy troupe known as the Capitol Steps returns to the Poway Center for Performing Arts for performances at 2 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. Tickets are $27 and $32. Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way) and by calling 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Multi-Talented Mom and *San Diego Family* columnist Sue Diaz will read from and sign *The Snake in the Spin Cycle* at Barnes & Noble at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. Free. Find the store at 11744 Carmel Mountain Road; 858-674-1055. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

She'll also appear at 7 p.m. next Thursday, May 11, at Bookstar Costa Verde (8650 Genesee Avenue). For information, call 858-457-7561. (LA JOLLA)

"Music Is Timeless" is the theme when the California Women's Chorus presents a combined scholarship concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, at the Bahia Hotel (998 West Mission Bay Drive). Tickets are $15 general, $7.50 for children, available by calling 858-271-1632 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION BAY)

Sunday Night Concerts, the series at College Avenue Baptist Church continues with a recital by the 28-voice Point Loma Singers at 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. Listen for traditional anthems, folk songs, gospel song arrangements, and African American spirituals. The group will be accompanied by Lynette Bellefeuille. An offering will be taken. Find the church at 4747 College Avenue; call 619-582-7222 for information. (COLLEGE GROVE)

The Annual Spring Choral Concert at Southwestern College is slated for Sunday, May 7, at 4 p.m., in Mayan Hall. Expect to hear the Jazz Vocal Ensemble, the Chamber Singers, and the Concert Choir, all singing their specialty sounds. Tickets are $10 general. Find the campus at 900 Otay Lakes Road; 619-421-6700 x5679. (CHULA VISTA)

Sci-Fi Author Greg Bear visits Mysterious Galaxy Books at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 8, to discuss and sign *Star Wars: Rogue Planet.* Find the galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and by calling 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Mystery Series Expands, Jim Lehrer adds to his oeuvre with *The Special Prisoner.* He'll sign and discuss his newest book at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 8, at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar). Free. Call 858-755-2707 for details. (DEL MAR)

The 27th Season of San Diego Mini-Concerts draws to a close with the Mayor's Concert on Monday, May 8, with "America's Classical Music — Jazz" by the Gordon Edgerton Jazz Ensemble. The music begins at noon at the Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza and lasts approximately 50 minutes. Listeners are invited to sup while taking in the recital. 858-587-8979. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Every Aspect of *Microepiphanies — A Digital Opera* is said to be "computer-mediated." See the 60-minute musical/theatrical performance on Monday, May 8, when the collaborative project is presented by Christopher Dobrian and Douglas-Scott Goheen at 6 p.m. at UCSD's Center for Research in Computing and the Arts.

The event will be held in the main event hall in building #408 on the campus of UCSD and is free and open to the public; call 858-534-4383 for further information and directions. (LA JOLLA)

Open Poetry Readings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month, including May 8, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee. Sign-ups begin at 7:30 p.m., with the readings commencing at 8 p.m. Free. Find Twiggs at 4590 Park Boulevard (at Madison); 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Gone Fishing, journalist and author Richard Louv will discuss and sign his new book, *Fly-Fishing for Sharks: An American Journey,* at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Louv chronicles spending three years "listening to American by going fishing." For information, call 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

He Sings, He Writes Novels, he's a journalist, he's Jimmy Jazz, and he reads from his work for Poetic Brew on Tuesday, May 9, at 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune (2906 University Avenue). Open-mike readings precede and follow Jazz's reading; sign-ups start at 7:30 p.m. 619-688-9845. Free. (NORTH PARK)

Explore the Future when "San Diego-based futurist author" David Brin speaks at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, at the Torrey Pines High School Media Center (3710 Del Mar Heights Road). Tickets are $10 for adults. For information, dial 858-755-0125 x2246. (DEL MAR)

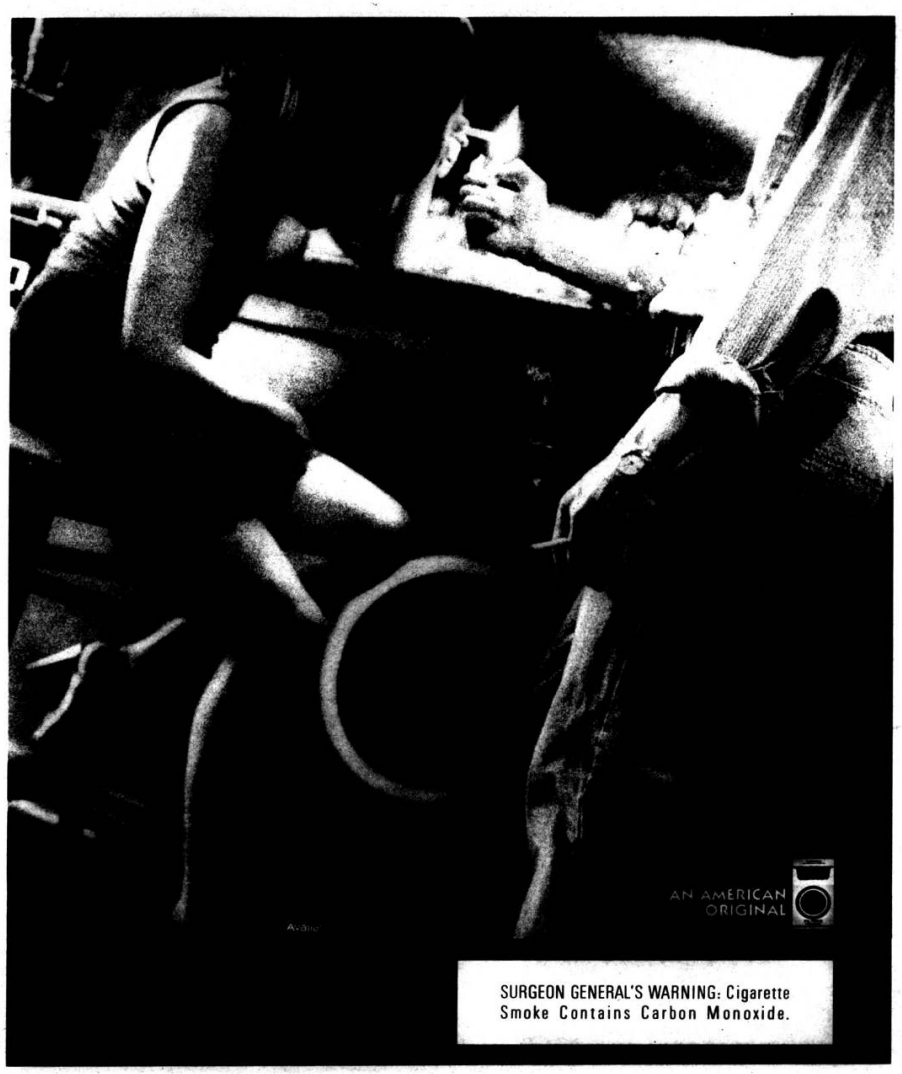
Dulcimer Music is promised when Scott Williams performs at the Marketplace (located at Main and Magnolia) at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Jazz in the Park! The series continues on Wednesday, May 10, with "South of the Border" music played by Alan Phillips, Kamau Kenyatta, Coral Thuet, and Jaime Valle. The concert starts at 5:30 p.m. at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are $9 general. For reservations, dial 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Pssst! You're Well! The new therapy of "Emotional Self-Management" is laid out in *Instant Emotional Healing: Acupressure for the Emotions.* Co-author Dr. Peter Lambrou will sign and discuss the book at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. Call 619-295-2201 for details. (MISSION VALLEY)

Jazzy Lunch, the Faculty Jazz Sextet performs at noon on Wednesday, May 10, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Call 619-594-6060 for details. Free. (ROSE)

"The Geography of Home, California's Poetry of Place" stars when



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Bruce Boston, Robert Meney, Glover Davis, and Marilyn Chin share readings from this anthology at 7 p.m. next Thursday, May 11, at the Barnes and Noble store in Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

TV

Life is Long, we recently learned that Judge Wapner is hosting something called *Animal Court* on Animal Planet. If you had asked if he could dip lower than *The People's Court*.... But it's hard to just stop working, even if your name is Oliver and not Wapner. *A Little Romance* airs tonight, Thursday, May 4, at 5 p.m. on TCM, Cox Cable Channel 74.

The Lengthily Named *Unbearable Lightness of Being* has garnered a reputation as a marvelous steamy date film, owing to the desirability of star Daniel Day-Lewis. We fail to see how serving as the man's stand-in makes for happy canoodling. Just remember, he also played a homosexual in *My Beautiful Laundrette*. *My Beautiful Laundrette* airs Friday, May 5, at 9:30 p.m. on Bravo, Cox Cable Channel 42.

The Enduring Clark Gable, Gable played the same part — an African hunter caught in a love triangle that included a married woman — in *Red Dust* (1932) and *Mogambo* (1953), staying on while the original women, Jean Harlow and Mary Astor, were replaced by Ava Gardner and Grace Kelly. *Mogambo* airs Saturday, May 6, at 1 a.m. on TCM, Cox Cable Channel 74.

What More Is There to Say? Bravo, the network that dares to ask the question, "Is there any point to a highbrow approach to a lowbrow medium?" takes a look at daytime television, which, we presume, means soaps and talk shows. People are damaged, lonely, and starved for love. Finis. *Bravo Profiles: Entertainment Business: Entertaining Emotions* airs Saturday, May 6, at 1 p.m. on Bravo, Cox Cable Channel 42.

"Though Many Hollywood Stars choose to make their home in the entertainment capital of the world — Los Angeles — some wish to live far away from the hustle and bustle of the city" — El's *Celebrity Homes* special now showing on US Airways westbound domestic flights. Some stars live in Beverly Hills! *Down and Out in Beverly Hills* airs Saturday, May 6, at 7 p.m. on TBS, Cox Cable Channel 27.

So Much of Shakespeare is commonly excused from the political and moral machinations that surround art these days — it is just because it's old enough that it's no longer regarded as threatening? Why not stir things up a bit and move *The Taming of the Shrew* to the present day? Airs Saturday, May 6, at 7 p.m. on Bravo, Cox Cable Channel 42.

If, After Seeing *The Cook, the Thief, His Wife, and Her Lover*, you are hesitant about ever eating in a restaurant again (and not just for the obvious reason, but for the atmosphere, the sense of crawling rot beneath the glisten), tune in for the pretty comfort of *American Cuisine*, airing Sunday, May 7, at noon on AMC, Cox Cable Channel 53.

Johnny Depp, that terribly eclectic actor who sometimes looks like smiling would pull a muscle in his face, started out respectably enough, paying his dues in the slasher classic *Nightmare on Elm Street*. But then, downhill to the ....80s sex comedy *Private Resort*. How'd he recover? *21 Jumpstreet*. *Private Resort* airs Sunday, May 7, at noon on Comedy Central, Cox Cable Channel 48.

We're Suckers for the Pretty Face Hollywood works so hard to proffer to the masses, easily duped into thinking that this time, the brain candy will not leave us sick to our stomach. That's why we love films like *Day of the Locust* so much — "Thanks, I needed that." *Bravo Profiles: The Entertainment Business: Premieres and Junkets* airs Sunday, May 7, at 4 p.m. on Bravo, Cox Cable Channel 42.

Our Main Characters — not quite "heroes," mind you — are small-time losers, bent on the big score, who end up committing a brutal murder. Sounds modern, except that it was made decades ago and remembers such elements as character and storytelling. These films are impressionism to the current cinema's abstract expressionism. *In Cold Blood* airs Wednesday, May 10, at 9 p.m. on TCM, Cox Cable Channel 74.

SPORTS

Del Mar National Horse Show, the 55th annual three-week show of competitions, instruction, and displays continues through May 7. Hunter/Jumper Week runs from May 4-7. Judges look for horses with a smooth and even pace, fine confirmation or physical build, and a finessed style over fences. The course of stone walls, brush hedges, and rail fences simulates natural obstacles found out in the field.

The AGA-Budweiser Grand Prix of Del Mar qualifying events take place today, Thursday, May 4; the marquee event is set for Saturday, May 6 (with prize money of $60,000).

All events are held at the Del Mar Arena on the Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. Weekday admission from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. is free. Individual grandstand seats are $8, $10, and $15 (except for selected special events). For more details on tickets or event schedules, call 619-792-4252. Tickets are also available by calling 888-396-8497. (DEL MAR)

The Crack of the Bat, the San Diego Padres are in Arizona for games against the Diamondbacks Friday through Sunday, May 5-7, at 7:05, 1:35, and 1:35 p.m., respectively. The road trip continues with a stop in Cincinnati for matches with the Reds Tuesday through Thursday, May 9-11, at 4:05, 4:05 p.m., and 9:35 a.m.

Tickets for home games range from $5 to $20. The game on Sunday, May 7, is broadcast on KUSI Channel 51. Games are broadcast in English on KOGO-AM (600) and in Spanish on station KURS-AM (1040). For details, dial 619-280-INFO. (MISSION VALLEY)

Dubbed "Cigarette Boats" due to their long, sleek lines, 70 to 80 offshore boats will be testing and tuning for the San Diego Offshore Grand Prix on Friday, May 5. Additional testing and tuning takes place between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7. On Saturday and Sunday, the first race starts at 1:45 p.m., and the second begins at 3:30 p.m. Approximately 20 to 25 boats compete in each race.

The course runs right along the San Diego bayfront, from the Coronado Bay Bridge to Harbor Island and back. Viewing is free all along the way; there is a nominal charge for entry to the wet pits and dry pits. For more information, call 619-225-9160. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

A Bed Race and Destruction Derby are promised at Cajon Speedway on Saturday, May 6. Also on tap: sportsman, street, bombers, and pony competitions. The first race starts at 6:45 p.m., with qualifying runs starting at 5 p.m.

The 3/8-mile track is located next to Gillespie Field. Take I-8 to Highway 67, and use the Bradley exit. Drive left for two blocks to Wing Street, then right one block to the track entrance. Adult admission: $9 (west side) and $10 (east side); $3 for those 6 to 12; free for kids under 6 with an adult. 619-448-8900. (EL CAJON)

Soccer in SD, the San Diego Flash soccer team hosts the Minnesota Thunder at 7:35 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, in Douglas Stadium (on the campus of San Diego Mesa College, 7250 Mesa College Drive). Tickets are $10 for adults, $7 for those 16 and under. For information, call 858-581-2120. (KEARNY MESA)

The Outrigger Canoe Season opens on Saturday, May 6, when the Hanohano Outrigger Canoe Club hosts over 350 paddlers from throughout California for the Crystal Pier 2000. Race activities start at 8:30 a.m., concluding with the advanced men's race finishing at 1:30 p.m. Following this race, the club will host its annual tug-of-war and cardboard boat race.

The whole shebang takes place at Bonita Cove (across from the roller coaster). Best viewing locations include the Mission Beach channel, the Mission Beach shoreline, and Crystal Pier (where advanced teams turn to conclude their races). Free. For information, call 858-483-0569. (MISSION BEACH)

No Traffic Jam on 163, the *U-T* Dr. Seuss Race for Literacy 8k run/walk includes a downhill course along scenic Highway 163, with events starting at Pan American Road in Balboa Park at 7:15 a.m. on Sunday, May 7. For information, call 858-792-2900. (BALBOA PARK)

Cycle Sunset Cliffs with the Sierra Club bicyclists on Tuesday, May 9. The ride — boasting a peppy pace and 25-mile route — includes dinner at a local eatery afterwards. The jaunt starts at 5:15 p.m. in the north parking lot at Mission Bay visitors' center (at East Mission Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive). For details, dial 858-974-4871. Bring money for food. (MISSION BAY)

Watch the Fastest Bicyclists in San Diego race on the San Diego Velodrome every Tuesday, including May 9, at 7 p.m. Events for men, women, and youths are promised. Find the velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive; 619-296-3345 or 858-793-3431. Admission is $3 for spectators. (BALBOA PARK)

SPECIAL

Bode 'n Blossoms, the floral fiesta in Balboa Park runs through the month of May, celebrating the botanical wealth and beauty of the park.

Events include a "Garden Showcase," highlighting six of the gardens in the park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7. Each garden will have a host on hand to discuss the garden's history and its special plantings, along with live musical entertainment at the sites. Free.

The fiesta includes guided tours of the San Diego Zoo's gardens. At 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, participants will explore "Palms of the World." Tours are included in regular admission to the zoo. To make the required reservations, call 619-231-1515 ext298.

A free showing of classic and antique automobiles is planned at the San Diego Automotive Museum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, in the Palisades parking lot (right in front of the museum). Over 60 cars of all makes are expected to be on display.

For general information, call 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Looking for Unique Art Objects? The 34th annual Student Art and Pottery Sale runs May 4-6 in the covered patio area next to Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 760-744-1150 x2302. (SAN MARCOS)

Wings over Gillespie, over 70 World War II warbirds and vintage aircraft are being displayed at the fifth annual Wings over Gillespie static air show, Thursday through Sunday, May 4-7, at Gillespie Field. The show is dedicated to World War II Marine aviators, with the FM-2 Wildcat and F4U Corsair highlighted. Admission is $7 general, free for children 10 and under. 888-215-7000. (EL CAJON)

A Moveable Feast, the 19th annual Art Alive! moves from the San Diego Museum of Art to the Municipal Gym in Balboa Park this year, running May 5-7. Seventy to 80 artworks from galleries around San Diego will be complemented by unique floral arrangements created by professional floral designers and amateur exhibitors.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. General admission is $10. For information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Qs What Does Cinco de Mayo Celebrate? Most gringos think it's Mexican Independence Day — impress your amigos with your knowledge (as you order another margarita) and let them know the fiesta commemorates the victory of a very small band of Mexican soldiers and townspeople over the much larger French forces on May 5, 1862. And where, you ask, can you celebrate this holiday yourself? Among the parties planned:

Old Town's 16th annual Fiesta Cinco de Mayo runs from noon to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday, May 5-7. The ongoing entertainment includes all kinds of Hispanic dancing and music, children's activities, female equestrians, reenactments of the Battle of Puebla, and more. Call 619-296-3161 for details. Admission is free. (OLD TOWN)

Organizers boast that they'll have the "world's largest sombrero" at the third annual Cinco in the Gaslamp, from 4 to 11:30 p.m. on Friday, May 5. Other attractions include music, ballet folklorico, dancing, jalapeño-eating contests, and food. Tickets are $8 in advance, or $10 at the door, benefiting Christie's Place. Find the fiesta at Fifth Avenue and Island. Call 619-233-5008 for details. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Old Mexico"-style authentic music, dance, food, and a children's fun zone are planned for Cinco celebrations from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, from E to G Streets on Third Avenue. Admission is free. 760-632-1199. (CHULA VISTA)

"The Enigma of Time" is explored during planetarium shows at Palomar College on Friday, May 5, 12, and 19. Would the universe exist without time? Is time the same ev-

















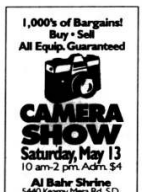



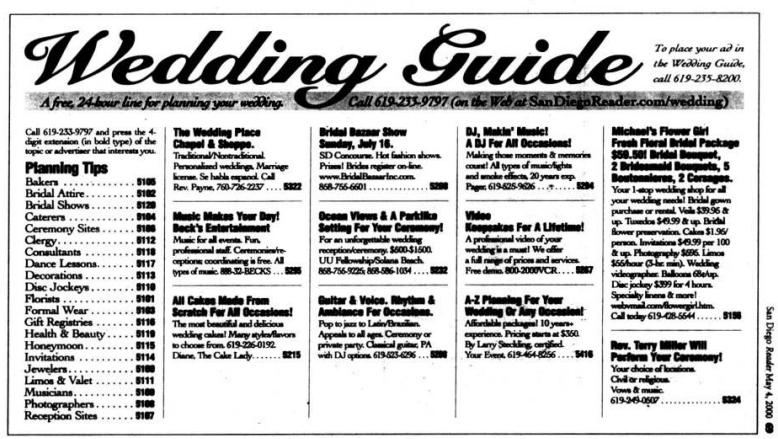

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The 55-minute shows begin at 7 p.m. Call 760-744-1150 x2833 for the recommended reservations. Admission is $3 for adults, $2 for children 5-12 and Palomar students. The campus is found at 1140 West Mission Road; the planetarium is located in room ES-1 on the west side of the science quad on the campus. (SAN MARCOS)

Sci-Fi Puns Beckoned, ConDor 2K runs Friday through Sunday, May 5-7, at the DoubleTree Hotel (11915 El Camino Real). Author and SDSU professor Vernor Vinge will be honored, and a variety of authors, artists, and scientists will provide panels and presentations. Other attractions: art show, a dealers' room, gaming, films, masquerade, and dance.

Admission is $10 on Friday, $20 on Saturday, and $15 on Sunday, or pay $35 for the whole weekend. For additional details, dial 858-481-5900. (DEL MAR)

Gem Time, the International Gem and Jewelry Show runs May 5-7 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Hours are noon to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. $6. For information, call 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

May Marches In, the 53rd annual Maytime Band Review Parade — boasting marching bands from junior and senior high schools throughout the state — starts at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 6. The parade proceeds north on Highland Avenue from 28th Street and heads west on 16th Street to Kimball Park, where the awards ceremony will take place. Admission is free for spectators along the route. For information, call 619-477-9339 or 619-475-6124. (NATIONAL CITY)

One-of-a-Kind Saturday, San Diego Artwear Fashions and Accessories hosts its annual spring show and sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, at the Showcase Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard). Participants will offer original handmade garments, contemporary jewelry, and accessories. Admission is free. 619-297-3030. (DOWNTOWN)

Roam-O-Rama

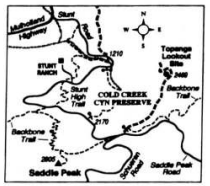
A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond • By Jerry Schad

The extravagantly lush Cold Creek Canyon Preserve is a crown jewel set in the patchwork of public lands known as the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The preserve lies in a steep, north-facing bowl where moisture from winter rains is retained well into the late spring and summer seasons, making this spot much greener than elsewhere in the dry, scrubby Santa Monica Mountains.

The preserve, managed by a nonprofit conservation organization, is open by reservation only — or you can attend one of the docent-led hikes offered here nearly every weekend. These guided hikes are listed and described in a quarterly publication called *Outdoors, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area*, published by the National Park Service. Call 805-370-2301 to request this publication or to get information about reservations. The docent-led hikes may involve a car shuttle, which allows one-way, downhill travel through the canyon — and that particular way of exploring the preserve is described here.



Fern glade, Cold Creek Canyon Preserve



The one-way trip starts at the preserve's "upper gate" on Stunt Road, high on the shoulder of Saddle Peak, a notable high point in the Santa Monicas. Starting out in tall chaparral, you quickly descend on the spare remains of a dirt road into the V-shaped bottom of Cold Creek Canyon, which is graced with sturdy live oak and bay laurel trees. The farther and the lower you go from there, the more lush the canyon becomes.

You'll pass the curious remains of an old Dodge pickup hastily abandoned during a 1973 wildfire. Thereafter, you continue on a narrower trail threading its way through a fairyland of bracken and woodwardia ferns, tules, cattails, Humboldt lilies, and bright green grass thriving on soggy ground. From here on, you're seldom out of earshot of the canyon's delightful little year-round stream.

Next you come upon the site where a 19th-century settler constructed a lean-to between two sandstone outcrops. The settler raised celery (which still grows wild in the canyon) and hauled his crop down to the stage station at Calabasas — several miles away on the edge of the San Fernando Valley.

After nearly two miles of travel by foot, you reach the padlocked "lower gate" on the lower end of Stunt Road, which securely blocks any access into or out of the preserve for those who don't have a key.

Hikers who have the energy and the wherewithal to travel farther throughout this agreeably scenic area can try linking the Cold Creek Canyon trail into a loop route that includes the Stunt High Trail to the west.

Maypole Dances, live music, ponies, puppetry, crafts, and more are promised when the 18th annual May Day Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, at the Waldorf School (3547 Altadena Avenue). Admission is $5 for adults, free for children. For details, dial 619-280-8016. (TALMADGE)

"Reflections of Nature," the seventh annual wildlife art show, takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, at the Art and Cultural Center (103 South Main Street). The artist of the year is Lindsey Foggett, with featured artists Adele Earnshaw and Jeff Compton. For information, call 760-728-1414. (FALLBROOK)

Books to Good Homes, the San Carlos branch library plans its monthly book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 6. Paperbacks and hardbacks of all types are offered. The library is found at 7265 Jackson Drive; 619-527-3430. (SAN CARLOS)

"Through Garden Gates" is the theme for the fourth annual garden tour hosted by the American Association of University Women, slated for Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ticket holders provide their own transportation and view the five gardens at their leisure. $15. For ticket availability, call 760-436-9169. (LEUCADIA, OLIVENHAIN, RANCHO SANTA FE)

Cupa Days Are Here Again, head to Pala Indian Reservation on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, for Cupa Days celebrations featuring Native American Indian dancing, hand games, arts and crafts, jewelry, and food. Admission is free. Find the reservation seven miles east of I-15 on Highway 76. For details, dial 760-742-1590. (PALA)

Butterflies, Sage, and Songbirds, 1500 live butterflies raised by students and volunteers will be released at noon on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, as part of the annual Sage and Songbirds Festival, with more than 110 National Wildlife Federation-certified backyard habitats providing nectar for the liberated *Lepidopterea*.

The festival runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at the Alpine Community Center Park, with educational exhibits, demonstrations, seminars, a walk-in butterfly habitat, and plant sale. Also on tap: garden tours of eight home gardens (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 5-7, $10) and a Twilight Garden Jazz Concert (6 p.m. on Saturday, May 6; $20). For information, call 619-445-7675. (ALPINE)

Gather With Psychic Friends during the psychic fair and metaphysical conference planned at Alexandra's BookStore from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts will be featured; pay $20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Hit the Streets for the Carlsbad Village Faire on Sunday, May 7, running from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with 900 arts and crafts booths, antiques, a pancake breakfast, food for sale, and children's rides. Shuttle service is provided from the northwest parking lot of Sears (in Plaza Camino Real) and Carlsbad Company Stores (on Paseo del Norte between Palomar Airport Road and Cannon Road); buses run every 15 minutes throughout the day. Admission is free. 760-931-8400. (CARLSBAD)

The House of Israel hosts the lawn program at the International Cottages on Sunday, May 7, beginning at noon. The choir from Congregation Beth Am will perform, as will the Balboa Park Performing Folk Dancers. Free. 858-565-6317. (BALBOA PARK)

Cannon-Firing Drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale will all be part of San Pasqual History Days, taking place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 7 (and on each first Sunday from October through June) at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-489-0076. (ESCONDIDO)

Tour Six Homes located in Del Mar and the new Powerhouse Community Center during the Del Mar Historical Society's annual home show, scheduled for Sunday, May 7. Events begin with a brunch at 11 a.m. at L'Auberge Del Mar Resort (1540 Camino Del Mar); buses for the tourists arrive at 12:15 p.m. The fee is $50. For reservations, call 858-794-0029. There will be some walking and steps to climb. (DEL MAR)

Can't Get to the Opera but love the singing? The San Diego Opera's general manager Ian Campbell hosts broadcasts of this season's operas on radio station X-Bach, 540 AM. The radio season continues with *A Streetcar Named Desire* at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. For information, call 619-232-7636.

Pug-Nacious, the ninth annual Parade Pug-Tacular Pug Party runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Tickets are $8. For details, dial 619-685-3580. (DEL MAR)

"Looking Forward...Looking Back..." is the theme for the fifth annual exhibit by the Pacific Quilt Artists at the Carmel Valley Library. You're invited to a reception for the artists on Wednesday, May 10, at 6 p.m. The show — primarily showcasing members' new work, along with a retrospective — continues through Saturday, June 24. The library is located at 3919 Townsgate Drive; call 858-552-1668 for viewing hours. Free. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Wildflowers Collected within a 15-Mile Radius of Julian are acceptable for inclusion in the Julian Wildflower Show, running May 10-14 in the Sunday, May 6 and 7, at the Art and Cultural Center (103 South Main Street). The artist of the year is Lindsey Foggett, with featured artists Adele Earnshaw and Jeff Compton. For information, call 760-728-1414. (FALLBROOK)

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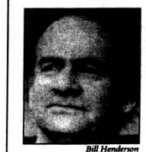

Bill Henderson

Tower: Faith, Vertigo, and Amateur Construction; Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2000; 215 pages; $22

FROM THE DUST JACKET: After finishing his last memoir, *Her Father,* Bill Henderson headed for Maine, irresolute. He discovered a plot of sacred land on a hill and decided to build, by hand, "a tower for no reason," overlooking blueberry bushes and a swatch of ocean. The meditations that sprang from hauling lumber and pouring his own foundation became *Tower.*

For Henderson, constructing the edifice that he stoutly declares to have "no purpose," religious or utilitarian, is an exercise in faith and self-reliance. He guides us through the details of design and construction with clear illustrations and good humor, often digressing to contemplate the various towers of Yeats, Joyce, Sam Rodia, and Gustave Eiffel, among others. The finished result is not only Henderson's completed tower but a revelatory insight into what has motivated the builders and thinkers who inspire our own efforts to attain a higher viewpoint.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: "I was born," Henderson said, on the afternoon that we talked, "in Philadelphia on April 5, 1941, into a very religious family. My father was particularly, particularly strict about religion, a Presbyterian. But he did not talk much about it, and when I was a teenager, had very little to discuss with me, when I asked obvious questions like, 'Why do you believe these things?' he wouldn't tell me, as if the whole subject terrified him. And maybe it did. It could have been just his hope, and he didn't want to let it go. In any case, there wasn't a lot of discussion about this, and when I left the church in my early 20s, or even before, it was a gradual leaving. My first other god was Thoreau. So when I left Jesus for Thoreau — or the Presbyterians for Thoreau — my father had very little comment about this

"But then, I was gone from the church for about 30 years. And tried to get back in, as I show in *Tower,* and it was sort of a disaster. I was brought up in a religious household, with my father listening to evangelists on the radio. My father used to put his hand over the TV to be healed. That's the kind of household I was brought up in. My mother, however, was much more of a rational person."

Henderson graduated from Hamilton College in 1963. After Hamilton, he entered Harvard, for graduate school. "But," he said, "I only went to Harvard for a few days. I walked out after seeing *Lawrence of Arabia.* Lawrence went out in the desert without a master's degree, and I sure didn't want any more to do with education. So I walked out, and got drunk, and took the train home to Philadelphia. Then, I went to Paris and tried to write the Great American Novel."

Henderson came home from Paris and worked at several New York publishing houses. In 1972 he founded Pushcart Press. "I started Pushcart, after learning that nobody else wanted to publish my novel, that I could do it myself."

I interrupted Henderson to ask how he happened to name the press Pushcart.

"George Plimpton, about six months or so before I registered Pushcart with the Yonkers, New York, Chamber of Commerce went with a bunch of writers and staged a protest on Park Avenue in New York. In the rain, as it turned out. With some pushcarts. They were mad at their publishers for not selling their book. So they went out with their own books, in pushcarts, and sold them on Park Avenue in the rain.

"I had been fishing around for a name for my press, for months and months, and finally it hit me. Thanks to Plimpton and his friends, Pushcart Press bonged into my mind. And it's been the name of my press ever since. The first book that Pushcart published was in 1973, *The Publish It Yourself Handbook.* That book sold very well. It gave me the capital, or whatever it's called — the money to start the Pushcart Prize in 1976. That's been going on now for almost 25 years."

Although Henderson spends most of his time running his press, he also spends time building. Before the tower, he built the family's Maine summer house. "To get away from the press, I love to build things, just to get my tail out of a chair. This literary business is not very good for your health. Sitting in a chair, reading things all the time."

Henderson is the author of *The Kid That Could,* a novel, and two memoirs, *His Son* and *Her Father.* He lives with his wife and daughter on Long Island and in Maine

Any book with "faith" in its title can make me feel uncomfortable, as can any hint that the book's publisher or author considers the book "inspirational." I hate "inspirational." I also don't much like many of the contemporary books whose premise is the author's "faith journey." I have found most of these authors more interesting as sinners and doubters than I have found them after. Once the god or goddess or the lizard-who-could or whatever savior that saved them is located, these faith journeyers tend to write balderdash. I did, however, find myself engrossed by Henderson's story. For one thing, Henderson's literate, and he's interspersed his own tower-building tale with interesting tales of other tower builders and dwellers Yeats, Robinson Jeffers, James Joyce, among them. Plus, Henderson's unpretentious. He's a little man with big troubles and he knows it.

"*Tower,*" Henderson told me, "is about a rough summer in my life, in which I was suffering calamities. Marriage, very rocky. Many of my friends had cancer. I tried to pray, and I'd forgotten how to pray. I didn't know how to go about it. You can't make a deal with God. He wasn't talking to me. Anyway, it was a rough time, because of the combination of the marriage and the onslaught of cancers, and the fact that I'd just finished a memoir about my daughter and turned it in that February. It was a project I'd been on for about eight years, believe it or not. A small memoir, but it took me a long time, because I wanted to get it right. So I was without a project, perhaps without a wife, and many of my friends were dying. And the faith I thought I'd rediscovered turned out to be bogus. At least the little church that I began attending offered me some solace."

As Henderson writes in *Tower,* this little church turned out to be a real mess. The pastor was rumored to be romancing half the congregation. "It was incredible," said Henderson. "It was quite an education. But I think I deserved it. I always go romancing into these things. Think, 'I've come home' and then you find out you're not home at all. So I dissolved also into hypochondria and panic and things I'd never known. I did an interview this morning, and the guy said that what I had gone through was a midlife crisis. I don't think so. I was 54 years old. I'd passed or pretty much passed mid-life. I think it was just a crisis. Period."

I said that it seemed more crises than crisis.

"Yes. Many. But it became one crisis of faith, which drove me to an idea of almost total despair. Tolstoy said, 'Faith is the force of life; if you lose faith, you ain't got no force left.' My life wasn't going anywhere. I'd never in my life experienced anything like that. It's horrifying, terrifying, to lose your way. That was pretty much what was going on. And if it hadn't been for my daughter, who I call Holly in the memoir, I don't know what would have happened. And the tower, that's what led me back. Just the hard, physical work of building that thing, which is not any great tower. It's only 18 feet high, but it sits on a 400-foot hill, over the ocean, so I've got a boost from nature there."

And, I said, you dragged all the building materials up that hill.

"I did. I dragged it. And that was kind of the joy of it. I found out that an


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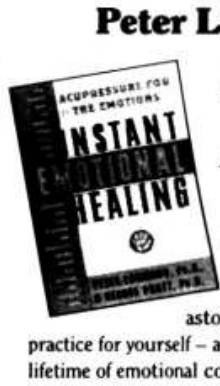

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Students from the Minsk School of Art in Belarus have work on exhibit in the sixth annual "Young People's Art Exhibit and Sale," continuing through Wednesday, May 30, at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). The show and sale benefits the Children of Chernobyl organization, raising funds for 30 children from Belarus to spend July in the San Diego area with host families. For information, call 858-459-4650 or 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

"Platinum Process" photographs by John Roseborough are on exhibit through June in the Great Hall Gallery at the Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). The photos focus on Mexico and the California Missions. For viewing hours, call 760-435-5570. (OCEANSIDE)

Native California Architecture stars in the 27th annual San Diego Historical Society's Showcase. The Pelton-Craig house was designed by Thomas L. Shepherd and built in 1930, during a revival of the California territorial style that originated in Monterey a century earlier. The house — found at 1802 Amalfi Street — has been transformed by some 20 professional interior and landscape designers.

The showcase is open for touring through Monday, May 29. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are $20. For more information, call 619-533-7355. Complimentary shuttles run between the La Jolla Shores beach parking lot and the house approximately every ten minutes.

Now for the rules: No people under eight years old will be admitted, no photographs may be taken, and your shoes must be flat. (LA JOLLA)

Sunset over the Park, the sixth annual wine-tasting benefit hosted by Townspeople, is slated for next Thursday, May 11, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Top of the Park (Park Manor Suites, 525 Spruce Street). Guests may sample fine wines from California and enjoy live music and a silent auction. Admission is $25. For information, call 858-277-6090 or 858-696-5383. (HILLCREST)

Adventurer and Artist Micaiah Hardison is exhibiting paintings during May at the Benjamin Library (5188 Zion Avenue). Hardison plans a lecture (partly in Spanish) on his art at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9. 619-533-3970. (ALLIED GARDENS)

A Scale Model for *Queen Califia's Garden,* a sculpture garden designed by Niki de Saint Phalle, is on exhibit through Saturday, May 20, at the Escondido Municipal Gallery (142 West Grand Avenue). Viewing hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. 760-480-4101. The garden will be installed in Kit Carson Park. (ESCONDIDO)



old man like me could still do stuff like that. At the end of the summer, I was physically strong and not so depressed. I worked hard. And as Thomas Merton says, 'Hard work and chores are cleansing.' That's what happened."

In *Tower*, Henderson writes that he feared that his daughter, nearing her teenage years, would cease to love him, that he would lose her. "That was a big concern," he said. "She was the one I wanted to save. She was 11 at the time, and I didn't — I couldn't — tell her anything about what I was going through, because I didn't want to disturb her, and I didn't want her to think of me as a pathetic, sick person, when she thought back on me in later life."

Henderson feared, too, that any moment he was going to drop dead. "I was full of hypochondria. Everything was cancer, because all my friends had cancer, and everything that was happening to me, all these imaginary pains, were cancer. I stopped drinking because I thought I had cancer of the liver; my nose got stopped up and I was sure that I had cancer of the nose. I had cancer of everything. Just a total hypochondriac. The doctor put me straight on my nose. When I complained to him about it, he said, 'Put a hot towel on your nose, and that'll take care of that.' Hot towel. No cancer. So that was kind of amusing."

Henderson, all his life, had suffered from vertigo. So that when it came time to roof his tower, he was terrified. "That vertigo thing," he said, "is what's weird about this story, weird about me. My dreams, my recurring dream, really, is that I'm always falling from a high place, like I don't deserve to be up there. Whatever it is. I don't know if that's putting words into it. But I'm always up somewhere, and the scaffolding or some supporting element is always collapsing under me, and I wake up in mid-air. I'm horrified. I wake up before I land. And I actually have vertigo, which is kind of a physical condition, a desire for toppling forward.

