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Jim Benson Wants to Send You into Space



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Jim Benson with full-size model of Mars micromission spacecraft

JIM BENSON, founder of the world's first private space-exploration company, has a knack for coming up with slogans. "We put the 'Pow' in Poway" is one of the things he likes to say. Poway is where Benson's enterprise, SpaceDev, is located, and for almost a year, SpaceDev employees have tested rocket motors in a large bay next to the company parking lot on Stowe Drive. In the future, Benson says, the local facility will direct prospecting missions to the near-Earth asteroid belt that will make him and his stockholders rich.

"If we want to go to space to stay, space has to pay." That's another Benson slogan, as is "Space is a place, not a government program." When he voices the latter, Benson usually goes on to explain his view that Americans have been brainwashed to think that only NASA can mount space missions. "NASA wants people to believe that space is dangerous, risky, expensive, and you just can't go there unless you're a NASA-blessed astronaut with holy water sprinkled on you!" He thinks the reason NASA opposed L.A. businessman Dennis Tito's May tourist jaunt to the International Space Station is because "it undermined their carefully built, 30-year space priesthood." Tito's trip cracked the psychological barrier that Benson believes

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Insidious Eggs

Re: "I Can't Eat Peanuts" ("City Lights," August 9).

When I was Aubrey's age, I couldn't eat eggs, peanuts, go near cats, or use pillows with feathers. Now that I am 74, the only thing on that list that I can do is eat peanuts.

Egg allergy is the most insidious. When asked, people say that something has no eggs, but if it has mayonnaise, it has eggs!

Chinese food is a no-no. There are so many dishes with eggs in Chinese cooking. And even if a dish without eggs is ordered, if it is cooked in the same wok as another dish that had eggs, it is off-limits for me.

I am wary of flu shots — the vaccine is cultured in eggs!

Audrey is right. We people with allergies can "taste" the offending food. If I want to check the content of an unknown item, I take a little bit and swish it in my mouth like a wine taster. If it will offend my body, I get a funny, though familiar, feeling in my mouth. And I must get rid of it immediately.

Richard A. Poedtke
Vista

Unforgettable $2000

The "City Lights" August 9 column mentioned ballpark builder Douglas Barnhart's campaign contributions to City Councilmembers Maienschein and Madaffer. But let's not forget the 11 contributions to ballpark booster Byron Wear amounting to $2000. These contributions went to the Wear for Mayor committee, although Wear lost that election in March of 2000.

Mel Shapiro

Tan Dun, Not Pan Dun

Two corrections in Eilene Zimmerman's SummerFest story (August 9, "Cello Ska," Pop Music). The composer is Tan Dun, not Pan Dun. And violinist David Chan is concertmaster of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra.

Charlene Baldridge

CORRECTION

The photo caption on the August 9 cover incorrectly identified the child as Cynthia May Hudgins. The correct name is Regina O'Neill. (Ms. Hudgins confirms that the object in the dog, Bink's, mouth is a pipe.)

CORRECTION

J.R.'s Café California, reviewed August 2 in "Tin Fork," closed for business before our publication date. We sincerely regret any inconvenience our review may have caused.

Carnival Rube

In the August 9 "Sightseer," Justin Wolff talks about the phrase "Hey Rube" in several connections. Somebody named Hunter Thompson has a column on ESPN.com, whatever the hell that is, called "Hey Rube!" and also some boxer, Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, used to be called "Hey, Rube" by his prison friends. I think that your writer misses the point. He may not even know, but years ago, among carnival workers and circus workers, "Hey, Rube" was sort of a yell for help. If some townspeople at a carnival started giving a carnival worker a hard time — you know, maybe they caught him swindling them out of some money or something, and things got rough for the carnie — he'd yell out "Hey, Rube!" and all the other carnies would come piling in. There'd be a riot and the townspeople would get the daylights beat out of them. Same thing on a circus location. I worked for a carnival occasionally when I was in high school.

