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Amazing Cornucopia

The lead story in the November 22 issue ("Cornucopia," by Abe Opincar) was one of the finest articles the *Reader* has published, at least in the eight years I have been reading your paper. What an amazing and wonderfully written story! Please keep up the great work!

Alexandra Pierce
Hillcrest

Sentimental Trestle

Name Withheld (November 22) fondly recalled the big streetcar trestles which crossed two of Balboa Park's canyons until their removal in 1949. They were located just east of the current location of Park Boulevard, which was realigned further east about 1970. The taller trestle (which passed above Morley Field Drive) began in front of the current site of the Blind Recreation Center and connected south to the mesa across from the current site of the War Memorial Building. In Richard Dodge's 1960 book *Rails of the Silver Gate*, there is an excellent full-page photo of that trestle in use by a streetcar; it shows the intersection of Florida Street and Morley Field Drive in the background for easy reference.

Very little remains to indicate that San Diego ever had an efficient and extensive streetcar system, largely because the mayor in 1949–50 believed that streetcars were obsolete and wished to obliterate all evidence of their former presence. A little over 30 years later San Diego and Los Angeles began spending millions of dollars to build new trolley systems, which continue to expand. Go figure!

Randall Sappenfield
North Park

'80s Music Made Me Happy

I read the "Blurt" comments (November 22) about how two radio stations in San Diego recently went to an all-'80s format. I welcome this because I never stopped loving the music of that decade. Personally, I have hated the music of the last ten years. Grunge was depressing because the performers seemed to wallow in their own misery and never offered any real hope to their fans. Compare this approach to Morrissey's approach in the '80s. Morrissey would do songs about being depressed, but he always had a sense of humor about it. The problem with grunge performers was that they were always so *serious.* I went through depression myself in the '90s, and these bands never made me feel that life could be better. Morrissey could always get a laugh out of me, though.

Whenever I heard '80s music during the depressing '90s (at least the decade was like that for me), it gave me what little happiness I had during a very trying time. This doesn't mean that I am a mindless moron or a Reagan fan (I'm a Democrat, so I am not pining away for Reagan). I like '80s music because it was fun, and there isn't anything wrong with that. Considering the annoying presidential-race standoff we've been having lately, we could use a little fun.

Tammy Smith
El Cajon

This Town Is Evil

I have just read your latest homeless/thankful story ("City Lights," November 22). Usually I just read and discard, but I think that this time I need to reply.

Things are happening in this town, and I really feel this town is becoming truly *evil!* Although I currently live in a nice place in P.B., I'm only a few hundred away from being homeless myself. If it were not for my folks, I'd be outta luck right now.

I have run into these last few months on my job searching the following: I am not bilingual — sorry, no job. I'm over 40 — sorry, no job. I worked for ten years for a good company that went belly up — my job references are no good.

I'm a blend of old world crafts skills with a sprinkling of E-dot-com exposure.

My last job was closing up shop to move to Mexico (NAFTA, it's destroyed the Midwest in areas).

I worked in L.A. for a bit but basically am screwed. I've been out of work now since May and can't get more than the first step in the job-hunt world.

I've been the temp route (zero — you're too overqualified). I've gone the construction skills route (zero — you're not Mexican, sorry).

I've used up all my savings I had built up and will just walk into the mountains alone when I run out. Basically, I've given up. I know, pull yourself up and all, but even though I've had lots of ideas, as we all know, it takes money to make money.

Sure, I should have done a few things different, but biotech and the computer revolution won't save people like myself. I build things. I've tried furniture companies, painting, building reconstructions, but none are a real career.

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Lobbyist in the house The election of Republican **Darrell Issa** to North County's 48th District congressional seat is setting off rapture among car-alarm lobbyists. Until recently, Issa was president of Vista's Directed Electronics, maker of the famous "Viper" anti-theft system. He's also head of the national Consumer Electronics Association, a big industry lobbying group. "It is exciting and an incredible precedent to have a sitting chairman of our association elected to Congress," **Gary Shapiro**, CEA president, told *Electronic Engineering Times*. "His expertise will be extremely helpful as Congress continues to debate key public policy issues related to technology." Issa's election, he added, "gives our industry another friend in the Congress." ... La Jolla's own holistic health guru-in-residence, **Deepak Chopra**, has lost a round in his battle against the local judicial bench, and one judge in particular. Last week, the Fourth District Court of Appeal said it found "implausible" Chopra's contention that Superior Court judge **Judith McConnell** was biased against Chopra's Boston lawyers and tilted unfairly to the old line San Diego firm of Gray, Cary, Ware & Freidenrich when she ordered sanctions against the guru's defense team. Chopra was sued by two women alleging sexual harassment against the La Jolla–based Chopra Center for Well Being and wound up on the losing end of the case. At one point last spring, Chopra wrote Governor **Gray Davis**, who was reportedly considering naming McConnell an appellate judge, claiming, "I feel impotent and paralyzed because of the cronyism and corruption in the San Diego judicial system."



Darrell Issa



Deepak Chopra

Free checking Does anyone really care where the soon-to-be ex-mayor of San Diego does her banking? Apparently the 1st Pacific Bank of California, with newly opened branches in University Towne Centre and Oceanside, thinks so. Last week the bank put out a news release announcing that it was "now taking deposits and opening accounts, a service San Diego Mayor **Susan Golding** was the first to take advantage of."... **Joe Piscitell**, the man behind the stalled Brown Field cargo airport privatization effort, and his Diversified Asset Management Group are picking up gobs of negative ink in the latest issue of *Forbes* magazine, which notes, "At some point he's going to run out of time and money. Diversified Asset will bring in only $5 million in revenues this year from a couple of handling and fueling companies." Adds *Forbes*, "Piscitell is shifting his efforts to Europe — to Italy in particular, which is in the midst of privatizing the airport in Rome. Says he: 'The glamour of privatized airports ain't happening here.'"

Hype-zapping The United States Olympic Committee's training center in Chula Vista, the object of much attention by local TV-sports guy **Jim Laslavic** during September's summer Olympics coverage, figures large in a Sunday *New York Times* report on the USOC's mounting scandals and falling medal counts. According to the *Times*, the USOC has spent $57 million over the last four years on its regional training centers in Chula Vista, Colorado Springs, and Lake Placid, New York, with little effect. "These centers serve as symbols for corporate largess but produce few gold medals. The majority of American medalists do the bulk of their training and competing elsewhere, with professional club teams, on European circuits, on their own, or in small groups." As a result, the USOC is reportedly "examining how money for training could be spent more efficiently."... San Diego City College is one of 14 out of the state's 107 two-year colleges to get bad news from the University of California. The local school is said to have one of the worst records for transferring students to the state university system. Other junior colleges low on the UC transfer list include Los Angeles Harbor College and Imperial Valley College ... KPBS-FM, the public radio station owned and operated by San Diego State University, collected $330,000 from 2324 donors during a 13-day pledge drive last month, according to Public Broadcasting Report ... The *Sacramento Bee* reports that mega-lawyer **Bill Lerach** is set to collect far more than the original $18 million in legal fees he won in his smog-fee case against the state of California.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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State Testing Program's Dark Secret

By Justin Wolff

The expression "high stakes" is a favorite idiom among San Diego educators these days. It doesn't matter if you're talking to people at the local, district, county, or state level — if the subject is testing and accountability, you're going to hear that phrase. You'd think it was a poker game, all this talk about stakes. And it is, in more ways than one. Since even before Governor Gray Davis's Public Schools Accountability Act (PSAA) was signed into law in April 1999, the state's program for measuring school performance has given rise to boasts, bitterness, tenuous allegiances, and bold cheating allegations.

Why?

Because, believe it or not, what's at stake in California's new public school accountability program is cash. Reward and punishment is the backbone of the PSAA — see also Texas — which has adults pointing more fingers than teary-cheeked eight-year-olds in the principal's office. In San Diego, the fallout from the most recent round of state testing, especially that surrounding an incident at Pacific Beach Middle School, has caused a media stir, which has done very little to elucidate who's to blame. Moreover, no one has emphasized in just how many ways the state's program fails students.

The cornerstone of the PSAA is the Academic Performance Index (API), a numeric index, ranging from 200 to 1000, which is supposed to rate school performance. Currently, a school's API is determined by a single standardized test, the so-called Stanford 9. (The California Department of Education claims that other indicators may be used in the future, but law requires that results on the Stanford 9 make up at least 60 percent of a school's API.) The Stanford 9 is an off-the-shelf bubble test that California and other states purchase from a private publisher.

In theory, this test can measure a school's adherence to the state's rigorous academic standards. Nearly every public school in California has administered the Stanford 9 to its students each spring since 1998. Using student scores on the test, the state assigns each school an API; if certain gains are made, the school and individual teachers stand to earn money through the Governor's Performance Award. If a school's API falls, it receives no cash award. However, if it's determined that a school did not administer the Stanford 9 properly, then the state punishes that school by denying it an award for a period of two years.

In October, the state announced that six schools in San Diego County and a total of 18 schools statewide were denied hundreds of thousands of dollars through this program because of alleged infractions of testing protocols that took place this past spring. The supposed breaches in the San Diego Unified School District ranged from a teacher at Scripps Ranch High School reading an exam question when giving directions at the beginning of the test to teachers at Baker Elementary School translating test instructions into Spanish.

(In 1998, the state Department of Education sued the San Francisco Unified School District over its refusal to administer the Stanford 9 to nearly 6000 students with limited fluency in English. The district challenged the state's testing requirement, contending that it violated those students' civil rights. Earlier this month, ending a two-year legal battle, the San Francisco School District agreed to give the test to thousands of students who are still not fluent in English.)

The most controversial irregularity took place in March at Pacific Beach Middle School. The school has been denied cash awards for two years because one of its most reputable teachers, Mark Heinze, allegedly supplied his class of gifted sixth-graders with questions from the Stanford 9 the day before the exam. The accusation turned the school inside out and exposed discord among San Diego educators. Some blame Heinze for costing the school what might have amounted to $150 per student, or $117,000, while others denounce a muddled accountability program and defend the teacher, who has won numerous awards, including San Diego County Teacher of the Year in 1997 and Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year in 1998. While Heinze maintained that he got the questions from materials he bought at a commer-

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Lesson 3: Using Context Clues

Directions: Darken the circle for the word or words that give the meaning of the underlined word.

TRY THIS — Read the first sentence carefully. Look for clue words in the sentence. Then use each answer choice in place of the underlined word. Be sure that your answer and the underlined word have the same meaning.

Sample A

When metal rusts it becomes tarnished. Tarnished means—

A brittle
B soft
C strengthened
D discolored

THINK IT THROUGH — The correct answer is D. Tarnished means "discolored." The clue words are "when metal rusts." All four choices could describe metal. But only discolored has the same meaning as tarnished.

STOP

1. Our food supplies were dwindling steadily. Dwindling means—
A increasing
B rotting
C shrinking
D improving

2. The people were eager for the opera to commence. Commence means—
F [illegible]
G [illegible]
H [illegible]

4. Events that are organized rarely have any last-minute problems. Organized means—
F in order
G dissolved
H exciting
J educational

5. We were surprised by the principal's unexpected announcement. Unexpected means—
A long
B planned
C sudden

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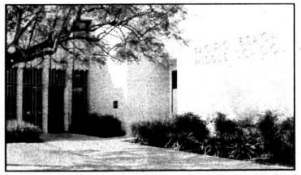

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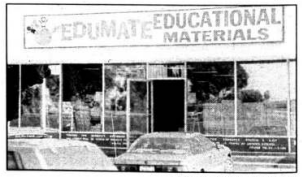

Educational supply store, Morena

County's Critters Breathe Easier

By Ernie Grimm

You say you'd like to buy 5000 acres of San Diego County backcountry land, preferably with a perennial stream and rare oak woodland habitat. The Santa Ysabel Ranch has all that and more. The problem is, the Nature Conservancy, a nonprofit conservation agency based in Virginia, has purchased the ranch from Tom and Mary Lou Edwards of Yuma, Arizona, for $9,000,000. But your luck hasn't run out yet. The Conservancy may be looking to resell it to someone like you, with a few preservation caveats, of course.

The ranch sits on two separate parcels, one on each side of the Santa Ysabel Valley. The larger east parcel, 3894 acres, stretches from the intersection of Highways 79 and 78 near the town of Santa Ysabel up the side of Volcan Mountain touching Farmers Road at its eastern extremity. The west parcel, 1512 acres, sits in the rolling oak grasslands north of Highway 78 on the other side of the valley.

Much of the two-parcel ranch sits on flat land and borders two highways, meaning it would have been prime for future development. Clint Powell, area naturalist and columnist for the *Julian News*, says he's elated that the Nature Conservancy acquired the land for the simple reason that "it keeps it out of the hands of development."

But Bill Leahy, the Nature Conservancy's Southern California area director, says there's more to the purchase than just preventing a large tract of land from being subdivided and developed. "San Diego is very rich in terms of the number of plants and animals that it contains," he explains. "San Diego County has more species diversity, that is, more different kinds of plants and animals, than any other county in the whole continental U.S., which is very remarkable. At the same time, in San Diego County you have some of the most intense urban pressure due to growth and development. So, in addition to identifying those places that are unique and emblematic of what was there when the first settlers arrived, we're also looking at which sites are most likely to be lost in the near term due to these pressures. In the case of the backcountry of San Diego, the two pieces that were formerly owned by Tom and Mary Lou Edwards — the Santa Ysabel East and West Ranches we're calling them — those properties held a number of different values, biologically."

In particular, Leahy says, the Nature Conservancy was "very interested in oak woodlands, specifically Engelmann oak woodlands. Engelmann oak woodlands are very unique to Southern coastal California. They used to extend all the way up to Santa Barbara at the time of settlement. But they've more or less disappeared from most of their range. There are really only a couple of good examples of them left. One of them is in the San Diego backcountry in the Santa Ysabel Valley area. The properties we purchased are within that area. In addition to that, grasslands are rapidly disappearing from coastal Southern California. Most of the grasslands in the low-lying areas, particularly along the coast, have been developed or are about to be developed. They're gone. So here we had a chance to capture and preserve some of that. In addition, we have something that's also rare in Southern California, a perennial year-round stream — at least four and a half miles of one — called Santa Ysabel Creek, which is fed by a spring off of the property called Ironside Spring. It flows out of Volcan Mountain."

Santa Ysabel Creek is the headwaters of the San Dieguito River. "There's an amazing area," Leahy continues, "called Kanaka Flat, which is a large, wet meadow. That's up toward the east side of the property. It's an open area that seasonally is very wet and has lots of diverse plants and wildflowers associated with it. The property is also a refuge for a number of large, what I call charismatic species of animals that people closely associate with nature conservation. Those would be bobcats and badgers and ringtails, which are a kind of raccoon, and golden eagles, which make their home in the backcountry of San Diego and need large, open grasslands to forage. We suspect that these two properties will be very important for maintaining golden eagle populations. On top of that, there are actually some rare plants on the property, and some plants which exist only in the backcountry of San Diego."

Naturalists and conservationists in the area are thrilled with the fact that the Nature Conservancy acquired the Santa Ysabel ranch. One reason is because at its eastern edge, the ranch borders the existing Volcan Mountain Wilderness preserve. "Together," Clint Powell says, "they form a wildlife corridor from the valley, up the mountain, and down to the desert side."

Greg Schuett, president of the Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation, says he's happy to see the purchase "because the land there in Santa Ysabel Valley is highly subject to development. It's all right now in large ranches, but ranching is no longer profitable. So, in the next 50 years, the land is going to go one of two directions, either to development or to nature preserves. Our point of view is we want to see it protected as a nature preserve, if the ranchers are willing to sell."

Among ranchers, Schuett surmises that there "seem to be three ways of looking at [the future of the area.] There are certain people out there that would like to see it stay in ranching hands forever. That's not realistic because it's not profitable. It might last one more generation. But the people who are retiring from ranching now are not passing it on to their kids and the

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Cattle in Santa Ysabel



Bill Leahy



Clint Powell



Greg Schuett



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cial bookstore and did nothing wrong, the school's principal, Charmaine DelPrincipe, argued before the district that he should be dismissed (the district disciplines, the state just takes money away). In the end, Heinze was suspended for five days and then transferred to the Lindbergh-Schweitzer Elementary School.

Though the hearings divided local educators, the district officially supports the disciplinary action. David Smollar, the San Diego City Schools public information officer, says, "We're on record that we're proud of bringing forth violations. We don't want to be judged by artificially inflated scores. I'm sure that those schools that are ineligible in our district now feel pressure not to make the same mistakes again."

DelPrincipe, who retired from her position as principal at Pacific Beach Middle School in July, says that she was disappointed Heinze was not dismissed. "I think that if one teacher cheats then it's unfair for a whole school and the kids to lose access to the money," she argues. "The penalties have to be hard on the individual and not on the school. As it is, that's not the way it works; the individual does not get any penalty, or a little penalty, to tell you the truth. At one point everyone agreed that he should be dismissed.... But he's tight with [San Diego City Schools Superintendent Alan] Bersin, so it came back that no, he's not go-

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ing to be dismissed.

"The administrative transfer came later, during the summer," DelPrincipe adds, "and was the result of some other things that happened. It had to do with the tenor of what would happen if he were to return to the school. Was it in the best interest of the kids that were still there? You have 19 kids who were in his class still there and who knew what happened."

According to Heinze's attorney, John Vanderpool, and to many local educators as well, the assumption that anyone "knows what happened" is precisely what reeks about this case. Vanderpool is reluctant to let his client speak about the incident because he fears how the district might respond. However, he points to what's already been made public — that none of the tests were ever missing from Pacific Beach Middle School. There's a very stringent log system for the Stanford 9 tests, Vanderpool says, and the records show that there were no irregularities at the school. In fact, it has never been proven that Heinze did anything wrong.

San Diego school-board member John de Beck also defends the beloved teacher. "I don't think that Mark is that kind of person," he says. "I've said it before, and I'll continue to say it, Mark is welcome at any school in my district. I think it was unfair when he was transferred." Mr. de Beck adds that the penalty "looks to be more punitive than it needed to be."

Scott Chipman, who has sent three kids to Pacific Beach Middle School and sits on its PTA, is also incredulous. "The risk versus the reward is unbelievable," he argues. "What could have been his motivation? It's ridiculous to think that Mr. Heinze thought that the manipulation of a few vocabulary words would make or break his school. It's totally out of character for someone we've known for 15 years. Having had two children go through his classroom, and having known other parents who've had children go through his classroom, the vast majority of parents say he's extremely fair and extremely capable and has always acted in the best interest of his students. He attended ball games and has been identified by many students as being the main motivational force in their educational experience. He has been identified as being the force that turned on a light for a lot of kids."

Chipman, who's concerned about a number of problems facing Pacific Beach schools, sees the incident as another burden placed on the students. "There has been an innocence lost with the kids," he says. "They saw someone loved and respected by them treated unfairly. They have expressed that they are more suspicious of the system. That's a rude awakening for an 11- or 12-year-old."

One hopes it becomes a rude awakening for the state as well. While the incident's impact is mostly local — Mr. Heinze has been forced from a school he loved, his students have lost a rare teacher, and San Diego educators are playing a juvenile game of tag — it also exposes deep fissures in the foundation of California's accountability program.

"The concept of rewards and punishments is so popular because the whole mentality of America is to find out who's guilty," de Beck says. "Who's responsible totally for underachieving kids? The answer is nobody, and nowhere in this country have they mastered that. They've touched on it here and there, but across-the-nation testing is not leading to any improvements."

Moreover, de Beck says, the state's program is backward. As it's set up now, the API simply rewards schools that already perform well and punishes those that need more resources. "If one school is doing better than another, and they have the same demographics, then let's deal with it and don't go into penalties and rewards. To say that this school that is doing better deserves financial rewards and the school that is doing worse deserves to be penalized — that doesn't work." Especially peculiar is that the state bases this system of rewards on a single standardized test. As the testing program manager for San Diego City Schools, Bob Raines was responsible for investigating the alleged security breaches in the giving of the Stanford 9 last spring. In the Heinze case, Raines did report some irregularities, but he makes it clear that he had no idea that the school would be penalized by not getting an API. Raines sees two problems with the current system.

"First of all," he says, "the state-board should never have taken an off-the-shelf standardized test, because the Stanford 9 does not align well with the state standards. That's why you need multiple indicators. If you're going to give a school money for improved achievement, you better be darn sure you're seeing improved achievement and not improved test scores. Give them a writing assessment, a portfolio analysis, give them enough indicators so if that school comes out on top, you can find out why and apply its techniques."

Raines touches on another key problem with the accountability program. While the state demands that its students take a single standardized test, it gives no instruction on how schools should prepare students to take the test. In fact, it remains up to the districts to advise teachers how to properly prepare kids. The districts are also responsible for reporting any infractions to the state. San Diego has developed a reputation for policing itself more closely than other areas, which means that it may be depriving itself of more money than other cities. So the state enjoys the public's fondness for accountability, while the districts are stuck with figuring out how to administer the shortsighted program.

"We have not had any state guidelines as to what is and what is not appropriate test preparation," Raines says. "I get calls from people all the time asking about whether it's okay to use this or that, so I've become the gatekeeper for test preparation. 'Test-wiseness needs to be an integrated part of the curriculum,' he adds. "It shouldn't be separate. Test preparation levels the playing field. What I mean by that is that if every youngster had access to the same preparation, if they all learned the same techniques as to how to do well on tests, and all had access to the same information, it makes the scores more valid."

The word from the California Department of Education is that if districts run decent schools and teachers act responsibly, then there shouldn't be a problem. When asked if the state could help teachers prepare their students for the Stanford 9 without violating test security, Linda Lownes, a consultant with the state Department of Education's standards and assessments division, responded, "There is a state law that prohibits preparation for this particular test." In an op-ed that ran in the *Union-Tribune* in July, Julian R. Betts, an associate professor of economics at the University of California, San Diego, exposed the state accountability program's most egregious lapse. "The state testing program has a dark little secret," Betts explained. "Amazingly, the state has given exactly the same version of the Stanford 9 test to students in each of the last three years." How can teachers be expected *not* to prepare their students for the test under these circumstances?

"Professional ethics asks them not to disclose its contents," Lownes says. Bill Padia, director of the state education department's office of policy and evaluation, adds, "We have to create a culture out there where there is no tolerance for this. This is just a consequence of overly zealous teachers trying to do things and they cross the line, cross the line in a lot of ways. Districts themselves can do a lot more about informing their teachers about the rules and consequences of transgression. If they would just follow what's out there, I don't think we would have a problem."

The state is happy with a standardized test, but it won't standardize test preparation or security, which places the onus on teachers. "The state ought to have enough brains to design a test that is secure," de Beck says. "If the state wants to do this, it's a no-brainer for them to send down their own monitors. I don't care if they call the highway patrol in, for crying out loud. If they have to do the testing, and if they think that one test is that significant in the scheme of things, then they better design it more securely." The state's solution to the problem is to enforce a uniform punishment regardless of the severity of an infraction and whether or not there's definite proof that one even occurred. One San Diego City Schools official, who wishes to remain anonymous, says, "What the state people will tell you is that if they don't enforce these stringent measures, because money is involved, then there will be all sorts of incentives to cut corners, because teachers and schools get cash awards out of these programs. By having a Draconian consequence, if you will, that hopefully sobers people from cheating."

Greg Geeting, the interim executive director of the state Board of Education, claims, "I have not heard about inadvertent, accidental problems" in testing. Defending the state's one-size-fits-all punishment, Geeting says, "The stakes are high." The PSAA advisory committee, he explains, told the state board, "All the possibilities...have a downside. This solution has the fewest. It's the least objectionable."

All of this over a test that many educators believe measures very little, if anything at all. ■

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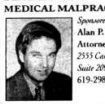

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Tom and Mary Lou Edwards declined to comment directly on their motives for selling the land to the Nature Conservancy. But Kevin Knowles of Conservation Land Group, a for-profit agency specializing in brokering large land deals with conservation in mind, speaking for the Edwardses said, "They wanted to get out of the property with the cattle-ranching business being so tough in San Diego. But they didn't want to see it subdivided. TNC made a good offer, and they decided to go with them."

There wasn't a wide-open bidding period for the property. "We really only showed it to a handful of interested buyers," Knowles explains. "There were several private parties who were interested in buying it and who had made offers, actually. That's when the Nature Conservancy came in with an offer that was ultimately accepted."

Knowles described the $9,000,000 up-front, all-cash sum the Conservancy paid Tom and Mary Lou Edwards as "market value" and said it was "roughly the same as the other offers we received." The Edwards decided to sell to the Nature Conservancy because, Knowles explains, "They saw them as being very reputable, very credible. They saw in them a history of closing large transactions around the state and felt that was their best bet. You worry about the buyer not coming through on their commitments when you're talking about this much land and money. But the Nature Conservancy did things perfectly. All the timelines were met, and I know that Tom and Mary Lou were very happy in the end. Deep down, it probably meant a lot to them that it would stay relatively the way it is now."

What's next for the Santa Ysabel Ranch hasn't been settled yet. The Nature Conservancy traditionally manages the land it purchases but, "In California," Leahy explains, "we've kind of moved away from that model to where we suspect that there are local organizations that are much better equipped in the long run, in the 50-, 100, 200-year sense, to manage these lands. We do, however, want to make sure that the reasons we've bought the land, the specific animals and plants, are monitored and managed appropriately. One way we do that is by developing and creating collaborative partnerships that hopefully will turn into long-term institutions for management of these lands. That might be with a public agency; it could be county, state, or federal level. Or it could be with a private nonprofit organization or a combination of those. And, in addition to creating that local institution, we also try to inculcate into those partnerships certain principles for long-term management of the long-term resources."

Leahy points to the Santa Rosa Plateau outside of Murrieta in Riverside County as an example of this kind of cooperation. The Nature Conservancy co-manages that facility with Riverside County Parks, the Department of Fish and Game, and the Metropolitan Water District. It's open to the public for "passive public use" — hiking, bird-watching, guided mountain biking, and horseback riding, but no camping, no hunting, no fishing. Leahy says this is the most probable future for the Santa Ysabel Ranch, though he can't say when it will happen. Right now, only Nature Conservancy members — about 10,000 in San Diego County — are allowed on the land but only as part of group trips organized by the Conservancy's recently opened office on Fifth Avenue between downtown and Hillcrest.

Still, selling the ranch to a private party is not out of the question. "In some cases," Leahy says, "we may acquire land and turn it back over to private land owners with a conservation easement — that is, convenants and restrictions that the Nature Conservancy holds in perpetuity that describe, in a fairly detailed way, how we want to see the natural resources maintained and managed over time. We have partnerships around the country with farmers and ranchets and other property owners that are maintaining the property in a traditional, rural, agricultural, or ranching use. We have sold that property to them, subject to an easement that allows them to continue to do that because we see grazing as an important management tool. But we also have some prescriptions for times of year to move cattle out of certain areas, or it provides for setbacks from sensitive riparian areas or waterways. So there's a way we can actually conserve land and keep it in private ownership." ■

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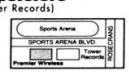

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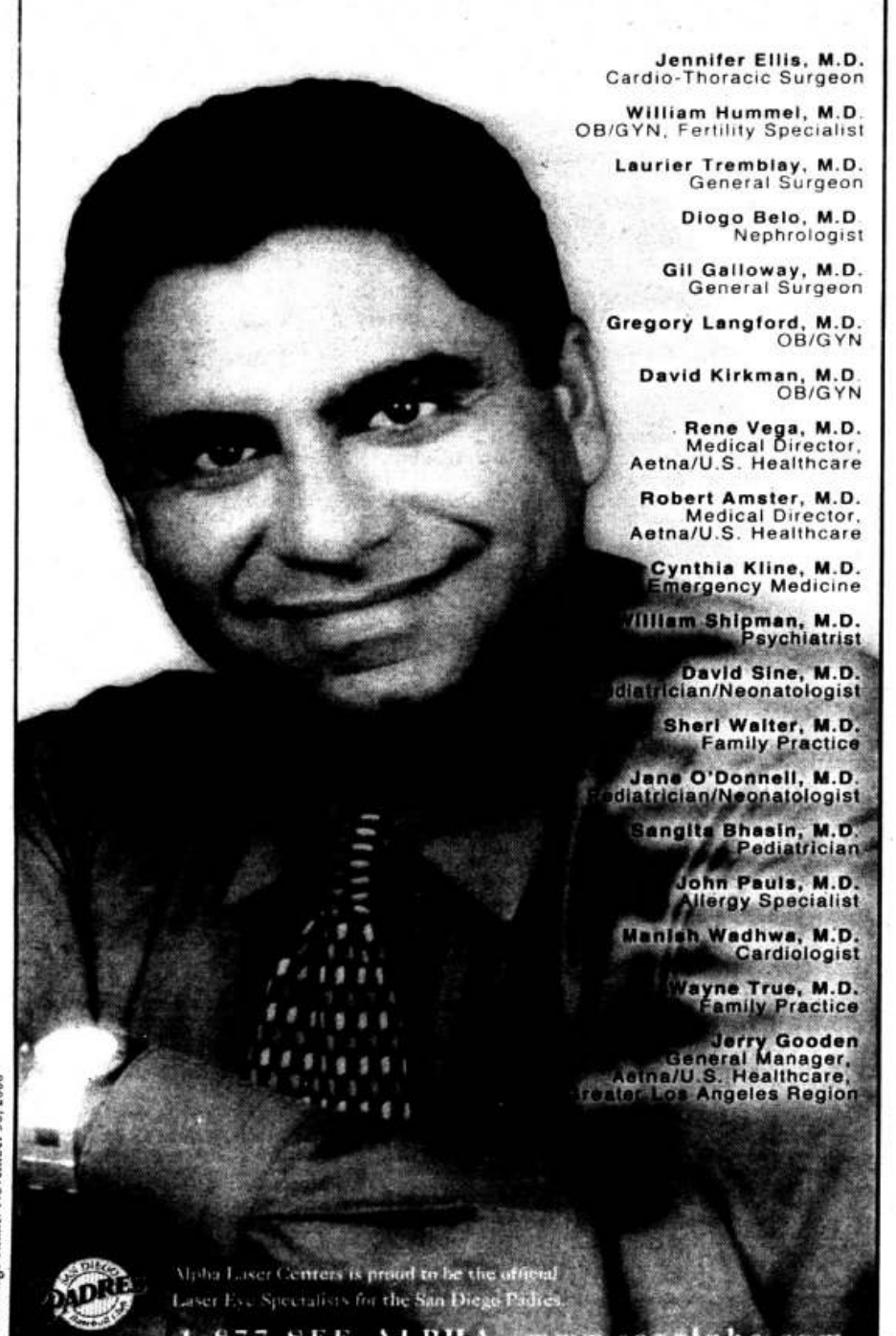

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Hey, Matt:
Why is it when I scratch my cat on the very end of his spine, where the tail connects, he seems to enter throes of cat ecstasy? And why does it only seem to work with male cats?

— Curiosity and the Cat, the net

This one sent the elves out to test your theories in the field. Luckily they turned in their domestic-animal data before they fell into the fish tank. Grandma Alice is drying them off now, and preliminary results indicate that guppies don't respond. We had much better luck with cats and dogs, all of whom reacted more or less ecstatically, then followed the elves home and are now all piled on the back porch waiting for them to reappear. Breed and gender didn't seem to figure into it, in our experience.

The sacral region of cats and dogs (like humans too) is thick with sensory and motor nerves, all attached to various anatomical fun zones. If you get a good buzz going by stimulating the peripheral nerves, most dogs and cats will respond as you might expect. The main nerve pathways are well buried, so some animals might not react as enthusiastically. It's also vulnerable anatomy, so there's sometimes an element of danger mixed in, which accounts for the heightened alertness. And don't confuse this with an animal's scratch reflex — that goofy thing your dog does with his back foot when you tickle his side. That's an involuntary response controlled by the spinal cord meant to help rid the skin of insects and irritants. Your dog knows you're already scratching him (creating the "itch" and getting rid of it too), but he can't stop waving that leg anyway.

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CASE CLOSED

Heymatt:
In regards to the question about the Close Door button in elevators [being just a placebo for anxious riders], [you] quoted an Otis tech rep as saying, "Ha-ha-ha-ha." Well, I just read a book called Faster: The Acceleration of Just About Everything. *It was kind of a history of time and our perceptions of it. The author discusses studies done by Otis regarding how people act — where they've had hidden cameras watching people getting on and off elevators and seeing how many seconds is their irritation coefficient. And I got the impression from this book that in fact Close Door buttons do not work, and it's a closely guarded secret of the Otis Elevator Company. They put them there as a kind of pacifier. Maybe I got the wrong impression from the book, but I'm pretty sure [you] didn't get the straight skinny from Otis, and quite frankly I'm a little disappointed.*

— Anonymous, telephonically

In fact, *Faster* is on the M.A. bookshelf, and we asked Otis about author James Gleick's suggestion that there are dummy Close Door buttons. Their reply (other than "Ha-ha-ha") was that there may be some bad buttons, but they weren't that way when the company shipped and installed the device. The purchaser can specify a "dwell time" (the time it takes for an elevator door to respond to hammering on the button), and that can vary from building to building, depending on traffic patterns and elevator-system configurations. The button doesn't say "Close Door Immediately!" It simply suggests that if you push the button, sooner or later the door will close in response. Not fast enough for most of us, and doubly bad since Close Door's companion, Open Door, responds right away — a safety issue, apparently. Because of long dwell times, the Close Door button may seem useless, but it does work.

Another possibility is that the Close Door–button system in any given elevator is broken. Since the doors eventually will close in response to people pushing buttons to select their floors, this isn't an emergency, and it may remain undiagnosed for a long time. But it's just an inefficiency, not a corporate plot. Would a world full of disconnected Close Door buttons somehow boost Otis's profile on Wall Street? If not, the company would have no reason to intentionally irritate riders, unless you are a subscriber to the Corporate Sadists theory of decision-making.

Gleick won a Pulitzer for his science-writing, so we can't exactly call him a rumormonger and crackpot. In his intro to *Faster*, he does refer to "the close door button in elevators, so often a placebo, with no function other than to distract for a moment those riders to whom ten seconds seems like an eternity." But in the intro, he does not elaborate or further define "often."

In the chapter titled "The Close Door Button," the Otis studies he mentions have to do with human behavior and time perception while waiting for an elevator to arrive, not a revelation that Close Door buttons in all elevators never work. He cites an Otis executive who says sometimes building management will disable the button to avoid lawsuits from people who might get clothing or extremities caught in the doors. But again, this assertion isn't supported with numbers, and there's no suggestion that it is a widespread practice. According to my chat with Otis, it's not common enough to give all elevator riders the idea that the buttons never work. That's just our perception of time in a speeded-up world, Gleick's thesis in the first place. And as we all know, the Close Door button works too fast when we're the ones running down the hall to catch a ride.

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Staff size: 35
Dress: casual to formal
Class time: Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

According to Islamic tradition, the four reasons a Muslim should learn Arabic are: it is the language of the Koran, it is the language of the Prophet Mohammed, it is the language in which God will address humanity on the Day of Judgment, and it is the language spoken by the angels in heaven. Given its importance, Arabic comprises about three-quarters of the homework students receive when they attend religious school on Saturdays at the big white mosque off Balboa Avenue.

Two hundred and fifty children, aged four to fifteen, fill the mosque's cavernous interior from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Children who speak Arabic as their first language attend the morning session, non-Arabic speakers attend the afternoon. Regardless of their fluency, all students study the Koran, the Sayings of the Prophet, and Islamic culture.

"I'd say almost eighty percent of our students come from truly committed, religious homes," said Cairo-born Rawya Shabaik who, along with principal Suaad Alsati, works on the school's curricula and chooses teaching materials. "The rest of our students come from homes where the parents just want them to have some exposure to Islam. I imagine it's the same in every religion.

"But because our students receive so much homework, and because the homework isn't easy, all our parents really have to work with us. The children receive report cards. If they're not doing well, Mrs. Alsati gives their parents a call. We take their education here very seriously. At the end of every year the children are tested, and if they don't pass, they don't graduate to the next grade."

The students pay forty dollars a month for their classes which run from September to June. The tuition covers a broad range of materials — Koran study guides, Arabic language readers, texts on Muslim civilization.

"Most of our English-language materials are from publishers in Chicago," explains Shabaik. "And they're generally very good. There's no fixed, traditional way for teaching Arabic or the Koran. We get catalogs for new materials all the time. We get most of our Arabic-language materials from the Arab Emirates. Mrs. Alsati and I sat down and looked at books from all over the Arab world and we found that the ones from the Emirates have better color, better pictures, the Arabic is a little less formal, and the books are more generic. They don't deal with things that are particular only to culture in the Emirates. A child from anywhere in the Muslim world could read one of these books and understand it.

"Our materials have to be accessible to students from many different nationalities and cultures. We have just about every skin and eye color. We're very international. We have children from Libya, Syria, Jordan, Palestine, Egypt, Tunisia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Bosnia, Kosovo, Sudan, Somalia...I could go on. We have children from at least 20 different countries."

As Shabaik guided me around the school, mothers ushered their children up and down the hallways. Some of the mothers were covered from head to foot in long shapeless robes, other mothers wore pants, some both covered their hair and wore pants. Quite a few of the children held *What Islam Is All About*, a hefty, 400-page, English-language textbook that covers just about every aspect of Islam: how to pray, how to fast, how to make pilgrimage to Mecca, the history of Islam, the evolution of *shari'a*, or Islamic law.



CHILDREN IN ILHAM ABBASI'S CLASS

"By the time our kids are in fourth grade," said Shabaik, "they should be reading Arabic fairly well. By the time they're in seventh grade, they should have memorized about 30 of the Koran's 114 chapters. They're not long chapters, but they provide a basis.

"The children also study ethics and Muslim manners — we stress respect to teachers, parents. Our curriculum doesn't deal specifically with sexual morality, but the Koran talks about such matters and requires that we answer children honestly when they ask questions about sex. Our answers are, of course, age-appropriate. We wouldn't give explicit details to a second-grader.

> "We don't believe in putting our elderly in rest homes. We didn't do it to our parents."

"We also stress the importance of the family. We hope that by giving our children an Islamic education, they'll respect their parents. We don't believe in putting our elderly in rest homes. We didn't do it to our parents, and we don't want our children to do it to us."

Shabaik led me to a class of third-graders taught by Ilham Abbasi, a striking Jordanian woman in trim black slacks and a cream colored scarf. Abbasi was giving her students a spelling test in Arabic. "Is it hard?" I asked them. "YES!" They all rolled their eyes.

I asked Abbasi what role teaching Saturday school played in her spiritual life.

"It's my way of giving back. I have a 20-year-old son and I missed out on teaching him about our culture, about Arabic, about Islam. He doesn't know much about those things and for years I felt very guilty about it. Now I'm giving that information to many children. Teaching is now as basic to me as air and water. I love this job."

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Dear Aunt Trudy,
My best friend and I are really close, but every time I get something super cool she decides to get the same thing. Like, I got this great leather jacket, and then she got the exact same one too and started wearing it to school every day. I think she sleeps in that jacket. Now all our friends say that I'm copying her if I wear mine. I know this sounds kind of lame, but she does it all the time. I asked her to stop, and she says it's no big deal; we just have the same taste and to chill out. What should I do?
PEEVED AT PATRICK HENRY

Dear Peeved,
Everyone wants to be an original. You'll be relieved to hear that this becomes less of an issue as you get older. When you reach my advanced age, most folks have grown so eccentric (and in some sad cases so bitter or cranky or nuts) that the struggle becomes not so much asserting your individuality as keeping your idiosyncrasies within tolerable limits. But these developments are eons off in your mist-shrouded future. I'm not going to give you that silly line about imitation being the sincerest form of flattery. My mother used to say that in a sort of high-pitched Glinda the Good Witch voice whenever one of my four younger sisters copycatted me, and it used to irritate the hell out of me. How is your best friend finding out where to buy outfits that replicate your recent wardrobe purchases? Perhaps it's time to become a little more circumspect about revealing the sources of your great clothes "finds." Schedule some shopping trips *with* your friend, and make sure you leave the mall with different loot. You might have to have several more talks with her so she gets it through her head how much this really bugs you. Peer pressure, that mighty force in the lives of people your age, might have some effect. You could try telling her that all the kids at Patrick Henry are calling you two the Bobbsey twins or some annoying contempo equivalent. In a more positive vein, maybe pay her some heavy compliments when she shows up in homeroom wearing something you don't own too, to give her more confidence in her taste so she doesn't have to keep relying on yours. Mention some colors or looks that are great on her (due to her particular build, complexion, or whatever) that you just can't carry off. The point is to find ways to make it seem like the height of coolness for her to look like herself, not a Xerox of her best friend.

Dear Aunt Trudy,
All my friends are signing up for sleepover camp now for next summer. I want to go too, but my parents think it is too far away. I do all my chores and am practically old enough to baby-sit, so I think I'm old enough to go away to camp. Plenty of kids my age and even younger are going. How can I change my parents' minds?
TIRED OF BEING TREATED LIKE A BABY

Dear Tired,
This is the bane of growing up: you know what you're good and ready for, and it doesn't in the least resemble what your nervous parents will let you do. Can you take your parents on a field trip to Camp Wildebeest so they can see for themselves what a great place it is, how beautiful the scenery, how safe the facilities, how professional the staff? Your folks can chat up the counselors and make sure it's not built on a toxic-waste dump, overrun with rattlesnakes, etc. If you know any kids who've been to this camp and lived, encourage their parents to talk to yours in that special mom-and-dad speak they use to share information about orthodontists, R-rated movies, how long to keep you on restriction if you don't come home by curfew, and so on. If your parents are still unconvinced after all this, tell them you want to sit down and discuss their specific objections, one by one. You can also use the field trip to check out the camp yourself and make sure it's as wonderful as you think. See if you're absolutely positive you want to live there for the whole summer, making art projects out of moss and bark and eating stew cooked in old fruit-juice cans and not being able to run out and buy peanut butter cups every time you get a craving. You have to humor your parents a little: they are really, really scared that if you go off to camp they'll miss you so much that they'll spend the whole summer moping.

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In late September, out of money and hungry, my girlfriend and I showed up at my parents' house. "Please," I said, "take us out to dinner and let us sleep on one of your two Aero air mattresses."

They did it right, taking us to Santa Monica's Buffalo Club. Plain on the outside but cozy on the inside, the Buffalo Club is named after the city made infamous by Scott Norwood. A great distance from that memory, the restaurant serves expensive comfort food to a different sort of player — the kind that sloughs off failure more easily than the Bills' kicker. Well, that's its reputation anyway. In three trips to the Buffalo Club, I've seen one celebrity. Chipmunk-cheeked Gary Busey.

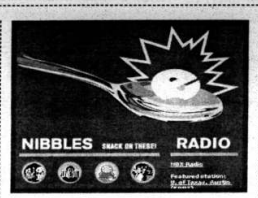
After we paid the valet guy to park the car precisely where we had left it for him, we entered the dark, empty hideout.

Blanked again, I thought.

We ordered, and before our first course arrived, a group of eight handsome sharps and nimble gentlewomen, all about 30 and exuberant, took the table next to ours. They were celebrating, laughing, toasting one another. They ordered chops, loins, smashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, fried okra, and cocktails — greyhounds, Manhattans, cosmopolitans. They were grand, and comfortable being so.

Must be actors, I thought.

A blonde leaned over to us and explained that they were dot-commers. This was a launch party; the site had gone on-line that day.



From www.nibblebox.com

"It's called Nibblebox," she said.

I arched an eyebrow.

"Evidently, it's pornography," I explained to my perplexed family.

"Oh, no," she said earnestly. "It's not. I swear. It's…"

The cast of characters that night included Doug Liman, founder, chairman…independent, innovative director of films like *Swingers* and *Go*…has a keen eye for up-and-coming young actors…was among the first to work with talent including Matthew Perry, Calista Flockhart, Heather Graham, Vince Vaughn, Taye Diggs, and Katie Holmes…has a bachelor of arts from Brown University; David Bartis, founder, co-CEO…formerly head of NBC Studios and senior vice president, prime-time series…has not only developed some of the most popular series on television (*Providence, Everybody Loves Raymond, Will and Grace, Martin*) but has also been instrumental in successfully launching innovative media vehicles for such companies as HBO, Quincy Jones Entertainment, and NBC…has a bachelor of arts from Brown University; Elizabeth Hamburg, co-CEO, has extensive experience launching innovative communications and new media companies…has developed and invested in Internet companies in e-commerce, distance learning, entertainment, content, and technology…was one of the founders and a director of the board of Vimpel Communications, the leading cellular company in Russia and the first Russian company to IPO on the NYSE…has a bachelor of arts from Brown University.

"Inspired by red meat, white trash, '80s rock…and an assortment of inhalers."

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and animated content for the Web. Rather than accept submissions for direct broadcast, the site "takes every submission through an extensive development cycle. Mentors from the entertainment industry and our professional development staff work directly with students to create compelling, short, episodic, and interactive programs that often challenge and expand the parameters of online entertainment."

"We feel that there is a large group of incredibly talented young creators who are only being held back by lack of access to equipment and distribution resources," Bartis says. Not to mention a degree from Brown.

Besides having links to college radio stations around the country and sponsoring special events ("win a trip to Europe to have lunch with Matt Damon and Doug Liman!"), Nibblebox is an entertainment network. One of the Nibbles debuting this fall is *Sorority Crime Fighters*, the contrivance of a couple of USC students. It's about three sorority girls fighting both real criminals around their dangerous university and social delinquents on campus — "errant boyfriends, catty girls, pervert professors, and stuff like that." Another is *Spatula City*, from two students at the University of Kansas. "Inspired by red meat, white trash, '80s rock…and an assortment of inhalers," the show brings together "talented musicians and amateur cooks." A third show is *Virtual Rob*, which stars "the world's first clickable human." Another USC project, *Virtual Rob* "is a true reflection of the human psyche and our desires to control the actions of others." In the third episode, for instance, you can use your mouse to help Rob flirt with girls in a lecture hall. Mind you, I have not been able to follow any of the half-dozen shows here for more than an instant because of constant "rebuffering" interruptions on my RealVideo. (Chill out, Nibblers, I'm *sure* it's my fault.)

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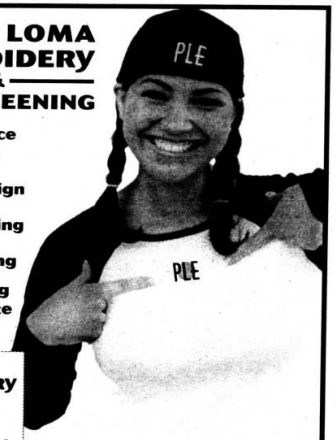

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Tofu

by MAX NASH

Jacob's father beat him. Jacob's father broke his arm and broke his nose and beat him once so badly he lost hearing in his left ear. The moon was a perfect disk last night. The air was dry and cold. Jacob's life seemed close to me. This is a hard story to tell.

"He who gives no creatures willingly the pain of confinement or death, but seeks the good of all, enjoys bliss without end," or so the Hindu scriptures teach. A soul takes 86 transmigrations to evolve from devil to cow. A soul takes only 1 migration to evolve from cow to man. But killing a cow causes a man's soul to fall 86 transmigrations and become a devil again. Jacob's father owned a slaughterhouse. Jacob left home at 16 and studied Hinduism and ate neither meat nor fish. For Jacob, Hindu theology was complete.

We met through friends at a time when both our lives were at loose ends. He was a strong Chicago boy who knew how to tell a joke and he loved to listen to jazz. He worked at a record store. He dated lanky, long-haired girls who hadn't quite finished graduate degrees in linguistics or art. I never met a man who loved as hard as Jacob. When these women left him, and they always did, hope left with them. Jacob would sit on his couch with his big head in his hands and moan. He wouldn't eat or bathe for days. When he was at his saddest, I'd go to his house and cook. Perhaps he was the brother I'd always wished I'd had.

I hadn't much experience cooking meals without meat. I could make salads. I could make pasta. I could make good baked beans. I couldn't, however, make anything nourishing enough to sustain a large man through grief. I went to used book stores and bought dog-eared vegetarian cookbooks printed in the 1970s. I learned about whole grains. I learned about the wonders of the soy bean. But Jacob was so scrupulous in his convictions that he wouldn't eat anything that resembled meat. He rejected tofu burgers and tofu hot dogs. Chinese markets, I discovered, carried a range of soy-based products that tasted like duck, chicken, fish, or shrimp. These things, too, were anathema to Jacob. He said they were "dishonest." He wanted only tofu and I lugged pounds of it to his house. White like lard, clammy, bland, tofu wasn't hard to cook. Its innocuousness repelled me; its innocence was what Jacob enjoyed. I braised tofu with garlic or I diced it and added it to curries or I simmered it with Chinese radish and sweet rice wine. I set these dishes before Jacob while he sat with his head in his hands. He'd look up, sniff, say, "Smells good."

"I think my anger is a kind of suicide," he told me one night. I'd seen him angry. Rage took him like a seizure. He hollered. He swore. From the darkest part of his brain he dragged out the most horrible things to say. Then within seconds the rage would be gone. Once he nicked himself while shaving and he put his fist through the bathroom door. When I asked him about it, he laughed. "I guess I must've done that. Maybe. I don't remember."



Jacob's father got cancer, an aggressive kind. He was going down, and going down fast. Jacob became desperate to speak to his father. His father refused to see him. Jacob left messages for his father. He sent get-well cards. He sent his father flowers. He'd call me late at night and say, "I have to talk to my father. I need to know why he hurt me." He'd say, "I can't help it, but I love him."

Jacob's father fell into a coma. An old girlfriend of Jacob's called me and said Jacob sounded wild. When I got to his house, the front door was open. Jacob had torn the phone from the wall. He was sitting in the kitchen, staring at his hands. He stank. His eyes were glazed. I put my hand on his shoulder and said, "Jacob, we have to get you to a doctor. We have to get you help."

He stood slowly and put his hands around my neck. He screamed, "I could kill you." He put his hands around my neck again. He yelled. He drew back his fist and feigned a punch toward my gut. "I could hit you," he screamed. "I could kill you." He cleared his throat and spat in my face. The warmth of it dripped down my glasses and into my beard.

One of Jacob's cousins tells me she sees him from time to time. He wanders the streets downtown. When she calls his name, he doesn't answer. He has no fixed address. I haven't seen him since the night I left his house and quietly closed the door. When I now walk down the produce aisle at my local grocery store, I consider the lettuce, tomatoes, grapes, and I think of farm workers drenched with insecticide. I think of the farm workers' children. I think of the men and women who die every winter trying to the border to work in American fields. When it is cold at night I think of Jacob, who will enjoy no bliss. Jacob will always wait for his father to make the long journey from devil to man.

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A VISIT *to the* ORACLES

SOME PEOPLE wait all their lives to go to the country of their parents' origin. Some fix their gaze on the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, and some save their desire and their dollars for Alaska. All my life I have planned on going to the palm reader in National City, but it wasn't until recently that the time was right. For as long as I can remember, I have gazed at the big neon hand, which is now just a sign off I-5 that reads Palm Reading, and fantasized about the future that awaited me there. So I was a bit surprised when I rang the bell to that establishment one Saturday morning, and the young woman who answered the door informed me that the day was already booked; she asked if I would like to make an appointment. We scheduled an appointment for the following Monday. Then she gave me her card and asked for mine. I didn't have one.



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David Dos Santos

When I was young, my mother would tell my fortune on the Ouija board. The lights flickered, her voice turned whiskey and cigarettes, then her hands would begin to forcefully dictate my future. When I think back, I admire her bravery. My questions were often unspoken; the "Yes" or the "No" she doled out to me could have been fatal. Because, while I don't know what precisely I believe, I do believe that we are highly suggestible creatures and that we play out in life at least half the cards people tell us were dealt to us. If people say we're handsome, or smart, or stupid, or angry, often as not, we internalize it, become it.

I suppose if I had to be pinned down, grey moth on black velvet, I believe in my understanding of the Heisenberg principle. Crudely, the idea is that the path of a particle does not exist until the scientist observes it. Also that observing a particle alters the way it behaves. Heisenberg said in "The Uncertainty Principle" paper of 1927, "On the sharp formulation of causality — 'if we know the present exactly, we can calculate the future' — it is not the conclusion that is wrong but the premise." The way my mind plays with this is to say the present, in which I am mired, is unknowable. If I point the light of inquiry on my future, I can alter or affect its course.

The present, in which I am mired, is unknowable.

Well, something like that.

Some years ago my friend Mary gave me a small blue vial of Good Fortune Oil. At the time I didn't believe in good fortune, but I desperately wanted to be protected from any more bad fortune. So I dabbed a little oil on my Achilles tendon each morning before leaving the house. I had a wonderful year. Protected, but more fortunate. My thinking is, it was a daily application of Mary's good wishes and my conscious tending of the future that altered it. I have become fond of the ideas I pseudo-scientifically subvert.

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our every day. Writers speak unabashedly of the Muse and sit at their desks waiting for her to come down the chimney. A lot of people experience déjà-vu, the already seen. They feel that they have been in a certain place or met a person before. Many people have experienced premonitions, some that bear themselves out and others that turn out to be false alarms. Dreamers pan their dreams for shiny little nuggets of wisdom or foretelling. A bit of superstition creeps in disguised as ritual: "I always sleep on the right side," "I never go out without..." And who doesn't have a talisman, a favored pen, a magic baseball bat, a pair of cleats that are partly responsible for a win?

The idea of synchronicity was one that Carl Jung tried to explain. Mysterious coincidences. Like the antique chair I bought last spring. It was in the back of a dusty shop, and I thought the lion's head carved as a headrest was comely. The chair was broken, so I got a good price. As I was leaving, however, the owner remarked, "I got that from a very eclectic collection I recently picked up. The poor woman who owned it died suddenly in a terrible car accident." When I got it home my daughter looked at it and said, "Mom, that's not a lion, that's the devil. Look, here are the horns." Shortly after that the synchronicity kicked in. I had three car accidents. Just little ones, but I never have car accidents.

Even the guy himself, Sigmund Freud, conceded everything cannot be explained away. In *The Psychopathology of Everyday Life* Freud says:

"Though we admit that these remarks of ours in no way exhaust the psychology of superstition, we shall at least have to touch on the question of whether we are to deny entirely that superstition has any real roots: whether there are definitely no such things as true presentiments, manifestations of supernatural forces, and the like. I am not condemning these phenomena, of which so many observations have been made by men of outstanding intellect. Perhaps some portion of these observations will be explained by our growing recognition of unconscious mental processes. If the existence of still other phenomena — those claimed by spiritualists, for example — were to be established, we should set about modifying our 'laws' in the way demanded by the new discovery, without being shaken in our belief in the coherence of things in the world."

Later in the essay he says, "To my regret I must confess that I am one of those unworthy people in whose presence spirits suspend their activity and the supernatural vanishes away.... I must, however, confess that in the last few years I have had a few remarkable experiences which might easily have been explained on the hypothesis of telepathic thought-transference. Now that I have buttressed my exploration into the future with a dash of science, I can proceed apace."

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Madame Dora and I crossed the foyer, marble floors covered with Persian rugs, to arrive at the alcove, a small womblike enclosure at the back of the room. The young woman whom I had spoken with Saturday said, "This is the lady I told you about, the one from the *Reader*." Madame Dora looked at her in a disgruntled way. We sat down in the alcove and she said, "I don't do interviews." Then she looked me over and said, "Are you some kind of teacher?" Nailed. Did I look distracted, exhausted, bookish, frumpish? What was it? Do all teachers look alike, or was this my first display of her psychic powers? Then she asked me if I had ever been to a psychic before. "Yes, some years back I had my cards read by a woman in the rear of a metaphysical shop in Spring Valley." "Then," she said, "you have never been to a professional. I am a professional."

"I tell you what is there — no hard feelings," she said by way of beginning. This is exactly what I had braced myself for. What if the cowled guy with the menacing sickle turned up? Or one of those sword people? Then she asked me to hold the deck of cards and make a wish. As I have said, I am uncertain about exactly what I believe, but I fervently believe in wishes. After a minute of holding the cards that quivered with the wishes of countless people before me, I asked Madame Dora, "Only one?" "Two," she conceded. But before we proceeded I wanted to know: "Do you believe the future is fixed, or do you think after we speak of it I can change it?" In some ways this question is tantamount to asking *What is the nature of the universe we live in?* Her response was, "Let's start and that will be part of what we will see."

Madame Dora laid the well-worn cards down on the table to her right side and then she began to tell me who I was. Her surmises, or the card's revelations about my personality, were accurate. Were they general enough to be true about everybody? Possibly. Still her recounting moved me. I felt the way some people must feel when they go to a shrink and the shrink says, "No, you're not crazy; after all, you're a good person." I especially liked the part about the strong mind.

She moved from the present to the future. Are fortunes like birthday-candle wishes? If I tell you my fortune will that negate it? I fear it might be true. Suffice it to say, I was carried on the current of her words. She spoke rapidly, like a buzzing telephone wire, the small alcove hummed with her transmissions. She offered me the life I wanted to live. All I can tell you is everything was unexpectedly good. Certain corners are going to be turned in the near future, and there were some specific warnings in regard to those turns; nevertheless, the overall out-

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Madame Dora also told me she had been at the same location for 47 years. "The television comes, reporters come, I turn them away. I don't need advertising," she assured me. I asked her if I could take her picture and she said, "No." She did say, "If someone brings this article to me they will get a discount, but tell them to be sure and call for an appointment first." She inquired how long it would take me to write this article. "At least a month," I said. She looked at me pityingly, as if she had discovered why I had such a hard time getting on in the world. On my way out, as a gesture of generosity, she said she would pray for me anyway.

My one complaint is that I had hoped that she might have spent longer with me. The reading was only about 15 minutes. Perhaps she shortened it because she anticipated we would need the extra time for questions. While I was with her, the phone rang; someone wanted to see her in a half an hour; there was another woman waiting in the foyer. Madame Dora is in demand.

After I left Madame Dora's I felt as if I glowed the whole day. Aura perhaps? I thought people should notice the difference in my appearance. I was in possession of a wonderful future, an enviable future. It shimmered like heat rising on the road just before me. It was star-studded, night sky over white desert. When I teach Latin-American literature I often teach a fantastic novel, *The Hour of the Star*, by Claris Lispector. The main character, Macabéa, has a miserable life. At the end of the book she goes to see a psychic. "I have some wonderful news for you," Madame Carlota tells her. "Listen carefully, my flower...your life is about to change completely...it's a long time since I've read such good cards. I'm always frank with my clients. For example, I've just told that girl you saw leaving that she's going to be knocked down on the road. She wept buckets..." Macabéa left Madame Carlota's house inebriated with happiness...and was knocked down — dead — by a car.

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I hate it when I hand back a round of papers and students compare grades and comments. I have no intention of comparing psychics, but afraid of good cards, afraid of bad cards, I scheduled another appointment to have my cards read. When it comes to the future, we all know we need to hedge our bets. Plus, when I am in the process of making a decision, as I am now, I normally consult several friends. It's not that I will act on their advice per se, but a part of my brain that calibrates, calculates, will factor in all the advice. Following these thoughts, I pursued my quest north of the I-8 divide. I went to see a man with a propitious name, David Dos Santos, at the Psychic Eye Book Shop in La Jolla.

The small round table, the maroon plush cloth overlaid by the blue silk scarf, the many varied talismans on the table and on the person of David Dos Santos satisfied my desire for atmosphere in the same way a Caruso aria and allusions to vineyards or volcanoes enhance my osso bucco. Dos Santos showed his deck of cards first. Each one was a work of art and imagination; they were collage paste-ups he had clipped from magazines over a long period of time. The pictures were a juxtaposition of traditional and contemporary. Both hue and image evoked the gravity and possibility implied by each ancient Tarot symbol. He told me that the cards and his inspiration were loosely based on his Santería Catholic tradition. The flyer I took about Dos Santos describes Santería as "an earth-based non-judgmental Afro-Cuban religion. A unique synchronicity of Catholicism and magical rites and traditions from southwestern Nigeria...its basic tenants...integrate the spiritual and material worlds...."

He asked me to take three deep breaths and cut the cards three ways. Then he asked me to stack them any way I wanted. He slapped the cards down on the table in what looked like a T-shape. I asked one of my questions; the two cards in the right corner of the T gave me a cautionary answer; *don't make any immediate changes*. I asked another question and he played out a few extra cards in his left-hand corner. Dos Santos is very personable and interacts with the cards and with the client on an intuitive level. While he stretches his antennae into the future, he uses his gift for reading his client in the present. He offered me no promises but some glimpses of possibility. And a vindication card.

We returned to the general picture of my future. At the top of the T doing a balancing act of his own was the Hanged Man. Dos Santos sketched the various possibilities the Hanged Man could hold for me. Some parts of my future were not so fixed as the previous cards had suggested; the Hanged Man pointed toward their fluidity. *The Book of Tarot* explains the Hanged Man in this way: "Being bound to the tree indicates dependency to the physical earth including the laws of society. However, the Hanged Man's upside-down position indicates he has made a complete reversal in his dependency. Coins can fall from his pockets symbolizing the rejection of materialistic values." Then the book offers two rather rigidly dichotomous possibilities: "Spiritual awareness and the happiness and assuredness it brings. Sacrificing for a noble purpose. Reversal of one's current way of life. Inner peace. Developed intuition and prophecy." Or reversed: "A selfish, materialistic personality. Failure to find the true meaning of one's existence. Concern only with physical matters. Spiritual emptiness." Well, given this choice, I'd go with the first. Still, I didn't really care for the coins falling out of the pockets. Fortunately, Dos Santos's interpretation was more subtle and more open. After he taunted my love life with one of the cups cards we were finished.

After more than half an hour I felt I had been offered some useful insights, some interesting speculation, and a few new paths worth pursuing. Dos Santos was generous with interview time. I asked him if he believed the future that he foretold would play out exactly as he had predicted. "No matter what I see and what I tell my clients," he said, "there are ways of averting danger. There is a wide spectrum of interpretation that can be applied to what the cards say. It is up to the client and how they act on the information given them. For example, if I tell a client I see a relationship in the future, and they shut themselves up in the house like Miss Havisham..." — and didn't I love the literary reference? — "...then the client is very unlikely to have a relationship."