"The tower of the book is sort of a metaphor, but also, vertigo, for me, is a metaphor. When I got up on that roof, I didn't have any perimeters. I didn't know where the boundaries were. I didn't know what the rules were. The trees were swaying in the wind, in the sunlight, and I couldn't see the edge, really couldn't quite see *where* the edge of the tower was or the edge of the sheeting of the roof. And the tower itself was moving in the wind. I hadn't done the foundation quite right, as I say. And, of course, there was the fact that I topple forward anyway when I get off the first floor. It was probably one of the most horrifying moments of my life.

"Strange thing, vertigo. But the funny thing is, once you sit there for a while, on your roof, and wait and don't move, you kind of get used to it. You learn where the boundaries are. You can move a little bit. That's kind of another story that these things also came together. Another metaphor, of course, is just waiting, just learning, 'Be still and know that I am God,' or, 'Just shut up and be still.' Waiting and having the faith just to wait. And you will come back. You will recover. Your body will recover, and you can get through it. So that's kind of what the tower is also all about, I guess."

I mentioned that I'd enjoyed Henderson's short excursuses on other tower dwellers and tower builders. I asked how he happened to add these to his own story.

"Well, I began to think about these other towers and what they were about and began to appreciate them. For instance, the Eiffel Tower, I don't think it's appreciated at all. It's become this horrible thing that's happened to structures that have been around for a while; they become total clichés. You don't even see them anymore. It's like anything. It's like religion too. When you go to church all the time, or synagogue, or the mosque, you hear the same words over and over and over. They become clichés, and you don't know what the religion is anymore. And the same with the Eiffel Tower. It has become a cliché, so that nobody can really look at it. But it's a really wonderful, kind of odd thing to put up there in the middle of Paris. And it's still there. And, of course, they wanted to knock it down. People were horrified by this thing. But Gustav Eiffel said he put it up because he wanted to prove to the world that the French are not just an amusing people."

Now that his tower's built, Henderson said, he'd begun working on the tower's interior. "I hope to persuade my wife and daughter that they might come and live there some day. They don't share my enthusiasm for primitive life. They want plumbing."

— *Judith Moore*

FOR KIDS

"Puppets! Puppets! Puppets!" is being performed by the Tom Jensen Puppets through Sunday, May 7, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Ritzy Rosey and Bitsy Blossom Turn Over a New Leaf,* presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble May 10-14. Performances 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; 619-685-5045. Regular admission is $3 for adults, $2 for children (11-2), free for those under two. (BALBOA PARK)

Kids' Bicycle Races are planned in conjunction with the Barrio Logan Grand Prix on Saturday, May 6, from noon to 1 p.m. Free bicycle helmets will be awarded to the first 300 children to sign up. The racing takes place between I-5 and Harbor Drive. For information, call 858-495-2454. Viewing is free for spectators. (DOWNTOWN)

Let the Wild Rumpus Start at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, when Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are* is the subject for the Saturday story time at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Participants do a craft based on the story. Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Crash, Bang, Boom, something's going on at the new Zany Brainy. On Saturday, May 6, Jessica Harper plans a mini-concert at 3 p.m. Find the store at 10661 Westview Parkway; 858-547-8700. Free. (MIRA MESA)

She Was Not Afraid of Mice, the plucky Parisienne Madeline will visit Borders Books and Music at noon on Saturday, May 6. Participants will hear some of Madeline's adventures, do a craft, and meet the character. Borders, 1072 Camino del Rio North, 619-295-2201. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Kids' Magic Mile, the 2000 *Union-Tribune* Dr. Seuss Race for Literacy is slated for Saturday, May 6. The miler starts at 8 a.m. at the Naval Training Center. For details, dial 858-792-2900. (POINT LOMA)

How Do Animals in the Ocean reproduce and care for their young? Children four through kindergarten can find out when the Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts "Sea Mamas and Papas" on Saturday, May 6, at 9:30 a.m. Participants will make close-up observations and create a craft. The fee is $15 per child. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Andre the Giant's Face Is Everywhere these days, and you'll meet Shepard Fairey, the artist responsible for this proliferation, during the Free-for-All First Sunday events planned from 2 to 5 p.m. on May 7 at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Participants will learn how to make posters like the famous "Giant" and enjoy music by Samba Kids. For information, call 619-234-1001. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Sit and Stay, listen to stories at White Rabbit Children's Books with Spot the Dog at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. Find the shop at 7755 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-454-3518. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Kids' Night Out" is being presented during Actors Festival 2000 on Sunday, May 7, at St. Cecilia's Playhouse (1620 Sixth Avenue). See *Imagination Express, And They Are Still,* and *Mall Plays* at 2 p.m. Tickets are $6 to $12. For information, call 619-640-3900. The program repeats on May 12. (HILLCREST)

TO THE STONE-CUTTERS

Bill Henderson writes in *Tower* that Robinson Jeffers "longed for immortality, and he was also one of the great amateur tower builders of our time. If his poems didn't last, maybe his tower would, he hoped. He surpassed even Yeats in his passion, constructing his tower single-handedly. He was a scavenger, too, of sorts. His source was the beach outside his home, Tor House, in Carmel, California, which he also built himself. On that beach he found stones, left over from some ancient clash of sea and land, and he hauled them up the cliff to his site."

To the Stone-Cutters
Stone-cutters, fighting time with marble,
you foredefeated
Challengers of oblivion
Eat cynical earnings, knowing rock splits, records fall
down,
The square-limbed Roman letters
Scale in the thaws, wear in the rain. The poet as well
Builds his monument mockingly;
For man will be blotted out, the blithe earth die, the
brave sun
Die blind and blacken to the heart:
Yet stones have stood for a thousand years, and pained
thoughts found
The honey of peace in old poems.

— Robinson Jeffers

Create Personal Garden Art during the "Memory Stepping Stones" class for kids 5 to 12 years old hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. The $35 fee per adult/child pair includes materials. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Picture This, make a springtime picture frame for Mother's Day during the preschool craft time for kids three to five years old (with an adult helper) planned on Monday, May 8, at 10:30 a.m., at the Zany Brainy stores (1530 Camino de la Reina, 10661 Westview Parkway). Free. 619-291-9500 or 858-547-8700. (MISSION VALLEY, MIRA MESA)

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.)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area and is run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; call 619-469-1480 for more information. (SPRING VALLEY)

California Surf Museum, the museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and that way-cool megastar from Hawaii, Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is now located at 223 North Coast Highway. 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, is located in the middle of Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. The facility is home to fish and invertebrates that inhabit the mud flats and marshes of San Diego Bay. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. At other exhibits, visitors can pet sharks and rays, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. For more details, call 619-422-2481. (CHULA VISTA)

Computer Museum of America, the museum includes an educational exhibit covering the history of data processing and the contributions of pioneers and history-makers in the computer industry. Some of the over 200 historic computing machines and calculators date back to the 1890s.

Interested in restoring and programming historic computer equipment? The museum hosts workshops for volunteers on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (at 6156 Mission Gorge Road, suite H, in Mission Valley). Call for registration and space availability.

Find the museum on the grounds of Coleman College, 7380 Parkway Drive; 619-465-8226. (LA MESA)

Coronado Beach Historical Museum, the museum, housed in a restored 1898 house, traces the history of Coronado, mostly through photographs. The exhibit shows the construction and early days of the Hotel del Coronado, Tent City, the first school and restaurant, and the ferryboats. One room is devoted to the story of early aviation at North Island. Find the museum at 1126 Loma Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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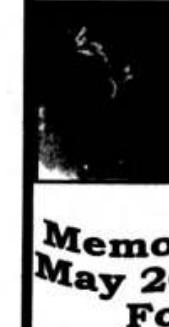

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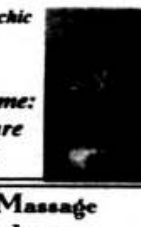

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JONATHAN SAVILLE

After having found so much to find fault with in a number of the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's series of piano concerts this year, what a pleasure it was to encounter the natural power and sturdy good sense of Dubravka Tomšič. The Slovenian pianist appeared in a bang-up recital at Sherwood Auditorium, dressed in a grand, glittering, golden-yellow gown, and demonstrating with every sound and gesture that we were in the presence of a majestic, no-nonsense exponent of her instrument.

This was a program of big, aggressive music, played to the full, so that some members of the audience complained that things were too loud, too long. Tomšič, in fact, did not play too loud; it was simply that Sherwood Auditorium was too small. Her voluminous tone, which was invariably produced from expansive strength rather than through dry, banging, would easily have filled the Civic Theatre. There is also no way a pianist with empathy for the inherent values of Liszt's B Minor Sonata or of Busoni's arrangement of the Bach organ Prelude and Fugue, BWV 532, can perform these works with courteous self-restraint. The Liszt is a tidal wave of Romantic melodrama; the "Bach" comes off as a virtually independent experience, transforming the composer's idiom into the sounds of a modern concert grand and the sensibilities of the volcanic, late-Romantic Busoni. Sure enough, when Tomšič played this music, it roared through one's mind like a hurricane — but what else could one have wanted?

The program did include quieter music — for example, the meditative slow movement of the Liszt Sonata, the same composer's depiction of St. Francis's Sermon to the Birds, various sections in the opening and middle movements of Prokofiev's Piano Sonata No. 4, and the Bach-Siloti B Minor Prelude that constituted the last of the pianist's encores. In Tomšič's recordings of Chopin, Beethoven, Brahms, and Scarlatti, there is quite as much of the poetic, singing style as of the dynamic, dramatic style. In all such music, her sense of expressive contrast is impeccable, and she exhibits an authoritative control over nuances of rhythm and articulation. Withal, she is not a pianist to give way to sentimental self-indulgence, dreaminess, or sensual coloristic effects one would characterize as breathtaking or exquisite. There is not a touch of Vladimir Horowitz in her; and, quite frankly, there seem to be none of those magic moments that tease a listener out of thought.

But while such moments are to be treasured, a pianist does not need them to do justice to the magisterially constructed music in Tomšič's repertoire. What she possesses, in great abundance, is command of the structural processes that lead the mind through a phrase and from one musical thought to another, and of the overall architecture of musical discourse. During her performances of the Bach-Busoni, the Prokofiev, and the Liszt pieces (which also included a stormy, explosive reading of the *Mephisto Waltz* No. 1), one was conscious not of sensual pleasures or passing revelations (valuable as these can be), but rather of the music's working out of ideas and its thrust toward goals.

Rudolf Serkin played this way; so did Tatiana Nikolayeva; so did Gina Bachauer; so, for that matter, does Maurizio Pollini. It is an approach many music lovers find congenial, and Tomšič is a master of it. The fact that her name is relatively unknown in San Diego and that her recordings have been on relatively obscure labels is not a reflection of her stature as an musician; perhaps that is what happens to a pianist when she chooses to make her home in Ljubljana, Slovenia. She has actually had a rather extensive international career, especially within the last decade. In any case, it is quality that counts, and Tomšič's recital here — a powerhouse of technical authority and stylistic awareness — ought to have sufficed to establish her as a major artist in the minds of those who had not heretofore known of her. ■


ILLUSTRATION BY CHARLES POWELL

Dubravka Tomšič

Dubravka Tomšič, piano
Sherwood Auditorium *(La Jolla Chamber Music Society)*
Bach-Busoni, *Prelude and Fugue in D, BWV 532.* Prokofiev, *Sonata No. 4 in C Minor, Opus 29.* Liszt, *Sonata in B Minor; Legend No. 1;* Mephisto Waltz *No. 1.*

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The Opening Notes Concert set for tonight, Thursday, May 4, promises the premiere of Southern California composer Norman Weston's new work, "Concertino for Piano and Band." The piece will be performed by the Palomar Concert Band, featuring artist-in-residence Peter Gach at the piano. Other selections on the program include Sousa's "Thunderer March," the "Outdoor Overture" by Copland, the overture to *Die Fledermaus* by Strauss, and highlights from *Showboat* by Kern.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard, at Valley Parkway). Call 760-744-1150 x2453 or 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

Canadian Percussionist Morris Palter presents his solo master's percussion recital at 8 p.m. tonight, Thursday, May 4, in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. The program includes Iannis Xenakis's "Psappha," "Zyklus" by Karlheinz Stockhausen, Philippe Manoury's "Le Livre des Claviers," Toru Takemitsu's "Rain Tree," and a selection of novelty ragtime tunes by G.H. Green. Free. 858-534-5404. (LA JOLLA)

Welcome and Farewell, these concerts greet new music faculty Christopher Adler and bid adieu to Angela Yeung before her sabbatical leave. Adler will perform on *khaen* (Northeast Thai/Lao mouth organ) and piano. Works include "Three Body Problem" for *khaen* and cello by Adler, "Romance" for cello and piano by Chen Yi, and improvisation for piano and trombone.

Concerts begin at 12:15 p.m. today, Thursday, May 4 (admission is free), and at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 5 (tickets are $8 general), all in the French Parlor at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). For details, dial 619-260-2280. (LINDA VISTA)

A Monumental Season Finale! The San Diego Master Chorale joins the San Diego Symphony Orchestra and conductor Jung-Ho Pak for Beethoven's "Symphony No. 9 in D Minor (Choral)" for Connoisseur Series concerts May 5-7. Also on the program: Ralph Vaughan-Williams's "Serenade to Music" and "Three Shakespeare Songs."

The concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets range from $15 to $60. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. The program will be repeated on May 14 at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. (DOWNTOWN)

Great American Operas by great American composers may be heard when the San Diego State University Opera Theatre presents "OPER-Americana" May 5-7 in Smith Recital Hall. Listen for selections from *Porgy and Bess, The Tenderland, West Side Story, Of Mice and Men, The Ballad of Baby Doe, Candide* and more performed by an all-student cast, chorus, and orchestra.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are $12 general. Call 619-594-1696 for reservations. (SDSU)

The New Work "Vanishing" — for live instruments and computer — by graduate music student Andrew May will be performed at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 5, in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. Call 858-534-5404 for information. (LA JOLLA)

"Love and Metaphysics" — featuring English airs and lute music of the early 17th Century — provide the theme when vocalist Paul Hillier and lutenist Nigel North perform for the Chamber Concert Series hosted by the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library on Saturday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. Listen for selections by Campion, Dowland, Hilton, Humfrey, Ferrabosco, Lawes, and Wilson, as well as settings of poetry by William Shakespeare, John Donne, and George Herbert.

Tickets are $20 for nonmembers. The Athenaeum is located at 1008 Wall Street; call 858-454-5872 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

Using Four Tuned Flower Pots and Greek Text, Steven Schick will present Fredric Rzewski's "To the Earth" during his "Beyond Bang on a Can" concert set for Saturday, May 6, for the Music at Founders Hall series at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito. Brian Ferneyhough's "Bone Alphabet" will also fill the air.

The recital starts at 3 p.m. Find the church at 1036 Solana Drive. The suggested donation is $10 for adults, $5 for those 13-17, free for kids 12 and under. Call 760-942-3950 for more information. (SOLANA BEACH)

Founded in Belgium in 1912, the (current) Pro Arte String Quartet will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. The program includes Haydn's "Quartet in C Major No. 1," the "Quartet No. 3" by Bartók, and Schubert's "Quartet in G Major."

Tickets are $22 general. Call 858-534-8497 for information and advance tickets; tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

The Annual President's Concert at Palomar College is slated for May 6 and 7, featuring the Palomar Chorale and the Palomar Symphony Orchestra performing "Gloria" by composer Francis Poulenc. Also on the program are selections from *Carmen,* by George Bizet.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are $10 general. Find Howard Brubeck Theatre at 1140 West Mission Road; call 760-744-1150 x2453 for reservations. (SAN MARCOS)

"With a Song in My Heart" promises soprano Carolyn Terpstra presenting Spanish and French art songs, German lieder, an operatic aria, sacred music, torch songs and more at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, at the First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista. An offering will be received. Find the church at 915 Paseo Ranchero (at East H Street); 619-656-2525. (CHULA VISTA)

The Lake Series hosted by the Lake San Marcos Chamber Music Society concludes for the season with a concert on Sunday, May 7. Clayton Haslop (violin), Eun-Mee Ahn (violin), David Walther (viola), Valerie Dimond (viola), and Timothy Landauer (cello) plan a program boasting Mozart's "Quintet in C Major," the French "Divertissement for String Quintet," and the "Quintet in G Major" by Brahms.

Tickets are $20 general. The series is offered at the Lake San Marcos Recreation Lodge, 1105 La Bonita Drive. For reservations, call 760-744-7516. (SAN MARCOS)

Undergraduate Percussionist Christina Roland presents works by Feldman, Druckman, Abe, Reich, and Steiger at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. For details, call 858-534-5404. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Romancero: Music of Spain and Latin America" will be presented by the 22-voice chamber choir of the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church. Attendees will hear Castelnuovo-Tedesco's "Romancero Gitano," based on the poetry of Federico García Lorca; "Oda a las Cosas" from Ratcliff's "Ode to Common Things"; poetry by Chilean Pablo Neruda; and "Folklorico e Populaires." The concert — sung entirely in Spanish — features soloists Rebecca Ramirez and Max Chodos.

Tickets are $10 general. Find St. Elizabeth at 6628 Santa Isabel Street. Call 858-534-4637 for reservations. (CARLSBAD)

Ocean Grove, New Jersey Organist Gordon Turk performs selections by Bach, Dupré, Saint-Saëns, and others on Sunday, May 7, at 7 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Child care is available by reservation; an offering will be received. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

A "Fiesta Mexicana" is slated for Sunday, May 7, when civic organist Robert Plimpton is joined by tenor Marco Labastida in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion at 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Springtime and Motherhood" is the theme when soprano Betsy Frater presents a Grossmont College faculty recital at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, at the Tierrasanta Lutheran Church (11240 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Admission is free. Call 619-644-7254 for details. (TIERRASANTA)

Works by Borodin, Brahms, and Carl Reinecke may be heard when the USD Chamber Music Ensembles perform at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, in the French Parlor at the University of San Diego. Tickets are $8 general. USD is found at 5998 Alcalá Park; 619-260-2280. (LINDA VISTA)

The Reveille Series hosted by the La Jolla Chamber Music Society draws to a close for the season with a recital by soprano Barbara Bonney on Wednesday, May 10, in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla. Bonney will perform Grieg's "Sechs Lieder," Copland's "Twelve Poems of Emily Dickinson," and Strauss's "Ruhe meine Seele," "Freundliche Vision," "Das Rosenband," "Wiegenlied," and "September."

Tickets are $35 and $45. The music begins at 8 p.m. at 700 Prospect Street. For reservations, call 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

"Impressions of France" are promised when the Westwind Brass performs at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are $20 for nonmembers. Call 619-696-1966 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

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GALLERIES

"Singled Out 2000," an exhibition of illuminated glass sculpture, is being displayed through Saturday, June 3, in UCSD's Grove Gallery. The international invitational and juried exhibition includes work by artists from Japan and across the U.S. Show jurors were Ron Carlson and David Svenson. There's a reception planned at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 5.

Find the gallery in the UCSD Crafts Center Complex on the Revelle College campus (off Eucalyptus Grove Lane). Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. For details, call 858-534-2021. (LA JOLLA)

Going to the Chapel...the wedding band show at Taboo Studio opens with a reception at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 5, with work by nine artists, as well as pearl necklaces by Kathleen Lynagh. The show concludes on Friday, June 16. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Find the studio at 1615 1/2 West Lewis Street; 619-692-0099. (MISSION HILLS)

"La Jolla — Landmarks and Landscapes" gathers recent watercolor works by Georgeanna Lipe for an exhibition opening at the Artists Gallery with a reception at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 5. Lipe has been a resident of the city for over 60 years. Enjoy the show through Saturday, June 3. Find the gallery at 7420 Girard Avenue; 858-459-5844. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. (LA JOLLA)

Paintings by Michael Gorban — a resident of Israel — are on exhibit through Sunday, May 28, at the Contemporary Fine Arts Gallery, beginning with a reception at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 6. Find the gallery at 7946 Ivanhoe Street (in the El Patio Building); 858-551-2010. (LA JOLLA)

"Contemporary Classicism" is the term used to describe the new original paintings and serigraphs by Hungarian artist Csaba Markus on exhibit through Tuesday, May 30, at the Fingerhut Gallery. The show opens with a reception for Markus on Saturday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. Find the gallery at 1205 Prospect Street. Call 858-456-9912 to RSVP for the reception. (LA JOLLA)

Landscapes and Wildlife populate the paintings by Eloise Williams, the featured artist for May at the Foothills Fine Art Gallery (8051 University Avenue). There's a reception for the artist at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 619-464-7167 for information. (LA MESA)

Original Oil Paintings by Wendy Bowen are on exhibit through May at the Merchant's Passage (850 Island Avenue, between Eighth and Ninth Avenues). There's a reception planned at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 6. For information, call 619-696-1146. (DOWNTOWN)

"New Artists, New Art" goes on exhibit at the New Millennium Art Gallery during a reception on Saturday, May 6, from 6 to 9 p.m., promising entertainment by multi-talented guitarist Paul Abbott. The featured artist is San Diego artist Dan Landrum; new works by 40 gallery artists will be exhibited as well.

Regular gallery hours are noon to 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Find the gallery at 343 Fourth Avenue; 619-237-6071. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Small Wonders/Little Treasures" is a show of small works and little boxes by members of the Women's Caucus for Art San Diego, an exhibition opening with a reception for the participants at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, at the Next Door Gallery. The pieces were created in a variety of media.

The gallery is located at 2963 Beech Street (between 30th and Dale Streets); 619-233-6679. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. View the show through Saturday, June 17. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Liquid Color," featuring large-scale canvases with contemporary abstractions by Vista artist Cleda-Marie Simmons, continues through May at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library. There's a reception on Saturday, May 6, at 6 p.m. (and a talk by Simmons at 2 p.m. on May 20). Find the library at 4275 Cass Street and by calling 619-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Spring Glory" is celebrated in work by local plein air painters John Modesitt and Don Freymuth on exhibit through Sunday, June 4, at Sparrow Fine Art (127 North Highway 101). You're invited to a reception for the duo at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 6. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Questions? Call 858-350-1065 for answers. (SOLANA BEACH)

Self-Described Renaissance Man Michael Kimmel is displaying his watercolors at the Gallery Nagdeo through May. You're invited to a reception for the artist at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. Find the gallery at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts, 3255 Fifth Avenue, and by calling 619-298-2687. (HILLCREST)

"Tea and Flowers — A Celebration of Mothers" continues through May at the Many Hands Cooperative Gallery. Join the artists for "Tea, Sweets, and Savories" from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. The gallery is found at 302 Island Avenue, suite 101. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, with hours extended to 9 p.m. on Friday. 619-557-8303. (GASLAMP DISTRICT)

You're Invited to "The Mad Artist's Tea Party" continuing through May at the San Dieguito Art Guild's Offtrack Gallery. In the exhibition, artist Cynthia Amon Brenneman displays paintings in oil and encaustic, along with watercolors. Your company is requested for the reception for Brenneman on Sunday, May 7, at 1 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)

A Juried Art Show by members of the Pastel Society of San Diego continues through Sunday, May 14, in Studio 21 of the Spanish Village. There's a reception planned at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. For details, call 619-295-7240. (BALBOA PARK)

A Cross-Section of Art produced by art students is displayed in "Grossmont 2000." The annual student art show opens with a reception at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, and continues through Friday, May 19. The pieces — created in a variety of media — were selected by instructors in the department.

Grossmont College is located at 8800 Grossmont College Drive. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday. For information, call 619-644-7299. (EL CAJON)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, the first midcareer survey of work by internationally known installation artist and photographer Shimon Attie features five of the artist's most important public art projects. These projects were realized in the cities of Berlin, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, and New York, as well as related photographic series created in San Francisco in 1998. The projects are represented through large-scale color photographs, light boxes, and video installations. An important theme in Attie's work is said to be the relationship between place, memory, and identity. View "Sites Unseen: Shimon Attie — Photographs and Public Projects, 1992-1998" through Sunday, May 7.

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

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, kites first appeared in China, made from silk and bamboo (in approximately 2600 BC), used by priests and magicians, later becoming playthings for the wealthy. Kites were made for the commoners when paper came into use (in 200 BC). See "Art That Soars — Kites and Tails by Jackie Matisse" through Saturday, September 30. Matisse's kites are made of ordinary materials, and she launches kites and tails under water as well as in the air, evoking feelings of movement. And what a pedigree! Jackie Matisse is the granddaughter of Henri Matisse, stepdaughter of Marcel Duchamp.

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 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.

An exhibition of objects of daily use from Japan, made from a variety of materials, continues through Sunday, June 4. The exhibit features the Arlene Cox Collection of indigo-dyed textiles and three recent acquisitions: *Neko Maneko (Beckoning Cat)*, a delightful calligraphy brush *kanban* (shop sign), and a step *tansu* (cabinet). Works by Keisuke Serizawa, Shiko Munakata, Kanjiro Kawai, and Shoji Hamada are included.

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 Photographic Arts, the inaugural exhibit at the museum is "Expanded Vision: Highlights from the Permanent Collection," reflecting how the collection continues to grow in depth and breadth. The show features more than 200 images from 70 photographers, offering a chronological sweep through photography and insight into the medium as well. Artists featured in the show include Alexander Rodchenko, Duane Michals, and Arnold Newman. Enjoy the show through Monday, May 28.

Find the expanded museum back in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. For information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Select the best of the best" were the instructions Alice Zrebiec received for judging pieces to include in "Atmosphere," a juried exhibition featuring work by California Fibers and New Fibre Art of Great Britain. The 27 participating artists have created original works of art in fiber and textiles that relate to the theme of atmosphere. Zrebiec is the former curator of textiles in the department of European sculpture and decorative arts at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. See the show through Sunday, June 11.

The museum is located at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, a retrospective of one of the most important painters of the 19th Century, whose career spanned the Civil War through the turn of the 20th Century, continues through Sunday, May 21. "Eastman Johnson: Painting America" includes 68 paintings and 32 drawings, divided into thematic sections.

Paintings exploring themes of power and desire are included in "Power and Desire: South Asian Paintings from the San Diego Museum of Art, Edwin Binney III Collection." The artworks were created under the patronage of rulers of South Asian courts between the 16th and 19th Centuries; the show is divided into "Rule and Domain," "Love and Longing," and "Divine Realms." See the show through Sunday, July 30.

The biennial "Artists' Guild All California" exhibition runs through Sunday, May 21. The presentation features works by artists who live and work in California, which were selected by juror Charles Reid, a watercolorist and oil painter. Reid selected 69 pieces, including 10 sculptures, from works submitted by over 500 artists.

Four paintings have been chosen for display in "Artists Guild Presents." *Lazy Afternoon* by Donna Baird, *Allegory Paints the Artist as Inspiration Sleeps* by Jeff Crusberg, Stephanie Goldman's *Revisiting Envy*, and *Don't Look at Me I* by Dorothy Stanley were selected by juror Caron Smith, the museum's curator of Asian art. A painting by the late San Diego artist Ethel Greene was added to the exhibition in her honor. Enjoy these selections through Sunday, June 25.

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, in conjunction with the Buds n' Bloom celebration in the park during May, the museum is offering a brochure featuring and providing details on each item in the collection boasting a floral theme.

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





Crazy, Stoned, or Just Bone-Dumb

"She's as headstrong as an allegory on the bank of the Nile."

REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

For Richard Brinsley Sheridan's play *The Rivals* (1775), the North Coast Rep's scenic design, by Sean Murray and Marty Burnett, gives us present-day Solana Beach. On a stage-wide canvas, we see the train station and Cedros; there's the North Coast Rep, above it the Lomas Santa Fe Country Club and Executive Course. Electric-power towers loom like oil derricks. Wait. There's sand in the foreground, but the ocean's behind. And the racetrack and La Jolla are *north* of Solana Beach? Sure. The scene resembles David Hockney's paintings — his *Mulholland Drive*, in particular — which show all four sides of a terrain at once.

The production, directed by Murray and adapted by Murray and Tim Irving, is loaded with local references. The combination of an 18th-century comedy of manners and a scene taking place at Starbucks (or mention of the Belly Up) makes for delightful jolts — like geographical malaprops. As does Sheridan's sculpted prose spoken in, like, Southern California-ese (Frank Zappa wrote the song "Valley Girl" to destroy this way of talking; turns out, he immortalized it).

When Sheridan first produced *The Rivals*, it flopped. Legend has it the play ran over five and a half hours. Sheridan, who confessed to being "by no means conversant with plays...either in reading or in the theater," worried about plagiarism: "The imagination in its fullest enjoyments becomes suspicious of its offspring and doubts whether it has created or adopted." Thus he overwrote his inventions. Then he chopped two hours out of the script and it became one of the 18th Century's most popular comedies.

Sheridan probably wrote so much, at first, because he had such a gaggle of eccentric characters. The most famous, of course, is Mrs. Malaprop, who picassos the English language with bizarre word choices (two examples: "she's as headstrong as an allegory on the banks of the Nile"; and, where she defines her peculiar habit, "Sure, if I reprehend anything in this world it is the use of my oracular tongue, and a nice derangement of epitaphs"). The word "malapropism," misusing words ridiculously, was coined in her honor.

There's more to *The Rivals* than Mrs. Malaprop, though. Almost everyone's out of phase, pretending to be other than who they are. Bob Acres is a lovable bumpkin posing as a landed gent. Like a thoroughbred dropping in class at Del Mar, Captain Jack Absolute pretends to be an ensign to win the love of Lydia Languish.

In the 18th Century, when the novel first became popular, moralists feared that you could read too many and that the consequences would horrify (imagine what they'd think of TV). Lydia's a case in point. She'll inherit beaucoup bucks and yet, since she's stuffed her head with sentimental novels, is convinced she must marry a penniless man — like the handsome, dirt-broke



Jim Chovick, Rosina Reynolds in The Rivals

The Rivals, *by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, adapted by Sean Murray and Tim Irving*
North Coast Repertory Theatre, *Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach (858-481-1055)*
Directed by Sean Murray; *cast, Jim Chovick, Adam Edwards, Manual J. Fernandes, Katie Harper, Lisa Callahan, Tim Irving, Rosina Reynolds, Patrick McBride, Tom Liles, Edward Hofmeister, Jessica Drizd; scenic design, Sean Murray; costumes, Paula Johnson; lighting, Karin Filijan; sound, Bryan Keith Davis and Sean Murray*
Playing through May 28; *Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For information call 858-481-1055.*







bounders she reads about — for the romance of it.

The North Coast Rep's production doesn't quite work. Something got lost in the translation, and the show is shaky. Nowadays, any play written before 2000 is fair game for an update. Even fidelity to the original is no longer canon law. We have adaptations, homages, "takes" on material, as told to's. The only criterion that matters: is the new piece true to its own terms.

It's hard to determine those terms at NCRT. The original makes hay all day with the "manners" of its characters. The update doesn't, or at least doesn't enough. And there's a loud thud where the two versions clash. Lydia's read too many novels, wants to marry the romance of poverty. As real estate prices leave the galaxy, what Solana Beach woman, clutching her worn Vons card in the checkout line, would want poverty today? She certainly wouldn't be a "comic" character. She'd either be crazy, stoned, or just bone-dumb.

The new version's too much like the old in one respect: much of the show gets spent making plans. Characters vow to do this and this and talk about little else. They are rarely in the present. Onto this Day-at-a-Glance structure, Murray and Irving have grafted some funny lines and bits (as when one wag accuses another of being "so last century!"). The graftings are great, and greatly appreciated, but usually yank us out of a narrative that needs speeding up, not lugging down.

NCRT's production values, as expected, are solid. As is the cast, including Jim Chovick as the red-faced Anthony Absolute, Tim Irving as Bob Acres (whose delusions include shaving 20 years from his life, donning a wig, and becoming Mr. Saturday Night Fever). Manuel J. Fernandes and Patrick McBride turn in fine performances, and Rosina Reynolds is special as Mrs. Malaprop.

Dressed like a colorblind lounge lizard, Reynolds not only speaks the part wonderfully, she looks it: Malaprop's *bas culture* fashion sense being as mix-and-mismatch as her language. Reynolds is a reason to catch this show, even if the show isn't.

A MEMO TO LOCAL PRODUCERS AND THEATER BOARDS OF DIRECTORS: owing to scheduling commitments (i.e., no one thought this show would sell two tickets), *R. Buckminster Fuller: The History (and Mystery) of the Universe* must close this weekend. It's been a huge hit for the San Diego Rep and is scheduled to open, in June, in San Francisco. There's talk of other venues, including, due to popular demand, the Rep reopening it in the fall.

History (and Mystery) almost came with a Surgeon General's Warning: "Caution, this play, about the life and thought of Bucky Fuller, American genius, contains IDEAS." To producers and boards, who have a major say in what we see, ideas are anathema. They prefer *Joey and Maria's Triple Plaid*. Which is cool. To each his Dulcinea. But, as the stampede to *History (and Mystery)* proves, contrary to the fears and biases of producers, San Diego theater audiences could be *starved* for thought-provoking, challenging theater after all. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Actors Alliance Actors Festival 2000
Actors Alliance presents its tenth annual Actors Festival — 13 nights, 24 one-acts, 90 performers. For a list of shows, call AASD at (619) 299-6475.
ST. CECILIA'S PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH MAY 14; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

Amy's View
Walter Kerr said the great theme of the theater is change. And he's right, mostly. Plays like David Hare's *Amy's View*, however, show that some things don't change at all. Hare says, "to go to a theater and be told, No, there are certain problems you cannot get over — grief, separation, loss, aging, the need to part from people you love — seems a bracing way to spend an evening." And *Amy's View*, at the South Coast Rep, is that. The play jumps from 1979 to 1995. We witness a battle between middle-aged actor Esme and her critic/son-in-law, Dominic. Amy, whose sheer goodness verges on sanctity, tries to come between the antagonists, and ends up in the crosshairs of each. The South Coast Rep's production features competent design work — especially James Youmans's sets, a fully detailed British living room, followed by an almost bare, Beckett-like backstage area — and acting. At times the play feels talky, and shouldn't, given the crisp nature of Hare's dialogue. The show's worth seeing, for Hare's script and Linda Thorson's wonderfully nuanced performance as Esme. It's as if Chekhov's Arkadina comes to life 100 years after *The Seagull*. She's as self-involved as ever, but with more connection to family, enough, in fact, to create dilemmas the original Arkadina was too self-ish to acknowledge.
Worth a try.
SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, MAIN STAGE, THROUGH MAY 14; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

The Beginning of August
South Coast Repertory Theatre presents the world premiere of Tom Donaghy's drama about the American family in transition. Neil Pepe directed.
SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SECOND STAGE, THROUGH MAY 28; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Betty Buckley
For one evening only, the Poway Center for the Performing Arts hosts Tony Award winner Betty Buckley in concert.
POWAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THURSDAY, MAY 4, AT 8:00 P.M.

A Chorus Line
The Welk Resort Theatre offers one of Broadway's biggest hits. Eighteen dancers try outs; eight make the chorus line. All have stories. Ray Limon directed.
WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH JUNE 10; TUESDAY AND THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SUNDAY, AT 1:45 P.M.

Comedy Codependents
The Improv comedy troupe performs the first Friday of every month at the Creativity Centre in Normal Heights.
CREATIVITY CENTRE, 4718 32ND STREET (JUST NORTH OF ADAMS AVENUE), NORMAL HEIGHTS; FIRST OR SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-280-5177.

ComedySportz
ComedySportz, an offshoot of Keith Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby with American football"), resembles more an athletic event than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AstroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. San Jose won 27 to 22 in, as jock pundits say, a game closer than the score would indicate. Klunkers and groaners got boo'd; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing aspects of the contest: failure is acknowledged, abundantly, then forgotten). It made for a lively, often quite funny evening. And Gary Kramer, who refereed the match, wearing black-and-white-striped shirt and blowing a whistle, is one talented comedian.
Worth a try.
MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS. OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 858-295-4999.

Company
SDSU stages Stephen Sondheim's 1970 musical about marriage and commitment, friendship and loneliness. Paula Kalustian directed.
DON POWELL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, FRIDAY, MAY 5, THROUGH MAY 14; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Crossing Delancey
Octad-One Productions stages Susan Sandler's comedy about a "simple romance." Wayne Alan Erreca directed.
OCTAD-ONE PRODUCTIONS, THROUGH MAY 28; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Damien
The priesthood was his call, but Father Damien de Veuster sought a call within that calling. When he came to the Sandwich Islands (i.e. Hawaii) in 1864, Damien's instinct to serve led him to outcasts, as new to the islands as he: lepers. Damien went to Molokai ("the saddest, most useless piece of land you can imagine") and became the lepers' priest "to prove that God has not forgotten them," in 1873. They called him Kamiano, and he fought for their rights and cared for their wounds and souls, until he died in 1889. For the Lamb's Players Theatre, Robert Smyth reprises his solo performance as Damien. The stereotype of the spiritually gifted person is a kind, meek, gentle saint. But many are pushy and cantankerous (read Chesterton's life of St. Francis), others unwashed and antisocial. Smith's rustic Damien isn't someone polite society'd invite to a soiree. Bronze-faced, barefoot, bearded, and brusque, he's a fighter who sees through cant, bureaucracy, and pretense. He cuts to the quick, and Smyth makes Damien special in spite of the priest's shaggy edges. The Lamb's production also features a remarkable lighting design by Nathan Peirson; it ranges from deep shadows to rose windows and aureate Hawaiian sunsets.
Worth a try.
LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH MAY 28; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Death Rides the Stage
H.I.T. Productions new interactive comedy-mystery, written by Beth and Scott McMellen, is set in Texas: "You survived a stampede, Lucy Tyler is looking for your underwear…and there's a dead body in the next room."
TYLER'S TASTE OF TEXAS, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA. OPEN-ENDED RUN; SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Design for Murder
Lamplighters presents George Batson's mystery about a mother and son trying to maintain family traditions at their old mansion. A murder alters things.
LAMPLIGHTERS, THROUGH MAY 21; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AND THURSDAY, MAY 11) AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Don't Drink the Water
The Mira Mesa Theatre Guild presents Woody Allen's farce about a vacation that doesn't go according to plan.
MIRA MESA THEATRE GUILD, THROUGH MAY 7; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

An Evening of Comedy
The Mira Mesa Theatre Guild presents a "family theater production," three one-act comedies: *A Family Affair, Hounded by Basketballs,* and *My Darling Clementine.*
MIRA MESA THEATRE GUILD, THROUGH MAY 6, SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Fantasticks
Grossmont College stages the popular minimalist musical about love, early-spring and late-September. Carolyn Keith directed.
STAGEHOUSE THEATRE, GROSSMONT COLLEGE, THURSDAY, MAY 4, THROUGH MAY 13; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Homeward Bound
Community Actors Theatre presents Jack Barefield's "morality play with music." Jennie Hamilton directed, with musical direction by Loretta Freeman.
COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, THURSDAY, MAY 4, THROUGH MAY 21; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding
The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater," as Joey and Maria tie the knot.
CULY THEATER, 338 WEST SEVENTH, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

Joey and Maria's 25th Anniversary Party
Dilletar Productions presents a sequel to its interactive dinner theater show *Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding.*
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Kevin's Bed
The Laguna Playhouse presents the United States premiere of Bernard Farrell's drama about a family reunion that doesn't go quite right.
LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH MAY 14; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

La Jolla DNA
A pop rock musical — by Dr. Jonathan Michael Lichi, Gary Hyde, and Douglas Fosworth — that weaves medicine, science, and surfing to understand "the thread of life."
SHERWOOD AUDITORIUM, MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, LA JOLLA, THURSDAY, MAY 4, AT 8:00 P.M.