Name Withheld

Endless Splendor

Bravo, Jerry Schad! His piece on the Rose Canyon Fault ("Roam-O-Rama," August 9) was beautifully written. I need to reward myself and pick up the latest copy of his *Afoot and Afield in San Diego*, not only to make sure maps are up to date and see if he has a fresh take on cougars, but to enjoy any additional prose he's added. Literary-minded outdoorsfolk in our fair city should be aware that he is really a rather good writer.

I owe a lot to Jerry Schad. I really must congratulate myself. Growing up in San Diego, building the occasional childhood fort, making a monster movie, or having the odd adventure in the foothills near suburbia nursed within me a vague desire to "enjoy nature." But it wasn't until my mid-20s that I actually began to make communing with our backcountry a reality. At first, happening up fire roads, but eventually seizing upon Schad's book, which laid everything before me: the views from Cuyamaca Peak, Garnet Peak, the dusty tramp to Kitchen Creek Falls, the splendor of Pine Valley Creek, on and on, endless hikes in the backcountry. If it hadn't been for this book, I might never have done it.

David DeKock
University City

Reasons

I read with great interest Matt Potter's blurb ("City Lights," August 9) about how San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD)

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Camp Pendleton's Shaggy Secret

By David J. Morris

Along with the rest of my company, I was about to start a rifle exercise in July 1996 when the range boss ran up the green flag, putting us on hold. I looked up from fiddling with my M-16, and there they were: about 30 buffalo grazing across our frontage, oblivious to the Marines with machine guns 100 yards away. We stared for a half hour while they had lunch.

Camp Pendleton is a wild place. I was stationed there as an infantry officer in the mid-1990s, and my platoon sergeant, a Somalia veteran with a Dixie flag tattooed on his left arm, used to tell me about the "old Corps," when he would shoot jackrabbits from his barracks window with a .45. Wildfires and floods afflict the base. Everyone talks about the flood of '93 when water from the Santa Margarita River washed out the base general's ranch house and the airfield.

I woke up one morning in April of this year dreaming of the buffalo. I'd been out of the Corps for several years.

"Camp Pendleton Game Warden, how may I help you, sir?"

"Hey, this is gonna sound really weird, but I remember back when I was stationed at Pendleton there was this herd of, like, *buffalo*."

"Yes, sir, we have some bison up here."

I later spoke with Bill Berry, the man in charge of everything with four legs on base, and we made an appointment.

I reread Dee Brown's *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* and *The Buffalo* by Lee Haines. At San Diego State's library I found a master's thesis on the indigenous mule deer population at Camp Pendleton. It mentioned that the bison on base have no natural predators.

According to Berry, the San Diego Zoo introduced the bison to Camp Pendleton in 1973. The zoo's contingent of North American Plains Bison (*bison bison*) had reproduced so successfully that they were running out of room. So they trucked up four bison to Pendleton with the hopes of encouraging their reproduction. The bison have grown to over a hundred and split into three herds, which have the run of the base. They tend to stick to a few choice spots in the windswept high country and rarely cross paved roads.

Occasionally they do cross into live-firing areas. When they do graze into one of those areas, Marines from the game warden's office are called in. These Marines disperse the beasts with shotgun blasts into the air. "They kinda know us by now," one of the game warden Marines tells me. "When they see our truck coming, it's like, *okay, here those guys come again, we'd better get moving.*"

There have been a few accidents over the years. In 1991, a pickup slammed into a bison on Basilone Road, deep in the heart of the base. The truck took a beating, but the bison came out okay. Two game wardens came out to look for the injured animal and found her under an oak tree. As they drew near, she took off running. The bison occasionally get tangled up in communication wire left out in the training areas by Marines.

Two of the herds, whose range encompasses nearly all of Camp Pendleton's northern high country, are mature, healthy, and composed of about 50 females, a handful of older bulls, and a few calves. These herds are typical in size and composition to others that are maintained in Wyoming and Montana. The third and southernmost herd is composed entirely of itinerant bachelor bison (sort of like the Marine Corps). A large herd is typically dominated by only a few of the larger males. The coed hierarchy can only support a few of the more aggressive males, so the surplus males are exiled to a separate herd a few miles away.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Camp Pendleton

Pendleton's herds are unaffected by *brusolosis*, a disease that afflicts bison and is transferred through their afterbirth. The spread of this ailment has caused some consternation among cattle ranchers near Yellowstone National Park who are concerned about the disease spreading from the bison herd maintained in the park to their cattle.