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Dos Santos had a funny story to tell when I asked him if any clients had ever come back to him and told him that one of his predictions came true. Apparently there was this childless couple who came to him, hoping he would see a child in their future. The fertility clinic they were going through had offered them little hope. "I sweated nickels over that one," Dos Santos told me. "Every which way I threw the cards, they said she would have a child. Seven months later I was across the street at Longs when a woman came running through the aisles yelling, 'David, I'm pregnant, I'm pregnant.' Strangers were looking at me and I felt compelled to yell out, 'I didn't do it!' Against the odds my client was pregnant. After that I said to myself, *Okay, this works.*"

As a child, Dos Santos said, "I felt I had this treasure, this gift, but because of my mother's choice of faith I didn't cultivate it until half my adult life had gone by. Though I had been reading cards for years, I got my first professional opportunity when the Psychic Eye, which services parties and conventions, sent me to a convention of lawyers in Coronado. A rock band was playing really loud music while I was giving readings. After it was over I said to myself, *If I can do that I can*

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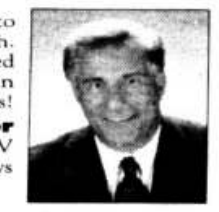

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Madame Dora also told me she had been at the same location for 47 years. "The television comes, reporters come, I turn them away. I don't need advertising," she assured me. I asked her if I could take her picture and she said, "No." She did say, "If someone brings this article to me they will get a discount, but tell them to be sure and call for an appointment first." She inquired how long it would take me to write this article. "At least a month," I said. She looked at me pityingly, as if she had discovered why I had such a hard time getting on in the world. On my way out, as a gesture of generosity, she said she would pray for me anyway.

My one complaint is that I had hoped that she might have spent longer with me. The reading was only about 15 minutes. Perhaps she shortened it because she anticipated we would need the extra time for questions. While I was with her, the phone rang; someone wanted to see her in a half an hour; there was another woman waiting in the foyer. Madame Dora is in demand.

After I left Madame Dora's I felt as if I glowed the whole day. Aura perhaps? I thought people should notice the difference in my appearance. I was in possession of a wonderful future, an enviable future. It shimmered like heat rising on the road just before me. It was star-studded, night sky over white desert. When I teach Latin-American literature I often teach a fantastic novel, *The Hour of the Star*, by Claris Lispector. The main character, Macabéa, has a miserable life. At the end of the book she goes to see a psychic. "I have some wonderful news for you," Madame Carlota tells her. "Listen carefully, my flower...your life is about to change completely...it's a long time since I've read such good cards. I'm always frank with my clients. For example, I've just told that girl you saw leaving that she's going to be knocked down on the road. She wept buckets..." Macabéa left Madame Carlota's house inebriated with happiness...and was knocked down — dead — by a car.

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I hate it when I hand back a round of papers and students compare grades and comments. I have no intention of comparing psychics, but afraid of good cards, afraid of bad cards, I scheduled another appointment to have my cards read. When it comes to the future, we all know we need to hedge our bets. Plus, when I am in the process of making a decision, as I am now, I normally consult several friends. It's not that I will act on their advice per se, but a part of my brain that calibrates, calculates, will factor in all the advice. Following these thoughts, I pursued my quest north of the I-8 divide. I went to see a man with a propitious name, David Dos Santos, at the Psychic Eye Book Shop in La Jolla.

The small round table, the maroon plush cloth overlaid by the blue silk scarf, the many varied talismans on the table and on the person of David Dos Santos satisfied my desire for atmosphere in the same way a Caruso aria and allusions to vineyards or volcanoes enhance my osso bucco. Dos Santos showed his deck of cards first. Each one was a work of art and imagination; they were collage paste-ups he had clipped from magazines over a long period of time. The pictures were a juxtaposition of traditional and contemporary. Both hue and image evoked the gravity and possibility implied by each ancient Tarot symbol. He told me that the cards and his inspiration were loosely based on his Santería Catholic tradition. The flyer I took about Dos Santos describes Santería as "an earth-based nonjudgmental Afro-Cuban religion. A unique synchronicity of Catholicism and magical rites and traditions from southwestern Nigeria...its basic tenants...integrate the spiritual and material worlds...."

He asked me to take three deep breaths and cut the cards three ways. Then he asked me to stack them any way I wanted. He slapped the cards down on the table in what looked like a T-shape. I asked one of my questions; the two cards in the right corner of the T gave me a cautionary answer; *don't make any immediate changes.* I asked another question and he played out a few extra cards in his left-hand corner. Dos Santos is very personable and interacts with the cards and with the client on an intuitive level. While he stretches his antennae into the future, he uses his gift for reading his client in the present. He offered me no promises but some glimpses of possibility. And a vindication card.

We returned to the general picture of my future. At the top of the T doing a balancing act of his own was the Hanged Man. Dos Santos sketched the various possibilities the Hanged Man could hold for me. Some parts of my future were not so fixed as the previous cards had suggested; the Hanged Man pointed toward their fluidity. *The Book of Tarot* explains the Hanged Man in this way: "Being bound to the tree indicates dependency to the physical earth including the laws of society. However, the Hanged Man's upside-down position indicates he has made a complete reversal in his dependency. Coins can fall from his pockets symbolizing the rejection of materialistic values." Then the book offers two rather rigidly dichotomous possibilities: "Spiritual awareness and the happiness and assuredness it brings. Sacrificing for a noble purpose. Reversal of one's current way of life. Inner peace. Developed intuition and prophecy." Or reversed: "A selfish, materialistic personality. Failure to find the true meaning of one's existence. Concern only with physical matters. Spiritual emptiness." Well, given this choice, I'd go with the first. Still, I didn't really care for the coins falling out of the pockets. Fortunately, Dos Santos's interpretation was more subtle and more open. After he taunted my love life with one of the cups cards we were finished.

"No matter what I see, and what I tell my clients," he said, "there are ways of averting danger."

After more than half an hour I felt I had been offered some useful insights, some interesting speculation, and a few new paths worth pursuing. Dos Santos was generous with interview time. I asked him if he believed the future that he foretold would play out exactly as he had predicted. "No matter what I see and what I tell my clients," he said, "there are ways of averting danger. There is a wide spectrum of interpretation that can be applied to what the cards say. It is up to the client and how they act on the information given them. For example, if I tell a client I see a relationship in the future, and they shut themselves up in the house like Miss Havisham..." — and didn't I love the literary reference? — "...then the client is very unlikely to have a relationship."

Dos Santos had a funny story to tell when I asked him if any clients had ever come back to him and told him that one of his predictions came true. Apparently there was this childless couple who came to him, hoping he would see a child in their future. The fertility clinic they were going through had offered them little hope. "I sweated nickels over that one," Dos Santos told me. "Every which way I threw the cards, they said she would have a child. Seven months later I was across the street at Longs when a woman came running through the aisles yelling, 'David, I'm pregnant, I'm pregnant.' Strangers were looking at me and I felt compelled to yell out, 'I didn't do it!' Against the odds my client was pregnant. After that I said to myself, *Okay, this works.*"

As a child, Dos Santos said, "I felt I had this treasure, this gift, but because of my mother's choice of faith I didn't cultivate it until half my adult life had gone by. Though I had been reading cards for years, I got my first professional opportunity when the Psychic Eye, which services parties and conventions, sent me to a convention of lawyers in Coronado. A rock band was playing really loud music while I was giving readings. After it was over I said to myself, *If I can do that I can*

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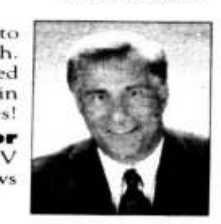

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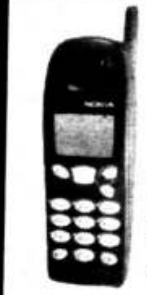
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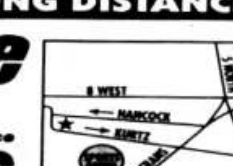

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I asked Dos Santos if his clients were women or men. "For every ten women there are two men." I wondered out loud if those numbers would be reflected as well in which gender sought out the advice of a psychiatrist or a therapist. "No doubt," he said, "and probably in the ratio of males and females who attend church." Hmmm. Draw your own conclusions.

"Speaking of therapy," I asked him, "do you ever feel that what you do is a form of therapy?"

"It's always been a form of therapy," he answered, "ever since its invention. I always try to put myself in my client's shoes. If I see a death in the family, I try to skirt around it, until they ask me directly, until I think they are ready to hear it."

My foray into the future is over, but what if living our lives requires imagination? Speculation? How do we lift ourselves out of the plod of day-to-day to see how it might be otherwise? I remember once when my whole family was in Europe for six months on a sabbatical; for the first time I could look at my life from a great distance and think how I would prefer to live it, as opposed to how I had been living it. Distance offered me not objectivity but vision. Likewise, I feel I have gathered the visions that two strangers who make their living peering into the future offered me; now these visions swirl inside of me, become a bit of the swill of self. Michel de Montaigne, the essayist who wrote in the 1500s, said in a short piece called "On Prognostications": "There remain among us it is true some means of divination by the heavens, by spirits, by bodily features, by dreams and so on: that is a remarkable example of the mad curiosity of our nature which wastes time trying to seize hold of the future as though it were not enough to have to deal with the present..." For now I say Amen to Montaigne, but the breath of the future is already visible on the window. ■

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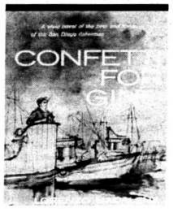

PART THIRTEEN, EPILOGUE

Confetti for Gino, Lorenzo Madalena's novel of the "lives and loves of the San Diego fishermen," concludes with little Nino's funeral and Gino's decision about his future in Little Italy. It was time for the young Sicilian to go home.

CHAPTER 22

For the second time within two months the upstairs living and dining rooms of the DeMarino home were opened to the Italian colony. Instead of cheerful greetings of "*Buon Natale,*" however, there was a hushed silence broken occasionally by choked sobs. The rooms were stifling. Mamma DeMarino had ordered the windows kept closed. The front door, propped open with a brick, permitted fresh evening air to enter. But circulation was impossible among the dozens of somberly dressed women who sat rigidly in rows two and three deep, leaving clear only a passageway from the door to the fireplace.

The body of Nino DeMarino lay in a child's coffin before the fireplace. A delicate blanket of plucked white carnations with an orchid spray draped the lower half of the silver-gray casket. The upper lid with its padded silk lining was open.

Dressed in the cocoa-brown suit that had been Gino's Christmas gift, the corpse of Nino reclined with a rosary wound about the folded hands. The freshly rouged cheeks looked unnaturally bright on the waxen face.

A huge yellow candle and an elaborate floral wreath flanked each end of the coffin. Mamma DeMarino had first insisted that the mortuary deliver all the floral displays that friends had ordered for the funeral; when the dozen wreaths had been placed on stands, however, she acknowledged with regret that the living and dining rooms were overcrowded. The wreaths were returned to the mortuary with the exception of two. One was a five-foot cross of white and red carnations from the family. The other, bearing a ribbon which read, "From the Crew of the *Stella del Mare,*" consisted of hundreds of white daisies in the shape of a tuna boat.

Seated near the coffin were Mamma, Nonno, and Anna, all dressed in black. Mamma and Anna, like most of the other women, already were reciting their beads although Father Abruzzio had not yet arrived to begin the Rosary. The old grandfather fidgeted continuously with his hands; his faded eyes gazed blankly at new arrivals.

Mamma DeMarino's sole living brother and her two sisters gravely received neighbors and friends at the front door. They had arrived by car only that afternoon from San Francisco, leaving behind their mates and a total of 11 children.

The groups entering the living room walked solemnly to the coffin to view the body of the midget. The women sniffed courteously, crossed themselves, kissed Signora DeMarino on the cheek, and sought an empty chair. Their husbands, after a swift glance at the corpse, left the religious portion of the wake to their wives and descended the stairway to the cellar kitchen.

Gino presided downstairs. Red-eyed and pallid, wearing a black band stitched to his left coat sleeve, he shook hands with the fishermen or permitted the older, closer friends to embrace him. His primary duty at the moment, however, was to stock the kitchen table with Mamma DeMarino's sweet cookies and with bottles of liqueurs and whiskies.

Anna's two daughters shared a chair beside the stove. Wide-eyed at the unfamiliar crowd in the kitchen, Lilly-Ann and Rose-Ann were equally bewildered by the moist, sympathetic kisses that the fishermen lavished upon them.

Promptly at 8:00 p.m. Father Abruzzio in his



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Italian woman in front of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 1959

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black cassock and lace surplice strode into the living room. A single altar boy bearing the gilded holy-water bucket and scepter accompanied the priest.

One of the Italian women whispered loudly down the stairs, and several men crowded back into the dining room. Others lined the staircase. The majority remained in the kitchen, keeping their conversational tones respectfully low and meanwhile eyeing the refreshments that would be available immediately following the Rosary.

Gino pushed through the mourners and took his place beside Mamma DeMarino. He knelt upon the floor. It was cramped and close, and the odor from the flowers was overpowering, but Father Abruzzio was mercifully swift in conducting the services.

Gino tried to concentrate as the priest led the congregation through the decades of Ave Marias. The singsong, automatic responses lulled him. He found himself losing his place on the black wooden beads.

Someone in the throng of black-shawled women let out a sharp cry and called upon Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to receive Nino's soul with mercy. Gino made an irritable face. What right did the woman have to beg aloud for his brother's soul? She was putting on, that's all it was. Like so many of the women he had seen at funerals. Thank God that Mamma was keeping control of herself!

He and Anna had both feared their mother would erupt in a fit of hysterics. Anna had even hidden a small bottle of smelling salts under her chair in case Mamma collapsed. But here Father Abruzzio was concluding the Rosary, and Mamma DeMarino had not so much as sobbed aloud once.

As the priest blessed the body with holy water and read the concluding prayers from his small missal, Gino glanced at his mother. Mamma's lips were still moving in prayer, but her face was composed. He felt relieved.

Ever since the days when



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Italian man at kitchen table, 1959

he had served Mass, Gino had dreaded funerals. When he was very young the screaming and sobbing frightened him. The services at the mortuary chapel weren't so bad; then the immediate family of the corpse was mercifully hidden in an anteroom. But the Rosaries conducted in private homes, like the one tonight, sometimes became nightmarish wakes with all the women joining in mass weeping. The funerals themselves invariably were even worse.

After the first few times Gino learned not to be frightened; instead, he felt embarrassed and deeply ashamed of the public mourners. He couldn't help feeling it was largely an act, as though every woman who even remotely knew the body lying in its gray coffin had to cry aloud and scream a few times for the benefit of the immediate family of the dead person. They were all like a bunch of actors in a mass performance. All too often, Gino had felt, the show was phony.

As an altar boy Gino had learned to judge how much crying and screaming would be present at Mass by the amount that went on during the Rosary the night before. The Rosary tonight had been exceptionally quiet. Mamma DeMarino had herself set the tone by keeping control of her emotions. She would be all right tomorrow, too, Gino decided.

The moment Father Abruzzio and his lone altar boy departed Gino hurried down to the kitchen. He wanted to avoid the women who pushed forward for a final comforting embrace before leaving. Downstairs the fishermen were helping themselves to the refreshments. Marco and Peter the Rat were pouring straight shots into a dozen glasses.

"Want a drink?" Marco asked.

Gino shook his head. "Let me do that." He reached for the bottle.

"The Rat and me'll take care of it. You just take it easy." Marco squeezed his friend's arm tightly.

Gino turned away. He was relieved that Marco and Peter, like all the others on his crew, had not mentioned his brother since the accident. They had not made a show of their feelings. He knew they shared his grief, but none of his true friends had done more than clasp his hand and look at him awkwardly.

Tomorrow the crew would be pallbearers. Marco and the Rat and Jazzy, Bruno, Tits, and Benny would carry the child's coffin that held Nino's body. It had been Marco who had decided, and Gino was grateful to him. The same as he was grateful for the way Marco had, unbidden, made the funeral arrangements. But Gino had expected it of Marco, of his old friend. If only he could find it within himself to forgive Marco for being his sister's lover! They would still be close friends. But he couldn't. The vague feeling of betrayal that had come when he forced Anna to confess she had lain with Marco still persisted. Betrayal of whom and of what, exactly, he couldn't reason. Nor did he try. But the feeling was nevertheless there, prohibiting him from forgiving Marco.

Gino stood near the cellar door and dully watched the fishermen clustered about the large kitchen table. The straight shots helped break the heavy gloom that the Rosary had occasioned, and the men relaxed and began talking audibly. Gino tried not to listen; he hated hearing them mouth over and over again how tragic it was that Nino had died and what a shame death should come to such a young boy and what a misfortune that Nino had even gone fishing for then the disaster would never have happened. Always, when someone made the last remark, guilty faces would look Gino's way, fearing he had heard. Of course he had heard!

Gino walked away as several more fishermen entered through the cellar door. The kitchen was getting crowded, and a haze of cigar and cigarette smoke steadily gathered. He heard one of the men speaking in Italian.

"Perhaps the good God did well to take the boy so young. With his unfortunate condition, born as he was, he could never..." The man stopped abruptly as Gino pushed past him.

Gino climbed the stairs quickly and avoided the women who still sat praying in the living and dining rooms. He closed his bedroom door, locked it from inside, felt his way in the dark, and stretched across the large double bed. He crossed his arms over his face.

So that was how the man felt! And probably many others too. Now it was a good thing that little Nino was dead, fortunate that the blue shark had ripped his tiny body apart. Now no one, least of all Nino himself, would have to worry about what kind of life the midget would have to face.

What the man and all the others didn't know was that Gino had already planned that life. Nino would have continued living with him. With him and Vicky after they married. And whatever Nino would have had to face, whatever troubles might have come his way would also have been Gino's.

He rolled onto his side. He was tired, desperately tired, more even than when he'd fished all day in the racks. He wanted to sleep, but it was futile. A numbness had settled upon him. He couldn't even cry. He had tried. He had tried forcing the tears out, but the numb feeling was too strong.

Even when he had seen Vicky and told her how his brother had slipped off the bait box and how he had tried to shoot the blue shark and how the shark had slashed with its teeth again and again into Nino's pathetic body. Even then, telling it for the first time and reliving and feeling again the horror of the entire accident, Gino could not cry. It was as though something vitally important in his life had been snatched away, without warning, and he could not bring himself to realize his loss.

Gino flung his arms outward. His hand groped at the emptiness beside him on the bed. Perhaps this was how he would come to accept Nino's death. Gradually, first by accepting the fact that no longer would his little brother sleep beside him. And then by realizing that no longer would Nino ride everywhere with him in the Cadillac, the two of them dressed exactly alike. And in buying new clothes, finding he had only to buy for himself. In all those ways and a dozen others. Bit by bit he would find another and another and another way that his life's pattern of the past years had changed, and perhaps when he had accepted all the changes he would finally accept Nino's death.

He heard a woman yell sharply and cry in Italian. He listened carefully. It was not Mamma nor Anna. One of the neighbors who had volunteered to watch beside the body of Nino. A group of them would be there all night, praying over their beads, reciting Rosaries for their own dead and for those of their friends and for the souls in purgatory, over and over until the morticians came in the morning to seal the coffin and take the body to Our Lady of the Sea for the funeral at 8:30.

Gino rolled on the bed, onto his back again. He felt a prickling at his side. It was his Holy Rosary. He took the black beads out of his coat pocket and slid his fingers until he came to the cross. Maybe if he prayed, if he tried reciting the *Ave Maria* again and again, like the women in the living room where poor little Nino's body lay, he could lull himself to sleep. He could at least try. Anything to kill this torpid feeling, this damn numbness to everything about him that had possessed him since Nino had died.

For he was dead. Actually, forever dead. Gone, gone, gone, gone from his life...the word itself sounded impossible and ridiculous..."gone"...funny how sometimes when you said a word over and over, a simple word like "gone," it finally was just a sound and not even a word...just "gone"...a stupid combina-

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tion of letters that meant nothing, meant something, meant everything. Meant that Nino was gone. He was gone. Gone, gone…

Gino tried pronouncing it different ways. It would be "gón" or "goné" or "góne" or six or eight or a dozen different ways, and it still wouldn't mean anything and yet everything.

His fingers moved to a larger black bead. It was time for a Pater Noster. He had already said a decade of Ave Marias, mechanically, and now he had come again to an Our Father. Without even realizing it. He grasped the next, smaller bead between his thumb and forefinger, he rolled it between his finger tips, he began once again the *Ave Maria*.

Gino smiled. It was funny. It really was. The first time he had learned to say the prayer to the Blessed Virgin in English (for Mamma had taught him, years before that, to recite it automatically in Italian, and he never really knew what all the words even meant), he imitated Father Abruzzio at Sunday School. And Father Abruzzio had something of an accent. When he said "Hail, Mary" it sounded like "Hell, Mary." And that was how little Gino, the altar boy, repeated the prayer.

"Hell, Mary," he would say, "full of grace, the Lord is with thee."

Gino snickered. Then he laughed. It was funny. Really funny! Here all the time he knew it was wrong to swear, to say words like "damn" and all the others, but it was all right to say "hell" if it was in a prayer! "Hell, Mary!" Gino laughed. It was funny, at that! Who else but a dumb wop fisherman like him would ever mistake "Hell" for "Hail"?

Gino laughed until his jaws ached. He laughed aloud, wildly. And as he laughed his laughs became more and more like sobs. And finally the sobs themselves drew tears, real tears, and Gino laughed and sobbed and cried with happiness that his tears were real.

Another shriek awoke him. He lay stunned for a moment and then looked at the clock on the stand beside his bed. He had fallen asleep. It was after 7:30. He lay rigid, trying to comprehend that he had actually slept and that it was now morning. The morning of Nino's funeral.



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Gino rose suddenly. He felt his beard. He had to shave. He quietly turned the key in the lock and opened his bedroom door. The other door, the one that led from the hall to the living and dining rooms, was closed. He could hear people moving about and whispering. There was a sudden grating, as if someone had moved a heavy weight, and then he heard the front door being opened. It always creaked, for it was seldom used except during the holidays, and the sea air from the bay was damp and made the wood swell so that it stuck when the door was pulled open.

Again he heard the shriek. It sounded like Mamma, but of course it couldn't be. Mamma had been all right, all through the Rosary, and she wouldn't crack up now. Not now, when the funeral was about to start.

Gino listened, standing still in the hallway. It must be the men from the mortuary were there to move the coffin and the body and the two wreaths.

"Povero Nino! Non mi lasciare!" The cry echoed briefly.

Gino quickly shaved and changed into his dark blue suit. He had lain and tossed all night in his clothes and they were wrinkled. When he opened the hall door and entered the living room, he saw the coffin and wreaths and two yellow candles were gone. Only a few scattered daisy petals and the empty rows of folding chairs loaned by the mortuary remained as evidence of last night's Rosary.

Gino drew aside a drape and peered outside. There was the hearse, long and black and shiny, with three equally black and shiny Packards waiting in line. Standing beside the hearse was his crew, Nino's pallbearers. They were all dressed in dark suits, holding white cotton gloves and staring at the DeMarino house, waiting for the funeral procession to begin.

Gino found the others in the cellar kitchen. Nonno, Anna, and her children, Mamma and her brother and two sisters from San Francisco. A kind-faced mortician waited patiently near the door. At the sink washing the glasses from last night's Rosary was Marco's mother, Signora Antonelli.

Anna handed her brother a cup of hot, black coffee. He drank it too fast. He could feel a blister form in the roof of his mouth.

"How's Mamma?" Gino asked quietly.

His sister shook her head. "Not good. She passed out when they moved Nino outside."

Although Mamma's face was partly hidden by a short black veil, Gino could see it had indeed been his mother who had awakened him with her screams. Her face was white and lined, and she leaned heavily upon her sisters.

"They're waiting for us," Anna said. "We better get started." She adjusted the veil over her face and reminded her two daughters to remain indoors with Signora Antonelli.

As the closest neighbor and long-time friend of the DeMarinos, Signora Antonelli assumed charge of the household during the funeral. While everyone else was at church and later at the cemetery, Signora Antonelli would cook and prepare the funeral feast. In addition to relatives, many close friends would stop by to eat ham and turkey sandwiches and cake and to drink while paying their respects to the DeMarino family. All afternoon and into the early evening there would be visitors.

The procession to Our Lady of the Sea seemed to be endless to Gino. The line of black Packards following the hearse moved slowly and noiselessly through the streets of the colony. Instead of driving directly to the church, Mamma DeMarino had requested that the cars go in a roundabout fashion, through India Street and back up to State Street. Thus her little Nino could for the last time pass through the neighborhood that had known him 14 short years.

The dull clanging of the church bell began promptly at 8:30 and continued until the procession halted before Our Lady of the Sea. A crowd of some 30 men, women, and children waited outside. Most of them turned their backs in respect as the attendants from the funeral parlor opened the doors of the Packards.

Gino and Anna took their places beside Mamma at the foot of the church steps. Mamma seemed barely conscious; she had to be held to keep from collapsing. Behind them came Nonno, led by his only remaining son, and then the two sisters from San Francisco. As the attendants drew out the coffin and the six pallbearers took over, Gino and Anna moved their mother forward and the others followed. The crowd that had been waiting outside now entered and joined the mourners who filled the church.

Gino had assisted at a dozen or more Requiem Masses. Although it had been years since he had served as altar boy, even now with his eyes closed he could picture what Father Abruzzio was doing while the choir intoned the mournful dirge. He could pick out Signora Capolla's unmistakable voice, and he found himself listening to see if she would crack. But Signora Capolla was singing Mass in a low, subdued register. This morning she wouldn't crack.

Gino opened his eyes suddenly as Mamma DeMarino gave a sharp moan. He grasped her hand tightly, while Anna thrust the bottle of smelling salts under her mother's nose. Mamma relaxed and sank back.

The Requiem Mass was short. As Father Abruzzio followed the four altar boys into the sacristy to exchange his surplice for a gold-embroidered black stole, Gino studied in turn each of the funeral wreaths that lined the Communion rail. He avoided glancing sideways at the gray coffin, flanked by large candles, that rested on a metal dolly in the center aisle.

The five-foot cross of red and white carnations was there, and so was the daisy tuna boat that the crew had sent. With them were all the other floral wreaths that Mamma DeMarino reluctantly decided not to display at the Rosary. There were conventional sprays of crimson and purple stock, but three wreaths were as elaborate as the cross and tuna boat. One was an immense white anchor of gladioli. Another was a ship's wheel, complete with spokes, fashioned of carnations. The third was a round heart; it was made from tiny scarlet blossoms, and a large ribbon with gold-embossed letters read, "From the Circle." The heart had been Vicky's idea, Gino knew. She had collected from all the waitresses and bartenders and had ordered the brilliantly red heart.

Gino wondered if Vicky were now sitting somewhere behind him, mourning with the colony at Nino's funeral. She had promised to attend Mass. Vicky had not been at the Rosary, but neither had Gino expected her. She would have been out of place, and Gino was relieved that she hadn't been there.

Father Abruzzio walked quickly to the coffin resting in the aisle. At his side was an altar boy with the holy water. The other three took their stands at the head of the coffin, one with a cross and the other two with lighted candles.

As the priest began the final prayers of the church service Gino looked at his mother. Mamma had begun stirring again. She expired audibly and shoved away the smelling salts that Anna offered. Then, as Father Abruzzio began his brief sermon, Mamma DeMarino sat up straight and appeared to be listening intently.

The priest spoke feelingly of his beloved former altar boy who now, so untimely, had left the Italian colony. And he spoke with pride of the entire congregation, all of them forming a true family group, that had joined to mourn Nino DeMarino.

But his concluding sentence was a mistake.

"Rather than shed tears," Father Abruzzio advised, "let us rejoice that little Nino has made his final voyage as a fisherman and has entered the harbor of eternity, there to be welcomed by his dear departed father, Gaetano DeMarino."

At the mention of her husband's name Mamma DeMarino uttered a wild shriek and threw up her hands. *"Gaetano, prendi il nostro figlio caro!* Receive our last-born and lead him to the altar of heaven! And have pity on us who remain behind upon this miserable earth!"

She wept and sank upon her knees, completely ignoring Gino and Anna's efforts to soothe her. Instantly a score of wailing voices joined that of Signora DeMarino; her close friends added their prayers that Gaetano's soul would receive that of his tiny son.

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As the line of Packards gradually moved away from the church, Mamma's screams and cries ceased abruptly. Gino saw with relief that she had fainted again. His own eyes were wet with tears, but he felt also a shame that his mother had broken down so completely. He had felt ashamed struggling with her up the center aisle, ashamed of all the pitying stares from the hundreds of friends that had packed the church.

The procession of cars turned left at broad Market Street and followed the policemen on motorcycles through the city and out to the cemetery. Near the top of a long grade Gino glanced back. The line of cars, each with its dismal sticker in the lower right corner of the windshield reading "Funeral," stretched all the way back as far as he could see. There were well over 50 cars; maybe many more, he estimated. Gino was glad. His brother must be happy that so many friends had seen him off. What was it Father Abruzzio had said? Nino had entered the harbor of eternity. He liked the expression.

The mausoleum was several miles out of San Diego, and it took the funeral procession a quarter hour to reach the gray concrete pillars with their green-tile domes and crosses that marked the entrance. As their car passed between the gates Anna lifted her mother's chin and again opened the bottle of smelling salts. Mamma DeMarino awoke with a moan and gazed desolately at the neat green lawn, trees, and thousands of crosses, plaques, and monuments that dotted the huge cemetery.

The family waited a few minutes in the Packard until the coffin and floral wreaths had been carted into the mausoleum. When Father Abruzzio had entered, the kind-faced mortician whom Gino had noticed at home beckoned. Again the family fell in line and passed through the crowd that had reassembled for the interment.

Father Abruzzio sprinkled holy water for the last time upon Nino's coffin, the pallbearers from the *Stella del Mare* deposited their white cotton gloves upon the lid, and the mausoleum attendants began to lift the coffin into its receptacle. Years before, when the mausoleum had first been built at the cemetery, Signora DeMarino had purchased five marble vaults. All were in a line along the second tier. The first now contained her departed husband; the other four awaited the remaining members of the DeMarino family.

As the attendants slid the coffin forward, Mamma DeMarino broke away from the others and fell before her husband's vault.

"Gaetano, Gaetano, caro mio!" she screamed. "Your son Nino is now beside you. Look at him! See his poor little body and pity him. And have pity on me, Gaetano, for being so wretched a mother of your two children who yet live! Forgive me! It is my fault, only mine, that they are as they are! Help them to change, and forgive me, forgive!" Suddenly Mamma DeMarino reached for the coffin. "Let me see my baby's face! Open, so I can kiss his unhappy lips! I want to see him once more!"

Gino grasped his mother under the arms and pulled her from the coffin. Immediately the others helped force her straining body outside the mausoleum and back into the Packard.

By the time the funeral procession had returned and the DeMarinos were deposited home, Gino's shame at Mamma's unrestrained behavior had turned into a sullen rage. He was infuriated that she should have referred to him and Anna before his father's resting place, that she had publicly announced her criticism of him and his sister. What Anna's thoughts were, he didn't know. Nor did he care. It was incredible that Mamma should expose her private thoughts before their neighbors.

With Mamma stretched out and being soothed by the sympathetic and comforting sobs of her friends, Gino entered his own room. He strode from one end to the other, alternately biting his knuckles and digging his broken, coarse nails into his palms. Downstairs he could hear the door swiftly opening and closing as the mourners swarmed into the big cellar kitchen for the funeral party.

Drinking and eating ham and turkey sandwiches and nibbling the sweet frosted cake and celebrating Nino's burial! Even now they must be whispering about Mamma's behavior. How she had openly criticized her own children! And how they must have enjoyed it, gotten a morbid pleasure out of watching Mamma put on her big act!

Gino smirked. That's all it was, at that. A big act that Mamma had to put on. She was no different from all the other women he used to see when he served at funerals. All of them that wailed and cried shamelessly, flaunting their emotions before the entire colony.

That part, the crying and all that, he could forgive Mamma. But not the way she had dragged in him and Anna. At Nino's own funeral. It was too much to take. And he wouldn't take it either. Not Gino DeMarino!

He pushed open his bedroom door and stepped to the phone stand in the hallway. He dialed and nervously bit again at the knuckle of his forefinger. The phone rang only once, Vicky answered.

"Honey," Gino said rapidly, "I'm coming right over. It's important. Real important for both of us." Before she could reply Gino hung up.

He found his hands were trembling. He had made a decision, perhaps a wrong decision, wrong maybe because it was still the day of Nino's funeral. But it was the only thing to do, Gino felt.

He would pick up Vicky, and they would drive off in his Cadillac, across the Mexican border or maybe into Arizona. And they'd get married right away. Last time they had talked about it, the night of the Big Blowout after he had beat hell out of Marco, that night Vicky said she'd marry him. "Whenever you say." Those were her words.

And he'd hold her to it. Now, today. By tonight they would be married. While everyone else celebrated Nino's funeral, he and Vicky would celebrate too. By getting married. And Mamma with her phony hysterics and the whole damn wop colony could *caga* for all he cared!

CHAPTER 23

Gino rang the bell steadily until Vicky opened her apartment door. She waited for his kiss, but instead he clutched her hard at the arms and stared at her, his face flushed and upset.

"What is it, Gino?" she asked. "You sounded so wild over the phone!" Vicky pulled her arm free and felt his cheek. "You haven't been drinking?"

"No, it isn't that." Gino drew her tightly against him.

"I know the funeral must have been pretty awful for you, but it's over now, honey," she said soothingly. "I was in the back at church. But, Gino, the worst is over now."

The fisherman released her and sank upon the divan. He ran his hands through his black, curly hair and closed his eyes. "It isn't the funeral. Nino's buried and gone, and it's all finished. That isn't it."

Vicky sat close beside him. She took his hands in hers and rubbed them softly. "Your hands are freezing, Gino." She waited, but he continued sitting with eyes shut. "You said it was real important. For both of us. Go ahead and tell me, honey."

Gino suddenly grasped her arms again. He looked at her intently, and Vicky could see his jaw muscles swell as he gritted his teeth.

"I asked you before, Vicky, and you said you would. You promised to marry me. But I don't want to wait. I can't. We got to get married right away, today. We got to elope. We can go across the border or Yuma even, if you want. But it's got to be now."

As Gino spoke the tenseness slipped from his voice and he became gentle. "You love me, Vicky, and there's no reason why we can't elope. I'll quit fishing now, if you want, or I'll keep on a few more trips. Whatever you want, honey. But we got to get married right away."

Vicky turned her face away from the fisherman. "I don't understand, Gino," she said. "Why today? Why right now? What's happened?"

Gino rubbed his fist. "The funeral, I guess. It's all mixed up with the family, with Mamma and everybody else. I just feel I got to break away from them. Now, it's got to be!"

The blonde waitress rose quickly. She lit a cigarette and crossed to the window. Pulling aside the drape, she stood looking out upon Balboa Park, her back to Gino.

"You said you'd give me time."

"*Cristo!* How much time you need?" he shouted. "You had all the time I was out fishing!" He moved beside her at the window and fondled her neck. "I'm sorry, honey. But you must know. Either you want to marry me or you don't. And you already told me yes. Before I went out last trip."

Vicky nodded. "I know I promised," she said slowly, "but it's not that easy." Vicky walked away from him.

He looked after her. "But you told me whenever I want we'd get married. You promised!"

"I said that to calm you down. You were wild that night, and you'd been drinking too much. I had to say that. I was afraid not to." She crushed her cigarette in a tray and once again turned her back to him.

"I don't get you. I don't understand you now, honey." Gino shook his head. "You promised to marry me. I need you, so much I can't explain. And it's got to be now. But you won't. Why, why?"

Vicky's shoulders and head sagged. "I can't tell you, Gino. Please believe me that I can't!"

"Look at me!" he yelled. "Why you keep turning away?" He stepped swiftly and swung her about. His broad hands cupped her face, and he forced Vicky to look up. "Why won't you marry me now, right now? You got to have a reason. What is it?"

Vicky gave him a wretched look. Her eyes glistened. She pulled his hands from her face and glanced away.

"All right, Gino. You can't leave things as they are. You have to have your way. You have to know why I can't marry just now." The waitress opened a dresser drawer and took out a snapshot. She handed it to him. "That's why I can't marry yet."

Gino gazed dumbly at the photo of a girl, still a baby. She had light curls, and she posed daintily between a couple. Gino recognized Vicky instantly, but the man was a complete stranger. He was smiling broadly and wore a Hawaiian shirt, and he was as blond as Vicky and the baby girl.

"I don't get it," Gino said, puzzled. "What's this picture got to do with us?"

"Gino, can't you understand? It's my baby. And my husband."

The fisherman's features twisted. "What is it, some kind of joke? You're not married."

"But I am! That's the whole reason I've been putting you off. That's why we can't marry yet, not for a while."

"You're not married! You told me yourself!" Gino seized her wrist and jerked her forward. "You told me on the *Stella* that night. I asked you, and you told me you're not married!"

"I lied to you," Vicky said pathetically. "I couldn't tell you the truth. I simply couldn't. It would have spoiled things between us. I wanted you to love me for myself, and if you knew I was married it might have changed you." Her voice quavered. "I...I loved you too much to


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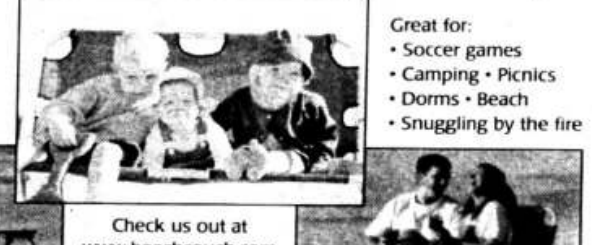
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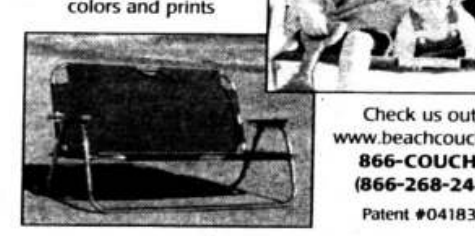
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take that chance."

He looked at her, stunned. "You lied to me."

"I had to. Can't you understand?" she pleaded. "I was afraid you'd leave me. Or if you didn't, if you kept seeing me, it would all be different between us."

"You lied to me," he repeated mechanically. "All the time I was begging you to be my wife you knew you couldn't. And you let me keep on thinking you really would marry me."

"I will, Gino!" she cried. "Can't you see that? But I need my divorce first."

"Divorce." The fisherman echoed the word in a flat, dead tone. "I see. A divorce. Sure, that would be the answer, wouldn't it?" His mouth contorted. "When's that going to be?"

Vicky spoke miserably. "Stan won't give it to me. I've begged him, but he won't divorce me. And if I get it he'll fight. He'll never let me have the baby."

Gino glanced again at the snapshot, at the little girl with light hair. "And you have a baby. And you never told me."

"Alice. That's her name," Vicky said quickly, as if eager now to tell Gino everything she had kept secret all the months since they had met. "My mother takes care of her, in San Pedro. I go up every month and see her. I go up when you're not in port, so you won't miss me at the Circle. She's wonderful, Gino. You'll love her. And I can't take a chance on losing her. I love her too much. My own baby. You understand that, don't you Gino?" Vicky took the fisherman's hand that held the photo.

Gino looked down at the blonde who was kissing his palm, his fingers each in turn. He looked and saw not Vicky but another woman. His sister.

"Anna is married too," he said dully. "She's not divorced either. And she has two babies. Two girls. Lilly-Ann and Rose-Ann. She's a mother too. But her babies live with her. At home." Gino closed his eyes tightly and grimaced. "And I called her a whore because of Marco."

Vicky clasped his hand. "What is it you're saying, Gino?"

The fisherman clutched her hair. His fingers felt the soft blond curls and slid about her head. He kissed her long and slow. Then he stood holding her warmly, letting his hands play with her curls.

"You let your hair grow long again, didn't you, Vicky?"

She looked up at him anxiously. "You told me to. Remember? You didn't like it short. It's been long for months now, Gino."

"I know. But you must have loved me or you wouldn't do it."

"I love you now, Gino!"

"Yeah. I know you do. You'd do anything for me, wouldn't you?"

"Yes, Gino, yes! You know that!"

He smiled wryly. "Except maybe tell the truth. Anything but that. Right?"

Vicky began to cry. "I told you why I lied! I couldn't chance losing you!"

"Don't worry, honey," Gino said slowly. "You won't lose me. I might be just a dumb wop in a lot of ways, but even I know a good thing when I got it. And I've got you."

He walked into the kitchen and pulled open the cabinet below the sink. He searched for the bottle of scotch and poured a double shot into a water glass.

"Here's to our new friendship, honey." Gino said. He raised the glass, gulped the scotch, and started out the apartment.

Vicky looked at him, bewildered. "What is it, Gino? What is it you mean? You do still love me!"

Gino paused. "Sure, I still love you. You don't think I can change that quick, do you, honey?" He looked at her directly. "I'll see you tomorrow night. At the Circle. Same as always." He hesitated. "The only thing different now, honey, is that we know where we both stand. And we can take it from there. Except for the wedding part. That's out. Don't worry. I won't ask you no more to marry me."

"But I'll get the divorce, Gino!" cried Vicky. "It'll simply take time! Then we can marry!"

Gino looked away from her. "No, Vicky," he said firmly. "Even if you get the divorce we won't marry." He shrugged and grinned weakly. "You know how us wops are. We're funny some ways like that. So don't worry about the divorce. We can't get married, that's all." He opened the door. "See you tomorrow, Vicky."

Gino ran hurriedly down the stairs and drove off in his Cadillac with a squeal that made the rubber of his tires burn. He ignored the boulevard stop and sped past Valle's and down West Juniper. He glanced aside as he neared his house. Eight or more cars were parked along the street. He spotted the Rat's Buick and Marco's Pontiac. It was still early afternoon, and the funeral crowd was still gathered at the DeMarino home. Gino stepped on the gas and continued straight down the street until he hit Harbor Drive. The Cadillac screeched as he turned left and sped to the Embarcadero.

Gino leaped from his car and ran down the Finger Pier, halfway down the wooden walkway to where the *Stella del Mare* was moored. He jumped aboard, climbed the ladder, and made straight for the captain's cabin. He stood panting heavily at the entrance to the wheelhouse for a moment and then rushed for his bunk. He lay flat on his stomach, his face contorted into a mask, and squeezed his eyes shut so tightly that pinwheels of fiery light spurted and zipped before him.

He lay that way a long, long while until gradually the tenseness in his face melted and light flashes dimmed into nothingness and a confusion of features and dreams floated in their place.

He saw Vicky smiling and beckoning and moving languidly on a bed. The photo of the blonde baby and the couple beside the girl. Mamma's stern mouth…it exploded into wild curses as his father's corpse suddenly appeared…curses that were directed against him, Gino. And a gruesome mass of mangled flesh that quivered and gradually assumed form…the form of a midget…and Nino was whole and sound again and running toward him. And his crew, together and singly and together still again…the Rat, Marco, Jazzy, Benny, Slim, Tits, Bruno, Monk, Dirty Dick…Dirty Dick spitting filthy tobacco juice after him, after Gino, as he started to run. For now he was running…. Gino was running from them all, his crew and Mamma and Pappa and even Nino, and now all of a sudden his Navy buddies were chasing him too, and he could recognize the gray faces of others from the colony…. Father Abruzzo and Signora Capolla and Felix the barber with his scissors snipping wildly and Teresa, Teresa wielding a bamboo pole and flinging a heavy line with a monstrous hook after him, and others he had half forgotten he knew or had known in the neighborhood. All of them together chasing after him while he ran so fast his chest felt like exploding. Ran for the blonde who alone did not run but lay waiting and smiling and beckoning and moving languidly on the bed.

Gino awoke with a spasm. His hands and neck and face were dripping with sweat. He stared at the dim ceiling of his cabin and listened as his heart thumped like an insane drum in a jungle, a jungle from which there was no escape, a jungle that had him entrapped.

He lay and stared while the ceiling turned softer and darker until he became conscious of his surroundings and aware that time was passing and forced himself to look at the fluorescent hands of the clock on the wall and saw that it was barely evening. Evening. And he had lain on his bunk almost all afternoon and felt like his insides had been wrenched out, like the insides of a fish, and he was thoroughly spent as if he had been whoring all night, time after time until he couldn't raise it anymore no matter what she did, and all he could do was just lie on his back and wait for enough strength to move.

He heard the wooden flooring of the wheelhouse creak as someone walked and entered the cabin. The light snapped on, and Gino squinted at the sudden brightness.

"How you feel, Gino?"

Gino turned his head and saw his blonde friend standing close to the bunk. Marco's eyes were worried. He grasped Gino's shoulder with his thick fingers and dug into the flesh as if to tear the man back into consciousness.

"Your ma's worried about you. All of us been." Gino spoke wearily.

The older man lit himself a cigarette and watched silently as Gino rolled onto his side toward the wall.

"I been looking all over for you," Marco said. "Venetian Inn, the Circle, all over. I thought maybe you went out and got drunk."

"I ain't been drinking today. I got one drink at Vicky's. That's all."

"I know. I called her a couple hours ago. She said you had a fight about something."

"It wasn't no fight," Gino said quietly and firmly. He paused, then added, "What else she tell you?"

"Nothing," answered Marco. "After I looked all over I took a chance on you might be here. That's all." He waited, but Gino was silent again. He crushed out his cigarette on the floor. "Got anything to drink here?" Marco asked. Without waiting for an answer he rose and opened Gino's sea chest.

There were two bottles of scotch. Marco ripped the seal off one and took a deep swallow. "Here. Maybe what you need is a good shot."

Gino took the bottle that Marco forced on him, sipped briefly, and then threw back his head for a healthy swig. He shuddered as the scotch slithered into his empty stomach.

"Just like the old times," Marco said with satisfaction. He took another quick drink. "All right, now tell Dad what the hell's the matter. How about it?"

Gino relaxed back upon the bunk and looked straight at his friend. "I been a damn fool, Marco."

The blonde fisherman gave a short laugh. "I could have told you that!"

"She's married already. Vicky's married and she got a kid, a little girl."

Marco lit another cigarette and offered the pack. He waited until Gino puffed. "So that's what the disappearing act was all about?"

"I feel like I been kicked in the guts. Like I don't know whether to heave or crap." Gino sat up and smoked rapidly.

Marco sipped steadily at the bottle of scotch, waiting for whatever Gino had to say.

"I wanted to marry her." Gino's voice choked on the words. "I wanted to get married and get the hell away. Today. I wanted to elope."

"Today! When you just buried Nino?" Marco frowned.

"I had all the *merda* I could take! Mamma and the way she had to act up at the funeral! And the way everybody blames me because Nino got killed!"

Marco looked sharply at his younger friend. "What the hell you talking about? Who said that?"

"I heard 'em. At the Rosary last night and other times too."

"You know that isn't true."

"I took him fishing, didn't I?"

"Didn't Nino want to go? And didn't your mother let him? You could just as well blame her!" Marco waved his arm in disgust.

Suddenly Gino leaned forward and heaved a deep cry. "I hit him, Dad! I hit him! That night in Guaymas. I beat the hell out of Nino and cussed him!" He choked with the cries that surged from inside.

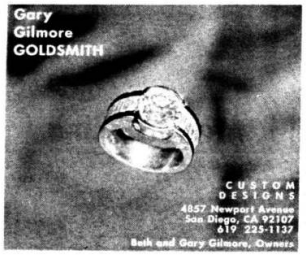
The blonde fisherman listened in embarrassment to the sobs. Finally he stood before his friend. He seized Gino's shoulders and shook him fiercely.

"Listen to me! *Dio cane*, how can you be so stupid?

















Maybe what you did was the best thing for Nino. You didn't know he was going to die. And anyway, he wasn't pissed off at you. I know. He was hurt, maybe, because you hit him, but he wasn't sore. He told me. The same like you used to tell me everything before you found out about me and Anna." Marco dropped his hands. He stood stiff a moment and then reached for the bottle of scotch on the floor.

Gino's sobs turned into a coughing laugh. "How about that? I blamed you for something I'm doing myself! I been laying Vicky, and she's married herself, same as Anna, and she even got a kid!" He fell back onto his bunk and pushed his fists against his face.

Marco sat again. He pulled at one of Gino's hands and thrust the bottle of scotch into his friend's palm.

"All right, Gino," he said. "Time for another drink, And keep on talking. Get it out of your system, you dumb wop! You might be the best skipper in the fleet, but you still got a lot to learn. You learned how to fish from me, but I still got a few things to tell you." He waited until Gino drank. Then he took another himself and snuggled the bottle between his knees.

Marco swallowed a gulp of air and leaned forward. "You don't know it, I guess, but you're about the luckiest damn *putano* in the colony. You been lucky fishing. *Dio* knows why! And you're lucky to get straight about Vicky!"

Gino's body tensed. He started to speak, and Marco cut him off.

"Shut up until I'm done! This is your Dad talking. I never set you wrong, and I ain't going to now! Just listen to me!" Marco took a drink. He gulped until the bottle of scotch was empty, let it drop to the floor of the cabin, and waited until the sound of glass rolling stopped.

"For some damn reason," Marco continued, "you got the idea you got to marry Vicky. Me, I say it's good you don't marry her. Sure, I know you love her. But besides that, you act like you got to marry her, and that's the end of your troubles. You feel like you got to get away. Maybe I know because maybe, a long time ago, I felt the same way. When I got tired the way Ma and Pa keep fighting and all that. But I got over it. And so will you."

Marco leaned forward. "You want to get away from all of us, the whole colony. But if you did, say even that Vicky wasn't married and you married her now and took off. You think you'd be happy with Vicky? Maybe for a little bit you would, and that's all.

"Because you was born here and raised like all of us, and Vicky is different. She's not one of us. Not when you come right down to it. You're used to a lot of our old ways. Maybe they're old-fashioned, but they're still good ways."

Marco reached automatically for the bottle and realized it was gone and empty. He groped for his pack of cigarettes.

"Look, Gino, you're nothing but a wop fisherman. The sooner you admit it, the better.

"At least you got more than any of us can brag about. You got a good reputation. All the gang figures you're the best. You think that's nothing? It's a lot! It's everything here, with us.

"And you want to chuck it all for Vicky! What would you do, anyway? Sure, maybe you'd try something else, but you'd wind back up fishing again. Back here with us in wop town. Because you don't know nothing else, and you can't do nothing else. But what you do know and what you can do is something."

With a sigh Marco rose and leaned against the wall for support. "I guess I had it," he said weakly. "Anyway, what I been trying to tell you is, if you left, pretty soon you'd miss us. And we'd miss you even sooner."

The blonde fisherman felt his way along the wall to the sea chest. "Want me to open the other bottle?"

Gino sat up and looked down at the floor a few seconds. His face was drawn, and he seemed to be drained of emotion. He raised his head slowly.

"No,". Gino said. "I got enough. Let's go." He slipped his arm under Marco's and led him out the door of the cabin.

"I guess I been talking a lot," Marco mumbled. "Well, forget about it if you want, Gino. But remember what your Dad told you." He sank against Gino's side and allowed himself to be led onto the deck.

As the brisk night air struck him Marco lifted his head unexpectedly. *"Bestia!"* he exclaimed. "You never saw me drunk before, did you, Gino? Did you?"

Gino nodded and held his older friend more tightly as they stumbled toward the boat ladder.

"I got drunk just because I got to help you, Gino. You understand? I got to look after you, kid." Marco grasped the rail of the ladder and struggled down. "I never got drunk before. Not so you could see. You know that? You never saw me get drunk before. Never!"

Gino helped the blonde fisherman up onto the Finger Pier. He wrapped his arm about Marco's waist and led him toward the parking lot.

"Where we going, Gino?" asked Marco. "You going to let me get you home?"

Gino shook his head in the darkness. "Yes, Dad, we're going back home. Back where both of us belong."

CHAPTER 24

The birthday party was Mamma DeMarino's idea. She thought of it and decided upon it when news came by way of radio-telephone that the *Stella del Mare* was once again headed for San Diego after five weeks at sea. Her son Gino would be home six days. That following Saturday she would hold the party to celebrate Nonno's 90th birthday.

Actually, Nonno was only 89 years old, but Mamma feared her withered father might not last another season. He had grown more fretful in the weeks since Nino's death, more childlike and irritable. He no longer rose sharply at six; more often he lay in bed until eight before struggling down the stairs for his breakfast of hot milk and bread. He spent more time on the front porch now than he did hoeing in the garden. He had abandoned his daily walk around the block. And occasionally while dining Nonno would forget to eat; he would raise his fork, open his mouth, and sit there, frozen, the fork lifted halfway, until Anna's little girls would giggle and Mamma DeMarino would speak sharply to him and nudge his hand a bit.

But the fact that Nonno appeared to be weakening was not the sole reason Mamma decided upon the 90th birthday party. It had been almost three months since Nino's funeral, and the DeMarino household had been too long surrounded by gloom. An old-fashioned gathering, a party which would bring together all of Nonno's living children and their children and their children's children, all the remaining Tarantinos and their descendants, who owed their very existence to the seed of old Pietro Tarantino, Nonno, who had caused the conception of the clan in faraway Sicily — such a party would serve to herald the end of mourning in the DeMarino home.

Mamma DeMarino realized, of course, that there would be talk. Her own friends in the Societa della Madonna del Mare would be scandalized. Imagine holding a festive party so soon after the death of one's own son! Signora Capolla would be the first to whisper. But Mamma DeMarino took sweet satisfaction in reflecting that Signora Capolla would not be invited. She would make Nonno's 90th birthday party the social event of the month, and Signora Capolla would not be there.

Other friends, of course, would be. She would invite her neighbors the Antonellis, Marco's parents. And Marco, naturally. In fact, all of Gino's crew from the *Stella del Mare* and their immediate families. Even the Mexican Benny Alvarez and his wife and brood, although Mamma would have preferred restricting the party to those of good Italian stock. And a few other close friends, such as the Crivellos. Mamma had been wondering how to arrange a meeting between Teresa and her son Gino for some time, and Nonno's birthday party seemed appropriate.

She had heard (not from Gino, naturally) that her son was no longer enamored of the blonde American waitress who served whiskey at the Circle Drive-In. Or rather, although he might still care enough for her to sleep with the girl between fishing trips, at least he had given up the foolishness of thinking they could marry. Exactly what had happened, Mamma did not know; it was enough that Gino had returned to his senses. That meant he was once more available as far as the Italian colony was concerned, and Mamma was ready to give *destino* a hefty boost by bringing together Gino and her favorite *signorina*.

The birthday party was held in the hall of Our Lady of the Sea. Mamma would not deign to consider another location. That way Father Abruzzio would drop into the church hall during the festivities and thereby give dignity to the party by his very presence. She had already asked him to offer a short speech in honor of her father, Nonno.

Nonno's birthday celebration began shortly before eight o'clock. By eight-thirty the entire crowd of almost 60 relatives, neighbors, close friends, and selected guests swarmed about the lower floor of the hall (for to rent both floors would have amounted to another $25), chomped at the bulging Italian sandwiches that loaded the buffet table, and with hearty red wine and straight shots to boost them, danced wildly upon the cement floor.

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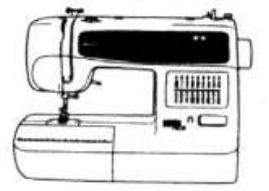

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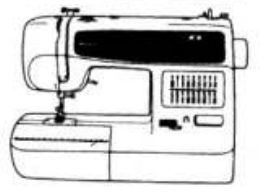

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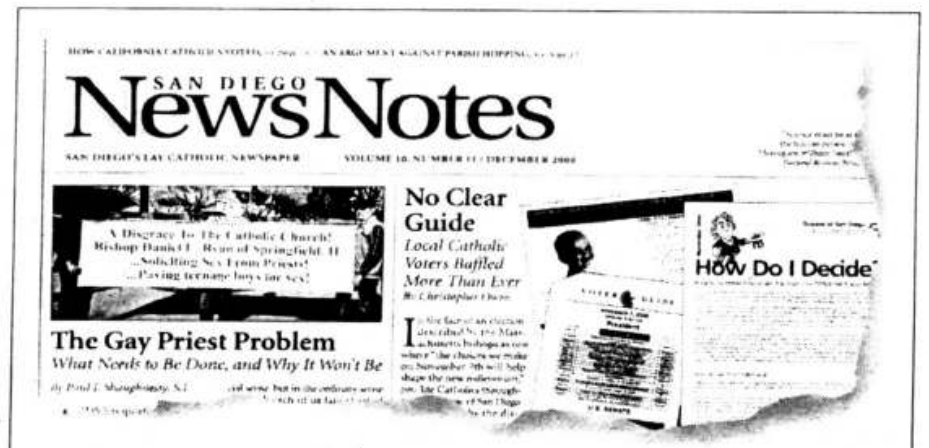

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how disgracefully drunk the entire outfit had gotten at Peter Adamo's wedding reception she switched to the more reliable jukebox and stocked it with discs her sisters carted down from a record-importing firm in San Francisco.

Nonno was seated in a chair at the end of the buffet table, conveniently next to the entrance to the men's room. Mamma DeMarino, her brother, and two sisters stood proudly beside him. It was their honor to introduce each guest to their feeble father, accept the birthday gifts, and thrust food and drink upon the new arrivals. Nonno himself sat rigidly in place; he automatically permitted the others to shake his hand and stared blankly at the succession of faces that appeared before his watery eyes.

At eleven o'clock the climax of the party came. Mister George entered and set up his camera and tripod. There was a seemingly endless series of photographs snapped: Nonno with his four children, the last of the eight he had originally created; Nonno with his four children and their spouses; Nonno with his four children and their mates and his 13 grandchildren; Nonno with his children, their mates, their children, and his 5 great-grandchildren; Nonno with each of his four living children and their families in turn; and finally Nonno with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren but not his children's husbands or wife.

A toast was lifted with each new pose until finally Mister George moved his tripod into a corner, set it upon a table, and shot the entire gathering clustered about Nonno in his chair.

The jukebox was blasting a wild *tarantella*. Mamma DeMarino pulled out the plug of the machine while everyone sang "Happy Birthday" in English. It was Mamma's concession to the America she had permitted to become her adopted home.

With the official recording of the birthday party out of the way Mamma DeMarino yelled all the guests into seats and, as Nonno's eldest child, presided at the opening of gifts. They were all of one category: clothing. And they all fell into one of five types: scarves, wool knit caps, underwear, heavy socks, or handkerchiefs. Mamma unwrapped the gifts but allowed Nonno to lift out the presents. Each one was accompanied by a surge of "Ahs" and "Ohs," no matter how often the gift was basically repeated. The unwrapped presents piled about Nonno until it appeared he would smother under a mountain of wool and cotton.

As the final package was set aside Mamma DeMarino beat her fist upon the buffet table. *"Attenzione!"* she called. "Tonight we have the honor of a visit by our dearly beloved priest, Father Abruzzio. I have requested that Father Abruzzio — to whom we all owe so much in respect and affection — that our Father Abruzzio speak a few words on this joyful occasion." Mamma DeMarino pushed aside several guests and made way for the priest beside Nonno.

"Cari amici miei," Father Abruzzio began. He waited until Signora DeMarino stared down a group of teenagers who were reluctant to abandon, even temporarily, the spirituous aspect of the party for the spiritual.

"My dear friends," the priest began again in Italian. "Our gathering this evening is in respect to Pietro Tarantino. Daughters and son, relatives and friends, we have joined to honor the birth date of Signor Tarantino.

"Perhaps that is all that our festive party means to you. That I cannot tell. To me it signifies an even grander occasion. It is proof of what I have so often been pleased to term 'our Italian family spirit.' For truly, tonight we are not honoring Nonno alone; we are honoring too Our Blessed Lord who instituted the sacrament of marriage and established the family as the most important unit in Christian life."

Father Abruzzio extolled the values of family life in the Italian colony. Among no other group of people, he said proudly, could such devotion and genuine affection be found. He gave an example. A son or a daughter might even stray from the ideals typified by the Italian family; but let that child return and no recriminations would be raised; the family would joyfully, thankfully receive him again.

Mamma DeMarino glanced surreptitiously at the priest. Father Abruzzio might be talking about the colony in general, but he certainly seemed to be making his point revolve about her own family.

Not that she was displeased. It was true what the good *prete* way saying, of course. Had she not generously accepted Anna, her own child, and Anna's two daughters back into the DeMarino home? And in a way, Gino. For she had sensed that her eldest son had long been on the verge of breaking away. It was true, exactly as Father Abruzzio claimed; she had not raised a word of criticism against Gino since the death of little Nino, God rest his soul. She had permitted Gino to return in spirit to the DeMarino home.

"Nonno," the priest concluded, "is now entering his 90th year. He is indeed fortunate among us. The good Lord has already permitted him 90 years in which to prepare himself for entrance into the glorious life hereafter. Few of us, possibly none, will be so fortunate.

"Let us look to our dear friend Pietro Tarantino, Nonno, as an ideal. Let us strive to find the happiness that he has enjoyed, through the grace of God, for more years than most of us shall ever realize." Father Abruzzio grasped the old man's thin shoulder. "If Nonno should now speak to us, we know what his words and advice would be: honor and cherish your family. Only through your blood ties as established by God will you achieve the peace of spirit and content that Nonno now typifies before us."

As Father Abruzzio concluded the crowd of relatives and guests swarmed about Nonno for another embrace before turning their attention anew to the buffet table, which was being freshly laden with sandwiches, sweets, and assorted beverages.

Mamma DeMarino dug into her black purse for a handkerchief to wipe her father's misty eyes. Nonno, she now realized, had indeed lost the power of speech; but his hearing was unimpaired. He had wept during Father Abruzzio's speech. She kissed him on the cheek, patted his face, and returned to her guests.

Mamma pushed the jukebox plug back into its socket, and the merry, intense *tarantella* that had been abruptly cut off again rocked through the church hall. As the couples pranced over the cement floor Mamma checked on her two children. Her family, she thought proudly, glowing as she recalled the priest's fine words.

She peered among the dancers. Anna was with Marco. Mamma smiled. A fine man! She had always held her neighbor, the son of her best friend, Signora Antonelli, in high regard. Who knew? Something, perhaps marriage, might yet come between her daughter and Marco. Somehow, surely, he would have to settle down. Marco was already far past the age when the average Italian young man in the colony gave up his wild ways and, perhaps reluctantly, accepted the responsibilities that came with a wife and family.

Some night when she and Anna were on more cordial terms, Mamma decided, she would discuss the possibility with her daughter. She studied them as they danced. Marco was certainly holding Anna close enough! There must be at least some attraction there to interest him!

Mamma DeMarino waved to a couple, Signor and Signora Filippone, that she had not yet welcomed personally to the birthday party. And she moved through the crowd, greeting friends for the second and third time, all the while searching for Gino.

Mamma neared the kitchen of the church hall and saw him. He was standing and talking with several members of his crew. Jazzy and Monk and the new tall blonde Southern cook and Bruno. As she forced her way toward them Mamma DeMarino heard Jazzy.

"This party's a drag!" the young fisherman exclaimed. "Let's cut it for T-town. How about it, Gino? Let's go down and get a little."

Mamma turned halfway, so the men wouldn't notice she was listening.

Gino shook his head. "You go ahead and take off, Jazzy. And the rest of you guys rack it too, if you want. That's okay. But I want to stick around."

Mamma DeMarino watched as her son shoved through the dancers.