Last of the Red-Hot Lovers
Scripps Ranch Theatre presents Neil Simon's comedy about a man, married 23 years, who tries to join the '60s sexual revolution.
SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, THROUGH MAY 13; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Murder on the Trail
"The Wild West was never this wild," in a new dinner-theater whodunit starring Sophie Tyler and Granite Hardpiece. Dinner includes barbecue or catfish.
TYLER'S TASTE OF TEXAS, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA. OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

R. Buckminster Fuller: The History and Mystery of the Universe
R. Buckminster Fuller's an unlikely subject for a theater piece. But if you widen your definition and let D.W. Jacobs's skillful adaptation roll like waves through your mind/brain, marvels can occur. It's as if Fuller, who devoted his genius to world-saving inventions, has one more chance, two more hours, to speak to humanity. Here's what he'd say. *History and Mystery's* a talk, based on Fuller's voluminous writings. It resembles a late-night campfire chat. Only instead of gazing at the stars and getting lost in their infinitude, Fuller makes the world, the stars, and what he calls "Universe" feel finite and fixable. We'd just better start soon. The piece, directed by Jacobs, is surprisingly theatrical. On Annie Smart's simple, raked stage, Fuller recalls his life and discoveries. Terrific video work, slides and film arranged by Dave Cannon, add dimension. And Ron Campbell, who plays Fuller, can spellbind as the man many have called "our first engineering saint." At times Campbell betrays an urge to entertain, to add more business than need be (the eager, over-explanatory sound design shares this impulse). Overall, however, Campbell gives one of the new year's unforgettable performances.
Critic's pick.
LYCEUM SPACE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH MAY 7; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Rivals
Reviewed this issue.
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH MAY 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Shotgun Wedding Anniversary, or, Who Wants to Murder a Multimillionaire?
Let's get this straight: Basil and Petals Wilcox-Smythe are renewing their wedding vows on their 25th anniversary? Hey, call me daft, but do they even like each other? and who invited Brenda Socrates, cosmetics mogul and Petals's worst enemy (or is she?), to the festivities? And Basil and Petals's strange son and his pal Maricella… what is *that* all about? Not to mention Joffrey and Sperus, behive-boufant'd event-coordinators (Petals likes theme events, like "Grief: A Funeral"). Turns out these folk aren't just ten kinds of whacko. The phones are down, a storm's outside, and they're suspects in a multiple homicide. Each has enough motivation to make you question not who- but script and a cast adept at comedy and singing ad libs. James Pascarella, one of who-didn't-dunnit. Mystery Cafe Dinner Theatre's latest has a relatively loose the funniest people in San Diego, again reigns supreme in multiple roles (audiences be warned: Think you're witty? This guy's all-pro). Her hair an orange-ish red not found in nature — maybe on Mars — Diane Thrasher's a scream as Petals, who never met a situation she didn't yearn to control. Gerry MacKinnon, William Fredrick, Megan McLeod, and Crystal Verdon (whose middle name should be "Talent") keep the show rolling, even when the script lulls.
Worth a try.
MYSTERY CAFE, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-544-1600.

Sleuth
The Pine Hills Lodge and Dinner Theatre stage the popular murder mystery. Scott Kinney directed.
PINE HILLS LODGE AND DINNER THEATRE, THROUGH JUNE 3; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DINNER AT 6:30 P.M., CURTAIN AT 8:00 P.M.

The Solid Gold Cadillac
The Coronado Playhouse stages Howard Teichman and George S. Kaufman's comedy about a gray-haired stockholder, a wicked board of directors, and ultimate control of the firm.
CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH MAY 14; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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the odiousness of comparisons, but Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening uses various formats. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five "directors" invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit." Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group is talented enough (and know when to black-out best) to make the hits more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Impro*) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."
Worth a try.

QUENTIN CRISP PLAYHOUSE, MAY 17, JUNE 9, JUNE 28, AND JULY 21 AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-465-SHOW.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy
Due to popular demand, the Horton Grand Theatre hosts a reprise of this comedy about three inept performers.
Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, SAN DIEGO, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M., SATURDAY AT 1:00, 5:00, AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-234-9583.

True West
Poway Performing Arts Company presents Sam Shepard's super-realistic comedy-drama about antithetical brothers. Anisa Shamis Cox directed.

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UCSD Theatre and Dance New Play Festival 2000
For its first annual New Play Festival, UCSD offers *Hotel Traumbad*, by Andrea Stolowitz, directed by Daisy Walker; *Historic Times*, by Andrew Case, directed by Stefan Novinski; *Nuptial Flight*, by Julia C. Edwards, directed by Jonathan Silverstein.

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"They sat us down and they fired all 12 of us," said one of the employees of a division of SpinRecords.com dedicated to motor sports.

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Launched in January, SpeedMonster.com covered a "broad range of motor sport activities, whether they exist on land, in the water, or in the air," according to the site. It's dedicated to motorcycles, dirt bikes, monster trucks, stunt driving, and other racing sports. Two weeks ago the entire staff of SpeedMonster was dismissed. It was due to a "changing business strategy," said Kim Doran, one of those employees. Doran said that SpeedMonster was headed by Steven Irving, brother of SpinRecords.com CEO Wayne Irving. She said she understood that Stephen will be reassigned to another task.

One of the employees shown the door was Alice Stinnett, former talent buyer for Brick by Brick.

Is this a sign that SpinRecords.com is shrinking?

"I am not at liberty to discuss anything," said SpinRecords.com public relations staffer Sherry Thomas.

When asked about the move, Patty Regan, another public relations specialist in the SpinRecords.com building, answered the question with another question. "May I ask how you heard about it?" She said she would have someone from "upper management" respond. No one did. She also said a press release about SpeedMonster would be forthcoming. It never came.

—*Ken Leighton*

Ratt founder and singer (and sometime La Costa resident) Stephen Pearcy has launched Top Fuel Records to promote "hot-roddin', drag racing, down-and-dirty rock 'n' rollin'."

Pearcy, who launched Mickey Ratt in San Diego in the late '70s, kicks off his Pure Hell Tour in San Diego with his new band Nitronic and , local band 13-A. "It's all about hot-rod racing and hot music and hot girls."

Pearcy says he has sponsored hot rods before and wants to introduce a line of racing merchandise that he'll sell at his live shows. "I like the tie-ins. There are no cool things happening at live shows unless you go to Oz Fest.

"Drag racing has always been an interest of mine. The singer from Smash Mouth is into drag racing too." He said rock and racing are a natural fit. (*Rolling Stone*'s latest issue just featured 22 pages of rock and racing.) "We're working on having a race car at the show.... Eventually we'd like to create bigger shows and have an entire day of music and race cars.... Carlsbad used to have a great shorty track. But all the great racetracks are gone — Lion's Drag Strip, Irwindale, the


PHOTOGRAPH BY JOHN HARRELL
PEARCY'S FUEL-INJECTED ROCK

Orange County International, they're all gone."

The Pure Hell Tour with Nitronic and 13A appears at 4th and B May 30.

—*Ken Leighton*

"We showed the fight without actually subscribing to it. We didn't have permission from King Vision."

The bar owner [who doesn't want to go on record] took a chance that he wouldn't get caught running the Hollyfield/Lewis fight without paying. Three weeks ago he says he got a notice that he was going to be sued. He says he plans to settle by paying King Vision (owned by Don King) significantly more than the original $2500 pay-per-view fee charged by King Vision.

"A lot of people bootleg the signal," said the bar owner. "Homeowners do it all the time. But being a business we're high profile. We have a lot to lose. We made a mistake and now we're paying. The kicker is we only made $300 extra at the bar that night. We didn't charge a cover."

He said one of the reasons he didn't subscribe was because of the unreasonable fee King Vision charges businesses. The amount is significantly higher than $2500, but it can't be revealed because nondisclosure is part of his contract.

"It's not worth it for a business to even attempt it. They charge businesses so much because they would rather have the home subscriber buy it. They make more money that way. It would be ridiculous for businesses to show it at their rate.

"We heard in San Diego County over 40 bars were slapped with a summons... It was our first offense. We didn't do it with malice. There was no warning on the TV screen when they were showing it." (A decoder was required to see the picture.)

"We've heard through the grapevine that we would have to spend between $5000 and $20,000 with attorney fees and court costs if it had gone to court. We thought it was better to settle out of court.... The whole reason we want to [do this article] is to warn people out there what can happen and what it can cost them."

"I don't think [the threatened lawsuit] is extortion," said Donna Westridge, King Vision's vice president of pay per view. "People think it's not really a crime; that the programmers have deep pockets. It's not a money issue. We have to protect our business. We sell our programming to commercial establishments for a fee. It's not fair for the establishment that does pay and maybe charges admission."


RED PRE-TARRED AND FEATHERED

The local bar owner said he thinks a competitor turned him in.

"We have investigators on the street at every event," said Westridge.

—*Ken Leighton*

"I always wear costumes; we use fire and smoke [and] a lot of squirting things; and there's raw meat too," says Carlo of his group Red, a gothic performance-core band from San Diego. "Once I wore a meat suit at the Crowbar. We have a special-effects artist who made me fangs that squirted blood, and a big belly [costume]. I put raw meat in the belly, then pulled it out during the show and threw it all around."

Carlo, who goes by the stage name C.R. Payne (other members: Vilhelm Von Evil, X-Squire, and Matt the Molester), says Red was banned from the Casbah. That came April 15 — their first-ever appearance at the venue — for a mock rape.

"We planned this big extravaganza, thinking they would love it because nobody else is doing anything like that: I wore a plastic costume with snake skins in my hair and face makeup with multiple eyes. The special-effects guy [also the light man] wore a work suit with a monkey mask. We smoked the place up so no one could see and blew feathers all over the place with a shop vac on reverse."

The "victim" was the girlfriend of the special effects guy.

"Then [monkey man] went to the middle of the floor and proceeded to rip off her clothes, throw her around, and beat the hell out of her. I kept circling around, reaching in and touching them and running back."

"Who were you supposed to be?"

"I was portraying the interested guy, like a rubber-necker at a car accident."

"Did he really rip her clothes off or just pretend?"

"Oh yeah, he ripped them off. She was naked. He dragged her to the stage and held her up as an offering to me. Then she collapsed. That took about 15 minutes. Then we turned on an alarm and the band went into an improvisational noise thing.... A lot of people were scared to shit."

"Why a rape scene? What

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was the purpose of that?"

"I wanted to make people feel vulnerable... Just because you go to a club and you feel safe and your friends are around doesn't mean something might not happen to you."

Tim Mays, owner of the Casbah, wasn't in the bar the night Red played. Carlo says a bouncer for the club didn't like what happened and brought it to the attention of Mays. Mays didn't seem particularly upset about the incident when asked for his version of why they were banned.

"They made a mess of corn syrup and feathers, which is impossible to clean up. They basically tarred and feathered our stage, and they were dragging half-naked girls around the club as part of their show. But it's water under the bridge as far as I'm concerned. We're all about performances and performance art [at the Casbah], but... if they had let us know what they were going to do that night, we would have said no."

At the end of their return Casbah show a month ago, Matt the Molester demolished his drum kit.

"He...stabbed his drum kit, then he dove through the bass drum, and threw it into the audience. We have already replaced Matt and should be out playing by the end of May."

—*Ed Decker*

"People in Santee are nuts," said Life Hates Me singer Sean Nelson about his former hometown of Santee. "They have a lot of guys out there who are psychotic. Everyone out there has someone related to a heroin addict. Most of the people brought up in Santee are brought up dysfunctional. I was brought up very dysfunctional. [Singing] is therapy for me. It keeps me right minded. If it wasn't [for the band] I would be very fucked up. I'd be locked in a room somewhere



LIFE HATES ME

shaking."

Nelson now lives downtown, but he says his Santee roots are still with him. "You have a lot of aggression there. A lot of wannabe gangsters in Santee.... I feed and thrive off of emotion, mostly negative emotion. Depressing, dark emotion. It inspires me."

Nelson said he wrote a notebook full of song lyrics during the eight-month period he was living in his car here.

"I grew up in San Diego. When I was 17 I moved to Utah. I was there for two years. I met this girl, and I had this new level of life. I was totally happy. I fucked up bad and I lost her." He said his songwriting boom during his homeless period helped Life Hates Me with material for their EP *Swell* and for their upcoming album.

Nelson, 21, doesn't mind being called dark or psychotic. But don't use the "s" words when describing Life Hates Me. He railed against an article by a local writer that said his band represented "speed metal resurgence without the Spandex." "I don't think that he listened to the record at all. This has nothing to do with speed metal. I think he thinks anybody who walks in with tattoos is in some hair metal band."

Life Hates Me appears May 19 at Brick by Brick.

—*Ken Leighton*

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS: PINK FLOYD, THE WALL

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



CD review: Turquiose Arkesta, *Float Like a Butterfly, Sting Like a Bee*

My vote for the great, GREAT unsung Beatle obscurity has always been "And Your Bird Can Sing," recorded for the British pressing of *Revolver*, tho it came out in the states on the cut-and-paste *Yesterday and Today*. It's got this superdupe of a lead guitar part, one of the majestic 6-string achievements of the sixties, but the question has always been: who izzit? George? John? My gut feeling is John — it doesn't sound anything like George — y'know that twangy, Claptony bullshit — but even the definitive reference in such matters, *The Complete Beatles Recording Sessions* by Mark Lewisohn, which catalogues SEVEN sessions over which the tune was cut and mixed, sheds no light on the issue. What the hey — what's "history" anyway? — let's just say it's John.

On Turquiose Arkesta's fuckin'-A remake of "And Your Bird," there's no doubt who's on guitar: fearless Gary Russell. There ain't too many bands with less fear of Beatles. Aside from hacks and simps, most of what bands now days know and use of Fab Four origin comes indirect, courtesy of "intermediaries" like Alex Chilton — but not the Ark. Check it OUT: throughout the disc, at odd moments "between" sonic events, are textures reminiscent, whole cloth, of "Glass Onion" — speaking of obscurities.

What we have here, basically, is a massive hodgepodge of space music, techno, ambient, bizarro soundtrack, adolescent tape-puke: a hands-on cut and paste, in the best sense of both cutting and pasting; an *extremely* analog (i.e., contingent, expedient, *mammal*) use of electronics. Most interesting aspect of which is the employment of readymade speech from radio, movies, home tapings, etc., upon which they superimpose "appropriate" accompaniments in many/most of the ways it's done in films — everything from forcefeeding sentiment ("bring in the violins") to Godard's mock-out of same to (diff medium, but you get the picture) David Tudor's *obliteration* of speech on John Cage's *Indeterminacy*.

If we were to call this one of the great rhythm-machine records of all time, how much "time" would actually be involved, 20 years? — but still, yup, one of the *greats*. Really.

And how's THIS for CD innovation: 14 cuts, but only 7 are listed...hey hey. Last of which, whatever it might be called, ends — appropriately, ironically — with that most traditional of conclusionary devices, the fadeout.

Good show!

—*Richard Meltzer*

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Tijuana's Illegal Wee Hours

Soon the Special Forces paddy wagon was full of worried, young American males.

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Kickoff weekend for spring break saw students and others, mostly late teens and early 20s filling the clubs and bars that line Tijuana's Avenida Revolución. This main downtown boulevard, between 2nd and 8th Streets, an area some call "the Strip," has about 20 places where young Californians can relax, drink, and dance. Mixed in among the dance clubs are some strip joints and hooker bars.

Spring break Mexican style has been occurring on the strip for a long time. What made this one different is that it was supposed to be the first spring break weekend where all disco/dance places frequented by gringos would close no later than 3:00 a.m. For years the joints on and just off the main drag would shut down only when the last customers left, or when the sun rose, whichever came first. Leading the effort to change the bar closing times was the Institute for Health Advocacy, a policy group based in National City and partially funded by the County of San Diego. The institute's border project concerns itself with binational health issues, such as teen drinking in the bars and nightclubs of Baja, where the minimum age is 18.

Richard McGaffigan is the manager of the institute's border project. He strongly believes that earlier closing times for the American-patronized places on the strip will serve to reduce driving accidents and the other deleterious effects of boozing into the wee hours. The institute in the past has also lectured the managers and bartenders of Mexican clubs as to why they should not serve cheap, potent drinks and to refrain from serving those already intoxicated.

In early February, Tijuana announced that no longer would the special permits to serve alcoholic beverages after three a.m. be issued, as had been the case for generations. "The mayor [of Tijuana] just decided to do it," said McGaffigan. "It surprised us when it happened."

Most of Tijuana's economic history (except for its recent industrialization by foreign-owned companies) involves offering services that are unattainable north of the line. McGaffigan did tell me that the border city of Juárez (near Texas), as well as Mexico City, had recently opted to close their bars at 2:00 a.m., with reductions in crime and accidents as a result. Still, the Tijuana/San Diego area is unique — the only spot on earth where first and third world metropolises meet. This circumstance creates its own rules.

The crowds on the strip for the first Friday of spring break, April 14, weren't all that thick, possibly because it had rained earlier in the day and threatened to again. Even so, police presence was everywhere, and both the TJ cops and the Special Forces sported a happy, expectant look, like hunters on the opening day of deer season.

The Special Forces (*Fuerzas Especiales*) are a separate contingent of the municipal police, trained for specific duties: countering drug cartels, crowd control, etc. The crowd control and ID checks put them downtown on spring break.

Soon the Special Forces paddy wagon was full of worried young American males, but from what I was able to gather, their crimes seemed to be attempting to enter clubs with phony IDs.

At three a.m. the only party bar that had closed on the strip was Escape, near 6th Street. The Hard Rock Café, north of 2nd, also appeared to be closed. The club is directly across the street from the plaza entrance to the dangerous Coahuila/Zona Norte section, Tijuana's rough cantina red-light area.

All the "American" bars on the strip had canned music. An exception was Las Pulgas, near 8th, where live music was performed by traditional Mexican artists. A customer waiting outside told me that live music was upstairs and the processed American stuff was at the downstairs bar.

At 3:45 a.m. most of the dance clubs were still open. Employees at two places told me that on Friday the clubs stayed open until four a.m. and until five on Saturdays. But even on this Friday, Club FX, between 5th and 6th, was open and rockin' at 4:30. I climbed to the upper level and ordered a beer. A couple from SDSU were at the next table. Over the din the guy told me he hit TJ a lot and knew the bars. The place we were in, FX, played mainly rock and hip-hop. People's, a big favorite a few blocks north, also did mostly rock, and some rap and hip-hop. Another hot spot, Club A, played rap and hip-hop, and maybe 20 percent rock. El Torito Pub was mostly rap and house.

The State student didn't seem to mind the canned music. "We come down to drink, dance, get fucked up. Who needs a live group?" he shrugged. "That would just mean they'd charge more for drinks." (The prices for Mexican beers were two or three dollars.) He hadn't heard about the supposed three a.m. closing policy. "That sucks."

When I departed FX at around 5:15 in the morning, over 100 happy "breakers" were still swaying to the music and tossing down margaritas and Tecates. And at 5:30, the topless joints were promising male passersby the opportunity to see "naked young girls."

"Yeah, I'm disappointed," said Richard McGaffigan, when informed about the post-three a.m. partying. "It's a problem of the city...not having the ability to enforce. I don't think it was well thought out." The only permanent solution, he believes, is to turn the enforcement of the bar closing hours over to the State of Baja California. And, he stated, a presentation a few months back to the governor of Baja on that very topic was well received. "There's a movement in that direction."

But Juan Tintos, the Secretary of Tourism for Baja, says that won't happen. According to Tintos, about a year and a half ago the state government turned over to the cities the right to set the hours for the bars, and that policy won't be reversed. When the transfer occurred, he states, some of the Baja cities immediately shortened the hours the bars could operate. (However, several stories in a recent issue of the Tijuana weekly *Zeta* noted that the enforcement of the new rules in Mexicali and Ensenada was spotty at best.)

Tintos said there was a "reaction" by Tijuana bar owners concerning the Institute for Health Advocacy's urging to clip the hours of bar operations but that the general community in Tijuana was in favor of it. "We don't want tourists who base their decision to visit [Baja] on the difference in the drinking age or how long the bars are open. That's not the type of tourist we want." Tintos added that because of the glamorization of spring break by the movies, the stereotypes will not be altered overnight.

Saturday's better weather brought the party people out in force. The clubs start the music in midafternoon, enticing customers by grinding up the volume. Tintos had said that the city did control the decibel level of the dance club music, but if so, the levels must be set rather high.

In late afternoon, with middle-aged tourists still checking out the wares in the curio shops and pharmacies, this repetitive rap (by 2 Live Crew, I'm told) cascaded from the balcony of El Torito Pub to assault the area around Revolución and 3rd: "FACE DOWN, ASS UP, THAT'S THE WAY WE LIKE TO..." An anecdote to take back to Duluth.

Tilly's Fifth Avenue is a popular-with-Americans place. The disc jockey at Tilly's (part of a large chain) is José, "but everyone calls me Solo, because at one time I just wanted to be alone, not to mess with anyone."

The music he plays at Tilly's ranges from the '60s through the '90s. There's old school, like "Atomic Dog" and "Genius of Love," some Latino like "Mambo Number 5," but mostly rap, hip-hop, and house.

Solo grew up listening to and loving American music and at age 15 became the disk jockey at El Torito Pub, where he worked for two years. The last three he's been at Tilly's but sees his future in computers, and to learn about them, he attends a commercial school just around the corner from the bar.

Ramón Soto is Tilly's manager. He's been working the downtown scene since 1985, and he speaks

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Dancers at Tijuana's Tilly's

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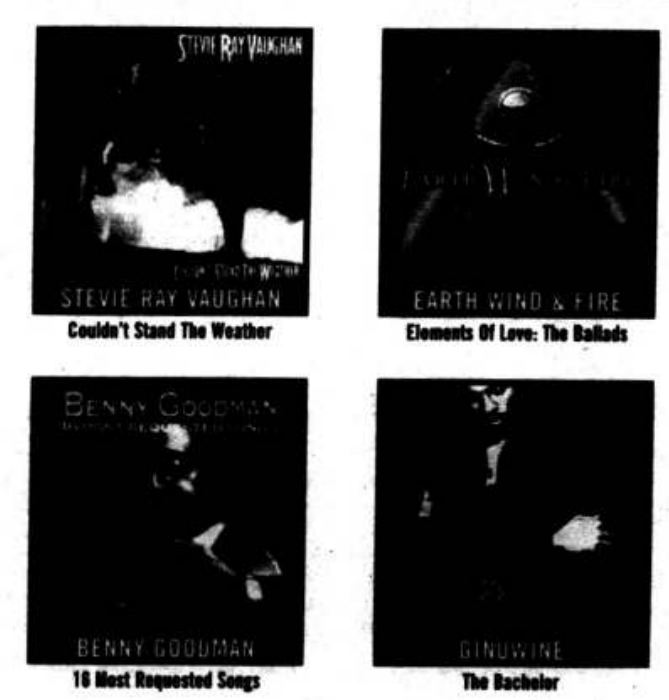

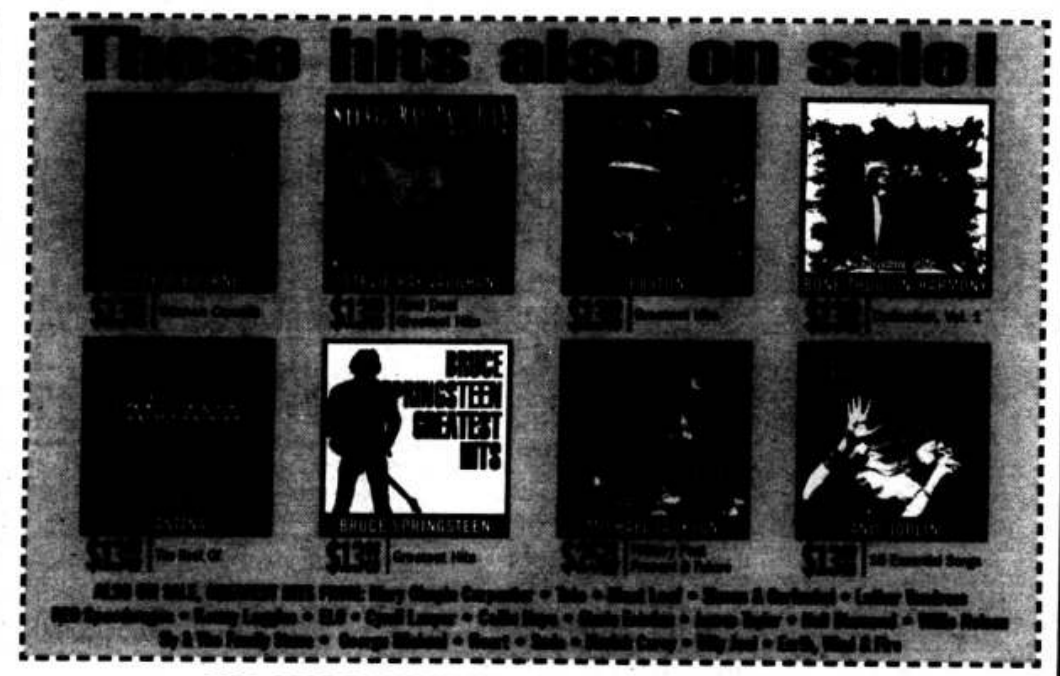

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as if he's absorbed the message from the Institute for Health Advocacy. "I care about my customers," he says. "We watch out for them. Yeah, we do poppers, just like all the other places. But I tell my waiters to mix the popper with 7-Up. So, there's some tequila, but only half as much, so nobody will get too drunk. And, we don't have any 'all you can drink' policy — pitchers of cheap tequila for one price. What kind of bad tequila would that be?" Ramón mentioned Club A, Maguey's, and Club Safari (next door) as places that served up "all you can drink" specials.

Ramón was on a pretty good roll, until I asked what time his bar closed. "We serve our last drink at 2:00 a.m." Well, maybe Hawaiian time. When I shuffled by around four a.m. the crowd had thinned, but a dozen patrons were still sitting at the tables and bar, quaffing cervezas.

I can't really blame Tilly's. The competition is fierce, and everybody's doin' it. Why the city of Tijuana would announce a policy only to scuttle it a few days later is puzzling. Maybe not to the cynics. As Richard McGaffigan noted, it was a spur-of-the-moment decision that probably created a heavy backlash from the downtown bar owners.

Eduardo Escamilla Novelo, in charge of enforcing Tijuana's alcohol laws, also expressed great surprise that the dance clubs were open so late. "Those who commit such violations will be made to pay fines."



Fifth and Revolución

If so, there should be a lot of money coming into the city's treasury. At 4:30 a.m. on Saturday night/Sunday morning there were still around 2000 funseekers strolling the strip and still a number of clubs open and eager for business. Some at that time even had a queue of kids waiting at the entrance to be admitted: People's, Buckets, Club Safari, Tequila Sunrise, and the ever-popular, hard-drivin' Club FX. (People I know who have years working in the downtown bars tell me that the new hours' policy lasted about a week before things returned to normal.)

Twenty minutes after five, and the pushcart vendors were doing a brisk business, ditto the taxis, taking the weary back to the border. This was a generally well-behaved spring break crowd, a fact helped by the massive police presence. I saw no pubescent girls puking on the street, no couples having sex in the doorways. Despite the fact that I saw a number of *pelones* — Mexican-American skinheads (*pelones* literally means "baldheaded ones"), I saw no crimes being committed. Except once, when three little girls selling flowers tried to pick my pocket.

I didn't even witness any public urinations. Well, there was one....

Rushing to my car in the indoor parking lot so as to beat the dawn, nature's call overwhelmed me.

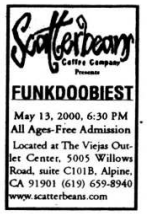
"What are you doing, *señor*," said the security guard, in Spanish. He had me hand over my ID and asked if I understood Spanish. He proceeded to berate me, stating that public peeing in the U.S. was a serious charge, and did I think I could get away with coming down to disrespect his country and treat Tijuana like dirt? (Here he vigorously ground his toe into the concrete.)

When he'd finished, I replied that I had great respect for the laws and traditions of Mexico. And further, that I had pissed on the streets of many of America's finest cities, and congratulations to him, he was the first to ever catch me.

That seemed to mollify him and we parted, if not friends, at least with mutual feelings of relief. ■













Unbounded Song of Love

"It goes on and on, then, suddenly it explodes, in a flash!"

REVIEW
AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

Azerbaijan sits on the western shore of the Caspian Sea, just south of Chechnya in what is called the Transcaucasus region of the former Soviet Union. To the south is Iran, and to its west, separated by Armenia, is Turkey. Armenia is among the oldest Christian nations in the world. Azerbaijan is populated primarily by Azerbaijan Turks, who are Muslim, and has been embroiled in a gruesome war with Armenia over many years. Azerbaijan used to have the largest oilfield in the Soviet Union, and oil still remains the country's biggest industry. Also, it would be through Azerbaijan that the great oil pipeline from East to West would flow. So when the acting president of Russia, Mr. Putin, tells the world that Russia is fighting for its honor in Chechnya, don't you believe him. Those tens of thousands of boys being sent into the meat-grinder of Grozny and the Caucasus Mountains in the south are there because of oil.



Frangiz Ali-Zade

It is remarkable how little we Americans are taught about the Transcaucasus region, which includes Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan as well as Turkey on its west, Iran to its south, and the central Asian republics to its east: Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Krygystan, and Tajikistan. The primary cultures throughout both regions are not Russian or Slavic but variations of the Turkish, Oriental, and Persian cultures. The people comprise different racial groups, different religions, different linguistic groups. They look different. They eat different foods from one another. And they make different music.

The principal music form in Azerbaijan is the *mugam*, which is a relative of the Turkish *makam* and the Arabic *maqam*. The *magam* refers to a formal cycle of instrumental and vocal music. The most typical instruments are the *tar* (lute), *kamancha* (three-stringed fiddle), and *daf* (a frame drum). The *mugam* traditionally begins with a prelude on the *tar*, followed by a series of vocal passages, each separated by instrumental improvisations. More recent *mugam* music makes use of the accordion, called the *garmon*, the clarinet, the oboe, and the piano, as well as other traditional instruments such as the *talaban* and *duduk*, both reed instruments.

Mugam, or *mugham*, also means mode. There are seven main modes, or *mughams*. Each of these scales is associated with different emotional characteristics, such as anger, courage, passion, grief, and so on. The compositions tend to be long and convoluted, especially on this Musique Du Monde collection, which features Aydin Aliev on the *garmon* or Azer accordion. One of the *mughams* is over 20 minutes long, another more than 17.



Ivan Monighetti

But to my mind, something far more interesting than the traditional mughams is what a contemporary Azer composer named Frangiz Ali-Zade has transformed them into, and in the last ten years I've heard no "new music" or experimental music like it.

In fact, it was only last week, when I first got hold of her 1997 recording from the estimable Swedish label Bis, that I realized the composer was a woman. There are not a great many woman composers, at least not who come to mind. One of the greatest (and a dedicatee of one of the compositions in this Ali-Zade disc) is Sofia Gubaidulina, also from the former Soviet Union and very possibly the finest living composer around. (Is there a prejudice against women in music? *Duh*...) All the works on *Crossings* are what is called world premiere recordings, which simply means they've never been recorded before. This is an outrage, by my lights, Frangiz Ali-Zade, born in 1947, has few peers among her contemporaries.

Her story is of interest. She is from Baku, the capitol of Azerbaijan. She received formal training at the Baku Conservatory, which focused almost exclusively on Western music. It was here that she became immersed in the Secondon Viennese School (Shoenberg, Berg, Webern) and its serial techniques. It was only after graduating that she reimmersed herself in the traditional *mugham* patterns of her native Azer culture.

The result is one of the most interesting hybrids in modern music. The composer, also a pianist and a doctor of musicology, taught for years at the Baku Conservatory, while at the same time becoming a distinguished interpreter of the work of contemporary musicians such as Messiaen, John Cage, and George Crumb. It would probably have been from the latter two that she made her acquaintance with the prepared piano (a regular piano whose timbre is altered by placing some miscellaneous object on or under or around the strings of the piano). And in this, even in far-away Baku, Frangiz Ali-Zade is a descendant of Henry Cowell of Menlo Park, California (whom I will write about next week), as were Crumb and Cage. The trajectories of influence are often fascinating.

Frangiz Ali-Zane first came to my attention on a disc recorded by the Kronos Quartet, a San Francisco group that has been wonderfully attentive to new music over the years. The collection, *Night Prayers*, consists, for the most part, of compositions by composers of the various republics that once constituted the Soviet Union, including Sofia Gubaidulina's *String Quartet No. 4*. Ali-Zade's piece "Mugam Sayagi" is one of the more haunting compositions you'll run across in recent music. I'll let the composer herself describe it:



Kronos Quartet

> Through Mugami, the ecstatic longing of a man for a woman could be expressed as the love of God. "Mugam Sayagi" begins as a meditation in darkness — only the cello is lit, trying to wake the world with the call to prayer. The cello is the composer's voice — a woman. Nothing changes, and you don't believe it can. It goes on and on, then, suddenly it explodes, in a flash! Concealed passion breaks out in wild dancing, or in virtuosistic cadenzas. The violin plays an unbounded song of love where the soul flies high into the sky.... The cello is alone again, intoning the sunset prayer. The sound of the triangle echoes a myriad of stars.

The next gem I ran across was her piece for solo cello and prepared piano performed by Ivan Monighetti, another champion of new music. It's entitled "Habil-Sajahy" and was commissioned by the cellist. Like her piece for the Kronos Quartet (and like the traditional *mugham*), it is lengthy (over 21 minutes) and freely adapts the modal and technical uniqueness of the ancient Azer form. It was inspired by the performance of a virtuoso Frangiz Ali-Zade herself on the *kamancha* (the traditional three-stringed fiddle). Now Frangiz Ali-Zade has an entire collection off her own, five compositions for either prepared piano or a string quartet or small ensemble and voice. Hallelujah. Go grab it. ■

Crossings... *Music by Frangiz Ali-Zade* (Bis Records BIS-CD-827)
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David Nelson Band: Winstons, tonight, Thursday, May 4, 8 p.m., 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822.

The Swingin' Neckbreakers, Ten Auto Radio, and **Weenan:** Casbah, tonight, Thursday, May 4, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

FRIDAY

The Plus Ones, the Eyeliners, Spazboy, and **Dawn's Revenge:** Mira Mesa Epicentre, Friday, May 5, 7 p.m., 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000.

John Prine [864] and **Iris DeMent** [778]: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, May 5, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-220-8497.

Luis Miguel [600]: Cox Arena, Friday, May 5, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

The B-Side Players [672], **Sr. Hammer's Taco Cart,** and **Mondo Meshuganas:** Casbah, Friday, May 5, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

"Songwriters Showcase" with **Gregory Page** [186], **Lisa Sanders** [893], **Mary Dolan** [859], **John Katchur** [857], **Carlos Olmeda, Dave Carpenter, Joy Eden Harrison** [719], **Paul Abbott** [817], **Dave Howard** [832], **Peggy Watson** [861], and **Larry Mardian:** Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Friday, May 5, 9 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

SATURDAY

Luis Miguel [600]: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, May 6, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-220-8497.

"The Dragons CD-Release Party" with **Los Infernos, the Bell-Rays, Sr. Hammer's Taco Cart,** and **Libertine:** Casbah, Saturday, May 6, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

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SUNDAY

The Supersuckers [367], **Fluf** [493], and **Furious IV** [107]: Cones Bar and Grill, Sunday, May 7, 6:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Julio Iglesias [606]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 619-220-8497 or 1-800-988-4253.

Styx [485], **REO Speedwagon** [487], and **Survivor** [471]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, May 7, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-220-8497.

El Vez [839] and the **Doore Johns:** Casbah, Sunday, May 7, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

WEDNESDAY

"Jazz in the Park" with **Allen Phillips, Kamau Kenyatta, Coral Thuet, Josias Dos Santos, Rob Thorsen,** and **Richard Sellers:** San Diego Museum of Art Sculpture Court Cafe, Wednesday, May 10, 5:30 p.m., 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-696-1966.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

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blink-182 [158], **Bad Religion,** and **Fenix TX:** Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, May 11, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-220-8497.

The Greg Osby Quartet: Juke Joint Cafe, Thursday, May 11, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., 327 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-7685.

Kinsey Report: Blind Melons, Thursday, May 11, 9 p.m., 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

Enrique Iglesias, Sugar Ray [135], **Hanson** [440], **Macy Gray** [931], **Pink, Eiffel 65, Voice V,** and **Hoku:** Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, May 12, 6 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-220-8497.