I met with Berry in May, and after talking in his office near the airfield for a while, we struck out in a Ford Explorer to look for the middle and largest of the three herds. This particular band generally hung out near a pair of small lakes in the Case Springs area, on the eastern edge of the base at about 2200 feet in elevation. Bison are grazers by nature and like the sweet grass found in the fields fed by the spring.

As we crested the plateau leading up to Case Springs, we were enveloped by an ocean of rippling grass. As we moved across a saddle overlooking the southernmost lake, we spotted a lone dark brown cow halfway up a rise on the left. Quickly scanning the surrounding area, we were rewarded with a view of 60-plus bison resting in the oat grass about 50 yards away.

We rolled up close and picked out several bulls as well as six of this year's calves — brightly colored, almost like golden retrievers —

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Bison herd, Camp Pendleton

Matt Potter *is on vacation.*

One Hundred Hidden Dangers

By Robert Kumpel

"I didn't seek to be a school nurse. I was new to the city and I thought, 'I'll give this a try.' " Since giving it a try, Sandy Wright has been working with San Diego City Schools as a project nurse for 23 years. Wright is currently assigned to Benchley-Weinberger Elementary School in San Carlos. "I've worked with medically fragile children, specialed children, hyperactive children, chronically ill children, and children with all kinds of developmental issues.

"I love it. Every day's a challenge. I have to be a generalist and know a lot of things. This is the hardest thing I have ever done. That's because you work independently, autonomously, you need to think on your feet, and you don't have a hospital backup behind you. We don't have a lot of resources, and most nurses aren't at schools every day, so you have to be well organized, and I like that. I really like seeing my interventions help children and their families. It's very rewarding." Originally from Pennsylvania, Wright worked as an intensive-care nurse for 18 years. "When I came out here, I went into public health, and they recruited me for the schools. Now I work two and a half days in the nursing office as a project nurse and two and a half days at my school."

Of all the health problems Wright and other school nurses face each day, none is as pervasive as asthma — the most common manifestation of allergies. Because of her experience as a nurse and as volunteer at yearly asthma camps, Wright was approached by the San Diego Unified School District to develop an asthma intervention program. "People know that I am very passionate about asthma and kids miss time from school because of allergies and asthma. It's the chronic illness that causes school absenteeism, and those statistics reach all across the United States."

Wright's program, now three years old, has been adopted by the elementary, middle, and high schools in San Diego Unified. Its first step is identifying the number of chronic asthma students with frequent absenteeism and finding ways to keep them in school. "It started out as a survey, just finding out how many kids had asthma at each school. With that, there are usually food allergies, eczema, and other forms of allergies. We match it with the number of absences of each student. We then take the kids who really miss a lot of school and help the nurse to focus and intervene with those kids. These are kids who are missing [as much as 50] days. We've begun what we call 'asthma focus groups.' They're not mandatory, but they're for schools with high numbers of asthmatics or nurses who really want to learn from each other how we might approach the problem. They've been given information from me, equipment, and ways to approach it. We hope that when we measure it next year, these kids' absentee rates will be coming down. Part of this is making sure they have their medicine at school, they're taking peak-flow readings [a breathing test], talking to parents, the family doctors, structuring their environment and educating everybody, including the teacher."

There is a profile for asthma and where it is most likely to strike. "In San Diego and across the United States, asthma is most common in crowded urban areas. Ethnically, it's highest among the African-American children in urban areas, and that's usually because their environment includes things that trigger asthma, especially irritants. There also may be a prenatal connection."