Unexpectedly Gino came against Anna and Marco on the floor. He dropped his glance a moment, then reached out an arm and stopped them. Gino took his sister's hand gently and drew her aside. He stared at her feet, then his.

"I'm sorry for what I said." The words stumbled out awkwardly.

"Are you." Anna's tone was more a statement than a question. She looked at him sadly, yet with a somewhat twisted mouth.

A hurt look flashed into the fisherman's eyes. "I mean it or I wouldn't say it! You know that!"

Anna rubbed his forearm tightly. "I believe you, Gino. Thanks. For both of us." Her eyes seemed ready to spill tears.

"Okay, then," he said gruffly. "I guess you better go back and dance with him." Gino clasped his sister briefly about the waist and turned away.

And now Mamma DeMarino watched as her son reached the far wall and stood with his arms folded, facing the crowd. Gino seemed lost. He appeared to be looking for something, for someone perhaps. Mamma moved toward him. He needed someone.

But even as she moved Gino started forward as if he knew exactly where he was headed. He crossed to the Crivello family. To Signor and Signora Crivello and to Dominic and Mike, their sons, and to Teresa. He shook hands with Signor and Signora Crivello. And then the two sons. And then took Teresa in his arms and began to dance.

Mamma DeMarino pushed ahead and sank into the empty seat that Teresa had left. She nodded to both sides at the Crivello family and relaxed contentedly in the folding chair. Next Sunday, she mused, she would make a special donation to Our Lady of the Sea.

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"Did I not tell you before?" Mamma asked. "Look at them. Do they not make a fine couple?"

Signora Crivello nodded primly. "They always have."

Mamma DeMarino smiled warmly. "Your dear daughter Teresa has grown into a most attractive young lady."

"Grazie." Signora Crivello smoothed her dress. She coughed discreetly and looked knowingly at her husband.

Mamma DeMarino waited a few moments and then asked casually, "Your dear daughter is not as yet *simpatico* with any young man of our colony?"

"But no," replied Signora Crivello. "She seems if anything not interested in any man. At the present moment."

Mamma DeMarino looked at her worn palms and rubbed them slightly. "Then perhaps matters can be arranged?"

Signora Crivello's eyes glistened, but her mouth was pursed. "Once before, my dear Stella, we discussed matters. At the party on the beach in Mexico. However, nothing came of our agreement. Is there truly a possibility this time, or is it merely our own wish?"

Mamma DeMarino shook her head firmly. "This time, I can promise, it shall be! My son has not only returned to his senses, he has returned to us. Where he belongs." She searched the dancing couples. "Only see how your dear Teresa and my Gino dance. Is there not more than mere friendship with them?" Signora Crivello nodded in agreement, and the two women leaned back in their chairs, arms folded in contentment, to watch the couple weave among the other dancers.

Mamma DeMarino sighed. Like all other Italian boys in the colony, her Gino had had his period of wildness. Now it was over.

The outsider, the blonde waitress, was still present, a threat always to her plans. But even now as she watched her son dancing with Teresa, were not her fears empty? For Gino was smiling at Teresa, now laughing as he clutched the young Italian girl snugly about the waist, now grasping her by the arm and leading her up the stairs, out the church hall. Now leaving the entire birthday party! Mamma stiffened momentarily in her seat. Gino was leading Teresa outside! She could call, she could stop their exit!

Instead, she calmed herself. Why stop them? Was that not what she wanted, what she had actually prayed for? For Gino and Teresa to find one another?

Nevertheless, Mamma DeMarino could not resist an impulse. She rose, excused herself from the Crivellos, and made her way up the stairs. She hurried to the outside balcony of the church hall and glanced down the street. Gino's parking space was empty, and at the corner she caught sight of his Cadillac's directional lights as her son wheeled around the corner.

Mamma DeMarino jutted her chin forward and clasped her hands tightly. Of course, their leaving was hardly proper under the circumstances, considering it was Nonno's birthday party. In Italy, in Sicily such an occurrence would never have been tolerated. But this was San Diego. America. Another land. And she certainly was not one to cling to old-fashioned customs! So long as whatever happened between Gino and Teresa was proper. And of course it would be proper.

Mamma hoisted the stays of her rigid corset and descended the stairs to the lower hall. There were several advance details to discuss with the Crivellos. The wedding reception, for one, must be magnificent. If the Crivellos were loathe to have a reception that would outdo Peter Adamo's (Mamma suspected her close friends of being penurious) the DeMarino family would magnanimously offer to meet expenses halfway.

There were other details...the number of attendants...how many showers Teresa should be given...and by whom...the guest list...the hour of Mass...and who should sing the *"Ave Maria"*...certainly not Signora Capolla!

As Gino swung his Cadillac off India Street he slid one hand under Teresa's full brown hair and stroked the back of her neck. At his touch the girl shyly, half timidly leaned her head against his shoulder.

"Well, what you say?" Gino asked. The fisherman instantly felt chagrined. What a dumb thing to say! That was an expression he used when ready to end the preliminaries and get down to business with Vicky. And others before her. But now with Teresa it sounded ridiculous.

"What do you say?" Teresa asked in return.

They glanced at one another and laughed.

"I say somebody's going to start talking at the party. Me and you leaving like this."

She moved away gently. "If you don't think we ought to...."

Gino squeezed her against his side. "I didn't say that."

"Well, I don't care if you don't." Teresa relaxed contentedly. Suddenly she sat up. "Do you want me to light you a cigarette?"

"What?" He looked at her oddly.

"I just thought maybe you wanted one. I want to light it."

Gino dug into his coat pocket. He was out of cigarettes, but there was another pack in the glove compartment. He pulled against the curb and parked.

Teresa held the car lighter gingerly. The fisherman sneaked a look at her face as he drew on his cigarette. She was trying, trying hard to please him.

She didn't have to try. His mind was already made up. It had been made up long before Mamma had announced her plans for Nonno's birthday party.

During the last fishing trip, during the long bleak hours while standing watch alone, Gino had thought a lot. About Vicky and her baby and her husband who wouldn't give her a divorce. And about Nino, of course. The anguishing hurt that followed his death and wretched funeral had begun to leave. And he recalled especially the night of the funeral when Marco had come aboard the *Stella del Mare* and found him lying on the bunk. It was the only time he had seen Marco drunk. And yet his older, blonde friend had made sense as he talked. Sense to Gino.

Neither he nor Marco had mentioned the incident again: Marco, possibly because he couldn't recall clearly, and Gino, because it was obviously true what his friend had said. He had been trying to break away, Gino admitted. Senselessly and foolishly. All that time he had refused to admit the obvious.

His home and future lay with the Italian colony and tuna fishing. Only a dumb wop like he was would fail to realize that! Home and future...the two were linked. And his future home called for a wife. Not Vicky...although he had truly loved her. If she were not married, if she hadn't had a baby, if she hadn't lied—but the reasons so clashed with his fundamental beliefs that Gino gave up. Maybe if he were smarter he could figure them out, he had reasoned angrily with himself. But he couldn't. Maybe, for example, if she'd been Italian. Like Teresa.

Gino had confusedly wondered. Was it his own stubbornness in the face of Mamma's equally determined will that had made him reject Teresa? He remembered the warm, lazy afternoon on the Mexican beach. And her full, ready body. He was trying to prove something that day...until she had stopped him. Or had he been kidding himself?

Gino puffed on his cigarette as he turned the car ignition and slowly pulled from the curb. Yes, his mind had been made up. It was time he settled down and maybe...just maybe...Teresa was it. But he wasn't going to rush into anything. Not him.

Teresa asked, "Where we going?"

"How about a nice drink?" Gino raised his arm about her neck.

"There's drinks at the party," she observed. "And they're strong enough for me."

The fisherman braked for a boulevard stop on Harbor Drive. "You name it. We can go dance, then, if you want. The Circle is still going." He jerked his head toward the fluorescent sign several blocks to the right.

Teresa reached up and grasped his hand. "If you really want to, Gino." She lowered her head slightly. "But if you take me dancing there you know what anyone who sees us will say." She gave a self-conscious laugh. "They'll say we're going steady. They'll talk as if we're engaged."

Gino slid his fingers between hers. "What's so bad about that?"

A sharp blast from a car behind him made Gino turn swiftly to the right, toward the Circle Drive-In. "You name it," he said. "Want to go here or somewhere else?"

Teresa shifted in her seat so unexpectedly that Gino was startled. "You don't want to go here just because Vicky will see you?"

He slammed on the brakes. He swung around the corner and sped up toward India Street. A wide space was open before Felix Bellini's barbershop, and Gino again parked the car. He turned halfway in his seat.

"Listen, Teresa," he said quietly. "I guess you heard plenty about me. We known each other long enough. I been around plenty, and I guess you heard. Sure, I liked Vicky a lot, but that's all finished now. Understand? And when I say something, that's it."

Gino turned from her and threw his cigarette outside the car door. He started the Cadillac and drove slowly down India Street.

Teresa smiled at him. "You don't have to blow up, Gino. I just asked a question."

"Dio cane!" he muttered. "I told you!"

"I believe you. I do." Teresa leaned against him and again let her hand slide over his thick fingers as he grasped the wheel. She looked up at him.

"Gino, I'd like another drink with you, and I want to dance some more. But you know where? At the party. With Nonno and my folks and yours and the others. That's what I want. Let's go back."

Gino shrugged. "If you want, okay. That's up to you." He was still peeved but secretly pleased. In his own stubborn way, he felt, he had let Teresa know he was interested. But not too much. He still must be the one to make the decision when it came to that. Meanwhile, it wouldn't hurt to lead her along. Maybe later he would even let her see that he was now wearing her Christmas gift. Since the last trip he had thrown away the corroded Navy chain and hung his cross upon her gold chain. It was foolish not to use it, he reasoned. After all, it was gold.

He parked the Cadillac in front of the church along the yellow strip reserved for city buses. As he reached for the door Teresa grasped his arm. She turned her face toward his. He felt her arms encircling as his hands clutched her hips snugly. The fisherman grinned.

"You won't slap me this time? If I kiss you first?"

"You know I won't, Gino," she said.

He was delighted at her response. But of course he had expected it. She had always had a crush on him, he knew. Ever since they were kids she had kind of chased him.

Gino wiped his mouth with his dress-linen handkerchief as he stepped from the Cadillac. He slammed the door shut and started toward the steps of the church hall. The lights and muffled sound of a *tarantelle* showed that Nonno's birthday party was going strong.

Teresa was still in the front seat.

He returned and opened the door. "Well, we're back," he mumbled in apology. "Want to go up now?"

Teresa slipped her hand over his arm. "Yes, Gino, let's go up."

He was glad she wanted to get back to the party, at that. She seemed to have a lot of good sense, at that. That was good. But of course Teresa had graduated from high school and went to business college. And he had had to quit early to go fishing.

Maybe at that it would be good to have someone smart in the family.

He'd think about it some more, decided Gino. ■

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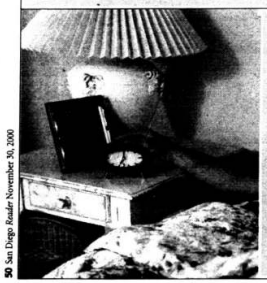

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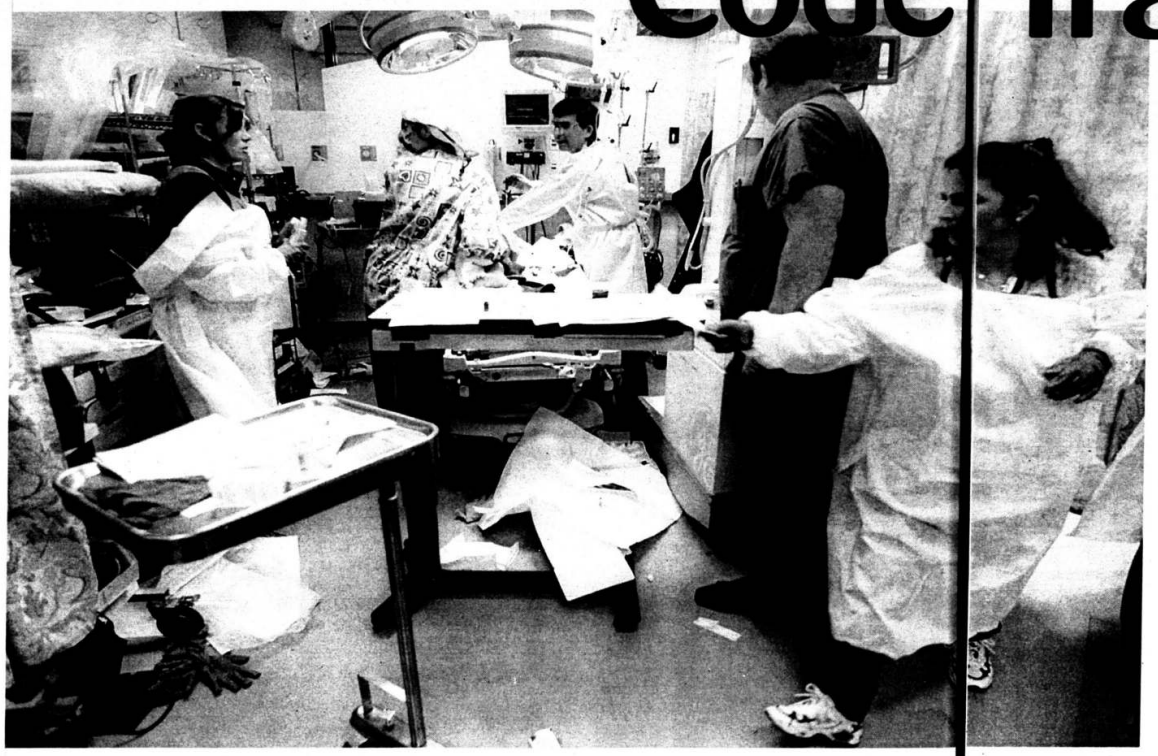

Sise is a walking encyclopedia of trauma medicine. A New York native, Sise, 50, resembles actor Chazz Palminteri in looks and manner. He stares at you with penetrating intensity, and nothing seems to ruffle him. "I started working here in '87 part-time and full-time in '92. Before that I was the chief of vascular surgery at the Naval Hospital. If it's tough to be in health care, being in one of the highest-performing services of health care makes that toughness especially compelling." An experienced trauma surgeon, Sise was chief surgeon aboard the USS *Guam* and USS *Iwo Jima* during the Persian Gulf War. At Mercy, he works 24-hour shifts with a trauma team that is on call and ready for whatever comes through the door.

Sise explains the distinctions between emergency and trauma medicine. "The emergency department and the trauma center obviously have to work closely together, and the emergency department is an integral part of providing trauma care. But the way it works is, you're identified as a trauma patient at the scene, either because of the severity of your injury or because of certain criteria. A trauma is not just an injury, but the possibility of an injury or an injury that happens to someone with a pre-existing condition that could make that small injury worse. And 'injury' by itself is not enough to qualify as a trauma. A trauma is any major injury or risk of injury that requires immediate diagnostic workup and prompt treatment by qualified professionals.

"For instance, if you're in an automobile accident where someone is killed, everybody in the car is made a trauma patient because of the likelihood of severe injuries — if one person was killed, there was probably enough force that you were severely injured, even though you may seem stable. If you fall 14 feet or more, if you are involved in a high-speed motor-vehicle accident unrestrained, if you have any number of injuries, the paramedics at the scene will communicate with the base station — and there are a number of base stations around the community based out of hospitals. The base station is where a specially trained doctor and nurse from the emergency department are available to communicate with the paramedics as to whether it's a medical emergency or a trauma emergency or pediatric or obstetric emergency. They communicate back and forth and they decide, the paramedics and the nurse — the mobile intensive care nurse — whether or not you meet trauma-center criteria.

"So if you're shot through the chest at the doorstep of Grossmont Hospital, you'll still go to Sharp, because you're a trauma patient and we know that at Sharp there is a fully trained surgeon, an operating room, an anesthesiologist, an O.R. nurse — all sorts of people immediately available that aren't necessarily available at Grossmont on a reliable basis. Now, Grossmont's a great hospital, but they're not part of the trauma system, and we've proven time and again something we learned in Vietnam, where we flew people to the doctors — that to take the extra 10 to sometimes 20 minutes to fly somebody to the right place is much better for that patient than to take them to the closest facility if they don't have those resources. So it's not the geographic location but the resources that make the difference. Then, once you're a trauma patient, bingo! It sets off the system."



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Dr. Michael Sise

A string of preventable deaths led to the creation of San Diego's trauma-care system. "It was organized in 1984. In the 1970s and early '80s, we did not have a trauma system, so if you were injured, you were taken to the nearest hospital,

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regardless of its capabilities. There were a couple of very high profile cases where injured patients were taken to hospitals that were the nearest hospitals but weren't capable of providing trauma care — and they died. It got to a point where in 1982 the county medical society and the Hospital Council, in conjunction with the Department of Emergency Medical Services, commissioned a study in the county by a group called the Amherst Group — a health-care consulting group — and they looked at all the patients who had died in '82 from trauma and they found that 20 percent of them died a potentially or outright preventable death. So one in five patients who died after trauma could have been saved if they'd had access to an organized trauma system. After that report was received in 1983, we organized a trauma system that came on-line by 1984.

"The way the trauma system works is, the county is the agency that designates whether or not a hospital is a trauma center and can receive trauma patients. There's a code of law called Title 22, which is part of the California



Health and Safety Code that tells you what you have to have. And the American College of Surgeons has published this document that we have to live by. The reason I'm telling you this is that it's almost schizophrenic. If you are admitted to this hospital or any of the trauma centers, you are tracked and everything that happens to you is timed, recorded, and audited in a way where it's audited nowhere else in health care — throughout the United States or even the world. Not only are we required to do this by the county, but also by the American College of Surgeons to meet the national standard of what it is to be a trauma center.

"Anyway, in 1984, six trauma centers came on-line: Mercy, UCSD, at the time Grossmont, Scripps La Jolla, and Sharp Memorial, and Children's for pediatric trauma. Within a year, Grossmont dropped out and Palomar came on-line. Since 1985, those six trauma hospitals have stayed in the system, which is remarkable. At the same time, in L.A. County, in a 40-hospital trauma system, only 13 hospitals are left. This has left a tremendous burden on the other hospitals, particularly the public hospitals."

Sise shows me a map of the county. "The way it works in this county and what makes it so sustainable is that we have absolutely rock-hard,

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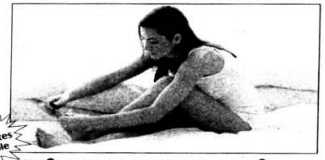

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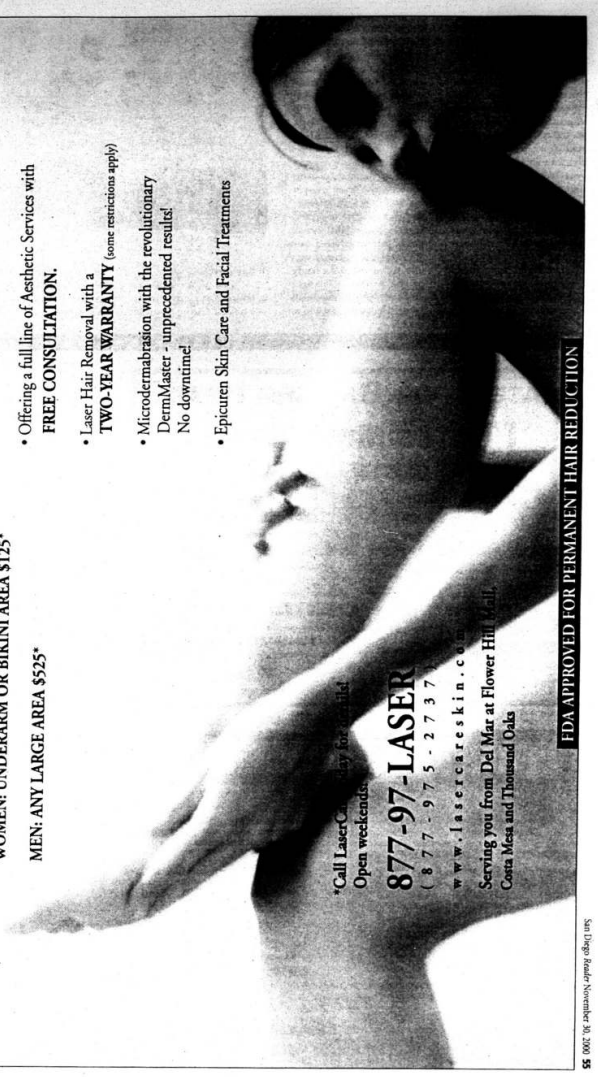

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"The trauma centers belong to competing health-care systems, yet we're all very collaborative and we work together, so there's a real difference now. The year after our trauma system came online, we repeated the study of the Amherst Group, and the preventable death rate fell to 1 percent, where it has stayed since.



"One of our faults as a trauma system is that we haven't done a whole lot to promote awareness in the community so that we don't get taken for granted, because in San Diego County we don't have a public hospital system. We have a safety net that's made up of private- and public-sector hospitals. Fortunately, we've been able to be very efficient in the way we run our trauma centers and have them more or less break even, which has kept us sustainable as opposed to L.A., where private hospitals are bailing out. Either it's not part of their mission — they don't feel the need to do it — or they don't have the will to do it. It takes a fair amount of work. You have to provide for the call panels, the nurses, the surgeons, always having an operating room available, a CAT scanner, and all the other stuff. It's like running a marathon — you don't just decide you're going to do it one day. It's day after day after day. You have to be prepared."

It is also expensive. "It's hard to tell you exactly how much, because those same nurses who are caring for the trauma patient are the same nurses who care for the ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm or the heart attack or also have duties in the operating room. I can't put a dollar value on it, but I would estimate it's a couple of million bucks [a year]."

Surprisingly, Sise focuses his role of trauma medicine to prevention. "If you draw a line across the county — maybe at 8, maybe at 52 — south of that line we have a lot of folks for whom there is no voice. Many of those folks come from extremely challenging environments. A high incidence of trauma patients are victims of substance abuse or domestic violence. Our challenge comes from taking people who live high-risk lives — participate in high-risk behaviors and get hurt — trying to get them through their acute illness and trying to get them to some environment with resources to help them somehow get out of the trouble they were in in the first place which got them hurt.

"The fact that we've got the preventable death rate down to less than 1 percent means that it's gotten about as good as it can get in many ways. It's a matter of maintaining. Our biggest obstacle is the overall pressure on health care to do more with less. The nursing shortage is a tremendous obstacle. Not only are fewer men and women going into nursing, but many of our nurses are getting older, retiring, and moving on.

"It's not just the everyday grind of measuring up, but also in doing a good job for the people we treat. There's some tough, tough stories. I met a woman on Friday night — some person came to her home, shot her hus-

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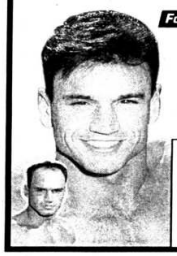

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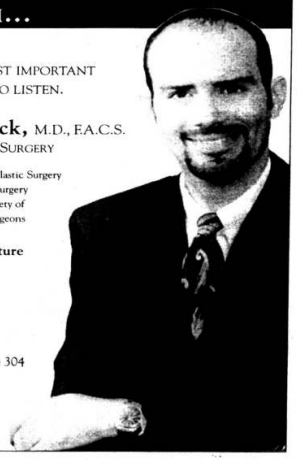

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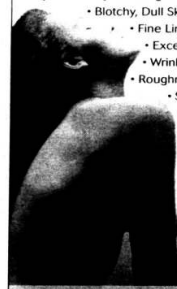

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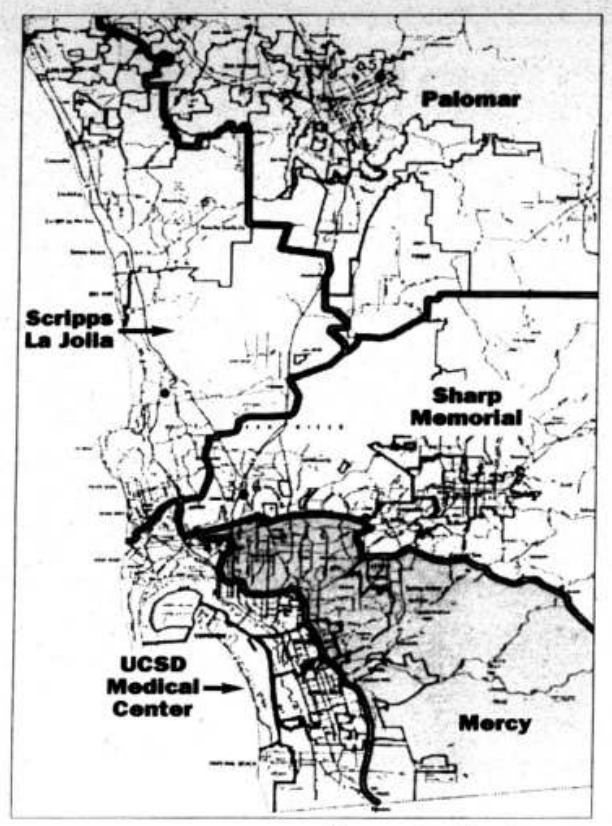
band dead, and shot her through the liver, and she's got three young kids. She's going to recover, but she's going home a widow with three young kids. Or take someone who's desperately crazy and keeps trying to commit suicide, you can't just 'treat 'em and street 'em.' You've got to somehow reach into the community. And beyond that, how do you reach into the community to stop injuries from happening? If we're down to less than 1 percent preventable death rate, that means we're not going to get a lot better. Unless we come up with some sort of a *Star Trek* system of placing you in suspended animation, you're either going to live or die based on the severity of that injury. The 'heavy lifting' of trauma care is getting out into the community and preventing injury or returning the injured patient to a better environment than the one they left. That's hard."

The role of a trauma surgeon is highly specialized yet flexible. "A trauma surgeon is not an emergency medicine position. A trauma surgeon is a fully trained surgeon with the expertise and background and commitment and the ongoing education and all the things that we have to do in terms of ongoing participation that makes you a trauma surgeon. A general surgeon may do trauma, but not every general surgeon is a trauma surgeon.

"The trauma team is composed of the team leader who is a trauma surgeon, a nurse who is a trauma-care specialist — a lot of the people in the emergency department respond and become part of the trauma team: nurses, O.R. nurses, x-ray technicians, respiratory therapists, CAT scan/radiology folks who support us. We're actually the training program for the Navy residents, so we are the trauma training center for the Navy.

"We also have what we call the trauma 'special teams' — the folks we bring in — the neurosurgeons, orthopedic surgeons, anesthesiologists, plastic surgeons. The specialized surgeons who come in and help us. Doctors tend to work alone. Surgeons, especially, usually operate alone [without other surgeons present]. One of the real pleasures of being on the trauma team is that you're together with a team. It makes you better individually and vastly improves the care for the patients."

There are specific times when the number of traumas increase. "You gotta like working at night. Trauma is a nocturnal disease and every night's a gut check. Halloween is traditionally bad. It's incredible how many adults and young kids go out and drink and drive. If you look at the week, most trauma occurs between four in the afternoon and four in the morning. Friday and Saturday nights are the two busiest nights. Our busiest night here was on a Thursday night — we saw 17 patients in one day — and that's a lot of patients. It turns out that clear, cool nights, particularly clear, cool weekend nights, especially if they are paydays or full moons — full moons seem to do it! People laugh, but it's true! People get more active. On paydays people are partyin', particularly if you have a combined military and civilian payday" — Sise pauses and grins — "on a Friday night, clear and cool, it can be particularly treacherous. On weekends, we talk about the 'Domestic Violence Hour.' That's between two and four in the morning, after the bars close. If someone has a drinking problem, they go home and will frequently get in a fight with their



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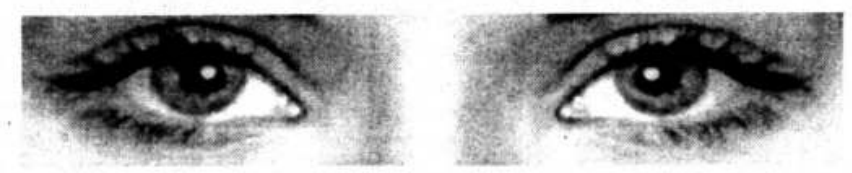

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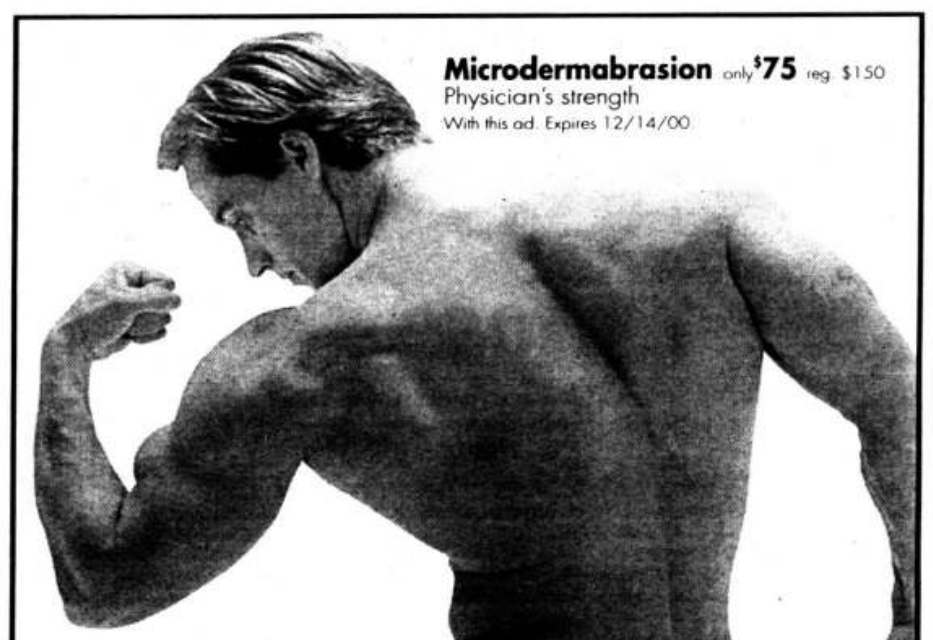

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spouse. Somebody will get beat up, shot, or stabbed."

One of Sise's trauma patients still haunts his memory. "A young guy was depressed because his girlfriend dumped him. He was a good kid from a good family, but he got a little drunk, got ahold of a shotgun, and tried to kill himself." Sise points upward through his chin. "Instead of killing himself, he blew his face off. It's sad. If he hadn't had access to a firearm, the next morning he would have been dumped, depressed, and hung over instead of facing lifelong reconstructive surgery. He lost one eye and most of his upper and lower jaw."

Our interview is cut short as Sise's voice pager announces "Code Trauma." "We've got a code trauma — come on!" We walk down several corridors until we face doors open to a parking lot filled with ambulances. The paramedics wheel in a Hispanic man in a neck brace wearing only shorts. There is blood all over his left arm. He is fully conscious. The team quietly converges on him as the paramedics calmly provide relevant information. They ask Sise if he needs an interpreter, and he declines before addressing the patient in Spanish. He is moved onto an operating table as they examine, test, and monitor him. An x-ray machine is wheeled into the room. All of this takes place in less than two minutes. While diligently applied to their tasks, no one on the team seems panicked or nervous.



I find out later that the man was working on a roof that collapsed under him. He fell 12 feet onto a solid concrete walkway, where he landed on his back. His left arm is apparently fractured from hitting a metal rail while falling. He was brought to Mercy from the College Area.

Ten minutes later, Sise emerges from the trauma room, apparently satisfied that the man is stable.

He urges readers to consider his parting words: "Look at it this way: A third of us get cancer at some time in our lives. Half of us get severe heart disease, and half of us die from heart disease or stroke. But none of us are predestined to die from trauma. It's totally, 100 percent preventable. If you have a strong family history of diabetes, you're probably going to get diabetes. You can't prevent it. You can manipulate it and minimize its impact. But there's no reason why you, your wife, or your kids have to get shot, stabbed, or wounded." ■

— *Robert Kumpel*

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There *is* racism in this town, and unless you're a cutthroat white guy, willing to screw over anyone, you're relegated to what? I can't even mow yards! The only line of work that has an open door is the adult biz. I worked as a personal assistant to a Hollywood "big" porn starlet — taking care of everything from child care to driving to appointments/deal making, but it's a cruel line of work too.

The homeless, they all have common threads — divorce/booze/family neglect/no work. Sorry, I'm bitter a lot lately. But I'm not a *bad* person, yet.

Richard A. De Jong
Pacific Beach

Rockwell Was A Genius

When your "art critic" says, "[Norman] Rockwell wasn't a very good painter" (Art Review, November 16), it is as ridiculous as saying "Beethoven wasn't a very good composer." In truth, both men were absolute masters in their fields.

Norman Rockwell could with paint and brush create faces, figures, animals, architecture, machines, and landscapes like no one else. He could create textures like cloth, walls, floors, metal, and wood. As an artist, he was a genius.

Is your critic put off by the fact that Rockwell worked as a magazine illustrator? Is he put off by the notion that a magazine cover has to have a theme; has to have a message which is immediately transmitted to the viewer? Is he put off by the humor of some of the paintings or the honesty? Is he put off by the compositions, the subject matter? Tell him to look at the *technique* of the painting.

Norman Rockwell painted America as he saw it. Many other artists have tried to emulate him. So far, no one else has come close.

Jack Nelson
Talmadge

Don't Disrespect Pincus

In a letter (November 22) praising W.S. Di Piero's review of the Norman Rockwell show, Dan Adams of Clairemont Mesa took a broad swipe at "the local daily rag's review consisting of the typical genuflection at the door of the San Diego Museum of Art and the proposal of sainthood for Rockwell." No doubt it was intended to be a marvel of patronizing sass that Adams did not name the critic and paper: Robert Pincus of the *Union-Tribune*. In fact, Pincus in a thoughtful review described Rockwell as a gifted and popular synthesizer of ersatz Americana, which the artist's devotees insist on confusing with America. Pincus has frequently taken the Museum of Art to task, especially during the long and pandering era of Steve Brezzo.

If Adams looks at art as he reads (selectively) art reviews, we can be thankful that he is not an art critic.

Arthur Lippman

Amos Hudgins Was My Grandfather

A friend called to tell me that she saw Amos Hudgins mentioned in the Mount Hope article by Barbara Palmer ("Out of This World at Mt. Hope") in your October 26 issue of the *Reader*. Amos Edward Hudgins was my grandfather. He is in the G.A.R. section at Mt. Hope because he was a private in the 2nd Kansas Colored Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War. He was born in Missouri in 1844. His mother was Cherokee. When he enlisted at almost 18, he stated his occupation as farmer.

Amos was injured in the war, taking a minié ball in the left knee, which in his later years gave him trouble and earned him a disability pension. He was mustered out at the war's end but later joined the Army as a sergeant for the Indian Wars. He was a Buffalo Scout and a hunter with Reno, not Custer, at the Little Big Horn.

My grandmother, Cynthia Ann Renfro, was the daughter of an Englishman and a slave. Born in Kentucky in 1854, she was 12 years old when she heard of the Emancipation Proclamation. She was one of 12 children, all dead, except herself, she told me. She had taught herself to read and write and taught my grandfather as well. How they met, I do not know, but they were married in a Methodist-Episcopal church in Missouri in 1874. In 1887 they came to San Diego from Topeka, Kansas, to homestead in the El Cajon Valley, which had been opened for homesteading for freed slaves and others. Also, since she had asthma, doctors had recommended a milder climate.

Working the homestead proved to be too much for Amos because of the injured knee, so they moved into a house on Julian Avenue in Logan Heights. Amos did hauling for a time with a team and wagon. He was offered the northwest corner of Fifth and Broadway for the team but turned it down (alas!) since hauling was his livelihood at that time.

Gold was discovered in the Yukon! Amos sold the team and wagon and rushed off with all the rest to seek his fortune, which came to naught. He returned with three nuggets, each the size of a pea. So he went back to barbering, a skill he had learned in the Army, and had a chair in San Diego's first barber shop, a block below Broadway, between Fourth and Fifth, around the corner from the elegant Golden Lion restaurant.

In 1891, my father, Amos Algernon Hudgins, was born in the house on Julian. He told me that as a small child he had gone to the shop with his father and that Amos had cut hair not only for Alonzo Horton but also for many other men of wealth and standing who came in. Later, Amos cut hair in the Horton Grand also.

The family's neighbors had been the Jessops, the Benboughs, and the Cramers, to name a few. The Jessops were jewelers; the Benboughs sold furniture and ran a mortuary. The Cramers had a bakery. All the boys played together and were close friends for many years.

In 1903, the family moved into a house on the corner of Fifth and F in Coronado and Amos cut hair at the Hotel del Coronado. A house was built at 845 B Avenue and, circa 1905, Amos was in Arizona doing work on the tracks for the San Diego and Arizona Railway. He did barbering on the side for the other men. A letter to my grandmother said, "I am enclosing $5.00 for you and the boys. Try to make it last."

About that same time, a Mexican hurricane hit Coronado hard, washing out the beach along Ocean Front Boulevard and inundating some of the homes, which were later moved to other locations with teams of horses and logs, a tedious, back-breaking job. The SD&A Railway took on the job of building a seawall, which exists to this day. During the dredging of the bay, some years later, to make it deeper for larger Navy ships, the sand that was taken out and dumped off Point Loma washed back in and re-created the beach, causing tourists to wonder why a seawall *and* a beach? Great granite rocks had been brought in by horse and wagon. A skittish horse caused a rock to fall upon Amos. He was put on a plank, the hat was passed, and he was taken home, where he made a poor recovery. The railroad company gave him the job of night watchman for their holdings down by the old ferry landing, a job he held until his death in 1926 of

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old age and digestive complications, due to the damage the rock had caused. My father dropped out of school and went to work as an office boy at Union Title & Trust Insurance Company, where he worked for 50 years, starting as an office boy, becoming a surveyor, a recorder of deeds, and a title searcher, and at his retirement, he was considered the dean of title men in San Diego. He was a pioneer in early radio on the air, unlicensed at the age of 15, with one of the first sending and receiving stations in Southern California. My grandmother, who had been a seamstress and a hairdresser, did cooking for the Dupees and the Episcopal manse. She was struck by a speeding car driven by a teenager and died of her injuries in 1934.

I am 79 years old, born in Coronado in 1921.

Cynthia Hudgins Gibbon
Bay Park

You Are A Joke

Richard Meltzer is hilarious ("Third Spud From the Sun," November 2). The guy is really cool. I know. Danny Sugerman knows too and is just a jealous little fuck. Suge has media-watchers down here in Dago calling him up in his West Hollywood manse, bought with all his *No One Here Gets Out Alive* bread (how much can being the manager of a defunct band pay?). He must have lots to talk about when he hooks up with the roadie who gave up all the crap that ended up in *Hammer of the Gods*. I didn't hardly need to read Meltzer's retort, I could see Judith Krantz/L. Ron Hubbard out of the corner of my eye while finishing Sugerman's desperate "correction" of the record. I WAS at the party, I WAS I WAS I WAS!!! Waaaaaaah. Bet your ass that Stanley Booth or Gina Arnold don't hang out with his kind.

See, few people understand Richard Meltzer's writing. That's the point. You don't get it. That's what makes it so funny, subversive, and artistic. Sure, it may be frustrating if you are a Barry Manilow freak to see yourself here ignored or ridiculed in print, but that's part of the joke too. You are the joke. A nice little ancillary benefit of which is all the flame-mail to the editor of this priceless rag. It's proof that he is getting people to read the *Reader*, because an artist's worth is often difficult to quantify for those happily stroking along in the mainstream. Whatever you think of Dick, or of the hypocritical, hardly-veiled-pro-life, wanna-be-voice-of-the-people *Reader*, it's like an accident on I-5: you just got to slow down and look.

I even went looking for the boy, personally. Figured it'd be a hot story: the old rock critic gone to seed, bitterly spewing vitriol towards successful cosceneseters who'd cashed in their souls for the brass ring. Shit, I hadn't even READ the Cameron Crowe (or is it Russell Crowe? Or Crowe Magnum? Old Crow? Aleister Crowley? I'm bad with names) cover story because I hadn't gotten past "In the merry sequence of things..." Man, if I could start a piece like that I'd blow off writer's workshops and therapy for the rest of my life. I poked around, cashed in some favors, curried some new ones, all in hopes of tracking down the elusive Dick Meltzer (not the alt-post-neo-punk band, the writer). My search led me down blind alleys, skid rows, and potholed boulevards, until I came upon a squat little Victorian two-story nestled up in Golden Hill. Or was it Banker's Hill? Anyhoo, the place was covered in grime, hidden by brush and bramble, half boarded-up...just like I figured. I knocked, and after a time a four-foot Filipino woman cracked the door just enough for me to slide in my credentials (a yellowed copy of *Crawdaddy!* and a few joints). She led me past a living room FILLED to the ceiling with LPs, magazines, books...no furniture. Not a tape or CD in sight. The place smelled like the inside of an old hippie's lung. I followed her up a winding staircase, where she opened a creaky door, nodded at me, then descended past. I walked up and pushed the door open.

"Wow, hey, I found you!" I blurted. "I mean, uh... Mr. Meltzer?"

There sat the Man himself, looking up at me through greasy pepper-and-salt locks, shirtless, with huge, disgusting, hairy nipples that I wish I'd never seen.

"Guilty," he croaked. Strewn about the shag carpeting were empty bottles of Thunderbird and beef-and-bean burrito wrappers. In front of him was a board with little pieces of paper on it: words, cut up, some lined into sentences David Bowie–style.

"Hey, listen," I started. "Everybody talks shit and all, I just wanted to meet you and find out what the real deal is. You know, set the record straight and so on." He was scratching at his chest — god DAMN don't look don't look I told myself. He straightened up a little, cracked his neck, then began getting to his feet.

He stood up — I found out I've got a few inches on him, plus I'm taller — and grabbed a book from under a sofa cushion. Handed it to me, then walked past me and down the stairs. I turned to follow him, then looked down at the book. *Requiem for a Nun* by William Faulkner. Th' fuck?

"Hey Richard! Hey! Where's Gina?"

Beau Lynott
Crown Point

Black Heart

Meltzer: Your quirky, mean-spirited music reviews have bugged the shit out of me for years, but your recent reminiscence on Cameron Crowe put me over the edge ("Third Spud From the Sun," November 2). Who and what ARE you? This caviling piece of shit doesn't offer much insight into Crowe or his work, but it does effectively reveal what a hateful, pathetic person you are.

What disturbs me most about it is its black-hearted thesis that sweetness and goodness are unacceptable concepts in art. This conclusion tells me much more about you as a person than about the subject of your work.

Cameron Crowe may have been an unabashed fan of the artists he wrote about, and perhaps that sometimes compromised his journalistic integrity. That's a topic worthy of debate. But the fact is, he did write some very insightful and heartfelt stuff in the '70s that looked deeply into the popular music of that era and the people who created it.

More importantly, though, he was all heart, and he sincerely loved the music he was writing about.

So rare among critics of any kind, Crowe was a guy virtually devoid of bitterness or envy. He was able to feel pure joy when listening to music, and in life, period. Never too cerebral or jaded, and never forsaking the fan inside, he was invaluable as a rock writer because readers could actually relate to what he was saying. He was a little smarter than the average fan, yes, and he knew how to write a little better, sure, but unlike most critics, he stayed connected to the kid inside and felt the same things fans feel when listening to music.

He wasn't too cerebral, detached, or contemptuous to connect with nonwriters. You, of course, are. Joylessly, you eat Crowe by embracing the dark, mind-over-what-matters edge of music, and life. Your journalism has little to do with the actual music about which you write and a lot to do with your pitiful angst.

For example, to simply dismiss Jackson Browne for being too soft is just fucking stupid and shows your limi-

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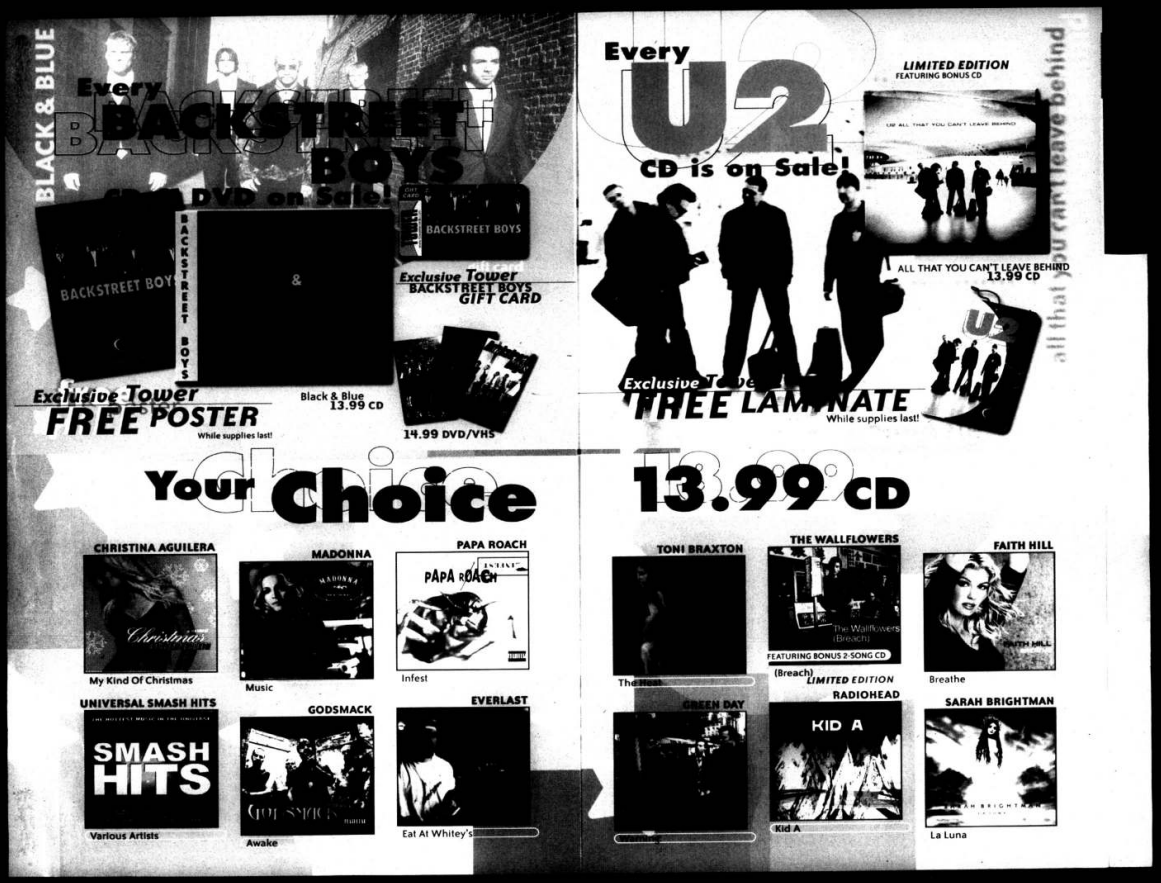
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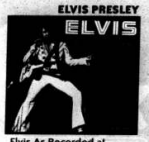

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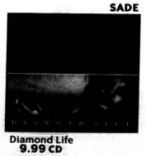

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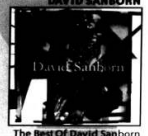

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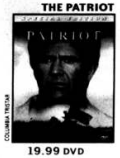

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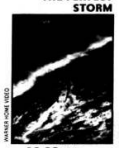

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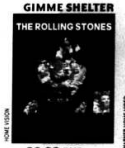

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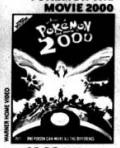

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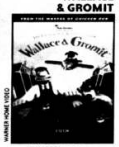

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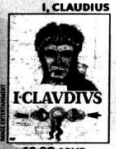

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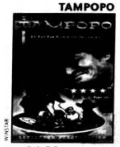
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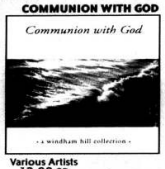

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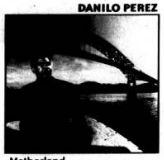

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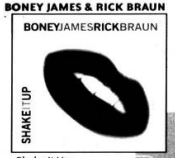

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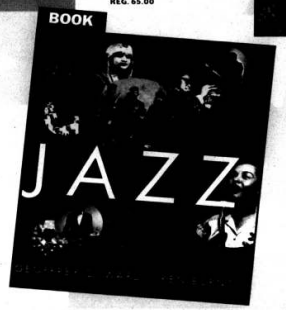

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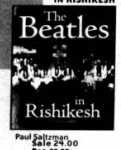

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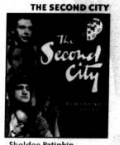

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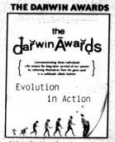

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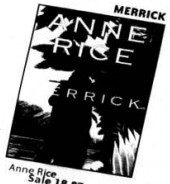

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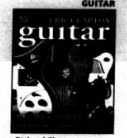

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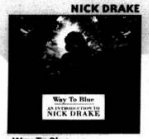

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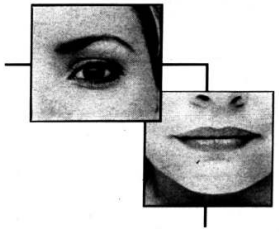

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You're nothing more than a hateful novelty, Richard, and yes, you, too, are a hack. Only difference is, you're a hack without a heart, and that's the worst kind of hack to be. In fact, that's the worst kind of anything to be.

I just wish you'd keep your shit in your diaper and stop pulling it out and throwing it at the world. It's ugly, it stinks, and we're just not interested.

Jamie Reno

Virulent Caterwauls

Gratitude to those who heroically paid in any way for the November 2 page 6 San Diego *Reader* ad telling in words, and with diagram maybe worth a thousand words, the "medical" reality of the legally guarded "partial-birth" abortion the years 1973–? United States Holocaust. The ad is found a valuable contribution to the pressing and, one believes, unresolved moral and political issue. And, with *Reader* November 16 letters from J. Cunningham, and the Maxwells, appreciation to all concerned's courageous usefulness in educating by sharing the perhaps politically unfashionable truth. Plus, judging from seven "con" communications printed in *Reader* November 9 in response to the ad in typically illogical, virulent, caterwauls — at least some of which read as phoned-in subliterate — truth, a sizable mob of folk believe, "needs" to be suppressed.

If having abortion once again legally recognized as unlawful murderer and accomplices deed it was for about 197 of America's 224-year existence costs a second Civil War it may well be worth it.

To paraphrase Mr. President A. Lincoln on any slavery based on ancestry/skin color in another national moral crisis in 1864, if abortion is not wrong, nothing is wrong.

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Can You Feel The Love?

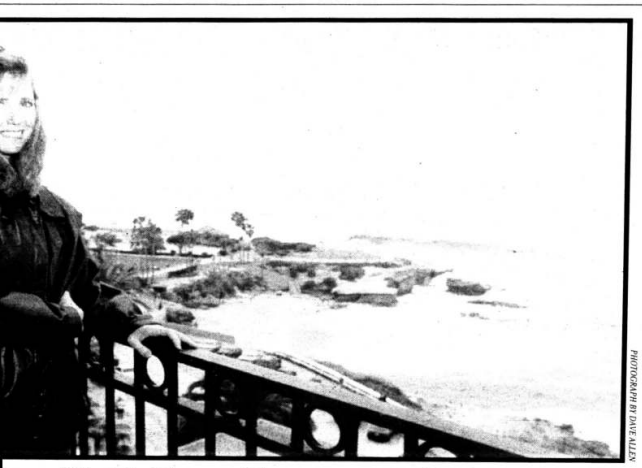
It probably could have gone unsaid, but people like Jim Cunningham are probably the best reason for partial-birth abortions.

Dan Keith
Carlsbad

Let The Facts Be Known

Re "I'll Never Read You Again" (Letters, November 22): The "*very, very, very* disappointed" reader suggests that she would, in effect, shoot the messenger for bringing unpleasant news. Let the facts be known. It's free speech.

Ray Garner
San Diego



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That really scared me.
s so surprised that we didn't
ecause the energy between us
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We didn't see each other after
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d raising his kids. I was busy
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saw a girlfriend at a funeral
et her husband through
ches. She gave me all these
to do it safely. I kept it in the
mind for future reference.
three years ago I ran an ad.
d Christine's ad because I
f having a "normal"
. I wanted to experience
I had missed in prior relationships. But first I had to make it through the initial screening. Christine put me through a battery of tests over the telephone.

Christine: I thought Tom was outside my age range – he's 53 years old, I'm 40 – but he sounded interesting. But he was persistent, so I agreed to meet him for hors d'oeuvres at George's in La Jolla. As soon as I saw him I said, "We met before." But he didn't recognize me.

Tom: I was totally panicked. But at the same time, I was thinking, "Oh my gosh. She's so beautiful!"

Christine: It took him a few minutes to remember, then all of a sudden the light went on. We decided to have dinner together out on the roof, where Tom told me all about his start-up company in San Marcos. He's invented a device that helps cement makers analyze the mineral content in rocks. I've always admired entrepreneurs, and for a high-tech person, he was very down to earth.

Tom: Christine plays the guitar and sings, which I thought was cool. She has the most beautiful voice. I was really attracted to that.

Christine: We both love to sail and we spend a lot of time on the beach. That's where Tom proposed to me.

Tom: It was on a weeknight, about a year and a half after we started dating again. I waited until we were finished jogging. The ring box was bouncing around in my running shorts the whole time.

Christine: I was stunned. I just didn't expect it then. But I said yes, and we got married on March 21 last year. The theme of our wedding was "To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man." It is something we've both learned over the years.

Tom: I still remember the telephone message Christine recorded for her ad. It was so romantic. She said she enjoyed rowing a boat on Lake Dixon. I thought, "I'd like to row that boat for her."

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Dance Like a Bird

A Filipino Christmas

When she was seven or eight years old, Anamaria Labao Cabato had her first glimpse of Filipino dance. It was at a San Diego event in the early 1960s, sponsored by an organization to which her immigrant parents belonged. "And I said, 'Oh my gosh, the Philippines must be the center of the world!'"

That's because she saw so many different cultures in the mix called "Filipino."

"In northern Luzon — Cordillera — which is a mountainous region, the people show traces of Africa," Cabato says of the originators of the rice-farming terraces. "In the south, there are strains of Asia and Malaysia. Filipinos are really Malaysian by race. And seeing those dances, you think of the Balinese, showing their fingers and their nails. Then in the central region are the European influences, because that's where the Spanish settled."

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The music is European-influenced, too. "The mandolin is from Italy, and the Filipinos also have that sound," she says. It's made by another stringed-instrument, the *rondalla*.

Some of these folk dances mimic everyday activities transformed into art, as in the northern-style dance, called *banga*. "A *banga* is an earthenware pot used for cooking or carrying," says Cabato, who has studied Filipino dance since she was a teenager. "It would be pretty typical for these women to carry these pots as easily and gracefully as if they were parts of their bodies. So a dance came out of that" — with the dancers using ersatz *bangas*, made of fiberglass.

A fishing dance in the southern style, *pasigin*, employs a net. Cabato describes it as "a playful dance," during which a boy "catches" a girl. "What we use are hula-hoops attached to nets, which are large enough for the girl to pass through."

The dance called *tinikling* originated in central Philippines but is a national dance today. "The dancers imitate the long-legged bird that runs across the rice fields, and when the bamboo rods are clapped together, it's meant to represent the people trying to catch the tinikling birds who eat the rice."

Cabato learned these dances and others after her father, Delfin Labao, helped to found the organization called PASACAT (pronounced pah-SAH-caht) in 1970. Pasacat is actually the name of another dance, but the group uses the letters of the word to form an acronym for the Philippine-American Society and Cultural Arts Troupe.



PASACAT members display parols, traditional star-lanterns

This weekend, the group's performing-arts company will present a selection of dances as part of a Christmas festival. Women and men will wear "jewel-toned" costumes — "emerald green, royal blue, and the deep purples," says Cabato, who has been executive director of the organization since 1979. *Rondalla* players and percussionists will accompany them.

Children, 12 years old and under, may take part in the *pabitin* ritual. "A *pabitin* is a bamboo rack constructed in crisscross form from which treats are hung. It's strung from a big rope and is moved up and down while the children jump, trying to get the goodies." So in a way, that, too, is a dance, performed by unwitting little dancers.

Everyone may take part in a *parol*-making workshop. *Parols* (roll the "r" and accent the second syllable) are lanterns. Their shape is a five-pointed star, signifying the star of Bethlehem. The frames are bamboo and the sides are *apeel de Japon* or Japanese paper. Their trimmings are *capiz* shells.

This is a "sentimental activity," Cabato says, as grandparents, recalling their own childhoods, guide their grandchildren in making them.

Traditionally, *parols* are illuminated by candles. Says Cabato, "I remember my mom telling me that, when she was a kid and made them every Christmas, she had to be sure to put the candle in the right place, so the paper wouldn't burn." These days the "flame" inside is more likely to be electric.

Long ago, *parols* weren't merely for decoration; they had a function. "Filipinos have a nine-day novena before Christmas. Called Simbang Gabi, it means 'going to church in the dark.' For those nine days, it used to be that Mass was said before dawn, so farmers could attend before they went to work. And the star lanterns were hung in front of homes to light a path for the farmers to find their way."

Twice in her childhood Cabato was in the Philippines for the days leading up to Christmas. "I remember going to Mass early in the morning during Simbang Gabi and the hustle and bustle of the street vendors selling the dessert *puto bumbong*, which is cooked inside the bamboo cane."

At the food booths on Saturday, some vendors will sell *puto bumbong*, as well as other ethnic delicacies, like *lumpia*, which resembles an egg roll, and the rice-noodle dish, *pancit*.

There will be carols too, which Cabato considers another example of the cultural amalgam of the Philippines. "A parent of a dancer is singing Filipino Christmas songs. We have a Filipino version of 'Silent Night,' called 'Payapang Daigdig.' It's not the same tune, but there's a definite similarity, because of the somberness."

Payapang Daigdig means "peaceful world."

— *Jeanne Schinto*

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ing begins at 7 p.m. in room 3601; find the campus at One Barnard Drive. 760-795-6878. (OCEANSIDE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, capable of traveling up to 50 miles in a single day, wolves are still among the most misunderstood mammals in the contemporary bestiary. Learn about what really goes on in the world of *Wolves* in the new IMAX film at the theater.

Journey to exotic places in *Wild California,* illustrating how the beauty and the majesty of the state's wild places help inspire our culture and adventuresome spirit. Shooting locations include San Diego, Big Sur, Death Valley, Yosemite National Park, Monterey Bay, Lake Tahoe, and in the drink at Maverick's.

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

LECTURES

John R. Adams Memorial Lecture Series, spend "An Evening with Leonard Shlain" when the author discusses his most recent book, *The Alphabet Versus the Goddess,* at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 1, in the Quetzalcoatl Room at San Diego State University's Aztec Center. A reception follows the talk. 619-594-4426. (SDSU)

Create and Maintain a prosperous art career after Cay Lang, artist and author of *Taking the Leap: Building a Career as a Visual Artist,* speaks at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 1, in the Stagehouse Theatre at Grossmont College. Expect practical advice for the budding artist. Free; to make the requested reservations, call 619-644-7000 x3501. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

Norman Rockwell is the subject when Laura Claridge, the author of "the first comprehensive biography of the artist," speaks for the docent lecture series at the San Diego Museum of Art at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 1. Admission is $10. For tickets, call 619-465-8084. (BALBOA PARK)

A Day of Love and Healing! John Bradshaw — the man responsible for bringing the term "dysfunctional family" into the mainstream — leads three different seminars for the Learning Annex on Saturday, December 2. The fee is $49 per section. To register, call 619-544-9700. (MISSION VALLEY)

Wrap It Up, the "bow experts" at the Container Store will divulge how to create seven different handmade bows with a variety of ribbons at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 2; at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 3; and at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6 (with classes continuing on December 9, 10, and 13). Find the store at 7097 Friars Road, in the Fashion Valley shopping center; 619-220-0909. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

One of the Last Surviving American Modernists? "Ed Garman: Selected Works from the 1950s through the 1990s" is on exhibit at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library through Sunday, January 14, 2001. Garman plans a lecture at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 2. Find the library at 4275 Cass Street; 858-581-9934. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Near Death Finds New Home, the International Association of Near Death Studies meets at a new place and time beginning on Saturday, December 2. Join the group at 1 p.m. in the seminar room at the Scripps Ranch Library for "An Introductory Lesson in Near-Death Experiences." Donations will be accepted. For information, dial 619-479-0255. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Art Talk, curator Ellen Fleurov speaks about organizing "No Sun Without Shadow: The Art of Harry Sternberg" at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard).

Also on Sunday, curator Catherine Gleason leads an informal discussion of the work of Eloy Tarcisio currently on exhibit at the center at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 760-839-4120. The talks are included in regular museum admission. (ESCONDIDO)

Sunday Songwriters' Series, the careers of noted American songwriters are being highlighted in the series hosted by the Museum of Making Music. The final lecture is set for Sunday, December 3, when Eve Selis, Marc Intravaia, and Lester Abrams speak at 2 p.m. Free. To make the required reservations, call 760-438-8007 x177. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"Have Yourself a Very Punny Christmas," word maven Richard Lederer, co-host of *A Way with Words* on KPBS-FM, plans a lecture on Sunday, December 3, at 3 p.m., at the Copley Telecommunications Center, 5200 Campanile Drive. Tickets are $15. For reservations and information, call 619-594-5103. (SDSU)

Denying the Holocaust Deniers, Lawrence Brown, director of SDSU's Lipinski Institute, offers a talk, followed by a question-and-answer period, Monday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m., at the Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. The event is sponsored by the Shir Ami Conservative congregation. Free. 760-476-3571 (CARLSBAD)

"Seven Decades of Pop Music," the series continues when museum director Don Bacigalupi presents "Born to Be Wild: Rock and Roll Out of Bounds, 1960-79" at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, at the San Diego Museum of Art. Nonmembers pay $9. For information, dial 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Israel: An Update" will be presented by Israeli citizen Gerry Burstain when the World Affairs Council of San Diego meets on Tuesday, December 5, 10:05 a.m., in the second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. Call 858-487-4635 for information. (SOLANA BEACH)

In 1938, a Bizarre Five-Foot Fish with luminescent eyes, four limb-like fins, and a "puppy-dog" tail was discovered in South Africa. This fish, a coelacanth, was thought to have been extinct for 70 million years and believed to be the link between fish and reptiles, leading eventually to mammals and humans.