The Melvins [105]: Brick By Brick, Friday, May 12, 8 p.m., 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

Kevin Burke [841]: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Friday, May 12, 8 p.m., 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach. 858-689-2266.

Duke Dickerson and **James Intveld:** Casbah, Friday, May 12, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Dan Hicks and the Acoustic Warriors [842]: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Friday, May 12, 9 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

"Pacific Beach Block Party" with **d.Frost** [389], **the New Masters of Jive, the Fabulous Redlos, Soulcracker** [306], **the B-Side Players** [672], **Native Jams, the Carlos Olmeda Band, Billy Bacon and the Forbidden Pigs** [442], **Jaime Valle and Equinox, Scottie Blue and the Tiki Torchers, Buddy Blue** [963], **the Good China** [236], **Ten Pound Brown, Powerthud, Pink Froyd, Rockola, the Vines, Acid Nine, Giving Tree** [147], **the Bridget Joyce Band, the '80s Allstars, Sovorvo, Natasha's Ghost** [178], **Derek Duplessie, Myllya, Brown and Sinkiewicz** [154], **Ten Sugar Coffee** [400], **34 Below, Eve Selis** [410], **Brax** [436], **McPherson Struts, Buckfast Superbee, the Color Red, the Disco Plumps, Shine Eye, the Fat Beat Squad, Agua Dulce** [711], **Clyde's Ride, the Wise Monkey Orchestra** [101], **the Boogiemen,** and **Todd Stedman and the Fat Tones:** Garnet Avenue (Mission Boulevard to Ingraham Street), Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m., Pacific Beach. 619-641-5823.

"San Diego Folk Heritage Festival" with **the Limeliters, the 2nd Avenue Klezmer Band, the Bluegrass Patriots, the Rhythm Rollers, Johnny Walker, Sam Hinton** [881], **David Dekker, the Fiddle Hickies, Mark Jackson and Highline Wire, the Robin Morning Band, the Supersonic Samba School, Windborn, Steve White** [875], **the Good Time Gospel Gang,** and **Katherine Cleary:** The Children's School, Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m., 2225 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 858-566-4040.

The Mad Professor [740] and **Macka B:** Brick By Brick, Saturday, May 13, 8 p.m., 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

Robert Walter's 20th Congress, Third Floor, and **Clyde's Ride:** Casbah, Saturday, May 13, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Brad Paisley [795]: Viejas DreamCatcher Show Room, Sunday, May 14, 6 p.m. 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-659-1998 or 619-220-8497.

"Cosmologic CD-Release Party" with **George Lewis:** Athenaeum Jazz at the Neurosciences Institute, Sunday, May 14, 7:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

Joe Satriani [405]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, May 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Mighty Mighty Bosstones [393]: Cones Bar and Grill, Sunday, May 14, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Juan Gabriel [827]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, May 14, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-220-8497.

The Real Kids: Casbah, Sunday, May 14, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Glen Phillips: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Sunday, May 14, 9 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

Kenny Wayne Shepherd [921]: 4th & B, Tuesday, May 16, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Del the Funky Homosapien [152] and **Blackalicious:** Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, May 16, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Terence Blanchard Sextet [665]: Athenaeum Jazz at the Neurosciences Institute, Thursday, May 18, 8 p.m., 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

A.J. Croce [662] and **Jeremy Key:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, May 18, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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Olivia Newton-John: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, May 19, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Merl Saunders, Ten Pound Brown, and **Government Grown** [426]: Cones Bar and Grill, Friday, May 19, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Randy Phillips [843], **Peter Sprague** [709], **Sara Watkins,** and **John Highkin:** Claire de Lune Coffeehouse, Friday, May 19, 8:30 p.m., 2906 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845.

"Scotch Greens CD-Release Party" with the **Barnyard Ballers** [125] and **Speedbuggy:** Casbah, Friday, May 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Melissa Manchester: Poway Center for the Performing Arts, Saturday, May 20, 8 p.m., 15498 Espola Road, Poway. 858-748-0505.

The The [427]: Cones Bar and Grill, Saturday, May 20, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Smashing Pumpkins [106]: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, May 20, 8 p.m., SDSU Campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Randy Weeks [484], **the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash** [761], and **Josie Kreuzer:** Tio Leo's Lounge, Saturday, May 20, 9 p.m., 5302 Napa Street, Bay Park. 619-542-1462.

Ozomatli [100]: 4th & B, Sunday, May 21, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

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Queens of the Stoneage, Isaura [361], and **Eleven:** Casbah, Monday, May 22, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

311 [103] and **Incubus** [104]: Cox Arena, Tuesday, May 23, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Aimee Mann [401] and **Michael Penn** [429]: Spreckels Theatre, Wednesday, May 24, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-220-8497.

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Paul Kantner and **Marty Balin:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, May 25, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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Deborah Liv Johnson [811] and **Peggy Watson** [861]: Templars Hall (Old Poway Park), Friday, May 26, 7:30 p.m., 14134 Midland Road, Poway. 858-566-4040.

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Natalie Merchant [415]: Open Air Theatre, Tuesday, June 27, 8 p.m., SDSU Campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Lonestar [785]: Del Mar Fairgrounds Grandstand Stage, Wednesday, June 28, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 888-386-8497.

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Jaci Velasquez: Del Mar Fairgrounds Grandstand Stage, Thursday, June 29, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 888-386-8497.

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JULY

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Cheap Trick [432]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 2, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Oak Ridge Boys [776]: Del Mar Fairgrounds Grandstand Stage, Monday, July 3, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 888-386-8497.

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"Jazz in the Park" with Bert Turetzky, Bob Magnusson ***/710/*****, Marshall Hawkins, Rob Thorsen, Kristin Korb,** and **Cecil McBee:** San Diego Museum of Art Sculpture Court Cafe, Wednesday, July 5, 5:30 p.m., 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-696-1966.

Richard Elliot ***/647/*****, Jonathan Butler** ***/649/*****, Jeff Golub,** and **Kim Waters:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 6, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Pat Benatar ***/437/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 7, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Cassandra Wilson ***/110/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 11, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Don Henley ***/419/*****:** Open Air Theatre, Tuesday, July 11, 8 p.m., SDSU Campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Dan Fogelberg ***/438/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 12, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Collin Raye ***/768/*** and **Patty Loveless** ***/770/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Los Lobos ***/439/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 16, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Ricky Martin ***/629/*****:** San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, July 17, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 888-386-8497.

Boz Scaggs ***/443/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 17, and Tuesday, July 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Gladys Knight ***/925/*****:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, July 19, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-659-1998.

Lyle Lovett ***/772/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 20, and Friday, July 21, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Art Garfunkel ***/812/*** and **Mike Errico:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 23, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

X: Casbah, Sunday, July 23, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

The Indigo Girls ***/813/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 25, and Wednesday, July 26, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Smokey Robinson ***/613/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 27, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Dave Matthews Band ***/122/*****:** Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, July 28, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-220-8497.

Tower of Power ***/949/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 28, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Weird Al Yankovic: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, July 29, 8 p.m., SDSU Campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

LeAnn Rimes ***/780/*****:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, July 29, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-659-1998.

Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra ***/653/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 30, 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Diana Krall ***/654/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 31, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

AUGUST

Terri Clark ***/773/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 1, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Jazz in the Park" with Sue Palmer, Johnny "Ace" Harris, Johnny Viau, and **the Hot Club of San Diego:** San Diego Museum of Art Sculpture Court Cafe, Wednesday, August 2, 5:30 p.m., 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-696-1966.

Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes ***/468/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 2, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Britney Spears ***/620/*****:** San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, August 3, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 888-386-8497.

Strunz and Farah ***/655/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Foreigner ***/445/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Natalie Cole ***/408/*****:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 10, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-659-1998.

The Rippingtons ***/659/*** and **Marilyn Scott** ***/661/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 11, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Sonny Rollins ***/667/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 13, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Dwight Yoakam ***/779/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 15, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Peter White ***/668/*** and **Keiko Matsui** ***/669/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 18, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Sergio Mendes and Brasil 2000 ***/674/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 20, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Spyro Gyra ***/675/*** and **David Benoit** ***/447/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 24, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

John Lee Hooker ***/917/*** and **Eric Burdon and the New Animals** ***/457/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 25, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Jethro Tull ***/409/*****:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, August 29, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-659-1998.

Clint Black ***/784/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 29, and Wednesday, August 30, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Gordon Lightfoot ***/816/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 31, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

SEPTEMBER

Randy Travis ***/786/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 7, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

John Hiatt ***/822/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 8, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Righteous Brothers ***/458/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 10, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Fourplay" with Larry Carlton, Nathan East, Bob James, and **Harvey Mason:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 11, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Loretta Lynn ***/794/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Peter, Paul and Mary ***/824/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 13, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Vonda Shepard ***/614/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 14, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Rick Springfield ***/460/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 15, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Harry Belafonte ***/615/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo ***/919/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 18, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Chicago ***/618/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 19, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Manhattan Transfer ***/463/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 20, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Dave Koz ***/676/*** and **Acoustic Alchemy** ***/825/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Pointer Sisters ***/623/*****:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 21, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-659-1998.

Leo Kottke ***/844/*** and **Tuck and Patti** ***/625/*****:** East County Performing Arts Center, Thursday, September 21, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 888-386-8497.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy ***/677/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 22, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Rickie Lee Jones ***/469/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 25, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Keb' Mo': Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 27, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

George Benson ***/619/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 28, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

America ***/464/*** and **Poco** ***/551/*****:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 29, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

OCTOBER

Jonathan Butler ***/649/*** and **Hiroshima:** East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, October 6, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 888-386-8497.

Junior Brown ***/793/*** and the **Del McCoury Band:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Back to Love: *DJs Miles Maeda, Sotero,* and *Funky Sam 747.* Saturdays, the Hollywood Star, 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 10 p.m., 21 and up. 858-350-5202.

The BK Lounge: *DJs Bille Knight, Jalil, Scooter,* and *MC WordBond* spin hip-hop, reggae, dancehall, and R&B. Fridays, 9 p.m., Buffalo Joe's. 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616.

The Brass Rail: Call club for nightly information. 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

The Clockwork Sessions: *DJs Fraise, Saint,* and *Marcus B.* spin midtempo breaks, house, drum 'n' bass. Fridays, Aztec Bowl (the Turquoise Room), 4356 30th Street, North Park. 619-220-4944.

Club Bom Bay: Fridays, *Get Your Groove On* with DJs spinning Top 40, hip-hop, and dance classics. DJs Thursdays at 9 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. 3175 India Street, midtown. 619-296-6789.

Club '80s: *DJs Bryan Pollard* and *Richard D.* Best of '80s new wave, synthpop, and new romantic. 21 and up. Thursdays, 1299 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley (Mr. O's). 619-465-5827.

Club Elements: Thursdays, 10 p.m., Trancemission with *DJs Arkon, Jonny Quest,* and *J-Sun.* Fridays, 10 p.m., Let's Play House with *DJs Dino, Sunny D,* and *Lee.* Saturdays, *DJs Dino* and *Travis Houston.* Sundays, Esophobia, with *DJs Huggie, Guido,* and *Phil Aye.* 1255 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-296-8160.

Club Retro: *DJ Dementia* spins '80s, synth-pop, new romantic, new wave, and darkwave. Tuesdays, the Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

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Gasoline: *DJs Rite One, Jon-E-Thin, Clay Dunsmore,* and international guests spin trance and European hard house. Thursdays, 2028 Hancock Street, Mission Hills South. 21 and up. 619-687-5779

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Illectrocution: Tuesdays, Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131.

Kim's Place: Thursdays, *DJs Marcus* and *Roy* spin hip-hop and old skool. 637 H Street, Chula Vista. 619-420-3321.

Liquid: *DJs Dave Aude, Mike Orozco, Sotero, Clay Dunsmore,* and *Eaz-One* spin house and hip-hop. Fridays, E Street Alley, 919 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-979-9999.

Live Wire: *DJ Ratstar* spins rare groove and hip-hop. Wednesdays, Live Wire, 2103 El Cajon Boulevard, University Heights. 619-291-7450.

Luminal: *DJs Tom King, Brendan Cahill,* and *Cybian* spin industrial and gothic. Tuesdays, Kickers, 308 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-491-0400.

Margarita Rocks: *DJs Matty A., Jesse,* and *Scott Martin* spin house and hip-hop. Thursdays, 959 Hornblend Street, Pacific Beach. 858-272-2780.

The Matrix: Wednesdays, Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131.

Mayhem: *DJs Kazy* and *Teknik* spin house, hard house, trance, and progressive trance. Wednesdays, Margarita Rocks, 959 Hornblend Street, Pacific Beach. 858-728-1489.

Millennium Nightclub: Call club for information. 485 Main Street, Encinitas. 888-922-5827.

Mothers Milk: *DJs Afshar, Ramsey,* and *Arson* spin deep funk and house. Mondays, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-295-4163.

Nightfall: *DJ Robert* and guests spin gothic, synthpop, EBM, industrial, and fetish. 21 and up. Sundays, the Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

Olé Madrid: Fridays, Club Aura with *DJs Matt Spencer, Tasya, Scooter,* and guests spin house, hip-hop, and trance. Saturdays, 100% Ole with *DJs Jose Amezcua, Joey Jiminez,* and *Rags* spinning global sounds. 751 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-557-0146.

Onyx Room: Thursdays, *DJ Ratstar* spins rare groove and hip-hop. Fridays, *DJs Mijangos, Jose Amezcua,* and *Scotty Ray* spin club and house. Saturdays, *DJ Jon Wesley* and *Vince Delano.* 852 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-235-6699.

The Pentagon: 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. Thursdays, Twist Night with *DJ Reel* spinning house and trance. Fridays, the Basement with *DJs Smoky, Peril, Mike Czech,* and *Kountry.* Saturdays, the Soul Cellar with *DJs Billie, Knight,* and *Jalil.* Sunday through Wednesday, closed. 619-233-2830.

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Reeducation of Hip-Hop: *DJs Charlie Rock, Bob1,* and *Peacemaker* and live performances. Friday, May 5, 4345 Home Avenue, San Diego. 888-927-1211.

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OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

A few years ago, I had a part-time job teaching conversational English as a second language to a group of mostly middle-class Mexican housewives. I had fun with them, but I had a hard time getting them to speak English. They lived in an area without much of a Spanish-speaking community, and they just stayed at home all day, watching their kids and waiting for their husbands to come home. At class, they wanted to speak to each other in Spanish. To steer discussion in English, I brought in a CD player and the Velvet Underground's third album, and tried to start a conversation about the song "Pale Blue Eyes." At least Lou Reed's talk-singing voice was easy for them to understand.

They weren't so fond of some of my other choices, like Sebadoh. In fact, the music that these women listened to at home was more along the lines of Luis Miguel and his albums of shamelessly romantic ballads. When one of my students mentioned Miguel, the others all let out a sigh. Although most non-Latinos in the U.S. may not have heard of him, Miguel is a huge star — and, reportedly, has the ego to prove it. He is the only artist to have two Spanish-language albums go platinum here, and he even has his own star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. Before the age of 25, he had recorded a duet with Frank Sinatra, sharing vocal duties on "Come Fly With Me" for the great man's *Duets II* album. More recently, Miguel has gained fame in the English-speaking world as the boyfriend of Mariah Carey.


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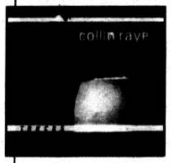

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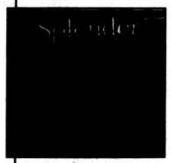

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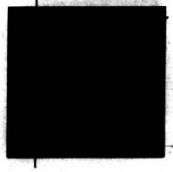

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the NOTE

BY RICHARD MELTZER



Shakes the Clown, starring REO Speedwagon. Two kinds of persons in the world — natch — man persons and woman persons. But there's TWO kinds of men (clowns and cops) and only ONE kinda woman: bowlers. Wait, is that for sure? Is FLORENCE HENDERSON (for real) a bowler? It is NOT for sure that Florence Henderson is a bowler. Probably? No, not even probably. [*Possibly.* Getting back to clowns: many types and subtypes. Rodeo clowns. TV clowns. Birthday party clowns. Dog clowns. Insect clowns. Mimes (ooh). Mimes are despicable. Subdividing the cops: no subdividing. Only one type of cop: stooooopid. When in doubt, check the bowling pin. Shakes and whatsername (bowler) (*a great bowler*) (*"What's a great bowler like you doing with a clown like that?") and a birthday party and another a birthday party and a murder and a frame-up and exoneration and drinking and AA — and they live happily ever after. No sequel.*

Styx and **Survivor** also perform. (*To hear a sample of REO Speedwagon, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4487.*)

REO SPEEDWAGON, Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, May 7, 8 p.m. 619-220-8497. $21.50–$61.50.

North County

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9 pm, *the Rhythm Dogs,* pop, jazz. Wednesday, 9 pm, *the Carter Brothers,* jazz, swing.

The Bailey Barbecue Restaurant and Bar, corner of Main Street and A Street, Julian. 760-765-9957. Friday, *the Buick Wilson Band,* blues, rock.

The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. All performances begin at 7 pm. Thursday, *Carl Robinson,* soft rock. Friday, *Trio du Jour,* acoustic. Saturday, *the Justin Brothers,* acoustic. Wednesday, *Semisi and Fulabula.*

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, *Berkeley Hart, Dave Howard,* and *Mike Younger,* acoustic folk. Friday, 5:30 pm, *Candye Kane,* blues, 9:15 pm, *Skanic with the Upbeat.* Saturday, 9:15 pm, *the B-Side Players,* Latin jazz. Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Kathi Burg Band, Jeremy Kay,* and *Sahara.*

Boar Crow's, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 858-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Local Tourist,* rock.

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

Bob's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Cinema,* alternative.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Billy Watson,* blues. Friday, *Sue Palmer* and *Didjeh Marie,* jazz. Saturday, *Bad Medicine,* blues, rock. Sunday, *the Calypso Jazz Band.* Monday, *the Hot Club of San Diego.* Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin.* Wednesday, *Candye Kane* and *Sue Palmer,* blues and jazz.

The Camelot Inn, 887 San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-1332. Thursday, *George James;* folk. Friday, *the Strange Woods,* Irish folk. Saturday, *Glenrothsen,* Scottish music.

Carvers, 1940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Laguna,* classic rock. Saturday, call club for information.

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

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The Del Dios Country Store, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733. Friday and Saturday, *Kirk Kavalba,* rock and roll.

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

Fat Ivor's, 1405 South El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-967-4041. Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Lady K and the Jazz Queue.*

Fireside Lounge, 439 West Washington Avenue, Escondido. 760-745-1931. Friday, house Latin. Saturday and Sunday, Latin, salsa, and cumbia.

Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Carter Brothers.*

Henfin's Irish Pub, 13314 Poway Road, Poway. 858-486-0764. Friday, 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Heel Stone,* Celtic music.

Hennessey's Tavern, 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Stiletto,* rock. Saturday, *Hydroplane,* rock.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors,* rock. Friday, *the Shake,* blues. Saturday, *Blue Heat,* blues, rock. Wednesday, *golden mean, Blockheads,* and *Cut U Up.*

La Casa del Zorro, 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs. 760-767-5323. Fox Den: Thursday, and Sunday through Wednesday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Steve Alvarez,* classical piano. Friday and Saturday, 8 pm to 1 am, *the Mark Fulton Quintet.*

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, *Calima,* Flamenco duo. Saturday, *Craig Sherman,* soft rock.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday, *Sweet Cedar,* jazz. Friday, *the John Hartford Quintet,* jazz. Saturday, *the Brothers From Another Planet,* alternative. Wednesday, blues jam.

Mikey's Coffeehouse, 12222 Poway Road, Poway. 858-486-5540. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, open mike. Friday, *Tom Boyer* and *Mike Nelson.* Saturday, *Square Go.* Sunday, open mike. Monday, *Ron Franklin.* Tuesday, *Peter Boland.* Wednesday, *Elena McCrary.*

Millennium, 485 Main Street, Encinitas. Saturday, *Fat Beat Squad.*

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Tom Griesgraber.* Saturday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Corey Bess,* folk. Sunday, 10 am to 1 am, *Mike Cea,* jazz.

Mocha Marketplace, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Thursday, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, *Tony Lasley,* South American jazz. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Rich Buquet,* acoustic soft rock.

The Naked Bean, 520 Hacienda (near Islands in the Food for Less shopping center), Vista. 760-639-5282. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10 pm, *Damon the Gypsy.*

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, in the carousel, 6:30 pm, *the Cradit Union,* big band. Friday, 6 pm, *Todd Steadman and the Fattones,* blues, 10:30 pm, *Baga Tricks,* reggae/ska, and *Liquido.* Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time,* jazz. Sunday, 9:30 pm, *El Jardin* and *La Tercera Cuerda.* Monday, 6:30 pm, in the carousel, *Randy Morser and Air Mail Special,* swing.

North County Sports Dome, 680 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-4120. Asylum Nightclub: Thursday, *Nitro Express,* country. Saturday, *Cinema,* classic rock.

Pounders, 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-739-1288. Thursday, *Whiskey,* blues. Friday, *Stems and Seeds,* rock. Saturday, *Footloose,* rock and roll. Sunday, *Mars Hotel,* rock. Tuesday, *Whisper.* Wednesday, open blues.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the S.O.B.'s,* contemporary classics. Saturday, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, *Carl Robinson,* soft rock.

Randy Jones Big Stone Lodge, 12237 Old Pomerado Road, Poway. 858-748-1617. Friday and Saturday, *Raw Country.*

Roxy Restaurant, 517 First Street, Encinitas. 760-436-5001. Saturday, *Katherine Monreal,* acoustic.

San Luis Rey Downs, 31474 Golf Club Drive, Bonsall. 760-758-3762. Friday, *Gilbert Castellanos,* Latin jazz.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *So. Cal's Shocks of Mighty,* reggae/ska. Saturday, *Tracy Niles and Silent Dimension,* original rock.

Torreyana Grille (inside the Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines), 10950 North Torrey Pines Road, Del Mar. 858-450-4571. Music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Weeknight performances are from 6 pm to 9:30 pm, Sunday, 10:30 am to 2 pm. Thursday and Wednesday, *Shep Meyers.* Friday, *the Ron Freshman Duo.* Saturday, *Rick Ross.* Sunday, *Shep Meyers* and *Ted Williams.* Monday and Tuesday, *Ron Freshman.*

La Costa Resort's Tournament of Champions Lounge, La Costa Resort and Spa, Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Friday, *Nova,* Latin jazz. Saturday, *Roz and the Wrecking Crew,* pop, dance.

Beaches

Barefoot Bar and Grill, the San Diego Paradise Point Resort, 1404 West Vacation Road, Pacific Beach. 858-274-4630. Live bands, call club for information.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Bogo Tricks,* reggae. Friday, *the Revelations,* reggae. Saturday, *Eric Sardinas,* blues. Sunday, *Inside*

OF N!TE

BY DAVE GOOD

Who (except maybe our children) could forget Kansas? The progressive rockers sold millions of albums and earned enough gold records to get steady airplay in the '70s and '80s.

When I played records on the radio for a living, we plugged a Kansas track at least once every hour for the better part of a decade. Their forlorn ballad, "Dust in the Wind," was seized by canned-music companies and is still heard in elevators, supermarkets, and chiropractors' offices.

In the beginning, Kansas wanted to be Yes in a big way, although they rocked harder than their British idols. Vocal harmonies poured out of Kansas's amplifiers; there were thunderous guitar and keyboard exchanges, and violinist Robert Steinhardt cranked. Originally known as White Clover, the name changed to Kansas in 1972 when bassist David Hope and drummer Phil Ehart recruited Kerry Livgren to play guitar, Steve Walsh (who wrote most of the tunes) to play keyboards, Richard Williams to play guitar, and Steinhardt to fill in on violin. After much stardom (including being chosen UNICEF's deputy ambassa-dors of goodwill in 1978), the band split up in 1983.


KANSAS

Livgren and Hope got religion and immediately set about recording born-again albums before fading into anonymity. Walsh, Ehart, and Williams reformed Kansas in 1986 with Billy Greer on bass and Steve Morse of the Dixie Dregs on guitar. Following Morse's lead, Kansas's sound in the late '80s was progressively jazz-based rock. Today, Morse is gone, and Steinhardt is back, and the sound is more like it was: rock from a time when bands crunched for wasted masses but with refinement and literacy.

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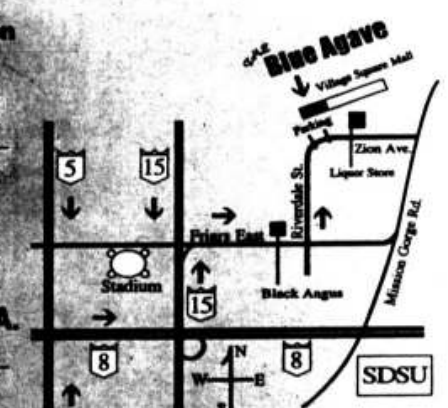

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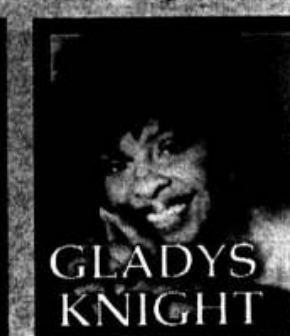
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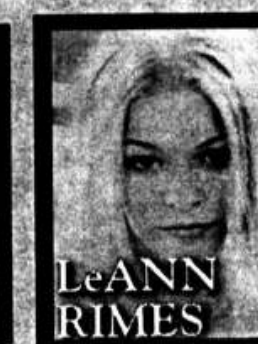
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Canalbul Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, 9 pm, *the Steely Damned*, rock. Saturday, *Rocky Dawuni*, reggae. Sunday, *Big Mike*, alternative rock. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, *the Uptown Boys*, swing.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. All shows start at 8 pm. Thursday, *Callbox, Wida*, and *Alternate Realities*, alternative. Friday, *the Opposition Party, GT350*, and *Water Street*, rock. Saturday, *3 Hits Max, Lot 13, Skipjack*, and *Hannfield*, funk/punk. Sunday, *Ras Sojie and the One Love Band*, reggae.

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Hennessey's Tavern, 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, *the O'Brien Brothers*, Irish folk.

Java Joe's Coffeehouse, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Lisa Sanders* and *Mary Dolan*. Friday, *Gregory Page, John Katcher, Carlos Olmeda, Dave Carpenter, Joy Eden Harrison, Paul Abbott, Julie Hanik, Larry Marciano, Renata, Mary Dolan, Lisa Sanders*, and *Peggy Watson*. Saturday, *Berkeley Hart*. Sunday, *Renata Youngblood*. Monday, Wendy's open-mike night. Wednesday, *Jason Mraz*.

Jevanicas, 4338 Cass Street, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8035. Tuesday, 8 pm to 10:30 pm, open stage.

Jevanicas Coffeehouse, 3719 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-8065. Monday, 8 pm to 10:30 pm, open stage.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, and Monday through Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, also, Friday, 5 pm to 7:30 pm, and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano.

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Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *Brown and Sinkinevich*, alternative. Saturday, *Billy Midnight and the Chlorine Cowboys*, country rock.

Old Venice Cafe, 2910 Canon Street, Point Loma. 619-222-5888. Friday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Saturday, *the Tritones* and *Earl Thomas*, blues.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Club Tremors: Call club for information.

Pumpkin Cafe, 3145 Rosecrans Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2891. Performances are from 8 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *Jordano*, Flamenco guitar. Saturday, *Lyra Jazz*.

The Sea Lodge Hotel, 8110 Camino Del Oro, La Jolla. 858-456-0600. The Shores. Friday and Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Lori Bell, Ron Satterfield* and *Interplay*, jazz.

Second Wind, 1261 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-8813. Friday, *the Good China*, alternative.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Red Channel Revue*. Friday, *Power Thud*, rock. Saturday, *Big Daddy and the Money Shakers*, swingin' blues. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open acoustic night. Wednesday, *the Island Funk Band*.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *the David Nelson Band*. Friday, *Clyde's Ride*. Saturday, *the Wise Monkey Orchestra*, acid jazz, with *Fred Green*. Sunday, 6 pm to 8:30 pm, *the Shelltown Horns*, blues, and 9 pm, *the Withdrawns*. Monday, *Plump*, alternative. Tuesday, *Waller St. Claire and the Overstand Band*, reggae. Wednesday, *the Wise Monkey Orchestra, Supersnloader*, and *d.Frost*.

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Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, *the Plus Ones, the Eyeliners, Spazboy, Tiltwheel*, and *Dawn's Revenge*, alternative/rock.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday and Saturday, 9 pm, *Steal Dawn*, rock and roll. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *Les Rainey and the Midnight Players*, blues.

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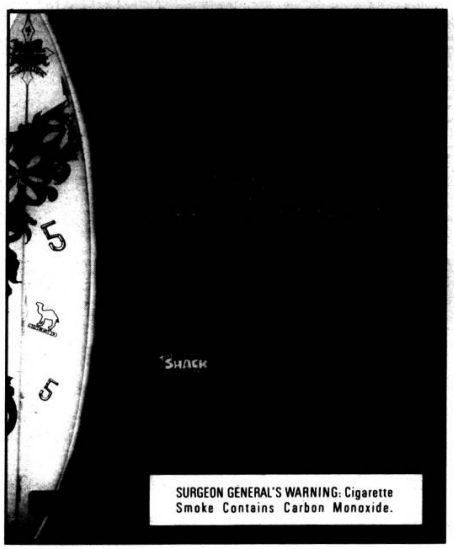

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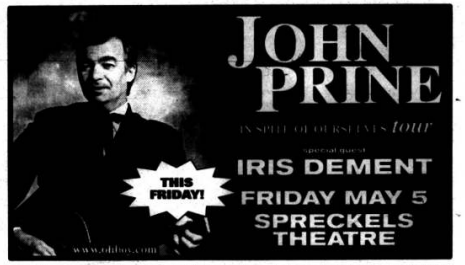

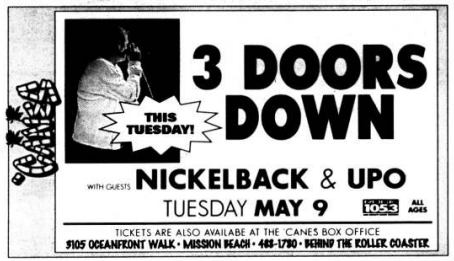

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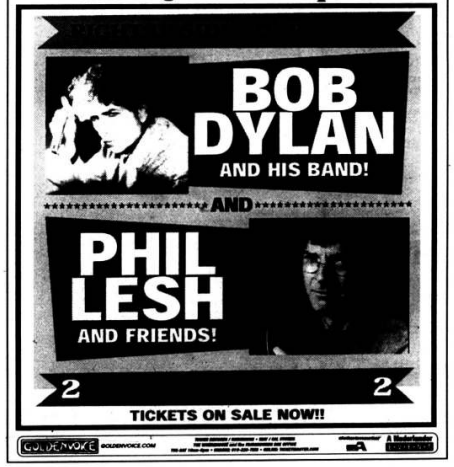

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REVIEW
DUNCAN SHEPHERD

Have you gone yet to see a movie beneath the twinkly canopy of the new theater at the Museum of Photographic Arts? If not, why not? (No, seriously. I want to know. What would it take to get you to fork over the seven-fifty admission? A steep price, I agree, when the main competition is the video store and the Turner Classic Movies channel — but would that really stop you?) With the wrap-up of the inaugural films-on-films, rock-and-roll, and Technicolor programs, the schedule for the next two months continues and even broadens the something-for-everyone approach.

First, four area premieres of independent films you've never heard of (*Blue Moon*, *Compensation*, *Next Time*, and *The Hi-Line*), by filmmakers you've likewise never heard of (John A. Gallagher, Zeinabu irene Davis, Alan L. Fraser, and Ron Judkins), in case you've been waiting to see something *new*. Second, Sunday afternoons — but not *every* Sunday afternoon — devoted to Buster Keaton, one short and one feature each time. To some of you, it might seem not that long ago since the Ken Cinema scraped together an excellent batch of Keatons, but a check of my moviegoing calendar reveals that it was in fact four whole years ago — so anyone who was then two or three years old should now be ready for indoctrination. Third, last, and foremost, a program entitled "Seduced by the Night: The Style of Film Noir," further characterized in the press release as "a twenty-eight-film series of classic post-war paranoia."

I have written before about the amazing persistence and expansion of *film noir* (among French expressions in the English language, this one must by now have surpassed *hors d'oeuvre* and *chaise longue* in common use) while other film genres wither and languish. Heaven knows I have had plenty of opportunities to write about it: the Ken has allotted space to it much more recently and frequently than to Keaton, and the TCM channel seems dead-set on making an annual tradition of its "Summer of Darkness," and there is no sign of abatement on the active assembly line of neo-*noir*, retro-*noir*, futuro-*noir*, etc. I do not propose once again to hash over my amazement at its persistence and expansion.

The wide-ranging selection at MoPA, as we may already have come to expect, betrays a bias toward the anointed auteurs on Andrew Sarris's (or *Cahiers du Cinéma*'s) Mount Olympus: two films each by Welles, Hitchcock, von Sternberg, Fritz Lang, Preminger, Fuller, Joseph H. Lewis, three by Raoul Walsh. And it stretches the boundaries of this "post-war" phenomenon as far back as the mid-Thirties, for von Sternberg's *The Scarlet Empress* and *The Devil Is a Woman* (why not all the way back to the silent era for his *Underworld* and *The Docks of New York*? — these at least retain the contemporary urban setting essential to *film noir*, as distinct from 18th-century Russia and 19th-century Spain), and as far forward as Fuller's *Underworld, U.S.A.*,



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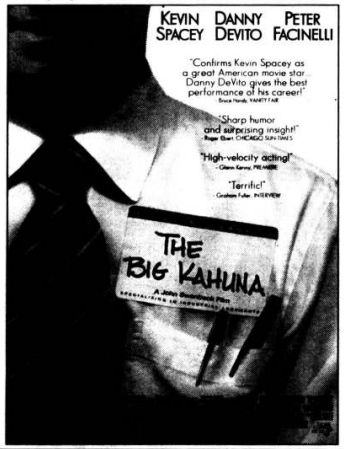

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1961 (why stop there?). It also makes room for *Pursued*, a horse opera; *The Black Book*, a Dumas-esque tale of the French Revolution; and *Citizen Kane*.

With the possible exception of the von Sternbergs (surely Buñuel's 1977 remake of *The Devil Is a Woman* isn't a *noir*, is it?), I can envision a case being made for all of these as *noirs* — or in any event as influences thereon and thereof. I myself would not care to make that case, but nor would I care to present the opposing side, even out of some slim hope of containing and preserving the original meaning of this elastic term. The truth of the matter is that I've had it up to here with *film noir*. (Indicating the eyebrows.) Or anyway I've had it up to there with the term itself. Having said that, I should say also that when I rewatched *Crime of Passion* on TCM last summer — to be screened May 18 at MoPA — I thought it was a knockout. I have no way of predicting how many other movies among the museum's twenty-eight have the potential to put you yourself flat on your back.

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Two new products of the literary-adaptation industry: *Up at the Villa*, from a "novella" by Somerset Maugham, and *The Last September*, from an early work of Elizabeth Bowen's. I have not read either book, but owing to other pertinent reading, the name of Bowen inspires in me something close to awe (all that syntactical ingenuity, that rhythmical variety!), and the name of Maugham something close to a coma. The two movies reinforce my prejudice.

The situation in *The Last September* — that of an Anglo-Irish aristocracy whose long tenure in County Cork causes them to sympathize and identify with the Irish in their fight for independence, post-WWI, even though the Irish natives do not return the affection — is inherently interesting, and is made more so, or at least fully so, by being new to the screen. Deborah Warner, an English stage director, is new to the screen as well. She shows no great dexterity with the camera; and she tends in the editing, if not sooner, to lose track of some of the multitude of characters around the pivotal country estate. (Perhaps an equally grave handicap, however, is her lack of a name as distinguished-sounding as, say, the director of *Love and Basketball*, Gina Prince-Bythewood.) Not too surprisingly, she seems most secure in her handling of dialogue, but then the dialogue itself — witty, pithy, and pregnant — is voluptuous to handle, and is in the caressing hands (or caressing mouths, rather) of such dextrous line-readers as Maggie Smith, Fiona Shaw, Michael Gambon, and even the breathless Jane Birkin. The notable exception is David Tennant, too nakedly pathetic as the unsuitable suitor to the young heroine. The fresh-faced, puffy-eyed Keeley Hawes, with a Keely Smith bob, holds her own in the lead role. And her status as an amateur secret agent among oblivious elders — peeping through a removable floorboard, peering through a spyglass, eavesdropping on private conversations, witnessing the transfer of a firearm, and running supplies to a holed-up rebel — is sketched out intelligently, artfully, subtly, almost (appropriately enough) furtively.

Meanwhile, *Up at the Villa*, about upper-crust Brits, an American Jew, and an Austrian refugee in Italy in the darkening days before WWII, finds Maugham in his famous potboiling mode. A moral crisis, coupled with a ready-to-pounce Black Shirt, follows heavy foreshadowing and heavier coincidence and contrivance ("I took you for a goddess, and you're just a whore!"). Kristin Scott Thomas manages to fashion a semblance of a performance out of the tiny cracks in her china-figurine demeanor, and Anne Bancroft is a kind of dust devil darting over a barren plain; but the slumbrous *sotto voce* Sean Penn, unable or unwilling to bestir himself, seems to have the more accurate measure of the piece. Phillip Haas (*Angels and Insects*, *The Music of Chance*) gets credit for the listless and graceless direction, and Belinda Haas (Philip's wife) hyphenates the jobs of Editor and Screenwriter, an unusual combination in movies, but perfectly usual in the movies of Philip Haas.