Parents of children with allergies are often the key factor in reducing absences and making sure everyone knows what to do. "Some of them are protective. They feel like, 'I can't send my child to school because nobody will understand. My child is shy, he doesn't say anything, there's not a nurse there every day, the office staff won't know what to do.' On the other hand, there are parents who don't treat the asthma preventatively, but they understand it is very, very dangerous. Their kids will miss school because they're very sick and they haven't done the treatments that the doctors have prescribed. They're too sick to come to school, so they don't. We're kind of a liaison between all that. We make sure that we have all the information, and then we make up a care plan for that student."

Asthma tends to be predominant in younger children, but it doesn't go away with age. "You never outgrow asthma. Asthma changes in a lot of people as they approach adolescence, then reemerges in young adulthood, usually in the 20s. If kids have gotten really good care and if there's not a lot of lung damage, they will do better as adolescents and young adults and won't have intensive episodes."

Next to asthma, the biggest allergic problem in schools is food allergies. "More and more children are experiencing them. I don't mean intolerance or lactose intolerance or adverse reactions — that's not the same as a food allergy. What we worry about is the child who ingests food that can go into anaphylactic shock. Dairy products, peanuts, tree nuts — those are high allergens. The most common are wheat, corn, dairy, and nuts."

Parents, particularly parents who have witnessed anaphylactic shock, are not shy about letting the school know their child's food allergies. "Those parents are very concerned and let us know about it. Their [child's] diet is altered. Sometimes we have emergency medication at the school. Every child that has a severe anaphylactic reaction has an Epi-pen kit. The nurse requests it, and it is kept at school. Not only does the nurse know how to use

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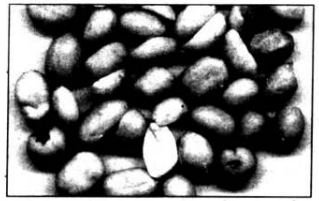
Sandy Wright



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Shaggy secret

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termixed among the herd. The adults, with their deep chocolate chests and diminutive hindquarters, seemed built for speed and looked like locomotives with fur. Most of the herd was losing their winter coats, which hung off them like tattered black carpets. A few small birds collected on the back of the cow nearest us. A smaller cow crossed the jeep trail a few feet in front of the Explorer. As if on cue, a Cobra attack helicopter buzzed overhead. Our shaggy hosts did not bat an eye.

I asked if we could get out and take some photos, but Berry advised us, and I had read, that bison are a bit skittish, and although they seem lethargic and almost pettable, they are dangerous. Bison can weigh up to 2000 pounds and have been clocked at upwards of 40 miles an hour. They are built for straight-line sprinting, rather than bunny-like agility.

I had once before seen a plains buffalo up close in a large animal pen at Texas A&M. I'd stepped within a

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Shaggy secret

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few feet of the pen, and the great beast banged straight up against the railing. As I backed off, I could hear the bull exhaling in great bursts.

After a few minutes, Berry said, "Now we could probably startle 'em and get 'em to stampede. That's really something to see."

"Could we?"

"We'd better not."

We remained on for a few precious minutes, taking pictures. They began drifting away from the truck. ■

Hidden dangers

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it, but someone else at the school — sometimes two people — know how to administer it. That's within our policy and law. It goes on field trips. When kids get to be about 15 or 16, the child is taught how to do it.

"Sometimes our nurses diagnose allergies. It could be from infants who had feeding problems, a child who got hives or developed asthma — the nurse will recommend that they see an allergist, which is my bias and what I recommend for care and follow-up. I'm sure all school nurses have experienced this. Sometimes parents don't know why the child is having hives or eczema or whatever, because you can eat things or take medicine for a number of days and not really have a bad reaction. Then the body gets its level, and it goes over the line. Treatment and management has gotten better over the last ten years; specifically, the last five. If parents access that and are compliant, I think they will get very good care for their children's allergies."