Samantha Weinberg will reveal the complete story behind this rare fish during a lecture at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Weinberg will also sign her book *A Fish Caught in Time — The Search for the Coelacanth.* Tickets are $5. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to reserve a spot. (BALBOA PARK)

Elements from the History of Light are interwoven with advanced technology to create multifaceted experimental installations by Tony Oursler in "The Empty Cabinet and Related Works." The artist is said to have "become increasingly interested in the dark powers that lurk in the night." Visual arts professor Steve Fagin leads a tour of the exhibition at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6, in UCSD's University Art Gallery. Free. 858-534-2107. (LA JOLLA)

The Widely Differing Personalities of parrots commonly kept as companion birds will be explored when the Parrot Education and Adoption Center presents a seminar at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, at the Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego (4333 South 30th Street). Admission is $10. For more details, dial 619-287-8200. (NORTH PARK)

"Through the Eyepiece," Dennis Mammana, resident astronomer at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, gives a lecture to assist backyard astronomers in finding their way among the night sky with a small telescope at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6. After the talk, the San Diego Astronomy Association offers telescope viewing and Mount Laguna Observatory Associates give astronomical computer demonstrations. Admission is $5 general. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

His Knowledge of Manatees, Whales, and other endangered animals comes from first-hand encounters, and on Wednesday, December 6, Jim Peckarsky will speak for the Sport Chalet Dive Club at 7 p.m., in the Canyon Room at University Towne Centre (located below the food court, past the iceskating rink, 4545 La Jolla Village Drive). Peckarsky is honorary children's education director for the Center for Whale Studies on Maui. Free. 619-225-9051. (LA JOLLA)

Imaginative and Experimental New Architecture is the focus for the ongoing "Dialogues in Art and Architecture" series at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. The series continues when Aaron Betsky presents a lecture based on his latest book, *Architecture Must Burn,* next Thursday, December 7.

"Breaking the Formula: Housing +Landscape +Planning" commences at 7:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 1008 Wall Street. Admission is free. For information, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Workshops on Cross-Cultural Adoption and how the cultural environment affects identity formation are planned at the San Diego Public Library in December, in conjunction with the December 5 screening of *First Person Plural,* a film by Deann Borshay Liem. Workshops begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, December 7 and 14, led by Carolyn Placente-Darroch, Tonya Bishoff, and Jo Rankin. Free. For more information, call 619-236-5800. The library is located at 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

What Do You Know About "Ultrabaroque"? This traveling exhibition currently on view at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, will be discussed by senior curator Elizabeth Armstrong at 7 p.m. next Thursday, December 7. Admission is $7 general. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street; call 858-454-3541 for details. (LA JOLLA)

Art in the Afternoon, the series hosted by the Timken Museum of Art continues with a look at *In the Library,* a recently discovered oil painting by 19th-Century American artist John Frederick Peto, at 1:30 p.m. next Thursday, December 7. Gay Michal Nay, the museum's director of education, will give the talk. Free. 619-531-9636. (BALBOA PARK)

The Focus Could Be on Watercolors, or it could be on acrylic paintings, but either way, artist Stacy Kneeshaw Jett plans a demonstration for the Foothills Art Association next Thursday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m., in the Lamplighters Community Theater (8053 University Avenue). 619-464-7167. Free. (LA MESA)

"Serial Verbivores" Charles Harrington Elster and Richard Lederer — co-hosts of *A Way with Words* on KPBS-FM — will provide insights on matters literary and linguistic for the Sisters in Crime next Thursday, December 7. The program begins at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Admission is $3 for nonmembers. 858-481-6411. (HILLCREST)

IN PERSON

A Real-Life High School Shooting inspired William Mastrosimone's one-act play *Bang Bang, You're Dead,* being presented by the Coronado School of the Arts and San Diego Nonviolent Communication. Post-performance discussions are planned by the Nonviolent Communication leader Kelly Bryson after the play is presented at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday, November 30 and December 2. Admission is free. Find the school on the campus of Coronado High School (650 D Avenue). Call 619-522-8969 for information. (CORONADO)

Taking the Scorn from Porn, the "Gynomite: Fearless Feminist Porn" spoken-word tour and book release party is set to begin at 8 p.m. tonight, Thursday, December 30, at Dizzy's Place (344 Seventh Avenue). The event is hosted by Jimmy Jazz. Cover: $5. For information, dial 858-270-7467 or 713-280-2959. (DOWNTOWN)

Great Merriment is promised when the Comedy Codependents present their annual Christmas show at the Creativity Centre (4716 32nd Street) on Friday, December 1, at 8 p.m. The group depends upon suggestions from the audience to fuel its improv fun. 619-280-5177. Free. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Jazz, Swing, Rock, and Country by the Commercial Arts Ensemble can be heard on Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, at 7:30 p.m., in the MiraCosta College Theater (One Barnard Drive). The ensemble comprises vocal and instrumental students of improvisation at the college. General admission is $7. Call 760-795-6815 for details. (OCEANSIDE)

"Christmas from Around the World" is the theme for this year's "Harp Night," slated for Friday, December 1, starting at 7:30 p.m. in Templar's Hall at Old Poway Park. Players include Jose Smith, Katherine Cleary, step dancer Maureen Connell, and Melissa Morgan. Tickets are $10. Find the park at 14134 Midland Road. Dial 858-566-4040 for reservations. (POWAY)

The Busy Ms. Lindsay, author Diana Lindsay will talk about the wonders of the desert region, present slides, and sign her new book, *Anza-Borrego A to Z: People, Places, and Things,* during a variety of appearances within the next week. First up: a visit to Crown Books (2180 Vista Way; 760-721-6216) at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 1. She'll next hit the stacks at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at Crown Books (1640 Camino de la Reina; 6[...] (OCEANSIDE, MISSION V[...]

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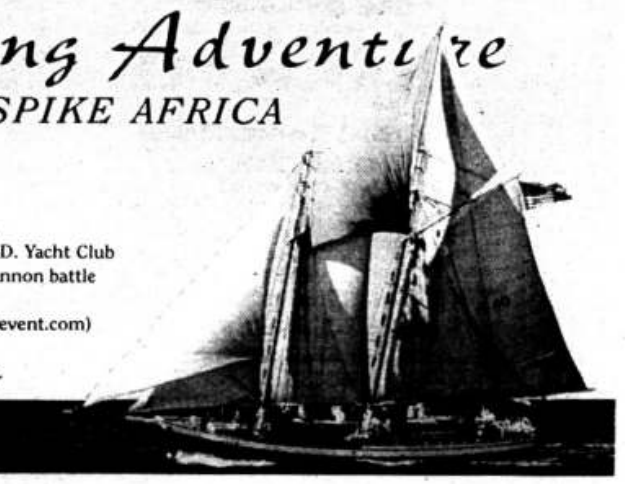

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tations both as a judge of pop music and as a person. OF COURSE some of Jackson Browne's stuff is soft, you twit. He's an introspective singer-songwriter!

What you will never be able to appreciate because you are such a cynical art punk is that neither music nor any other art has to be edgy to be worthy. Soft and nice can be good. Pretty and poignant can be brilliant. And so can commercial music.

You're so dysfunctionally cynical that you discard joy and sentiment and anything simply soft or fun or pretty or nice or poignant unless it is comfortably couched in something angry, oblique, obscure, esoteric, subversive, socially significant, or just plain pretentious.

Don't you ever just get tired of yourself?

You're a self-loathing, hapless, fucked-up outcast who can turn a clever phrase but whose personal demons make their way into almost every one of your painfully obscure, often cruel, and usually useless articles. And we just don't care.

You're nothing more than a hateful novelty, Richard, and yes, you, too, are a hack. Only difference is, you're a hack without a heart, and that's the worst kind of hack to be. In fact, that's the worst kind of anything to be.

I just wish you'd keep your shit in your diaper and stop pulling it out and throwing it at the world. It's ugly, it stinks, and we're just not interested.

Jamie Reno

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Virulent Caterwauls

Gratitude to those who heroically paid in any way for the November 2 page 6 San Diego *Reader* ad telling in words, and with diagram maybe worth a thousand words, the "medical" reality of the legally guarded "partial-birth" abortion the years 1973–? United States Holocaust. The ad is found a valuable contribution to the pressing and, one believes, unresolved moral and political issue. And, with *Reader* November 16 letters from J. Cunningham, and the Maxwells, appreciation to all concerned's courageous usefulness in educating by sharing the perhaps politically unfashionable truth. Plus, judging from seven "con" communications printed in *Reader* November 9 in response to the ad in typically illogical, virulent, caterwauls — at least some of which read as phoned-in subliterate — truth, a sizable mob of folk believe, "needs" to be suppressed.

If having abortion once again legally recognized as unlawful murderer and accomplices deed it was for about 197 of America's 224-year existence costs a second Civil War it may well be worth it.

To paraphrase Mr. President A. Lincoln on any slavery based on ancestry/skin color in another national moral crisis in 1864, if abortion is not wrong, nothing is wrong.

R.H.E. Cristenson
Coronado

Can You Feel The Love?

It probably could have gone unsaid, but people like Jim Cunningham are probably the best reason for partial-birth abortions.

Dan Keith
Carlsbad

Let The Facts Be Known

Re "I'll Never Read You Again" (Letters, November 22): The "*very, very, very* disappointed" reader suggests that she would, in effect, shoot the messenger for bringing unpleasant news. Let the facts be known. It's free speech.

Ray Garner
San Diego



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Reader Matches Success Story

WHERE ARE ALL THE normal, well-adjusted, 38-45 men who still think it might be nice to have a family if you met the right person?

Tom Atwell: Christine and I first-met ten years ago at a party in Del Mar. Afterwards, I got her phone number from a friend and we went on one date. It was a disaster.

Christine Atwell: We met at this tacky Mexican restaurant just as it was getting ready to close. We seemed to run out of things to talk about. It didn't seem like we had a lot in common. I wasn't married before, and he was. I didn't have kids, and he did. That really scared me.

Tom: I was so surprised that we didn't connect, because the energy between us had been so good at the party.

Christine: We didn't see each other after that. Tom was getting over a prior marriage and raising his kids. I was busy working on a career in title insurance and dating here and there. About five years ago, I saw a girlfriend at a funeral who had met her husband through Reader Matches. She gave me all these tips on how to do it safely. I kept it in the back of my mind for future reference. Then about three years ago I ran an ad.

Tom: I liked Christine's ad because I dreamed of having a "normal" relationship. I wanted to experience everything I had missed in prior relationships. But first I had to make it through the initial screening. Christine put me through a battery of tests over the telephone.

Christine: I thought Tom was outside my age range – he's 53 years old. I'm 40 – but he sounded interesting. But he was persistent, so I agreed to meet him for hors d'oeuvres at George's in La Jolla. As soon as I saw him I said, "We met before." But he didn't recognize me.

Tom: I was totally panicked. But at the same time, I was thinking, "Oh my gosh. She's so beautiful!"

Christine: It took him a few minutes to remember, then all of a sudden the light went on. We decided to have dinner together out on the roof, where Tom told me all about his start-up company in San Marcos. He's invented a device that helps cement makers analyze the mineral content in rocks. I've always admired entrepreneurs, and for a high-tech person, he was very down to earth.

Tom: Christine plays the guitar and sings, which I thought was cool. She has the most beautiful voice. I was really attracted to that.

Christine: We both love to sail and we spend a lot of time on the beach. That's where Tom proposed to me.

Tom: It was on a weeknight, about a year and a half after we started dating again. I waited until we were finished jogging. The ring box was bouncing around in my running shorts the whole time.

Christine: I was stunned. I just didn't expect it then. But I said yes, and we got married on March 21 last year. The theme of our wedding was "To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man." It is something we've both learned over the years.

Tom: I still remember the telephone message Christine recorded for her ad. It was so romantic. She said she enjoyed rowing a boat on Lake Dixon. I thought, "I'd like to row that boat for her."

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Dance Like a Bird

A Filipino Christmas

When she was seven or eight years old, Anamaria Labao Cabato had her first glimpse of Filipino dance. It was at a San Diego event in the early 1960s, sponsored by an organization to which her immigrant parents belonged. "And I said, 'Oh my gosh, the Philippines must be the center of the world!'"

That's because she saw so many different cultures in the mix called "Filipino."

"In northern Luzon — Cordillera — which is a mountainous region, the people show traces of Africa," Cabato says of the originators of the rice-farming terraces. "In the south, there are strains of Asia and Malaysia. Filipinos are really Malaysian by race. And seeing those dances, you think of the Balinese, showing their fingers and their nails. Then in the central region are the European influences, because that's where the Spanish settled."

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The music is European-influenced, too. "The mandolin is from Italy, and the Filipinos also have that sound," she says. It's made by another stringed-instrument, the *rondalla*.

Some of these folk dances mimic everyday activities transformed into art, as in the northern-style dance, called *banga*. "A *banga* is an earthenware pot used for cooking or carrying," says Cabato, who has studied Filipino dance since she was a teenager. "It would be pretty typical for these women to carry these pots as easily and gracefully as if they were parts of their bodies. So a dance came out of that" — with the dancers using ersatz *bangas*, made of fiberglass.

A fishing dance in the southern style, *pasigin*, employs a net. Cabato describes it as "a playful dance," during which a boy "catches" a girl. "What we use are hula-hoops attached to nets, which are large enough for the girl to pass through."

The dance called *tinikling* originated in central Philippines but is a national dance today. "The dancers imitate the long-legged bird that runs across the rice fields, and when the bamboo rods are clapped together, it's meant to represent the people trying to catch the tinikling birds who eat the rice."

Cabato learned these dances and others after her father, Delfin Labao, helped to found the organization called PASACAT (pronounced pah-SAH-caht) in 1970. Pasacat is actually the name of another dance, but the group uses the letters of the word to form an acronym for the Philippine-American Society and Cultural Arts Troupe.



PASACAT members display parols, *traditional star-lanterns*

This weekend, the group's performing-arts company will present a selection of dances as part of a Christmas festival. Women and men will wear "jewel-toned" costumes — "emerald green, royal blue, and the deep purples," says Cabato, who has been executive director of the organization since 1979. *Rondalla* players and percussionists will accompany them.

Children, 12 years old and under, may take part in the *pabitin* ritual. "A *pabitin* is a bamboo rack constructed in crisscross form from which treats are hung. It's strung from a big rope and is moved up and down while the children jump, trying to get the goodies." So in a way, that, too, is a dance, performed by unwitting little dancers.

Everyone may take part in a *parol*-making workshop. *Parols* (roll the "r" and accent the second syllable) are lanterns. Their shape is a five-pointed star, signifying the star of Bethlehem. The frames are bamboo and the sides are *apeel de Japon* or Japanese paper. Their trimmings are *capiz* shells.

This is a "sentimental activity," Cabato says, as grandparents, recalling their own childhoods, guide their grandchildren in making them.

Traditionally, *parols* are illuminated by candles. Says Cabato, "I remember my mom telling me that, when she was a kid and made them every Christmas, she had to be sure to put the candle in the right place, so the paper wouldn't burn." These days the "flame" inside is more likely to be electric.

Long ago, *parols* weren't merely for decoration; they had a function. "Filipinos have a nine-day novena before Christmas. Called Simbang Gabi, it means 'going to church in the dark.' For those nine days, it used to be that Mass was said before dawn, so farmers could attend before they went to work. And the star lanterns were hung in front of homes to light a path for the farmers to find their way."

Twice in her childhood Cabato was in the Philippines for the days leading up to Christmas. "I remember going to Mass early in the morning during Simbang Gabi and the hustle and bustle of the street vendors selling the dessert *puto bumbong*, which is cooked inside the bamboo cane."

At the food booths on Saturday, some vendors will sell *puto bumbong*, as well as other ethnic delicacies, like *lumpia*, which resembles an egg roll, and the rice-noodle dish, *pancit*.

There will be carols too, which Cabato considers another example of the cultural amalgam of the Philippines. "A parent of a dancer is singing Filipino Christmas songs. We have a Filipino version of 'Silent Night,' called 'Payapang Daigdig.' It's not the same tune, but there's a definite similarity, because of the somberness."

Payapang Daigdig means "peaceful world."

— Jeanne Schinto

"A Philippine Christmas in San Diego"
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BAJA

"The Extreme Zone" is screening at the Omnimax Theater in the Tijuana Cultural Center, showing Tuesday through Friday at 2, 4, 6, and 8 p.m., with additional screenings at noon on Saturday and Sunday. *Amazonas* continues, with screenings starting at 3, 5, 7, and 9 p.m., as well as at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on weekends.

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)

Jogging, 17K around the Abelardo Rodriguez Dam is scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 3. For additional information (in Spanish), call 011-52-66-83-1985. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Sycamores, found in San Diego's coastal and foothill canyons as well as in suburban and park landscaping, stand at their autumnal best this time of year. Stroll beneath their crispy, rustling canopies and catch the sunbeams scattering among their mottled trunks and yellow-brown leaves. Some of San Diego's biggest native sycamores reside in Lopez Canyon, a part of Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve near Sorrento Valley. Hundreds of sycamores can be also be seen in Mariam Bear Park (San Clemente Canyon) along Freeway 52 between University City and Clairemont.

The Fremont Cottonwoods along the San Diego River in Mission Gorge are now showing their best tawny foliage. You can park at the Old Mission Dam historic site (west of Santee) and explore the river area on foot by scrambling along the river banks or by walking, bike riding, or skating along the bike path above the river's south and east banks. Large cottonwoods can also be seen along other watercourses throughout the San Diego County backcountry, including along the Sweetwater River near Cottonwood Golf Course and in Cottonwood Valley, east of Pine Valley along Interstate 8.

Roaming Tarantula Spiders are occasionally seen this time of year crossing rural roads or marching through some of San Diego's canyon-bordering neighborhoods. Doggedly searching for a mate, a male will try to hold its course despite your best effort to deflect or hinder him. Docile in temperament, most tarantulas will tolerate gentle handling; they may bite, however, if provoked. Despite their fearsome reputation, tarantula venom is less powerful than a bee's.

Sapsuckers and Raptors are usually in evidence when Audubon Society birders head out for the annual Lake Henshaw/Mesa Grande outing on Saturday, December 2. Other sighting possibilities: golden eagle, bald eagle, ferruginous hawk, red-naped and red-breasted sapsuckers, and others.

Meet the leader at 8:15 a.m. at Dudley's Bakery (at the intersection of Highways 78 and 79). Bring a scope and lunch; there will be minimal hiking. Free. For information, dial 619-280-7710. (SANTA YSABEL)

Winter Migrants are settling into their temporary homes at Daley Ranch, so bring your binoculars and walk with naturalist Vesta Dineen along the Chaparral Interpretive Trail on Saturday, December 2. The 1.5-mile trip features a picnic area at the end. Meet the group at the La Honda Drive entrance at 8:30 a.m. Bring water and wear boots. 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Play With Clay, children 4 through 12 years old are invited to make clay pottery and learn about the skills of early Native Americans with park ranger Jane Engleton in Felicita Park at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 2. Meet in the meadow; the park is located at 742 Clarence Lane. Free. 858-694-3049. (ESCONDIDO)

Habitat Hike, take a tour of the riparian, chaparral, and coastal sage scrub habitats found in Hellhole Canyon with volunteer naturalist Rich Landavazo on Saturday, December 2. Participants will learn how animals and plants have adapted to different vegetation zones. Meet at the trailhead staging area at 9 a.m. wearing sturdy hiking shoes; bring water. For information, call 619-475-3896. Find the park at 19324 Santee Lane. (VALLEY CENTER)

Love the Lagoon, the Torrey Pines State Reserve invites volunteers to help restore the critical habitat of Los Peñasquitos Marsh Natural Preserve and Lagoon on the first Saturday and second Sunday of each month. The next work party convenes on December 2, starting at 9 a.m. 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)

Explore the Plant World around the Mission Trails Regional Park's visitors' center with Paul Seiley during a native plant walk on Saturday, December 2, from 9 to 10 a.m. Many native plants from different habitats around Southern California are found in the park. Find the center at One Father Junipero Serra Trail; call 619-668-3278. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

A Guided Nature Walk takes place at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 2, and on the first Saturday of every month, in Marian Bear Memorial Park. Trail guide Don Wetzel will lead nature lovers through the oak and sycamore trees and chaparral, pointing out birds and wildlife calling the park home. For information and directions, call 858-581-9961. (CLAREMONT)

Birding the Marsh, the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts a guided bird-watching hike around the Sweetwater Marsh, Saturday, December 2, at 8 a.m. For reservations and details about the starting point, call 619-409-5900. Free. (CHULAVISTA)

Local Wildlife Needs You, Wildlife Assist, an organization dedicated to rescuing wild animals in trouble, plans an orientation at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at the Patrick Sandieson Clubhouse (on Jacaranda Place, Morley Field). Participants are involved in all aspects of the work. 619-921-6044. (BALBOA PARK)

Help Maintain Florida Canyon's Trails and replant the area with native vegetation by joining the volunteer trail crew. Crews work on the first and third Saturdays of each month, including December 2, from 8 a.m. until noon. Meet the others at the corner of Park Boulevard and Morley Field Drive. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Nature Hike, local naturalist Clint Powell — now recovered from back surgery — leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including December 3, beginning at 1 p.m. With over 30 years of study in the area, he'll explain the lake's history and the mountain ecosystem, including birds, plants, and animals. The three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars if you have them.

The hike is free, but there is a $6-per-car day-use fee. The Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center is at 15027 Highway 79. Call 788-581-9904 or 619-447-8123 for details. (JULIAN)

Boots and Paws, join ranger Luanne Barrett for an interpretive walk with your dog and learn about the importance of dog care when in the park on Sunday, December 3, at 9 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park. Bring water for yourself and your canine pal, along with a bag to pick up after said buddy. Find the park at One Father Junipero Serra Trail; 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

How Did Mule Hill Get Its Name? Find out when Mike leads a four-mile trek along Highland Valley in San Dieguito River Park on Sunday, December 3, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Dial 858-674-2275 x5 to make the mandatory reservations and obtain directions. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Landscape Maintenance Worker Paul Seiley leads the park beautification team in Mission Trails Regional Park on Wednesday, December 6, beginning at 8 a.m. at the visitors' center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. For information, call 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

DANCE

"Horns Wings and More Tales" is "cutting-edge dance theater," being presented by the Lower Left Performance Collective November 30 through December 3 (and December 8-9) at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. The multimedia piece looks at female identity and liberated female experience — expect "spectacle and carnivalesque aesthetics."

All performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15 general. Find Sushi in the ReinCarnation Building (320 11th Avenue). For reservations, call 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

Contradancing is planned on Friday, December 1, with music provided by Lime in the Harp and calling duties covered by Martha Wild, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). The dancing starts at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission is $6. Call 760-436-4030 for information. (NORTH PARK)

Looking for Sweet Cajun Tunes or a rollicking zydeco beat? Dance with the Bon Temps Social Club on Tuesday, December 5, at Tio Lio's new "Zydeco Roadhouse" (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons start at 7 p.m., with open dancing to recorded tunes from 8 until late. No partners needed. Fee: $2 for lessons, $3 cover for DJ dance. For details, call 858-496-6655. (BAY PARK)

Southern Appalachian Flatfooting (clog) dancing classes — with Celtic and English origins — continue on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Adams Avenue Recreation Center (3481 Adams Avenue). The classes incorporate traditional mountain figures with special footwork. All ages are welcome. The first four classes are free. Call 619-462-2889 or 858-484-3573 for information. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

FILM

Take a Rollicking *Ride* through exotic locations and snow-covered settings in Warren Miller's 51st annual film, showcasing great skiing and snowboarding. Catch the *Ride* at La Paloma Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101) tonight, Thursday, November 30, at 6 and 9 p.m.

Then it's off to the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street), when *Ride* will be shown at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday, December 1, and at 6 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, December 2. The final county screenings begin at 5 and 8 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, at the Village Theatre (4028 Park Drive). Tickets are available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (CARLSBAD, LA JOLLA, CARLSBAD)

The Video Premiere of *The Road to Community Service Learning* is set for Friday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m., in the Little Theater at San Diego State University. For information, call 619-594-2783. (SDSU)

What Really Happened on Seattle's Streets during the World Trade Organization meetings in 1999? *This Is What Democracy Looks Like* incorporates footage taken by 100 "videographers" from the Independent Media Center to present a version of the story. See the film, along with *Zapatista*, when the "Film Festival Against Globalization" takes place December 1-3. The directors of the films will be present for discussion after each showing.

See the festival on Friday, December 1, at 6 and 9 p.m. at La Paloma Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101) and at 7 p.m. at the Sherman Heights Community Center (2258 Island Avenue). (ENCINITAS, SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

Screenings move to the World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard) for the duration of the festival. Screenings begin at 6 and 9 p.m. on Saturday and at 1 and 4 p.m. on Sunday. The minimum donation is $5. For more information, call 619-232-2841 or 619-238-4708. (BALBOA PARK)

The 1955 Academy Award for Best Foreign Film went to Hiroshi Inagaki's sweeping saga *Musashi Miyamoto*, starring Toshiro Mifune. The film — in Japanese with English subtitles — will be shown for the Sunday Matinee at the San Diego Public Library at 2 p.m. on December 3. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

How About a "Saucy Comedy of Self-Assurance and racial identity"? See *Mixing Nia* when it screens for the Film Forum series Monday, December 4, at 6 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. For information, call 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"First Person Plural," a film by Deann Borshay Liem, is a personal documentary exploring the complicated landscape of assimilation, adoption, cultural difference, American attitudes, and mistaken identity. The filmmaker will be on hand to discuss her film when it screens at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"In the Midst of Water: Origin and Destiny of Life" is the theme for an ongoing film series hosted by Mira-Costa College. See *The Secret of Roan Inish* at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6. A "knowledgeable speaker will introduce each film." The screen-

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

LECTURES

John R. Adams Memorial Lecture Series, spend "An Evening with Leonard Shlain" when the author discusses his most recent book, *The Alphabet Versus the Goddess*, at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 1, in the Quetralcoatl Room at San Diego State University's Aztec Center. A reception follows the talk. 619-594-4426. (SDSU)

Create and Maintain a prosperous art career after Cay Lang, artist and author of *Taking the Leap: Building a Career as a Visual Artist*, speaks at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 1, in the Stagehouse Theatre at Grossmont College. Expect practical advice for the budding artist. Free; to make the requested reservations, call 619-644-7000 x3501. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

Norman Rockwell is the subject when Laura Claridge, the author of "the first comprehensive biography of the artist," speaks for the docent lecture series at the San Diego Museum of Art at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 1. Admission is $10. For tickets, call 619-465-8084. (BALBOA PARK)

A Day of Love and Healing! John Bradshaw — the man responsible for bringing the term "dysfunctional family" into the mainstream — leads three different seminars for the Learning Annex on Saturday, December 2. The fee is $49 per section. To register, call 619-544-9700. (MISSION VALLEY)

Wrap It Up, the "bow experts" at the Container Store will divulge how to create seven different handmade bows with a variety of ribbons at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 2; at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 3; and at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6 (with classes continuing on December 9, 10, and 13). Find the store at 7097 Friars Road, in the Fashion Valley shopping center; 619-220-0909. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

One of the Last Surviving American Modernists! "Ed Garman: Selected Works from the 1950s through the 1990s" is on exhibit at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library through Sunday, January 14, 2001. Garman plans a lecture at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 2. Find the library at 4275 Cass Street; 858-581-9934. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Near Death Finds New Home, the International Association of Near Death Studies meets at a new place and time beginning on Saturday, December 2. Join the group at 1 p.m. in the seminar room at the Scripps Ranch Library for "An Introductory Lesson in Near-Death Experiences." Donations will be accepted. For information, dial 619-479-0255. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Art Talk, curator Ellen Fleurov speaks about organizing "No Sun Without Shadow: The Art of Harry Sternberg" at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard).

Also on Sunday, curator Catherine Gleason leads an informal discussion of the work of Eloy Tarcisio currently on exhibit at the center at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 760-839-4120. The talks are included in regular museum admission. (ESCONDIDO)

Sunday Songwriters' Series, the careers of noted American songwriters are being highlighted in the series hosted by the Museum of Making Music. The final lecture is set for Sunday, December 3, when Eve Selis, Marc Intravaia, and Lester Abrams speak at 2 p.m. Free. To make the required reservations, call 760-438-8007 x177. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"Have Yourself a Very Punny Christmas," word maven Richard Lederer, co-host of *A Way with Words* on KPBS-FM, plans a lecture on Sunday, December 3, at 3 p.m., at the Copley Telecommunications Center, 5200 Campanile Drive. Tickets are $15. For reservations and information, call 619-594-5103. (SDSU)

Denying the Holocaust Deniers, Lawrence Brown, director of SDSU's Lipinski Institute, offers a talk, followed by a question-and-answer period, Monday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m., at the Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. The event is sponsored by the Shir Ami Conservative congregation. Free. 760-476-3571 (CARLSBAD)

"Seven Decades of Pop Music," the series continues when museum director Don Bacigalupi presents "Born to Be Wild: Rock and Roll Out of Bounds, 1960-79" at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, at the San Diego Museum of Art. Nonmembers pay $9. For information, dial 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Israel: An Update" will be presented by Israeli citizen Gerry Burstain when the World Affairs Council of San Diego meets on Tuesday, December 5, 10:05 a.m., in the second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. Call 858-487-4635 for information. (SOLANA BEACH)

In 1938, a Bizarre Five-Foot Fish with luminescent eyes, four limb-like fins, and a "puppy-dog" tail was discovered in South Africa. This fish, a coelacanth, was thought to have been extinct for 70 million years and believed to be the link between fish and reptiles, leading eventually to mammals and humans.

Samantha Weinberg will reveal the complete story behind this rare fish during a lecture at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Weinberg will also sign her book *A Fish Caught in Time — The Search for the Coelacanth*. Tickets are $5. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to reserve a spot. (BALBOA PARK)

Elements from the History of Light are interwoven with advanced technology to create multifaceted experimental installations by Tony Oursler in "The Empty Cabinet and Related Works." The artist is said to have "become increasingly interested in the dark powers that lurk in the night." Visual arts professor Steve Fagin leads a tour of the exhibition at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6, in UCSD's University Art Gallery. Free. 858-534-2107. (LA JOLLA)

The Widely Differing Personalities of parrots commonly kept as companion birds will be explored when the Parrot Education and Adoption Center presents a seminar at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, at the Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego (4333 South 30th Street). Admission is $10. For more details, dial 619-287-8200. (NORTH PARK)

"Through the Eyepiece," Dennis Mammana, resident astronomer at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, gives a lecture to assist backyard astronomers in finding their way among the night sky with a small telescope at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6. After the talk, the San Diego Astronomy Association offers telescope viewing and Mount Laguna Observatory Associates give astronomical computer demonstrations. Admission is $5 general. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

His Knowledge of Manatees, Whales, and other endangered animals comes from first-hand encounters, and on Wednesday, December 6, Jim Peckarsky will speak for the Sport Chalet Dive Club at 7 p.m., in the Canyon Room at University Towne Centre (located below the food court, past the icesking rink, 4545 La Jolla Village Drive). Peckarsky is honorary children's education director for the Center for Whale Studies on Maui. Free. 619-225-9051. (LA JOLLA)

Imaginative and Experimental New Architecture is the focus for the ongoing "Dialogues in Art and Architecture" series at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. The series continues when Aaron Betsky presents a lecture based on his latest book, *Architecture Must Burn*, next Thursday, December 7.

"Breaking the Formula: Housing +Landscape +Planning" commences at 7:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 1008 Wall Street. Admission is free. For information, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Workshops on Cross-Cultural Adoption and how the cultural environment affects identity formation are planned at the San Diego Public Library in December, in conjunction with the December 5 screening of *First Person Plural*, a film by Deann Borshay Liem. Workshops begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, December 7 and 14, led by Carolyn Placente-Darroch, Tonya Bishoff, and Jo Rankin. Free. For more information, call 619-236-5800. The library is located at 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

What Do You Know About "Ultra-baroque"? This traveling exhibition currently on view at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, will be discussed by senior curator Elizabeth Armstrong at 7 p.m. next Thursday, December 7. Admission is $7 general. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street; call 858-454-3541 for details. (LA JOLLA)

Art in the Afternoon, the series hosted by the Timken Museum of Art continues with a look at *In the Library*, a recently discovered oil painting by 19th-Century American artist John Frederick Peto, at 1:30 p.m. next Thursday, December 7. Gay Michal Nay, the museum's director of education, will give the talk. Free. 619-531-9636. (BALBOA PARK)

The Focus Could Be on Watercolors, or it could be on acrylic paintings, but either way, artist Stacy Kneeshaw Jett plans a demonstration for the Foothills Art Association next Thursday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m., in the Lamplighters Community Theater (8053 University Avenue). 619-464-7167. Free. (LA MESA)

"Serial Verbivores" Charles Harrington Elster and Richard Lederer — co-hosts of *A Way with Words* on KPBS-FM — will provide insights on matters literary and linguistic for the Sistgrs in Crime next Thursday, December 7. The program begins at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Admission is $3 for non-members. 858-481-6411. (HILLCREST)

IN PERSON

A Real-Life High School Shooting inspired William Mastrosimone's one-act play *Bang Bang, You're Dead*, being presented by the Coronado School of the Arts and San Diego Nonviolent Communication. Post-performance discussions are planned by the Nonviolent Communication leader Kelly Bryson after the play is presented at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday, November 30 and December 2. Admission is free. Find the school on the campus of Coronado High School (650 D Avenue). Call 619-522-8969 for information. (CORONADO)

Taking the Scorn from Porn, the "Gymnonite Fearless Feminist Porn" spoken-word tour and book release party is set to begin at 8 p.m. tonight, Thursday, December 30, at Dizzy's Place (344 Seventh Avenue). The event is hosted by Jimmy Jazz. Cover: $5. For information, dial 858-270-7467 or 713-280-2959. (DOWNTOWN)

Great Merriment is promised when the Comedy Codependents present their annual Christmas show at the Creativity Centre (4716 32nd Street) on Friday, December 1, at 8 p.m. The group depends upon suggestions from the audience to fuel its improv fun. 619-280-5177. Free. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Jazz, Swing, Rock, and Country by the Commercial Arts Ensemble can be heard on Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, at 7:30 p.m., in the MiraCosta College Theater (One Barnard Drive). The ensemble comprises vocal and instrumental students of improvisation at the college. General admission is $7. Call 760-795-6815 for details. (OCEANSIDE)

"Christmas from Around the World" is the theme for this year's "Harp Night," slated for Friday, December 1, starting at 7:30 p.m. in Templar's Hall at Old Poway Park. Players include Jose Smith, Katherine Cleary, step dancer Maureen Connell, and Melissa Morgan. Tickets are $10. Find the park at 14134 Midland Road. Dial 858-566-4040 for reservations. (POWAY)

The Busy Ms. Lindsay, author Diana Lindsay will talk about the wonders of the desert region, present slides, and sign her new book, *Anza-Borrego A to Z: People, Places, and Things*, during a variety of appearances within the next week. First up: a visit to Crown Books (2180 Vista Way; 760-721-6216) at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 1. She'll next hit the stacks at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at Crown Books (1640 Camino de la Reina; 619-296-5578). (OCEANSIDE, MISSION VALLEY)

Lindsay will be joined by Choral Pepper (*Desert Love of Southern California*) at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 3, at Captain Fitch's Mercantile (2627 San Diego Avenue; 619-298-3944). Crown Books (1092 Encinitas Boulevard; 760-944-8151) beckons Lindsay on Wednesday, December 6, at 6 p.m. All of these signings and discussions are free. (OLD TOWN, ENCINITAS)

Finally, Lindsay presents a slide-illustrated lecture at 5:30 p.m. next Thursday, December 7, for the San Diego Historical Society in Thornton Theatre. Tickets are $15; call 619-232-6203 x100 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

What's the Role of Angels in our lives? Find out when local writer Barbara Mark speaks and signs books at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 1, at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Mark is the author of *Angelspeake* and other books. Free. For information, call 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Introducing the Reading Circle, this workshop series for middle school and high school youths and their families (10 through 18 years old) begins with a reading by poet, author, and UCSD professor Quincy Troupe at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 1, at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid).

Throughout the workshop (December 2-January 13), parents and children will read and discuss culturally relevant contemporary short stories, poetry, and novels to make connections for respect, cooperation, and learning. Featured books this session include Toni Morrison's *Bluest Eye* and *Brothers and Keepers* by John Edgar Wideman. Workshops run from 10 a.m. to noon. Free. For information and registration, call 619-527-3405 or 619-291-0590. (ENCANTO)

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Celebrate California's Missions when Graham Mackintosh (*Journey with a Baja Burro*), Terry Ruscin (*Mission Memoirs*), and Max Kurillo (*California's El Camino Real*) visit Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Friday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m., to discuss and sign their respective works. Find the shop in Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive; 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

The Visiting Artist Series at San Diego State University concludes with jazz pianist Andy LaVerne performing in a duet and trio at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 1, in Smith Recital Hall. Listen for original compositions and jazz standards. Tickets are $15 general. Call 619-594-6060 for reservations. (SDSU)

"Life Stages" is being presented by the Playwrights Project at 1 p.m. on Friday, December 1, at the Weingart/City Heights Library (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Enjoy hip-hop showcase when students of the San Diego Dance Institute perform at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 2. All events are free. For information, call 619-641-6103. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Music Fills the Air at Southwestern College this week, beginning with a jazz band concert on Friday, December 1.

A world music concert is slated for Saturday, December 2, featuring an array of sounds and rhythms from around the world, led by ethnomusicologist Todd Caschetta. During the concert, the Southwestern College African Dance group will perform.

Next Thursday, December 7, the Latin Jazz Band plans its debut performance, along with the Jazz Vocal Ensemble. All of the concerts begin at 7 p.m. in Mayan Hall Theatre, and tickets for each concert are $10 general. Find the campus at 900 Otay Lakes Road. For more information, call 619-482-6404. (CHULA VISTA)

Questions from Grandchildren prompted Doris C. Baines to write *Christmas Traditions and Legends*, which she'll sign and discuss at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. Dial 858-684-3166 for further information. (MIRA MESA)

"Deck the Halls: A Holiday Celebration" — beginning at 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido — promises three-time Grammy Award nominee Nnenna Freelon as special guest. "Deck the Halls" is a collaboration with the Palomar College Performing Arts Department, featuring many of the ensembles singing to "musically capture the moods of the holiday season." Tickets range from $10 to $15. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

Local Author and Illustrator Janell Cannon plans a short lecture and booksigning of *Crickwing* and her other books (*Stellaluna, Trupp, Verdi*) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at White Rabbit Children's Books (7755 Girard Avenue). Free. For additional information, call 858-454-3518. (LA JOLLA)

Gospel and Spiritual Works celebrating the Christmas season may be enjoyed when the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir performs for the fall concert series hosted by the First Unitarian Universalist Church on Saturday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m. Find the First Unitarian Universalist Church at 4190 Front Street. Admission is a suggested $10 donation. For further information, call 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

A Holiday Booksigning Party is planned at Bridge Way Books on Saturday, December 2, beginning at noon. Local dermatologist Mitchel Goldman will discuss skin care, sun damage, and nutrition, and model Dianne York-Goldman will focus on teen beauty tips and self-image. The duo will also sign their book *You Glow, Girl! The Ultimate Health and Skin Care Guide for Teens.* Find the shop in West Village Center, 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, suite A-30. For information, call 858-456-2992. (ENCINITAS)

More on the Missions, Max Kurillo will discuss and sign *California's El Camino Real* at 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at Crown Books (1092 El Camino Real). Free. 760-944-8151. (ENCINITAS)

Saturday! Saturday! Head to El Cajon Ford (1595 East Main Street) when NASCAR driver Kevin Lepage visits to sign autographs and offer a close-up look at the Number 16 Winston Cup NASCAR FamilyClick.com race car on Saturday, December 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. 619-683-4187. (EL CAJON)

Adventure Traveler Graham Mackintosh walked with a burro 1000 miles from the U.S. border to Loreto to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Loreto Mission. Mackintosh will share some stories and sign copies of his *Journey with a Baja Burro* at noon on Saturday, December 2, at Waldenbooks (Fashion Valley shopping center, 7007 Friars Road). Free. For information, call 619-296-2537. (MISSION VALLEY)

Viva Italia! How does Christmas taste in Italy? Find out when co-authors (and father and son) Fred Moramarco and Stephen Moramarco sign *Italian Pride: 101 Reasons to Be Proud You're Italian* at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at the Barnes and Noble store in Hazard Center. The event promises Italian trivia, dancing, carols, and a sampling of delicacies from Arrivederci's Italian Restaurant. Find the store at 7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

The busy duo will also sign and discuss their book at Esmeralda Books and Coffee 7 p.m. on Monday, December 4. Find the shop at 1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307; call 858-755-2707 for information. Free. (DEL MAR)

Musical Extravaganza 2000, classics, holiday songs, revivals, calypso, and Caribbean music will be performed by the New Dawn Singers, the J. Jansen Family Band, and Salsa Steel during a concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at the San Diego Civic Concourse (202 C Street). Tickets at the door are $17 for adults, $15 for those 15 and younger. Call 619-233-9448 or 619-397-5472 for reservations. (DOWNTOWN)

Original Performance Art by April Durrett, Sharonfaith Horton, Jennifer Phelps, and Dawn Trook is promised when "All Made Up: Saying Your Final Piece," hosted by Babel Arts, takes place on Saturday, December 2, at 8 p.m. at Sweettooth Theatre (downstairs at the Maryland Hotel, 630 F Street). Audience members will be invited to participate in a closing ritual/piece. Admission is a $5 donation. For information, call 619-595-0087. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Play It Again, San Diego Playback Theatre presents improvisation based on true-life stories at 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at the Normal Heights Community Center (4649 Hawley Boulevard). Admission is $8. For information, call 619-298-1207. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

'Tis the Holiday Concert Time o' Year, and all kinds of festive music and singing is promised this week. The 80-member Kearny Mesa Concert Band presents a concert of holiday favorites at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, in the parking lot of Grace Bible Church (655 West 11th Street). Free. 760-747-9252. (ESCONDIDO)

The Generations Choral Group presents its Christmas program on Saturday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m., at the La Mesa Adult Recreation Center (8450 La Mesa Boulevard). Free. 619-462-2889. (LA MESA)

The internationally traveled San Diego Children's Choir presents its annual holiday concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). The choir — composed of 330 boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 18 — will perform music from around the world to celebrate the season. Tickets are $10, $12, and $14 (half-price for children through 12). For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Ring in the holidays with the combined voices of the Pacificaires and the Cedar Center Chorus on Sunday, December 3, at 2 p.m., at Pacific Beach Middle School (4676 Ingraham Street). "Celebrate With Jubilant Song" boasts religious and secular songs of the season, 619-272-0280. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

The East County Retired Teachers Chorus presents "Holiday Melodies" in a concert beginning at 1:30 p.m. next Thursday, December 7, at Monte Vista Village (2211 Massachusetts Avenue). Guests are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy or canned or dry foods to donate and a $5 to $10 pledge for the Parsonage Museum. Call 619-466-5270 for information. (LEMON GROVE)

Specters and the Other Side, head to Waldenbooks on Sunday, December 3, for a booksigning and discussion by Judy Goldstein Botello (*The Other Side: Journeys in Baja California*) and John Lamb (*Haunted San Diego*) beginning at noon. Find Waldenbooks in the Fashion Valley shopping center, 7007 Friars Road; 619-296-2537. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

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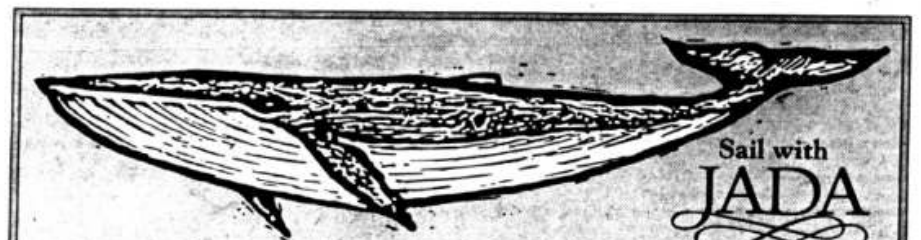
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Mystery Editor Serita Stevens and local author Carolyn Wheat will discuss and sign *Unholy Orders* at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar). Proceeds from the book benefit Romanian foster children. 858-755-2707. Free. (DEL MAR)

The Soul and Spirit of Thailand are said to be captured in (local treasure) Su-Mei Yu's new book, *Cracking the Coconut: Classic Thai Home Cooking.* Yu will sign and discuss her book at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, at the Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. Call 858-755-3735 for information. (DEL MAR)

Reggae Chanukah Concert, head to Congregation Beth Israel on Sunday, December 3, when Alan Eder and Friends present their blend of sounds from the Caribbean, Africa, and beyond at 6 p.m. More than 20 artists from around the world are among the aforementioned "Friends" performing this "joyous, drum-laden groove music." Find the temple at 2512 Third Avenue (at Laurel); call 619-275-9299 for reservations. (DOWNTOWN)

A Historical Gift on Your List? *San Diego: Then and Now* will be signed by authors George Ross Jezek (photographer) and Roger M. Showley (journalist) at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 4, at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Call 619-295-2201 for details. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Light Up a Life," San Diego Hospice's 18th annual "Light Up a Life" festivities take place at 8 p.m. on Monday, December 4, at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Expect inspirational music and messages and a symbolic tree lighting. A $25 donation sponsors a light on the tree. Admission is free, but call 619-688-1600 x440 for the required reservations. (DOWNTOWN)

The Best of the Year, it's time for the best when Unlimited Music, Art, and Poetry convenes on Monday, December 4. Listen for poetry by Megan Webster, Billyeka Boughton, and Chris Vannoy and music by performers including Marcia Forman and Floyd Fronius, soprano Marin Cosman and accompanist Rhoda Gaylis, and a piano concerto by George Fee. The party starts at 7 p.m. at the La Jolla Recreation Center, 615 Prospect Street. 858-552-1658. The donation: $6. (LA JOLLA)

Jazz with Salsa, the Palomar College Jazz Ensemble and Repertory Jazz Ensemble present their spicy blends of Latin Salsa jazz at 8 p.m. on Monday, December 4, in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Tickets are $10 general. For information, call 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Music and Dance of Java is showcased during programs beginning at 6 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 4, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Tickets are $10 general. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (SDSU)

The Bluegrass Band Hwy 52 performs at the Tuesday, December 5, meeting of the San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club. The evening opens at 7 p.m. with music by Down the Road. Find the fun at Round Table Pizza, 1161 East Washington Street (at Ash). 760-726-8380. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Slamsister Rachel Kann travels south from Los Angeles to do Poetic Brew on Tuesday, December 5, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune (2906 University Avenue). Open-mike readings precede and follow Kann's reading; sign-ups begin at 7:30 p.m. Free. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

A "Tasting" with author Penelope West, editor of *Savoring San Diego: Cookbook of an Evolving Regional Cuisine*, is set for Wednesday, December 6, from noon to 2 p.m., at the Bookstar at Costa Verde, 8650 Genesee, suite 230. Proceeds from sales benefit patients and their families at UCSD Healthcare. Free admission. 858-457-7561 (LA JOLLA)

Traditional Instrumental Jazz selections and jazz renditions of holiday music are on tap when the World's Least Dangerous Band performs at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, at the Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5069. (CHULA VISTA)

Trees, Walls, and Bodies Are the Canvas when arts students at CSU-San Marcos premiere an original performance piece combining dance with "multimedia and music" at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, in the library courtyard. "Cyber Choreography: The Medium Is the Motion" features light, color, images, dances, and music "all in perpetual motion." Free. Find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road; 760-750-4137. (SAN MARCOS)

Holiday Jazz in the Park! The series continues with holiday jazz on Wednesday, December 6, at 5:30 p.m., in the Sculpture Garden Court at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are $10 general. For reservations, dial 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

National Association of Multicultural Education Children's Book Award 2000 winner Russell Young visits the San Diego State University Bookstore on Wednesday, December 6, to sign *Dragonsong: A Fable for the New Millennium* at noon. Free. 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

"Actors Anonymous Presents...," one-act plays and projects by advanced theater arts students are being presented by USD Theatre Arts December 7-9 in Shiley Theatre and Camino 102 at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Performances begin at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with a 4 p.m. matinee on Friday. Admission is free. For more information, call 619-260-2280. (LINDA VISTA)

"Waiting: The True Confessions of a Waitress" will be signed by local author Debra Ginsberg at Barnes and Noble Bookstore at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday, December 7, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. Call 858-684-3166 for more information. (MIRA MESA)

Spoken Word with Music is promised when the Nommo Collective, featuring Jahsun Edmonds, performs at 3 p.m. next Thursday, December 7, at the San Diego State University Bookstore. The new CD is *Catabasis*. Free. 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

Caribbean and Latin Music are combined with jazz and African rhythms when Sankofa presents African and African-influenced music at 7 p.m. next Thursday, December 7, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. The band is led by musician and ethnomusicologist Komla Amoaku. Free. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). 760-750-4366. (ESCONDIDO)

The Rewards and Costs of Staying are revealed in Mona Simpson's new novella, *Off Keck Road*, which she'll sign and discuss at 7 p.m. next Thursday, December 7, at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar). Simpson is also author of *Anywhere but Here*. Free. For details, dial 858-755-2707. (DEL MAR)

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Ride North, Brave Bicyclists! The San Diego Cyclo-Vets host "Friday morning coffee/recovery" rides beginning at 8:45 a.m. sharp at the corner of East Mission Drive (north end) and Damon Street (near In-N-Out Burgers). Riders head north to Solana Beach for coffee and cookies, a distance of about 40 miles; the average speed is 14 to 16 miles per hour. Call 619-584-0087 for information. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

(Senior) Surf's Up, the ISF Senior High School Surf Team competition is set for Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the north side of the Oceanside Pier (301 North the Strand). For details, dial 760-931-1450. (OCEANSIDE)

Ice in San Diego? The San Diego Gulls host the Bakersfield Condors on Sunday, December 3, at 6:05 p.m. and the Long Beach Ice Dogs at 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, all at the San Diego Sports Arena (3500 Sports Arena Boulevard). Tickets range from $5 to $15, available by calling 619-224-4625. The games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

Charger Football, the San Francisco 49ers are in town for a game against the San Diego Chargers at 1:05 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, in Qualcomm Stadium. For information, call 877-CHARGERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

SPECIAL

Looking for Unique Art Objects? The 34th annual student art and pottery sale runs November 30 through December 2, in the covered patio area next to Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Sale hours are noon to 9 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 760-744-1150 x2302. (SAN MARCOS)

Christmas on the Prado, billed as "Balboa Park's holiday gift to San Diego," takes place on Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, from 5 to 9 p.m. both nights. More than 30 museums and cultural attractions will open their doors free of charge during the event. Highlights include the Kids' Zone sponsored by the San Diego Zoo, with music, stage shows, crafts, and animal presentations; food for sale from around the globe; and caroling, dance, and theatrical presentations, among many other festivities. Free. For information, call 619-239-0512.

The popular Santa Lucia procession — with twinkling candles, traditional songs, and a "Lucia" (Queen of Light) — will again be offered at the San Diego Museum of Man. The Swedish Christmas Fair includes a folk costume parade, crafts, folk dancing, music by a children's choir, and traditional Swedish foods (for sale). Free. 619-239-2001.

The San Diego Floral Association's annual holiday show — themed a "Festival of Flowers and Folk Art" this year — takes place in room 101 of the Casa del Prado, with Christmas trees decorated by affiliated garden and plant clubs and floral displays. Hours are 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday and noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday. Questions? Call 619-232-5762 for answers.

Christmas Express trains will be in operation at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum from 5 to 9 p.m. both days, and there will be live entertainment and concessions. 619-696-0199. At the San Diego Art Institute, roasted chestnuts, chili, and cider will be on offer, and the atrium Christmas tree will feature ornaments handmade by the artists. For information, call 619-236-0011.

Holiday performances are planned by students and staff from the San Diego Junior Theater onstage in front of the Casa del Prado Theatre; 619-239-1311. At the San Diego Automotive Museum, Santa will be posing for photographs in a 1909 International Harvester, and six fresh wreaths from the San Diego Flower Arrangers Guild will adorn a selection of vintage and classic cars. For more details, call 619-239-0512.

At the House of Pacific Relations International Cottages, authentic international foods will be offered for sale, and there will be ethnic music, dancing, and costumes. 858-538-4069. Admission to all of these events is free. (BALBOA PARK)

Back to the Beginning, discuss the book of Genesis with the Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 1, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (in the Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). Free. 858-756-4298. (DEL MAR)

Over 300 Poinsettia Plants will populate the wood lath Botanical Building during the 15th annual seasonal display continuing through Wednesday, January 3, 2001. The dedication ceremony starts at 2 a.m. on Friday, December 1. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Wednesday. Free. For information, call 619-239-0512 or 619-235-1100. (BALBOA PARK)

Good for What Ales You, the fourth annual San Diego Strong Ale Festival — highlighting some "of the nation's best" strong ales — runs December 1-3 at Pizza Port Carlsbad (571 Carlsbad Village Drive). Every beer at the festival boasts at least eight percent alcohol by volume.

Festival hours are 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The $10 admission fee includes a tasting glass, program, and three beer samples (additional four-ounce samples are $1 each). For more information, call 760-720-7007. (CARLSBAD)

Choo, Choo! The All-Gauge Toy Train Association's annual show runs Saturday, December 1, through Saturday, January 6, 2001, at the La Jolla Branch Library (7555 Draper Avenue). For viewing hours and other details, dial 858-552-1657. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Did You Know that the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt now has over 45,000 panels, each one commemorating the life of a person lost to AIDS? In conjunction with World AIDS Day, Pilgrim United Church of Christ is displaying approximately 88 of the panels on December 2 and 3. View the panels from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Find the church at 2020 Chestnut Street. Call 760-434-3270 or 760-945-2039 for information. (CARLSBAD)

Sheet Music, Books on a variety of subjects, "gently played" LP records, and art periodicals are among the items on offer during the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library's quarterly book sale on Saturday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Athenaeum is located at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

The Lighting of the Holiday Tree is the culmination of the Chula Vista Holiday Festival, scheduled for Saturday, December 2, from 3 to 5 p.m. The event promises children's activities, seasonal musical entertainment, and more in the eastern end of Memorial Park (along Third Avenue, north of G Street). Admission is free. 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

Art — Rain or Shine, the Carmel Valley Artists host their 37th annual winter show and sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at the Karl Strauss Brewery Gardens (9675 Scranton Road). Thirty-seven artists will exhibit work in a variety of media. Admission is free. Dial 760-945-6922 for details. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

All Aboard for the Great American Train Show, steaming into the Del Mar Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3. The show boasts 14 large, detailed layouts, workshops, and more than 300 tables of model trains and accessories. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Admission is $6 for adults, free for those under 12 with an adult. Questions? Call 630-834-0652 for answers. (DEL MAR)

Machiavelli's Treatise *The Prince* provides the topic when the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets on Saturday, December 2, 2 p.m., in the second-floor meeting room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers are welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Heaven on Seventh, Irving Gill designed the Burnham House in 1907, which was built by the Marstons and now serves as the Episcopal Community Services administrative headquarters. Eight members of the local American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) have decorated a section of Burnham House, creating a "whimsical holiday wonderland" in hues of silver, blue, and white, open from viewing from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, December 2-30.

Find the house at 3565 Seventh Avenue. Admission is $10 for adults, free for those 12 and under. For information, call 619-260-8017. (HILLCREST)

The Five-Point Star Lanterns from the Philippines known as *parols* give their name to the Parol Festival planned by PASACAT from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at St. Rita's Church (5115 Churchward Avenue). Organizers promise Filipino folk songs and dances and performances by the Ho' Okupu-O Hawaii Polynesian Revue and Tony Salamat's Body Arts; Filipino foods (for sale); *parol* demonstrations, workshops, and exhibitions; and more. Admission is free. 619-477-3383. (ENCANTO)

Meet the Artists, shop for glass, and sign up for winter classes when Thor Bueno Glass hosts an open studio and sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3. Find the glassblowing studio at 132 East Cliff Street; 858-720-9894. (SOLANA BEACH)

Celebrate Local Cowboy Heritage during the eighth annual Vaquero Days, running from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3, at the Merigan Barns. Expect cowboy music and poetry, horsemanship demonstrations by Leslie Desmond, Pat Puckett, and Jerry Tindell; crafts and art, pit barbecue, kids activities (such as calf roping and lariat skills), and a horse and mule auction (1 p.m. on Sunday). Wyatt Earp's grand nephew will put in an appearance — as Wyatt discussing his life — at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at the town hall (tickets are $10).

The $10 admission fee for adults covers both days. For directions and details, dial 619-445-3946 or 619-473-8256 (evenings). (DESCANSO)

Dive with Santa at the Sport Chalet pool on Saturday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Certified divers should bring a certification card; non-divers will be assisted by professional dive instructors; those under 10 can snorkel with the big guy. A tip from the organizers: covered skin works best for the photographs.

To participate, bring an unwrapped toy ($10 to $20 value) to donate to St. Vincent de Paul. Each participant will receive two photographs from the dive. Find the pool at 3695 Midway Drive; 619-588-5221. (SPORTS ARENA)

Home, Holiday Home, the fourth annual holiday home preview benefiting the Polinsky Children's Center is set for December 2 and 3 in the Gold Coast neighborhood of La Jolla. The walking tour features four professionally decorated homes; one boasts an extensive collection of ornament designs by Christopher Radko, touted as the "king of tree trimming." The fee is $20. Tour hours are 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. (LA JOLLA)

No Place Like Home, the All Souls' 49th Christmas Arts Home Tour and Garden Tea showcases four Point Loma homes dressed up for the holiday season, set for Saturday, December 2. The homes will be open for touring from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Festivities at the All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard) include a garden tea and Christmas arts sale from 1 to 4 p.m. Organ docents and church docent art tours will take place from noon to 3 p.m. Tickets are $18 in advance, $20 on tour day. Call 619-223-6394 for information. (POINT LOMA)

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like...the fifth annual Hometown Holidays takes place from noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at the Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street). Expect community caroling, live music, kids' rides, tree lighting, a visit by Santa Claus, crafts, and food. Admission is free; bring a donation for the toy drive. 619-579-1630. (EL CAJON)

Inspiration Africa, the Mixed-Media Art Studio and Gallery hosts a collaborative art bazaar from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3. Art in a variety of media will be on display and for sale. Find the studio at 4576 Federal Boulevard; 619-527-2508. (SAN DIEGO)

Let the Parades Begin! The Starlight Yule Parade — with bands, floats, and Santa — traverses Third Avenue from H Street to E Street on Saturday, December 2, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Viewing is free. For information, call 619-422-1982. (CHULA VISTA)

The Ocean Beach Holiday Parade takes place on Saturday, December 2, starting at 5 p.m., finishing with the lighting of the 40-foot community tree located in the sand at the foot of Newport Avenue. The parade begins at Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Newport Avenue and moves west on Newport to the ocean. Free. For additional details, call 619-302-5498 or 619-226-0080. (OCEAN BEACH)

Battle Day, commemorate the Battle of San Pasqual when the San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park hosts its annual Battle Day on Sunday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Battle reenactments begin at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., and there will be period crafts, demonstrations, military and mountain man encampments, equestrian demonstrations, and children's activities. Free. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

One-of-a-Kind Items created by UCSD faculty, students, and independent artists are on offer during the annual Holiday Crafts Sale at UCSD's Crafts Center (off Eucalyptus Grove Lane). Expect to see glass and ceramic work and jewelry. Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, December 5-7. For more information, call 858-534-2021. (LA JOLLA)

And Now for Something Completely Different, the Flame is hosting a "drag off" with Chester Rockwell and Babette Schwartz to benefit Polinsky Children's Center on Wednesday, December 6, beginning at 9 p.m. The drag "kings" and "queens" engage in battles including tug-of-war and 30-second impromptu tune creations. The cover is $5. Find the Flame at 3780 Park Boulevard; 619-295-4163. (HILLCREST)

The Term "Cultural Landscape" is used by anthropologists and archaeologists to describe a widespread area of human activity unique to a particular group or culture. People have lived in the San Diego area for more than 10,000 years, and each group has left evidence of its occupation. "Cultural Landscapes: Art and Archaeology," on view at the San Diego Archaeological Center, features landscapes, ceramics, photographs, and jewelry created by local artists combined with archaeological artifacts from the center's collections.

The show continues through Tuesday, January 16, 2000. Find the center in the ReinCarnation Project, at 334 11th Avenue; 619-239-1868. Admission is free. (DOWNTOWN)

Any Edible Medium Is Acceptable for inclusion in the Gingerbread City holiday benefit for the Epilepsy Foundation. Structures are on display at the Wyndham Emerald Plaza through December. For more information, call 619-296-0161. (DOWNTOWN)

(This Old) Home for the Holidays, view the period-style holiday decorations bedecking the Villa Montezuma, Marston House, and Serra Museum during one of the 2.5-hour tours offered Wednesday through Sunday through January 6 by the San Diego Historical Society and Old Town Trolley Tours. The tours include traditional holiday refreshments, Christmas carols, and "a general celebration of the holiday spirit."

The fee is $24 for adults and $12 for those 4 to 12 years old. For tour times and reservations, call 619-298-8687. (SAN DIEGO)

Ice Skate under the Stars — or the blazing sun — in the outside San Diego Ice Rink located in Horton Square, adjacent to Horton Plaza, through Monday, January 15, 2001. Skating hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Tickets are $6 for admission, $2 for skate rentals, benefiting the Children's Hospital Cancer Center. 619-234-5600. (DOWNTOWN)

The Light Time of the Year, organizers of the Holiday of Lights at the Del Mar Fairgrounds boast of "the largest and most dazzling drive-through light show extravaganza on the West Coast," with holiday-themed displays continuing through Monday, January 1, 2001.

Hours are 5:30 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 5:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission is $9 per vehicle (up to five people), $14 per vehicle with six or more people; tickets are available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DEL MAR)

Make Your Opinion Count! A model of a piece of public art, proposed for installation in a plaza at the expanded San Diego Convention Center, is on exhibit for public viewing and comment through Monday, December 11, in the lobby of the Port of San Diego administration building (3165 Pacific Highway). After viewing the proposed sculpture created by Niki de Saint Phalle, drop your comments into a box found next to the model display; the Board of Port Commissioners will discuss the piece at its meeting on December 12. Viewing is free. 619-686-6388. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

"The Shoemaker and the Elves" hit the stage — performed by the Puppet Theater Players — at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater today, Thursday, November 30, and Sunday, December 3. The Dori Smith Marionettes present *The Fisherman and His Wife* December 6-10. 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.

Shows will be presented on the evenings of Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, as part of Christmas on the Prado celebrations.

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)

Introducing the Reading Circle, this workshop series for middle school and high school youths and their families (10 through 18 years old) begins with a reading by poet, author, and UCSD professor Quincy Troupe at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 1, at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid).

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A Gift for Giving



Donna Lang

Clarkson Potter, 2000; 128 pages; $25

FROM THE DUST JACKET:
Few things match the pleasure of bestowing a gift that is received with genuine delight. Learning to select gifts that bring joy to their recipients and presenting them with style are the twin lessons of *A Gift for Giving*, Donna Lang's innovative primer on giving gifts that are long remembered.