The Virgin Suicides is based on a book of more recent vintage, and not only have I not read it, I have no acquaintance whatsoever with its author, Jeffrey Eugenides. Set in Michigan in the mid-Seventies (where they teach Henry James's *Portrait of a Lady* to high schoolers!), it tells of the extreme form of protest taken by the five blond Lisbon sisters to the repressive no-dating policy of their terminally square parents (James Woods and an almost unrecognizable Kathleen Turner, going the way of Shelley Winters and Shirley Knight). Actually, the title alone tells of the extreme form of protest taken, and the rest of it doesn't have a lot to add, apart from some embarrassing period clothes and a "satirical" color scheme of drab browns — extended illogically even to the homecoming Cadillac.

Sofia Coppola's feature directing debut is no less awkward — flatfooted, lead-footed, two-left-footed — than was her featured performance in *The Godfather, Part III*. (Though perhaps the awkward adolescent performances here — once past Kirsten Dunst — make her own look not so bad in retrospect.) One wonders whether the movie would ever have got made — or, the next hurdle, ever have got released — if the filmmaker were not Don Coppola's daughter. One wonders further whether it could have got made and released by anyone but Paramount Studios. Or more precisely, Paramount Classics: the "specialty" subdivision whose logo depicts a diminished mountain in the far distance through a foreground studio gate.

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I could be missing a turn in the very near future. The long-awaited — by me — Alain Resnais retrospective at the American Cinematheque (Egyptian Theatre), reportedly complete but for *La Guerre Est Finie*, gets underway this Saturday in Hollywood, and will not come to an end before our own Ken Cinema shows his latest one, *Same Old Song*, May 16 to 18. (I shouldn't be surprised if they will share the same print.) I'll have something to say about that one, at least, next week. ■

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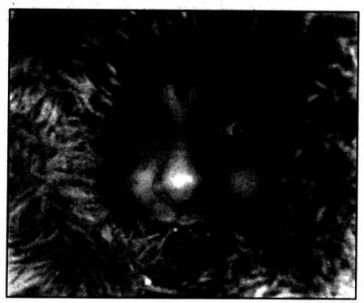

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MOVIE LISTINGS

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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 selfsame 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 opportunely 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-gooeyness 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.
★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY: SANTEE DRIVE IN; SILVER CINEMAS; UA HORTON PLAZA 14)

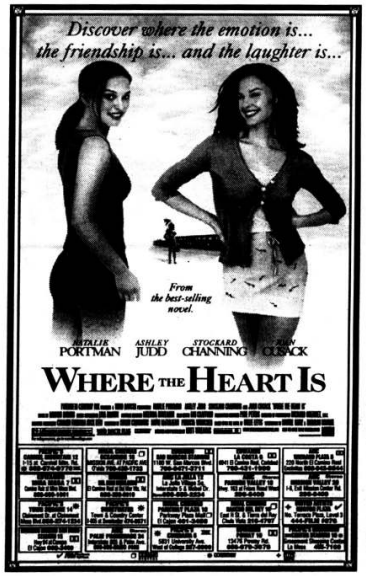
American Psycho — Knocking-kneed adaptation of the "controversial" novel by Bret Easton Ellis. Director and co-scriptwriter Mary Harron, keeping the story in the Reagan era (mobile phones as big as shoes), or in other words keeping it daintily at arm's length, wants to be double-sure that you know it's a satire — as much concerned with nouvelle cuisine (swordfish meatloaf, squid ravioli, and the like), personal-care products, designer clothing labels, pop music, etc., as with serial murder and mutilation. The resemblance to a satire is most striking during the centerpiece scene in which the Wall Street yuppies compare business cards (a civilized version of a pissing contest); and the mistaken-identity gambit whereby one co-worker can't tell another co-worker from yet another co-worker is pointedly funny. But the put-on style of delivery of Christian Bale as the hollow shallow materialistic hero, and the self-throat-cutting style of his written dialogue and narration ("I'm trying to listen to the new Robert Palmer tape, but Evelyn, my supposed fiancée, keeps buzzing in my ear"), more closely resemble a sledgehammer. (Chloë Sevigny, acting like a human being as the hero's demure secretary, seems to be acting in a separate movie.) Just to be on the safe side, the violence on screen is directed much more against men than against women. And in case all else fails, the movie equips itself with an escape hatch by leaving you in some confusion at the end of it as to how much of what you have seen actually took place. No question that the hero is crazy. The only question is *how* crazy. Well, one other question: Who cares? With Reese Witherspoon, Samantha Mathis, Jared Leto, Willem Dafoe. 2000.
★ (CINEMA STAR 6; CINEMA STAR 13; FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; UA HORTON PLAZA 14)

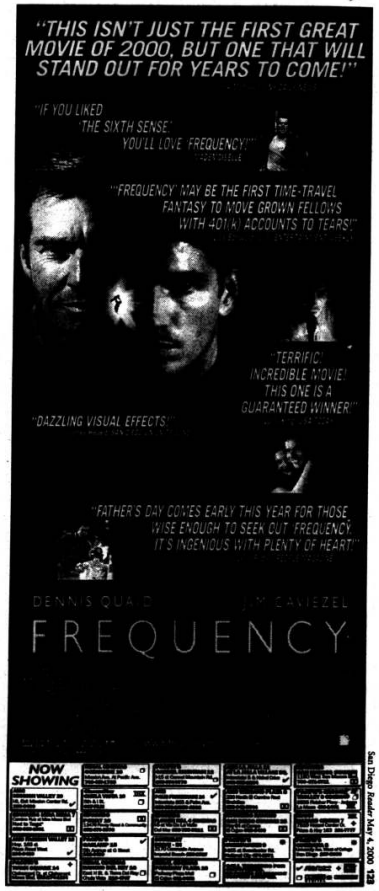
The Basket — Wartime tensions (WWI) on the homefront, with Peter Coyote and Karen Allen, directed by Rich Cowan. (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 5/5)

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.
★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

Citizen Kane — The perennial winner, at a trot, of all Best Movie Ever polls; it was hardly that awesome when it first appeared, but Time has been a favorable ally to this movie, which is, for one thing, a most convenient and crammed storehouse of cinematic tricks already executed or only dreamed of, up to that moment, 1941. As crammed as it is with sparkling ideas, it is inevitably more impressive for its individual set pieces, or set-ups, or sleights-of-hand, than it is for overall sense, or strength. And the sinister Expressionistic ambience is surely more useful for what it hides about the limited budget than for what it reveals about the William Randolph Hearst-ian hero. The principal characterization is never solider than in the perfect newsreel facsimile at the start of the movie; after that, it disperses into the shadows, the dramatic camera angles, the mummy makeup, the pop psychoanalysis. Starring and directed by Orson Welles, at age twenty-six; written by Herman Mankiewicz; photographed by Gregg Toland; with Joseph Cotten, Dorothy Comingore, Everett Sloan.
★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 5/6, 8 AND 10 P.M.)

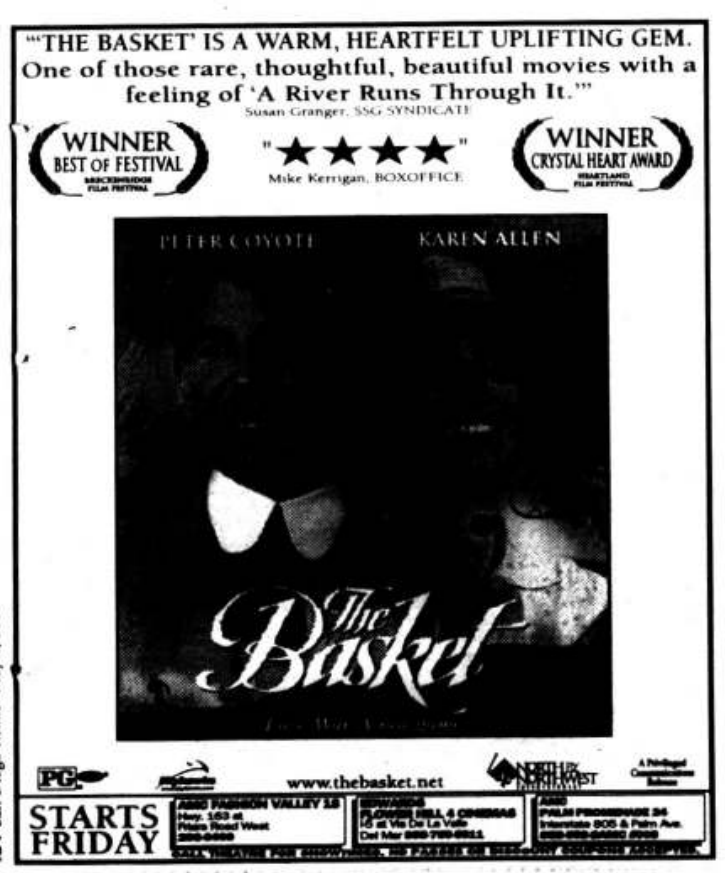
The Color of Paradise — Iranian filmmaker Majid Majidi's entry into the world of a blind boy, a triumph of humility and empathy. The boy's openness to the world around him in contrast to his father's insulation from it is a constant theme: the soundtrack, in one instance, quiets down to just the distant birdcall that brings a private











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smile to the boy's face while his father is caught up in doing business, completely oblivious to his child's source of delight. Which of them is blind? Which is more alive? A simple truth, simply illustrated, and copiously. The movie is very sensuous in its sounds (the rhythm of a woodpecker interrupted by a snorting horse) as well as in its imagery: the tactility of rocks in a stream, a field of grain, wildflowers. Majidi upholds the unfashionable humanist tradition in cinema (marvelous faces on the blind boy, the sullen father, the crinkly granny), but he does so with enormous formal precision, besides, and poetic imagination (the rising fog bank that signals the ebb of life). Like the same director's *Children of Heaven*, like Jafar Panahi's *The White Balloon* from the same spot on the map, this is a movie about children, but quite unlike those others, it is not also *for* them. There is no pair of sneakers, no goldfish, no tangible reward, at the finish line — not in *this* world, anyway. 1999.
★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Devil Is a Woman — The last of Josef von Sternberg's collaborations with (i.e., adulations of) Marlene Dietrich, a made-to-order adaptation of the Pierre Louys novel, *La Femme et le Pantin* (lit., *The Woman and the Puppet)*. Choked with décors and atmosphere — to the point of asphyxiation. Pretty impressive before you lose consciousness. Luis Buñuel's remake, under the title *That Obscure Object of Desire*, let in all sorts of fresh air. With Cesar Romero, Lionel Atwill. 1935.
★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 5/5, 5 AND 9 P.M.)

East Is East — Culture-clash comedy, set in Manchester in 1971. A transplanted Paki, who himself has taken an Anglo wife, is for some reason determined that his own sons be brought up in the old way: arranged marriages and no guff. The quest for humor stoops to large quantities of pee-pee, a belated circumcision, and a broad streak of cruelty toward ill-favored women. And the anti-traditionalist bias is so overpowering that the quest pauses altogether for a nasty detour into physical abuse. But it is not until the climactic meeting with the family of the brides-to-be, and the exact moment when a foam-rubber "sculpture" of a vulva falls in the lap of the future mother-in-law, that the movie crosses over the border from unfunny to detestable. Om Puri, Linda Bassett, Jordan Routledge, Archie Punjabi; written (from his own stage play) by Ayub Khan-Din; directed by Damien O'Donnell. 1999.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)


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East-West — Old-fashioned women's picture, true in spirit to the period in which it is set, centered around the dutiful French wife of a Russian émigré who accepts Stalin's limited-time offer of repatriation, post-WWII. Once the couple (plus their small son, for whom the movie has little time) are securely behind the Iron Curtain, the Soviet welcoming committee is free to show its true shade of red: "Ninety percent of returning Russians are imperialist spies" — and are accordingly shot dead on the spot or shipped off to the gulag. The heroine is spared only because her husband, a medical man, merits special consideration: one dismal room in a communal apartment in Kiev. (A telling detail: the toilet seat hung outside the bathroom door when not in use.) The wife immediately begins making plans to return to France — "They can't force us to stay" — and is still making them eight years later, after Stalin's death, not to mention after her husband has moved in with a neighbor woman and after she herself has snuggled up with the sinewy young athlete on the national swimming team. ("That's all very French," remarks a hard-line Party member.) The anti-Communist film somehow seems no longer as sporting, as stimulating, as arousing, as in the days when it could invite charges ranging from fogyism to fascism. Even so, it can well enough serve the purposes of unambiguous melodrama, and it can make a nice change from the Nazi (or more fashionably, Arab terrorist) film: there is always a need for the dyed-in-the-wool bad guy. Here we are given the bonus of some sticky domestic difficulties (whose side is the husband really on?), and the larger bonus of one of the world's supreme actresses, Sandrine Bonnaire. With Oleg Menchikov, Serguei Bodrov, Jr., and Catherine Deneuve; directed by Regis Wargnier. 1999.
★★ (COVE)

Erin Brockovich — Ostensibly this has to do with a factual water-contamination case not unlike that of *A Civil Action*. But more centrally and essentially, it has to do with Julia Roberts's hitherto unnoticed boobs, which are pushed up, pressed together, and popped out — where did *these* come from? — in an assortment of streetwalker outfits which the financially strapped heroine sees no reason to modify ("I think I look nice") simply because she is handed a charity job as a law-office gofer. The case — the movie — is all about *her*, and never mind any victims of the contaminated water. *Her* personal problems. *Her* gumption and moxie. *Her* outrage. *Her* compassion. *Her* dedication. *Her* sacrifice. *Her* reward. (It is precisely there, at the very end, that the movie splits off most radically from *A Civil Action*, a split from the spiritual to the material: seven digits' worth.) And oh yes, it bears repeating: *her* boobs. All of which will no doubt be totally acceptable to the viewer who wants only to identify with the protagonist and to soak up the vicarious flattery. Albert Finney, as the obligatory attorney (i.e., necessary evil) on the case, is his usual commanding self, though humiliatingly subordinated to Roberts. Director Steven Soderbergh, too, while he oversees some fine shots of tacky, ugly, desolate So-Cal scenery, has had to pack up all that nonlinear fancywork he was fiddling around with in *The Limey* and *Out of Sight*. This is, don't ever forget it, a Julia Roberts vehicle, and her director must buckle down to the straightforward task of emotional coercion. Aaron Eckhart, Marg Helgenberger, Peter Coyote. 2000.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINEMA STAR 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

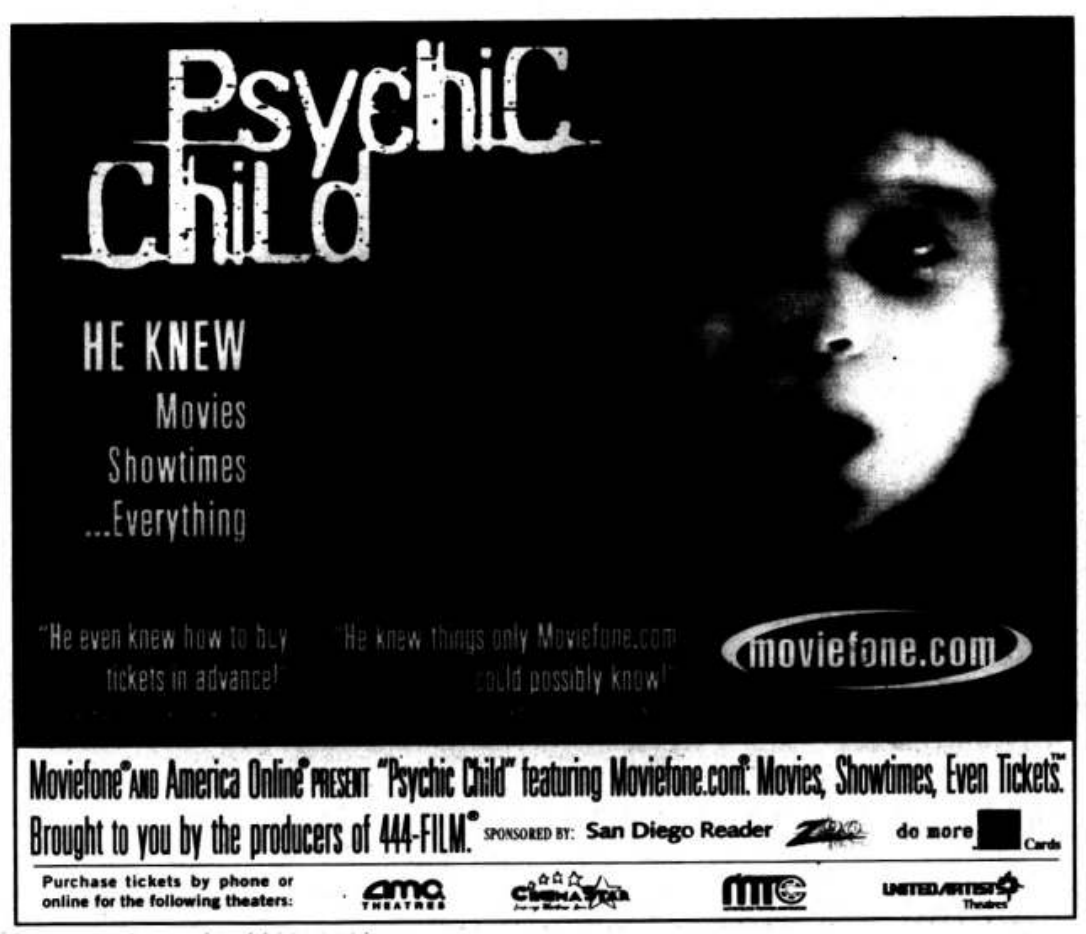
The Filth and the Fury — Julien Temple's documentary on the British punk band, The Sex Pistols.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/5; KEN, THROUGH 5/4)

The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas — Live-action sequel (prequel, really: Fred and Barney meet Wilma and Betty, and a little green man from outer space visits Earth to observe), with an all-new, B-team cast of Mark Addy, Stephen Baldwin, Kristen Johnston, and Jane Krakowski, plus Joan Collins as a "guest star" in place of Elizabeth Taylor. Not worth the bother. Theirs or ours. Directed by Brian Levant. 2000.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINEMA STAR GALAXY; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RAMONA TWIN; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; STUDIO 3 CINEMAS; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN AND COUNTRY; TOWN SQUARE 14; WIEGAND PLAZA)

Frequency — Typical time-travel brain-twister, with a mere ham radio serving as time machine, enabling a thirty-something New York cop to converse with his late father, both of them speaking into the same microphone in the same house in Queens over a distance of three decades: "We gotta be talkin' off the mother sunspot of all time!" The son uses his knowledge of intervening events to save his father from the fire that killed him, but that change brings about another change: the murder of his mother. Why? What was different? What to do about it? In the frantic action of the finale, please don't neglect to ask yourself how the police failed for thirty years to make an arrest on a serial murderer whose identity was known to them, who left them a bagful of incriminating evidence, and one of whose hands has been freshly blown off by a shotgun. With Dennis Quaid, Jim Caviezel, Andre Braugher, and Noah Emmerich; directed by Gregory Hoblit. 2000.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINEMA STAR GALAXY; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN AND COUNTRY; TOWN SQUARE 14; WIEGAND PLAZA)

Gladiator — Rome's greatest general, Maximus, reduced to a slave (Minimus, that would be), then resurrected as a star of the sporting arena (not necessarily Circus Maximus). Throwback historical epic with all the modern amenities: overamplified digital sound, computer-generated sets, blue-rinsed and butter-basted photography, herky-jerky hallucinatory slow-motion, time-lapse clouds, music-video-style dream scenes, Jackson Pollock dribbles and sprays of gore — and no narrative facility whatever. With Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix, Connie Nielsen, Richard Harris, Derek Jacobi, Djimon Hounsou, and Oliver Reed; directed by Ridley Scott. 2000.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINEMA STAR GALAXY; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA CINEMAS; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; WIEGAND PLAZA; FROM 5/5)

High Fidelity — Cool-cat comedy centered around the owner of a used-records store called Championship Vinyl, his love life past and present, and his two nerdy clerks. The arcane shoptalk will perhaps be of interest to those who can decipher it, but it makes no noticeable effort to engage the outsider. The musical content notwithstanding (including, of course, an oldies-laden soundtrack), this is a ball-and-chain literary film, a garrulous transcription of a first-person confessional novel by Nick Hornby, in which the hero chews our collective ear off in direct address to the camera: "I'd have to say that my all-time favorite book is *Cash* by Johnny Cash," etc. John Cusack tends to be a bit too conscious of and cozy with the camera even under ordinary circumstances, and here he is like Narcissus in a maze of mirrors. Jack Black and Todd Louiso play the musical nerds as if they want to be sure to be included in any TV-sitcom spinoff. (Each of their characters is allowed to blossom in a manner that prizes crowd reaction over credibility.) The casting of the hero's most recent lover — the all but unknown and unpronounceable Danish actress, Iben Hjejle, a sort of cross between Patricia Arquette and Mary Stuart Masterson in their respective peroxide modes — is successful in cutting off any audience expectations. And the performance









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itself is successful in concealing any foreign origins. Bigger names in smaller parts — Tim Robbins, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Lili Taylor, Lisa Bonet, Natasha Gregson Wagner, Sara Gilbert, Joan Cusack, well cast as the hero's sister, and "The Boss" himself, Bruce Springsteen — lend the movie the air of the bandwagon. Directed by Stephen Frears. 2000.
★ (CINEMA STAR 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

I Dreamed of Africa — Hugh Hudson's treatment of Kuki Gallmann's memoir, starring Kim Basinger.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINEMA STAR GALAXY; CINEMA STAR 13; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA CINEMAS; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; WEGAND PLAZA; FROM 5/5)

Joe Gould's Secret — Stanley Tucci's third directing effort (his second solo), all starring himself, all period pieces, all dealing with one or another aspect of the Artistic Temperament, only this one based on fact. In it, Tucci plays the Southern-bred *New Yorker* staff writer Joe Mitchell, who profiles a true-blue bohemian with darker



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tendencies toward outright bum, moocher, and madman — a former eugenicist who claims to have "measured the heads of a thousand Chippewa Indians," and author himself of an ongoing "oral history of the world," currently sitting at "one million, two hundred thousand words," the actual existence of which is in serious doubt. E.E. Cummings and Ezra Pound are said to have written poems about him. A nude portrait of him with three penises is presented before our very eyes. And Ian Holm impersonates him as a sort of unstable weather pattern of histrionic flurries, squalls, gusts, and thunderstorms. Quite a character; not much of a movie. Not much, that is, in the way of incident, nor in the way of momentum, nor (apart from some last-minute romanticizing) in the way of a resolution. Interesting situation of the journalist's inability to shake free of his pesky subject after his piece is finished and published. Uninteresting and unsatisfying situation of a mysterious anonymous benefactor who puts up the bohemian at a seedy residential hotel for a time, and then puts him down again. Susan Sarandon, Hope Davis, Steve Martin. 2000.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Just, Melvin — Documentarian James Ronald Whitney explores the repercussions of his own grandfather's sex crimes.
(UCSD, MANDEVILLE AUDITORIUM, 5/4, 8:45 P.M.)

Keeping the Faith — Edward Norton, making his directorial debut, shares screen time with Ben Stiller in the roles of boyhood pals who've gone separate but parallel ways — priest and rabbi — as hip, happening, new, now, popular, popularizing, palm-slapping types of clergymen. In short, "the God Squad." Then the Third Musketeer from their youth, the girl they haven't seen since junior high, comes back into their lives, forming a smirky, sniggery romantic triangle. The worst of the silliness (the rabbi passes out at a circumcision, the priest bonks a parishioner on the head with the swinging censer, sets fire to his own vestment, jumps into the font of holy water to put it out) settles down before long, and Jenna Elfman remains a gifted comedienne even when miscast as a sleek high-powered workaholic. Glibness and superficiality, however, prevail throughout. We might have thought that Norton, who after all has acted for Woody Allen, Milos Forman (seen in a cameo role here), John Dahl, and David Fincher, would have wanted as a filmmaker to position himself somewhere near the much coveted "edge" and well away from the middle of the road. Our mistake. With Anne Bancroft, Eli Wallach. 2000.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RAMONA TWIN; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; STUDIO 3 CINEMAS; TOWN SQUARE 14; WEGAND PLAZA)

The Lady from Shanghai — Orson Welles takes a nose-holding leap toward Low Camp with a pulp thriller (narrated, first-person, in Welles's unctuous Irish brogue) about a gullible, ham-fisted sailor who is sucked into a murder scheme, making him the patsy. The cast of characters is peopled by twisted, obscene predators — Rita Hayworth in a blond hairdo styled like shampoo lather, the pop-eyed Everett Sloane tottering around with leg braces and canes, Glenn Anders whining and whinnying through a sweaty mouth. The famous fun-house sequence is a virtuoso turn, all right, although Welles does not trouble to find a plausible way into it or out of it. 1948.
★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 5/6, 8:20 P.M.)

The Last September — Reviewed this issue. With Keeley Hawes, Maggie Smith, Michael Gambon, and Fiona Shaw; directed by Deborah Warner.
★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Love and Basketball — The slant is heavily toward love, but the lovers — next-door neighbors since elementary school — have no personalities other than as basketball players. If the movie itself were a ballplayer, the scouting report would read, "Slow afoot, with limited mobility and telegraphed moves." Christine Dunford has the right attitude in the small part of the USC women's coach, and Erika Ringor looks good, too, in the slightly larger one of a rival point guard. With Sanaa Lathan, Omar Epps, Dennis Haysbert, Alfre Woodard, Debbi Morgan; written and directed by Gina Prince-Bythewood. 2000.
● (CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9)

Mission to Mars — Brian De Palma in command of Mission Control — and it is not a happy sight to see this alumnus of the New Hollywood *circa* 1969-75, this ape of Welles and Hitchcock, this former pet of Pauline Kael, hurl himself headlong into the maelstrom of special effects. The image of one of his spacemen torn to bits in a colony Martian sand spout has symbolic implications beyond the immediate impression of "Oh, yuck!" The ensuing rescue mission in search of possible survivors of the disaster is part-*2001* mysticism and part-*Close Encounters* Pollyannism, and both parts bombast. The cardboard characters and the confusing crises along the way do not prevent De Palma (or musical composer Ennio Morricone) from trying to climb to operatic emotional heights. Trying, yes. Only trying. With Gary Sinise, Tim Robbins, Don Cheadle, Connie Nielsen, and Jerry O'Connell. 2000.
★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Ninth Gate — It must have sounded like a promotional piece of cake: the director of *Rosemary's Baby* returning to the diocese of devil worship. But no one could accuse Roman Polanski of crass capitalization, much less crass capitalism. This is not an *End of Days*. It is an anti-*End of Days*, almost (if you will) a Return to the Good Old Days, holding special effects at bay — insofar as is still humanly possible — and following the flatfooted course of a classical detective story. And in some ways it is even better than a return to the old days, because it demands from its director a greater force of personality — a greater force of perversity — to make it in this manner today, and because, too, the director's style is now more mature and self-assured, with a relaxing of all that fish-eye bulging and warping of *Rosemary's Baby*. Polanski, schooled among the ancients, or in other words before the advent of the Steadicam and the Computer-Generated Image, is a consummate craftsman, with a thoroughgoing attention to color, music (the esteemed concert-hall composer, besides film composer, Wojciech Kilar), mood, flow, the felicitous touch, the telling detail, the oblique angle, the overall design. Anyone who shares his taste for such niceties will feel well fed for most of the way. Maybe the absence of a figure of virtue is a serious void in the movie: what good is Evil without Good? And maybe the supernatural prowess of the athletic-shoed Emmanuelle Seigner (Polanski's wife) is glimpsed too soon. But the larger defect is that the weakness of the detective-hero (Johnny Depp, whose glasses-and-goatee disguise only accentuates his superficiality), or more exactly the weakness of his purpose and motivation, becomes a weakness in the movie itself the longer it goes on. And at two and a quarter hours, it goes on much too long. At that length, the ending (after overshooting the perfectly satisfactory ending of the original novel, Arturo Pérez-Reverte's *El Club Dumas*) is a bit of a fizzle. With Frank Langella, Lena Olin. 2000.
★★★ (CINEMA STAR 6; GASLAMP 15)

Not Love, Just Frenzy — Comic thriller from Spain, with Bibi Andersen and Liberto Rabal, co-directed by Alfonso Albacete, Miguel Bardem, and David Menkes.



The Last September

(KEN, 5/5 THROUGH 9)

Our Hospitality — Buster Keaton's city slicker is conducted on an elastic, cartoony railroad line into D.W. Griffith's native territory and into a Hatfield-McCoy feud. The 19th-century rural setting seems to bring out Keaton's keenest eye; the comedy stunts performed by the director-star look so risky as to elicit more worry than laughter. 1923.
★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 5/7, 12, 2, AND 4 P.M.)

Pitch Black — Mildly disappointing, coming as it does from the writer-director of *The Arrival*, an efficient little s-f thriller in the body-snatcher mode. David Twohy has here an idea even more modest and rudimentary: spaceship crash-lands on planet of monsters. But the monsters crave the dark and shun the light, and the desolate planet has three suns and no night — so no problem, seemingly, until the planet Saturn moves smack-dab into the solar path. This is the best moment in the movie: the winged creatures, part-bat, part-pterodactyl, funnelling into the sky from their conical caves. There, and everywhere, however, Twohy relies much more on photographic tricks and gimmicks — bleached color, filters, psychedelia, computer animation, jiggled and jostled cameras, God knows what all. It would appear he wants not so much to tell a tale, after all, as to be out on the cutting edge, like everybody else. With Radha Mitchell, Vin Diesel, Cole Hauser, and Keith David. 2000.
★ (CINEMA STAR 8; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN)

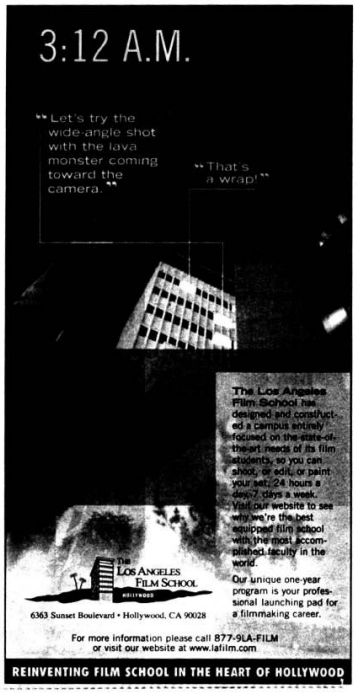
Price of Glory — "Pops" pushes his three sons — the Fighting Ortegas — to go further in the boxing ring than he himself went. Dramatically and stylistically crude and clunky — barely TV-movie level — though Jon Seda has a nice quiet manner as the eldest son. With Jimmy Smits, Maria Del Mar, Ron Perlman, Clifton Collins, Jr., and Ernesto Hernandez; directed by Carlos Avila. 2000.
● (CINEMA STAR 6; PALM PROMENADE 24)

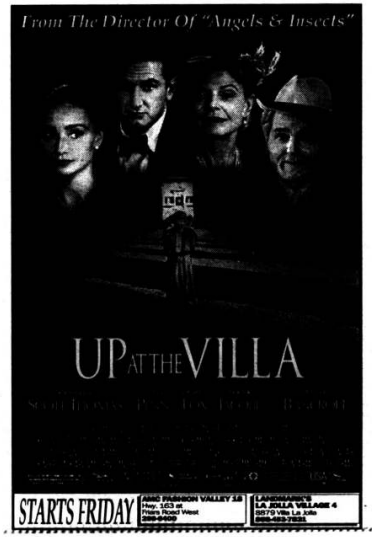
Return to Me — The lifeless widower of a heart donor happens to meet and fall for the recipient, a waitress in an Italian-Irish restaurant in metropolitan Chicago. (Various reactions: "What was God thinking?!" "Wow!" "Mama mia!") Very nuzzly, very namby-pamby, very Lifetime Channel, very forced and flat. With David Duchovny, Minnie Driver, Carroll O'Connor, Robert Loggia, David Alan Grier, James Belushi, and Bonnie Hunt; directed and co-written by Hunt. 2000.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9)

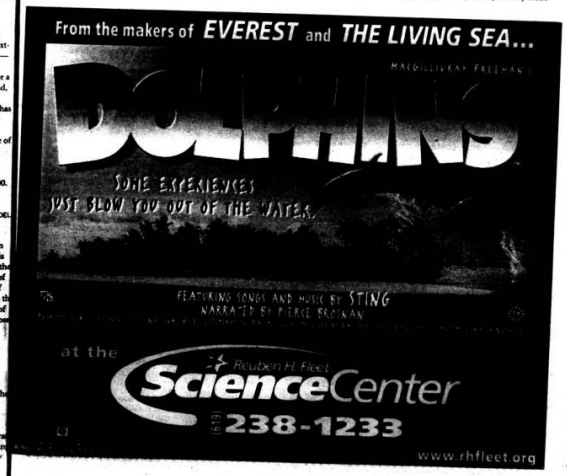
The Road to El Dorado — Animated feature from DreamWorks (with a brief *Jaws* tribute as a nod to Big Chief Spielberg). Kevin Kline sounds like Kevin Kline, Kenneth Branagh sounds like Kenneth Branagh (i.e., very British), Rosie Perez sounds like a thorn in Spanish Harlem, and the songs by Elton John and Tim Rice ("Look out, New World, here we come./ Brave, intrepid, and then some!") sound like "Philadelphia Freedom" with a Latin percussion unit. None of this sounds right for a picaresque buddy picture (is the title a conscious evocation of the Hope-Crosby "Road" movies?) about a pair of 16th-century Spanish rapscallions who find their way to the legendary City of Gold, bring enlightened and civilized values to the bloodthirsty natives, and leave the place in better shape than they found it. (The long entrance to the hidden city is pretty well done; the hasty exit from it is a mess.) The formulaic funny business is apparently assumed to be automatically freshened in the mouths of cartoon characters, but the absence of flesh-and-bone actors only serves to draw attention to the formula. 2000.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; WEGAND PLAZA)

Romeo Must Die — Veteran cameraman Andrzej Bartkowiak, who has worked often for old sobersides Sidney Lumet (*Prince of the City*, *The Verdict*, *Daniel*, etc.), makes his directorial debut with this martial-arts flapdoodle. A career step down. Jet Li, Aaliyah, Delroy Lindo, Isaiah Washington, Russell Wong. 2000.
● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Rules of Engagement — David-and-Goliath court-martial: David a divorced, drinking, limping, emotionally fragile ex-Marine, ranked sixty-seventh in his law class at Georgetown, now called upon to defend his old Vietnam buddy for opening fire on a crowd of protesters outside the American embassy in Yemen; and Goliath a State Department bad guy who, by the very nature of his office, moves to cover up the truth even before he knows what it is. Caught in the middle is an honorable,









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reasonable, fair-minded prosecutor (well played, with New York accent, by Guy Pearce) who occupies the only strip of gray in this otherwise black-and-white potboiler. Tommy Lee Jones, Samuel L. Jackson, Bruce Greenwood, Ben Kingsley, Anne Archer; directed by William Friedkin. 2000.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; STUDIO 3 CINEMAS; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN AND COUNTRY; TOWN SQUARE 14; VILLAGE)

Scarlet Empress — Josef von Sternberg's starry-eyed historical hallucination — a montage of virgins, a royal wedding set amid gargoyles and two-million soft-focus candles — on the subject of Catherine the Great (Marlene Dietrich) and Peter the Loon (Sam Jaffe), the latter a Harpo Marx mischief maker who roams through his palace with flesh-and-blood toy soldiers in tow. 1934.
★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 5/5, 6:45 P.M.)

Scream 3 — Somehow the notion of a *different* killer or killers in the *same* disguise as the killer or killers of the original *Scream* does not seem fit for *two* sequels. (It is, if anything, even more taxing than the notion of the *same* killer coming back to life, and back to life, and back to life, as in the *Halloween* series — or more respectably, the Hammer Dracula series.) And the "self-reflexive" comments on screen trilogies — not a large field when you stop to think



U-571

about it — do not seem nearly as savvy as the comments on dead-teenager films in the first *Scream* or on sequels in general in the second. Certainly the comments would appear to have little bearing on the Marcel Pagnol trilogy of *Fanny*, *Marius*, and *César*, or on the "Maxim Gorki Trilogy" by Mark Donskoi, or on Masaki Kobayashi's *Human Condition* trilogy or Hiroshi Inagaki's *Samurai* trilogy, let alone the more loosely connected "Silence of God" trilogy by Ingmar Bergman or Vietnam trilogy by Oliver Stone. Just what — apart from *Star Wars* — are we talking about here? Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox, David Arquette, Parker Posey, Patrick Dempsey; directed by Wes Craven. 2000.
● (CINEMA STAR 6; GASLAMP 15)

The Skulls — Faustian soul-selling at an unnamed Ivy League school, all for the privilege of admittance to a sinister Secret Society: sleeping potions, hooded red robes, icy white spotlights, dungeons and cages, keys to the inner sanctum. Silly as the dickens. With Joshua Jackson, Paul Walker, Craig T. Nelson, William Petersen, Christopher McDonald; directed by Rob Cohen. 2000.
● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Stuart Little — Aw-w-w-w-w. The computer-animated talking white mouse, in his high-top red sneakers and assorted outfits, 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.
★ (CINEMA STAR 6)

Surfing for Life — David Brown's documentary portrait of senior-citizen surfers.
(UCSD, MANDEVILLE AUDITORIUM, 5/4, 7 P.M.)