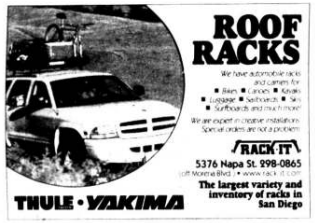
The seriousness of food allergies is often not understood until someone has witnessed the adverse effects. "One year, at asthma camp, there was one little boy who was allergic to dairy. I'm talking *very* allergic. We had to monitor his diet, read all the labels. That's very important, because you often don't think of casein and things that are milk proteins as milk or dairy. He knew and we knew. What he did was, there were corn peels — you know those orange things with a lot of powder on them, it's a snack food — Chee-tos or Doritos? We always called them corn curls. He didn't eat any. He just touched one and went into anaphylactic shock. We were in the San Bernardino mountains, and we had to get him down the hill to a hospital. He was very close to being 'trached' [getting a tracheotomy — a breathing tube inserted externally into the throat] right there at asthma camp. The camp is staffed by nurses and doctors and respiratory techs, and a doctor drove him down. We had him intubated and were 'bagging' [assisting respiration] him all the way down. I've never forgotten that.

"The parents of kids who have these severe food allergies know that their kids can die. They may become overprotective or compulsive. It is very appropriate that they take the measures that they do. It's very appropriate that the whole school know — the teachers, the bus drivers, all the people. They've had to rush their kids to the hospital because a mistake has been made, and they know their children can die. Other people, those who don't understand this, need education. Take M&M's. Some kids are allergic to nuts but not to chocolate. But in M&M's, the chocolate has ground nuts in it to make it thicker. Parents have to be careful. A child in my school a few years ago was allergic to fish. One day he thought he was eating chicken nuggets in the cafeteria when, in fact, he was eating fish. I don't know why he thought it was chicken, but he came to my office and his tongue was two inches thick and his lips were closed. It was a 911 call that ended up at Balboa Hospital — the whole deal. I've had kids at asthma camp, where if there was food cooked in peanut oil, they couldn't be anywhere near it or they would go into anaphylactic shock. I take parents very seriously. They may seem to overcompensate, but they don't want to lose their child."

When the allergies are severe or unique enough, relations with other children can be a problem. "We had a child, several years ago, with a skin allergy. He had asthma and was on nine medications. His eczema and atopic dermatitis was so severe that he looked like a lizard. I would go into the classroom every year and talk to the class. Let's say his name was Ben. I would say, 'You can't get anything from Ben.' I would touch him and say, 'Ben's my friend. He has a skin problem, but he's just like you and me.' Sometimes his mom would come in with me. She tried to keep him in long sleeves. After things were explained, he got along fine with the other kids. But when you first see a person like this, it's really frightening, especially to young kids. Older kids can understand this. We protected him from the sun and made sure he took his medication and used his skin cream, but we had to explain it to the kids. As a result, 'Ben' was shy and needed help to break into the group, because he knew he was different. It's horrible. He grew up to be a fine young man, and now he's been diagnosed with Crohn's disease. I am very sorry that he's continuing to have medical problems."

Allergies are not always easily identified and often require detective work. Wright recalls one student who was missing a lot of school with no apparent explanation. "He had asthma. His mother was a nurse, very competent. He got good medical care and was on the right medication, but he would come to school and start wheezing. It was so severe that I'd send him home and to the doctor. Two days later, he'd come back, and it would happen all over again. Now, they had rats and guinea pigs in the classroom, and although he was not allergic to those animals, I thought the protein in the urine or the dander or whatever was probably causing this. I couldn't get the teacher to remove those animals, because the child didn't test allergic to those animals, but after five weeks, I knew there had to be a connection. I started to read and even wondered if the kid was allergic to the print on the page — I'd had a kid some years earlier who was and had to wear a mask when reading. When everything's in place and the child doesn't get better, we've got to become detectives and figure it out. Finally, I found out that the feed of guinea pigs and rats had peanut shells, and, therefore, the oil and skin of peanuts. This young man was anaphylactically allergic to the feed. He had come in with hives several times. After I figured that out, they were immediately removed. He was much better after that. For a kid who's never had a guinea pig or dogs or cats, the parents may not even know."