The trick, she maintains, is thinking beyond the expected. A gift certificate lacks flair. A money tree embellished with fan-folded bills or a notepad of crisp singles in a one-of-a-kind cover, however, are witty and useful. A gift of flowers can be ho-hum, but presented in a quirky, reusable container or made into a stylish (but affordable) topiary, they are anything but!

Donna also points out that gifts should enhance their recipients' lives without weighing them down with unnecessary possessions. (Who truly needs another sweater or bottle of perfume?) The alternative? Give the gift of an experience (like tickets to a concert, a course, or a trip) cleverly packaged to accentuate your theme, or an edible present like a sumptuous Sunday brunch-in-a-basket for two, complete with Champagne. Such gifts not only reflect the recipient's interests, but they do so without bringing clutter into his or her life.

In the final chapter, Donna shows how to give gifts greater impact with customized wraps, unique add-ons and ribbons, and handmade cards. A directory of resources, with information on birthstones, zodiacs, and more, provides inspirations for devising personalized gifts for everyone on your list. From a gift of quarters for the laundromat to a trip to Paris, Donna Lang shows how to make your thoughtful gestures count the most.

Donna Lang, on the afternoon that we talked, told me that she was born in West Virginia in 1942. She went on to say, "I spent my childhood creating projects; I was always working on something. I have just always loved doing things with my hands."

Lang, I said, was "a rainy day girl — one of those girls who was always cutting and pasting and coloring and painting."

"Absolutely. And, of course, my mother was so incredibly supportive. Daddy was traveling so much that Mom and I spent a lot of time together. I always had all the art supplies, fabrics and paints and papers and things that anyone could want. I was able to try everything. Always had a project going, and actually always loved to give gifts. I ended up going to Carnegie Tech and getting a bachelor of fine arts degree. I used the background rather frivolously in, first, the fashion industry, and actually, in 1963, was a guest editor for *Mademoiselle*, just after I'd gotten to New York City."

Lang explained how it was that she became a *Mademoiselle* guest editor. She said that growing up in West Virginia, she had long wanted to go to New York to live, although, as she admitted, "my entire image of New York was based on the movies because I had never been there. So while I was still in college, I thought, *oh, my goodness, how ever do you tell your parents that you're leaving home for good?* I decided that a really neat way would be to win a contest. Because they couldn't do anything but be excited about that. *Mademoiselle* used to have this wonderful contest where they would choose 20 people to be guest editors. Every editor was assigned a certain category. I was guest fabric editor. I absolutely adored fabrics. And once I got to New York, of course, my parents knew I was never coming home."

Fashion, Lang said, "was my first love. My mother is a very clever and wonderful seamstress, and she taught me so much of what I know. When I was still at home, we always had an outfit we were working on. We would go buy the fabrics together, and pick out the buttons. It's just sort of this whole big picture. I guess everything I do is related in some way."

One of Lang's first Manhattan jobs was at Vogue Patterns. "I loved that. Because, again, growing up, that was just my idea of the ultimate. They were the best patterns, and those were the best days to be in the pattern business. The industry was so healthy and they were spending lots of money on promotions and we traveled beautifully. I would go to Europe at least twice a year. It was when it was very chic to sew, and not everyone was working two jobs. It was a joy to sew, and there were beautiful fabrics available, and it was really your opportunity to be creative and show off your skills. You took great pride in being able to reproduce an Yves St. Laurent or whatever."

Lang said that she still "adores fabric," that she "can't look at anything without imagining it in 14 different interpretations."

Lang married and in 1972, her first child, a son, was born. "I thought I'd retired. That lasted about 20 minutes. I wasn't good at it. I found that every time I would invite people to lunch, I would redecorate the dining room because my feeling was, *well, they have already seen it in green, so I must redo it.* I was spending so much time and effort sort of for naught. I finally realized that this was silly. And, of course, the phone calls started coming in from various people that I had worked for over the years. And they would say, 'How would you like to design some patterns, or how would you like to do this or that or the other?'

"I was lucky enough to get involved in a lot of really fun projects. I did the first Christmas pattern for *Vogue*. And it sounds so silly now because there are five million, but at that time, nobody had ever thought to do an ornament package. I did the wreaths and all that sort of thing. Now it looks so ho-hum but back then, of course, it was quite a concept for them."

Lang's husband had season tickets to the Knicks. When the couple went into Manhattan for games, Lang's husband went to the game and Lang went back to school, studying interior design. Soon, Lang and a friend, Lucretia Robertson, had opened an interior-design business. The two women worked together for 17 years, their partnership ending when Robertson died of colon cancer. "We had 17 fabulous years," said Lang, "and we did really great projects."

Author now of a series of decorating how-to books, Lang continues to run her design firm, Donna Lang Ltd., which is located in Chatham, New Jersey, where she also lives. On the day that we talked she had just finished the planning of a Christmas party that Oil of Olay and Pantene would be giving in Manhattan. "It is going to be so much fun," she said. "We actually have a snow machine. We're going to have it snowing on the Christmas tree. Obviously it's fake snow, but it really is going to be just delightful. And very exciting. But," said Lang, "we haven't even begun to talk about my book.



"First of all, I happen to adore wrapping gifts. It's always been so much fun. I get such a kick out of it. It's always been a favorite part of the holidays. I had written five books before, but they were all interior-design related. And most of them actually tended to be more do-it-yourself. How to make window curtains and slip covers and decorating with paper. When Lucretia was alive, we did this fabulous book on everything you could possibly think of to do with paper, the whole decoupage, and, you know, using it in rooms, and on little boxes, and on trays, and screens, and all sorts of fabulous things. I decided that it would be fun to do a book that really had a much wider appeal. I thought, *oh my goodness, whether you want to or not, you have to give gifts.* I don't care whether you're old or young, rich or poor, male or female or what. There comes that moment when you do have to bite the bullet and give gifts."

Lang urges her readers to give gifts careful thought. "Garage sales," she said, "are a testament to badly given gifts. It's just amazing how many things that we're burdened with. I really saw it change within the last few years. It used to be that you couldn't have enough pillows and enough candles and enough whatever. And then I found that all of my clients were interested in editing their lives. I thought, *gee, we keep giving more and more things to people that they neither want nor need.* And it really becomes more of a burden than a pleasure. So we really need to look at the whole process of giving gifts in a different way.

"The first thing would be to focus on the person, not on the gift per se. You know, if you are thinking about someone, I would say, *What is so special about my friend Mary Jones?* and *What would Mary love to do, or what would she love to smell, or what would she love to experience?* We get so many clues for really good gift-giving. But at the time you think you'll remember, but then you find you never do."

Lang keeps a gift-giving registry with lists of clues friends give her. She gave an example. "I take Richard Brown's Movies 101 class. For 30 years he has taught a class at NYU, and you see a film and talk about it, have a guest. Wednesday we had Richard Dreyfuss. Anyway, during the course of one of the classes, Richard Brown started talking about how much he loved Snickers. Well, of course, I immediately made a note in my registry that Richard loves Snickers. Because if I give him Snickers, he will be so excited because it says to him, 'She listened to me, she knows what I like; Damn, I love those Snickers bars.' And then every time he will eat a Snickers, he'll think of me."

Lang has six basics for good gift-giving. One of those basics is that it really is the thought that counts. She expanded on this. "There are so many websites and places that try to make it sound like you shouldn't have to be involved. That all you have to do is 'Click on, we'll take care of everything; you don't have to touch it in any way, shape, or form.' I find that very sad. I think it's those little things that make a difference. Some of my favorite gifts in the world have been silly little things. One of my assistants one year made me a tree out of chewing gum. I have a very bad habit. I love to chew chewing gum. And she took the sticks and did a Styrofoam comb, and then hot glued the little pieces of chewing gum and sort of curled the ends up. It was absolutely adorable. It was fabulous. She took the time, she thought about it, she bought the gum, she hot-glued it together. I just thought that was adorable."

Lang suggests that money is often the best gift to give. In the past, she said, "People have thought that if you give money, it's interpreted as being a last-resort gift or a thoughtless gift. What I have tried to do was say, 'Giving money can be as thoughtful as any other gift, and actually, it could become your gift of first choice.' "

Lang shows ways to personalize a gift of money — a money tree, a handsome salad bowl tossed with greenbacks, a book made of fresh bills. About the latter, Lang said, "I think that book of money is fabulous. It's my absolute favorite thing I've ever, ever done. I don't care if you have a lot of money, there is something about peeling off the bills."

She also shows how one can put money into a fresh loaf of bread. "That was fun," she said. "It takes five seconds. It was so funny because my agent called one day and she said, 'Donna, I'm desperate. I'm going to a graduation party, and I absolutely have to have a fabulous gift.' And she was in her office on 26th Street in New York; she was taking the bus to go to the party. I told her, 'Go to the bakery, buy a loaf of bread, put the money inside.' She was so excited. She called me afterwards and said, 'Donna, I was the star of the party. They thought it was brilliant.' "

Another way that Lang gives money is in picture frames. Like the bread, which takes little time and no talent, the framing of money also is a quickie presentation. "You can just fold up a bill and put it inside a picture frame. One of my gifts for the holiday is for an architect. I am using the backs of the money, you know how they've got the beautiful buildings. And I'm framing those. He will be thrilled. And they look gorgeous. Once the money is gone, he'll have this lovely frame. And that, again, is the way that you can make it personal, because you choose your frame based on the personalities and the decorating style of the recipient."

Lang gives hints as to getting rid of the sticky labels on bottles and packages. She explained: "One of the best ways is to zap for a second with a hair dryer because what it does is it softens the adhesive, and that will, in most cases, come off very easily. My husband discovered that when he would try to get price labels off of record albums, and it was such a fast way. So that is my first approach."

This year Lang will enclose her book with most gifts she gives. I asked how she'd wrap the book.

"I have several wraps, depending on the person. For some people, I have a wonderful Japanese paper that is so beautiful. And I'm a ribbon freak. So I have incredibly beautiful ribbons that obviously coordinate with the coloring of the book. And then I bought these beaded fruit tie-ons that are so pretty. I had actually started collecting them last year, and now I find that's all they're doing this year. If you've gone to Crate and Barrel or Pottery Barn, you will have seen them. They're beautiful apples and pears and things. So I'll just do a beautiful tie-on, on the top. And then for other people, I'm doing it in marble paper, which is quite pretty; you buy it in an art store. And then for yet other people that I want to have a little message included, I found lovely folders at Staples that again are just the color of my book. So in the right-hand pocket will go a copy of the book, and in the left-hand side will be a personal letter from me, and then I will tie it up with a beautiful ribbon. There will probably be many, many different incarnations of the wrap for the book."

— *Judith Moore*

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turally relevant contemporary short stories, poetry, and novels to make connections for respect, cooperation, and learning. Featured books this session include Toni Morrison's *Bluest Eye* and *Brothers and Keepers* by John Edgar Wideman. Workshops run from 10 a.m. to noon. Free. For information and registration, call 619-527-3405 or 619-291-0590. (ENCANTO)

The Enchanting New Tale *Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree* by Robert Barry may be heard during the Barnes and Noble story time set for Saturday, December 2, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Participants will make Christmas ornaments from pasta. Find the store at 7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

A Dramatic (and Nonmusical) Version of *Beauty and the Beast* is being presented by the Theatre School at North Coast Repertory Theatre December 2-17. Tickets are $7 for adults, $5 for children. Find the theater at 987-D Lomas Santa Fe; for showtimes and reservations, call 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

Pause with Claus, Mrs. Burton's Tea Parlor hosts Mrs. Claus's Tea Parties on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3 (and December 9 and 10). The $18 fee includes a photograph with Madame Claus and "special treat." For reservations, dial 619-294-4600. Find Mrs. Burton at 2465 Heritage Park Row. (OLD TOWN)

Bear Necessities, get the "bear facts" about amazing and intelligent bears when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts a class for those three and four (with an adult) at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 3. Participants may bring their own teddy bears for a teddy bear picnic with actual bear food. The fee is $20 for nonmembers; to register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Operaland and Holiday Lights, the Museum of Contemporary Art plan Free-for-All First Sunday activities on December 3. The San Diego Opera Ensemble will present "Operaquest: Papageno's Phenomenal Adventure" at MCA La Jolla (700 Prospect Street) at 3:30 p.m. Participants will learn about the essentials of opera and take part in art workshops (from 2 to 5 p.m.) to create opera characters using costumes and props. (LA JOLLA)

Local artist Roman de Salvo plans a workshop on designing and constructing lights for the holidays at MCA Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Expect celebrations for Christmas, Hanukah, and Kwanza. For information, call 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Sparring Championship, forms competition, and black belt demonstrations are all part of the America's Youth Karate Tournament planned on Sunday, December 3, in Peterson Gym at San Diego State University. Registration begins at 9 a.m., with competition continuing through 4 p.m. Admission for spectators is $3 (free under 5); competitors pay $20. For information, call 619-497-0294 or 619-912-9524. (SDSU)

Follow the Trail to Quail, head to Quail Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, December 5, at 10:30 a.m., for a general tour of the gardens oriented for kids (aged three to six). Meet at the visitors' center located directly north of the parking lot, at 230 Quail Gardens Drive; 760-436-3036. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Explore, Identify, and maybe even have fun with your moods when Jamie Lee Curtis's *Today I Feel Silly* is featured at the story time on Wednesday, December 6, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). Free. 858-481-4038. (DEL MAR)

Hand-Crafted Marionettes will perform when Jim Gamble presents "The Wonderful World of Puppets" at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets are $7. Call 800-988-4253 for information. (ESCONDIDO)

Snow in San Diego? Maybe not, but enjoy *Snowie Rolie* when the William Joyce tale is read for the parent and tot story time beginning at 10 a.m. next Thursday, December 7, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. Call 858-684-3166 for details. (MIRA MESA)

How Do You Make a Book? Find out when author Lori Mitchell (*Different Just Like Me*) presents a workshop for kids next Thursday, December 7, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at Bookstar Costa Verde, 8650 Genesee, Suite 230. Free. 858-457-7561 (LA JOLLA)

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, "Early California Surfriders, 1900-1940" honors Doc John Heath Ball, the first surf documentarian, telling the stories of those pioneering surfers in photographs by Ball and text. Many of the photographs, surfboards, and other artifacts have never been on public display before.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "J.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and that way-cool megastar from Hawaii, Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is 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.







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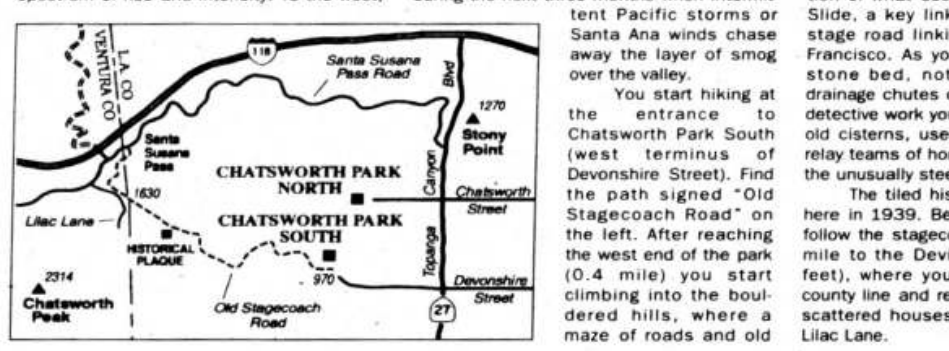
Roam-O-Rama

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

Sunrises are as spectacular as they come when viewed on clear, late fall or winter mornings from the Old Stagecoach Road — now a hiking trail rising into the foothills outside Chatsworth in the San Fernando Valley. From this vantage, I once watched a hundred thousand valley lights fade while the cirrus-streaked eastern sky cycled through a spectrum of hue and intensity. To the west, boulder-stacked hillsides materialized out of gray gloom to become perfect copies of the golden backdrops seen in so many Western movies and television productions.

Hiking the Stagecoach Road at dawn is inspiring — but not recommended unless you're familiar with the area. Any clear day is fine, too, and there will be plenty of those during the next three months when intermittent Pacific storms or Santa Ana winds chase away the layer of smog over the valley.



You start hiking at the entrance to Chatsworth Park South (west terminus of Devonshire Street). Find the path signed "Old Stagecoach Road" on the left. After reaching the west end of the park (0.4 mile) you start climbing into the bouldered hills, where a maze of roads and old vehicle tracks complicates route-finding. Head generally southwest and uphill toward a low ridge distinguished by a row of bushy olive trees (0.6 mile). From there, turn right (northwest) up the ridge and aim toward a large, white, rectangular plaque embedded in sandstone on the hillside about 0.4 mile away. You're now on a well-preserved section of what used to be called the Devil's Slide, a key link in the 1860-90 coastal stage road linking Los Angeles and San Francisco. As you walk up the hard sandstone bed, notice the carefully hewn drainage chutes on both sides. With a little detective work you may also find a couple of old cisterns, used to capture rainwater for relay teams of horses that pulled wagons up the unusually steep grade.

The tiled historical plaque was placed here in 1939. Beyond the plaque, you can follow the stagecoach roadbed another 0.3 mile to the Devil's Slide summit (1630 feet), where you cross the L.A.-Ventura county line and reach a trailhead sign amid scattered houses on a rural street called Lilac Lane.

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.

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

Flying Leatherneck Museum, the museum is dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. For information, call 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

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)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, the museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. A mural by Mona Mills depicting ancient Teotihuacan in its days of glory is now on exhibit, resulting from the artist's extensive study of this ancient "City of the Gods" that was once home to 200,000 people in central Mexico. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art.

Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. On exhibit are Indian artifacts from the Kingery family. The museum is open on the last Saturday and Sunday of every month from 2 to 4 p.m., at 2116 Tavern Road. For information, call 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

Museum of Music Making, an exhibit of Bo Diddley's unique guitars are on display at the museum through January. The show includes his pink square guitar and a 1991 Stratocaster that Diddley customized by adding a large wooden frame to house an electric drum machine and an equalizer. These two historic instruments are part of a larger exhibit honoring the early days of guitar, such as several Fender and Gibson solid-body guitars.

The museum's five major exhibits span 100 years of music making in America, with more than 450 vintage instruments, samplings of popular music from each era, historic photographs and paintings, and trends and innovations in the music industry. Find the museum in the corporate headquarters of the NAMM — International Music Products Association, at 5790 Armada Drive. For hours and other information, call 877-551-9976. (CARLSBAD)

Poway Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of the newly renovated museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 619-748-3700 or 619-486-3064. (POWAY)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. Women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800 are also on display. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. For more information, call 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Natural History Museum, organized in five themed sections, "Bears: Imagination and Reality" explores the myths, legends, folklore, and art surrounding bears. The exhibit features North American Indian artwork and artifacts and contemporary images of bears, along with a collection of teddy bears, video screenings of bears in cartoons, and taxidermy mounts of young and adult grizzlies and black bears in displays on bear habitat, food habits, behavior, and life history. No bears were killed especially for this exhibit, on view through Tuesday, January 2, 2001.

The museum's permanent exhibits include the Scripps Hall of Mineralogy, the Hall of Ocean and Shore Ecology, and the Hall of Desert Ecology. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the unique history of the San Dieguito area at 561 South Vulcan Avenue. For more information, call 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Treasures Uncovered: Trade and Exchange at the San Diego Presidio" features artifacts recovered from the Presidio archaeological site, dating to the first European settlement in California (in 1769) when Father Junípero Serra established the Basilica San Diego de Alcalá. "Treasures" in the form of ceramics, religious, and personal goods representing just a fraction of the more than one-half million excavated to date at the Presidio site are on view. See the show through summer, 2001.

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, found at 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, celebrate the season of the gray whale with educational whale activities, exhibits, and a variety of whale-watching experiences during "WhaleFest 2001," running from December through April 2001. The aquarium's tidepool plaza, boasting a panoramic view of the La Jolla shoreline and the Pacific Ocean, is a great spot for informal whale watching.

"Sea Touch" offers a computer display consisting of five interactive modules through which visitors can learn a variety of ways that scientists study the oceans from space using satellites, including monitoring currents and ocean temperatures, investigating natural phenomena such as upwelling and red tides, and tracking the migration of fish. The exhibit provides a way to interpret the interdisciplinary nature of research at Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

An aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is an educational component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortez, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). For more information, call 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo Bank History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. There's an audio-visual theater presenting short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the last century; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)



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Hahn's playing was flawless but anonymous.

REVIEW
JONATHAN SAVILLE

I had heard a lot about Hilary Hahn, but it was not until the young violinist's recital in the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's Revelle series that I had a chance to find out for myself why everyone was so dazzled by her. This is indeed a prodigious talent. Nevertheless, as a musical experience Hahn's Sherwood Auditorium concert was disappointing in a number of ways.

To begin with the (quite legitimate) causes of bedazzlement: Hahn and her exceptionally fine 1864 Vuillaume violin produced a sound that was as sheerly beautiful as any I have ever heard from a string instrument. It was a smooth, glowing sound, like liquid honey in spring sunlight, absolutely unflawed and unimpeded, absolutely perfect. It was also, after a while, a bit boring.

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote about the immense — sometimes even excessive — variety of tone colors in Anne Akiko Meyers's violin playing. Hahn is the total opposite. Her supremely even *vibrato*, neither noticeably fast nor noticeably slow, neither exaggerated nor minimized, remained unchanged throughout each phrase, each movement, each piece, and the whole concert. She never used variations in it to change the color of that gorgeous sound, or to underline a nuance of structure or of musical emotion. Nor was there any change in articulation, any interruption in the perpetual, long-breathed *legato*, any contrast of timbres, any suggestion of expressive roughness, any moment that seemed highlighted or differentiated in tone from what had come before and what was to come afterward. Bach, Brahms, Mozart, slow movements, fast movements, melancholy music, playful music, impassioned music — all were washed in the same luscious flow of lambent, velvety, seductive sound.

To be able to produce such a sound is certainly an achievement for a violinist. Similarly, it is an achievement to have mastered — to such a marvelous degree — the instrument's capacities for agility. No matter how rapid or demanding a passage might be, including those in Bach's virtuosic G Minor Sonata for unaccompanied violin, every note was exactly in place, and put there with a technical authority so great that it seemed to cost the violinist no effort at all. And to move from purely technical matters to interpretive considerations, Hahn exhibited unwavering intelligence in her choice of tempos, her gradations of volume, her understanding of the shape of phrases and lines. All such interpretive details were precisely on the mark, with never any willful eccentricity, never any misperception of musical shape, and of course never any inadequacies in executing these ideas.

What was lacking was personality. Hahn's playing was flawless but anonymous. She seemed to have learned to do everything just right, but in no case did she seem to have made the music her own. She skated over the surface with superb skill and aplomb, cool, aloof, observing from outside. I am by no means accusing this exceptionally supple and graceful player of woodenness, or a mechanical quality, or a lack of authentic musical sensitivity. One never had the sense that anything was wrong, that — out of miscalculation or ignorance — she had made a mistake in her reading of the scores. But equally one never had the sense that (as every truly good musician must do) she had internalized the score, re-processed it in light of her own individual self, and was re-creating it for the listener out of her own experience of life.

When I mentioned this criticism to an acquaintance during the intermission, he opined that Hahn was "letting the music speak for itself," and that that was a good thing. In fact, music can never speak for itself. It consists of black marks on a white page, and it is literally voiceless. To attain a voice, it needs a performer — and that performer, while indubitably the music's servant, is at the same time a living being whose unique human reality provides the score with the only kind of realization it can ever have. I am no partisan of bizarre interpretations or aggressively performer-centered performances. But I needed more *person* than Hilary Hahn was willing or able to give her audience.

Which is also to say that I needed more Bach, more Brahms, more Mozart. There was a peculiar sameness about Hahn's approach to these three very diverse composers. It was not that she overlooked their individuality, but rather that she did not identify sufficiently with their inner nature and their specific intentions: the brilliance and intensity of invention in the Bach unaccompanied Sonata, the blithe exuberance and wit of the Mozart F Major Sonata, K. 377, the wise serenity tinged with nostalgia in the Brahms Sonata No. 1, Opus 78, or the working through of sadness, resignation, and ultimate vital reaffirmation in the same composer's Sonata No. 3, Opus 108 (although her imagination did take fire — almost — in the final *"Presto agitato"* of Opus 108).

That relatively exciting playing was the exception. Otherwise, in her quest for beauty of sound, technical perfection, and proper interpretation of detail, Hahn regularly neglected the sense of tension and struggle that lies at the heart of each of these works, the experience of overcoming obstacles, of moving forward through a resistant dramatic landscape toward a goal and finally reaching it. *That* is an achievement that seems at present beyond her grasp. Perhaps she has just not lived enough — although there are many musicians who, even before the ripe age of 20, have been able to find within themselves resources of feeling that give them access to the essence of Bach, Mozart, or Brahms.

Hahn seemed most at home in one of her encores, the violin-and-piano arrangement that Stravinsky made of the little embroidery aria sung by the heroine of his opera *Mavra*. Playing with a mute, and with subtly restrained inflections, Hahn exquisitely captured the poker-faced unemotionalism that is so often this composer's aim in his neo-Classical works. On the other hand, a more outgoing, risk-taking violinist like Lydia Mordkovitch, with her rougher manners, has found some real passion in this unpretentious piece, conveying Parasha's ardent love-longing and even her strong will (and avoiding the mute).

I have another criticism of this concert. Hahn's collaborator was pianist Natalie Zhu, but the relationship between the two seemed almost invariably to be that of soloist and accompanist. Hahn's violin tone is not only gorgeous, it is wonderfully loud and resonant. The piano lid should have been on full stick. Instead, it was lifted only a few inches, and Zhu's work at the keyboard was thereby muffled and backgrounded. The pianist's attitude, in addition, seemed humble and withdrawn. This will not do for the Mozart or Brahms sonatas, in which the two instruments are expressive and technical equals, and in which imitation between the two (or statement and response) is a basic structural principle that one must hear clearly throughout.


ILLUSTRATION BY CHARLES POWELL

Hilary Hahn

Hilary Hahn, violin; Natalie Zhu, piano
Sherwood Auditorium (La Jolla Chamber Music Society)
Bach, Sonata No. 1 in G Minor for unaccompanied violin, BWV 1001; Mozart, Sonata for Violin and Piano in F, K. 377; Brahms, Violin Sonata No. 1 in G, Opus 78, and Violin Sonata No. 3 in D Minor, Opus 108.

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Because of the imbalance of the two instruments, those of us in Sherwood Auditorium really heard only half the music. Because of Hahn's style of playing, we heard even less than that. But oh that beautiful tone! ■

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The Entire First Section of Händel's "Messiah" may be heard when the UCSD Singers present a concert at 8 p.m. today, Thursday, December 30, in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. This piece is a choral work in several sections, the first based on Biblical verses based on the story of Christmas. The choir will also perform the famous "Hallelujah Chorus." Tickets are $5 general. For information, call 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

A Concert of Spanish Music is planned by the Wind Ensemble of UCSD on Friday, December 1. The program includes "Ritual Fire Dance" by Manuel de Falla, Jaime Texidor's "Amparito Roca," the "Intermezzo from Goyescas" by Enrique Granados, Alexis Emmanuel Chabrier's "España Rhapsodie," Ernesto Lecouna's "Malaguena" and "Andalucia," the L.C. Desormes "Divertisement Espagnole," and "Spanish Dances" by Moritz Moszkowsky.

The music begins at 8 p.m. in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: $5 general. Call 858-534-4830 for details. (LA JOLLA)

Connoisseur Series, the San Diego Symphony Orchestra and conductor Jung-Ho Pak, joined by pianist Dickran Atamian, performs December 1-3. The program promises Resphigi's "Pines of Rome" and Khachaturian's "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra" and excerpts from the ballet *Spartacus.*

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Pre-performance conversations are presented by the conductor 45 minutes prior to each performance. Tickets range from $15 to $70. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Operatic Superstar Denyce Graves will share her favorite arias and spirituals from her gospel music background during a solo recital at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 1, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Tickets range from $20 to $50. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

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The USD Symphony Orchestra plans concerts on December 1 and 3 in Shiley Theatre at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The group is directed by Warren Torns. Tickets are $8 general. For information, call 619-260-2280. (LINDA VISTA)

Familiar Favorites such as "Gesu Bambino" and "O Holy Night" will be sung by the San Diego Choral Arts Ensemble during an advent concert set for Saturday, December 2, 3 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street). Joseph M. Martin's cantata "The Winter Rose" will be presented with orchestral accompaniment. The requested donation is $10. For information, call 858-487-2159. (CARLSBAD)

Classical and Holiday Music may be heard when MiraCosta College's North Coast Symphony Orchestra performs on December 2 and 3 at the Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $7 general. Call 760-795-6815 for information. (CARLSBAD)

Graduate and Undergraduate Students of Carol Plantamura at UCSD plan a recital at 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Listen for traditional and contemporary vocal pieces from operas, oratorios, *lied,* and other sources. Admission is free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

J.S. Bach's Cantata "Gloria in excelsis Dio" for choir and orchestra may be heard when the San Diego Chamber Chorale performs on December 2 and 3. The group will also present Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata" and Stephen Paulus Christmas carols.

The concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. Andrews By-the-Sea (1050 Thomas Avenue) and at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the University Christian Church (3900 Cleveland Avenue). For information, call 858-627-2932 x2. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH, HILLCREST)

Traditional and Contemporary Piano Repertoire is in store when Luciane Cardassi, John Mark Harris, Andrew Infanti, and other piano students of Carol Plantamura present a concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. For details, call 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Sing-Along, the first *Messiah* sing-along of the season will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Sunday, December 3, 7 p.m., 700 D Avenue. The chancel choir and orchestra, with featured soloists under the direction of Frank Williams, invite you to sing or listen. Bring your own score, or some will be available for rent or purchase. Suggested donation $5. For information and reservations, call 619-282-4603. (CORONADO)

"On Yoolis Night" is the title for the program when the acclaimed a cappella quartet Anonymous 4 performs medieval carols and motets at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, for the St. James Music Series. Tickets are $20 general. Find St. James by-the-Sea at 743 Prospect Street; dial 858-459-3421 for information. Child care is available. (LA JOLLA)

An Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols, fashioned after the advent carol services as sung at King's College Chapel of Cambridge, will be presented by the parish choir and friends at Trinity Church on Sunday, December 3, at 5 p.m. An offering will be received, and child care is available. Trinity Church, 845 Chestnut Street (at Ninth Avenue); 760-743-1629. (ESCONDIDO)

Classical Guitar Recital, the Odeum Guitar Duo, Fred Benedetti and Robert Wetzel, are the featured performers in the Seagate Concerts "Connoisseur Series" opener, Sunday, December 3, 7 p.m., at the San Dieguito Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena, (near I-5 and Encinitas Boulevard). The program will include selections by Carulli, Schubert, Mertz, Liszt, Albéniz, Rimsky-Korsakov, and Torelli. Tickets are $14 adults, $10 seniors, $7 students; some will be available at the door. 760-436-8744 (ENCINITAS)

The Chamber Concert Series hosted by the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library continues with a concert by Scottish pianist Steven Osborne on Sunday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. Osborne plans a program including Ravel's "*Valses nobles et sentimentales,*" the "Sonata in G Major" by Schubert, and excerpts from Messiaen's "*Vingt regards sur l'enfant Jésus.*"

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

J.S. Bach's "Magnificat in D" and "Cantata 140 (Wachet Auf)" are on tap when the Chancel Choir and Masterwork Chorale perform — with soloists, organ, and orchestra — at the First United Methodist Church of San Diego at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 3. Find the church at 2111 Camino del Rio South; 619-297-4366. Child care is available by reservation; an offering will be received. (MISSION VALLEY)

String Time, the Grossmont Symphony String Quartet plans a concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, in the Grossmont College Fine Arts Recital Hall (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Tickets are $10 general. Call 619-644-7254 for details. (EL CAJON)

"Sparkle, Glitter, and Gleam," enjoy holiday music for flute, soprano, and harp when Camarada performs the Pier View Way Concerts series on Sunday, December 3. Flutist Beth Ross-Buckley will be joined by soprano Ann Chase and harpist Elena Mashkovtseva in presenting music by composers Luigi Cherubini, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Joaquin Nin.

The music begins at 4 p.m. at the Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. Tickets are $13. For details, dial 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

Welcome the Holiday Season with the San Diego State University Concert Choir and Chamber Singers during a concert of Christmas selections and secular music set for Sunday, December 3, starting at 3 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. The program includes motets by Cristobal de Morales, Bach's motet "Praise the Lord," and "Motets for Christmas" by Francis Poulenc. Admission is $8. For reservations, call 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

Centennial Birthday Celebrations for Aaron Copland and Duke Ellington will be commemorated when the SDSU Symphony Orchestra and pianist Cecil Lytle present a concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. The program includes Ellington's "New World a-Comin'," and Copland's "Outdoor Overture," "Rodeo," "Prairie Night and Celebration," and "Variations on a Shaker Melody." Tickets are $10 general. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (SDSU)

Seagate Connoisseurs, the series begins with a concert by the Millennia Consort on Sunday, December 3. You'll hear music spanning several centuries, including the premiere of a piece for organ and bass by Lawrence Nash Groupé. Tickets are $14 general. The performance begins at 7 p.m. at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. Call 760-436-8744 for information. (ENCINITAS)

Various Traditional Chamber Works may be enjoyed when UCSD's chamber music ensembles, under the direction of János Négyesy, perform on Sunday, December 3. Featured works include "Five Pieces" by Cesar Cui, Boccherini's "String Quartet," Händel's "Nel Dolce dell'oblio," the "Quintet (Traut)" by Schubert, Telemann's "Sonata," and the "Concerto in B Minor" by Vivaldi.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. in UCSD's Recital Hall in Mandeville Center. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. Admission is $5 general. (LA JOLLA)

Harpsichordist Jennifer Paul plans a concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, at St. John the Evangelist Church (1638 Polk Avenue). The program includes selections by Gibbons, Byrd, Bach, Chopin, Couperin, Haydn, Bartók, Albéniz, Scott Joplin, and many others. The suggested donation is $10 per person, or $20 per family. For information, call 619-583-3385. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Guest Organist Ty Woodward plans a concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 3. Call 619-702-8138 for details. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

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GALLERIES

It's C-Note Time! The annual "C-Note Celebration" and sale at the San Diego Art Institute begins with festivities tonight, Thursday, November 30, at 6 p.m. The show includes original artwork done by institute member artists, with all pieces on offer for either $100 or $200. See the work through Sunday, December 10.

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 619-236-0011. Regular admission is $3. (BALBOA PARK)

The Annual Student Art Exhibition at San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery begins with a reception for the participants — who created works in a variety of media — at 5 p.m. tonight, Thursday, November 30. The included pieces were chosen by studio instructors or by a majority class vote. The reception will be accompanied by a student art sale (from 4 to 7:30 p.m.) in the gallery patio.

The exhibition continues through Thursday, December 14. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, noon to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. For more information, call 619-627-2829 x5. Find the campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

"Luminosity: The Paintings of Stephen Hannock" opens at Quint Contemporary Art with a reception at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 1. The New York-based artist is known as "one of the foremost contemporary American luminists" (midcentury adherents of the Romantic movement).

View Hannock's work through Saturday, January 6, 2001. Regular gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Find the gallery at 7661 Girard Avenue; 858-454-3409. (LA JOLLA)

"Bloom — A Selection of Flower Photographs from the 19th Century to the Present" opens at the Joseph Bellows Gallery with a reception at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 1. More than 40 works representing the evolution of floral photography are featured, including images by André Kertész, Robert Mapplethorpe, Kate Breakey, Edwin Hale Lincoln, and others.

Find Joseph Bellows at 7661 Girard Avenue. Regular viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment. 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

"Salon D'Arte..." featuring more than 400 two- and three-dimensional art pieces created by 20 local artists, is on exhibit at the Broker's Building Gallery (402 Market Street, at Fourth Avenue). Meet the artists during an opening reception at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 1, and then view the art from noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays, December 3, 10, and 17. For information, call 619-540-6316. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Works in Oil and Acrylic on canvas and paper by Monte Carlo artist Jean-Pierre Rousseau are on exhibit through Sunday, December 24, at Galleria Jan (7863 Girard Avenue, suite 201). Meet the artist during receptions slated December 1-3, at 6 p.m. on Friday, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Call 858-551-2053 for information. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. (LA JOLLA)

"Dreams," a selection of new ceramic artworks by Karen Bouse, are on view at Contrast Art Salon along with work by other local artists through Saturday, January 6, 2001. A reception is set for Saturday, December 2, at 2 p.m. Find the gallery at 300 North Brandon #5. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 760-451-9441 x2. (FALLBROOK)

Russian Iconography and contemporary design are said to blend in Manuel Nunez's "Visions of Faith," opening with receptions on December 2 and 3 at the Exclusive Collections Gallery. Meet the artist from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The show of original paintings and limited-edition prints continues through December.

Viewing hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Find the gallery at 8008 Girard Avenue #190; 858-551-2027. (LA JOLLA)

Manhole Cover Quilts? View 38 small quilts offering a look at the culture of Japan when the "Manhole Cover Quilt Exhibition" opens with a reception at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, at the Rancho Buena Vista Adobe Gallery. Some of the manholes portray the significant historical events of ancient villages while others display botanical motifs pertaining to a modern city. The $8 admission fee includes a tour of the holiday-decorated adobe.

See the show through Saturday, December 30, at 651 East Vista Way. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday (except December 24). Call 858-385-0212 for information. (VISTA)

A Winter Solstice Exhibit featuring archetypal clay relief works by sculptor Brad Burkhart, spirit sticks by Toni Barros, and poems written about the work by 20 local poets is on view through December in Bard Hall Gallery at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). A reception for the artists begins at 6 p.m. next Thursday, December 7, and features a poetry reading at 8 p.m.

Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday. For information, call 619-521-0303. (HILLCREST)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "No Sun Without Shadow: The Art of Harry Sternberg" is the first retrospective devoted to the work of this pioneering American printmaker, painter, and educator, who began his career seven decades ago in New York. The show, featuring nearly 100 works (some being seen in public for the first time), traces the creative processes of the artist. A variety of plates, woodblocks, trial proofs, and finished pieces are also on view.

"Recent Work (Obra reciente)" by Eloy Tarcisio demonstrates the artist's continued use of organic materials in a variety of applications. In these two-dimensional works, the Mexico City artist combines materials such as blood, rose petals, and *mole* with conventional media such as acrylic and oil paints. The 25 figurative and abstract paintings are juxtaposed by Tarcisio to convey his explorations with themes of suffering, redemption, and transcendence.

It's time for Eloy Tarcisio's annual site-specific installation *"Muerte de todos ofrenda de participación/* Death Comes to Everyone: Participatory Offering." The installation consists of more than 100 wooden crosses, clay bowls — filled with grains, beans, and other organic materials symbolic of Mexico's pre-Hispanic past — and votive candles, which viewers are invited to light. Additionally, Tarcisio has created a new installation inside the museum entitled *Memoria del hombre (Memory of Man)*, reflecting on the five-year history of this work at the center.

All of the shows close on Sunday, December 31. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway); 760-738-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, the art of pottery making in Japan is an unbroken tradition spanning more than 5000 years. "Ceramics of Tatsuzo Shimaoka — A Retrospective of a Living National Treasure of Japan," offers more than 60 new works created for this exhibition, as well as an equal number from museums and private collections. Shimaoka has "worked hard to make the technique of rope-impressed inlay truly my own." See the results of the artist's hard work through Sunday, February 4, 2001.

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 December.

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

Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown, surveying the depth and range of the museum's holdings, "Cross Section: Works from the Permanent Collection, 1962-2000" features a selection of works in a variety of media. The show, opening on Saturday, December 2, boasts important paintings, sculptures, and photographs acquired by the museum and includes many works not recently seen. This opportunity concludes on Tuesday, February 20, 2001.

The site-specific installation *blackandblue* by Brazilian artist Nuno Ramos is on exhibit through December. The pieces are three massive sculptures comprising dense black sand, glass vials, and oil. They mix monumentality and temporality, creating "a sense of exuberance and physical fragility."

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

Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, the influence and impact of the Baroque on a broad range of contemporary artistic expressions in the Americas is explored in "Ultra-Baroque: Aspects of Post-Latin American Art." The exhibit presents a critical evaluation of the Baroque and its use as an important cultural metaphor in contemporary art, featuring 16 young artists working in the Americas today whose work is well known in their own countries and abroad but may not have been seen previously in the United States.

British fashion designer Zandra Rhodes debuts her costume drawings for the San Diego Opera's 2001 presentation of Mozart's *Magic Flute* in an exhibition including 30 of her sketches and drawings, including costumes for Mozart's comic Papageno and Papagena and the evil Queen of the Night.

Both shows close on Sunday, January 7, 2001. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

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Museum of History and Art, the inaugural show, "Obras del Corazón: Works from the Heart of Alfredo Ramos Martinez, 1934-1944," continues through Tuesday, February 6, 2001. The exhibition includes 17 paintings and works on paper executed in tempera, oil, pastel, and charcoal. Born in Monterrey, Mexico, Ramos Martinez spend many years working in Southern California.

Other exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Museum of Photographic Arts, the multifaceted relationship between husband and wife when the couple is also artist and muse is revealed in the photographs by Baron Adolph de Meyer, Alfred Stieglitz, Edward Weston, Harry Callahan, Emmet Gowin, Lee Friedlander, Masahisa Fukase, Seiichi Furuya, and Nicholas Nixon included in "The Model Wife." The imagery and photographic history of artists who portrayed their wives during a period of many years is explored in the show, revealing the nuances of marriage and the influences such a partnership can have on artistic production. Many rarely seen and unpublished images are featured along with classic, well-known images. See the show through Sunday, January 21, 2001.

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Double Feature" includes a four-decade survey of work by Faith Ringgold and a traveling exhibition of 19 contemporary quilts entitled "Yardworks" by the Manhattan Quilters Guild. Ringgold, an author/painter/quilt artist, transforms contemporary art through real life stories and historical events. See the show through Sunday, January 28. The museum is located at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, drawings, his most famous paintings, photographs, and 322 *Saturday Evening Post* covers are included in "Norman Rockwell: Pictures for the American People." Rockwell is best remembered for his ability to capture Americana and everyday occurrences, but many of his works also addressed the controversial social and political issues of his times. He was a supporter of the "Ban the Bomb" movement, a promoter of civil rights, and an early advocate for the Peace Corps. What is Rockwell's importance in chronicling American history? You make the call; the show closes on December 31.

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, "Every Picture Has a Story: Looking at History Through Art," chronicles the journey of six art masterpieces. In addition to the six paintings, the exhibit features text panels tracing the story of previous owners, sites, and other paintings that once hung with them. Not every work's provenance is complete, but what has been learned by researching these paintings helps to place them in their historical context. The show closes on Sunday, February 18, 2001.

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REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

Say you've had a secret love for 20 years. Your ever connecting with this person is so remote, you'd rather go about your day than imagine it coming true. Then, in a flash, when you least expect it, the love of your dreams stands before you, open, free, eager to reciprocate.

Do you abandon two decades of ingrained habits and embrace your dream with yahoo abandon? Or do you hesitate, look for hidden cameras, check the fine print, refuse to suspend disbelief?

In Jack Neary's comedy, *First Night*, Danny Flemming takes the path of *most* resistance. For 20 years he has loved Meredith O'Connor from afar — safely afar, once she became a nun. He works at a video store and feels at home surrounded by celluloid fantasies. He hasn't asked for much out of life, or got much either, since no human being on earth could compare to the Galatea he's sculpted in his dreams.

It's First Night, what New Englanders call New Year's Eve. While revelers pour libations, Danny's closing down the store. And in walks Meredith O'Connor. But unlike his vision of her — frozen at age 14 — Meredith's 20 years older, isn't wearing a nun's habit or talking like one. In fact, her language is a bit…colorful. And she's got a pile of note cards, and she gives him a pop quiz on his love life, and is she for *real*?

You'd expect someone with 20 years of heartache and beached relationships would think twice about jumping back on the boat. But, as the pop quiz reveals, Danny may never have sailed. Yet he's hyper-wary: of Meredith or himself? After all, in your dreams, you write the dialogue, you direct the show, you're the romantic lead. In real-life couplings there are two playwrights, two directors, and what if both romantic leads want to, um, lead?

First Night takes a light, often very funny look at people who "settle for okay every time" and those who don't. Danny is in between. And he does have a point. He wasn't put on earth, he complains, "to marry nuns on the rebound from the Son of God."

Thirteen years ago, on the lookout for a non-holiday holiday show, the North Coast Rep staged *First Night*. It worked then, and works today, as a warm and fuzzy comic clash between unrealized potential and the limitations of actuality. Although the opening-night performance was rough in spots, the show has charms to soothe the most cantankerous of Scrooges.

Opening night was a tale of two acts, and kinds of acting. In the first, Jessa Watson and Patrick McBride had their characters in place. Meredith's 100 percent goal-oriented, determined to will a bond with Danny, even though she's 100 percent innocent and hasn't a clue where to start. Danny's in "what's the catch?" mode, backtracking — and knocking down boxes of videos — with Meredith's every advance.



Patrick McBride, Jessa Watson in First Night

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Jennica Vargas, Guy Paul in How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Watson and McBride had their characters down, their movements rehearsed, but delivered their lines as if in isolation booths. Neary bases most of his dialogue on reactions. Watson and McBride reacted. Just not to each other. Then in Act Two they connected, listened to and fed off each other, and jelled.

The NCRT's design work sparkled from the start. Marty Burnett's set includes a checkerboard floor, which underscores Meredith and Danny's moves and countermoves. The lighting, costumes, and sound — by Karin Filijian, Julie Reeder, and Marvin Read — provide subtle enhancement. And Maggie Thompson, head of props at North Coast Rep, merits special mention. The store has rows and rows of video boxes. Thompson, who probably hand-made them all, not only has a box for each movie named, she's faded their façades — as in real video stores, or in dreams deferred for 20 years.

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We now have two Grinches: the Old Globe Theatre's and the new movie. I haven't seen the latter, but judging from the manic trailers, it looks and sounds as if it's traded Dr. Seuss's unvarnished poetry for baroque excess. The stage version, now in its third year, seems simplicity personified, by contrast. Though Guy Paul's Grinch could use a fresh jolt of animation.

I caught the show on a Tuesday. Paul wasn't phoning the Grinch in, but he looked ready to dial long distance. He played his moments, dutifully, mugged on cue, but lacked vitality (maybe he saw Carrey's Grinch and opted for something more under-the-top). Most of all, Paul didn't relish the idea of stealing Christmas from the Valley Whos. In previous years, the idea had a galvanizing effect, giving the Grinch a consuming purpose. This time Paul made the show look like *How the Grinch Stole Christmas…Again.*

John Lee Beatty's scenic design, Whoville and its mountainous environs, remains a wonder of large, puzzle-like pieces. And the pear-shaped Whos, thanks to Robert Morgan's costuming, still waddle more than walk, and obviously haven't given one thought to dieting since last year — and who could, given that the snow-clad countryside looks like vast dollops of melting vanilla ice cream!

Grinch, regardless what the movie does, has become a San Diego holiday tradition. And inside that tradition lies another: local actors, young and old, filling the house, every year, with energy and talent. It's great to see (and hear) Steve Gunderson and Melinda Gilb reprising their roles as J.P. and Mama Who, and Eileen Bowman, Tracy Michelle Hughes, Danielle Forsgren, and especially young Jennica Canto Vargas doing to our hearts what her character, Cindy-Lou Who, does to a heretofore curmudgeonly Grinch. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Angels Among Us
The Coronado Playhouse stages Leigh Scarritt's musical about "the strength of family, the power of love, and the presence of spirit." CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, THROUGH DECEMBER 20; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, THROUGH WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, AT 8:00 P.M.



Forever Plaid

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
Mira Mesa Theatre Guild stages Barbara Robinson's comedy about the rowdy Herdman kids taking over the Sunday School Christmas Pageant. Linda Yamada directed. MIRA MESA THEATRE GUILD, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, THROUGH DECEMBER 23; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Between Pancho Villa and a Naked Woman
UCSD Theatre and Dance presents Sabina Berman's satire about the age-old problems men and women face when they fall in love and lust." Jorge Huerta directed. MANDELL WEISS FORUM STUDIO, UCSD, THROUGH DECEMBER 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

A Christmas Carol
The San Diego Repertory Theatre gives Dickens's story a new, circus-spectacular twist. Joan Schirle directed. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, THROUGH DECEMBER 24; TUESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22) AT 2:00 P.M.

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ComedySportz
Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults, and grannies waved their handbags"). ComedySportz, an offshoot of 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 619-295-4999.

The Countess
South Coast Repertory Theatre staged Gregory Murphy's Off-Broadway hit about the enigmatic marriage of John Ruskin and his wife Effie. Juliette Carillo directed.
SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Crossing Delancey
OnStage Playhouse offers Susan Sandler's romantic comedy about a single woman turning 30 and efforts to find her a beau.
ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH DECEMBER 2; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Death Rides the Stage
HIT Productions new interactive comedy-mystery, written by Beth and Scott McNellen, 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."
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Emilia's Sugarplum Nightmare
Talent to aMuse Theatre Company presents a "whimsical dream comedy," by George Weinberg-Harter and Gail West-Halverson, in which the Three Wise Men feel Santa's hogging "too big a share of the Christmas picture."
WESTMINSTER THEATER, 3598 TALBOT STREET, POINT LOMA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, THROUGH DECEMBER 17; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-233-9407.

The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of A Christmas Carol
Pine Hills Lodge & Dinner Theatre stages David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin, Jr.'s, comedy about the FAHETGDS ladies mounting "another assault" on Dickens's tale.
PINE HILLS LODGE & DINNER THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 16; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DINNER AT 6:30 P.M., CURTAIN AT 8:00 P.M.

First Night
Reviewed this issue.
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 31; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Forever Plaid
The four harmonizers in search of plaid sport coats are in their *fourth* year (they recently set a new record, with their 1500th consecutive performance). Joseph Campbell urged everyone to "follow your bliss." Even if the tight harmonies of '50s "guy groups" aren't your particular bliss (I needed a quick fix of Otis and Hendrix after hearing them), you've got to admit the Plaids follow theirs with verve. They dare to be square. They croon in lieu of having a life but put life into the greatest hits of *Your Hit Parade* (which crowned the most popular songs of the '50s until Elvis drove it off the airwaves). Stuart Ross, who conceived, directed, and choreographed the original New York version, directed the Old Town production with the aim of endearing everything to everyone. Terry O'Donnell plays an indefatigable piano and permits himself the occasional piece of always funny business. The set, which is either the Theatre in Old Town or a purgatory where the Plaids got stuck, is awfully drab for such a perky show, though Jane Reisman's savvy lighting knows when to tweak the brighteners. (Note: the Plaids have moved downtown, to Backstage at the Aubergine, which offers brunch, lunch and dinner packages).
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Thoroughly Modern Millie

Horns Wings and More Tales
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SUSHI PERFORMANCE & VISUAL ART, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, THROUGH DECEMBER 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY (AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3) AT 8:00 P.M.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas!
Reviewed this issue.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 31; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 11:00 A.M.

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Lamb's Players Festival of Christmas: The Perfect Christmas
Kerry Meads's story shows three generations, viewed through the eyes of a postwar teenager "coming to grips with what being a family really means." Deborah Gilmour Smyth directed.
LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 30; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Long Christmas Dinner
Hormonally inCorrect presents Thornton Wilder's one-act, which spans generations. Sandra Kraus directed a multimedia production.
QUENTIN CRISP THEATRE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, THROUGH DECEMBER 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-510-5410.

Macbeth
The Old Globe Theatre and University of San Diego present the Young Globe Company in Shakespeare's "Scottish play." Paul Mason Barnes directed.
CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, THROUGH DECEMBER 9; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told
Diversionary Theatre stages Paul Rudnick's recounting of the Bible from a gay perspective: "Adam and Steve, and Jane and Mabel, a lesbian couple, decide to start civilization." Tim Irving directed.
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Rebecca
Lamplighters Community Theatre presents Daphne Du Maurier's drama about Maxim de Winter's deceased first wife, who inhabits his eerie Manderley estate. Bruce Erricson directed.
LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 10; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AND THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30) AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Same Time, Another Year
Scripps Ranch Theatre presents Bernard Slade's sequel to his comedy about an affair that takes place one weekend each year, every year, at a seaside cottage in Northern California.
SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 9; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Scarlet Pimpernel
San Diego Playgoers present the musical, based on the novels of Baroness Orczy, about the elusive Pimpernel crusading for justice during the French Revolution.
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Shotgun Wedding Anniversary, or, Who Wants to Murder a Multimillionaire?
Let's get this straight: Basil and Petals Wilcox-Smythe will renew 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-bouffanted 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 who didn't — dunnit: Mystery Cafe Dinner Theatre's latest has a relatively loose script and a cast adept at comedy and zinging ad-libs. James Pascarella, one of 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 orangish 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.
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Grossmont College Theatre Arts presents Lanford Wilson's enchanting comedy about a 97-minute courtship. Henry Jordan directed.
STAGEHOUSE THEATRE, GROSSMONT COLLEGE, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, THROUGH DECEMBER 9; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Theatresports
A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene-making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at 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 blackout 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, WEDNESDAY AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-465-SHOW.

Thoroughly Modern Millie
The La Jolla Playhouse's new version of the 1967 movie is fun, slick, and slight. The eclectic score's a pleasure to hear, and Rob Ashford's precise, frenetic choreography often makes it a joy to watch. The book, however, is third-rate. It unfolds in hiccups and the dialogue lacks crackle. And the overall effect is a mite strange. *Millie*'s set in 1922, and the musical captures the spirit of Scott Fitzgerald's "Jazz Age." It creates a bandwagon, compelling you to jump on. Millie must decide between love and money. In the end, as if sprung from a women's magazine of the late 1970s, she HAS IT ALL in spades, hearts, diamonds, clubs, jokers, and even that card that tells you where to buy books of rules. The script's lame, but the production's a wonder. Every aspect — from Michael Mayer's excellent direction to some of the hottest young talent in the country — is top shelf. The production values are so strong you wonder why so much savvy went into something so scant. It's a kind of high-tech naïveté. And the characters, once we know them, are more shallow than naïve. Sutton Foster's Millie gets caught in the middle. As written she's more a genre — bright-eyed arriviste to NYC — than a person. Foster doesn't care though. She's living the dream. Here's *her* shot at the big time, and Foster's indefatigable, talent-rich effort, all by itself, makes the production definitely worth seeing. (Note: due to popular demand, the La Jolla Playhouse extended the run of *Millie*. twice.)
Worth a try.
LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH DECEMBER 10; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy
Due to popular demand, the Horton Grand Theatre hosts a reprise of this comedy about three inept performers. Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip one of the house blends — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio's so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this entertaining, if lightweight show (note: the original cast members have been replaced; current performers are Dane Stauffer, Scott Cervine, and Duane Daniels).
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.


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"This is an issue people have to go through every day," said Cindy Casselman about the plight of her daughter. Lindsey, 17, has spina bifida, which keeps her in a wheelchair. Casselman got the attention of Channel 8's "Consumer Bob" Hansen after she claimed that the Sports Arena was standing in the way of her daughter getting tickets for the 'N Sync shows tomorrow and Saturday. Both shows sold out immediately.

"We first started trying when the tickets first went on sale in September," said Casselman. She said she first contacted Ticketmaster, which gave her the main number to the Sports Arena. "I called three different times. Each time they gave me the box-office extension. They said that no one might be there, so just leave a message."

Casselman said she left three messages explaining her request for wheelchair-access 'N Sync tickets for her daughter. "No one called me back. I was getting upset. The show had sold out, and no one was calling me back. I really wanted those tickets for her birthday. One day I got real upset and wrote to Consumer Bob. I ended up talking [to Channel 8 producer] Bobbie Hill. She went to the manager of the Sports Arena, which is something I probably should have done from the beginning. We found out the Sports Arena has two kinds of seating, one for wheelchairs and one for handicapped — which is for people with a handicap but who aren't in a wheelchair. The handicapped seats were sold out, but there were still wheelchair seats available."

Consumer Bob got a TV segment out of it, and Casselman said her daughter got the tickets.

"I felt sorry for Lindsey," said Casselman. "It would have been nice if they had've called her up and said they were sorry."

But Bob Brown, director of ticket operations for the Sports Arena, said he wonders about some of Casselman's claims. For instance, that she had left messages that were not returned. "We got the feeling the woman had never called." Brown said he and his staff of four regularly field calls from people requesting handicapped/wheelchair tickets, and they are returned immediately. "The most people might wait is if they call on Friday, we might not get back to them until Monday." Otherwise, he said they are returned "immediately.... She said [on TV] that she had been trying for three months to get tickets. They only went on sale six or seven weeks ago."

Brown said his crew goes out of its way to accommodate special seating needs. "That's one of our main jobs. It's the only ticket we sell over the phone with no service charge." He said for major concerts like 'N Sync, the Sports Arena will have about 112 wheelchair seats and 112 handicapped seats. He said if his crew had been negligent in dealing with handicapped seating in the past, it would have been highly publicized.

"[Channel 8] asked me for a statement. We declined. It's no-win in a situation like that. It's a very sensitive issue. All you can do is make sure Ticketmaster has the information and hope people follow directions."

What amazes Brown is that Casselman still had not picked up her tickets even after the TV segment ran. "We've had them waiting here with her name on it."

Casselman says, "Oh no, we picked them up."

— Ken Leighton

"It's like we've taken Quaaludes for too many years down here. I lived in San Francisco for 12 years. I miss the culture terribly. The stimulus between the arts and the city is just not here like it is up there."

Bruce Cartier, 45, has decided to stay in San Diego and keep his "cushy job" as a registered nurse and actually do something about the "comatose" status of the arts.

Next week he unveils his Technomania Circus, a multimedia, interactive, performance art spectacle he says is inspired by his numerous trips to the Burning Man Festival held every Labor Day in northern Nevada.

"I went to my first Burning Man seven years ago. There's no way to describe it. It's a freeform art festival at Black Rock Desert. It's in a 50- by 100-mile dry lake bed, two hours north of Reno." He said last year Burning Man drew 30,000 who paid $125-$200 per ticket.

He said Burning Man is not a rave, even though there are a few "rave camps."

"Last time I stayed at Camp Xara. It was the biggest San Diego group. It was a blacklight jungle. Last year they had these incredible windstorms. It made it hard for all but the hardiest of souls. It weeded out the looky-loos, the yahoos, and the noncreationists."

You have to participate at Burning Man, said Cartier. Same thing with his Technomania Circus.

"In America we are basically a spectator-sport type of society. We watch TV, we watch other people do sports or theater. This event is self-created. It's interaction oriented. You are the artist." He says a band will be on hand for "tribal techno music.... We have Evan, who is a trance DJ to get the younger crowd into it."

But the music is just for support.

"We'll have flashing jewelry you can make in five minutes then pass around. There's the invisible techno man, who dances in front of a black light while wearing these florescent lights. He's wearing all black and he's in front of a black background. It looks like he's turning invisible."

Cartier said there's "adult interplay" involving fingers that are wired for light and more traditional circus shtick like stilt walkers, clowns, the girl-in-a-box-stuck-with-knives, trapeze artists, and George the seven-foot-tall sword swallower. All of them are wired to glow in the dark.


INTERACTIVE TRAPEZE AND EPILEPTIC SEIZURES

Then there's the paparazzi segment. "That's where there are these photographers taking flash pictures of the ceiling. Then a diva comes out and stands on the podium. [The photographers] position themselves to get the best picture. As the bulbs keep flashing, they have epileptic seizures and fall all over themselves. Then the diva throws a bunch of pictures on them like dirt on a coffin. Then finally the last photographer comes out and takes a picture of the dead paparazzi.... There's a lot of fire. I'm not at liberty to tell you the whole thing. I've added everything I possibly can on a start-up budget."

So this is like a poor man's Cirque du Soleil?

"It's edgier, rougher, and more creative. It's a Burning Man–inspired version of Cirque du Soleil. I think standard circuses are a bit hokey. We include animal tricks but with humans dressed as animals. We have a snake-dance lady, and she is very keen on cruelty to animals. That's why she's never been to a circus before ours."

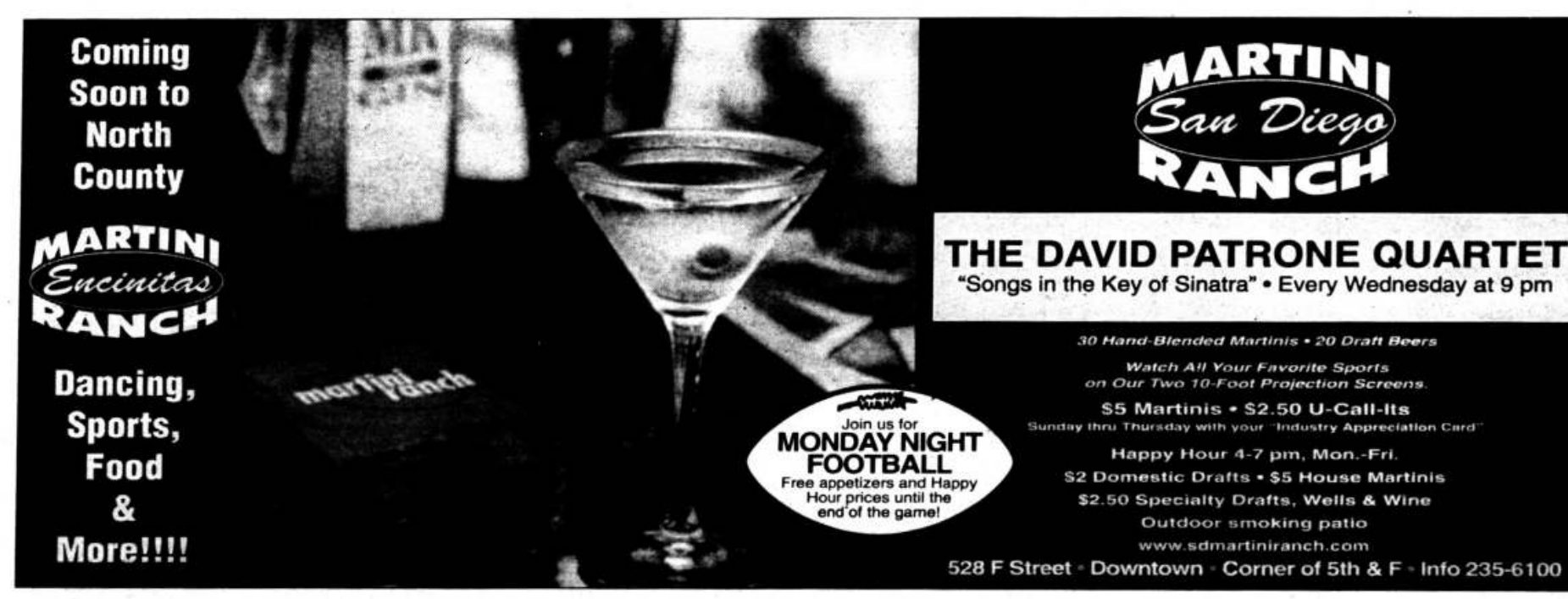
The Technomania Circus is December 9 at Club Xanth (formerly the Empire Club), at 30th and El Cajon Blvd. There are three shows: 7:30 p.m., 9 p.m., and midnight. Price is $10 a person.