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.
★ (CINEMA STAR 6)

28 Days — Four weeks in rehab: laughs, tears, quips, platitudes, and Sandra Bullock. Or Sandra Bully, for all the chance that anyone else has. Viggo Mortensen, Dominic West, Steve Buscemi, Elizabeth Perkins; directed by Betty Thomas. 2000.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

U-571 — A leaky old U.S. sardine can ("She's old, but she'll hold") is dispatched on a special-ops mission to swipe the Enigma Code Machine from a disabled U-boat, but the commandos end up with the entire German submarine on their hands, plus a German destroyer on their tails. Old-time WWII adventure in the new-fangled pumped-up and frenzied style. The pugilistic camera keeps charging at the actors' chests, hammering them in the jaw, locking them in a clinch — and the actors all look as if they are straining to lift a five-hundred-pound barbell, their eyes popping, veins bulging, sweat streaming. Matthew McConaughey, Bill Paxton, Harvey Keitel, Jon Bon Jovi, Jake Weber; directed by Jonathan Mostow. 2000.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINEMA STAR GALAXY; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMAMA 9; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA CINEMAS; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; WIEGAND PLAZA)



Up at the Villa

Up at the Villa — Reviewed this issue. With Kristin Scott Thomas, Sean Penn, Anne Bancroft, and Jeremy Davies; directed by Philip Haas.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 5/5)

The Virgin Suicides — Reviewed this issue. With Kirsten Dunst, James Woods, Kathleen Turner, and Josh Hartnett; written and directed by Sofia Coppola.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 5/5)

Where the Heart Is — Southern-fried chick flick. Seventeen-year-old Novalee Nation, westbound and pregnant, is superstitious about fives (her ma ran out on the fifth of the month; it took fifty-five stitches to close her steak-knife wound; etc.), so when the cashier at an Oklahoma Wal-Mart rings up her change at $5.55, she knows for a certainty that her boyfriend won't be waiting for her in the parking lot. So she sets up camp right there in the store's sporting-goods department (keeping an account book of the supplies she pilfers), and delivers her baby in one of the aisles — christened "the Wal-Mart Baby" in the media, but officially named Americus. And so begins a standard exercise in Dixie daffiness. (The nurse at the hospital names her own kids after snack foods, Brownie, Praline, etc. — and so the exercise continues.) James Frain has an offbeat appeal as the sensitive librarian from up north, and Joan Cusack is briefly funny as an acerbic talent agent out of Nashville, but most of the rest is as delectable as a toothache. With Natalie Portman, Ashley Judd, Stockard Channing, and Dylan Bruno; directed by Matt Williams. 2000.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINEMA STAR GALAXY; CINEMA STAR 13; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA CINEMAS; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; WIEGAND PLAZA)

The Whole Nine Yards — Humdrum hit-man comedy, as thick with Cupid's arrows as with bullets. Matthew Perry, playing a Montreal dentist caught in the crossfire, works harder for his laughs than the rest of the cast combined, and his reward is to be the only one of them who raises even a weak smile. With Bruce Willis, Natasha Henstridge, Amanda Peet, Rosanna Arquette, Kevin Pollak, and Michael Clarke Duncan; directed by Jonathan Lynn.
● (GASLAMP 15)

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Call 444-FILM or the theater for missing information. Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4663 Clairemont Dr. (619-274-1234)
Gladiator (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30) 4:30, 6:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:15, 11:00; Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30) 4:30, 6:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30) 6:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:15; **I Dreamed of Africa** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 5:00, 7:40, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (11:25, 2:10, 5:00) 7:40, 10:25; **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 12:20, 1:30, 2:40, 3:45) 4:50, 5:55, 7:10, 8:30, 9:10, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 12:20, 1:30, 2:40, 3:45, 4:50, 5:55) 7:10, 8:30, 9:10, 10:30; **Where the Heart Is** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:20; **Frequency** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 5:05, 7:50, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 2:15, 5:05) 7:50, 10:35; **U-571** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:45) 4:45, 5:15, 7:15, 8:20, 10:00, 10:45; Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 4:45, 5:15, 7:15, 8:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45) 4:45, 5:15, 7:15, 8:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 4:05) 6:45, 9:50; **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 4:05, 6:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 4:05) 6:45, 9:50; **28 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:10) 5:30, 8:10, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:10, 5:30) 8:10, 10:40; **Rules of Engagement** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50) 4:15, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 4:15) 7:20, 10:05; **High Fidelity** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 4:20, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (11:20, 4:20) 9:40; **Erin Brockovich** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:40) 6:50; **The Road to El Dorado** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 1:50)

CORONADO

Village
820 Orange Ave., Coronado (619-435-6161)
Rules of Engagement (R)

LA JOLLA

Cove
7730 Girard Ave (858-459-5404)
East-West (Not Rated) Fri. 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Dr. (858-558-2234)
Gladiator (R); **I Dream of Africa**; **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG); **Frequency** (PG-13); **Where the Heart Is**; **U-571** (PG-13); **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13); **Return to Me**; **Rules of Engagement** (R); **Erin Brockovich** (R)

La Jolla Village Cinemas
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
Up at the Villa (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **The Virgin Suicides** (R) Fri.-Mon.-Thu. (2:20) 4:50, 7:30, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50; **The Last September** (R) Fri.-Tue.-Thu. (2:00) 4:30, 7:10, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30; Mon. (2:00) 4:30, 9:30; **High Fidelity** (R) Fri., Sun.-Thu. (2:10) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Sat. (11:30) 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa Seven
10550 Camino Ruiz (858-689-1661)
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
The Basket; **Gladiator** (R); **Up at the Villa** (PG-13); **Frequency** (PG-13); **Where the Heart Is**; **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG); **Love and Basketball** (PG-13); **American Psycho** (R); **Return to Me**; **Rules of Engagement** (R); **U-571** (PG-13); **28 Days** (PG-13); **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13); **American Psycho** (R); **Return to Me**; **Rules of Engagement** (R); **The Road to El Dorado** (PG); **High Fidelity** (R); **Erin Brockovich** (R)

Hazard Center
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-291-7777)
I Dreamed of Africa (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30; **Gladiator** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:15; **Frequency** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:30, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00; **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; **U-571** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:30, 5:00) 7:40, 10:15; **Return to Me** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55; **Erin Brockovich** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10) 7:20, 10:05; **Cider House Rules** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (4:40) 10:10

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Gladiator (R); **Love and Basketball** (PG-13); **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG); **Frequency** (PG-13); **Where the Heart Is**; **U-571** (PG-13); **28 Days** (PG-13); **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13); **American Psycho** (R); **Return to Me**; **Rules of Engagement** (R); **The Road to El Dorado** (PG); **The Skulls** (PG-13); **Erin Brockovich** (R); **Final Destination** (R)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6 Theatres
5831 University Ave. (619-287-8990)
Gladiator (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:45) 7:00, 10:00; **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:45) 8:15, 10:15; **U-571** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:30; **Frequency** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:35) 8:00, 10:35; **Where the Heart Is** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:30, 7:55, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:30) 7:55, 10:25; **Love and Basketball** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:20

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Not Love, Just Frenzy (Not Rated) Fri., Mon.-Tue. 3:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **World's Best Commercials of the Century** (Not Rated) Wed.-Thu. 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
The Virgin Suicides (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **The Filth and the Fury** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (12:00) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **East Is East** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **The Color Of Paradise** (PG) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55; **All about My Mother** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (4:30) 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 4:30, 9:30; **Joe Gould's Secret** (R) Fri.-Mon., Wed.-Thu. (2:00) 7:00; Tue. (2:00)

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
The Devil Is a Woman, 5/5, 5 and 9 p.m.; **Scarlet Empress**, 5/5, 6:45 p.m.; **Citizen Kane**, 5/6, 6 and 10 p.m.; **The Lady from Shanghai**, 5/6, 8:20 p.m.; **One Week and Our Hospitality**, 5/7, 12 noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Gladiator (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 12:20, 3:20, 3:50) 6:50, 7:15, 10:05, 10:30; **I Dreamed of Africa** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 4:25) 7:35, 10:20; **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:15, 2:00, 2:50, 4:30, 5:20) 7:20, 7:50, 9:40, 10:15; **Where the Heart Is** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:10) 7:10, 10:10; **Frequency** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:15) 7:20, 10:00; **U-571** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 1:15, 4:00, 4:35) 7:05, 7:45, 9:50, 10:25; **Love and Basketball** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:05) 7:15, 10:15; **28 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 4:40) 7:25, 10:10; **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 4:15) 7:10, 10:10; **Rules of Engagement** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 1:15, 3:50, 4:20) 7:00, 7:30, 9:50, 10:20; **Erin Brockovich** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Return to Me** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10) 7:30; **The Road to El Dorado** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:05, 9:30; **Final Destination** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:15) 7:55, 10:30; **The Skulls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:45) 10:25

Rancho San Diego Stadium 15
2951 Jamacha Rd. (619-660-5460)
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IMPERIAL BEACH

Studio Cinema 3
827 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach (619-429-9640)
The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (PG); **Rules of Engagement** (R); **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13)

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In
32nd and D (619-477-1392)
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South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado, Imperial Beach (619-423-2727)
Gladiator (R) and **Pitch Black**; **Frequency** (PG-13) and **U-571** (PG-13); **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG) and **The Road to El Dorado** (PG)

Sweetwater 9 Theatres
1920 Sweetwater Rd. (619-474-8571)
Gladiator (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (3:30) 7:00, 10:10; **I Dreamed of Africa** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:40, 8:10, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:40) 8:10, 10:35; **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:30) 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 4:30) 6:30, 8:30, 10:30; **Where the Heart Is** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:55) 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:45) 7:10, 9:40; **U-571** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:30) 8:00, 10:25; **Frequency** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; **Love and Basketball** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:10) 7:40, 10:15; **High Fidelity** (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:00) 7:30; **Return to Me** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 5:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (5:15) 9:50; **Rules of Engagement** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:25, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 4:55) 7:20, 9:50

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 12
11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)
I Dreamed of Africa (PG-13); **Gladiator** (R); **Frequency** (PG-13); **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG); **U-571** (PG-13); **Rules of Engagement** (R); **28 Days** (PG-13); **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13); **Return to Me**; **Erin Brockovich** (R); **The Road to El Dorado** (PG); **Where the Heart Is**

ESCONDIDO

Carousel Cinema 6
1868 East Valley Parkway, Escondido (858-480-8666)
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POWAY

Poway 10 Cinemas
13475 Poway Rd. (858-679-3878)
Call theater for program information

RAMONA

Ramona Twin Cinemas
626 Main Street, Ramona (760-789-3422)
The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (PG); **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13)

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
West San Marcos Blvd. at Old California Walk, San Marcos (760-471-3711)
Call theater for program information

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Cinema Star Chula Vista 6
330 3rd Ave., Chula Vista (619-525-3512)
High Fidelity; **American Psycho**; **Toy Story 2**; **Scream 3**; **Snow Day**; **Price of Glory**; **Final Destination**; **The Tigger Movie**; **Erin Brockovich**; **Pitch Black**; **The Ninth Gate**; **Stuart Little**

Cinema Star Chula Vista 10
5th and I Street, Chula Vista (619-687-FILM)
Gladiator (R); **Frequency** (PG-13); **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG); **U-571** (PG-13); **Love and Basketball** (PG-13); **28 Days** (PG-13); **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13); **Rules of Engagement** (R); **The Road to El Dorado** (PG)

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road, San Diego (619-558-2262)
The Basket; **Gladiator** (R); **I Dream of Africa**; **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG); **Frequency** (PG-13); **Where the Heart Is**; **Gossip** (R); **Love and Basketball** (PG-13); 5:40) 7:45, 8:15, 10:30; **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:45, 7:30, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:45) 7:30, 10:35; **Rules of Engagement** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:00, 6:45, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:00) 6:45, 9:30; **The Road to El Dorado** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:30)

Grossmont Trolley 8 Cinemas
8555 Fletcher Pkwy. (619-466-1401)
Gladiator (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 5:00, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 5:00) 8:30; **I Dreamed of Africa** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:15) 7:00, 9:40; **Frequency** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:30) 7:30, 10:00; **Erin Brockovich** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 3:55) 6:45, 9:30; **28 Days** (PG-13) Fri., Sun.-Thu. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:10; Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:00, 5:30) 8:00, 10:10; **Return to Me** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 4:15, 6:50, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:15) 6:50, 9:35; **High Fidelity** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:40, 4:25) 8:00, 10:35; **Where the Heart Is** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:40, 4:50) 7:00, 9:25; **Frequency** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:25) 8:00, 10:35; **Where the Heart Is** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 4:30) 7:40, 10:20; **Rules of Engagement** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:40, 3:45, 4:35) 7:00, 7:35, 9:50, 10:15; **Love and Basketball** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:40) 7:25, 10:10; **28 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:40) 7:25, 10:10; **Rules of Engagement** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10) 7:30; **The Road to El Dorado** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:05, 9:30; **Final Destination** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:15) 7:55, 10:30; **The Skulls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:45) 10:25

Rancho Del Rey 16
1025 Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
Gladiator (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 12:20, 3:20, 3:50) 6:50, 7:15, 10:05, 10:30; **I Dreamed of Africa** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 4:00) 7:55, 10:25; **U-571** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 1:00, 3:30, 4:20) 7:15, 7:50, 9:45, 10:25; **Center Stage** (PG-13) Fri., Sun.-Thu., Sat. 7:30; **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:40, 4:50) 7:00, 9:25; **Frequency** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:25) 8:00, 10:35; **Where the Heart Is** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 4:30) 7:40, 10:20; **Rules of Engagement** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:40, 3:45, 4:35) 7:00, 7:35, 9:50, 10:15; **Love and Basketball** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:40) 7:25, 10:10; **28 Days** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:40) 7:25, 10:10; **Rules of Engagement** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10) 7:30; **The Road to El Dorado** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:05, 9:30; **Final Destination** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:15) 7:55, 10:30; **The Skulls** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:45) 10:25

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 8 Theatres
5500 Grossmont Center Dr. (619-465-7100)
Gladiator (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:00, 2:15) 4:20, 5:30, 7:35, 8:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:00, 2:15, 4:20, 5:30) 7:35, 8:45; **Gladiator** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:15) 6:30, 10:00; **Where the Heart Is** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 4:30, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 9:55; **Where the Heart Is** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:45) 5:20, 8:00, 10:45; Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:20, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:20) 8:00; **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:45) 4:15, 6:35, 8:35; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 1:45, 4:15) 6:35, 8:35; **U-571** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:05, 5:40, 7:45, 8:15, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 8:15, 10:30; **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:45, 7:30, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:45) 7:30, 10:35; **Rules of Engagement** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:00, 6:45, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:00) 6:45, 9:30; **The Road to El Dorado** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:30)

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NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Cinema Star Galaxy 6
Hwy. 76 and Mission Road, Bonsall (760-945-8784)
I Dream of Africa; **Gladiator** (R); **Where the Heart Is**; **Frequency** (PG-13); **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG); **U-571** (PG-13)

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 12
11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)
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DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar (858-259-6610)
Call theater for program information

Flower Hill Cinemas
2630 Via de la Valle, Del Mar (858-755-5511)
Call theater for program information

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas (760-436-SHOW)
Erin Brockovich (R); **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** 9/5, midnight

Wiegand Plaza 8
220 North El Camino Real, Encinitas (760-942-5544)
Gladiator (R); **I Dream of Africa**; **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG); **Frequency** (PG-13); **Where the Heart Is**; **Gossip** (R); **U-571** (PG-13); **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13); **The Road to El Dorado** (PG)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
El Camino Real at Alga, Carlsbad (858-431-1990)
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OCEANSIDE

Cinema Star Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue, Oceanside (760-806-1790)
Gladiator (R); **I Dream of Africa**; **Frequency** (PG-13); **Where the Heart Is**; **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG); **U-571** (PG-13); **Love and Basketball** (PG-13); **28 Days** (PG-13); **American Psycho** (R); **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13); **Rules of Engagement** (R); **The Road to El Dorado** (PG)

Town and Country
2253 El Camino Real, Oceanside (760-433-9164)
Frequency (PG-13); **Rules of Engagement** (R); **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (PG)

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas
2565 El Camino Real, Carlsbad (858-729-7147)
I Dream of Africa; **Gladiator** (R); **Where the Heart Is**; **U-571** (PG-13)

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road, Del

Elk in La Jolla

You may or may not have to dial the fire department to quench the blaze in your mouth.

REVIEW
ELEANOR WIDMER

Whether you call it grazing, snacking, or noshing, you know that if you make a meal from appetizers, you won't come away full. That's why Danny "Jumpin' " Jarvis, executive chef at Lila's on Prospect Street in La Jolla, decided on a tapas-only menu. "Women love it because none of the selections has high calories or fat," he explained. "Men like it too. If they stop by for a few drinks, they don't have to commit themselves to a big meal."

In case you're wondering what the "Jumpin' " in his name stands for, it comes from a company that he owns called Jumpin' Jarvis Sassy Sauces. Jarvis delights in creating spicy sauces that are hot but still allow you to taste the basic ingredients. At Lila's, if you want something to complement your cool drinks, try spicy Asian soup with grilled prawns, or New Zealand green-lip mussels with Asian sauce. You may or may not have to dial the fire department to quench the blaze in your mouth.

Twenty-five different tapas are offered daily, some brawny, some mild. Prices range from $5.00 to $15.00 for a seafood platter that serves four and whose ingredients vary daily.

My friend selected baby spinach with grilled lamb and Roma fire-roasted tomatoes ($10); charcoal-broiled Angus tenderloin with a slice of baguette and slivers of fried potatoes ($8); and farm-raised elk with local greens tossed with sesame citrus dressing ($10). Each portion of meat was two ounces.

When it comes to what I eat, I confess that I'm inconsistent. I consume lamb and beef but was squeamish about tasting the elk. I feel the same way about ostrich. Perhaps it's because the latter two are relatively new to the market and are raised for consumption only. Rather than try to make sense from my personal eccentricities, I can report that the elk was tender, not at all gamy, and in fact bland. The elk, lamb, and steak were cut and grilled in the same manner, and it was hard for us to distinguish one from the other.

These tapas are not Spanish in style, but rather California cuisine. Nothing we tasted arrived in a rich sauce, in the manner of Café Sevilla or the original Le Gran Tapa, when it was operated by Paul Dobson. Once you know the style of presentation, you won't be disappointed. We enjoyed the wild mushrooms sautéed with the hazelnut puff pastry placed in the center of the plate accompanied by baby spinach ($7). For something refreshing and light try the urban Caesar: whole hearts of romaine stuffed with chopped chicken, shaved parmesan cheese, fresh anchovies ($6).

The night we were there the people at the bar were having an uproarious time — food is not served at the bar. An educated guess is that singles will carry Lila's. It's an attractive room, where people-people can meet and greet without too much investment in food. Our five tapas came to almost $50. Unless you are dieting, you need at least three tapas for two.

At this time of the year I receive many requests for private dining rooms for parties: graduation, rehearsal dinner, wedding. Or, diners want to know about restaurants close to operas and plays.

I haven't recommended a restaurant in Horton Plaza for such occasions recently because the parking in the Plaza is so hairy that I'm exhausted before I arrive at the main event. However, since Renzo Roder is one of my favorite general managers, I followed him from Tutto Mare to Napa Valley Grille at the top of Horton Plaza.

The restaurant was formerly California Café, and the same owners spent about a million in renovation. It offers a wine bar with 300 Napa Valley wines; a private dining room that seats 50; two patios, one shaded, one not; several nooks and crannies for small parties; and a good menu. We couldn't believe the crowds and bustling in the main dining room by 6:30 p.m. with many walking around yoo-hooing to each other. As it happened, the general manager was off that night, but his knowledgeable hand was evident in the variety of dishes and their fine preparation by chef Joseph Foley.

For openers, the pear, caramelized onions, and Gorgonzola cheese on pita bread (here called a pizzetta) is unique and for me would be just enough before a cultural event. Another good and more filling appetizer is the leek confit and portobello tart. Or select the duck confit and French bean salad. These suggestions are for those who want a light snack before the opera or theater (appetizers, $7.95 to $12.95).

Another suggestion is the saffron seafood risotto with scallops, shrimp, sun-dried tomatoes. It's listed under pastas, has delicate but mouth-appeasing flavor, and slides down like a creamy dessert ($14.95). My escort and I were conflicted over the entrée: either rotisserie rack of pork with potatoes, artichokes, and tomato compote ($16.95) or the roasted monkfish wrapped in boar bacon and served with white beans ($18.95). We selected the monkfish, whose smoky flavor imparted by the bacon made our night. Baked Alaska is on the menu for dessert, but alas, we were on the run and will have to order it the next time.

Suggested private dining rooms:

Napa Valley Grille, 502 Horton Plaza, Seventh floor, 619-238-5440. Seats 50.

La Provence, 708 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-0661. Seats 16 to 20.

Café Pacifica, 2414 San Diego Avenue, 619-291-5555. Seats 25.

George's at the Cove, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. Three private rooms, seats 25 to 50.

Rainwater's, 1202 Kettner Boulevard, 619-233-5757. Seats 25.

Terra Restaurant, Uptown District, 619-293-7088. Seats 16.

Pamplemousse Grill, 514 Via de la Valle, 858-792-9090. Seats 50 to 60.

Firenze Trattoria, 1628 S. Rancho Santa Fe Drive, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. Seats 50.

Every hotel offers private dining rooms. ■



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The Restaurant: *Lila's Urban Tapas*
The Location: *1250 Prospect Street (one flight down), La Jolla; 858-454-5218*
Type of Food: *California cuisine tapas*
Price Range: *$5.00 to $15.00*
Hours: *Closed Monday; Sunday, Tuesday through Thursday, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Hours due to change during summer*

The Restaurant: *Napa Valley Grille*
The Location: *502 Horton Plaza, 7th floor, downtown; 619-238-5440*
Type of Food: *California cuisine*
Price Range: *Salads and appetizers, $4.75 to $12.95; pastas and entrées, $8.95 to $24.95*
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Bagel Futures

"Surprise her by giving her a gift on your birthday."

It was the sofa that seduced me. I'm here in I.B. on my way to meet Carla at Seacoast Natural Foods. She's decided we're going to be in fighting trim by summer. She's heard vitamin B and lots of tofu will do it. Who am I to argue?

TIN FORK
ED BEDFORD

The 901 bus has dropped me off a little early. I'm ambling toward Seacoast Natural Foods when I notice this guy inside the Java Bean, a coffee place, reading a book deep in a sofa. Think of Lincoln sitting in that chair of his but with really soft cushions. All you can see is a big blue coffee cup sticking out, a pair of knees, and a book he's holding.

Can't resist taking a peek. "Huh," the guy says, as I come in. "Get this: Number 155. 'Surprise her by giving her a gift on *your* birthday.'"

The book turns out to be *1001 Ways to Be Romantic*. Man turns out to be Craig, the owner. Took over last October. He fights his way out of the sofa. "What can I get you?"

I ask for a straight house coffee, 12-ounce. He points to the serve-yourself counter. "That'll be a straight buck. Something else?"

Moment of truth. I've noticed "hot bagel sandwiches" on the menu board. Heck, I'm looking at a whole summer of tofu. And Carla ain't here yet. Heh heh. What the eye doesn't see, the heart doesn't grieve.

"Uh, gimme a meat-filled toasted bagel sandwich," I say.

"What kind of bagel? Plain, blueberry, cinnamon raisin, onion?"

"Onion."

"What kind of cheese? Irish? Swiss? Cheddar? Smoked Gouda?"

"Smoked Gouda."

"What kind of meat? Turkey? Pastrami? Honey ham? Sliced chicken?"

"Sliced chicken."

"Ah."

"What?"

"Got a minute? I'll just have to go across to the organic food place to get the chicken."

I ask him to look out for a woman with big green eyes who might be yelling "Bedford!" down the aisles.

He disappears. I grab my coffee and do what I've been longing to do ever since I came in. Collapse into that taupe-colored giant settee of his. Craig has painted the walls different shades of blue, with gold specks. I notice two paintings on the wall. One the famous Van Gogh *Café Terrace* painting. The other — a big, wild, diamond-shaped vision. Looks like a stairway to heaven. Laura Sincere. Sure puts punch into the rear wall.

I pick up his book. It's by Gregory J.P. Godek. "America's Romance Coach." Suggestion number 369 declares, "Most women love stuffed animals."

A girl comes in. She dodges behind the counter and drops her knapsack. "Hi. I'm Audra," she says. "Just call me Craig's Coffee Intern. I kind of volunteer, help him out. Especially in the mornings. We met at his opening in October. Craig's neurotic, eccentric, and hip! This place has become a mission for me. I.B. needs some culture! I used to have to go to Hillcrest to get this sort of coffee and atmosphere. He's going to have art exhibitions here. Maybe music. Have you seen my *Portrait of a Couch?*" She points to a painting of this couch. And another of a green-eyed girl. It's her. A self-portrait. They're good. Turns out Audra's an arts and communications student at UCSD. She has one more question. "Have you tried the red onion and Sicilian olive and cream cheese toasted bagel?" she says. "$2.50. It's my favorite."

Craig hurries back in. He has the chicken. He sets to with the bagel and cream cheese and the toaster. What he brings me five minutes later looks like a health freak's hamburger. He has piled the hot onion bagel with layers of chicken, red onion, a half-inch of bean sprouts, tomato, and cream cheese. I pay him $4.25, plus 50 cents for a coffee refill. It tastes, well, healthy. Carla couldn't object to this.

An older couple come in. They want a toasted bagel and cream cheese. $1.75. "Tell you what," says Craig to me. "While I'm making this why don't you and I split a red onion and Sicilian olive and cream cheese toasted bagel? It's the first of a whole bunch I'm experimenting with."

Can't resist. He's only charging me a buck. "See, I got this idea from the new ice cream places where they mix flavorings and fruit into the ice cream on a frozen marble slab right there in front of the customer," he says. "So here I'm doing the same thing." He slaps his cream cheese about with a small spatula, mixing in the onions and olives. "And I'll make to order. Anything! You want strawberry, rum, vanilla flavor — I'll spatula it in! I think this is the future of bagels."

Whatever he did with the onion-olive-cream-cheese combo, he did it right. It is delicious. Garlicky. I think the secret is those Sicilian olives.

"Uh, did you say green eyes," says Craig, glancing outside.

I leap up.

"Trouble?" says Craig.

"Not exactly," I mumble, wiping my mouth. For some reason my eye catches suggestion number 369 again: "Most women love stuffed animals."

Maybe there's hope. Carla always calls me an animal. And I'm certainly feeling stuffed. ■

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"The wine part of it has lost so much importance; the important part is selling."

Last week, I introduced you to longtime San Diego wine salesman Bill Curtis and to his perspective on the state of the wine-distribution industry. I closed with his statement that we could use a third wholesaler, somebody to compete with the really big boys, Young's and Southern. Here's why: "There are simply too many brands, too many wines, too much liquor for two houses to handle it.

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"The bigger companies are so quantity driven. They're very much into the quota thing, and a lot of the wine that you have to sell is…well, some of it will be good and some of it won't be good, but it doesn't matter. It's almost created a situation where the last thing that a company thinks about is what the customer really needs. They sell what they need to sell, whether the person needs it or not. If you have to sell 800 cases of wine this month, you have to figure out a place to put it. When you operate that way, then you really lose your sense or concern for what the customer actually needs.… I think that's a bad thing.

"The biggest change has been that there are a lot of unqualified people on the street, people with very little wine knowledge. Now it's a case of moving boxes, and they could be filled with Ping-Pong balls or paper towels. It's become that kind of business. The wine part of it has lost so much importance; the important part is selling."

Ideally, "You want somebody that can discuss intelligently if somebody has a question about the wines — this style of Cabernet versus that style — and that has a passion for it." Difference, after all, is the glory of wine, the reason for the vast multiplicity of brands a distributor offers. But when a distributor gets overlarge, that kind of ability and knowledge becomes irrelevant. Explains Curtis, "[Salesmen] have a list of, I don't know, 15 or 20 items [that they need to sell]. If you're not on that list, you might as well be in Siberia, because you're never going to get mentioned. Your sales will be [nil]." To get on that list, you need to have influence, and to have influence, you need to provide an awful lot of product and prestige.

If you're the retailer buying the wine, "All they're going to bring you is the stuff that they have to sell. Even if you ask them to bring something that isn't on the quota sheet, they probably won't. So, you're subjected to tasting pretty much the same stuff every month, certainly from the same producers. If you're at Southern, they're going to be tasting you on Robert Mondavi, all the Beringer stuff. They may throw in a few goodies now and then, but you're going to be seeing the same stuff."

That "same stuff" is what the retailer will end up offering to the public. This is not to say that it's necessarily a bad or monochrome product — Mondavi and Beringer make a variety of good wines — only that the scope is limited. In Curtis's view, after a while, both buyer and seller know what they're looking at; the need for passion and insight is dulled, and wine becomes Ping-Pong balls. The wines that don't make the list languish.

As much as he would like to see a third big distributor, Curtis grants that the current situation presents a curious circumstance, one that should work to the retailer's advantage but doesn't. A kind of mutually assured destruction exists between the giant suppliers and the giant distributors, but the suppliers seem to have the psychological edge. That the suppliers need the distributors is clear: "All the big [suppliers], they need a big wholesaler to sell their products. First of all, they need a contact with Costco. They need to be in the grocery-store chains. If you're making three million cases of wine a year, there's no way you could sell it if you were in every liquor store, every wine shop, and every restaurant on earth. You need these guys that can move…1200 cases [in one store]."

And yet, it's the suppliers who make the demands on the wholesalers. "They make horrible demands on whoever has their products. They can do it, because it means so much in the way of income and prestige. When Wine Warehouse lost Beringer, I'm going to say that 30 percent of their overall business went out the door. And for some salespeople, it was 50 percent." As for prestige, "You have Beringer with the Private Reserve Chardonnay and Mondavi with their Opus One," coveted gems at the top of each winery's production.

Wine Warehouse wasn't big enough to handle Beringer's demands, but then, few distributors are. Once your production gets seriously big, you can go to either Young's or Southern, and that's why Curtis marvels at the suppliers' chutzpah. "If you look at it logically, it doesn't make any sense. I don't know how they can do it, but they do it. All the big guys would have to say is, 'The demands you're making are ridiculous. We'll do this amount, and that should make you happy. If it doesn't, hit the road.' But somehow, the suppliers have convinced these wholesalers that they've got to have this."



As Curtis sees it, the limited options available to a large supplier should make them a little less bold with their demands. "Take Fetzer, for example. They've already been to Wine Warehouse, and now they're at Young's. The only place they can go is Southern. Do they want to go there? Probably not, because they're going to get lost in the shuffle… I don't know why these wholesalers don't see that and say [their demands] are ridiculous. But they go, 'Yeah, sure,' and pass the duty on to the salesperson." If they didn't acquiesce, if they called the supplier's bluff, they might be able to reduce the quotas, free up the lists, and let the littler guys make it to the retailer's glass. ■

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NORTH COASTAL

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 $35.00. 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.

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.

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 (1-5 to Encinitas Boulevard; turn right on 101), 760-942-1040. Specializes in Mexican dishes; 12 extraordinary soups prepared daily. Seek out this one. Low.

PAMPLEMOUSSE GRILLE 514 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. Surely the best French provincial restaurant 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 atmosphere with excellent service. Upper moderate to expensive.

POTATO SHACK CAFE 120 West I Street (off South Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. If you love potatoes, you'll discover heaven at this breakfast and lunch café. You may have American fries, French fries, baked potatoes, potatoes in patties, and potatoes covered with various toppings. American fries are an all-you-can-eat treat. The omelets are also fine and so are the hotcakes. One hotcake covers an entire plate. Every item is fresh and interesting and it's a great place for children. Lots of fun. Arrive early weekends. Open daily. Low.

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.

SCALINI 3790 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-259-9944. A handsome dining room offers northern Italian specialties with at least ten pasta dishes. All items on menu, which includes fresh fish and seafood, are tempting and well prepared. Imposing surroundings and excellent service. One of the best Italian restaurants in North County. Open for dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive.

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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. Chieu-Anh enhances the selection of fine dining rooms in Rancho Bernardo. Closed Monday. Open for lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low.

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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. Closed Monday. Moderate.

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Thai Orchid Cuisine	2 for 1 dinner
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phere. 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.

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.

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.

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

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 (*song 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.

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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.

CUCINA FRESCA 1851 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9490 or 619-224-9470. Here's a good place for very tasty Italian food at low cost. The lasagne Florentine is especially good and so are the chicken dishes. At least ten dishes available. Open for lunch Tuesday through Friday. Dinner nightly. Low to moderate.

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 10:00 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.

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.

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

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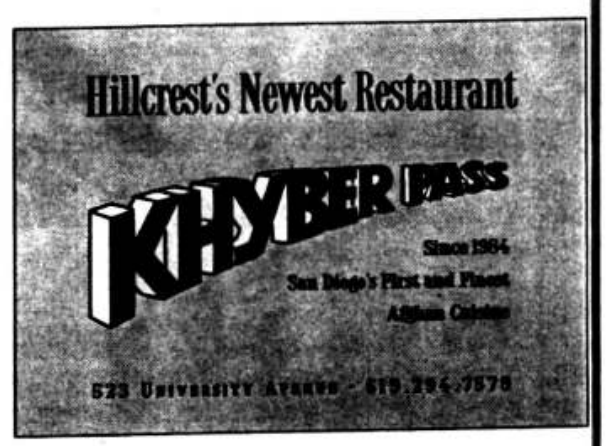





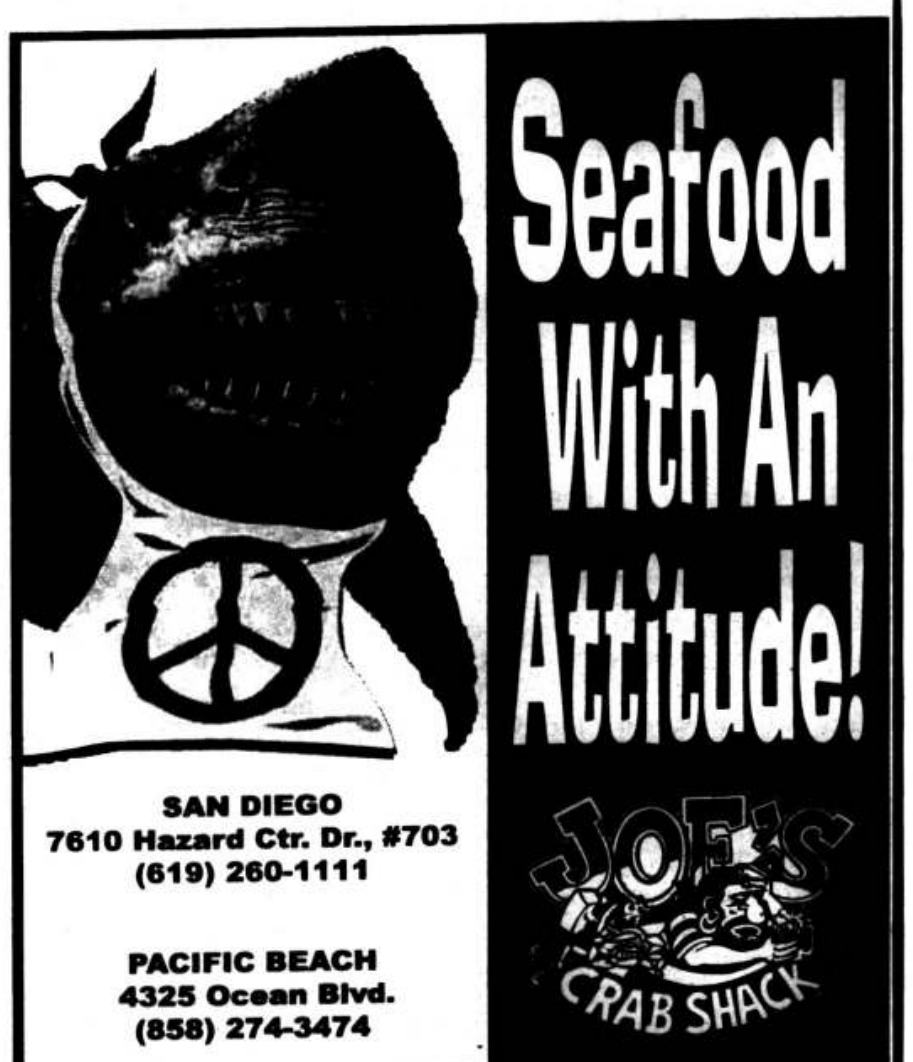



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frequented by college students. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Low.

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.

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 583-7373 for locations. Low.

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 moussaka, *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.

ANTICO TOSCANO 1288 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2768. Home-style cooking from Tuscany, unpretentious, filling, inexpensive. Good soups, salads, pastas. Open daily, lunch 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.

KEMO SABE 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University), 619-220-6802. The name means "trusted friend," and the stunning setting and the presentation of the food bear this out. The cuisine is Southwestern with Pacific Rim influences — lots of hot stuff. The offerings are innovative, complex, and of the highest quality, but you must be able to tolerate very spicy food to enjoy this restaurant. Open daily. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. 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.

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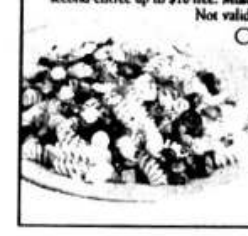

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. $10-$12/hour in growing South Bay area. Retail background preferred. Must be bilingual Spanish. No fee. Apple One, Chula Vista. Fax resume to 619-409-8927. Call 619-409-1401.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/Receptionist. Personable, organized, customer service oriented individual who enjoys multi-tasking needed for our dynamic, Solana Beach based team. Fun work environment. Please fax your resume to: 858-793-4909.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Full-time or job sharing. Part timers get medical. Customer Service, data entry, computer literate, phones, light bookkeeping. $9/hour. Kearny Mesa. 858-576-1346.

ADMINISTRATION. (Intern position) for Agape movers in Mission Valley, part time for full time. Call Jim, 619-584-2300.

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AIDE. Female, easy part-time travel aide, for active retired doctor. Full-time outside job is fine. Speak English. Mornings, 858-490-9265.

AIDE. Looking for strong male/female to help quadriplegic male, wheelchair bound. Morning, evening, and weekend hours. Please call for further details. 619-698-2549.

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AIT FIELD TECHNICIAN. 8 years experience in test, inspection and repair of shipboard electronic systems. Experience should include: leading/managing test and inspection efforts; interfacing with military and civilian personnel; performing system level testing, fault isolation and repair; providing on-the-job training on equipment/system operation and maintenance to ship's force and other personnel. Experience with JMCIS/GCCS-M, ATM LAN and networking a plus! U.S. citizenship required. Travel required. Must be eligible for a Government Security Clearance which includes a background investigation. For immediate consideration, fax your resume to: 858-569-6719, Attention: Felipe Pena; e-mail to: fpena@rcisd.com; mail to: Resource Consultants, Inc., Attention: Felipe Pena, 3760 Convoy Street, Suite 321, San Diego, CA 92111. www.resourceconsultants.com.