—Ken Leighton

"We had heard rumors. It didn't surprise me when he called me in on Monday." Veteran oldies DJ Art Michaels was describing his last meeting with KBZT program director Mike Bushey. After eight years at the station, KBZT 94.9 (best known as "K-Best") was dropping oldies of the '60s and '70s and switching to an all-'80s format. Most of the on-air staffers wouldn't be around as the station moved from the Beatles to Men Without Hats.

Michaels said he only had a few months to go until his retirement fund was vested by Jefferson Pilot Communications, which owns KBZT. Now that he is fired, he won't receive this money.

"I said, 'Here are the keys.' It wasn't a surprise. It was a letdown, especially [because] I was the one who was always



there when they needed me." Michaels, 40, says he knows that radio is an unstable business.

"The job of DJ is less secure than it ever was."

Clear Channel, which owns, operates, or co-owns 13 stations locally, has been reducing on-air positions at some of its 1000-plus stations nationwide, notably in Phoenix and Los Angeles. In *Radio and Records*, a national radio trade magazine, Clear Channel president Randy Michaels said more cuts are on the way.



MICHAELS – FIRED FROM K-BEST WITH NO PENSION

PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK TAYLOR

"As we move these stations into format, demographic and management categories allows us to reduce overhead and production expenses while improving the overall radio product. It's a natural outgrowth of consolidation, and you'll see more of these strategic realignments throughout Clear Channel in the coming year."

Some local employees of Clear Channel are nervous about the coming "strategic realignments" as the company prepares to move all its local stations into its mega-studio in Kearny Mesa near Aero Drive and I-15. That move is planned for February. "Everybody in engineering thinks there will be many [firings]," said one Clear Channel employee. The cutbacks may even include some management positions, said the employee. "Who needs a program director for each station when it's all controlled centrally?"

Clear Channel station KIOZ "Rock 105" just jettisoned longtime employee Craig Herdrich. His position as engineer on the *Howard Stern Show* was eliminated. Clear Channel's practice of using one DJ to voice track shows at sister stations in other cities has eliminated positions. Rock 105 nighttime DJ Mikey Esparza has been originating his show in San Jose and sends his pre-recorded voice tracks daily to Rock 105. Likewise, Rock 105's afternoon team of BC and Woody syndicates its show to other Clear Channel stations. BC (Brian Christopher) lives in Florida. Woody lives in San Diego.

Not unique to Clear Channel is the trend of using voice tracks and automation instead of live DJs during overnights and on weekends. For instance, Star 100.7 (not a Clear Channel station) has no live DJs on weekends or weeknights from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Billy Bones, who had been a DJ at 91X since the early '80s, lost his overnight shift earlier this year. (Clear Channel kept him on staff producing commercials.) If you hear KGB DJ Jim McInnis on weekends, chances are he is pre-recorded.

But the impact of DJ cutbacks might best be understood when it is fleshed out by the story of Art Michaels, a Poway High grad and passionate devotee of oldies.

"Oldies stations have a connectivity with their listeners that other stations don't have. It's one of the few music formats that crosses gender gaps.... We had a very loyal audience. Oldies radio is personality-driven radio. Our listeners expected to hear you. This is one of the few radio formats where you don't have to act.... When [K-Best] changed to automation overnight [foregoing live DJs], our audience knew it."

About his listeners on 94.9, Michaels says: "I think they feel betrayed, and I just hope they don't think I'm part of that betrayal. If I had the money, I'd buy the station, and it would be a party on the radio all the time."

—*Ken Leighton*

Local Bar Profile: The Live Wire

The last time I went to the Live Wire, there were two raggedy-looking guys lying on the floor of the bar drinking Budweiser out of paper sacks. They were in sharp contrast to the alternative hipsters filing in and ordering pints of Guinness and/or pear cider. Since it was the ninth anniversary of the University Heights bar, it was elbow-to-elbow crowded.

Tonight there's more room, it being a Thursday. DJ Transit Aural Assault is spinning "downtempo, drum 'n' bass," and more, though not so assaultable as to discourage conversation. He used to play in a band called Blood on the Dance Floor.

Two customers in a booth sip something ale-like while discussing the current political situation. The one with no socks and receding hairline uses extravagant hand gestures.

"Statistically it's a tie. They should flip a coin. It's clear that half the country is heads,


THE LIVE WIRE PUPPY

half tales. If the coin lands on its edge, by some miracle, then Nader can be president."

There's not a single chain wallet or small backpack to be found, though one guy shooting pool is wearing a baseball cap with the brim turned backward.

There's a stocky guy behind me playing the Bally "Corvette" pinball machine, shaking it to keep the ball in play. You see a lot of guys playing pinball, probably because of the proximity to the ladies' room — the girls have to squeeze past.

There's also a guy playing the coin-op electronic quiz game at the bar. He's probably practicing for the Live Wire's music-trivia contest that's on Monday. On Two-Wheel Tuesday you're supposed to show up on a motorcycle or Vespa. Saturday nights they have live bands — no cover. Wednesday and Thursday they have DJs.

The bartender puts his new puppy on the bar. Two girls ask to hold it. The puppy sniffs around my pint. I put my face down so that he can lick it.

Frankly, the Live Wire was more exciting the last time I was there. Then, as I started into my second pint, the raggedy-looking guys got up off the floor and picked up guitars. The heavyset one said into the microphone, "I used to work at this place." It turned out to be Stimy, formerly of the local band Inch. He proceeded to play guitar and sing. His amp was in a shopping cart — it was all part of the act. People started throwing change at him, then the barback set out a pitcher and somebody stuck in a ten-dollar bill; then John Hogan, formally of local band Rust, put in his watch and wallet. Someone else stuck a beer in the pitcher.

One of the club patrons had brought a real homeless guy in the bar and gave the old buzzard $20 and sent him to the bar for drinks. I saw the homeless guy later pouring some beer into a plastic bottle



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he had tucked in his belt under his jacket.

As I left, Big Phil and some other guys in soccer shin guards were just coming into the bar. Big Phil used to be a doorman at the Casbah. Little Phil (a.k.a. Phil-on-tap) was a cat that these guys used to own that they didn't want anymore, so they gave him to the pound, and he got hooked up for a one-year stint as a blood donor to richer cats.

—*Jimmy Jazz*

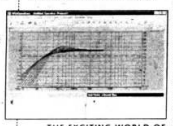
Guide to Local Music Sites — True Audio

http://www.trueaudio.com

The techs at True Audio opened their operations in Escondido in 1990. They develop and publish software such as WinSpeakerz, a program that allows one to design and test sound systems virtually, from a couple of 15" cabinets to arena-sized towers and control stations. Even car stereo systems can be built from scratch by complete novices with no technical know-how.

Any DIY freak will appreciate features like Work Bench, where disparate designs — such as a speaker enclosure that must match a pre-built cabinet — can be matched with recommendations for optimum results. Without having to pick up a hammer, complete systems can be tested with "what if" scenarios that can anticipate engineering and design problems.

The WinSpeakerz software packages run $99 and are available for Windows and Mac users. Upgrades are already offered at $10 for basic software and $19.95 for a deluxe version that comes with the latest user's guide. The 800K demo download is self-extracting, and it includes both software and a manual. Windows NT users would do best to download their demo as a zipped archive, which takes up 700K. The demos include just one fixed driver while the purchased package has a database of over 1000 drivers from various manufacturers.



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The site also pitches the book *Introduction to Loudspeaker Design*, a general overview of today's loudspeaker technology, which can be ordered for $24.95. An endorsement blurb states, "I cannot imagine a better *Introduction to Loudspeaker Design* than this book," though no credit is given for the quote, so it may well come from the author or sales department.

Excerpts from the book include both technical data and theoretical essays, on such topics as frequency and pitch, as well as enclosure construction and cavity effect. Author John L. Murphy is credited as "a physicist and audio engineer with over 20 years' experience," with his most public gig being the "Hands-On Report" column he writes for the monthly magazine *Modern Recording*.

Clicking Tech Topics brings up a selection of professorial essays for serious enthusiasts, covering subjects like "Vent Questions," "Multi-Way Crossover Design," and "Loudspeaker Spatial Loads." Useful links for hardcore audiophiles lead to sites run by the Audio Engineering Society, the Acoustical Society of America, and an online version of the Audio Enthusiasts Guide, as well as speaker manufacturers, component sources (frames, coils, cabinets) and a selection of audio search engines.

(Those with or who know of sites created in San Diego or which focus on local music are encouraged to forward info/URL links to *jas2669@aol.com*)

—*Jay Allen Sanford*



CD review: The Foucaults, *Boring Old Standards for Blue-Haired Ladies*, Gotterdammerung 909

Shades of Steve Reich: one cut, and only one cut (47:36), consisting solely of the carefully enunciated phrase "Send our way as anyone who could get us through here" (plus a smidgen of ambient sound: bowling alley noise?) repeated several hundred times, I haven't counted how many exactly. But what, precisely (or semi-precisely) (or even imprecisely), does it MEAN?

One possibility: As anyone *would* who could get us through here, please do send our way…something.

Another: Treat "as" as superfluous…just send *anyone* our way. Which STILL doesn't mean too much.

And where the hell is here?

A pretty enthralling three-quarters of an hour's listening torture, tho.

And the coolest bogue title since Throbbing Gristle's *20 Jazz Funk Greats*.

—*Richard Meltzer*

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Coffee Terrorists

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New San Diego City Ordinance 0-2001-7

Many call it the "coffeehouse ordinance" because it alters the licensing requirements of coffeehouses and allows the police to regulate nonalcoholic entertainment establishments in San Diego.

But the name "coffeehouse ordinance" is really a misnomer since the measure — City Ordinance 0-2001-7 ("dash-seven," for short) — will probably only affect three coffeehouses in San Diego: Java Joe's, Twiggs, and Claire de Lune. That's because there is a clause in the ordinance that exempts establishments with a legal occupancy of under 50 persons from the proposed permit requirement.

Many believe dash-seven is an attack on the growing number of rave parties (all-night psychedelic techno dance parties that attract mostly young adults) that occur in San Diego.

The issue has thrown the coffeehouse community into action. On October 21, I — and over a hundred other people (law students and minor media people) — received e-mails two days before city council was going to vote on dash-seven. They were written by a man who calls himself "Il Duce," and this was his manifesto:

"The Vindicta:

"Dear Legal Terrorists...it has come to our attention that Mayor Susan Golding has been using San Diego vice to enforce her hidden agenda against certain kinds of business establishments within the city. Specifically, any business which attempts to provide a safe alternative to the illegal underground rave parties for people 18 years and older."

He went on to say there would be a protest outside the city building on C Street. Afterward, they planned to attend the city council meeting and formally speak against the proposal.

"Il Duce [will] fight for you when your most basic freedoms are being stripped away by a bunch of power-hungry idiots in blue uniforms."

Il Duce's real name is James P. Castranova II. He is a student at the University of San Diego School of Law. He is also the founder of a small and slowly growing activist group called the Legal Terrorist Network, Inc. When he was helping to organize the protest, he sent it out to his subscribers, the press, the city council, and anyone else he could. And though the word "terrorist" may raise a few back hairs, Castranova claims he is not advocating violence. He says that "Legal Terrorist" is a joke — most of the members are law students.

Castranova said he caught a cop snooping around his yard.

"He flashed his badge and announced that he was from the Criminal Intelligence Unit.... He asked, 'What's up with this Legal Terrorist group? ...Are you going to rush into the city council meeting and cause trouble? That will hurt your cause, you know.' "

Monday, October 23. Noon. 202 C Street, downtown:

There are about eight sign-carrying participants at the protest. They stand against the wall holding protest signs and talk to interested onlookers. A bum flashes a sign of his own. It reads, "Rich woman wanted."

I shake hands with Castranova and co-terrorist Kate Reifers (who also helped organize the protest) and a few others. A new protester joins the group. His name is Mark, and he complains that dash-seven is flawed on many levels: "I don't even think the people who are setting up the law realize exactly what's being covered.... One of the councilmembers thought 'acoustic' was a synonym for 'loud.' "

The council meeting is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. I take the elevator to the 12th floor and sit next to a man I met at the protest. His name is John Rippo, and he is the publisher of San Diego's *Espresso. The Espresso* is a local coffeehouse industry sheet. Rippo was among the first that alerted the community to the proposed ordinance.

"I walked into Caffé Italia one afternoon," Rippo says. "I sat down at a table next to two guys from the city attorney's office. I overheard them talking about this law.... So I started making phone calls, got a copy of the ordinance faxed over to me, [and] published a special edition.... I sent it out to all the coffeehouses."



PHOTOGRAPH BY ED DECKER

James P. Castranova and Kate Reifers

Another issue being discussed before city council concerns an ordinance to put holistic health practitioners under the regulation of the SDPD vice department. These people outnumbered the dash-seven people threefold.

It takes over five hours before dash-seven is even addressed. Most of the speakers and a few councilmembers have left. Nevertheless, they move forward — discuss, then tally the votes. Even though some councilmembers note that they had problems with the dash-seven proposal, they unanimously vote in favor of the measure.

Mayor Golding informs the dash-seven opponents that another reading by council is scheduled, and today's approval does not mean it is a law yet. But that meeting has happened, and the ordinance was voted into being.

Lieutenant Christopher J. Ball of San Diego's Police Department Vice Section helped draft the measure.

"Currently," he says, "there are three [existing] ordinances that control entertainment in the city of San Diego. They are the commercial recreational assemblage ordinance, which covers any entertainment without alcohol; the cabaret ordinance...which covers entertainment with alcohol; and the dance ordinance, which covers dance [with and without alcohol]....The proposed [dash-seven] ordinance takes those three existing ordinances, streamlines them, cuts some of the red tape, and provides deregulation."

"Is deregulation really your motive? There are rumors circulating that you are trying to cut down on rave parties," I ask.

"Okay, let's just stop for a second..." he says. "Raves are a small part of what we do. We can currently go into and inspect raves in one form or another. We started the process on this [dash-seven] ordinance in 1992. It was not to address rave parties.... This whole process started long before rave parties popped up on the scene."

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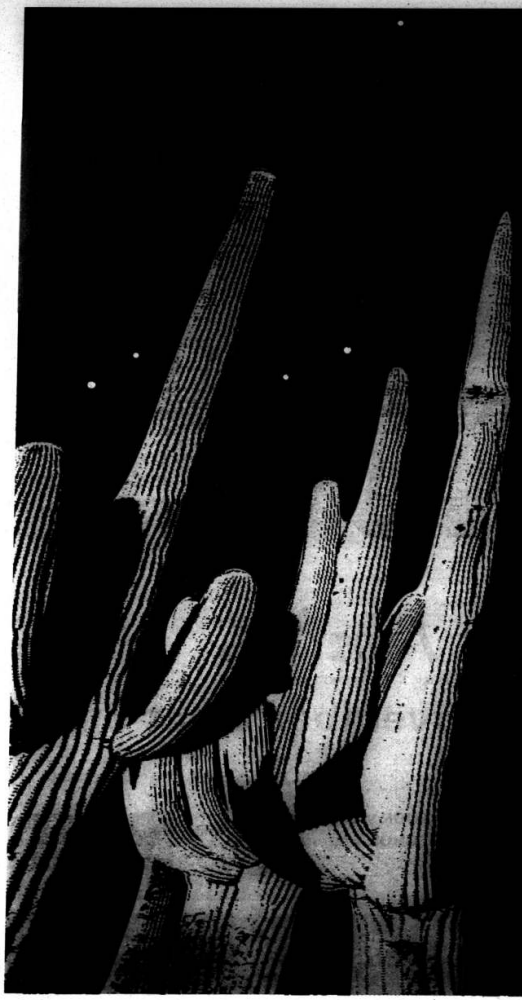

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"I'd like to show you a fax that James Castranova is circulating."

Police co-compliance officer Lauri Davis says that this section is recent language and that dash-seven has gone through numerous drafts over the years.

"If [people] are operating a rave party or whatever you want to call it, if you are a large venue or charging admission, [then] you have an impact on the neighborhood. And that impact can call for police services."

"Have you heard of James Castranova and the Legal Terrorist Network?"

"I don't want to comment on that," she answers.

"Was there a cop on his property?"

"I can't comment."

I ask Lieutenant Ball what he thought of the Legal Terrorist.

"It's too bad you're not in my office right now," he says over the phone.

"Why?"

"Because I'd like to show you a fax that James Castranova is circulating.… He has gone completely off the deep end.… The stuff he has in his fax is absolutely outrageous. If it was printed, publicly, there would be a problem."

"Can you send it to me?" I ask.

"No, I'm not gonna send it out because I'm not sure what…actions we're going to [take] with it."

"Criminal action?"

"I'm not talking about anything.… I'm not going to make any comment about anything he has said."

I call Castranova and asked if he would send me the fax, which was actually Volume XIII of the Vindicta. He wanted to know why I wanted it, so I repeated Lt. Ball's comments. Fearing legal action, Castranova refused to send me the fax.

"I was just trying to be funny," he said. "I even thought it would make him laugh."

"Can't you tell me anything that it said?" I ask.

"I was telling a story about how [Lt. Ball] was trying to procure marijuana [for] Councilman George Stevens so he could…bribe him into voting for the ordinances. It should have never been construed as anything but a joke." ■


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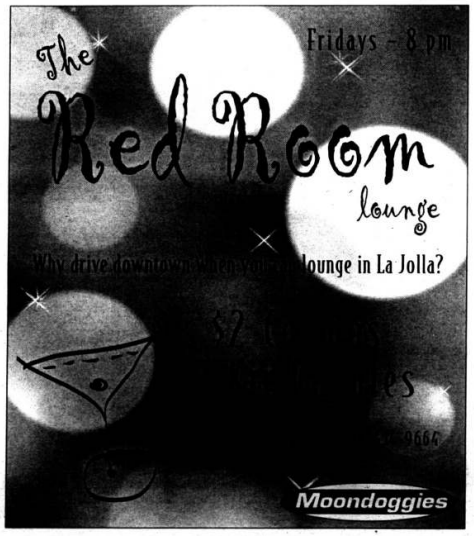
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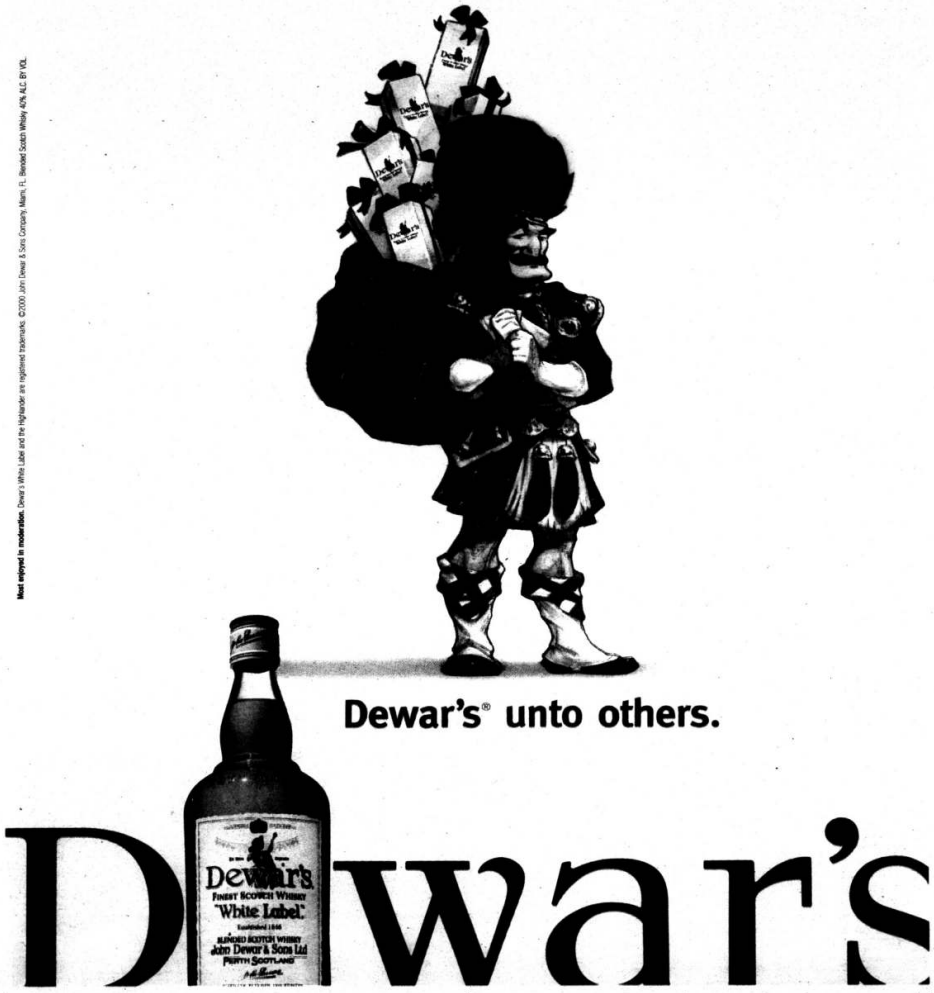
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Unlike my own aunts, who regard me with dismay and disapproval, Erika thinks I'm wonderful.

REVIEW
AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

I took my *tante* Erika out to lunch the other day for her 74th birthday, as I have done for a number of years now. Even at 74 and in failing health, Erika is still a vain creature with a pert figure, stylish clothes, and, of course, Ferragamo shoes. She is very, very bright and educated in the traditional German style, full of Goethe and Heine. She has been in the States for nearly 50 years, having emigrated in 1952. I met Erika 20 years ago when she was working as an editor; she is not really my *tante* or, rather, my aunt. But unlike my own surviving ancient aunts, who regard me with suspicion, dismay, and disapproval, Erika thinks I'm wonderful. When I call her on the phone she coos, "Divine Augustus, Imperator," and immediately wants to know if I have a poem for her. And if, as is customarily the case, I do not, she will sigh and chirp: "Noooooo? Then you're not fucking anybody?"


Erich Kleiber

Erika, like most middle-class Germans of her generation, is not only educated (at least by today's standards) but knowledgeable and appreciative of classical music, especially the German and Austrian composers, who constitute the most formidable tradition in Western classical music: the Killer Bs — Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms — along with Mozart, Haydn, Handel, Bruckner, Wagner, Mahler, Schoenberg, et al. This particular afternoon Erika was discussing the performance of a particular Bruckner symphony by a Rumanian conductor, Sergui Celibidsche. It was characteristically liberal and inclusive of Erika to cite a Rumanian. Germans are not always so, being chauvinistic about their own tradition, which includes a number of this past century's greatest conductors. So it was with no small measure of curiosity and anticipation that I laid out this stack of CDs, old mono performances primarily from the '40s, and had my old *tante* Erika give a listen.

The German musical tradition includes a remarkable line of great conductors: in fact, there exists, or existed, a cult of the conductor. It is a cult that can be said to have begun in the first half of the 19th Century with a series of great composer/conductors, starting with Felix Mendelssohn and continuing on through Richard Wagner, Gustav Mahler, and Richard Strauss, all men of brilliance, even genius, strong personality, and enormous prominence — given the role of concert-hall music in the culture. We have no real equivalent in our own contemporary society. Nothing is so important to the German as his Beethoven, Schubert, and Mozart, and no one is more valued than the conductor who wrings every ounce of beauty, mystery, and force from the score at his disposal. George Bernard Shaw, the greatest of music critics, wrote of the conductor, as a species: "That highest faculty of a conductor consists in the establishment of a magnetic influence under which an orchestra becomes as amenable to the baton as a pianoforte to the finger…"

The art of conducting involves the translation of a musical score on the page into the world of sound. Until the last 50 years, this world of sound was created for concert halls and not for LPs or compact discs or CD-video. Until the advent of radio for the masses, the concertgoing public represented a relatively small and well-heeled segment of the public, initially royalty, the titled, figures of state, military officials, and gentry; toward the end of the 19th Century the more affluent (if not cultured) of the new bourgeois classes became the staple concert public.

Erika would have been of the German middle class when she was listening to these conductors as a girl in the 1940s. She would have heard her classical music on the radio, although her household had a gramophone that would have existed more as a curiosity than anything else. The 78 rpm shellac records of that era allowed for four minutes or so of playing time on either side, and the sound reproduction was of very poor quality, full of static, hisses, pops, crackling, and sound distortion. Erika may have been taken once or twice to a concert hall as a small child in her native Nuremberg, but it is unlikely. Her father, a Jew, died early on in the ascendancy of the Reich, and her Catholic mother would, presumably, have been keeping a low profile. Erika survived the war, never having been interned. She lost an eye in an explosion at some point, but we avoid discussing such things. She was from a cultured family, and a bright, cultured young woman of her generation in Germany would have had a familiarity with Beethoven, Mozart, Wagner, et al., that any number of professional music critics today pretend they have or would like to have but haven't really.

Her love and knowledge of the music came with her to this country and has only developed through the years. She is a pensioner, but it is a reasonable pension, and she is a frugal person. (She does, however, have a set of fine Bose speakers and a shelf of CDs.) She had been complaining to me only very recently about "these worthless fucking American conductors who use a computer." Actually, she was speaking in this instance of the British conductor Simon Rattle, who has taken the reins of the vaunted Berliner Philharmoniker. But what she meant, I think, is her preference was for the conductor born at the end of the 19th Century whose conducting came out of the Romantic tradition, which took far greater liberties with the original score, making the conductor almost a co-equal with the composer, and, on occasion (as with Mahler) making liberal alterations to the original score where the composer "hadn't gotten it right"!


Ludwig van Beethoven

"So, you want my opinion of the Nazi conductors?" Erika asked brightly over the phone. "Well, then, you shall have it." And thus began a series of commentaries, delivered to my voice mail, as prearranged, which provided a format in which Erika felt less self-conscious and more free to rhapsodize or ramble.


Herbert von Karajan

The verb in German *quellen* means to gush: in Yiddish *kvell* is popularly used with the same meaning, but usually in reference to the accomplishments of one's children. In her first message, Erika was *quelling* like mad, specifically about the second, *Andante con moto*, movement of Franz Schubert's *Symphony No. 8 in B minor, D 759*, the *"Unfinished"* symphony. "*This* is the sound of my youth. These are the sonorities you don't get nowadays. The combined sound. The echo of the horns and the warmth of the second movement. His tempi are personal but perfect. None of this computer crap. And the remastering! Teldec is a good label."

Erika is here speaking of Erich Kleiber's January 1935 recording of the Schubert Symphony. Erika was to add, parenthetically, to all her musical commentary the historical context in which these performances took place; 1935 was the year of the *Judengestzgebun Nürnberg*, or the Nuremburg Laws, which imposed severe restrictions on the civil liberties of Jews, such as buying property, voting, holding judgeships. The edict would not have been lost on Erika's family nor left their circumstances unaltered. "These composers are of another world," Erika effused. "These were men, like my father, born in another century. Kleiber's control over his orchestra was total!" As for the accompanying recording of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 2* from the same program, Erika snarled, "Bad sound. I don't know what's going on. Bad acoustics, maybe. I can't make out the flutes and clarinets!" And hung up.

In fact, of the group of conductors under discussion, excepting Otto Klemperer, who was a Jew, Kleiber was the least friendly or pliant to the Nazi cause and disappeared from view shortly after these performances with the Berliner Philharmoniker in 1935. The poor bastard had a Jewish nose and a *Jewish manner*, and his programs included "degenerate works" like Alban Berg's *Lulu Suite* and Stravinsky's *Sacre du Printemps*, which were held to be products of the "Jewish spirit." Likewise, his enthusiasm for Mahler's music. In Milan in the winter of 1938–'39 he ran into political obstacles again. "I hear that La Scala has closed its doors to its Jewish fellow citizens," Kleiber wrote. "Music is for everyone — like the sun and the air. As a Christian and an artist I cannot work where this source of comfort, which is so necessary in hard times such as the present, is denied to human beings merely because they belong to a particular race." By January of 1938 in Germany, the press had been forbidden by Goebbels to even mention Kleiber's name in print. He died in Zurich at the age of 66. His son, Carlos Kleiber, is today one of the most sought after and revered conductors in Europe, and, like his father, notoriously independent and stubborn. ■

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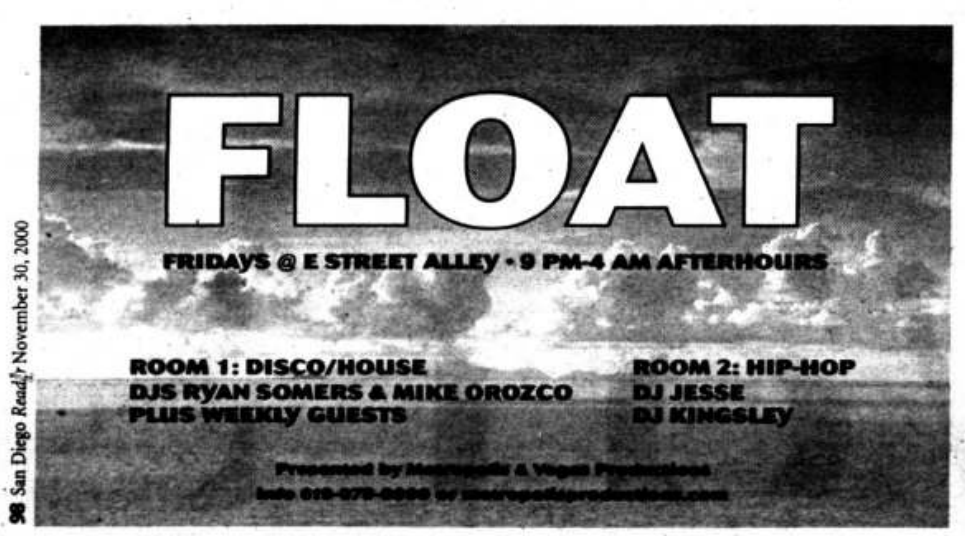



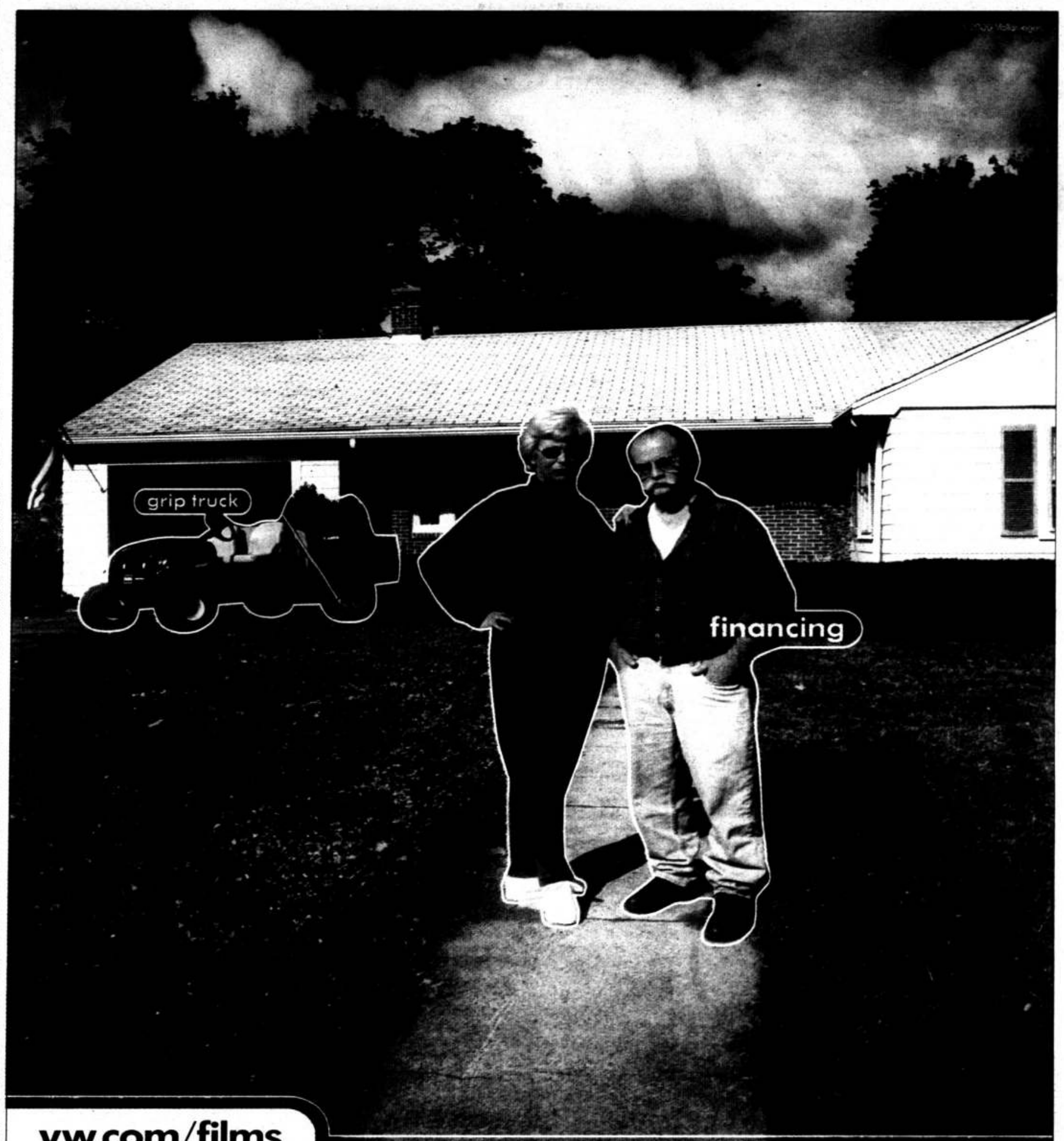

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Castrix Rosie /205/, the **Gaza Strippers,** and the **Day After:** The Casbah, Wednesday, December 13, 16, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.



Johnny Cunningham and Susan McKeown, December 2, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Venice /432/ and **Eve Sells /410/:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, December 14, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

"Christmastime with Jody Collins" /822/: East County Performing Arts Center, Thursday, December 14, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 619-220-8497.

"Jingle Ball 2000" with **Bon Jovi /615/, the Barenaked Ladies /435/, Smashmouth, Pat Benetar /468/, Fisher, 88 Mesh,** and **Steve Poltz /815/:** Cox Arena, Friday, December 15, 6 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

The B-Side Players /649/: The Casbah, Friday, December 15, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Agent Orange /347/: The Epicentre, Friday, December 15, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000.

Frank Black and **Adam the Ginsbot:** The Casbah, Saturday, December 16, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Typo O Negative /202/ and **Simon Says:** Cones Bar and Grill, Saturday, December 16, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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"Casbah Christmas Party" with **Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys /343/** and **James Intveld:** The Casbah, Sunday, December 17, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

UPOs: Cones Bar and Grill, Sunday, December 17, 5 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

The Incredible Moses Leroy /102/, the **Starlight Mints /206/,** and the **Medicos:** The Casbah, Monday, December 18, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Blood Brothers, Nonirah, GoGoGo Airheart /136/, and **Nightmare Syndicate:** The Ché Cafe, Wednesday, December 20, 8:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534—7311.

Tristeza /300/: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, December 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Back-O-Nine /739: The Epicentre, Friday, December 22, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000.

Steel Pulse /757: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, December 27, and Thursday, December 28, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Coco Montoya: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, December 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Young Dubliners /438/: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, December 31, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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JANUARY

John Lee Hooker: 4th & B, Friday, January 12, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

John McCutcheon: San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Friday, January 12, 7:30 p.m., 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas. 858-566-4040.

Blue Oyster Cult /477/: 4th & B, Sunday, January 28, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

FEBRUARY

Neil Sedaka: East County Performing Arts Center, Sunday, February 11, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 619-220-8497.

The Neville Brothers /494/: 4th & B, Sunday, February 18, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

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397 **Brothers from Another Planet:** Bub's Whiskey Dive
154 **Brown and Sinkiewicz:** RT's Longboard Grill
213 **Amy Correia:** 4th & B
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194 **Dang:** Winstons
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389 **d.Frost:** Winstons
The Dempsey Project: Dream Street
The Digital Assassins: 4th & B
148 **Digital Underground:** Belly Up Tavern
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Dragon Lounge: Brick By Brick
Earth Ride: Belly Up Tavern
Electric Waste Band: Winstons
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166 **Goldfinger:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
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361 **Inure:** Brick By Brick
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161 **The Pat McGee Band:** Belly Up Tavern
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Method: Tio Leo's Lounge
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186 **Gregory Page:** Java Joe's Coffeehouse
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460 **Bay Wolf:** The Kraken
Big Bell Lee: Live Wire
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Blonde Redhead: The Casbah
446 **Bottomline:** Fogerty's Pub
498 **The Joey Bowen Band:** Dick's Last Resort
The Cheap Lois: The Casbah
The Chicago Underground Duo: The Casbah
Circe: Cannibal Bar
455 **College Menage:** Etta's Place
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421 **Dokken:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
Doppler Effect: The Pine Valley House
El Jardin: Neimans Bar and Grill
The Fat Beat Squad: Moondoggies
Finless: Dream Street
Five for Fighting: Belly Up Tavern
Footloose: The Del Dios Country Store
461 **Here's Olive:** Dick's Last Resort
Hoopla: Sham Rocks Shack
478 **The Hot Heads:** Janie's Cocktails
547 **Hot Rod Lincoln:** Tio Leo's Lounge
Jumpstart: Island Saloon
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495 **Link Wray:** The Casbah
Local Tourist: Boar Cross'n
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Moonshine Junkie: Dream Street
404 **Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors:** The Kraken
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489 **Private Domain:** Dick's Last Resort
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Danny Lopez: The Butcher Shop

Mokai: Jimmy Love's
Sean McVicker: The Imperial House
The New Breed: The Alley
Tracy Niles: The Rhythm Cafe
614 ... **Jeffrey Osborne:** 4th & B
Marv Paynter: Top of the Cove
Jack Pollack: Shooters Bar and Grill
Rainmaker: Hotel del Coronado
The Rhythm Dogs: The Alley
Rising Star: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)
622 ... **Robberoni the Pianoman:** The Westgate Hotel, Dakota Grill and Spirits, Roger's on 5th
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602 ... **The Smooth Hounds:** Tiki House
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JAZZ/ BIG BAND

Christopher Adler Trio: Goloka
Steve Alvarez: La Casa del Zorro
The Joseph Angelastro Trio: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
666 ... **Lori Bell:** The Sea Lodge Hotel
652 ... **Big Time Operator:** Cannibal Bar
Black Mambas: Jake Joint Cafe
Blood Relations: Goloka
703 ... **John Cale:** Hotel del Coronado
The Jorge Cambaros Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
The Gilbert Castellanos Quartet: Jake Joint Cafe, Onyx Room



Steve Ferris, December 3, 'Canes Bar and Grill

The Chris Conner Jazz Duo: Hotel del Coronado
Cool Blue: Mixx
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The Steve Feierabend Trio: Lilo's
638 ... **Glen Fisher con Alma:** Croce's Jazz Bar
Forward Funk: Goloka
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Cynthia Hammond: Jake Joint Cafe
Stellita Harris: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza
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The Hot Club of San Diego: Lilo's
678 ... **Interplay:** The Sea Lodge Hotel

Daniel Jackson: La Tavola, Hotel del Coronado
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682 ... **Quiet Storm:** Humphrey's
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The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: Intrusites
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706 ... **Joiana Valle and Equinox:** U.S. Grant Hotel
The Joiana Valle-Bob Magnusson Duo: Anthony's Star of the Sea
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692 ... **Robert Walter's 20th Congress:** Buffalo Joe's
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REGGAE/ SKA

Carlos Cultura: Brick By Brick
Everton Blender: Brick By Brick
Hoodful: Nomans Bar and Grill
Just It: Dream Street
740 ... **Psydecar:** Dream Street
Revelation International Sound: Dream Street
758 ... **Seve Ferris:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
747 ... **Soniai and Fulahsko:** The Beach House, Surf N' Saddle
Shine Eye: Cannibal Bar
754 ... **Walling Souls:** Belly Up Tavern
Ritchie Spice: Brick By Brick
Serpent: Dream Street
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COUNTRY

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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, DJs *Matt Spencer*, *Tanya*, *Scooter*, and guests spin house, hip-hop, and trance. Saturdays, Mecca with *DJs Jose Amezcua*, *Jason Valena*, and *Rags* spinning global sounds. 751 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-557-0146.

ON NITE

BY RICHARD MELTZER

Harry F. Truman of Bostonia asks: "Have any practitioners of rocka-roll (or related musics) attended one or more semesters of college or university, and what, if any, were their degrees and majors?"

After exhaustive research, I've turned up a grand total of NINE who have given it the old college "try," but failed to make it to the finish line:

Jim Morrison (Dade County Community College, one semester, applied science); Neil Young (Territorial College of Yellow Knife, one semester, phys. ed.); Jerry Garcia (Palo Alto City College, one semester, French); Elliot Smith (Princeton, two semesters, history of theater); David Lee Roth (University of Jersey City, three semesters, paleontology); William "Bootsy" Collins (London School of Economics, four semesters, undecided); Keith Moon (South Dakota Eucharist, five semesters, Indo-European languages); Tracy Chapman (Paloma Loma, West Virginia, College of Art, six semesters, acrylic studies); David Byrne (Guatemala A&M, seven-plus semesters, agriculture — dropped out only three credits shy of a diploma).

As we come to the end of the year 2000, only ONE rock-roller has actually graduated from a school of higher learning: **Justin Timberlake** of N*SYNC (or **N'SYNC**) (or 'N SYNC) (or *N SYNC) (or N SYNC) (or whatever the fuck) this past June received a bachelor of science degree in hydroelectric engineering from Indiana Cow College...wow... must be a *really* smart guy. So what's he doing in a DUMB line-o-work?



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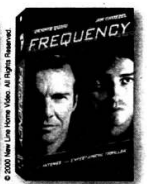

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MUSIC SCENE

Onyx Room: Call club for nightly information. 852 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-235-6699.

Over the Border: Saturdays, *DJ Luis Armas* spinning Latin pop house alternating with rock *en español* by rock band *Liquido*. 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889.

Plum Crazy II: Wednesdays, Animal House, trance and house with *DJ Woo*, no cover before 10 p.m. Thursdays, the Reggae Session with the *Rasta Duo*, no cover, starts at 9 p.m. Fridays, Above the Clouds, hip-hop, R&B, and rare groove with *DJ Disco* and *DJ Enigma*, starts at 9 p.m., ladies free before 10 p.m. Saturdays, Magic Night Out, old school, R&B, hip-hop, and salsa with *DJ Sean Sarille*, starts at 9 p.m. All events 21 and up. 2511 Sweetwater Road, South Bay. Information, 619-475-7313.

Project Cathedral: Fourth Sunday of each month, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., St. Paul's Cathedral, Fifth Avenue at Nutmeg, Banker's Hill. 619-220-4944.

The Rhythm Lounge: Tuesdays, *Alliance*, hip-hop, soul, and more. Wednesdays, *Jive*, techno. Thursdays, *Deep*, drum 'n' bass. Saturdays, *Siren*, DJs spin hip-hop, rare groove, roots reggae, and soul. 3048 Midway Drive, Sports Arena. 619-224-4835.

Rich's: Thursdays, Club Hedonism, DJs *Jon Bishop* and *Mike Orozco* spin house, techno, and groove. Fridays, Go-Go Fridays, *DJ Derek* spins house and tribal. Saturdays, *DJ Derek* and guests spin house and tribal. Sundays, Hot Tea Sundays, *DJs Derek* and *Tony Capin* house and tribal. 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-497-4588.

Sabbat: DJs *Eric Hart, Marc Brurland* and *Adam Atom*. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. Saturdays, Shooters, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744.

Sevilla: Mondays, *rock en español*. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, *Club Salsa*. Fridays and Saturdays, high-energy *Euro-Latin Nightclub*. Sundays, *Club Brazil*. 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979.

The Silver Room: Wednesdays, *Mr. T's Cafe*, R&B, hip-hop, and reggae. Thursdays, *DJ Kam*, trance. Fridays, Noble and Darkside productions: first and third Fridays, downtempo hip-hop; second and fourth Fridays, drum 'n' bass. Saturdays, DJs *Bille Knight* and *Orlando* spin hip-hop, reggae, and R&B. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2830.

Studio 64: DJs *Jon Bishop, Mario, Erick D., Circa*, and *Demon* spin hard and progressive house music with a separate hip-hop room. Three floors, five rooms with three separate smoking patios. International guest DJ superstars weekly. Fridays, 9 p.m. to 4 a.m., Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, midtown. 858-658-0412, ext. 402; *www.r1b.com*.

Tangent: Wednesdays, drum 'n' bass excursions with resident DJs *Kojak, Tom B*, and *SkinnyDip*. Open decks 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., no cover before 10 p.m. Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131.

Technomania Circus: Various performance artists inspired by Burning Man; original tribal-techno music, original circus faire, edgy erotic dance, illuminated contact dancers, and surprises galore. Saturday, December 9, three shows: 7:30 p.m. (dress rehearsal), 10 p.m., and midnight. Club Xanth, 4233 30th off El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. For more information, call 858-274-6333.

Therapy Special Event: DJs *Hauqobb, Velvet Acid Christ, Dirt Fix, Bryan Pollard*, and *DMNR*. 21 and up. Saturday, December 16, 8 p.m. to 3 a.m., Brick By Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

Therapy: DJs *Brian Pollard, Crash*, and special weekly guests spin industrial, EBM, fetish, gothic, and darkwave. First Friday of every month at Club Vortex, 5215 Adobe Falls (I-8, exit Waring Road), 619-858-8888, remaining Fridays at the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego, 619-295-4163. General information, 619-465-5827; *www.klubs.com*.

Tsunami: Wednesdays, '80s. Thursdays through Saturdays, '80s, hip-hop dance, disco, and techno. Tsunami Beach Club, 802 Sixth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9981.

Two-Wheel Tuesdays: DJs spin vintage punk, glam, and primitive rock 'n' roll. Sci-fi biker flicks on two screens. Plenty of cycle and scooter only parking. No cover. Tuesdays, 9 p.m., Live Wire, 2103 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-291-7450.

The Underground Lounge: *DJ Sachamo* and international guests spin deep house music. Thursdays, the Juke Joint Cafe, 327 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. Information, 619-998-5993; 619-232-SOUL.

LO N■TE

BY DAVE GOOD

The '80s were a strange chapter in the history of hard rock. Some critics call the music from that decade big-hair rock, and for good reason: all of metal sported massive teased-out chick hairdos. Songs were built from layers of overproduced grandstanding speed guitars and drums, and all metal frontmen sang falsetto upwards in the range of neutered Nubian man-slaves. Makeup, S&M accessories, Spandex wear, chain, and leather pants were major parts of rock's tough-guy image then but in reality may have been examples of latent cross-dressing.

Right off the bat, I'll admit that **Dokken** was one of my favorite big-hair bands. The singer **Don Dokken** (another '80s trick: your last name is the name of your band, e.g. Slaughter, Winger, Van Halen, Vandenburg) recorded songs that said, yep, this is the way a guitar-god band is supposed to be. Dokken had big-arena sound, but without the stadium ham; Don Dokken's stage presence is about as wooden as Don Henley's. Dokken's strength has always been in his vocal talents and his melodic approach to metal. His first break came in '82, singing backup on a Scorpions' recording. Mr. Dokken weaseled studio time, cut a demo, got signed, went to Europe, then returned to America shortly after as a major arena act. He sold something like 6 million records. In 1988, Dokken actually got the key to the city from L.A. mayor Tom Bradley. January 27 was proclaimed Dokken Day, although I don't know anybody who actually observed or got a day off because of it.



As representatives of the sound that grunge railed against, things were slow for Dokken in the '90s. Fans treated him like a stuffed spotted owl until 1995 and the release of *Dysfunctional*, which *Rolling Stone* called a legitimate comeback. As is fitting with metal's small revival, Dokken's sound today hasn't strayed very far from 1983. The only big changes are that George Lynch has been replaced, the big-hair thing is gone, and the band that once played to 93,000 Monsters of Rock fans now plays in clubs with low ceilings.

Armored Saint and **Tesbeq** open.

(To hear a sample of **Dokken,** *call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4421.)*

DOKKEN, 'Canoe Bar and Grill, Thursday, November 30, 8 p.m. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497. $30.

Venue: 18 and up. DJs spin trance, techno, house, hip-hop, party mix, and jungle. Open Wednesday through Saturday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 7290 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. Call club for nightly information, 619-501-VENUS.

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North County

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Performances are from 9 pm to 1:30 am. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Rhythm Dogs*, pop, jazz. Wednesday, *the New Breed*, pop.

The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Performances begin at 7 pm, except Sunday, 5:00 pm. Thursday, *Carl Robinson*, soft rock. Friday, *Trio du Jour*, jazz. Saturday, *the Justin Brothers*, acoustic. Sunday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Wednesday, *Semisi and Fulabula*, reggae.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 pm, *Wailing Souls* and guests. Friday, 9:15 pm, *Digital Underground*, alternative, with OO Soul. Saturday, 9:15 pm, *Dave Wakeling*, aka, with *the Negro Problem*, alternative. Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Earth Ride, Subfactor*, and *None But Us*, alternative. Wednesday, 8 pm, *the Pat McGee Band* with *Five for Fighting*, alternative.

Bear Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 858-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Local Tourist*, classic rock.

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

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 pm, *Cobblestone*, Celtic music.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Brothers from Another Planet*, alternative. Saturday, *Purple Haze*, rock.

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

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *the MIV Blues Revue*. Saturday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Blue Largo*, blues. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Swingin' Kings*, blues. Saturday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Gumboyaya*, funk and blues. Sunday, 2 pm to 4:30 pm, *Wooden Angel*, folk; 5 pm to 9 pm, *Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time*, jazz. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Freddie Brooks*, blues harmonica. Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Red Lane*, blues.

The Del Dios Country Store, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733. Friday and Saturday, *Footloose*, rock and roll.

Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, *Bottomline*, classic rock.

Hendlin's Irish Pub, 13314 Poway Road, Poway. 858-486-0764. Friday, *Brian Baynes*, Irish folk.

Hennessey's Tavern, 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Prosthetic Head Shop*. Saturday, *the Urban Gypsys*, blues.

Jammers Java, 218 A North El Camino Real (in the Wiegand Plaza next to AMC Theaters), Encinitas. 760-942-JAVA. Friday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Robin and Mike*, rock/pop. Saturday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Jimmy Patton*, acoustic.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors*, rock and blues. Friday, *Bay Wolf*, rock. Saturday, *Travel Agents*. Wednesday, live alternative music.

La Casa del Zorro, 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs. 760-767-5323. Fox Den: Thursday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Steve Alvarez*, jazz. Friday, 8 pm, *the Holly Hofmann Quartet*, jazz. Saturday, 8 pm, *Donna and Mike Hill*, variety dance. Sunday, 7 pm to 11 pm.

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Tony Lencioni, piano and vocals. DeAnza Room: Saturday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *the Holly Hofmann Quartet.*

La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are from 7 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *Rich Buquet*, soft rock. Saturday, call club for information.

La Costa Tournament of Champions Lounge, La Costa Resort and Spa, Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Friday and Saturday, live pop and jazz.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Call club for information.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Bill Meyers*, folk. Monday, Dixieland jazz. Tuesday, *Jody & Co.*, pop. Wednesday, open blues jam.

Mikey's Coffeehouse, 12222 Poway Road, Poway. 858-486-5540. Wednesday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Tony Taravella*, acoustic folk.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Satish*, folk. Saturday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Corey Bess*, folk. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Tony Lasley*, South American 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, *Lisa Ekman*, contemporary.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Handful*, reggae. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, *El Jardin*, Latin rock.

@bold:North County Sports Dome, 680 W. San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-4120. Call club for information.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, live contemporary music. 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, *Nitro Express*, country.

Rhythm Cafe, 4321C Oceanside Boulevard, Oceanside. 760-631-4466. Thursday, *Chris Klich*, jazz. Friday, *Jimmy Patton*, acoustic. Saturday, *Tracy Niles*, pop. Sunday, *Duncan Moore*, jazz.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Max Blasto*, rock. Saturday, *Semisi and Fulabula*, reggae.

Woody's Sports Bar & Grill, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, *Stiletto*, blues and rock.

Beaches

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Joe Louis Walker* with *Lafayette & the Leasebreakers*. Friday, *the Kim Wilson Blues Review Band* and *the East Coast Players*. Saturday, *the B-Side Players*, Latin jazz. Sunday and Monday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Larry Logan*. Wednesday, call club for information.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, *Dokken, Armored Saint*, and *Teabag*. Friday, *Naughty or Nice*. Saturday, *the Aquabats, Assorted Jelly Beans*, and *Pivit*. Sunday, *Save Ferris, Wheatus*, and *OPM*. Tuesday, *Goldfinger, Mest*, and *Lefty*.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, 9:30 pm, *Detroit Underground*, soul. Saturday, 9:30 pm, *80's and Gentlemen*, pop. Sunday, 7 pm, *Shine Eye*, reggae. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, *Big Time Operator*, big-band swing.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney and the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Ché Cafe, UCSD Campus, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Music is alternative/heavy. Friday, 8:30 pm, *Dragbody, Kareem Abdul Babar, Curl Up and Die*, and *American Tragedy*.

The Crescent Shores Grill (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *the Peter Sprague Trio*. Friday and Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *the Mike Woffard/Holly Hofmann Quartet*. Tuesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Calvin Romance*. Wednesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*.

OF N!TE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Several years ago, in Portland, I saw the band Hazel play at a little venue called the Paris Theatre. Hazel members included Jody Bleyle, who was also in the lesbian-themed band Team Dresch with Donna Dresch and was a tireless supporter of women's rock bands. Members of Sleater-Kinney were in the audience that night, and already they were generating buzz everywhere they went, thanks to a couple of records on Dresch's Chainsaw label. The atmosphere was exciting, optimistic, and friendly — friendlier, no doubt, for the women in the audience than for me, but still so friendly that I felt bad after I thought the opening band sucked.

The band was the **Need**, and it started out its set by backing up performance artist Miranda July. I squirmed in my seat. It only got worse after July left center stage and the Need churned out a cacophonous post-punk din, leaping from jerky new wave to pounding hardcore to who knows what.

But where I saw amateurish artistry, people like Bleyle and Dresch saw potential in the Need and July and helped them develop their talents. July went on to make a series of acclaimed art films, available through Olympia record label Kill Rock Stars. The Need's **Rachel Carns** and **Radio Sloan** have turned into a fascinating duo after honing their skills recording for Chainsaw and working with the band Mocket and the rock opera *The Transfused*. They still leap all over the stylistic map but have learned to do it very well. And, as it turned out, the rest of us are lucky they did, too.



Blonde Redhead headlines.

THE NEED, The Casbah, Saturday, December 2, 8:30 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355. $10.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. All shows start at 8 pm. Thursday, *the Dempsy Project, the Attic Fans*, and *Longer Than Miles*. Friday, *L.A. Guns, Moonshine Junkie, the Prism*, and *Simian Cruise*, alternative/rock. Saturday, *Uncalledfor, 5 Star Degenerate, Spilt Milk*, and *Whiskey Dick*. Sunday, *Psydecar, Finless, Revelation International Sound, Just I*, and *Suspect*. Wednesday, *Tangent*.

Galoka, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, *Blood Relations*. Friday, *Forward Funk*. Saturday, *Quite Like This*. Sunday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Christopher Adler Trio*. Wednesday, call club for information.

@bold:Hennessey's Tavern, 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, 8 pm to midnight, *the O'Brien Brothers*, Irish folk.

Holiday Inn, 4875 North Harbor Drive, Point Loma. 619-226-6215. Bayside Bar: Saturday, 9 pm, *Tomcat Courtney and the Blues Dusters*.

Java Joe's Coffeehouse, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356. Saturday, *Mary Dolan, Joy Eden Harrison, Jose Sinatra & the Troy Dante Inferno, Gregory Page, Lisa Sanders, Dave Howard, Paul Abbott*, and *Jason Mraz*. Sunday, *Johnny Love*. Monday, Wendy's open-mike night.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday, and Monday through Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Jon Sandoval*.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *the Fat Beat Squad*, funk.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Club Tremors, call club for information.

RT's Longboard Grill, 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-4030. Tuesday, 9 pm, *Brown and Sinkiewicz*, alternative.

Rock Bottom, 8980 Via La Jolla Drive, La Jolla. 858-450-9277. Saturday, 9 pm, *Tim Quinn & Venus Electric*, blues.

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.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Jack Pollack*, piano. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Stephen Knight*.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Martha's Kitchen*, rock. Friday, *the Smooth Hounds* and *the Red Channel Revue*, blues and rock. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open acoustic night.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Crucial*, rock. Friday, *Electric Waste Band*. Saturday, *d.Frost, Dang*, and *Mix Mob*, alternative. Sunday, *Fred Green*. Monday, *Tyler Grant Band*. Tuesday, *Harmony 24* and *Ten Percent*. Wednesday, *Scotch Greens* and special guest.

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Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday and Friday, 5:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Duo*, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 pm. Friday, *B Natural*. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Joe Byrnes*, folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

The Blue Agave, 6608 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego. 619-521-3194. Call club for information.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm, *Lee Tyler Post*, acoustic. Sunday, 3 pm to 5 pm, *Karen Victor*.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Subfactor, Inure*, and *Mable Blaster*. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Everton Blender, Carlos Culture*, and *Ritchie Spice*, reggae. Sunday, *Duane Peters & the Huns, Stendec*, and *Awall*. Tuesday, *Joe 90, Myliye*, and *Darryl's Grocery Bag*. Wednesday, *Corey Feldman*.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Saturday, *Stretcher*, alternative rock.

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Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9 pm, *Quiet Storm*, jazz and blues. Friday, 9:30 pm, *Eve Selis*, rock. Saturday, 9:30 pm, *Quiet Storm*. Sunday, 7:30 pm, *Reel to Real*, jazz. Tuesday, *Sarah Nicole* and *Jill Costanzo*.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Wednesday through Saturday, *Sean McVicker*, dance music.

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Sheraton San Diego Four Points Hotel, 8110 Aero Drive, San Diego. 619-277-8888. Skies Lounge: Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, and Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Cath Eckert*, jazz.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *Jonny Viau and the Blue Allstars*, blues. Saturday, *Method* and guest. Tuesday, *the Bon Temps Social Club*. Wednesday, *the Stilettos*, blues and rock.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Marv Paymer*, contemporary.

Tuba Man's, 4693 30th Street, Normal Heights. 619-640-8822. Saturday, *Vintage Litter* and *Release the Hounds*, rock.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Monday, 6:30 pm, *Amoroso*, string quartet. Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet*.

Downtown

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

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The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Thursday, *Link Wray* and *Bartender's Bible*. Friday, *Jesse Dayton, the Scramblers*, and *the Cheap Leis*. Saturday, *Blonde Redhead* and *the Need*. Sunday, *Uz Jsme Doma, the Free*Stars*, and *Rotator*. Monday, *Lot 13, Sissy Deluxe*, and *Zuniga*. Tuesday, *Isotope 217* and *the Chicago Underground Duo*. Wednesday, *Ten Pound Brown, One Way Ride*, and *the Attic Fans*.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz. Friday, *Hollis Gentry's Neon*, jazz. Saturday, *Primo*, Latin jazz. Sunday, *the Hollis Gentry Quartet*, jazz. Monday, *Glen Fisher con Alma*, classic and Latin jazz. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*, classic jazz. Wednesday, *the Jorge Camberos Quartet*, Latin jazz.

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Lilo's, 1125 6th Avenue, downtown. 619-231-1969. Music is jazz. Friday, *the Roger Vuenna Trio*. Saturday, *the Hot Club of San Diego*. Sunday, *the Steve Feierabend Trio*.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Wednesday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

Onyx Room, 852 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-235-6699. Tuesday, *Gilbert Castellanos*, jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Thursday, *Bill Magee*. Friday, *Texas Twisters* and *Buick Wilson*. Saturday, *Theresa Russell*. Sunday, *the Shake*. Monday, *Red Lane*. Tuesday, *Rich Harper Band*. Wednesday, *Aunt Kizzy's Boyz*.

Redfish, 731 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-234-7226. Friday, *Carol Haines*, blues. Saturday, *Stone*.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday, *Rising Star*, pop rock. Saturday, *the 80z Allstars*, pop.

Roger's on 5th, 835 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday and Saturday, 6 pm to 11 pm, also, Friday and Wednesday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Robberecht the Pianoman*.

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Tsunami Beach Club, 802 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-WAVE. Call club for information.

U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Grant Grill: Friday and Saturday, 9 pm, *Jaime Valle and Equintet*, Latin jazz. Hotel Lobby: Friday and Saturday, 2 pm to 5 pm, *Ping Hu*, classical harpist.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. Le Fontainebleau Room: Monday through Friday, 11:30 pm to 2 pm, *Robberecht the Pianoman*. Plaza Bar: Thursday and Friday, 7 pm, and Saturday, 8 pm, *Fran LaCosta*. Friday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Robberecht the Pianoman*. Also, Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Karen Georgio*, piano and vocals.

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Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday, and Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, also, Friday and Saturday, 4:30 pm to 8:15 pm, *Jesus Bas*, Flamenco guitarist. Also, Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm to 12:30 am, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz. Palm Court: Thursday through Saturday, 5:30 pm to 12:30 am, *James Parrish*. Sunday through Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *John Cain*. Sunday, noon to 4 pm, *Joey West*. Prince of Wales: Thursday and Monday through Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Daniel Jackson*. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Jim Trousdale*. Sunday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *the Chris Conner Jazz Duo*.

The House of Munich, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, and Sunday, 5 pm, *Gordon Kohl, Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

Island Saloon, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Thursday, blues jam. Friday, *the Stilettos*, blues and rock. Saturday, *Jumpstart*, rock and roll.

Janie's Cocktails, 656 E Street, Chula Vista. 619-420-9951. Friday, *the Hot Heads*, rock. Saturday, *Wall Street*, rock.

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Over the Border, 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889. Thursday and Friday, *Tercera Cuerda*, Latin. Wednesday, *Liquido*, Spanish rock.

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Flinn Springs Inn, 15505 Highway 80, El Cajon. 619-561-3015. Friday and Saturday, *Hill Country*.

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Bedazzled

Bamboozled — Spike Lee, in confrontational mode, serves up a new generation's *Putney Swope*, the blaxploitation-era satire by Robert Downey (Jr.'s father) about a black takeover of a Madison Avenue ad agency. The comparable premise here concerns a prissy Harvard-educated African-American TV executive (Damon Wayans), under pressure from his blacker-than-thou white boss (Michael Rapaport: "I don't give a goddam what Spike Lee said. Tarantino was right: 'nigger' is just a word") to come up with something "different ... impactful ... cutting-edge." What he comes up with is *The New Millennium Minstrel Show*, complete with burnt-cork blackface and mile-wide lipstick, starring the nouvelle vaudeville team of Mantan and Sleep-n-Eat: "two real coons." This seems a fair enough exaggeration (never mind the impossibility in the PC age that such a thing could become, as suggested, a big hit) of the black programming on television today and yesterday. But the satire is badly garbled in the mixed motives of the show's creator. On the one hand, upset at the cancellation of his pet project (*Brown-Nose Jones*) after thirteen episodes, he is simply hoping to get himself fired so that he can sue the network, never dreaming that his new idea would take root and blossom. On the other hand, he is militantly wheeling it forward as a weapon to expose and eradicate racial stereotypes. Well, which is it? — career suicide or cultural assault? And the effectiveness of the piece is further blunted by Lee's remedial efforts within the movie itself to explain to us what satire is, and his repeated hints and assurances that this movie is a bona fide example of it. When all is said and done, the only really shocking thing about the movie is the god-awful video image: the washed-out color, the flattened perspective, the blurry focus, the fuzzy edges, the scummy surface. 2000. ● (UA HORTON PLAZA 14)

Bedazzled — What passes as Hollywood creativity at the turn of the millennium: take the title, idea, and structure of a dimly remembered comedy of thirty-three years earlier — the Devil will grant seven wishes, always with a catch, in exchange for a soul — and then pour your own cruder gags into it. (To start, make the Devil a décolleté dish.) The basketball segment at least demonstrates that the writers have watched their share of postgame interviews. With Brendan Fraser, Elizabeth Hurley, Frances O'Connor; directed by Harold Ramis. 2000. ● (HARBOR DRIVE IN; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; UA HORTON PLAZA 14)

Best in Show — Christopher Guest's gallery of caricatures of the people at and around the fictitious Mayflower Kennel Club Dog Show: funny, yet disappointing. Or in other words: not as funny as his *Waiting for Guffman*, and lavishly overpraised in the reviews. (It gives reviewers a chance to be funny, in turn, by passing along the jokes.) The so-called "mockumentary" technique, at least as practiced by Guest, is too inherently faulty to merit enthronement as a formula. The *de rigueur* interview bits, more convenience than necessity, are simply an easy way (a little akin to voice-over narration) to dispense information, tell jokes, etc., without the trouble of constructing serviceable scenes and situations. At the same time, or rather at different times, the hand-held camera is privy to behind-closed-doors activities to which no documentary film crew would ever gain access — and without the responsibility of selecting an angle, setting up a composition, etc. It is a technique that yields more excuses than results. The cast members — Eugene Levy, Catherine O'Hara, Michael McKean, John Michael Higgins, Michael Hitchcock, Parker Posey, Jennifer Coolidge, Jane Lynch, Bob Balaban, Fred Willard, Jim Piddock, Guest himself, several of whom were also in *Guffman* — are well in tune with the semi-improvisatory comic style, though not free from the occasional overreaching clinker. A special gold star, each, to O'Hara as a small-town Norwich owner whose extensive sexual history is forever catching up with her; to Willard as the ex-jock TV commentator whose speech is never preceded by thought (Joe Garagiola, on the Westminster telecasts, would be the obvious model); to Piddock as Willard's strait-laced British straight man; and to Guest for his Carolinian drawl and his loping gait alongside his prize bloodhound (but not for his out-of-character ventriloquism). The dogs themselves are accorded little room to roam, little space to stretch. That, too, is disappointing. 2000. ★★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; POWAY 10)

Billy Elliot — Fluffy and forgettable bit of uplift about an unlikely lad in Margaret Thatcher's England, who drops out of the local boxing club, drops in on the all girl ballet class that convenes in the same gym, and proves himself (not to the untrained eye, which might concede his potential as a dog dancer, but rather to his chain-smoking matronly teacher) "good enough" at age eleven to audition for the Royal Ballet School. How nice. How very, very nice. The kid, Jamie Bell, is likably kidlike, and the smoothness of Stephen Daldry's direction is stopped short of slickness with a sprinkling of coal-town grit. Julie Walters, Gary Lewis. 2000. ★ (COVE; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL CINEMAS; PALM PROMENADE 24; UA HORTON PLAZA 14)

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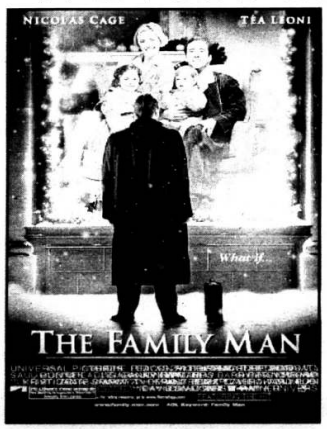

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Bounce — Weepie about a sheet of fabric softener in a tumble-dryer of emotion. The sheet (Outdoor Fresh Scent) is Gwyneth Paltrow, a willowy widow whose husband went down on Infinity Flight 82 out of O'Hare. Then, a year later, along comes a Tall Dark Handsome Stranger (Ben Affleck, Mr. Nonchalance) who, unbeknownst to the widow, gave up his seat to the husband on the doomed airliner in order that he could stay in Chicago and make time with Mimi from Dallas. Writer-director Don Roos, fastidious in general, displays particular discernment as to the various shades of white he. Joe Morton, Tony Goldwyn, Natasha Henstridge. 2000.
★ (CINEMA STAR 13; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL CINEMAS; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; UA HORTON PLAZA 14; WIEGAND PLAZA)



Bounce

The Broken Hearts Club — Writer-director Greg Berlanti brings to the West Hollywood gay scene a knowing eye, a glib tongue, a support-group shoulder: "I was left for a trainer named Dash. I was left for a punctuation mark!" More informational, perhaps, than entertaining ("OGT" is code for "obviously gay trait," and so on), but superficial on either count. Timothy Olyphant, Zach Braff, Dean Cain, John Mahoney, Mary McCormack. 2000.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 11/30)

Charlie's Angels — The overhaul of the late-Seventies TV series is, in essence, *M-I-2* plus T&A. The *Mission: Impossible* element comes clear in the opening sequence when, by and by, the Steadicam gives up roving the aisles of an airborne jetliner and settles down in front of an African-garbed LL Cool J, who, after a self-referential grumble about the in-flight entertainment (*T.J. Hooker, the Movie*: "Another one from an old TV show — I hate that!"), peels off a computer-generated mask to expose himself underneath as — ta-da! — Drew Barrymore! You know right then and there: it's going to be *that* kind of movie. To give it its due, it accomplishes pretty much everything it set out to accomplish. The chicks kick butt, dodge bullets (running up the walls in *Matrix* fashion to do so), dish out double-entendres (to the mailman: "You can just stick things in my slot"), reveal cleavage, speak in subtitles when they desire privacy, never break a sweat. And their collective tongue, not content to remain in cheek, is openly and fully stuck out. Any rehearsed debate — from the glory days of Jiggle TV, Farrah Hair, and all that — over whether the thing is anti-feminist, quasi-feminist, crypto-feminist, post-feminist, neo-feminist, or what-you-will, would make more sense if our trinity of "Angels" bore any resemblance to human beings. Nonhuman equates to nonfeminist, a nonissue. On the plus side, Cameron Diaz does a couple of high-spirited and low-inhibitioned dances. That's the extent of the plusses. Lucy Liu, Bill Murray, Sam Rockwell, Kelly Lynch; directed by McG (no first name, only that fragment of a last name). 2000.
● (CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; WIEGAND PLAZA)

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas — A major ouch. The kiddie-lit holiday homily — "Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store./ Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more" — illustrated in theme-park sets and costumes (rodenty snouts on all the citizens of Whoville save the little heroine, Taylor Momsen, and Christine Baranski). Jim Carrey, as the hairy green Scrooge-*cum*-Sasquatch, is under so much makeup he might as well be voicing a cartoon. Directed by Ron Howard. 2000.
● (CINEMA STAR GALAXY; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS; FASHION VALLEY 18; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAMONA TWIN; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; WIEGAND PLAZA)

The Exorcist — Just because the filmmakers do not trouble to work out one interesting development of character, situation, or metaphysics, is no excuse for the viewer to sit back, dull. And it is to the film's credit that there are so many teasing possibilities to pursue privately in this horror story, at once pretentious and lowbrow, about an agnostic, athletic priest-psychiatrist and a firm-of-faith, feeble-of-body medievalist who join forces against the demon that has entered the body of a Hollywood movie star's darling daughter. For a while, at the start, the movie maintains an appealing state of chaos, with its jarring noises, everywhere menaces, unidentified characters, and fragments of banal nastiness. But once the demon takes charge of the little girl, Regan, and the special effects take charge of the movie, the action becomes as routine as if it were dispensed by the American Vending Corp. Every time someone enters little Regan's door, it is like a coin going into the slot, and out comes a treat — a sock in the jaw, a cyclone of 45 rpm's, a shower of guacamole vomit, masturbation with a crucifix, etc. This girl knows lots of tricks. Linda Blair owes her Oscar nomination to the makeup man and Mercedes McCambridge's dubbing — she can't act, can't sing, can't dance, but she can piss, can puke, can levitate. Based on William Petey Bladder's novel; directed by William Friedkin. 1973.
★★ (UA HORTON PLAZA 14)

In a Lonely Place — A veiled re-enactment of the tempestuous relationship of Gloria Grahame and director Nicholas Ray, with Bogart standing in for Ray, and Grahame staying on as Grahame, and Ray directing. The Bogart character — a hard-drinking, violent-tempered Hollywood screenwriter who is faintly amused to find himself becoming a suspect in the murder of a hatcheck girl — is fascinating for the amount of his behavior that's on or over the edge without having to enter a psycho-thriller pigeonhole. With Frank Lovejoy and Robert Warwick. 1950.
★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 12/8 AND 7, 8:40 P.M.)

The Legend of Bagger Vance — Another Robert Redford literary adaptation (what else?), complete with a voice-over narration almost as nagging as that of *A River Runs through It*. The narrator is an uncredited Jack Lemmon, suffering a prefatory heart attack on the golf course, lying flat on his back in the rough off the fairway, and rehashing the great event of his boyhood in Savannah: a big-money golf exhibition matching Bobby Jones and Walter Hagen (legends of the game) against the fair-haired local hero, commonly viewed as a "knight" and a "gentle-born chevalier," by the name of Rannulph Junuh (the actual spelling, not just the local pronunciation). Trouble was, the last-named (the knitted-browed Matt Damon), a hard-drinking and unshaving member of the Lost Generation, had "lost his swing," in particular, somewhere in the trenches of World War I. Until, anyhow, a mysterious and mystical caddie-*cum*-guru-*cum*-guardian-angel (the raised-browed Will Smith) materializes out of the night to help him find it. The screen version of Steven Pressfield's trim novel is perfectly unobjectionable insofar as you are not bothered by self-conscious mythologizing, grandiosity, hot air, and hauteur. Redford, the de Medici of the American independent cinema, would never dream of travelling less than first-class himself, and so the production — a joint venture of DreamWorks and 20th Century-Fox — is superdeluxe all the way, even when the direction totters toward simple-minded. Comes the Great War, and suddenly (momentarily) everything goes grainy and herky-jerky. Comes the Great Depression, and suddenly (momentarily) everything goes blanched and gray. Comes a funeral — comes "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes in accompaniment — and suddenly (momentarily) everything goes sunsetty and autumnal. You can read Redford like a book. Appropriately enough. With Charlize Theron and (a valuable discovery) J. Michael Moncrief. 2000.
★ (CINEMA STAR 13; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; UA HORTON PLAZA 14; VOGUE)

Little Nicky — Starring Adam Sandler. By now, that much — that little — should be a sufficient review. To say that he plays the weakling son of Satan — to say that he plays him as if afflicted with a humpback, a clubfoot, cerebral palsy, throat cancer, and limp lifeless hair — is just to get mired in minutiae. The only real difference between an Adam Sandler comedy and, say, a Pauly Shore comedy is that the first will make mountains of money and the second molehills. So instead of remaining a bad joke, it becomes, from the standpoint of his backers, a good joke. Heh-heh-heh. With Patricia Arquette and Harvey Keitel; directed by Steven Brill. 2000.
● (CINEMA STAR GALAXY; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; WIEGAND PLAZA)

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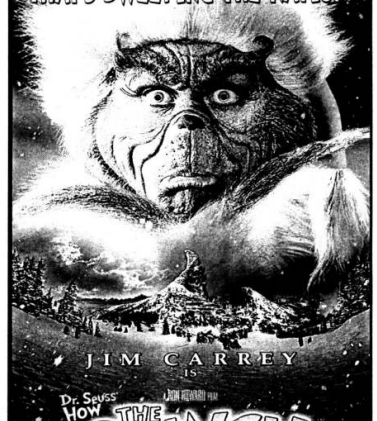

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Lucky Numbers — Nora Ephron, in a sort of comic counterpart to *A Simple Plan*, tells what happens to the people, and those around them, who successfully scam the Pennsylvania State Lottery for six-point-four million, but who then must find somebody else to cash in the ticket: a "beard." It isn't pretty, and it isn't particularly funny either. (The documentary filmmaker and professional sourpuss Michael Moore, neither pretty nor particularly funny himself, is an unexpected piece of casting as the first choice of "beard," a sexually tormented asthmatic goof.) Ephron only directed. She did not also write the script — Adam Resnick did — so the movie lacks the chatty-catty qualities that distinguish and personalize her better efforts. Most of the interest in this one revolves around, or devolves onto, John Travolta, who worked for Ephron in *Michael* and works his tail off for her here, as a TV weatherman whose dearest ambition is to become a game-show host, but who at the moment is saddled with a snowmobile dealership in the midst of a December heatwave. Some of that interest — divided between the bratwurstlike, bursting-at-the-seams physique and the self-mocking, campy performance — is the frankly morbid one of watching him turning into the next William Shatner. With Lisa Kudrow, Tim Roth, Ed O'Neill, Bill Pullman. 2000. ★ (VOGUE; FROM 11/30)

Meet the Parents — A bad-to-worse weekend for a male nurse named Focker (you'll need several sets of fingers and toes to count up the utterances of that name), who accompanies his prospective fiancée to his prospective sister-in-law's wedding. The women, including the prospective mother-in-law, virtually fade into the woodwork, as all attention centers around the man-to-man head-butts. Pat and overstated comedy, but solid, professional, compliant performances from Ben Stiller and Robert De Niro. With Teri Polo, Blythe Danner, Owen Wilson; directed by Jay Roach. 2000. ★ (CINEMA STAR GALAXY; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS; FASHION VALLEY 18; HARBOR DRIVE IN; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; UA HORTON PLAZA 14)

Men of Honor — Old-fashioned, dewy-eyed salute to the Navy's first "colored" deep-sea diver — a Jackie Robinson story. To put it securely in that framework, we even hear a snippet of play-by-play from a Robinson game over the hero's homemade radio, a gift from his sharecropper father. Nice moment when the smashed radio turns up magically repaired by the racist officer who smashed it: it's tuned to a C&W station, and the hero has to re-tune it to his preferred jazz. Scary moment underwater with a Russian sub. Great old diving suits. And Cuba Gooding, Jr., plays the lead with his usual engaging uncool enthusiasm. Robert De Niro, Charlize Theron, Aunjanue Ellis, Hal Holbrook; directed by George Tillman, Jr. 2000. ★ (CINEMA STAR GALAXY; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS; FASHION VALLEY 18; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; WIEGAND PLAZA)

102 Dalmatians — Plus assorted other breeds, plus one loquacious parrot, plus a rehabilitated (not for long) Cruella De Vil ("Please, call me Ella"). A higgledy-piggledy incoherent mess, busy enough and loud enough to distract the little ones, and dismay the bigger. Glenn Close, Ioan Gruffudd, Alice Evans, Gerard Depardieu; directed by Kevin Lima. 2000. ● (CINEMA STAR GALAXY; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; WIEGAND PLAZA)

Pay It Forward — A thousand-points-of-light fable about a pensive seventh-grader in soulless Las Vegas, who takes his Social Studies assignment — "Think of an idea to change our world, and put it into action!" — takes it very seriously indeed, and initiates a grassroots movement that spreads like wildfire. His idea: do a really big favor for three different people, and rather than ask them to pay it back, ask them to pay it *forward*, doing favors for three people of their own. If this vision of exponential do-gooding doesn't make you warm all over, it at least ought to make you warm in your blushing zones. (The literal thousand-points-of-light finale should see to that.) And it enables director Mimi Leder, working from a script by Leslie Dixon, to explore her more feminine, more nurturing, side. More, that is, than in the dueling doomsdays of *The Peacemaker* and *Deep Impact*. With Helen Hunt, Kevin Spacey, Haley Joel Osment, Jay Mohr, James Caviezel, Jon Bon Jovi, Angie Dickinson, and (too briefly) Kathleen Wilhoite. 2000. ★ (UA HORTON PLAZA 14)

Red Planet — After some rubber-knife stabs at human interest, techno-babble, and metaphysics, this space opera settles down to the nuts-and-bolts business of the first manned mission to Mars, in preparation for the wholesale evacuation of Earth in the mid-21st Century. An advance seeding of the planet with oxygen-generating algae has failed to produce a breathable atmosphere. Why? There is an enticing mystery element: what happened to all that algae? (And later: how, in the absence of the algae, are the astronauts able to breathe on Mars after all?) There is also a renegade robot named AMEE, a sort of mobile and prehensile HAL. There is none, however, of the pretentiousness of *Mission to Mars* (not to mention its prototype, *2001*), and very little of the ickiness of *Alien* and its ilk. In short: for addicts only. They will likely be disappointed, but they alone will be initially and temporarily interested. With Val Kilmer, Carrie-Anne Moss, Tom Sizemore, Simon Baker, Benjamin Bratt, and Terence Stamp; directed by Antony Hoffman. 2000. ★ (CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; FASHION VALLEY 18; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Remember the Titans — Boaz Yakin's big sellout. The independent director of *Fresh* and *A Price above Rubies* yokes himself to producer Jerry Bruckheimer (*Top Gun*, *Crimson Tide*, etc.), for a Disneyfied "inspirational" sports film about the black football coach at a desegregated high school in an all-white conference in Virginia in 1971. (The inspirationalism inevitably spreads to brotherhood-of-man bromides.) It's based on a true story, but that doesn't help with the authenticity of the sports action. Seventy-five yards from the end zone, on the final play of the championship game, the coach calls for a surprise running play, while the opposing coach frantically exhorts his troops to "Cover deep! Watch the deep pass!" — and by golly, the play works! The pass defenders must have dropped back all the way to Missouri. Denzel Washington, Will Patton, Wood Harris, Ryan Hurst. 2000. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HARBOR DRIVE IN; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VOGUE)

Requiem for a Dream — A grim-and-grimmer urban horror story, from a novel by Hubert Selby, Jr., about four drug dependents en route (in a final flurry of cross-cutting) to neatly synchronized rack and ruin. The downward spiral of your dime-a-dozen junkie needs more than new extremes of physical disgustingness — the gangrene, the two-way dildo — to revitalize it as a screen subject. (More, too, than old extremes: the vomit.) However, the diet-pill habit of the mother of one of the redcent junkies — added on to her raging TV addiction — opens up a new avenue of investigation, with compelling new details, including most prominently a rumbling refrigerator such as might have been imagined by Edgar Allan Poe. (Ellen Burstyn's all-stops-out performance *is* compelling as well.) The title correctly forecasts a streak of mawkishness, although that, along with the hammering horror, is a little offset, even undermined, by the gimmick-happy direction of Darren Aronofsky, the *Pi* man, now equipped with tenfold resources and determined to tap them to the limit. The split screens, the fast-motion, the fisheye lens, the rhythmical editing riffs, the just-kidding fantasies and hallucinations, the Spike Lee-style tracking shots behind or in front of floating zombies — all this (and more) injects a playfulness that slightly lightens, without quite altering, the mood. Jared Leto, Jennifer Connelly, Marlon Wayans. 2000. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Rugrats in Paris — The television cartoon characters on the big screen and on the Continent, directed by Stig Bergqvist and Paul Demeyer. (CINEMA STAR GALAXY; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS; FASHION VALLEY 18; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; WIEGAND PLAZA)

The Sixth Day — Qualms over human cloning give way to outright glee over car chases, explosions, and endless shootouts featuring futuristic firearms whose laser rays produce a Roman-candle effect upon impact. This effect occurs around four hundred times in the course of the action. (The rights and wrongs of cloning, to say nothing of the hows and whats of it, get short shrift.) Arnold Schwarzenegger, who has trouble finding roles that fit, splits the seams of the all-American family man, "Adam Gibson." With Michael Rapaport, Tony Goldwyn, Michael Rooker, Wendy Crewson, and Robert Duvall; directed by Roger Spottiswoode. 2000. ● (CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; UA HORTON PLAZA 14; WIEGAND PLAZA)

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unmarried, alcoholic — who has her provincial mother on her hands while her father recuperates in the hospital. Ana Fernandez, a shade too beautiful for the part, throws herself into it with abandon, and Maria Galiana upstages her with stolid minimalism. Written and directed by Benito Zambrano. 1999.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

A Time for Drunken Horses — Kurdish film about a family of orphans struggling for survival, directed by Brahman Ghobadi. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 11/30)

Time Regained — Not a direct adaptation of the final volume of Proust's masterwork, but a free fantasia on all things Proustian. Overdressed, overdecorated, overstuffed (albeit underlit) period production, riddled with alien surrealistic flourishes. Marcello Mazzarella, Emmanuelle Beart, Catherine Deneuve, Vincent Perez, and (in practiced though imperfect French) John Malkovich; directed by Raul Ruiz. 1999.
★ (KEN, 12/3 THROUGH 7)

Unbreakable — M. Night Shyamalan's encore to *The Sixth Sense*, a hard act to follow. But follow it he dauntlessly does, all the way to a mandatory Surprise Ending. At first the fearsomeness of the task seems to drive him to overdirection, a big show of being busy: a woozy camera for the 1961 prologue, a swiveling camera for a passenger-car conversation viewed through the crack between the next seats, an upside-down camera for the perspective of a child on the couch in front of the TV. But soon enough the camera calms down. And Shyamalan, given license by his previous


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success, again stakes out an unusual area in commercial cinema: moody, bordered on four sides by gloomy, grave, somber, and morose. The plotline, please understand, is as silly as can be — a comic-book aficionado, nicknamed Mr. Glass for the fragility of his bones (fifty-four breaks and counting), comes to suspect that the sole survivor of a Pennsylvania train wreck is his human opposite, an indestructible superman destined to serve and protect — yet Shyamalan betrays no awareness of, much less awkwardness or embarrassment over, any silliness. And in the truth, the grip of the movie depends far less on narrative propulsion than on atmospheric muck. (At least, that is, until the psychic visions of the suspected superhero assume the place of the ghostly apparitions in *The Sixth Sense*.) That might explain why this movie is a bit less gripping than its predecessor, though not less unusual. Bruce Willis is again along for the ride, dragging his foot and enjoying not a single minute of it. With Samuel L. Jackson, Robin Wright Penn, and Spencer Treat Clark. 2000.
★★ (CINEMA STAR GALAXY; CINEMA STAR 10; CINEMA STAR 13; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL CINEMAS; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; UA HORTON PLAZA 14)

Venus Beauty Institute — Nice idea to set a women's picture in and around a beauty salon. And nice amount of attention to the utopian ambience thereat, the assorted products and treatments, and the relations among staff and clientele. (An aging Bulle Ogier, immaculately groomed, makes a perfect proprietress.) But the heroine's personal story — the pathological promiscuity, the ardent courtship from a younger wild-haired sculptor — is cheaply novelettish. To complement the delusory world of the salon, the personal story needed only to be down-to-earth and true-to-life. Instead it is moonshine. Nathalie Baye bestows some intelligence and sensitivity, and there are tiny parts for the great Emmanuelle Riva and Edith Scob (fans of Georges Franju will not question the qualifier), and one for Micheline Presle, the mother of the film's writer-director, Tonie Marshall. With Samuel Le Bihan, Audrey Tautou, Mathilde Seigner. 1999.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

What's Cooking? — Another art-house food movie; Turkey Day in the L.A. melting pot, a celebration of (you guessed it) diversity. African-American, Jewish, Chicano, Vietnamese, young, old, lesbian, vegetarian, dachshund, whatever. Good strong work from Alfre Woodard (as usual), Mercedes Ruehl (ditto), Maury Chaykin ("You know Michael Landon from *Bonanza*? He was Jewish. The whole Cartwright family was Jewish"), in particular. Liberally sprinkled with amusing and agreeable little moments — roughly the size of the one, for instance, when the stereotyped Jewish Mother positions mini-marshmallows atop the sweet potatoes. But on the whole, overly contrived and calculating, unctuously diplomatic and namby-pamby. With Joan Chen, Julianna Margulies, Kyra Sedgwick, Lainie Kazan, Dennis Haysbert; directed by Gurinder Chadha. 2000.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Wind Will Carry Us — Unmistakably Abbas Kiarostami: another winding dusty mountain road, another remote village, another desultory quest. And all the accustomed austerity and rigidity of treatment, too. The "cover" story of the interloper from Tehran (like any Kiarostami protagonist, a total abstainer from smiles and laughter) is that he is on an archaeological treasure hunt. Only gradually does his true purpose become clear: to wait outside death's door for the passing of a hundred-year-old woman so that he may document the barbaric local funeral rites. But this purpose, too, is something of a diversion: what Hitchcock would have called a McGuffin, the thing that sets other, bigger things in motion. They hardly come any bigger than in a Kiarostami film: man's relationship to the world around him, to nature, to his fellow man, to his own soul. Given that the central (or at least recurrent) theme has to do with human contact and connection, it is quite striking, and highly suggestive, how many of the pertinent people are never seen on screen or are seen only fragmentarily: the protagonist's restless "crew," the nagging callers on his cell phone (he must jump into his jeep and drive to higher ground in order to receive their calls), the subterranean ditch-digger at the favored spot for cell-phone reception, the adolescent milkmaid in the cavelike unlit cellar, and, not least, the bed-ridden centenarian: Mrs. McGuffin. Crudely put, the movie relates the commonplace tale of the detached journalist who grows attached to his subject. But Kiarostami never puts anything crudely, always understatedly, unpreachingly, at times with a wry and dry humor. In common with his past sojourns in remote parts, the movie does something that only a movie can do, but that few movies have the patience to do: immerse you in a way of life, a pace, a place, its angles and planes, its textures and tones, its sights and sounds (uncluttered with photographic froufrou and musical meddling), so that the entire experience settles into a presentness, a present tense, instead of forever tagging and straining to get on to the next bit of business, splash of spectacle, tsunami of emotion. If the immersion were any less complete, the message would be reduced to lip service. With Behzad Dourani. 1999.
★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 11/30)

Wings of Desire — Wim Wenders's sentimental fantasy for eggheads, about an invisible angel patrolling the streets of Berlin, where he has evidently been on duty since the dawn of time, witnessing and remembering the deeds of humans, and


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providing fleeting and ineffectual comfort for them with the occasional arm around the shoulder. Despite all he has seen (and particularly because of a pretty blond trapezist he is seeing currently), he longs to become human, and then does so with very little fuss and bother. The function of our earthbound angels, while it conforms rather nicely with the onlooking eggheads feelings of *Weltschmerz* and powerlessness, hardly seems a full-time job, or anyway a full-time job worth having, and it makes the main angel's desire and decision to turn human — i.e., to act out an escapist fantasy for the burnt-out heavy thinker in the audience — all too easy. The aimlessness, even stagnancy, of these angels is of course perfectly consistent with the heroes of other films of this director. But the aimlessness of an itinerant movie-theater repairman (*Kings of the Road*) or of the members of a stalled film production on foreign location (*The State of Things*) is one sort of thing: it implies a vision of the world around us. Aimlessness among angels is another sort of thing: a vision of some *other* world. And to go to the trouble of inventing a supernatural species and then invest them with no more power or purpose than this — a celestial Clark Kent without the underwear — seems, to put it bluntly, nothing less than unimaginative. Wenders, to put it another way, just as bluntly, is not the ideal man to be cast in the role of fantasist. Shot in black-and-white (for the vision of angels) and color (for that of a human), with Bruno Ganz, Otto Sander, Solveig Dommartin, and Peter Falk. 1987.
★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 11/30, 7 P.M. AND 9:30 P.M.)

You Can Count on Me — A rarefied chamber piece for a small-town single mom, her pensive little boy, her nomadic no-account brother (their parents, as we're shown in a childhood prologue, were killed in an auto accident, and there's no indication of who filled that role afterwards), her soft-mannered hard-assed new boss at the bank, and a rekindled indecisive lover. The complaint of the brother about his hometown — its smallness and narrowness — could easily be turned against the movie as a whole. But something he says at another point, under an unwelcome grilling from the local clergyman — that however unimportant his life may be in the overall scheme of things, it is important at least to him and to those close to him — could be turned to the movie's defense. We the viewers get close to him, too, and get involved. The movie marks the directing debut of playwright Kenneth Lonergan (and, in a lighter mood, screenwriter on *Analyze This* and *The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle*), who seems to enjoy the freedom on screen to compose in fragments instead of in Scenes and Acts, and who is prone to dump an unfair share of the workload onto his musical selections: Bach, Loretta Lynn, a whole heap of Steve Earle. Laura Linney (linked on the soundtrack with Loretta Lynn for no apparent reason except the sameness of their names) emerges as a kind of thespian Annie Oakley, quick on the trigger and a dead-shot, challenging Meryl Streep's record for cramming the most acting into the smallest spaces. Mark Ruffalo, while well-versed in the ways of the slacker ("like totally, man"), is less persuasive as the harebrained brother, held back by his third generation Brandosims or second-generation Erik Estradasims, and, through no fault of his own, by his complete physical dissimilarity to Linney: darkly Mediterranean to her Nordic frost. With Matthew Broderick (dependably deft as the persnickety bank manager depicted in People Skills), Rory Culkin, Jon Tenney. 2000.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; FLOWER HILL CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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The Success of Excess

My podner and I slipped quietly into Kemo Sabe on a weeknight scouting expedition. It looked good — warm earth colors, Southwestern cast-iron silhouettes, a mosaic-tile samurai, a carved temple guardian by the door, a crowd conversing in shouts, their voices glancing off the hard surfaces. In such mixed company, who'd notice a pair of hungry buckaroos? But as we slipped inside, we were ambushed by a foursome from our regular posse, grinning and waving and gesturing at us to join them. Rosie, Shoshana, Jake, and Clay had just ordered the sushi sampler while still debating what to *really* order. The staff planted a couple more chairs at the ends of their table, handed us menus, black cloth napkins and silver, and — Hi Ho, Silver — we were off on a new food adventure.

The menu at Kemo Sabe is an adventure in itself. Most items — even appetizers and salads — read like several entrées lassoed together, so long and eccentric are the lists of garnishes. Imagine, for instance, chipotle chiles, wasabi, hoisin sauce, and peach chutney all decorating the duck in a neo-taco. "Fusion" goes to the limit and beyond. And when the menu becomes reality and your server brings the plates, you discover that starters are the size of entrées, while entrées look like banquets, troops of ingredients galloping across the platters and piled into towers.


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Kemo Sabe's busy bar

The flavors on each plate prove infinitely discussible, at least when you've got six enthusiastic eaters at the table. The sushi platter, we agreed, was Sushi 101, an entry-level survey course, with bland rice and timid fish-bits. Half of us felt it was superfluous, given the fine sushi across the street at Kazumi, while the other half preferred Ono, a few blocks away. Then came the serious appetizers. Rosie took a sip of her smoked duck wonton soup. "I don't know about this," she said thoughtfully. "It's — strange." The broth had faint, unsettling sweet-sour fruity notes. The sourness was from a touch of tamarind, a tan tropical pod-fruit (resembling a fava pod left to dry on the vine) that's the dominant flavor of South India's *vindaloo* and the Philippines' magnificent *sinigang*, a.k.a. "sour soup." The sweetness was from *mirin*, Japanese cooking wine. One quadrant of the bowl was populated by dryish duck shreds, desiccated chicken-breast shreds, and frizzly batter-fried chopped long beans and onion shreds. In the opposite quadrant huddled a gang of cranberries, exuding more tart-sweetness into the broth. And hunkering in the liquid were the wontons — huge, rectangular, and rather doughy. (They were made with a pragmatic layering of three skins, to keep the coarse-chopped filling from bursting the pastry.) Beside the bowl were two more wontons, folded into triangles and pan-fried. Like their broth-borne brethren, their triple-thick skins were filled with bouncy chopped giblets, hearts, livers, and a modicum of diced duck meat, with a touch of a sweet sauce.

REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

Dipping our spoons into the broth of controversy, half of us were hot for the soup, the other half lukewarm. "Gorgeous, I love the touch of tamarind," opined Don. "Mmm, good, rich duck broth," said Jake, snaking his spoon across the table. But he and I agreed that the stock was rather overwhelmed by all the embellishments. "I'd like this a lot better," concluded Rosie, our gang's *ubercook*, "if the tamarind, cranberries, and so forth were stuffed into the wontons with the duck, so when you cut into them those flavors would slowly infuse the broth. And I'd lose the chicken shreds."

Thick-wrapped pan-fried chicken-filled "potstickers" were heavy going. They rode a heap of cellophane noodles sourly dressed with soy and sushi vinegar and strewn with variously cut raw veggies. But a platter of succulent mussels in spicy chipotle cream sauce was a killer, the sumptuous gravy bathing not just the bivalves but the inevitable shredded-veggie pile as well; grilled triangles of sturdy house-baked bread made delicious sops. Charbroiled Mexican shrimp "wrapped in bacon, stuffed with wasabi, topped and with goat cheese" [*sic*] were quite nice, although we couldn't detect the bacon or wasabi. "Thai sticks" (spicy satays of marinated beef, chicken, prawns) were enjoyable with a piquant, tangy peanut dipping sauce; they came with a decorative snow-fort of crisp, flavorless deep-fried rice noodles, which, unsauced, are mere fodder.

We learned a new word when we hailed a huge salad — not exactly a Caesar, but distinctly Caesarian — of romaine with shaved grana Parmesan and large, salty, smoky-tasting anchovies. Sporting a lime-pumpkinseed dressing and overrun by a stampede of red and green fried tortilla strips, the lettuce was topped by a yard-long cucumber spiral that you had to cut with a knife if you didn't want to inhale a whole cuke in one slurp. "It's *ungepatchke*," muttered Shoshana, wrassling an anchovy away from the tortilla curls. "That's a Yiddish word for 'patched together,' like a crazy-quilt," she explained. "Like, everything AND the kitchen sink. This salad, and a lot of this food, is kind of *ungepatchke*."

Then the mains came — somewhat prematurely, since we were still kibitzing about the starters, by now reduced to middens of debatable garnishes. But the switch proved beneficial, since the entrées were generally tastier and friendlier. Our favorite was Chef Deborah Scott's signature dish, "Skirts on Fire," a real bronc-buster. A grilled skirt steak in a Southwestern marinade and a spicy rub, the beef was thin-cut, moist, and very tender. The flavorful meat was happily hitched to a cooling mandarin orange "salsa" and black beans, and we just ignored one more tower of naked rice sticks alongside. Hot as a dancehall dame was layered jerked chicken, a stack of poultry reaching for the sky, brandishing Jamaican-inspired seasonings and a sexy sweet-sour sauce. Grilled fresh pineapple chunks, melting grilled plantain sprinkled with a complex spice blend, and a melon salsa, cool and clean, helped quench the palatal inferno, while hidden beneath the bird was a soothing stratum of polenta studded with corn kernels.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Jake was cozying up to his "Anasazi ravioli" for precisely three bites before wearying of the two luscious mammarian mountains of creamy goat cheese, corn, leeks, and mild chile sauce. Eating them both seemed as daunting as scaling the Tetons. "They ought to make this an appetizer," Jake said, "and halve the size of each ravioli." "Half of *one* raviolo would be plenty," said Clay. Crispy tangerine duck was another overgenerous plateload. The breast was tender, the legs as stringy as the shreds in the wonton soup. The bird was well served by a sophisticated bittersweet dipping sauce sparked by tangerine peel, and a buoyant, plate-filling puff of tempura-fried yam.

A whole deep-fried tilapia looked like a tough hombre with a leek bulb stuck in its mouth, the long, slivered upper strands dripping from its lip like whiskers, and a pair of chopsticks harpooning its back. The fish sat on a cast-iron cradle amidst an outpouring of seaweed salad, soba noodles, and miscellaneous edible froufrou. Contrary to their presumed purpose, the garnishes served roughly the same function as the briars surrounding Sleeping Beauty's castle. Unfortunately, tilapia (a lean, bony pond-raised fish) is bland by nature; this one, slightly overcooked, did not awaken to the kiss of the fork.

We couldn't even imagine eating dessert until we spied a passing waiter bearing a delicate foot-tall sculpture, a "chocolate napoleon." Pastry chef Sharon Bristol visibly translates the Kemo Sabe style into sweets, and we fell for the lure of more architecture, more flavors. The dessert sampler plate ($12) offers chef's choice — on that evening, a refreshing ginger ice cream in a white chocolate shell; a fudgy, walnut-studded warm brownie; tender almond cake slices dotted with dried sweet cherries, and a go-for-baroque gooey cheesecake with chocolate chips and crackly sweet wafer-layers.

"Nothing succeeds like excess," goes the Reagan-era saying. After five years in business, Kemo Sabe is still a crowd-pleaser, with big plates, big flavors, food that's brazenly excessive. This is the original wild-style of fusion, straight from the '80s. Deborah Scott's audacious cuisine has won numerous awards, including four years running as "Best Ethnic Restaurant," according to the California Restaurant Association of San Diego. But Kemo Sabe is the opposite of ethnic: It's a Cuisinart of world cookery, blending Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Southwest. Some dishes are brilliant, some are arguable — but the cuisine's sole national allegiance is to the Land of the Brave.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Deborah Scott still speaks with a trace of her native Virginia, where her mom cooked Southern food and her dad manned the backyard grill. "I call them Ward and June Cleaver," she says. The grill awakened her interest in food. "I used to go outdoor camping a lot, and what really absorbed me was the meats and the smells of that rustic-type cooking. I don't do specialty ingredients like baby vegetables — we're geared to more basic foods and trying to make them a little bit different.

"I've always been partial to restaurants," she adds. "I bartended all the way through college. I really enjoyed that restaurant atmosphere, like having a dinner party every night." Once she'd earned her degree in English literature, she attended Baltimore National Culinary College for two years, then took graduate courses at the CIA (Culinary Institute of America). After cooking at Delfino's at Monterey Plaza Hotel in Monterey, she moved to San Diego and soon opened Indigo Grill in Little Italy, which is due for a reincarnation next spring.

"I do things that I like myself," she says. "I'm really drawn toward Asian cuisine. I like simple ingredients, but I like a lot of flavor. So we don't make a five-spice, the Chinese traditional blend — we make a ten-spice. I like a lot of different flavors coming together, so long as they mesh." Asked about her "Ethnic Restaurant" award, she said, "I don't think of Kemo Sabe as an ethnic restaurant. It's just a melting pot, like any other aspect of American culture. My approach is a little different — I take a literary approach. I write my menu out so it sounds like a good composition of flavors, and then we make it. My true measure is my customers. Most people are extremely happy. I attribute a lot of that to what we call 'Southern hospitality.' I spend a lot of time in front with the customers. I love what I do, I love being around people, that's the best part of this job. And I love going out back in the kitchen with my guys."

She trained most of her staff herself, including pastry chef Sharon Bristol. "She never worked in a restaurant prior to working with me. I really believe in taking what I have here and molding it to what I like. My lead grill man, Marcos Velez, was originally my dishwasher. They have the ability; they just needed the time and training."

At Kemo Sabe, customers typically share food with their companions. "One thing we do here is we encourage people to split plates. I want the guests to feel full when they leave, but they don't have a huge bill because when they came in they were educated about the size of the plates. I don't like stuffy restaurants where they don't want people to share." ■

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Poetic Sausage

"Come let me tell you the story of the flowers..."

TIN FORK
ED BEDFORD

How did I know a poet ran this place? The sausage. Just a sausage. Looks straight out of Vons. Part of the "American Breakfast" here. But the taste! Herbal. Memory-lane sweet. Something like, I dunno, fennel? "Aha! Our secret!" says Raziq Fani when I crack and go up and ask. "This flavor is from the valleys of Afghanistan."

Actually here in Raziq's place at this time of day, nine in the morning, it's more like a tower of Babel. Seems like a hundred languages bopping back and forth. Students! All incredibly attractive, all duded up in cool Euro-gear, ordering unheard-of things like "Mango Lassi" or "Durbinso" or "Darci Mocha." You hear French, German, Japanese, Spanish, Italian. They hop off the buses on Broadway right outside, cluster into groups, do double-kiss hellos, pile in, order up their drinks, and then *pfwar!* Suddenly they're gone, next door into the Converse International School of Languages, to learn English.

They probably use this place because it's convenient. But maybe too because it is kind of European café–like. The counter and wooden "inside" tables are in the back part. The front section is full of plants and artificial palms and bamboo, and green-on-black wrought-iron "garden" tables and chairs. The walls are lime green and forest green. The ceiling's purple. It's strange, right here on Broadway, an exotic spot like this. What with the languages, the beautiful people, the music (Afghan-sounding love songs right now), I'm the one feeling like the foreigner. Especially when I order the plain ol' "American-Style" breakfast.

'Course it's only the lunches that get really exotic. Breakfast, they're aiming at the students. A bagel with cream cheese, boiled egg, and coffee or tea ($2.50). Or "English-style," boiled eggs with toast, butter, and coffee or tea for $3.25. "French-style," croissant, butter, jelly, and milk coffee (also $3.25). A "dieters," cereal with fruits and OJ ($4.25). Or the "House Special," ham and eggs with coffee and a doughnut ($4.50).

But the "American" promises two sausages, hash browns, and eggs with toast and coffee or tea for $4.25. That's for me. So I join the scuffle at the counter. It's getting a little crazy. The thing is, Mr. Fani's son-in-law, the guy working the cash register, is also learning English. So you've got everybody struggling with foreign words and funny money and classes about to begin. Some students just leave their cash on the counter and high-tail it. A German student insists he wants "English Breakfast" tea. Some big guy wants herbal tea. "Herbal! Herbal! H-e-r-b-l-e!" "¡Bailar! ¡Bailar! ¡Bailar!" sing the Gypsy Kings.

Then the place is suddenly empty. My coffee turns up, a big mug on a classy white china saucer. Mmm. That Italian coffee's good. The breakfast comes on an oval Bakelite plate. Separate hash brown patty, toast, butter in gold-wrapped chunks, scrambled eggs, sausages. Looks a tad airline-ish, but I butter the toast, lay the eggs on top, take a bite, and — hey! The eggs are mysteriously delicious. I down some coffee and then cut into a sausage. And from here on this meal is like a secret love affair. Egg. Sausage. Coffee. Both the egg and the sausage...maybe it's my imagination. It's so subtle you could miss it in a rush. But it sure hurts to get to the end.

I notice the rear is like a living room. I wander back with my coffee. Huh. It's lined with bookshelves, full of books. The tables have chess patterns under the glass. "Oh yes, we have the chess pieces. Play any time," says Mr. Fani. "The game comes from our part of the world, you know."

I sit down with him. He's a bright-looking older guy with a forest of gray hair. Just know he has a story to tell. "I am a poet," he says. "A writer and a journalist and a poet. I was an editor of a newspaper in Afghanistan. I had to leave in 1988. My life was in danger. So here I can only write poems, asking my people to stop killing each other."

Of course he does much more, but poetry may be his most powerful weapon. From the newspapers he shows me, with names like *Awake! Sun*, and *Message from the Conscience*, it's clear he is a nationally famous poet. He came to San Diego in 1990 and began driving cabs. "Then I injured my back lifting baggage at the airport." The family, all working, pooled enough to take this place over three years ago. It has been hard. But now you can see: it's beginning to happen.

"But I don't forget Afghanistan," says Raziq. He translates one of his poems. "Come let me tell you the story of the flowers / When the blooms have died / When the false Spring came / When the trees and flowers and bushes / Were attacked by the army of the Winter / Don't wonder what happened in our garden / It was simply that no hand reached out to protect the flowers."

Every now and then, men, Afghan men, come up and shake his hand with both their hands and go sit to wait to talk with him. He says I'll have to come back and try some of the lunch dishes. Like the *quabely*, a rice dish with currants and raisins and carrots and meat ($5.99). "But especially try the spaghetti," says his daughter — she's at UCSD studying computer science — "it has a secret sauce too." ■

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Wine Was The Only Game

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Crush
MATTHEW LICKONA

I'm sitting with Jaeger Vineyards partner Jack Jaeger atop the Del Mar Plaza, sipping a barely there Pinot Grigio, watching the sun go down over the ocean, and wondering why, in 1986, he decided to buy a San Diego winery that had just lost 90 percent of its vineyard and hadn't exactly been a gold mine before that. By way of explanation, he starts at the very beginning, away up north.

In 1964, attorney Bill Jaeger and his wife — Jack's parents — decided that they wanted to raise their children in the country. The family then moved from San Francisco to Napa Valley, where they had a weekend home. Up there, "The only game to play was the wine game," recalls Jack, who was five at the time. So, Bill started "buying adjacent properties down in the southern end of Napa Valley — very cheap, $2000 an acre. They were all in olives and walnut trees, and we were pushing over the trees to plant vineyards."

Bill hired a vineyard foreman and had his land planted primarily to Merlot, which raised eyebrows at the time. "My mom and dad were going to France every couple of years for the pursuit of fine wine and good food, and they always loved the Pomerols of Bordeaux. And marketwise, they were great: early maturing, more user-friendly, and while they might not last as long as some of the Cabernets, they would last eight to ten years — just fine. They decided, 'Hey, we can grow those here,' so they did."

Then, in 1967, Bill and some partners refounded a winery that had seen four previous owners dating back to 1885 but had been ailing since the '50s. They kept the name given during the most recent incarnation — Freemark Abbey — and were soon producing well-regarded wines. This was due at least in part to the Cabernet grapes they were getting from John Bosché's vineyard, located very near Beaulieu's Madame de Pins Vineyard Number 1. The fruit from de Pins was used to make one of the first great California Cabernets, the Georges De Latour Private Reserve, and for a while, so was the fruit from Bosché's vineyard. "John Bosché was selling his grapes to Beaulieu for the Private Reserve," explains Jack, "and he wanted his name on the bottle." Beaulieu refused, "And they wouldn't give him any more money for his grapes. We said, 'Come on over; we'll give you whatever you want.' " Freemark Abbey's Cabernet Bosché became the second vineyard-designated wine in California after the Heitz Martha's Vineyard Cabernet.

Freemark Abbey prospered, and so did Bill Jaeger's vineyards. In 1976, the Jaegers founded Rutherford Hill Winery, "because we had a lot more grapes than we needed. Freemark Abbey was only a 30,000-case winery," and they produced estate-grown wines as well as sourcing fruit from vineyards other than Jaeger's. "Rutherford Hill became a 120,000-case winery," and Merlot made up 60,000 to 80,000 of those cases.

"So now we're in 1980," continues Jack. "Merlot is just starting to catch on — Sterling had made one, Martini had made one. And you're starting to get a lot of tourists that will come [to Napa] on weekends and in the summertime. Other than that, it was dead. But then, in the '80s, you had all these...new wineries popping up all over the place — people really building monuments to themselves. The oil money came in, and people just wanted to do something with their money." Land prices began to spiral upwards, and the joke about making a small fortune in the wine business by starting with a large one began circulating.

Bill, who had been buying land adjacent to his vineyards as it became available, now turned his attention to the south and bought 800 acres near Vallejo. "It was a good land deal," recalls Jack, "about $1800 an acre. My dad has always said, 'We are in the real estate business; don't kid yourself. We just happen to be growing grapes on it right now.' " They planted 100 acres — mostly Chardonnay, some Merlot — and struck gold again. "The Chardonnay was just gorgeous down there; it took longer to mature. People who were buying grapes from us — Hess, Montelena, ZD, Freemark Abbey — would ask for those grapes first."


Jack Jaeger

Eventually, the Jaegers sold their interests in both wineries, but they held on to the vineyards. "We're a family business," says Jack. "I started in the seventh grade, learning to sell wine, give tours, and stuff like that. My son is the seventh grandkid, and our whole goal is just to pass it on. Live as well as we can, and don't tear apart the golden goose."

Family considerations are what brought Jack south. His great-grandfather was "Colonel Ed Fletcher, who built the dam at Lake Hodges in 1928. There are probably 200-plus Fletcher relatives here in town." One of those relatives, Jack's grandmother, bought a Del Mar beachfront house in 1957, and Jack would come down every summer to visit. "In about ninth grade, I kind of looked around and said, 'Hmmm. I'm not going to live in Napa; I'm going to live here.' " After attending UCLA, he came down for good in 1980 to market Rutherford Hill and Freemark Abbey in San Diego, a job he had started while still in college.

The market was not enormous. "This was a small town [wine-wise]. There were a handful of good shops — Peret's, the Wine Connection downtown, the Bottle Shop in La Jolla, the Wine and Cheese Deli at Flower Hill, Big Bear grocery store over here on Via de la Valle. The American Institute of Food and Wine had a chapter here, and my mom was pretty involved with that, so we got to know some of the players. Micky [Fredman and his wife] were a couple; they were members of the AIWF and some other circles, so they would come over. They would help us try to get Rutherford Hill better established in town — get it into the right accounts, get interviews with the press," pushing Merlot and Rutherford Hill.

As far as wineries went, "we were always sniffing around down here. One of my ex-relatives was a fellow by the name of Paul Thomas, who married my mom's cousin. We socialized together for years and years, and he came to the family and said, 'I think there may be a winery down here that's available for sale. I think it could be an opportunity.' "

More next week. ■

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RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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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 Wednesday night, an all you can eat French buffet is available for $25 (beverage not included). It's more California cuisine than French, but there's lots of fresh food and the beautiful luxurious room carries the evening. 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.; please make reservations. Moderate to 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 (DEL MAR) 640 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-2277. From the moment it opens until closing, there's scarcely a lull. The reason: lots of fresh food, on-the-run service, and a choice of 15 to 20 fresh fish items, accompanied by sourdough bread, potatoes or rice, and coleslaw or cottage cheese. Fish is grilled over mesquite. Limited sushi menu available. Fine value, but not a place for the three C's: calm, conversation, and contemplation. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Moderate to expensive.

IL FORNAIO CUCINA ITALIANA 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio offers a stunning unobstructed view and its outdoor and indoor seating are gorgeous. The grilled items tend to be uneven, but the stuffed focaccia, angel hair pasta, soups and salads are always good. Always crowded. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate to low expensive.

LA ESPECIAL NORTE 664 N. Highway 101, Leucadia (I-5 to Encinitas Boulevard; turn right on 101), 760-942-1040. Specializes in Mexican dishes; 12 extraordinary soups prepared daily. Seek out this one. Low.

NOBU JAPANESE RESTAURANT 315 South Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-0113. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées, including an eight-course feast and box dinners. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive.

PAMPLEMOUSSE GRILLE 514 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. Surely the best French provincial restuarant in town, the food is exquisite. Favorites here are the fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis; white fish, served any style; mushroom cappucini soup; tarte tatin. Brisket of beef in barbecue sauce is outstanding, but you should call in advance for it. Dinner nightly. Lunch Wednesday through Friday. Serene atomsphere 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.

TOMIKO JAPANESE RESTAURANT 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, top of hill next to Best Western, 760-633-3587. Good sushi bar, good service, some ocean view. Combination dinners popular here. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Call for directions. Low to expensive.

WHEN IN ROME 1108 South Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations of chicken, fish, and meat. Gorgeous presentation; loving service. A winner. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive.

NORTH INLAND

ANTHONY'S RANCHO BERNARDO 11666 Avena Place (off Bernardo Center Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-2070. One of the best features of this handsome branch of Anthony's is that it accepts reservations. This relieves you of waiting around until your name is called. The dining room also tends to be less frantic than the downtown branches. Good fish and chips, seafood salads, broiled fish. Fast service. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Low to expensive.

ASHOKA THE GREAT 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Ten vegetable platters and six rice dishes are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. It's worth the drive to get this excellent food. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Low.

BOLSA VIETNAMESE CUISINE RESTAURANT 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Suite 118, 858-693-3663. Try this fine Vietnamese café run by an energetic woman named Trang. Over 130 items on the menu. Especially jolly weekends. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Same menu, continuous service. Low.

CHIEU-ANH VIETNAMESE CUISINE 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. Gourmet Vietnamese food is available here. Menu offers 60 items, many with French influences. Good bets are chicken crepe, fresh fish with lemon grass, tangy-and-sour soup, egg rolls, and filet mignon beef. Chiêu-Anh enhances the selection of fine dining rooms in Rancho Bernardo. Closed Monday. Open for lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low.

EL BIZCOCHO Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500 or 858-487-1611. Rack of lamb and fresh salmon are memorable. Located on a golf course, this à la carte dining room produces some of the best meals in North County. All-you-can-eat buffet brunch Sunday. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive.

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THE FRENCH MARKET GRILLE 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway at Pomerado Road, Ralphs Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. Don't miss this small but chic French restaurant. The chef, originally from Paris, produces superb nouvelle cuisine. Menus change monthly, but when available be sure to order lamb shanks and coq au vin. Breakfast served Sunday; lunch and dinner served daily. Expensive. (Call for directions to the restaurant.)

ISLAND BOY GRILLE 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard, Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. If you've been searching for Hawaiian and South Pacific food, you'll love the cooking here. Best bets: Kalua pig, Kahuna shrimp, mahi mahi, lumpia. Open daily for lunch. Low.

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.

VALENTINO'S 11828 Rancho Bernardo Road, New Mercado, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-3200. Located in a shopping center that will remind you of Beverly Hills, Valentino's has a lovely interior, good salads and pastas, and fine entrées which include chicken Vesuvio and homemade cannelloni. A separate room holds a pizzeria. Lunch, Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly. Moderate.

LA JOLLA

ALFONSO'S OF LA JOLLA 1251 Prospect Street, 858-454-2232. Both the patio and the dining room are lively, crowded, noisy, and festive. The house specialty is carne asada, and the Quesadilla Mercedes (shrimp over a quesadilla) is outstanding. Extensive menu offers combination plates, chiles rellenos, *sopes*, and flautas. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Low to moderate.

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HARRY'S COFFEE SHOP 7545 Girard Avenue, 858-454-7381. This landmark coffee shop is noted for its breakfasts, served from opening to closing. The buttermilk pancakes, varieties of waffles made from scratch, and egg combinations are all generous and well prepared. One of the few places where you can still get hot oatmeal or cream of wheat, Harry's also serves freshly squeezed orange juice and entire carafes of freshly ground Kona coffee, as well as specialty coffee drinks. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, from 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Low.

LA TERRAZZA 8008 Girard Avenue, 858-459-9750. This pleasant Italian café provides a loving and festive atmosphere. The pastas are delightful and so are the salads. 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. Closed Monday for Lunch. 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.

P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Low to moderate.

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.

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TORREYANA GRILL Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Best seafood buffet in city, served Friday nights, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. At least 21 items, most of them fresh seafood and fish plus New York cut beef and chicken. Price is $28.95, $10.95 for children. Add $10.00 for one and a quarter pound fresh Maine lobster steamed to order. Excellent value for the money. Friday night only. Expensive.

THE WHALING BAR La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, 858-454-0771. Now open after extensive renovation with an expanded menu. They offer their usual specialites, including paella. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive.

CLAIREMONT & KEARNY MESA

ANDRES PATIO RESTAURANT 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This low-priced Cuban café provides authentic specialties, of which the best are shredded beef in wine sauce, roast pork with yucca and *moros*, chicken and rice, and top sirloin, Cuban style. Select the soup over the salad, and if entrées are served with black beans, be sure to pour them over the main course instead of eating them separately. Swift service, unpretentious but clean premises. Excellent Cuban sandwiches (roast pork and baked ham served steaming hot) are available for lunch and dinner. Only Cuban sandwiches and Puerto Rican *pasteles* (prepared Fridays) in the city. Extensive line of Latin groceries next door at 1249 Morena Boulevard. Closed Sunday. Lunch Monday through Saturday. Dinner, Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations suggested. Low to low moderate.

BALBOA TOFU HOUSE 4646 Convoy Street, Clairemont, 619-576-6433. This stylish little Clairemont eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Balboa Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. We highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom), with raw egg drop you drop yourself, and side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Balboa Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Low.

LORNA'S ITALIAN KITCHEN 3945 Governor Drive, Vons shopping center, University City, 619-452-0661. Twenty pasta dishes are prepared here, all from scratch, as well as hot sandwiches and pizza. Fine place for families. Open daily. Low to moderate.

NIJIYA MARKET 3860 Convoy, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. We 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.

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.

PAMPAS ARGENTINE GRILL 8690 Aero Drive at Montgomery Field, 858-278-5971. Argentine favorites, steaks, parrillada or mixed grill, empanadas, Italian-style Argentine items, fish, and chicken provide a wide range of choices. Lively atmosphere and good service. Since the grill is very hot, order all items cooked medium or rare, else the beef, listed as organic without hormones or pesticides, arrives overcooked. Closed Sunday. Open lunch and dinner, Monday through Saturday. Low to moderate.

THE BEACHES

THE BELGIAN LION 2265 Bacon Street (at W. Point Loma Boulevard), Ocean Beach; 619-223-2700. Fairly expensive but not dressy. Beloved of local bohemians and their visiting parents, this comfortable O.B. fixture offers no roaring innovations but evokes a comfortable purr from traditionalists who like their dinners well-domesticated (although the prices may elicit a few meows). In a charming old-timey parlor, you'll find huge portions of French-Belgian bistro classics, including honest onion soup, escargots, fish in sorrel cream sauce, and a rather acidic, tomatoey cassoulet. Desserts, by chef-owner Don Coulon's daughter, are equally hearty and retro. The long international wine list has moderate markups but sparse selections by the glass; the beers include Belgium's hearty Chimay.

BLUE BAY CAFE 3780 Ingraham Street, Pacific Beach, 858-581-0200. The cuisine here tends to be somewhat elaborate, so order the simplest items, especially fish. Beautiful surroundings, excellent service, and first-rate desserts. Open nightly for dinner and Sunday brunch. Low to moderate.

CHINA INN 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand streets), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. At least 118 items appear on the menu, which offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties and includes sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, shrimp in garlic sauce. Simple setting; outstanding food. The dinner is always preferable when Andy Kam, the chef/owner, is there. Ask his advice about dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Low to moderate.

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.

LOTSA PASTA 1762 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-581-6777. This family Italian American restaurant seats 160 people. It offers a menu where you can select your own pasta and your own sauces (12 pastas, 18 sauces). Best bets: dinner specialties with dinner salad $8.95. Only restaurant to offer *timpano* (from the movie *Big Night*). Open daily, lunch and dinner. Low to low moderate.

THE MISSION CAFE AND COFFEE HOUSE 3795 Mission Boulevard at San Jose Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Low.

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

BERTA'S LATIN AMERICAN RESTAURANT 3928 Twiggs (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town; 619-295-2343. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland; spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru; earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew); aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options.

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PREGO RISTORANTE 1370 Frazee Road, Hazard Center, Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. The Italian menu offers about 50 dishes, some Italian-Californian-style, others are regional cooking. The dining room is glitzy with an open kitchen, lots of buzz and excitement. Interesting dishes here are fettuccine with scampi, double pork chops, and chicken breast. Same menu from opening to closing. Open daily. Moderate to expensive.

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ANTHONY'S LA MESA 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. The renovated room holds about 300; the menu is the same from opening to closing. Many of the old seafood salads and fish and seafood in batter are still available. However, many new seafood salads as well as fish dishes have been added. Try eating early in the week at an early hour to avoid a long wait. Noisy and crowded but located on a natural lake. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Low to expensive.

ANTONIO'S HACIENDA 700 N. Johnson (corner of Arnele), El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Fine place for children, parents, grandparents. The food is not regional or gourmet, but standard items are fresh, generous in size, and inexpensive. Sopaipillas, a deep-fried confection served with honey, are complimentary with meal. Open daily, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Low.

ASMARA RESTAURANT 4433 El Cajon Boulevard, East San Diego, 619-563-3666. Try this Abyssinian/Ethiopian restaurant. The menu is limited to beef, lamb, chicken, and vegetables, and the food is very spicy. No utensils are offered. You pick up the food with *injera*, a spongy bread. Try the *sambusas*, chicken with hard-boiled egg, lamb cubes, and vegetable platter. Often frequented by college students. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Low.

D.Z. AKIN'S Alvarado Plaza, 6930 Alvarado Road, State College area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Low to moderate.

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 Avenue, City Heights, 619-284-2620. This place isn't glamorous, but there's an ease about it we 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. We're partial to their limeade. Pho Hoacali is a lesson in how the plainest ingredients, intelligently balanced, can produce something unforgettable.

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.