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APARTMENT, ASSISTANT Managers. 2 people needed. Experienced with office and maintenance skills. Large, Senior, HUD, building. No pets. Excellent benefits including 1, small, 1 bedroom apartment. Fax resumes to: 619-294-8590 or for more information, call 619-291-3883.

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DEADLINES: Business classifieds are accepted until 6pm Tuesday, two days prior to the issue. Call by Friday for early-placement discounts. Ads may be placed by phone using a credit card ([619] 235-8200) or in person (1703 India Street, Downtown). Hours are 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday, and until 6pm Tuesday.

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BY PHONE: With a touch-tone phone and a Visa, Discover, or MasterCard, you can use our 24-hour Ad Line. Just fill out the form below before calling; then be ready to dictate the information into the system when requested. Call (619) 233-9797, ext. 8055.

BY FAX: Simply complete this form, photocopy it, and then fax it to us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at (619) 233-7907. Payment must be made using either Visa, Discover, or MasterCard.

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24-Hour Phone: (619) 233-9797, ext. 8055   24-Hour Fax: (619) 233-7907

Deadline: 6pm Monday

Write your ad below, listing the item for sale first, followed by its description (including price) and ending with the phone number. Each phone number counts as one word; ads over 25 words will be edited. Refer to the Table of Contents to determine the classified category you want. If you are unsure, the appropriate category will be assigned. No cancellations accepted. No refunds.

NAME: ______ DAYTIME PHONE: ______

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This form is for $6 ads only.

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BAKERS. A La Francaise Bakery seeks Bakers, Baker Trainees, Packers, Delivery Drivers and Cleaners. We also need office entry and order help. Full and part-time positions. Experience preferred but will train. Apply in person, 7835 Wilkerson Court.

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BICYCLE STORE. Salespeople needed. Knowledge of bicycles preferred. Full or part time. Hourly plus commission. Call Jeremy, Bike USA La Mesa, 619-461-9680.

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CANVASSERS. Excellent income potential with our expanding home improvement company. Experience is a plus; strong communication skills are a must. You want to work for us— we want you to start tomorrow! Please call Ed Feast at 858-503-2620.

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CASHIER/COUNTER, experienced, weekends. Grill Cook, weekends. 619-661-6037.

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT COUNSELOR. Entry level. $7.50 per hour, working with SED adolescents in R.T.C. setting. BA required. Fax resume to Terry: 619-421-7742 or mail to: 730 Medical Center Ct., Chula Vista, CA 91911.

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CLERICAL. Office Clerk, Receptionist, Administrative Assistant, Human Resources Assistant, Sales, Marketing, Data Entry, Executive Assistant. Call TriStaff, 858-597-4000, North County: 760-471-9200.

CLERICAL. Entry level for County of San Diego. MSWord, Excel, immediate openings. Call Brandy, 619-220-0640.

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COMPUTER TECHNICIAN. If you have two more of these qualifications, we want to talk you! Novell Netware: Novell Netware 4.11 with Windows and Macintosh clients. Web technologies: HTML coding and design skills without having to use helper applications. Knowledge of Internet utilities (such as FTP), and UNIX filenaming and directory structures. Aptitude for learning and supporting a website. Work in a positive, casual environment for the nation's fourth largest alternative newsweekly. Benefits include health coverage paid 100%, 401(k) with 100% match, free parking in downtown San Diego and more. Send your resume and cover letter indicating where you saw this ad to: Reader Personnel Department, PO Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. Fax: 619-231-0489. E-mail: cwalters@sdreader.com.

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CSDA. Greek cafe now hiring. Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm. Apply in person, 5618 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley 619-297-0866.

CSDA. Part time, day and evening hours. Will train. Call or apply in person: NYPD Pizza, 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 92108. 619-296-2811.

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COUNSELOR. Meals-On-Wheels is seeking a full-time Counselor to perform client assessments, Eldercare counseling and miscellaneous program functions for Metro San Diego Division. BS Degree required, experience with seniors desired. 40 hours/week. Apply at: 2254 San Diego Avenue, #200. 619-260-6110.

COUNSELOR. Child Development Counselor needed. Full/part-time positions available in Point Loma area. SA preferred. Mail resume to: 3485 Kenyon Street, San Diego, CA, 92110. Attention: Robert, or fax resume: 619-523-0249.

COUNSELOR/TEACHER needed to teach Independent Living skills in a residential program for our Transitional Living Program. Full or part-time positions available. Point Loma area. BA required. Fax resume. Attn: Lance, 619-523-0249 or mail to: Attn: Lance, 3485 Kenyon Street, San Diego, CA, 92110.

COUNTER HELP. Upscale European cafe and bakery seeking fun, energetic Counter Help. Full and part time available. Medical, dental for full time. Apply in person: Upper Crust, 5994 Mission Center Road, Ralph's Shopping Center, Mission Valley.

CUSTODIANS. Must have some experience and be able to sweep, mop, up and empty trash, stock and clean bathrooms, etc., for major upcoming events in Del Mar at fairgrounds starting in May and June. $7 per hour. Various shifts. Call Kari Personnel, 760-602-8525 or 858-278-7119.

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DATA ENTRY. Full-time positions with top companies in Sorrento Valley. 50+ wpm or 8000 kph. Great pay, excellent opportunities. Thomas Staffing, 858-558-4147. www.thomas-staffing.com.

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DATA ENTRY OPERATORS for data management company. 30 wpm, must like repetitive, boring (easy) work in a very casual, close atmosphere. 7am-3:30pm. Long term, temp-to-hire, $8 per hour. Del Mar, right off I-5 Freeway. A Plus Personnel, 858-278-7119.

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DELIVERY DRIVERS. Great $$$. Must have car and insurance, read map of beach areas, downtown. San Diego's #1 gourmet home delivery service. Call 619-297-2222.

DELIVERY DRIVER for La Jolla bread and pastry shop. Full or part time. Must have clean DMV. For interview, call Gunter, 858-454-4705.

DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER. San Diego County. Bachelor's degree, experience, good physical condition, no felony convictions or illicit drug usage. Bilingual persons encouraged to apply. Annual salary range: $36,857-$44,824. Open filing deadline. For application information in San Diego, National City, El Cajon and Vista, please call the Department's Jobline: 858-514-8558.

DISPATCH ASSISTANTS. Experience is necessary. Please call 619-561-9755, Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm.

DISPATCH AGENTS. National Dispatch Center. Greet and assist incoming callers nationwide for the largest provider of wireless communications. Full-time, part-time and bilingual Spanish/English shifts available. Requires typing and data entry skills, excellent spelling, grammar and verbal communication skills. Generous monthly bonus program and merit increases. Benefits. Great career opportunities! EOE. Job Hotline: 800-439-1666.

DRIVERS, TRUCK, needed. Deliveries in L.A., Orange County, and San Diego. Clean DMV, flatbed, forklift ability. $9-$10/hour plus pension plan. 9163 Siempre Viva Road, Suite J, San Diego, 92154. 619-671-2305.

DRIVERS/COURIERS. Heavy Couriers has immediate openings for Delivery Drivers. Drive own pickup/van and earn wage plus mileage or route available in company vehicle. Must have clean DMV. Call 24-hour Jobline, 858-571-7398.

DRIVERS, DELIVERY. Growing wholesale bakery needs drivers for early morning deliveries. No experience necessary, will train. Full time, hourly pay plus bonuses, full medical, dental, vision. Must present clean DMV printout. Please apply in person at A La Francaise Bakery, 7635 Wilkerson Court, San Diego.

DRIVERS. A guaranteed salary and tips. Paid training. Unlimited earning potential. Yellow Cab of San Diego, Inc. has immediate openings for qualified applicants who like to drive and enjoy working with the public. Self motivated. Call for interview, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, 619-239-8061 x404. John Eger, Yellow Cab of San Diego, Inc., 1415 Market Street, San Diego. No lease required.

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AIT Sr. Field Technician: 8 years' experience in test, inspection and repair of shipboard electronic systems. Experience should include: leading/managing test and inspection efforts; interfacing with military and civilian personnel; performing system level testing, fault isolation and repair; providing on-the-job training on equipment/system operation and maintenance to ships' force and other personnel. Experience with JMCIS/GCCS-M, AIM LAN and networking a plus!

AIT Installation Technician: 4 years' experience in installation by AIT of shipboard electronic systems. Experience should include: preparing planning documents such as Work Breakdown Structures and Plan of Action & Milestones for executing installations from initiation to completion; leading/managing installation efforts; interfacing with military and civilian personnel; performing system level testing, fault isolation and repair; providing on-the-job training on equipment/system operation and maintenance to ships' force and other personnel; use of shipboard installation standards.

Electronic Maintenance Technician I & II: Minimum 2 years' experience in assembly, installation and/or removal of electronic chassis and equipment enclosures/racks, cable harnesses, and coaxial lines, cable ducts and racks. Technician II should have minimum 4 years' experience reading, interpreting and applying information from schematics, wiring diagrams, wire lists, mechanical drawings and wiring high-density electronic connectors and switchboards. Fiber optic connector installation/assembly is highly desired.

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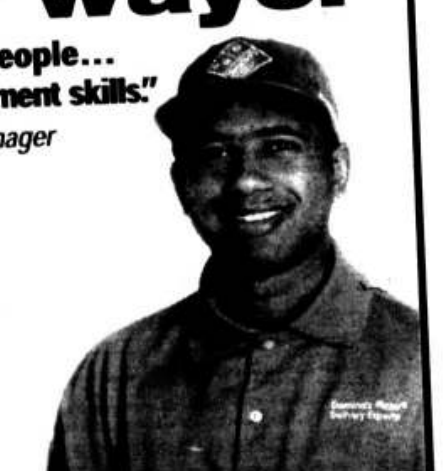

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SINGLE, ATTRACTIVE black female searching for black male between 30-39 years of age. You must be spiritual, honest, respectful, classy, well groomed, outgoing, self-sufficient. (5/17) ☎90062

I'M ATTRACTIVE, Oriental, petite, 5'. Long dark brown hair. Seeking romantic male who has dark brown or chocolate skin. No games or lies, please. (5/10) ☎90032

SUMPTUOUS, LOW-FAT, sometimes nutty cookie might crumble to your touch if your cookie vintage is 57+, sweet, tantalizing, low-calorie but slightly decadent. (5/17) ☎90086

LIFE'S BETTER AT THE BEACH! Seeking handsome, fit guy, 35-45, who enjoys working out, dining out, movies, sunsets, Padres, Chargers, spending time at the beach. (5/17) ☎90078

ASIAN WOMAN, 48, YOUTHFUL, daughter grown, metaphysical, educated, business professional, health-conscious nonsmoker/nondrinker, attractive, seeks quality relationship for growth, adventure, fun friendship and sharing. (5/17) ☎90097

LIFE IS SHORT! Let's share fun, laughter, happiness. Easygoing, friendly, affectionate, slender, pretty blonde, 50. Seeking tall, trim, educated, active, happy, caring, secure nonsmoker, 50+. (5/10) ☎90025

FEMALE, NICE LOOKING inside/out, 50 years young, trim, happy, warm, intelligent, active, sincere, brunette/hazel, wants handsome, warm, 50+, successful, terrific man. Can e-mail. (5/10) ☎90007

ATTRACTIVE, SINGLE WHITE female, early 40s. Financially solid, holding executive position. Enjoy hiking and other outdoor activities. Seeking male of similar means and interests. (5/10) ☎90012

WANTED! LONG-TERM, monogamous relationship by 51-year-young, spirited professional. No experience necessary. Excellent benefits. Training available. Flexible hours. Equal opportunity (race open). (5/10) ☎90027

CURVACEOUS, ATTRACTIVE, bright woman seeks special someone. 51, 5'8", trim, dark blonde hair/blue eyes. You're honest, warm, funny, romantic and tall— so, call me! (5/10) ☎90005

Tina Turner Legs
Athletic professional, black woman, 51, 5'8", 130lbs., seeks single male professional for dancing, travel, movies and walks on beach. Nonsmokers, all races. (5/17) ☎90055

COMPASSIONATE, SUPPORTIVE, 40, 5'7", 175lbs., curvaceous, pretty, spiritual/enthusiastic. Educational-children's entertainer seeks creative, healthy, loving, responsible, fun man with intuition, depth, beauty, open communication. (5/17) ☎90085

INTERNET DIVA SEEKS muse. Prefer brilliant, successful, self-actualized man with looks, heart, soul and an ocean view! (5/10) ☎90052

HIKER. GRANITE PEAKS towering over pines, beckoning Ocotillos, desert canyons. Coyotes, rock wrens, whiptails. Chaparral evening walks. 44, brown/brown. Seeking fit, adventurous. North County. (5/17) ☎90108

47, 5'6", GREEN/DARK blonde, American-English/Norwegian, seeks a friend for movies, dinners and walks. (5/10) ☎90042

TAURUS OR VIRGO: We are nature enthusiasts; enjoy theater, concerts, ethnic foods and travel. I'm 38, slender and cute. You're sincere, kind and good listener. (5/10) ☎90026

TALL, THIN, WOMAN, professional, 55, seeks companion/partner for cycling, running, mountain biking, Padres, vegetarian food, theatre, jazz. You: Athletic, fit, positive, sense of humor. (5/10) ☎90024

SURPRISE PACKAGE, 53, 5'4". Seeking imperfect, contented professional, 48-58. Share outdoor cafes, day trips, wine, movies, quiet times to enrich second half of life. (5/17) ☎90084

GOOD-LOOKING ASIAN, intelligent, college degree, financially secure, selective. Love animals, golf, tennis. Seeking handsome, successful white male with similar qualities between 5'9"+, 34-46. (5/17) ☎90088

LOOKING FOR A SWEETHEART. Couldn't it be you? Let's talk about it and make our dreams come true. Attractive, 60s, selective lady; adventurous, happy, alive. (5/17) ☎90058

SIMPLY SENSATIONAL! Sexy, sultry, beautiful Asian, exotic jewel. Lucy Liu look-alike. You're fit, generous, successful white professional, 40-50, nonsmoker. Let's enjoy spring and more... (5/17) ☎90087

WANTED: Interesting, educated, humorous, romantic man. Offered: White woman, 51, 5'1", 180lbs, honest, practical, self-employed nonsmoker. Needed: Someone special to share life with. (5/17) ☎90092

PRETTY PROFESSIONAL, intelligent, active, fit, 40s, fun loving. You: 5'10"+, nonsmoker, romantic; for healthy activities, nature, hiking, biking, music, dancing, travel, beach, sunsets, sailing, laughter. (5/17) ☎90079

UNCOMMONLY PRETTY, SEXY woman seeking handsome, funny, educated man. Friendship, dating. Let's get together. I like biscottis, dancing, John Secada, Lethal Weapon, live music. 34-56. (5/17) ☎90056

DESERT, RIVER, HORSES? Imperial Beach girl wants to go to the desert/river with man that has a great sense of humor and likes dogs. (5/10) ☎90028

PRETTY, SHAPELY, EDUCATED, fit, raven-haired, white lady, professional, 5'6", 138lbs., with adventurous, passionate soul, seeks passionate, educated, cultured, black gentleman, professional who laughs easily. (5/17) ☎90095

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, early 40s, adventurous, outgoing, spirited, loves movies, dining, Padres, concerts and great conversations. Seeking tall, outgoing, intelligent, romantic man for exploring the city. (5/10) ☎90029

ROUND, MICHIGAN-BRED Irish lass, 40. Enjoy Padres, Pistons. Love me for who I am and encourage me to become who I want to be. (5/10) ☎90004

PRETTY ASIAN LADY (33, 5'6", 125lbs.), enjoys outdoor activities, travel; divorced with one kid. Searching a decent, college degreed gentleman, professional, for a mutual commitment. (5/17) ☎90066

DON'T MISS THIS pretty, sexy, intelligent, athletic, active, professional, young Asian lady. Seeking attractive, smart, well educated, sincere gentleman to share laugh and life together. (5/10) ☎90030

JE NE SAIS QUOI. Asian beauty, slim, petite, desires romantic magic with healthy, intelligent, handsome, athletic, Caucasian gentleman, 45+, for fun, dancing, theater, movies, travel. (5/17) ☎90075

BIG, BROWN-EYED PUERTO Rican desires tall male, 6', 35-45, financially secure; enjoys being spontaneous, romantic, outgoing, adventurous, amenable, entertaining. Fishing, traveling, dancing. Nonsmoker. (5/10) ☎90054

BLACK GIRL, 38, seeks white boy, 32-40. You: Attractive, funny, down to earth, educated, decent shape, caring, romantic, nonsmoker. Me: See above. Let's meet. (5/17) ☎90083

GEM. Unique, traditional values, Master's degree, 45, independent, home owner, financially/emotionally secure, educator, author; humorous, kid like. Seeking tall, educated, secured professional, nonsmoker. (5/10) ☎90046

WAITING WORTH IT. Attractive, red/blue, brains, diverse, childless, nonsmoker, sensitive, romantic, honest professional seeks secure emotional/financially, healthy, honest, romantic; dining, travel. No games. (5/17) ☎90102

TALL, BLONDE, INTELLIGENT, 42, 5'7", 125lbs. Enjoy flying, working out, running, movies, music. Looking for emotionally available nonsmoker for long-term relationship. Players don't apply! (5/17) ☎90071

Attractive Blonde
Fun, adventurous, fit 38, seeking chemistry with 35 to 45 year old. Must be professional, stable, smart and outgoing. (5/10) ☎90034

GOOD-LOOKING, MID-TOWN female senior seeking companionship; kind, curious, cultured, curvaceous. In search of kindred spirit who appreciates attractiveness that emanates from within. (5/10) ☎69986

VERY PRETTY BRUNETTE, young 42, petite, thin, enjoys conversation, alternative rock music, laughter. Looking for 30-48, good-looking, fit and fun friend, possibly more. (5/10) ☎90022

ADVENTUROUS, VIVACIOUS, athletic, fun, petite. Healthy lifestyle, Encinitas. You: 55+, young, energetic, cultural, romantic, loving, intelligent. Travel? Bike? Hike? Ski? Dive? What are your interests? (5/10) ☎90008

PETITE ASIAN, passionate, attractive, adventure, 27, great shape, seeks romantic, intimate, financially set, well-traveled, playful, caring professional, nonsmoker; long-term relationship now. (5/10) ☎90037

PRETTY, OUTGOING, professional, Latina sweetheart enjoys music, theatre, dancing, movies; seeks nonsmoking, upbeat, outgoing, happy partner to 55. Share weekends, conversation, intimate companionship. (5/10) ☎69993

AFFECTIONATE, SPIRITUAL gentleman, 45-55, integrity, flexibility, available, happy, witty, youthful, active, varied interests desired by loving, spiritual, cheerful lady, 51, brunette/brown, 5'5", nonsmoker/drinker. (5/17) ☎90082

ATTRACTIVE, BIG BLUE EYES, blonde hair, 5'6", 44 years. Looking for kind-hearted, medium to large-framed sexy average for dating and possible relationship. Race unimportant. (5/10) ☎69995

YOU ARE SINGLE, enthusiastic about life, ready for love, 55-66, lover of art and classical music, healthy in body, heart and mind. Do we match? (5/10) ☎90047

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, one's a lonely number sometimes. Fit, fun, foxy, feisty, 58, financially secure. 5'7", blonde/hazel, proportionate. R&B/opera, margaritas/Merlot, jeans/ball gowns. Graduate degree. You're compatible with integrity, sense of humor, 53-63. You're not Archie Bunker, smoker, player. (5/17) ☎90060

SEEKING MALE FOR friendship, fun, companionship. I'm 44, white female, single, attractive, brown hair, blue eyes. Enjoy zoo, outdoors, dining, movies, Padres, shopping, animals, romance. (5/17) ☎90059

I'M A YOUNG, affectionate, sweet, 24-year-old woman who enjoys romantic evenings and breakfast in bed. Looking for a man who enjoys the same. (5/17) ☎90080

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 37, seeks over 36, attractive, successful male who is looking for a loving, kind woman with spunk and sense of humor. (5/10) ☎90017

JUST ONE GOOD MAN: Tall, funny, cool looks, stable, truthful, available for possible relationship with tall, pretty, selnder, smart, funny brunette, early 40s, sociable, balance. (5/17) ☎90104

NATURAL BEAUTY. Feminine, gentle, caring, affectionate Christian seeking partner, 43-59. Let's share friendship, laughter, love life, nature, healthy lifestyle, cuddling, dancing, openness, honesty, togetherness, future. (5/10) ☎69997

BY THE SEA, by the beautiful sea. You and me... play, dance, romance, whatever! Classy lady, coastal, 40s fun, adventurous, intelligent, slender, sensual. Let's love. (5/10) ☎90040

CREATIVE, CHAOTIC adventuress, 38, seeks educated, professional companion for theater, classic films and other endeavors. Life is a banquet... (5/10) ☎90019

VERY ATTRACTIVE 31, classy, honest, outgoing, seeks fit, attractive, funny guy, 29-36. Must be a people person; warm, honest, communicator. Secure in himself, not consumed. (5/17) ☎90070

CALL ME, BUT ONLY IF you're a creative, sensitive, playful, open-minded man with that proverbial edge that distinguishes you from the mainstream. (5/10) ☎90000

NATURE LOVER. Hikes, bikes, community theater, jazz, Yanni, water sports. Professional, 40, seeks physically fit professional, 38-44, same interests. (5/17) ☎90069

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ANGELIC TIGRESS, 40s petite, trim, cultured, seeks sartorial, styled, charismatic gentleman, under 6'; mutual nurturing, finer activities, casual relaxing, trips, laughter, supportive togetherness, honesty, fun. (5/17) ☎90091

Long Hair, Big Eyes
and full lips are a few of my many attributes. If you like Latin women and are ambitious, intelligent, educated, romantic and tall, 40-45. Me: 38. I'm waiting for Prince Charming. (5/17) ☎90057

GO TO DISNEYLAND with me! 5'3", 115lbs., 30-something brunette seeks potential significant other in North County between 32-45, health conscious, nonsmoker to "rec-reate" with. (5/10) ☎90049

BEAUTIFUL AND BRILLIANT according to my mom. Also outgoing, successful, balanced and fun. 35-year-old mom, one son. Are you still interested? Way cool! (5/10) ☎90003

BLONDE, CURLEY-HAIRED goddess, unconventional, youthful, health professional, aspiring vocalist loves nature, film, books; healthy, attractive, slender, 52. Seeking attractive, playful, intelligent, self-realized partner. (5/17) ☎90105

RUSSIAN WOMAN, very attractive, brunette, 5'2", 100lbs., seeking genuine man who can love and make woman happy. You: Athletic, intelligent, nonreligious, successful, white, 45-55. (5/10) ☎90036

SEEKING TALL, HANDSOME, long-haired, fit man. Into rock music, animals, hiking, camping, dining out, movies, long walks, kissing, more. Who's looking to spend time with 31-year-old, tall, slim, smart, sexy female with no baggage. No games. Long-term relationship. (5/17) ☎90072

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ATHLETIC, FIT BLONDE, 42, in search of quality black man. Must be fit, fun, strong, sensitive and honest. (5/10) ☎90011

SENSITIVE, PROFESSIONAL, attractive, slim, 38, 5', brunette looking for an honest, lasting relationship; outgoing dancer, warm. You: Sincere, good-valued gentleman. (5/10) ☎90044

CLASSY EUROPEAN LADY, young looking, attractive professional, 5'8", slim, very outgoing, fun to be with. Seeking tall, classy, African-American gentleman, professional, 39+, for friendship. (5/10) ☎69989

HEALTHY WOMAN, 46, looking for heart, smart, fit companion. More? Share breakfast newspapers at Bernini's, cove swimming, take meadow stars in, quiet places to explore. (5/17) ☎90066

ASIAN, INTELLIGENT, SEEKS a caring, fun-loving, intelligent, good-looking professional, 34-41. Me: 30ish, sensitive, spiritual. Liking healthy food. Enjoying music, beach, exercise, good conversation. (5/10) ☎69994

TASTY, AFRICAN-AMERICAN woman totally desires a tall, strong, fine black man, passionate in all ways, who can take one day at a time. Call. (5/17) ☎90063

CLASSICAL MUSICIAN/Renaissance woman. Degreed music teacher, affectionate, kind, gentle. Redhead, 5'4", 120lbs., 44, athletic ex-model seeks emotionally mature, intelligent, accomplished gentleman with intact values. (5/17) ☎90106

ASIAN LADY, 54, 5'2", loving, faithful, healthcare giver, nonsmoker, nondrinker seeking honest, faithful friends in the military, 54-60. Write to me, send picture, call. (5/10) ☎69991

KISSING IS GOOD! Exhilarating, relieves tension, slows aging, boosts self-esteem, immune system. Great kisser, 50, Caucasian, 46+, solvent, slim, smoocher, romancer. Scoop me up! (5/10) ☎90016

VERY ATTRACTIVE, FUN, 31-year-old lady, full figured but proportionate. Love movies, dancing, Vegas. Seeking handsome professional for friendship, maybe more. Nonsmoker. Race unimportant. (5/10) ☎69998

GERMAN-FRENCH professional instructor, very young 54 (looks late 30s), attractive, personable, bright, seeking degreed male, professional, 49-63, nonsmoker, for fun, frolic and forever. (5/17) ☎90107

ADVENTURESOME GERMAN WOMAN with strong intellectual and cultural interests is seeking a guy with no tie, 30-55, for indoor and outdoor activities. (5/10) ☎90009

JEWISH, 42, PROFESSIONAL, petite female would love monogamous, kind, sensitive, communicative mate who wants children. Enjoy Padres, animal lover, cooking, Las Vegas and sunsets. (5/10) ☎90043

SILLY, CUTE, SENSUAL, over emotional, spiritual, down-to-earth girl seeks free spirit, 30-40. Must be romantic. (5/17) ☎90090

BLUE-EYED REDHEAD, attractive, petite female seeks attractive, loving, faithful male ready for long-term relationship. Coming to San Diego for graduate school in September. (5/10) ☎90031

I CAST MY SPELL in silvery light, and sent it on it's magic flight; to bring a lover I can adore, forevermore... keep believing. (5/10) ☎90051

MISS EACH OTHER WHEN we're apart. 47, 5'6", full-figured professional, sensual, caring, seeking educated, responsible man. Share dinner, movies, quiet times, music, hearts, lives. (5/10) ☎69996

NEW YORKER, European, classy, slender, tall, 47-54, many interests— just great. I'm very classy, slim, stylish, very attractive, 43, 116lbs. Like the arts, sports, sunsets. (5/17) ☎90077

FEMININE, CREATIVE, humorous, hopeful professional, 37, dark hair, loves travel, writing, outdoor activities. Searching for confident, intelligent, intriguing, charming, thoughtful, mid-30-40s who loves his job. (5/17) ☎90103

VERY ATTRACTIVE, BIG brown eyes, cutie, beautiful smile, early 40s. Seeking handsome, educated, fit, financially secure man to make me laugh. Be my best friend. (5/10) ☎90021

LOOKING FOR YOUNG, healthy 60 years to share golf, outings, short trips, line dancing, movies, dining; pay my own way. Me: 60 years, active blonde. (5/10) ☎69982

HONEST— I'M GORGEOUS, young 50s. Seeking handsome, secure man with high morals for friendship, dining, travel, romance; affectionate and honest; to share a lifetime with. (5/10) ☎69999

QUALITY, CLASS, BEAUTY, whole package. Pretty, slender, energetic North Coastal brunette, young 50, seeks professional, 48-58, with integrity, energy, class, humor for long-term relationship. (5/10) ☎90018

First Prize!
Heart of gold, very pretty, nice figure, dark eyes, long hair, feminine, classy, never married, childless. Seeking love of my life, 32-45, genuine, warm, highly intelligent, successful, tall, fit. (5/10) ☎90041

TRAVEL, ADVENTURE, food and wine. Slim, attractive, petite, 55, spirited and smart seeks an interesting, attractive, fit guy who enjoys life and likes having fun. (5/10) ☎90048

REAL LIVE WOMAN wants to live, laugh, love. You: Tall, handsome white male. Me: Blonde, beautiful, sexy, slim, 50ish. Call me— you won't be sorry. (5/10) ☎90014

FRISKY COWGIRL SEEKING tall, lean, happy cowboy. Let's ride! Let's camp! Country music, outdoors, travel, dancing, mountains, collect cowboy/Indian antiques. 5'8", 125lbs., brunette/green. (5/10) ☎69985

TALL, DISPLACED Midwesterner likes wine, road trips, movies, sports. Seeking tall, intelligent, stable, 30-40-year-old white male for a long-term relationship, possibly kids. (5/10) ☎90039

ATTRACTIVE, SUCCESSFUL, active female, 40ish, loves dancing, movies, beaches, sunsets. Seeking successful, active male, 35-50, for fun, romance and ? (5/10) ☎90015

EARTH GODDESS WITH FIRE spirit. Metaphysical Leo seeks intelligent, humorous, positive, adventurous free spirit to explore life's mysteries. Central San Diego. I'm 5'10", full figured. (5/17) ☎90067

CLASSY, GREAT, YOUTHFUL- looking Asian, 5'1", 103lbs., well-balanced homeowner desires Caucasian, 39-48, very handsome, up-beat, successful, romantic; traditional values. In shape, nonsmoker/nondrinker. (5/17) ☎90073

BEAUTIFUL, ANGELIC, 27, Caucasian, enjoys many activities; seeks a 27-34, 5'10"-6'2", normal, handsome, successful professional, caring, happy, easygoing, physically active, clean cut, conservative values. (5/17) ☎90081

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, SLENDER, educated, 39, new in town. Seeking emotionally/financially secure, 35-50 companion, possible relationship. Let's get together. (5/17) ☎90100

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SEXY, PRETTY BLONDE NURSE, 5'3", 130lbs., looking for romance, fun with engineer or naval officer 30-42 years old to share dining, concerts, beach, picnics, travel. (5/10) ☎69988

FUN, SARCASTIC, active, 5'4", 27-year-old, blue-eyed blonde wants a cool, stylish, humorous, fit man for live bands, dancing, bars and real relationship. (5/10) ☎90035

CHARACTER, VALUES AND pretty! Slender, natural blonde, 39, seeks best friend for coastal lifestyle. You are: 39+, degreed, communicative, cultured, balanced, kind and romantic. (5/10) ☎69984

ARE YOU PASSIONATE? Single white female, blue/blonde, 5'5", medium build. Seeking North County Coastal man who loves the ocean, kissing, romantic getaways. You're mine. (5/17) ☎90094

NATURAL BRUNETTE, ATTRACTIVE, energetic, balanced, busy single mom seeking intelligent, accomplished man with values and integrity who enjoys communication, friendship and "cherche la femme." (5/10) ☎90002

MERRY WIDOW OF A CERTAIN age seeks fun and games with a younger man who is taller, has a killer smile and appreciates mature women. (5/17) ☎90065

ASIAN, ATTRACTIVE, SWEET, healthcare professional, sensual, nice legs/figure. 5'3", 110lbs., never married, nonsmoker, homeowner. Seeking healthy, financially stable, successful, nonsmoker, generous white professional, 32-50. (5/17) ☎90099

ATTRACTIVE, CURVACEOUS, classy, ebony professional, 5'5", medium-large figure, intelligent, spiritual, vivacious, career professional seeks tall, nice, shy guy ready for activities and dating. (5/17) ☎90064

Capricorn, Jewish
Homeowner, sensuous, enjoys being close in/out of water. 5'8", 152lbs., well tan, nice face, full mouth, reddish-brown hair, brown eyes, beautiful smile/teeth. Enjoy digging earth, slow dancing, sharing story telling, car rallies. I'm a keeper. Looking for my friend. (5/17) ☎90096

39, 5'7", SIZE TEN, long dark wavy hair, blue eyes. Seeking 5'10" and up, 36 to 42, stable, healthy nonsmoker for moonlit strolls, sunlit jaunts. (5/17) ☎90098

CUTE, ENERGETIC OPTIMIST loves to laugh and enjoy life. Auburn hair, green eyes, spiritual minded. Creative entrepreneur seeking 40, fit partner with same attitude to share adventures, music, dance. (5/10) ☎90023

YOU ARE KIND, CUTE, cuddly, considerate, clever and confidant! Bright, bubbly, beautiful woman seeking romance from a spiritual, loving, responsible, humorous gentleman, 25-42. (5/17) ☎90093

ATTRACTIVE, SLENDER, athletic, youthful 57. I live on the coast and love the ocean and outdoors. I am warm, genuine and a professional. You, too? (5/10) ☎90006

MATCHES
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LADIES' MAN LOOKING FOR that special attractive female between 25-40, no children, down to earth, warm, loving and likes to have fun times together. (5/17) ☎80033

SPIRITUAL PARTNER SOUGHT by introspective 49 year old. Solvent, active, physically fit, healthy living, slender, 5'7", open to a parenting experience. Seeking evolved, 40ish woman with a sense of humor. Let's explore dance, skate, paddle, fly and meander our way through a joyful, committed path to higher consciousness. (5/10) ☎50923

LIKE A ROCK: Emotionally, financially, physically solid, 5'9", 155lbs., 54, handsome, athletic professional seeking happy, attractive, intelligent woman with beautiful smile, sparkling eyes. Interests: Travel, cycling, music, good conversation, sunsets, fireplaces, committed relationship. (5/10) ☎70887

SLIGHTLY LEFT-OF-CENTER white male, 35, into photography, foreign films, Indie rock, seeks female with similar interests for friendship, possibly romance. Either way, a good time. (5/10) ☎70832

MAKE LOVE REAL. 26, 6'3", fit, intellectual adventurous man longs to adore and explore the beauty of a passionate, intelligent nonsmoking, music-loving woman. (5/17) ☎80045

SEXY, NICE GUY, BUSINESS owner, slightly offbeat author, tennis player, nudist would like you to be the next chapter in his book. Call me, please. (5/10) ☎70874

45, HISPANIC MALE, HONEST, sincere, open minded, fun loving. Seeking attractive female to age 40 for dating, friendship and fun. Race unimportant. (5/17) ☎70949

CHECK-MATE, STOP PLAYING games! Sincere, good-looking brother. If match your wish will be my command. College educated, spiritual. Get your groove back. (5/10) ☎70867

SAIL THE SUMMER AND MORE with me! Enjoy sunsets, marina life. Also, homeowner and nice guy. Enjoy life. Looking for female. Call. (5/17) ☎70983

TENDER-LOVING AND CARING blond musician/entrepreneur seeks lasting, committed relationship with fun-loving, caring, sincere woman, 28-48. Dance/music lover a plus! (5/10) ☎70851

AFRICAN-AMERICAN male, 44. Sincere, honest, healthy, attractive, 5'10", 180lbs. Enjoy music, beach, dining, coffee. Seeking attractive blonde female, 36-41, simi… interest for meaningful relationship. (5/1…) ☎70918

LET'S PUSH THE LIMITS OF life, love, adventure. 35, fit, active, spontaneous, outdoors, open, honest. Seeking 30+ … share great times, music, conversation, exploration. (5/10) ☎70926

HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL executive, 56, trim, 5'10", blonde, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s, for travel, happy, fun, exciting committed relationship. (5/10) ☎708…

HOW ADVENTUROUS ARE YOU? Attractive, warmhearted, successful guy from Michigan, 40, seeks creative partner for mischief, mayhem and earth trekking. Healthy rebels and nonconformists welcome. (5/17) ☎80016

SPECIAL GUY SEEKS SPECIAL relationship with petite, intelligent female who enjoys beaches, conversation and outdoors. I'm an educated, stable, romantic white male looking to begin a partnership that's meaningful, supportive and fun. (5/1…) ☎80048

SEEKING MOTOR HOME traveling companion, friend, lover. Festivals, cruise Pacific Coast, concerts. 46 look 36. Blackfoot Caucasian, healthy, attractive, sincere, creative. Are you out there? (5/10) ☎70645

CHARLES BRONSON LOOK-ALIKE, handicapper, seeks Asian lady golfer. … Pretty, 35-50 years. Let's play golf. (5/…) ☎80009

TALL, HANDSOME, MUSCULAR, honest black male, 37, seeking female, race unimportant, who enjoys working out, dancing, cuddling, romantic evenings, foot rubs, spontaneous. No smoking/drugs. (5/10) ☎70854

ASIAN LADY, 30-40, SOUGHT. Attractive Italian, 50s looks 40s, 5'10", 175lbs., secure, homeowner, businessman. We're easygoing, romantic, monogamous, communicative, unpretentious. Seeking shared long-term dreams. (5/10) ☎70866

ALL ABOUT BALANCE... health, fitness, parenting, working. Time for play/affection. 6'1", 185lbs., youthful 43. Seeking athletic, slender, energetic veggie near coast, 30-45. (5/17) ☎70974

SEXY, MATURE, LOVING, affectionate older woman sought by 48-year-old white male, 6', 195lbs., for fun times, quiet times, closeness, togetherness, romance and intimacy. (5/17) ☎70952

42-YEAR-OLD HISPANIC male seeks full-figured white or Hispanic female mothering, nurturing, loving, caring, for long-term relationship. Voluptuous, plus-size woman wanted. (5/17) ☎70957

COMEDY, MUSIC, ANTIQUES. Love yard sales, swap meets. Musician, funny man, songwriter seeks same: Nature lover, dance, positive thinker, understanding, peace, are you 30s-40s. (5/10) ☎70837

ASIAN GUY, 33, 5'3", 130lbs., never married, childless, intelligent, educated, cheerful, nonsmoker, self-sufficient, independent, seeks honest, educated, intelligent, humorous Asian female, 23-37. (5/17) ☎80046

ITALIAN/AMERICAN, 46, 6', 184lbs., professional, attractive, athletic, enjoys biking, tennis foreign films, jazz, dance, comedy. Seeking very attractive, slim Filipina, 30-43, North County. (5/10) ☎70872

50+ LADY SOUGHT BY well-dressed, nice-looking man (6'2", 195lbs., 50) for theater, dancing, fun, relationship. I'm warm and so easy to talk with. (5/17) ☎80036