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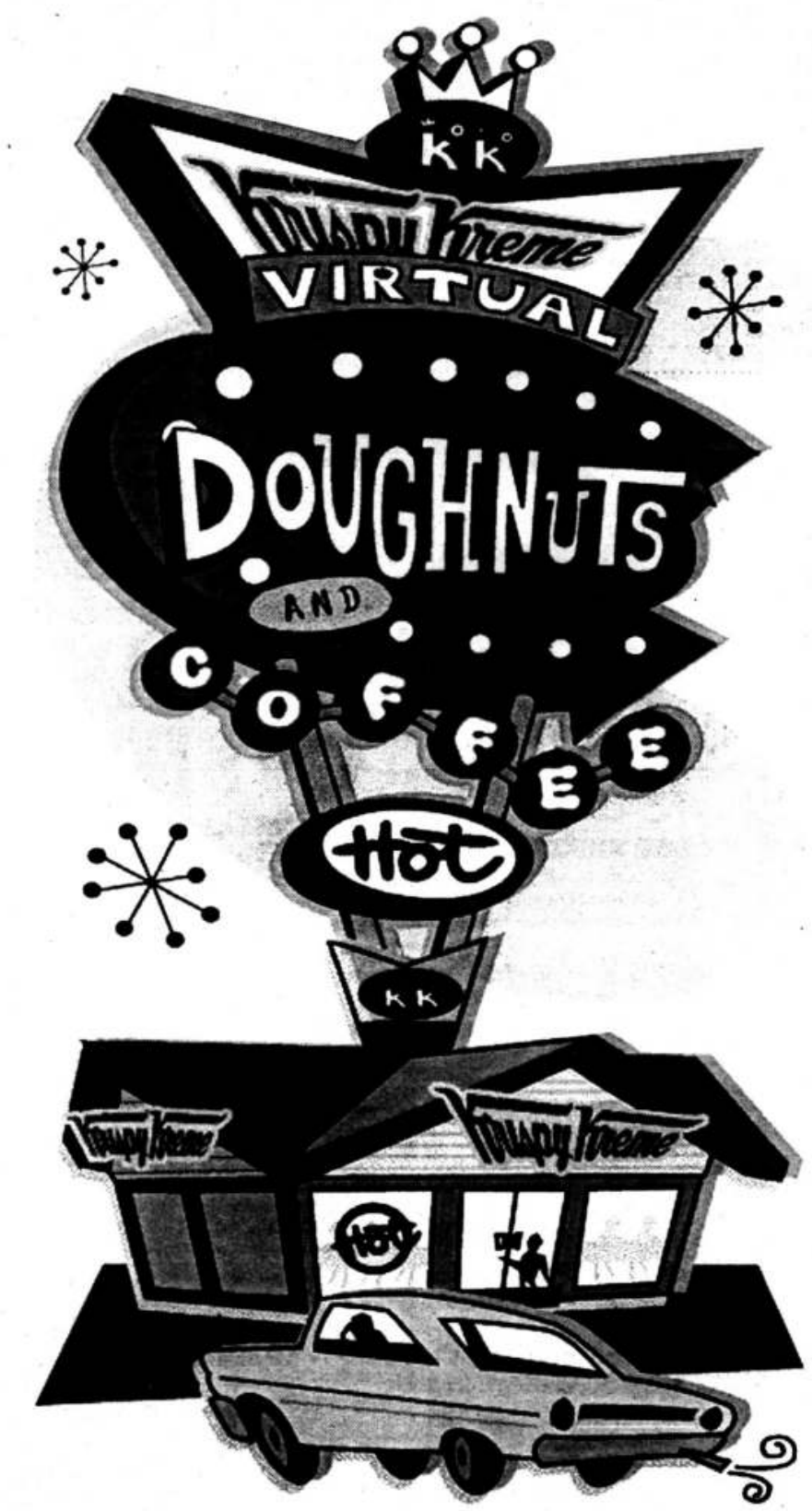

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by Sue Greenberg

What's the longest you've ever waited for a table in a restaurant?



Darlene Hays
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Richardson, Texas

Two hours and 15 minutes. In San Francisco, waiting at Bucco de Peppo. Had I not been with family and a large group of people, I wouldn't have waited.



Millie Crawford
Dispatcher
Richardson, Texas

Two hours, at a little restaurant in San Carlos. There was a group of us, so we just did a lot of talking and catching up.



Tracy Peraza
Ultrasound Stenographer
North Park

I'd say the longest wait was a half hour, for brunch. Had it just been me and my husband, we wouldn't have waited. But since I was with my brother and his partner, we went ahead and waited; we were visiting from out of town.



Paul De Leon
Accountant
San Francisco

Forty-five minutes at a fairly new restaurant, called Chez Nous, waiting with some friends during peak time. It wasn't too aggravating because we spent the time sipping a wonderful batch of sangria.



Dino Cresci
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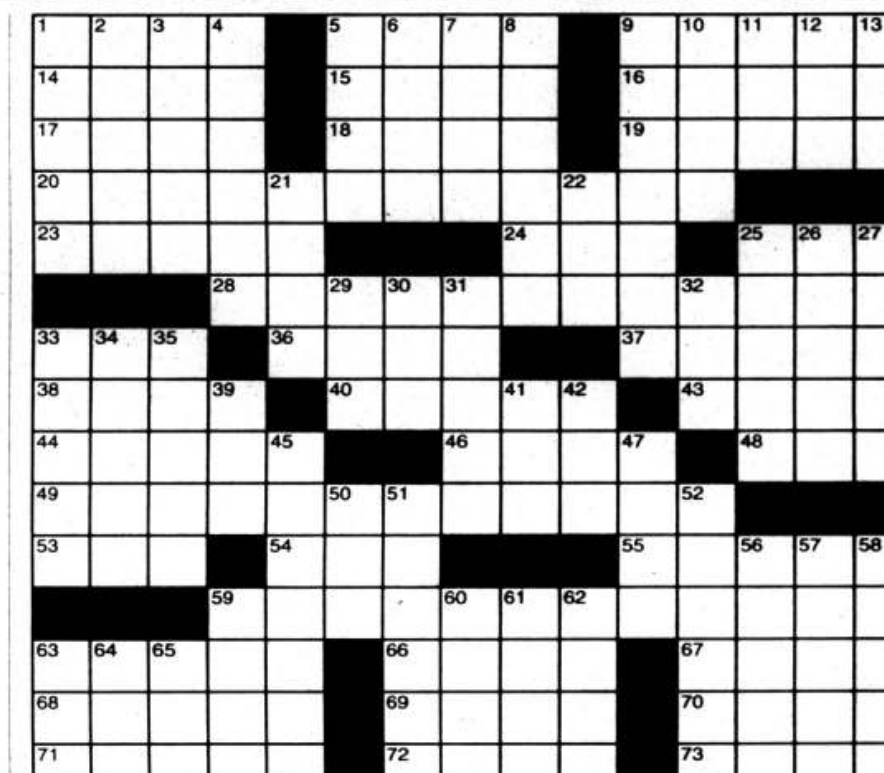
1. Whip
5. Football game segment
9. Ravi Shankar instrument
14. Prime time, in Mexico City
15. "I smell ____"
16. Athlete's best years
17. Name list abbreviation
18. '60s counterculture musical
19. Gives the go ahead
20. 1900 Thomas Mann novel
23. Drive at 75 m.p.h., perhaps?
24. Sugary suffix
25. Just make (out)
28. "My Own Private Idaho" star
33. N.Y.P.D. alert
36. James Joyce's Ireland
37. Euro's predecessor in Paris
38. Titanic obstacle
40. Loses color
43. Prefix with -plasm
44. Tied after two points
46. Angered
48. Bo Derek rating
49. Popular TV teen drama
53. Golfer Ernie
54. Abel, to Eve
55. Kind of sauce or dance
59. Low-resistance design
63. Desert plants
66. Burn plant
67. Read a barcode
68. Alaskan native
69. Clay oven
70. It's smog-filled in Mexico City
71. Gooey masses
72. Etc., to Seinfeld
73. Meat and vegetables dish
33. "Welcome to my humble ____"
34. Word before law or code
35. Cooks up
39. Gloomy one
41. Make a goof
42. Understand
45. Tiny written reminders
47. Actor Arnaz
50. Neither's partner
51. Surreptitious
52. Dorothy's state
56. Legal
57. Entrap
58. Nixon's V.P.
59. Ticket half
60. Inter ____
61. Conform
62. Actress Olin
63. It's hailed
64. Total
65. Business bigwig, abbr.

Down
1. Singer Lisa, and others
2. AIDS awareness org.
3. Elm provider
4. Word after cup or slave
5. Famous '80s mistress
6. Riyadh resident
7. Dominion
8. '60s TV army farce
9. Mentioned
10. Bothers
11. Margarita's aunt
12. Actress Irving
13. ____ publica
21. Singer Brickell
22. ____-Kosh-B'Gosh
25. Put into law
26. Kunta of "Roots"
27. One out of jail, perhaps
29. Bigwig's inits.
30. Historical time period
31. Artifact
32. Before, once



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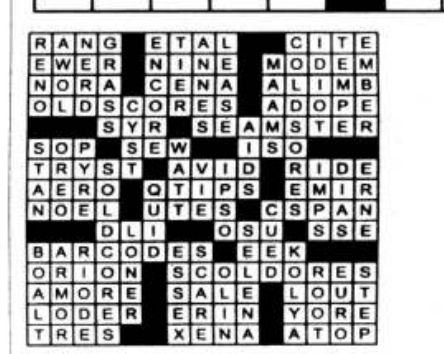

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3. Curt Foster, *Escondido*
4. Lloyd E. Dellinger, *San Diego*
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Ten truckloads of L.A. people made their way to town for this demonstration. After speeches, the crowd intended to parade — in defiance of the San Diego City Council, which had voted to deny a parade permit because "Young Communist League" members wouldn't guarantee that the red flag would not be flown.

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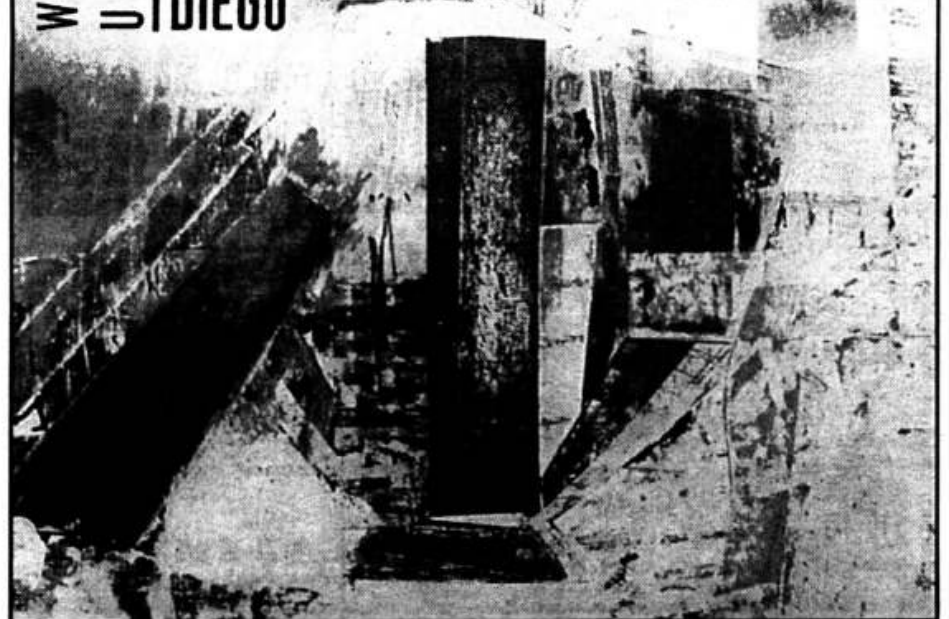

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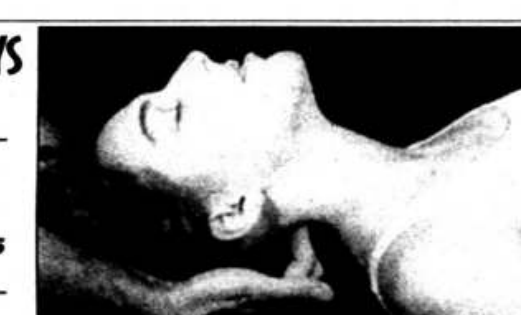

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BIKER WANTED. Harley rider, 6' +, for relaxigator born-to-ride. Adventurous, healthy, good-looking, laugher needs friend to share fun times. Relationship possible. Let's go! (12/13) ☎33209

FOXY, HIGH-MAINTENANCE spaz, 28, seeks tallish geek, 27-36, to cuddle and coerce. No dweebs. (12/13) ☎33229

BIG, EDGE BAUER-TYPE of man. Desire the following: Outdoor activities such as camping, horses, dogs, photo buff. Work, no time to look. (12/6) ☎33173

LIFESTYLE 48/AGE 53. Energetic, sincere, humorous, love people, enjoy traveling, good conversations. Would enjoy meeting loving man, same interests, for companion-ship/laughter. (12/13) ☎33219

WILD AT HEART, 6', 30, beautiful brunette/blue seeks taller, outgoing, confident, highly affectionate, handsome adventurer, age 30-35, for energetic fun and crazy all-nighters (12/6) ☎33183

INDEPENDENT, BLENDER redhead, 5'6", mid-50s, many interests, looking for easy-going, fun-loving guy, 50-65, to depend on. (12/6) ☎33196

SWEET, GROUNDED professional student seeks intelligent and interesting male for friend/romance. I'm trim, shapely and stylish and love cafes, music, walking, dancing, talking. (12/13) ☎33213

SWEET, SOUTHERN, CURVACEOUS blonde, 43, 5'7", 125lbs., intelligent, enjoys flying, running, weights, movies, enjoying life. Looking for intelligent, 5'6"-6'4", available, fearsome. Satisfaction guaranteed! (12/13) ☎33236

FEMALE, WHITE, 48, LOOKING for white male for relationship. Enjoy movies, dining, outdoors, soccer, harmony. Me: 5'5", 125lbs., attractive, blue eyes, brown hair. Please call. (12/6) ☎33176

VANILLA LOVES CHOCOLATE. Tall blonde, sexy brown eyes, pretty, fun loving, positive, professional values/seeks 40s, sincere, educated, professional, African-American for monogamous relationship. (12/6) ☎33172

ATTRACTIVE, LEGGY BRUNETTE, 39, intelligent, well traveled. Enjoy biking, snowboarding, Dog Beach. Seeking fit guy, 32-44, to pursue life's adventures with a sense of humor. (12/13) ☎33216

WOMAN WITH BRAINS, oh, what a concept. 43, competent professional, happy and fit. If you like your food weak and your women spicy, call (12/6) ☎33212

BACK IN CALIFORNIA and loving it. Searching for gentleman between 38-48. Come play tourist with me. Weight proportionate, not athletically inclined. Smoker and wine drinker. (12/6) ☎33196

SEXY BLONDE SEEKS 40ish, tall, sharp-dressed man for hi-tech Christmas party on 12/16. (12/6) ☎33191

COFFEE, TEA OR ME? Athletic, Christian mom in search for a Christian male who likes kids. Chuck E. Cheese, sports and romantic encounters. (12/6) ☎33184

WHAT LIES BENEATH. 27, single female, 5'4", 135lbs., brown hair and eyes, never been married, educated, no children, wants romance/romantic feelings to be recognized? (12/6) ☎33186

LOVE WATCHING SPORTS. 5'9", attractive, athletic, fun, honest 45, professional enjoys jazz, R&B, working out, sunsets. You: 6+, really secure, athletic, approximately 38-49. Race open. (12/13) ☎33217

GERMAN-FRENCH, professional instructor, very young 54 looks late 30s, attractive, seeking degreed professional, preferably with technical engineering or scientific background, 49-63, long-term relationship. (12/6) ☎33198

PLEASE PROVE IT TO ME... That there is a strong black man who wants a strong black woman to share endless possibilities. Your queen. (12/13) ☎33227

FULL-FIGURED, PRETTY, 35, smart, easygoing mom looking for a good man who's passionate about life, able to laugh easily and ready for a relationship. (12/13) ☎33215

ARE YOU A NICE MENSCH, 50s, gentle, who likes good dinner with dances, music, laughs for new love and more? Please call. (12/6) ☎33201

BROWN-EYED GIRL, 43, full figured, sense of humor, sensitive, honest, grateful, fun. Love music and varied activities. Seeking similar, capable of monogamous commitment. (12/13) ☎33237

LBB MANT Independent, sensitive, unpretentious, athletic, tall, slender cute brunette seeking honest, straightforward, casual, nonmaterialistic man for meaningful companionship. Running, music, sports, dancing. No drugs. (12/6) ☎33203

EUROPEAN, 62, FIT, 5'7", 120lbs. Dark blonde, well educated, widely traveled. Looking for male, 55-65, honest, open, sense of humor, nonsmoker, to share life with. (12/13) ☎33239

WON'T GROW UP, 6'3", big green eyes and ornery. Want tall white male for bud. Love Harleys, flowers and dogs and would like a bud. (12/13) ☎33242

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, 46, 5'2", professional. Love to fly, camp, ride horses. Seeking attractive professional, 40-60, nonsmoker, adventurous, love to have weekend getaways, similar interests, romance. (12/13) ☎33211

IT'S NOT A TUXEDO. Kindergarten teacher, 26, 5'9", down to earth, introspective, often amusing, intelligent, creative, responsible, passionate, caring. Life's conversation, laughter, curiosity, relaxation, books, museums, family, movies, music, board games, road trips, holding hands. You're witty, quirky, educated, psychologically-minded, empathic, affectionate, homebody, tall, teddy bear. 28-45. (12/6) ☎33179

FIT 33, 5'8", 140lbs., brown skin, African-American tomboy with short hair. Seeking 30s-40s, eclectic music lover, movies, concerts, coffee house writing, bookstores, local travel. (12/6) ☎33205

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NERDY PROFESSIONAL WANTED by this very attractive, 40-something professional with values, friends and depth. We're looking for something real with substance, friendship and romance. (12/13) ☎33248

VERY ATTRACTIVE, 35, BLONDE, blue, 5'4", 140lbs., outgoing, educated, classy, romantic, seeks very attractive, emotionally financially stable, educated, classy, romantic, white male, 5'11"+, 32-42. (12/13) ☎33238

FUN LOVING, BLENDED redhead, 5'8", 46, enjoys the outdoors, movies, concerts, romance. Seeking tall, white male professional, 43-53, honest, good hearted, for possible relationship. (12/6) ☎33200

PUERTO RICAN FEMALE SEEKS black male, 18-30, who is nice, sweet, quiet, romantic and has great personality and enjoys being with his lady. Fun times. (12/6) ☎33185

SEEKING JEWISH SINGLE MAN, fit in mind/body/soul. I'm young, 46, petite, attractive. Long-term relationship; friendship first. (12/13) ☎33210

HAPPY, SPONTANEOUS, sensuous, good natured, highly creative, communicative, well-proportioned 50+ desires well-educated, down-to-earth, honest, fun-loving, adventurous, affectionate, compassionate, communicative Caucasian. (12/13) ☎33243

EXOTIC ASIAN BEAUTY, healthcare professional, sensual, nice legs/figure, 5'3", 110lbs., never married nonsmoker, home owner. Seeking healthy, financially stable, successful, nonsmoker, generous white professional, 33-50. (12/13) ☎33233

DEAR SANTA: BRING ME A TALL, fit gentleman, 48-58, affectionate, accomplished, high integrity, playful, for attractive, fit, outgoing, 5'8", well-educated, travelled, spiritually-grounded, loving lady. (12/13) ☎33278

FUN, FROLIC, ROMANCE? Very attractive, brown/hazel, energetic, 40, Caucasian, seeking attractive professional, stable, white, 35-47, biking, boating, sailing, motorcycles, dinners, talks, movies, new adventures. (12/6) ☎33189

ATTRACTIVE, EASYGOING, stable lady, brunette, hazel-green eyes, seeking mature man, 58 to 63, for possible relationship; friendship, movies, walking, talking. Nonsmoker please. (12/6) ☎33177

I'M A CUTIE! Very petite, fit, fun. I love new adventures, concerts, movies, theater. You, 30-40, very handsome, fit, fun loving. Let's talk. (12/6) ☎33187

ATTRACTIVE, YOUNG SENIOR lady looking for gentleman's companionship; dinner, movies, traveling. Brunette nonsmoker loves dancing. Very loving and affectionate and easygoing, very romantic. (12/13) ☎33222

ARE YOU GORGEOUS, gorgeous, gorgeous? 50-60, 6'+, blue/blonde, sexy, sensual, passionate, optimistic, zest for life, love hand holding, kisses and hugs? Call now! (12/13) ☎33252

UNIQUE, INTERESTING person, playful, spiritual, 62, blonde Caucasian, 5, romantic, loving, tall, monogamous, artistic, creative, educated, travel, theatre, carriage ride, candlelight dinner, 55-67, Caucasian, communicate (12/13) ☎33245

JAPANESE, 38, 6'4", attractive, educated, stylish professional seeks bright, generous, open-minded professional, under 43, with good sense of humor. Bilingual especially welcome. No Republicans. (12/13) ☎33253

VERY PRETTY CHRISTIAN, dynamic, honest, gracious, intriguing, childless, young looking, 48, well educated, health professional; nonsmoker/nondrinker, nutrition oriented, vivacious, fun, Italian, sincere, loving, kind. (12/13) ☎33249

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JEWISH, CLASSICAL Mona Lisa type, natural, long strawberry-blonde hair, feminine figure, 5'2", 125lbs., petite, counselor, artist, desires intelligent, successful, handsome, empathy, Jewish gentleman, 48-68 (12/13) ☎33246

BOLOGNA SANDWICHES, fine soda, walks in parking lots, moo-moos to miniskirts. Crushingly beautiful antibabe, 45, writer, seeks man with dog for ribaldry, revelry. (12/6) ☎33199

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STUNNING, CHINESE, PETITE, warm, vivacious, educated professional. Seeking handsome, successful, degreed professional who's funny, kind, considerate and good communicator. Nonsmoker, 36-48, 49 (12/13) ☎33223

WHERE IS HE? WHITE FEMALE, 27, little overweight, single parent seeks white male, 30-40, who loves children, ready to settle down, money secure, serious minded. (12/13) ☎33241

WARM, CARING, AFFECTIONATE, writer, artist, vegetarian, well-rounded, highly-intelligent bilingual (Spanish/English) communicative woman, 52. Have medicinal herb garden, enriched soil, love Mexico, antiques, dancing. (12/13) ☎33230

TALL BLONDE, 6'1, 45, romantic, part-time mom looking for honest, sincere and warm relationship. Like Harleys, rock, blues, snowboarding, dogs, games. (12/6) ☎33192

ATTRACTIVE, SINGLE, 5'4", 120lbs., 5'11", brown/brown, healthy, happy, positive Seeking single, white, stable, good-looking, honest, trustworthy, healthy lifestyle gentleman, 45-60. (12/13) ☎33226

TALL, EDUCATED, FUN-LOVING geologist, 33, loves the animals, cat lovers and is pretty cute too. Seeking tall, professional, warmhearted gentleman, 32-43, for friendship/companionship. (12/13) ☎33240

CUTE FIGURE, BEAUTIFUL face, sharp mind, tender heart. Musical artistic, literary lady seeks affectionate gentleman, professional, 45-55, with bright mind, loving heart, for joyful togetherness! (12/6) ☎33175

PLAYFUL, VIBRANT, passionate, voluptuous, petite, trim, degreed, intelligent, attractive, sensuous, cultured North County desires intelligent, communicative, considerate, nonsmoker, romantic white professional, 55-63. Fun! Laughter! Sharing! (12/6) ☎33194

ACTRESS, WRITER, businesswoman, class act, Bridal-set at Tiffany's style, pretty, blonde, slim, well educated/bred/traveled, seeks divorced Caucasian, 45-55, who's equal counterpart, true gentleman. (12/13) ☎33234

ADVENTURESOME, ATTRACTIVE, slim, unconventional world traveler seeking 6'2"+, fit, handsome black man in 40s to share hugs, full moons, laughs, adventure and travel with. (12/6) ☎33180

LONG LEGS, LONG AUBURN hair, longing to meet a blues lover. Love hot springs, antiques, wine, music, life! Slim, passionate, 40s. Long-haired smokers welcome. (12/13) ☎33244

WANTED: LOVING, 60-67 MAN, cultured smart traveled lady, 60, seeks that wonderful in life man, happy man, sincere man for 60 year marvelous affair. (12/6) ☎33182

ONE OF A KIND, FIRST CLASS gem seeks intelligent, athletic, financially secure, compassionate, old-fashioned man, 28 to 50, 5'7"+. Caucasian for body moving. (12/6) ☎33174

YOU'LL FIND ME A ROMANTIC, great cook, music lover, Mexican descent, movie buff, workout enthusiast, travel novice. 111lbs., very pretty. Seeking man with shared interest, trim, handsome, 57-64, nonsmoker. (12/13) ☎33220

PRETTY, PROFESSIONAL PETITE blonde, witty, successful, childless, gourmet cook, 46, 5'2", 105lbs. Us White-collar type professionals; stylish, sophisticated, classy, fun-loving, educated, passionate, sociable, humorous, adventurous, gorgeous, great kissers, politically conservative, healthy, active golfer/athlete/runner, into entertaining, fine wine/dining. You: Father, homeowner, 41-55, 4.5-54. E-mail preferred (12/6) ☎33206

EDUCATED, ROMANTIC FEMALE, 50, seeking nonsmoker, communicative, humorous male, 50-56. Holiday parties, sunsets, monogamy, camping, RVing, seasons, photography, financially secure, musically inclined. Long-term relationship (12/13) ☎33236

I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE somewhere. Baby boomer, fall, humorous, hardworking, fun loving and loveable. I think I'm the same. Call me. Third time's charm. (12/6) ☎33178

STILL WISHING FOR THAT magic. 47, 5'6", full-figured professional, sensual, caring, seeking that one right guy; share dinner, movies, quiet times, hearts, our lives. (12/13) ☎33251

BEAUTIFUL MUSLIM-ROMANIAN lady, 40, wants gentle, honorable, financially secure white male. Marriage-minded only. Knowing my language is a plus, but not essential. (12/13) ☎33232

ATTRACTIVE SINGLE BRUNETTE, Ph.D. seeks sweet, humorous, affectionate, easygoing white male, 35-42, for friendship and romance. Enjoy stimulating conversation, coffee shops, travel, beaches, dancing, movies. (12/13) ☎33235

FRIENDS AND ROMANCE? Possible for both? Spiritual, confident, East County gal believes. Likes: Sports, outdoors, critters, kids, hugs and kisses. Call only if you believe. (12/13) ☎33214

B.I. JANE MEETS JUNE Cleaver meets Madonna looking for Billy Crystal meets Indiana Jones meets Lance Armstrong. 30, 5'7", blonde, green eyes. (12/13) ☎33224

TALL, BLENDER, NORTH Coastal lass yearns 6' tall of 50-60 summers, educated, fit, honest, kind, liberal, real. (12/6) ☎33170

ATTENTION TEDDY BEARS! Are you a good-hearted, funny, cute, chick/hunk/y female who's petite, 5'4" to 5'6", laid back a plus, but who's perfect? (12/13) ☎33065

VERY HANDSOME WHITE MALE, great catch, 38, 6'2", 190lbs., successful, physically secure, attractive woman for romance, adventure, plus possibilities best friends, relationship. (12/13) ☎33622

KEY INGREDIENTS FOR LIFE: Timing, communication, chemistry, respect, laughter, passion, romance, KPBS radio, classic rock. Affectionate, supportive. Looking for athletic, petite nonsmoker, 35-43. (12/6) ☎33179

GOOD-LOOKING HISPANIC professional, divorced, seeking attractive, sexy female for companionship, fun, games, travel. Be flexible, intelligent, have sense of humor. Nothing else really matters. (12/6) ☎33795

BEAUTIFUL LATINA DESIRED by handsome gentleman, 6', blond, blue eyes, athletic, very successful, 35. Must be fit, intelligent, classy, passionate, 21-34. Hablo espanol. (12/6) ☎33194

ACTIVE, SENSITIVE, open-spirited, supportive, sensual/sexy, fun-loving, similar female for friendship, relationship. Age and race open. (12/13) ☎33801

ITALIAN, HANDSOME professional, 42 years old, 5'10", easygoing, funny, in search of Latina or European female for friendship and possibly long-term relationship. 28-40. (12/13) ☎33626

NICE, 34, MALE, SINGLE, green eyes, fit, attractive, middle school teacher, likes sports, travelling, movies, music, non-smoker, North County, age 26-35. (12/13) ☎33661

BUISENBURG WANTED by Carlsbad gentleman. Stylish body, two seater, partial restoration OK. Prefer model 52-56. Must have a good interior and a motor that purrs. (12/13) ☎33810

AN EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY, long-term relationship with petite, fit, alluring 32-27. We are healthy, attractive, athletic, evolved, communicative, intelligent, humorous, nurturing, zest for life, dancing. (12/13) ☎33662

FEMALE DESIRED. Plus-sized, energetic man, 6', 55, 180lbs., healthy, athletic, secure. Like French culture, togetherness. Nonsmoker/drinker. Any age/race. Mission Valley. (12/13) ☎33650

HANDSOME GENTLEMAN, tall, slim, sexy, passionate, boyishly acting, 50s, father of twins seeks younger woman, stylish, shapely, employed, sexy, passionate. Enjoy quiet evenings, fireplace, chardonnay. (12/6) ☎33718

LOOKING FOR PARTNER, FRIEND, soul mate, lover. 46, 5'10", 160lbs., divorced white male, attractive, honest, caring, sensual, fit mentally/physically, liberal, degreed, homeowner. Spiritual but not religious. Interests include nature, sailing, flying, hiking, wine, ethnic food, travel, music, dancing. Seeking someone 36-48, fit, optimistic, similar interests. No drugs/smoking. Kids OK. Seeking long-term relationship. (12/13) ☎33658

WOMAN FROM FOREIGN COUNTRY sought by man who is honest and fun loving for friendship, sharing, culture, learning, language and more. (12/6) ☎33785

SOME OF US GET PHYSICALLY lonely while searching and waiting for the right person. Maybe we can keep each other company until then. (12/6) ☎33758

LOOKING FOR REAL ROMANCE, You: 32-43 years, nice features, mature, loving attitude, honesty. Adventurous, funny, preferably one child or none. Me: Same as above qualities. (12/6) ☎33747

TRYING HARD FOR A GREAT life, Lakeside homeowner needs great companionship. 58, 5'11", 150lbs. I enjoy talking, music, movies, sharing feelings. Friendship or lasting relationship. (12/6) ☎33759

THE PERSON BARELY deserves special. Let's talk. Divorced white male, 53, slender, seeks slender white female, similar age. Let's enjoy life's offerings together. (12/6) ☎33710

SPIRITUAL, ATTRACTIVE, blue-eyed computer scientist, artist, poet, philosopher, 50, 5'10", 170lbs., loves sci-fi, rock, romantic comedies, seeks similar, down-to-earth woman to spend time with; see what happens from there. (12/13) ☎33684

HANDSOME, FIT, ROMANTIC, adventurer, well-traveled, educated, successful outdoorsman enjoys film, art, sunsets, dining, seeks quality woman, 24-36, who's open, fun, fit, beautiful in/out. (12/6) ☎33783

Seeking Career Woman

White male, 46, attorney. Sincere, generous, 6'2", thin. Seeking female, slim, attractive, sincere, kind. Career driven, outdoors. Looking for a nice guy? Call this ad! (12/13) ☎33849

ROMANTIC TRAVELER... tall, proud, young in heart and spirit, loving sense of self, playful, active, lust for life. Dark blond, aqua blue, 40, 6'2". (12/13) ☎33815

NAVAL OFFICER, aerospace engineer looking for a multifaceted, intelligent woman who is assertive, articulate, takes good care of herself and likes very affectionate men. (12/13) ☎33804

HANDSOME, MEXICAN- American, professional, Christian, 30s, looking for honest, attractive female professional desiring to have deep, lasting relationship, romance, lifetime memories, friendship, possible relationship. (12/13) ☎33827

HONESTY, TRADITIONAL VALUES, last-ing relationship? Professional, 40s, rich, intelligent. Seeking nonsmoking woman who enjoys weekends at the beach, outdoors, casual entertainment, good food, music, cars, my company. (12/13) ☎33686

SKATEBOARDS AND BIKES are for kids. Seeking an extreme, loving relationship with a Steven Tyler lady and a fun, fit and creatively adventurous. (12/13) ☎33666

WORK OF ART. Me: 40, fit, very creative, handsome, dark haired, love painting, music, cooking, 19-38, beautiful inside and out. Yin to my yang. (12/6) ☎33726

COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE EYES, creative, affectionate, unencumbered gentleman, 5'9", 155lbs., seeks secure, emotionally sensitive, 5'4"-5'6", 105lbs., clean-cut, short brown hair, degreed professional, seeks monogamous relationship, romance, with warmhearted female possessing exceptional inner and outer beauty. 20-36. (12/6) ☎33696

WAY TO AREA. Stylish, fit, naval officer, funny hair, seeks 20-something woman into Corvettes, sailing, fast cars, laid back a plus, but who's perfect? (12/13) ☎33665

standing woman, 40s or 50s, who is able to control her laughter. (12/10) ☎33803

NAVAL OFFICERS, NEW IN TOWN, looking for 20ish-30ish woman to show him around! Nothing too freaky; play time can be mandatory. (12/6) ☎33749

SELECTIVE, ATTRACTIVE, successful, athletic catch seeks attractive, intelligent, slender woman for long-term relationship! I'm 37, You're 25-35, want something special! (12/6) ☎33762

HAPPINESS IS A WOMAN WHO loves herself. I'm 52 years young, of average stature. Seeking younger or same with happy spirit and light/average proportions. (12/6) ☎33734

SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE girl (3). White, 42, 5'10", 170lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. Seeking thin, easygoing, caring, honest woman who wants a lasting relationship. (12/6) ☎33774

SNOWBOARDY 28, 6'2", 175lbs., blond, attractive, pierced tongue and nipple. Seeking slender seductress for hot times. Hobbies: Snowboarding, camping, 4x4s, anything new. Smoke/drink OK. (12/13) ☎33837

QUALITY RELATIONSHIP? I WANTED! 33, 5'10", attractive, athletic, fit, outgoing good job, open minded, honest, dependable. Enjoy walks, talks, quality time, camping, rock climbing, animals, life Smarts? (12/6) ☎33729

LET'S BE HEALTHY, man and woman are meant for each other. 43, 5'8", 165lbs. Into dining out, walks, outdoor fun. You're nonsmoking, somewhat attractive, monogamous. (12/13) ☎33846

HONEST, SINCERE, INTELLIGENT, successful, professional, fit, white male. 36. Attractive, caring, romantic, humorous, responsible, positive. Outdoors, beach, fine dining, long walks, live jazz. Looking for long term. Seeking attractive, outgoing, witty woman ready for great times with real nice guy. (12/13) ☎33872

TWO ATTRACTIVE, FUN MALE professionals looking for two attractive females for outdoor boating and camping adventures. (12/13) ☎33846

TRY ME! Single white male, 32, 6', 165lbs., lean and muscular, doctor at UCSD, searching for Asian girlfriend. Must be passionate and sincere. (12/13) ☎33817

TALL CORP-ANION WANTED. Articulate, accomplished, active teacher, musician, vegetarian seeks dependable, light-hearted, slender, 30s nonsmoker. Enjoy exploring, hiking, camping, cuddling, hugs. (12/6) ☎33740

LET ME BE YOUR PRESENT to open for Christmas. Black male, 6'2", light brown skin, baby face, 30-something, seeks clean open, in-shape female. (12/13) ☎33841

ATHLETIC, INTELLIGENT, and romantic white man, 30, 6', enjoys hiking, biking, surfing, reading, live music, playing saxophone. Seeking attractive, intelligent woman, 21-30, with similar interests. (12/6) ☎33747

HANDSOME, BLUE-EYED financial professional, 6'2", 200lbs., kind, loyal, honest, athletic, conscious, talented, intelligent, positive, young 50. Seeking 5'7", 125lbs., 30-35, sincere, very attractive. (12/6) ☎33770

PLAYFUL, PROFESSIONAL articulate, seriously funny guy seeking petite forever sweetheart. You: 30s, kind, happy. You: golfer, or have that capacity, that sparks friendship, romance, laughter. Yes! (12/13) ☎33854

FIREFIGHTER, EARLY 40s, tall, athletic, affectionate, nature lover, outdoorsy, progressive, spiritually aware. Seeking warm-hearted woman of depth and beauty for adventure, romance and soulful sharing. San Diego. East County. (12/6) ☎33724

WARM BROWN EYES. Kind, masculine, employed professional (6'2", slender, clean cut) seeking relationship with strong, feminine lady (40-55) who's emotionally available. I'll put you first. (12/6) ☎33787

TALL, DARK, VERY HANDSOME professional, 40, 6'4", brown/brown, fit, good morals, romantic. You're 29-39, brunette, cute, real, love life; looking for real deal, possible soul mate. (12/6) ☎33798

ASIAN FEMALE SOUGHT, attractive, slender side, 41-54. Delightful, beautiful, wonderful, 49, cute, slim. Affectionate, thoughtful, giving. Sophisticated, wise, intelligent, love nature, arts, movies. (12/13) ☎33824

HOLIDAYS ALONE? WHY? Share some holiday time with me. White male, 40s. North County Inland. Enjoy beaches and other outdoor activities. Loving and caring, stable. (12/13) ☎33877

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE, 6'1", 41, 180lbs., handsome, seeking African-American female, full figured, nonsmoker/artistic kids OK, nonsmoker, loves closeness, honesty, intelligent conversation; 18-55. (12/6) ☎33709

VERY LIKELY-ITE WHITE MALE, attractive, 5'8", 180lbs., loving, kind. Athletic, unencumbered, financially secure. Cultured yet grounded. Searching for attractive, active woman for committed relationship. 45-55. (12/6) ☎33762

AFRICAN-AMERICAN LADY sought! White male, attractive, kind, caring, professional, healthy lifestyle seeks sincere, nonsmoker, sense of humor, affectionate, warmhearted lady, who's simply the best. (12/13) ☎33812

VERY PASSIONATE BLACK MALE, 5'9", 180lbs. of hard body, would like to meet passionate white female; dating, romance. Like travel, walks, talk one-on-one. (12/13) ☎33821

GOOD LOOKS, GOOD JOB, good house, good attitude, good future. Great guy, 39, seeks you, 30-40, for lasting relationship. North County Coastal. (12/6) ☎33779

LET'S DANCE. Man seeking nice lady to dance and romance. Just fly me, I'm single, honest, romantic, financially secure. Write me. (12/6) ☎33705

WHITE, 6'3", 200LBS., 44, employed, humorous, monogamous, divorced, no children, walks, talks, still have hair. You: White, 40-48, petite, slender, beaches, weekends/mountains/skiers. (12/13) ☎33851

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HISPANIC, BISBM, 6'2", kindhearted, educated, seeking slender, secure woman, 45-55, for mutual spoiling. Share family, dancing, sailing, weekend getaways. Should words, connect, our hands will (12/6) ☎33770

NEED A DATE? Intelligent, creative, articulate, educated and very sociable black gentleman (45). Can be your friend, your date, your escort or? Race unimportant. (12/13) ☎33867

HANDSOME, TALL WHITE MALE, 30, seeking sweet white female, 23-30, attractive insidelout, for movies, dinners, walks on beach, honest, loyal, caring, long-term relationship. (12/13) ☎33820

HANDSOME, 48 YEARS, 6'11", still dark, affectionate, romantic, fit. You: 25-42, fun, active, kids OK, ready for relationship, love, commitment. Call. (12/6) ☎33789

WHITE MALE, 30, HUMOROUS, romantic, honest, outgoing, sports, travel, theater. Nonsmoker, light drinker, childless. Seeking 30-45 female for committed relationship and lifetime of love/laughter. (12/13) ☎33850

I'M 41, 5'11" AND 175LBS., computer hacker and MIS downloader, law school dropout with no limits for ideas. You must be in your early 20s. (12/6) ☎33778

ATTRACTIVE, SELECTIVE, holistic, professional, emotionally available, accomplished, white, Ph.D., 6', nonsmoker, spiritual, aware, financially independent, dream come true. Seeking slender, wholesome, emotionally available, 40s nonsmoker. (12/6) ☎33702

SWEET, BEAUTIFUL, charismatic, doughty, energetic, famous, golden, handsome, jocular, kingly, luscious, mainly, normal, open, pleasing, quizzical, rhumbustious, social, triumphant, unusual, vocal, whimsical, excellent, youthful, zesty. (12/6) ☎33719

NO HANGUPS. Handsome, successful, no children, walks, talks, still have hair. You: White, 40-48, petite, slender, beaches, weekends/mugs/smokers. (12/13) ☎33851

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DEL CERRO, $525 and $440, 1/3 utilities. 2 bedrooms available in home 1 bedroom, 2 bath house. Great Mission Valley view. All appliances. Alex, 619-209-1001, 619-235-2415, x27515.

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ENCINITAS, $495/deposit/1/4 utilities. West of I-5. Sunny room/private entrance. Share house. Ocean view deck. Laundry. No pets/smoking/heavy drinking. Male preferred. 760-944-8400.

ESCONDIDO, SOUTHWEST, $425, including utilities, deposit required. No smoking/pets. Own bath, fenced, quiet, clean closet. Available 12/1. 760-739-9605.

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FASHION VALLEY/UTC, $175/week or $575/month, $500 deposit. Furnished room, bed, TV, phone, Internet, refrigerator, in clean, quiet house. Washer/dryer, trolley/bus 2 blocks. No smoke. 619-295-8433.

GOLDEN HILL $450. Room available in 3 bedroom house. Share 2 bathrooms, kitchen, quiet house. Washer/dryer, trolley/bus 2 blocks. No smoke. 619-295-8433.

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HILLCREST, $700. 1/2 utilities. $700 deposit. Credit check. Upscale townhouse, 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car garage, washer/dryer, dishwasher. Front and Washington. 619-491-0414.

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HILLCREST, $385 plus utilities/deposit. Share beautiful, old spacious home with 5 others. Shared bath. Huge pool, yard, trees. Female preferred. Nonsmoking, no pets. 619-296-6664.

LA MESA, $400 including utilities and cable. Deposit required. Room in house. Spa. Female preferred. Nonsmoker. Pets OK. Close to college. 619-469-3407 or 858-361-4577.

LA MESA, $400/month plus deposit. 1/3 utilities. 1 bedroom, share bath in 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Spa, laundry. Near SDSU. Available now. 619-463-9369.

LA MESA, $400. Furnished room for rent. Private bath. Female preferred. No smoking, drugs or pets. Block from downtown La Mesa. Available 12/1. 619-644-2610.

LA MESA, $375, plus utilities, $250 deposit. Male/female to share 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with male. Friendly dog OK. Large yard. 619-466-6800.

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EAST SAN DIEGO. $585. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated entry. Near Hoover High School. 4355 46th Street #3. Manager, 619-280-2066.

EAST SAN DIEGO. $625. 2 bedroom duplex. 4342-1/2 Alabama. Agent, 619-280-1368.

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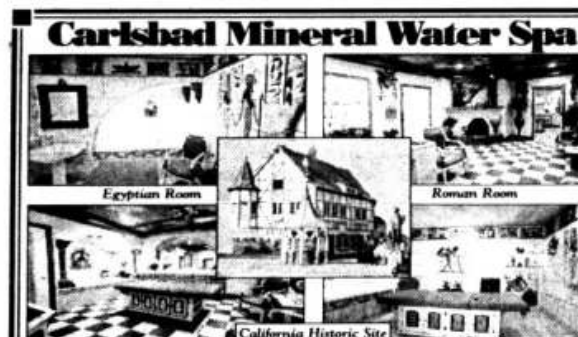

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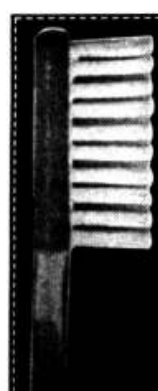
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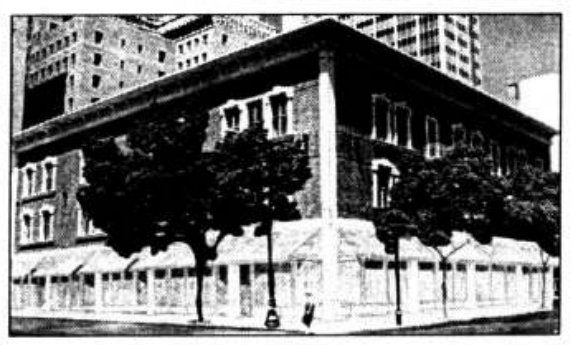

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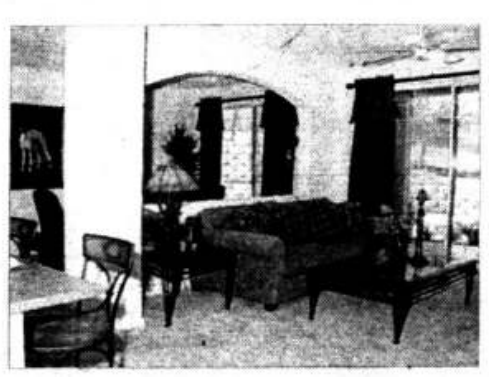

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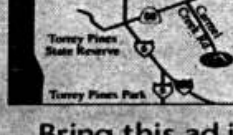

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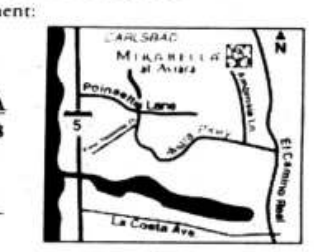



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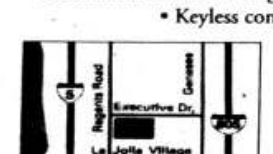

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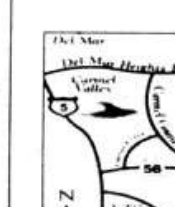

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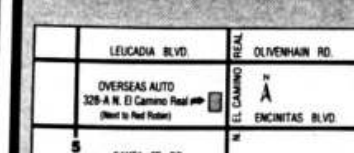

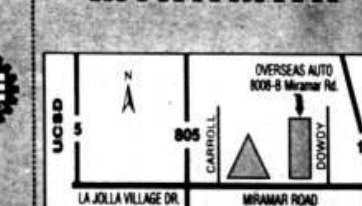

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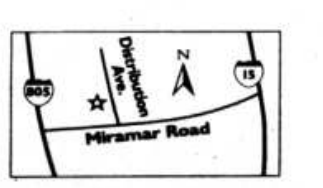

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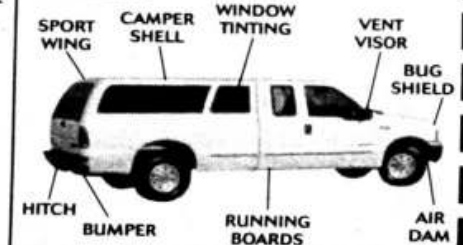

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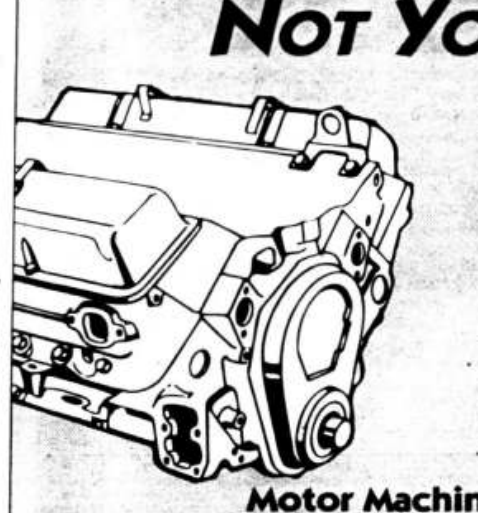

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Demeter was a known ambrosia pusher at the time.

By John Brizzolara

"Demeter and Persephone" is a vegetation myth, an explanation of the seasons to the child or child's magical mind in adults. It is also an excellent choice for a puppet show on the first truly wintry Friday night (inasmuch as nights get truly wintry in San Diego) beneath a moonless sky at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater in Balboa Park.

The story: Demeter, the mother goddess of earth, is frolicking with her daughter, Persephone, a kind of mythic descendant of Aphrodite (according to Joseph Campbell), among the daffodils or what-have-you. A good mother/daughter relationship is established. Persephone wanders off, seduced by the beauty of some forbidden flower or another and is whisked off by Hades, God of the Underworld, to be his queen. Persephone mopes among the shadowy dead and refuses to eat anything. Meanwhile, Demeter is inconsolable and furious with Zeus. Demeter is played by Roxanne Kilbourne and does furious very well. Demeter allows the Earth to grow barren. Before long Zeus is getting stiffed on sacrifices from the local mortals and agrees to send Hermes as kind of a hostage negotiator.

Demeter wanders around the mortal world miserable while the deal is struck. In the end, her daughter is returned to her but not before Hades has persuaded his young queen to eat three pomegranate seeds. By eating the food of the dead, Persephone is bound to the underworld and Zeus has to sentence her to 90 days in Hades (which is way south of Attica) every year. Demeter grudgingly agrees, but while her daughter is doing community service in Hell, she allows the Earth to wither and freeze. Ergo: winter. Spring announces her parole, etc., etc.

The ushering back-and-forth between the worlds is supervised by the slightly creepy chaperone Hecate, goddess of magic (an analogue to the Semitic Lilith) and witch archetype who can move through the realms of gods, mortals, and animals.

Hecate is portrayed by Mindy Donner, who also adapted the stage play from "the original material," as they would call it in Hollywood (it's how Cecil B. DeMille referred to the Bible), and she added a touch of her own that was a masterstroke, I thought: after Hecate delivers the package (Persephone) and the world grows dark and cold, the witch/goddess morphs into a wolf on all fours, howling and presiding over the winter. Removing a cloak over the Hecate mask and revolving yet another mask, the wolf head, into place, does this last bit of business. Donner herself made the mask with chilling dog eyes purchased from a taxidermy shop in La Mesa.

While this last touch wasn't in the Homeric version or any other, it should have been. All and all, a puckish romp through Grecian sun-dappled fields of flowers, across the River Styx with Charon and his wacky sidekick, a three-headed dog named Cerebrus (both portrayed by slides), and into the zany world of zombies irrigating Hades' fields with cracked pots of water (also via slide effects). We have a conditionally happy reuniting of mother and daughter and a metaphor for death and resurrection as well as the seasons, planting, harvesting, and so on.

Donner also portrayed Persephone herself. This was done by dressing in black from head to toe in order to minimize her stage presence and manipulating a life-size doll/puppet. Great care was taken not to frighten any children with the potential eeriness of the story and the nature of puppets themselves. Even the god of the underworld was portrayed benevolently, almost on fire with friendly dominion over the damned (someone's got to do it). In fact studying the children, about seven of them in an audience of 50 or so adults, I thought maybe the boys would enjoy a bit more three-headed dogs, fire and brimstone, and werewolf imagery.

Bits of the myth were also edited by Donner to get the play down to 43 minutes, the ideal length, she finds, for middle-school–age audiences. Her choice as to what to omit was a dull digression, involving a twisted oedipal sexuality between Demeter and a demigod boy child whom she breast-feeds then rolls around in burning embers. Donner also opted not to play the drug card: Demeter was a known ambrosia pusher at the time. The original elements of bestiality were also cut, and no reference was made to Zeus seducing the Earth goddess disguised as a bull. Again, wise choices.



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Mindy Donner

Watching the children in the audience was almost as interesting as what was going on in ancient Greece. At first I thought the kids were well behaved. I then amended that to anaesthetized, and then comatose. But, no, they were engaged on some level all right or they would be squirming and bugging around in their seats and the aisles. I amended the word to "hypnotized," and I think I'm at least partially right.

Had Demeter and Persephone been a slick production of complete illusion, it might have been insufferable. Actors blinded by masks and walking into flats of Grecian urns, narrators stumbling over words, and owls flying around looking like stuffed XX-large gray sweatshirts with papier mâché heads and eyes lit by little flashlights all conspired to disarm and enchant. It occurred to me that all of these effects would be heightened by fire or candlelight, and Donner, way ahead of me, does precisely that on occasion, and now I've got to see it. You might want to also.

A good time is either the third or fourth Friday of the month. The 24-hour infoline, in case, I suppose, you need urgent puppet information at 4 a.m. (*Which one was Fran and which one was Ollie, again?*), would be 619-685-5045.

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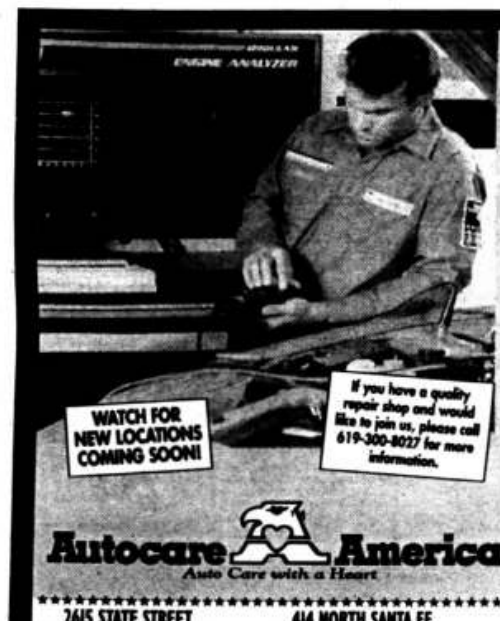

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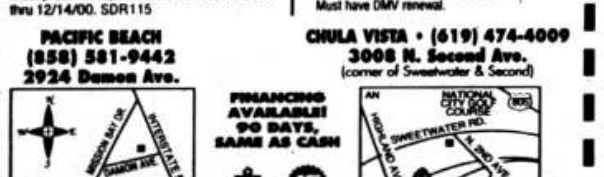

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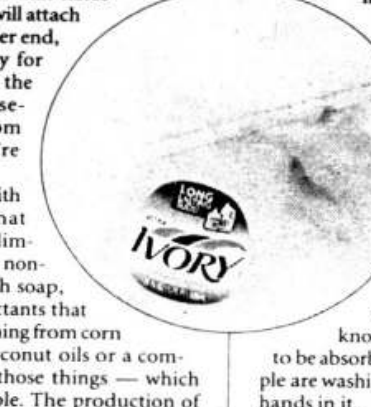
> *"One end [of the molecule] loves water, and the other end hates water."*

I have a state-of-the-art dishwasher in my home — my husband Patrick. Growing up, Patrick's father drummed it into his skull that the person who makes the dinner ought not to have to clean up after the dinner, and the habit has endured. I scrub some of the dishes that accumulate throughout the day, but the bulk of the greasy pots and pans and tomato-stained spatulas come from dinner preparations, and that is his department. Intertwined with the yin of upcoming Holiday feasting comes the yang of an endless array of dirty dishes. With sticky cranberry-smeared spoons and Patrick's dishpan hands in mind, I set out to find a top-notch dishwashing liquid.

Wal-Mart stocked a passel of dish soaps, all of them familiar to me, thanks to their respective fat ad budgets. Food 4 Less stocked a couple of lesser-known varieties, while Whole Foods and Trader Joe's combined to add four natural and biodegradable dish soaps to my collection. One with the intriguing name of Seventh Generation, caught my eye: it claimed to be "Safe for you and the environment" by being nontoxic, hypoallergenic, and biodegradable.



I spoke with Stephen Ashkin, director of product development and environmental affairs for Seventh Generation, to get an explanation of their product's difference. "Most traditional dish soaps are based on surfactants that are synthetically derived from petroleum. Surfactant stands for surface-active agent. It's a compound that helps remove the soil from the surface, the stuff that, in some respects, actually does the cleaning. Most people use the word interchangeably with [the more common term] detergent. Basically, it's a molecule that has two ends on it. One end is hydrophilic and the other end is hydrophobic. So one end loves water, and the other end hates water. The end that hates water is the side that will attach onto the soil. The other end, which has an affinity for water, will then pull the soil off into the rinsewater to remove it from the surface [that you're cleaning]."



The difference with his product is that "petroleum is a very limited resource, which is nonrenewable. In our dish soap, we are using surfactants that are typically coming from corn starches or coconut oils or a combination of those things — which are renewable. The production of those ingredients has less impact on the environment than the production of petroleum-derived surfactants."

Ashkin highlights the difference in biodegradability: "I'm generalizing, but typically, the vegetable-based, renewably derived surfactants biodegrade very rapidly, often between three to...seven days." Petroleum-based surfactants, on the other hand, "have an enormously broad range of biodegradability. Some will degrade in a few days, but many degrade in 20 or 30 or even more days. That doesn't sound like very much time... but what we find is, the longer these ingredients are in the environment, there is a sort of direct correlation to the type of harm that they cause.

"One of the most common types of surfactants used in the traditional manufacturing of dishwashing detergent is nonalphenol. As this ingredient breaks down, the structure begins to mimic hormones — specifically estrogen." Besides being concerned about the effect of such compounds on surrounding wildlife — fish and frogs — "scientists are asking, 'Gee, why are [certain] things happening? Like the significant decline in sperm count for men? Why does it seem like more female babies are being born than male babies?' We don't know, but we see things.

"For instance: the American Cancer Society talks about how the death rate from cancer is declining. That's true...but the incidence of cancer is increasing.... There are commonly used traditional surfactants that, when breaking down, can form a compound that is a known carcinogen. It's thought to be absorbed through skin contact. People are washing their dishes and putting their hands in it.

"I don't want to scare anyone, or make it sound like people are at imminent risk to get cancer if they even have this stuff in their home. Many of these toxins, in very small doses, really have no impact. But the problem is, many of them are persistent in the environment, and they accumulate in our tissue. A little bit isn't really bad, but it never goes away; the environment has no ability to break it down, to metabolize it. So it just continues to build up in the food chain. While one or a hundred exposures would never hurt anyone, we're continually adding this stuff to the environment, and the effects are unknown.

"I don't want to say traditional products are bad or unsafe. But we want to offer another margin of safety for people who think it's important for them: people who have allergies or who live in a household with small children. And of course, there are environmental issues of sustainability and renewability, as opposed to petroleum."

Over the next four evenings, I had Patrick take it easy on the environment by testing the earth-friendly dish soaps I had procured: Seventh Generation (**$2.99** for 28 oz.), Ecover (**$2.29** for 16 oz.), and Lifetree (**$3.69** for 16 oz.), all from Whole Foods, and the Trader Joe's store-brand dishwashing liquid (**$1.99** for 28 oz.). With the exception of Lifetree, he thought them superior to what we usually used (Palmolive), exhibiting "nice tight bubbles that don't slide off what I'm washing." Further, "bubbles usually disappear when they hit grease; these held up well." The Lifetree, however, was an expensive disappointment, offering minimal suds, big open bubbles that didn't stick, and the necessity of extra soap on the sponge to get things really clean.



All the traditional brands cleaned adequately. Ivory Concentrated Dishwashing Liquid (**$1.97** for 28 oz. at Wal-Mart) was the clear winner in its category — the tight bubbles were super-sudsy and just wouldn't quit. Also, the light floral scent was a bonus. Dawn (**$1.97** for 28 oz. at Wal-Mart) and Dove (**$1.47** for 28 oz. at Wal-Mart) got the job done with average bubbles and sticking power. Palmolive (**$1.88** for 28 oz. at Wal-Mart) smelled of wet cardboard, while Joy (**$1.74** for 28 oz. at Wal-Mart) reeked of sticky-sweet candied orange. The suds of both died quickly, but not as quickly as those of Food 4 Less' Heritage Hearth (**$.78** for 22 oz.), the loser of the bunch. Sun Light (**$1.38** for 19 oz. at Food 4 Less) was a bargain for the price, falling only a notch below Ivory in the suds department.

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We had a lot of children at our wedding. At the time, nine years ago, I found the presence of 30 or 40 children aged ten or younger slightly annoying. We held our reception at the UCSD Faculty Club. I remember walking into the room late on the November day we got married. Clear blue late-afternoon light shone in the great bank of western windows. A sea of smiling faces moved toward my husband Jack and me. The deejay had gotten lost and wasn't there to announce our arrival. In the midst of this barely controlled chaos, I looked over to see a whirl of children running in circles around the dance floor. In all the reception photos — cutting the cake, the best man's toast — small, tousled heads fill the bottom of each frame.

Last Sunday, a few days before Jack's and my anniversary, we had a horrible day. No major disasters. No one had to go to the hospital. The house didn't burn down. Just one of those days where you spend all your time fussing at kids or sniping at your spouse until you wonder why you ever got married and had children at all.

I started the ugliness before we went downstairs for breakfast. Ever since baby Ben was born two months ago, Jack has had to get up with our other four children at night. If seven-year-old Rebecca needs water at 3:00 a.m. or five-year-old Angela has a nightmare, Jack hauls himself out of bed and stumbles down the hall. When Johnny, who is two, cries out every morning at 5:00 to get out of his crib and come in with us, Jack gets him.

Saturday night, Jack had been up a lot. He'd gone to bed after midnight. Sunday morning, he lay in bed like a narcoleptic, unable to rouse himself. Around 7:00, the girls rolled out of their beds and trooped into our room. They chattered and read books while I nursed Ben. Johnny rolled over and snuggled into the crook of Jack's arm. "Wake up, Daddy," Johnny said.

"Grmmphh," Jack answered without opening his eyes.

When Ben had finished nursing, I changed his diaper and got him dressed. "Time to get ready for Mass," I told the girls. "We need to leave in an hour." I started the shower for Rebecca and picked out clothes for Johnny to wear. I changed Johnny's diaper and helped him pull on his shirt and pants. When I walked back into our bedroom, Jack had managed to move from the bed to the rocking chair by the window. His head drooped and his eyes wouldn't quite open. Johnny tried to clamber into Jack's lap. He slid down onto the floor when Jack didn't hold onto him.

I picked Johnny up off the floor. "Jack, I need you to wake up," I snapped.

Jack lifted his head. "I'm tired."

"You're always tired," I raised my voice. "I'm so sick of you dragging around here like it's the end of the world. I'm tired, too, you know. I get up with the baby every night." As I walked toward the bathroom to start my shower, I felt tears well up in my eyes. "I need you to pull it together, Jack." I slammed the bathroom door behind me. As the door closed, I glimpsed Angela's wide eyes watching me.

The rest of the morning hurtled downhill. Picking up on Jack's and my mood, the kids flung insults at each other and refused to cooperate. We got to Mass late and slipped into the back pew as the choir finished the entrance hymn. Ben slept in his car seat. Jack and I took turns holding Johnny, who squirmed and demanded snacks and tried every chance he could to slide under the pew in front of us. The girls complained and bickered under their breath. I shot them thunderous glances while Jack whispered reprimands.

Toward the end of Mass, Ben woke up and fussed quietly. Jack took Johnny, who had been sitting in my lap. Johnny stood up on Jack's lap and knocked on the glass window that separates the church foyer from the back pew. I glanced back to see an elderly woman standing directly behind Jack where Johnny had knocked on the glass. Johnny knocked again. Jack turned Johnny around and sat him on his lap. I caught the elderly woman's eye and mouthed, "I'm sorry."

She pursed her mouth dismissively and looked away. I started to cry. Tears rolled down my face as we walked down the aisle to Communion and as we walked back. When Mass had ended, I sat in the pew nursing Ben and weeping silently while the church emptied.

Late in the day Sunday, after I'd cried some more and fussed at the kids and spoken in monosyllables to Jack, I sat on the couch to nurse Ben again. Clear blue afternoon light shone through the living room windows. Jack came in and put a CD on the stereo. I didn't recognize the song. Something from the '80s. Maybe Phil Collins. Rebecca and Angela and Lucy and Johnny heard the music and converged on the living room. Rebecca and Angela started twirling in circles, holding hands. Johnny ran around the room doing his Tarzan impersonation. Jack gathered Lucy into his arms and danced her across the carpet. For a few minutes the mood lightened. We all laughed. I smiled at Jack. We may just last another nine years.

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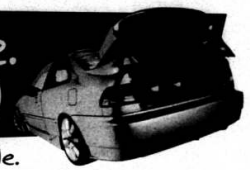

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