TRULY HANDSOME MAVERICK with unconventionally intellectual mind, athletic body, artistic soul, seeking kind, thin, spirited beauty to share ideas, music, dancing, workouts, adventures. 6'1", 37. (5/17) ☎80035

IS THIS POSSIBLE? Like to meet nice petite woman who enjoys life/being together. I don't promise what I can't deliver. Divorced white male, 50s. (5/10) ☎70859

Successful, Attractive
Professional, 50ish, intelligent, enthusiastic, athletic, healthy, affectionate, sensitive, caring, sensual, refined, communicative. Adore travel, sports, reading, fine dining, music, entrepreneurial activities. Seeking 35-48 lady, intelligent, pretty, thin, articulate, active, classy. (5/17) ☎70958

ATHLETIC, FUN, COMMITTED islander guy enjoys outdoor water sports: 36, romantic walks, holding hands. Seeking athletic counterpart, down to earth, 28-40, laughter and love. (5/17) ☎70969

6'6" BLACK HUNK. I'm fit, passionate and desirable. Seeking a voluptuous, passionate woman. One who's good but knows that sometimes being bad is more fun. (5/10) ☎70923

TALL, HANDSOME, FIT, Bohemian entrepreneur loves ocean, scenic hiking, outdoors, fine food (mostly vegetarian and fish). Seeking slim, successful best friend, equal, teacher, student, lover. (5/10) ☎70847

TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER. Happy, healthy, smart, passionate, totally fit, young 51, 5'7". Coronado homeowner with quick smile seeks petite best friend, lover. (5/17) ☎70986

PROFESSIONAL, 63, 6', 185lbs., emotionally and financially secure, educated and traveled, enjoys the arts, walking and dancing; seeks slender, feminine; ability to care and share. (5/17) ☎70943

PUERTO RICAN GENTLEMAN OF color seeks unique woman. Be honest, warm and passionate. More importantly, believe in love and be willing to seek that adventure. (5/10) ☎70865

BIG BLUE EYES, 43, 5'10", good looking, educated, sometimes funny, trainable, enjoys outdoors, weekends and romance. You're brunette, 33-41, princess, seeking mate. Dancing a plus! (5/17) ☎70953

PROFESSIONAL BLACK MAN, 50, 6'5". Seeking female for friendship, race open, 35-45, nonsmoker, drug free. Must be honest and available. Like going to dinner, movies. (5/17) ☎80022

…, 240lbs., OUTDOOR TYPE. Sailing, camping, hiking, cooking, 4 wheeling. Nonsmoking, nondrinking, drug free. You prefer same except you're petite, passionate, sexy, openminded adventuress. (5/17) ☎80007

I'M TIRED OF BEING ALONE. I want a woman for companionship. 40-year-old white man looking for long-term relationship. (5/10) ☎70893

ERUDITE PAGAN, 69, WHITE widower seeking sophisticated former professional with elan for lunch, dinner, drinks, dancing, theatre, serious music, meaningful relationship. Great gams a plus. (5/10) ☎70891

HERPES. 30-YEAR-OLD MAN, nice looking, good build, short, down to earth, seeks 25-35 year old, cute, casual, compatible, girl next door. (5/10) ☎70885

JAPANESE PRINCESS sought by white knight. Fun, active, attractive, degreed homeowner, 41, looking for you to share smiles, laughs and sunset walks. (5/17) ☎80015

DIVORCED JEWISH MALE, degreed, professional, financially secure, emotionally available, dieting, views life as adventure to enjoy/share; seeks adventurous, spontaneous, romantic, charming, adorable lady, 46-59. (5/10) ☎70846

CREATIVE, COMPASSIONATE, witty, wonderfully entertaining, health conscious, outgoing, open minded, adventurous, keep-you-busy kind of guy, 5'9", attractive, 154lbs., brunette, 43, attentive, sensitive, sexy. (5/17) ☎80018

EXTRAORDINARY ROMANTIC, Cancer, loving, anything possible, desires 30-45 female, unconditional love, partner, marriage, children with paradigm maker, artist, teacher, officer, mason. 52, 5'11", blue/brown. (5/10) ☎70916

HANDSOME OCEANSIDE MALE looking for a fun-loving, positive-minded, spontaneous and passionate woman for movies, beach, laughter, cookouts and more. Nothing ventured, nothing gained! (5/17) ☎70962

Hopeful Romantic
Tired of staying home. Single white male, 39, seeks someone to share walks on the beach, Padres games and Harley rides through the desert. Single moms OK. (5/10) ☎70913

LIGHTHEARTED, FUN PERSON looking for something special and different with many interests like me. You should love life. Me: 5'8", 155lbs., brown/blue. (5/17) ☎70975

PRACTICAL, INTELLIGENT, 6'1" man of 53 has loved you all his life, we just haven't met yet. He is easygoing, positive with varied interests. (5/10) ☎70862

SPECIAL WOMAN WANTED for this 6', 160lb 47 year old. Love camping, fishing, laughing. Very stable, extremely honest. Clean, long hair and more, more, more. (5/17) ☎70942

COME KICK IT. Soccer dad, 34, active, fun, secure, employed, good-looking, romantic, dancer seeks fun, active, young-at-heart fem or mom ages 27-38. (5/17) ☎70979

ALOHA, ISLAND STYLE gentleman, handsome, 50s, sport spectator, swimmer, Padres, walks, sunsets, dining, beach fire, s'mores, suit, casual. Seeking slender nonsmoker, East County, friendly times. (5/10) ☎70833

DANCE PARTNER/practice partner, 35-52— west coast swing, jitterbug, ballroom, country western two-step. Taking lessons, need a practice partner. (5/17) ☎70947

NICE LOOKING, SLENDER, 5'9", early 30s, Irish and Italian wants to meet petite or slender brunette for friendship, romance and summer fun; possible long term. (5/10) ☎70876

SENSUOUS MAN, 49, handsome, cute, wants to take care of and please sensuous, assertive woman who likes to be in charge and demanding. Age open. (5/10) ☎70925

DASHING, BEDROOM EYES, 5'10", mid-40s, no children, sense of humor, secure, successful, affectionate. Seeking 35-45 slender, intelligent professional for jazz, conversation, friendship, romance. (5/17) ☎70970

EAST COAST TRANSPLANT, 37, looks 30, attractive, physically/emotionally fit; loves beaches, fine food/wine. You: 27-37, fit, attractive, slim, honest, no baggage Asian/Caucasian. (5/17) ☎70966

LONELY GUY BUT SENSITIVE. Homeowner. Need your caring companionship. Share my large music, movie, book collection. Share feelings. Friendship or lasting relationship. 57, 5'11", 150lbs. (5/10) ☎70894

SEARCHING FOR MS. RIGHT— evolving spiritually/i.e. metaphysically. Semiradical, somewhat intellectual, socially responsible, sartorially independent, emotionally adventurous, selectively sensual, passionately particular, amorously astute, unconventionally cute. (5/17) ☎70960

BROWN-EYED BOY NEXT DOOR, fit, tanned, quiet, professional, medical, unmarried, funny, 5'9", 40ish, outdoors, nonsmoker, loves children, movies, golf, stocks, similar woman. (5/17) ☎80025

HEY! WHERE ARE YOU? Very handsome, intelligent, classy, heart-centered guy seeks very attractive, intelligent, classy, heart-centered lady in 40s. Friendship, romance, possibly long-term relationship. (5/10) ☎70897

TALL, HANDSOME PROFESSIONAL counselor is looking to meet you. Easygoing, romantic, humorous, artistic, fit and fun. I'm 50. You're 35-45 and interested in a relationship. (5/17) ☎80012

LAUGHER SEEKS LAUGHER. Fun, funny, white male, fit, 40, athletic traveler looking for cute, fit, 30s female to share her stories, humor, personality, insight. Lunch? (5/17) ☎70977

OLD HIPPIE DUDE, 59, retired to San Diego, lots of free time. Looking for younger babe with a Dolly Parton type body. Must love life. (5/17) ☎70954

CHARISMATIC, 29. Intellectual. Cute, educated, professional, cultured, creative, multifaceted. Love music (rock, classical, alternative, even underground) and art. Want friendship first. Smarter the better! (5/10) ☎70895

BRAINS AND BRAWN. Male, 25, 5'10", 175lbs., intelligent and very active, seeks fit and fun female, age/race unimportant, to spend good times. (5/17) ☎70989

ACTIVE, CARING, SINCERE teacher, 58, near retirement, seeking secure, adventurous woman for relationship involving romance, hiking, hot springs, sailing United States and worldwide traveling. (5/17) ☎70940

TALL, ATHLETIC, 34, traveler, teacher, passionate about life. Love art, outdoors, long walks. Seeking attractive, athletic, traveling professional who enjoys staying physically and mentally fit. (5/10) ☎70839

ADVENTUROUS, SPIRITUAL, romantic, 40s, successful, open-minded, loving, generous, spontaneous, fit, yacht owner seeks 33-40 who loves outdoors and who's not afraid to get involved. (5/10) ☎70900

KINDNESS, KISSES, TUXEDO, jeans, charming, blue eyes, 45, 185lbs., 6', handsomely desirable gentleman, business owner. Movies, dining, dancing, friends, loyalty. Seeking fun, attractive, slender lady. (5/17) ☎80032

ONE IN A MILLION. Tall, slim, handsome professional, educated, witty, creative, 50s man looking for kindred woman who enjoys outdoors, arts, walks, intelligent conversation. (5/10) ☎70903

YOU WANT IT ALL! LOVE, romance, passion, adventure. So do I... with passionate woman, 30s, who is fit, nonsmoker, sincere and available for serious fun. (5/17) ☎80017

ENERGETIC, FIT, ATTRACTIVE, 39. Moonlite walks on the beach, travel, to exotic lands, music, arts, waterskiing. This secure professional, seeks partner for fun and relationship. (5/10) ☎70864

CHRISTIAN BLACK MALE, 46, educated, seeking female, 25 to 50, of any race, for possible relationship. No drugs or mind games, please. Thank you. (5/17) ☎70988

NOT ALL THE NICE GUYS ARE taken. 44. Enjoy biking, swimming, dining out, movies. Seeking intelligent, independent, honest, fit, fun nonsmoker, 30-50, sense of humor. (5/10) ☎70899

PICTURE STORY
Photograph from the San Diego Historical Society



Myron C. Close gave away these postcards, and others, at his seashell/cigar/curio store on Prospect Street in the early 1900s. Trixie, "an ugly mermaid made up of various animal parts" (according to a witness), hung on his wall.

At 32 years of age, Close saw action at Gettysburg. Last year, La Jolla writer George Silvani dusted off a 1909 account by a Joshua L. Baily that detailed Close's involvement in dedicating a flagpole and bronze plaque at Ellen Browning Scripps Park. The flagpole and marker commemorated the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abe Lincoln.

"Mr Close was so old and feeble at the time," wrote Baily, "that he was unable to raise the flag without assistance." Close died six years later, in 1915, at a rest home on C Street.

La Jolla writer Silvani last year raised a question that remains relevant today: where is that bronze plaque? "If it survived the La Jolla patriotic scrap metal drives of World War II, it may still exist somewhere. Is it buried under the grass of Ellen Scripps Park, in an attic, utilized as a stepping stone in a garden, or a polished artifact in someone's den?"

— *by Robert Mizrachi*

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BOGDLE, FIT WHITE MALE, runner, 5'8", 120lbs., brown hair, 30s, seeks assertive, fit, beautiful female for long-term bond. Slender only. (5/10) ☎70892

MOUNTAINS, SKIING, OUTDOORS. Mid-western transplant, real estate profession, 48. Seeking adventurous female accomplice, 35-46, into career, nature, hiking, camping, motorcycling, gardening, traveling. Big Bear escapes. (5/10) ☎70912

ENNUMERATED, CARING WHITE gentleman, 41, 5'7", 170lbs., emotionally/financially secure. Boat owner enjoys waterskiing, boating, camping, outdoor activities. Looking for one special woman. (5/17) ☎70941

HANDSOME, ATHLETIC, Christian-minded professional, 29, from Boulder, Colorado; 6'1", 175lbs., blue/light brown, North County, seeks very fit, 20ish Caucasian for laughter, friendship/adventure. (5/17) ☎80003

Adventurous, Loveable

Sincere gentleman, 6'1", fit, 50s, seeks bright, articulate, 35-52 lady. Lots of time to travel worldwide; theater, Padres, concerts. Moved from New York 3 years ago to La Jolla. Seeking best friend to share life's joys. (5/10) ☎70935

ASIAN BEAUTY, any age, vocation, location, attachments, goals, hopes, desires, sought by La Jolla writer/musician for travel, romance, adventure, companionship...intimacy, love, fun, stimulation. (5/10) ☎70904

MALE, 47, AFRO/INDIAN, retired, HIV+, healthy. Movies, swimming. Sense of humor, affectionate, devoted, loving, understanding, faithful, attentive. Looking for same. 45-50. Me: 225lbs., 6'1". (5/17) ☎80030

ATTRACTIVE WHITE SENTLEMAN, 6', 185lbs., fit, kind, romantic, humorous, seeks real, attractive, white shapely lady, under 60, 5'4"-5'8". Prefer blonde, no drugs, nonsmoker (5/17) ☎70894

NEED SENDOR WOMAN, hiltop located, for legal radio station. Program your own standon. Analyze relationships scientifically for one glorious night. Month, day, year birth date first. (5/10) ☎70931

WHITE MALE, 44, ATTRACTIVE, sensual, youthful, employed. Social outsider, almost friendless. Seeking same description, same social problem, white female under 45, under 5'7", no kids. (5/10) ☎70963

PERSONABLE, WITTY, ADORABLE. Black male, professional, 36, 5'10", fit, active, humorous, stable. You're confident, attractive, secure, honest, nonsmoking. Let's share dining, dancing. Race unimportant. (5/17) ☎70968

Quo Vadis? Tempus Fugit!

Are you 30s-40s? Childless but interested in being a friend, wife, mother? Financially secure, older, educated widower enjoys NPR, RE, travel, children, Mexico, motorcycles, my toddler, commitment, new adventure, romance. If you are fit, active, ready for stable family, let's talk! (5/10) ☎70855

NORTH COUNTY COASTAL, single dad, business owner, fun, Greek statue physique, lefties, 47, 5'10", 170lbs., brown/blue. Need nice, sim, attractive, healthy, fun, compatible lady. (5/17) ☎80021

SPIRITUAL, TALL, BLUE eyes, happy with life. Good communicator enjoys dining, dancing, travel, seeks slender, attractive soul mate to share the good things in life. (5/17) ☎80010

GOLF PRO, 5'9", 160lbs **66,** excellent shape, handsome, green eyes, loves dancing, driving, travel, beaches, seeks slender woman who wants to have romantic evenings, possible relationship. (5/10) ☎70857

LOVING, SINCERE, WITTY, joyful, trim, athletic, stable, caring, compassionate, accepting, depth, holistic, intimacy, commitment, more. Seeking attractive away playful, strong, witty, vibrant, depth/soul, health-conscious, spiritual, spiritual. 35-47. (5/17) ☎70955

FREEWAY LEFTTHROWAWAY (49), 5'9", experienced, many detours along life's highways. Wanting naturally beautiful, coquettish (30s-40s), compassionate, fallow traveller. Moderate vices OK. If lifestyle otherwise healthy. (5/17) ☎80031

TALL, ATHLETIC, SENSUAL, 33 year old, ivy educated professional seeks great friendship and more with bright, beautiful and fun woman, 21-35. Must love music, laughter. (5/17) ☎80044

PERSONABLE WITH FAITH Holyfield like desire Persian-American prince seeking modern maiden (18-28) to adore. Me: Good looking, multilingual, adventurous but shy. (5/10) ☎70924

ENTREPRENEUR WITH personality! Intelligent, playful, creative, attractive, affectionate, enthusiastic, excellent communicator. Emotionally available. Dancing, rollerblading. 6'1", 175lbs. 39. Seeking woman desiring extraordinary partnership without children. (5/17) ☎80041

DOWN HOME, SIMPLE GUY desires sharing ideas, exploring feelings, having romantic fun. Most important. Humor, creativeness. I'm 44, considered decent looking, mellow, like laughter, conversation. (5/17) ☎70967

HANDSOME, CHARMING, successful executive, 50s, centered, romantic, wants to tus, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking classy, sophisticated stylish, sensual, passionate, well educated, slender lady. (5/17) ☎80043

LET'S RIDE HORSES ON THE beach! Handsome, 6'2" 190lbs., financial professional; blue eyes, romantic, ambitious, loyal, athletic, seeks 30-35, 5'7" 125lbs., sincere, very attractive lady. (5/17) ☎80004

DESIRE 45-55, FEMININE, principled, passionate, humorous, adventurous, spiritual, fit, spontaneous, alive, successful, secure, romantic, integrity, kissable, tamed, travelled, discriminating. Me: 5'9, athletic, same. (5/10) ☎70852

INTERRACIAL ATTRACTION? In search of an ebony angel. I'm very handsome, physically fit, successful, professional, 38-year-old Caucasian male. You're beautiful, slender and responsible. (5/17) ☎70964

HANDSOME (IS, 6'3", 170lbs., Caucasian) seeks petite or slender woman for walks, talks, dancing at Pat Jaye's, Museum of Man, jazz concerts and more. (5/10) ☎70922

ATTRACTIVE, ATHLETIC, 5'6", 160lbs., young looking 56. Financially secure, unencumbered, affectionate, caring, easy-going. In search of attractive, 44-55 woman with sophistication for lasting relationship. (5/17) ☎80041

HONEST, CARING WHITE gentleman, 5'10", likes dancing, romantic, live music, travel. Seeking independent, attractive, petite female soul mate, 36-50, for friendship and lasting relationship. (5/17) ☎70938

GENTLE, DEPENDABLE, HONEST, homeowner, handyman, 56, nonsmoker. Willing to get to know me, to share life's simple pleasures. Down to earth. (5/17) ☎80027

WANTED: 25-35 CUTIE. Petite Asian latina a plus. I like laughter, rollerblade, rock music, beach. I'm 35, white, 6'1", 175lbs., business/business owner. Non-smoker only. (5/17) ☎70946

WHITE MALE, 43, 6'4 1/2", seeking black female 4-48 lbs/5'0"-5'6" for romantic nights on beach. Jazz, dancing. Looking for long-term relationship. Call now. (5/10) ☎70849

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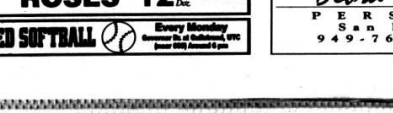



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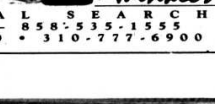

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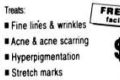

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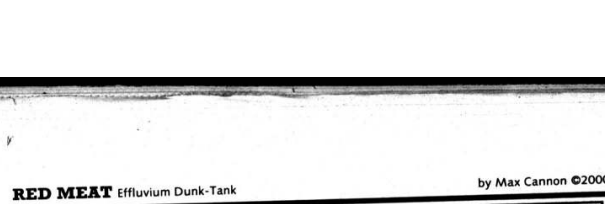

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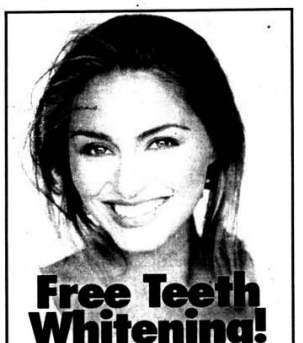

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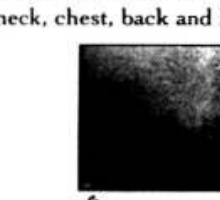
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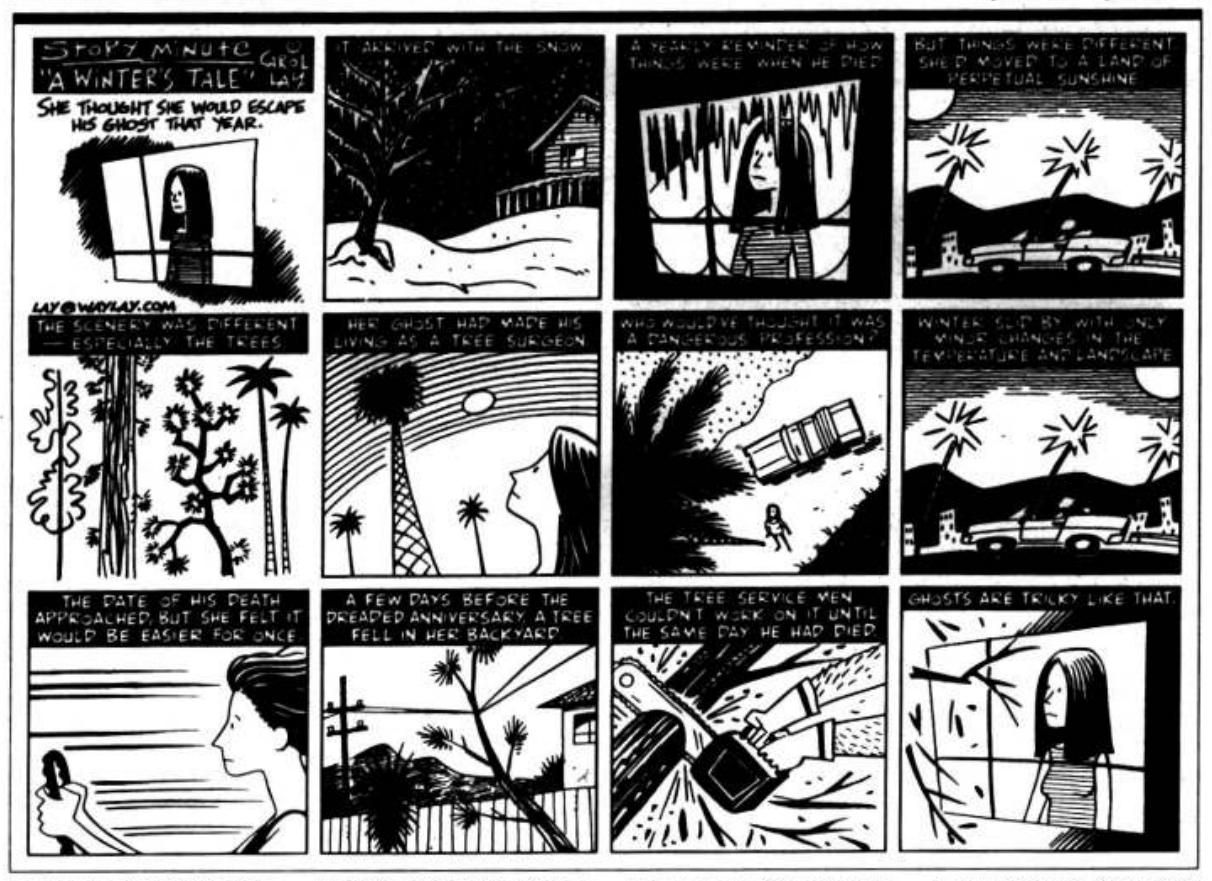

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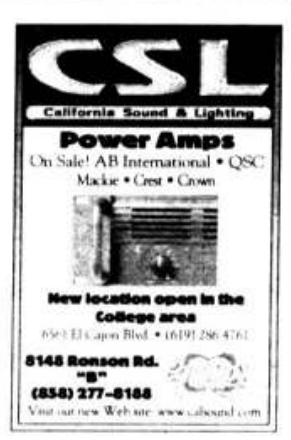

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STOVE, GAS, Wedgewood, 1950s, chrome top and griddle, white, $275. Chris dinner service for 12, white and silver motif, 89 pieces, $300. 619-295-0637.

TABLE, antique, mahogany, drop leaf, with side drawer and carved legs. 2 drop leaves, good condition. $150/best. d'Arcy, 858-274-9263 or 619-778-5651.

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MOVING. 9'6" surfboard, $150. Queen bed, box spring/frame, new, paid $450, $150. Elegant glass table, 5'x3.5', $75. Couch, navy blue/wood accents, seats 4, $40. Entertainment center, 6'x5', oak finish, $60. Burgundy futon mattress, $20. 619-846-8559.

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MOVING. Dresser, 5 drawer upright, 1940s waterfall, $185. Solid oak French 4 drawer, $325. Bassett pine chest of drawers with bookshelf hutch, $175. 619-297-0288.

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ORGAN, Baldwin theatrical, make offer. Chairs, $20 each. Mira Mesa, 858-693-0973.

OVEN, Kitchen Aid, 27" electric, built-in double-oven, very good condition, cost new $1819, sell for $650/best. 760-720-2313.

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REFRIGERATOR, small, 2 door, top freezer, good condition, $85. 619-461-4553.

REFRIGERATOR, Amana 18 cubic feet, frost free, freezer on top. In good condition, works perfectly. $125. 619-264-2045.

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REFRIGERATOR, Sears, beige, 15 cubic feet, 64"Hx28"Wx29.5WD, works great! Freezer on top. Available 5/7. $100. Day/evening, 858-713-1773.

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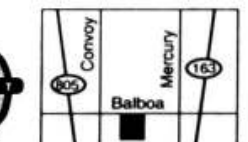



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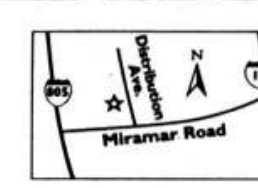

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Don't try to make out in the front *or* backseat of a '78 Volvo, especially if you're over 40.

By John Brizzolara

"The drive-in still had light, but the light came from the projectors and the projectors didn't seem to have any source of electricity. We were surrounded by a blackness so complete it was like being in a bag with a handful of penlights." — from *The Drive-In 2: (Not Just One of Them Sequels)* by Joe R. Landsdale

How long do you figure we'll be able to watch movies in a drive-in theater? Not long, is what I say. The Santee Drive-In off 67 at Woodside Avenue is looking like it's seen better days. I don't know, I've never been there before, but the place already has a kind of historical quality to it and you can smell the diesel of the bulldozers in the wings, riding on the summer-night air along with the smell of sage and popcorn.

I lost the coin toss at the gate and so we weren't gonna see a good action picture with Tommy Lee Jones but some sorry kid's movie called *Gossip* about, I guess, how you can start a rumor on purpose and ruin young lives by accident. I don't know exactly because the radio was long since ripped out of my girlfriend's car by vandals and you're supposed to tune to a certain FM station for the movie's sound. Otherwise you're stuck with these little metal speaker boxes that always seemed to work okay when we were kids but that night sounded like we were listening to the goings on in the movie like we had our ears pressed against a wall with a water glass.

Let me tell you something right now: don't try to make out in the front *or* backseat of a '78 Volvo, especially if you're over 40. It will just make you (as Joe Landsdale from Texas would say — and it wouldn't be out of place right here in Santee) as "crazy as a cat in a dryer." About as stiff, too, the next day. The way to go is like these kids out here do; get yourself a pickup truck, drive it in backwards, and stretch out on the bed with a couple of sleeping bags, a cooler of beer, and some pork rinds. No complaints there.

That's another thing. I wasn't having as good a time as I might have had, maybe, but I was looking forward to a Mountain Dew, a burger, and some M&Ms from the concession stand, and that didn't seem like too much to ask, but oh no. You tell me what's the point in going to a drive-in movie on a Friday night with no beer and Slim Jims, just rice cakes, dried apricots, and bottled water — because I don't know.

I suppose I was responsible for the fight because I got some damned popcorn. Beth at the snack bar asked me if I wanted butter on it and I said sure. Turns out, I think it was butter flavoring, which is really some kind of petroleum product, and I got a headache, which did not put me in the mood for comments like "I hope you didn't put salt on that. I think we've had enough problems in the blood pressure department, don't you? Is that butter? Well, they're your arteries..." And so on. I knew right then I wasn't going to make it to the second feature, *Ready to Rumble*, which interested me more than this horseshit we were looking at.

After a while, I just kind of leaned back, closed my eyes, smelled the clean night air out here, and remembered how it was. Vincent Price movies were always the best, I thought, at least at the drive-in. *The Abominable Doctor Phibes* or *Theater of Blood*. *Billy Jack* was good, too, at the drive-in, and any movie with gladiators in it. I could smell the lipstick, perfume, beer, and cigarette smoke coming from the pickup trucks on either side and it was carrying me back to those sweaty fumblings with Barbara Ann Delveccio in 1967. Her brother would have pounded me if he caught us, but he never did, being dumb as a hubcap and hopped up on cough medicine half the time.



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It occurred to me then that I'd never been to a drive-in sober before. Cheesy, I guess, but true. It wasn't Pabst Blue Ribbon I missed so much, though, as the kind of giggling I heard coming from the back of that pickup behind us. Turns out their names are Karol and John. He's 21 and she's 18. They've only been going out a couple of weeks and it seems like Karol, even though she's younger, is showing John the way of things, in a sweet way, maybe because she's from Burbank and knows more. I ask them if they've been making out and they get all embarrassed, laughing and trying to crawl under the covers. "No," says John.

In fact, I didn't even see them making out, just cuddling. I can't believe these two can vote and get driver's licenses. Seem like babies to me.

It's in between movies, but John's radio is still cranked up and out comes "Positively Fourth Street," which takes me back too and I think I'm misting up. I leave John and Karol to get back to it, but I'd like to thank them because my girlfriend and I made up and I think they had something to do with it...somehow.

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"Does it matter?" he replied.

Oh, what I could have told him about terra cotta pots! The day before, I had called up Mex Art Pottery and Home Accents, located on Morena Boulevard, and spoke with the owner, Rick Ten Eyck.

What are the differences among the terra cotta pots?

"Italy uses a dense clay, and it's a pretty high-quality clay," answered Ten Eyck. "It is consistent through most of Italy. The French have a very white clay — very dense, very tight, like you find in New England. In Mexico some states have clay that is completely blond; some is beige, some is dark brown. A redder terra cotta is more widely known. The clay composition is really diverse in Mexico. Most people associate border-region pottery as indicative of clay from all of Mexico, and that's really not the case. Border pottery is relatively low quality with a lot of sand in it and has a tendency to break apart after a shorter time. It's the inexpensive pots you probably see in places like K-Mart. We only have pottery from the interior of Mexico. As you get into Central Mexico, and in the states of Jalisco, Guanajuato, Oaxaca, Michoacán, and Puebla, there are all kinds of different types of clay, and it's very high fired. I'm not saying that the clay is better than Italy; the reality is, it's different. There is some clay from Oaxaca that's a blond clay, which is a very hard clay. Now that could stand up in terms of time against Italian clay."



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Do you recommend sealing the pots?

"It really depends on the quality of the pot. We have natural terra cotta, and it's really not necessary to seal the pot because it will not break down. Some people, however, don't like to see the salt, the white residue, the leaching on the outside. Then you can go ahead and put a sealant on it but it's going to break down over time anyway." (Home Depot carries Universal Terra Cotta Sealer for **$2.86** for 15.5 ounces.)



Do all plants do well in terra cotta pots?

"I'm not a horticulturist, but everything that I've ever read generally says that clay pots are really superior to any other type of container. There's an awful amount of plastic on the market right now; it's very popular. From a growing standpoint, however — and probably anybody from a nursery would support this — the plant needs to breathe, and by letting the water leech through the clay, it filters out the impurities in the water so that you don't have salt buildup, which consistently stays within the pot. Also from a watering standpoint, if you have plastic or metal or even a glazed pot, it tends to retain all the moisture in there, and the plant doesn't breathe. Mexican clay generally is more porous, so obviously when you have something that is more porous, you get more seepage."

Is Mexican pottery handmade?

"You can fairly accurately say that 99.9 percent of all pottery in Mexico is handmade. The Italian pots are often machined except the very intricate pieces, the very expensive ones you will see at a design studio."

How long will the pots last?

"The ones we've got from the interior of Mexico will last anywhere from 10 to 15 years. A border piece probably will last from 6 to 18 months. It depends; some people are luckier. And an Italian piece, you'll get 15-plus years out of it. On a scale of 1 to 10 from a utilitarian standpoint with the quality of construction and quality of clay, with Italian pottery you're looking at a number 10. Pottery from the interior of Mexico will be around a 7 in terms of a quality spectrum, and a border Mexican piece will be about a 1 to 2. The border pottery has its own place because people don't want to spend a lot of money, and if it breaks apart after a year, they don't care because maybe the plant's dead also."

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I popped into the store the following day, greeted by Naureen. As she showed me around I looked in amazement at the variety of colors and styles in the Mexican pottery. Window-box pots stacked high with the look of Italian pottery with garlands and grape designs. Green pots with a lattice design glistened in the late-afternoon sun. Square *fleur de lis* boxes stood out lifelike, oxidized with a reddish-blackish marble effect.

"There really is variety in the Mexican pottery," said Naureen, surveying the patio. "Quite a lot of different looks. The hotels all come and buy from us. We decorated Viejas Casino."

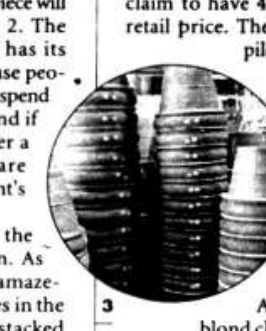
A simple 16-inch-high, 16½-inch-diameter untouched ringed pot stood tall with a price tag of **$22.99**. By the front door sat a pile of 11-inch-diameter, 9-inch-high thick-rimmed pots that cost **$12.99**.

Naureen brought me inside the store. "We are really known for our Talavera-style ceramics," the brightly designed ceramics in blue, yellow, red, similar to Italian ceramics. "We have the biggest selection in town."

I am a sucker for Talavera and looked about, impressed at the low prices and variety of vases, cake plates, frames, and whatnot all done up in the Talavera style.

I dashed down the road to Wholesale Flowers, on Metro, to check out their terra cotta selection. They have an Italian terra cotta pot, 16 inches in diameter, 35 inches high for **$13.60**. A mini-garland designed Mexican piece, 7 inches high, 9 inches in diameter, cost **$6.20**, and a 6-inch-high Italian pot goes for **$2.50**.

I headed over to Mission Valley to check out prices at the Canyon Pottery Co. Inc. on Frazee Road. They're open to the public and claim to have 40 percent off the standard retail price. Their enormous warehouse is piled high with handmade Italian, Mexican, French, Greek, and Chinese pottery. A plain Italian pot, 16 inches high and 17 inches in diameter, runs **$26.40**. A 12-inch-diameter, 10-inch-high Italian pot runs **$12** after the discount. They have some pieces from Aubange, France, in a creamy blond clay. A 14-inch-high pot with a lattice design is **$36**. A 9-inch-high piece with a swag design is **$21**. A sign by the Greek pottery informs me that these pieces are made as they were 2000 years ago. "They are made entirely by hand and the kilns are fired with crushed olive pits after the olive oil is extracted, just as in ancient times." A Greek pot called an Athens planter, 26 inches in diameter, 22 inches in height, costs **$274.80**, which they claim is 40 percent off the standard retail price.



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Bargain Alert: Costco on Fletcher Parkway is selling an Italian clay planter with an Antiqua finish, 18 inches in diameter, 14 inches high, for **$9.99**.

1. Pots at Home Depot
2. Mexican art pottery
3. Clay pots at Canyon Pottery

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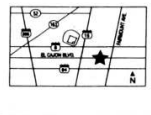

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Poster Family for Birth Control

Some days I question my sanity. The Thursday before Easter was one of those days. Holy Thursday marks the beginning of the Easter Triduum, the three holiest days in the Catholic calendar. On Holy Thursday the Church commemorates the Last Supper, the Passover dinner where Catholics believe Jesus instituted the priesthood and performed the first Mass.

Holy Thursday afternoon, my husband Jack, who had the day off, watched our four children while I went to get my hair cut. Before I left the house at 1:30, I put 21-month-old Johnny down for a nap. My three girls, Rebecca, Angela, and Lucy, aged seven, five, and three, respectively, played in the backyard.

When I stuck my head out the sliding-glass door to say "good-bye," Jack stood on the lawn studying schematic drawings of the play set he hoped to put together for the kids. Pieces of redwood in varying lengths lay stacked around the yard.

"I'll be back in a couple hours," I told Jack. "Good luck."

Jack looked up momentarily. "Okay," he said and went back to his drawings.

When I walked in the front door a little before 3:30, I could hear Rebecca crying in the backyard.

"Lucy Margaret," Jack's voice thundered from the same general direction. "Time out. Get in the house right now."

Lucy's wails joined Rebecca's. Johnny screeched. Angela laughed.

"Angela," Jack said, "stop torturing Johnny. If he makes that noise, stop whatever you're doing to him. It's not funny when he cries."

I rounded the corner into the family room to find Lucy sobbing on the couch. She raised her tear-stained face when she heard me walk in. "Daddy hurt my feelings," she sobbed.

Jack appeared at the sliding door. He had a wild-eyed, desperate look about him. Rebecca stood beside Jack, rubbing her head. Behind them on the lawn, I could see the few pieces of redwood Jack had managed to bolt together. "It's unbelievable," Jack told me. "I can't get anything done. I'm trying to figure out these plans, but every 30 seconds I have to break up an argument or get someone juice or change Johnny's diaper or help Lucy go to the bathroom."

"Welcome to my life," I thought.

"And Johnny keeps walking off with the bolts," Jack continued. "And then, I turn my back for a minute, and Lucy hits Rebecca over the head with the hammer."

"Are you okay?" I asked Rebecca. I felt her head for a lump.

"It really hurts," Rebecca whimpered.

Johnny screeched again.

"Angie," Jack hollered. "Inside."

Angela slinked through the door and threw herself on the couch next to Lucy. "I forgot," she mumbled.

"You forgot you weren't supposed to bug Johnny?" Jack asked. "You need to stay inside until you can remember."

Lucy looked up at Jack. "Can I get up now?"

"Yes, sweetie," he answered. "But you need to apologize to Rebecca. And never, ever hit someone with a hammer. You could really hurt them."

"Okay, Daddy," Lucy said. "Sorry, Rebecca."

"That's okay," Rebecca told her.

"I'll come outside to supervise so you can get some work done," I told Jack.

"Thank you," he sighed.

For the next few hours, Jack worked slowly on the play set. Johnny stole the bolts. Angela

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