Wright believes informing the schools is the strongest tool in fighting allergies. "It's an important problem. Schools can manage if they know. We need to know the children who do have allergies. We need to know how they react. What kind of allergy is it? Do they get hives or do they stop breathing? We need to know all that information. Don't tell us your child has an allergy when they get an upset stomach from milk. Tell us what we're dealing with. We want allergic kids to have Epi-pens. We're capable of giving them and training others to do so. We'd like them to have everything written down and ready for the teacher, so we can teach room mothers and other people what we're doing." ■



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DATING TRENDS

poor manners 37%

talking about their ex 48%

How important is your date's profession to you?

Very Important: Men 27% · Women 38%

On your last first date, did you have a better or worse impression at the end of the date versus the first 10 minutes?

Better: Men 57% · Women 68%

honesty and similar values

physical attractiveness and humor

Over 1400 It's Just Lunch clients were surveyed on dating trends.

Liaisons at Lunch



Andrea McGinty, Founder

So, you're single, you're attractive and successful. Ok, so why is it so hard to meet that special someone?

Bar hopping isn't for you. Your friend's most recent fix-up was a disaster, and well, just forget your mother's idea of Mr. or Ms. Right.

Enter It's Just Lunch!, a dating service for busy professionals that hand selects couples for lunch dates. The company was born in 1991in Chicago. Founder Andrea McGinty's fiance jilted her, and she began the tedious search for a way to meet "normal," well-educated professionals. Her friends sent her out on blind dates, she tried personal ads and even thought about a dating service, but she just wasn't comfortable with any of the options.

The ideal date, she decided, was a lunch date. Ms. McGinty launched the company with the simple premise: a dating service based on a personalized screening and a painless meeting with her to determine whether she had the type of people the client would like to meet.

The dating service caters to an upscale audience, Ms. McGinty explained. Nearly 95% have college degrees, 75% have a graduate degree; many are lawyers, doctors, people in the arts and entertainment industry, bankers and business executives. Men who join are in age from 30 to 55, most women from 24 to 45.

In fact, one of It's Just Lunch's recent success stories occurred in a matter of 6 hours. Elizabeth, a 33-year-old advertising executive came in at 10 AM and joined the service. Tim, a 37-year-old doctor, signed up at 4 PM. "I was so excited during the interview with Tim because I knew I had exactly what he was looking for....Elizabeth. They were both passionate about the outdoors; he had just come back from a dive trip in the Barrier Reef and she had just finished biking in Italy," says an It's Just Lunch Director. **Her gut was right on the mark! They have been dating for 7 months now.**

The majority come to It's Just Lunch because they are tired of the bar scene, have not been meeting the right people or they don't want to date co-workers.

More than 70% of her clients are referred by another client, Ms.McGinty says. In general, a client calls the service for information. Then, a one-hour meeting is set up between the client and Director to discuss the type of person they'd like to meet. A wide array of topics are covered: age, education, background, hobbies, interests, people they have dated in the past and what their goals are.

In a few days, the company will call to tell the client all about their first date. The service handles all of the information in a confidential manner—while both people will know a lot about each other, last names and phone numbers are not given. It's up to the clients to do so after they have met—and most of them do exchange phone numbers at the end of the date. Then, they each check in with the company and give feedback on the date.

And, the lunch concept keeps gaining in popularity, especially due to the internet. "So many clients recently have tried internet dating," Ms.McGinty comments. "Then they come to us and say, Wow! It's Just Lunch is much more effective and fun!"

It's Just Lunch currently has 28 locations in the US with an additional 15 offices opening this year, including Europe and Australia. The company is now headquartered in San Diego.

Ms. McGinty smiles and confesses to being a romantic at heart."It's an absolute blast," Ms. McGinty says. "And, I absolutely believe there is somebody for everyone."

Lunch Dates... from the Last Few Weeks



JENNIFER DONNELLY, DIRECTOR

The couple lived in the same building. She had seen him several times and smiled at him... he too had seen her and tried one evening to ask her out in the laundry room but choked. Both thought they might have eventually gotten the nerve up to ask each other out, but we gave them the push. They have been dating for 4 months!



BRIDGET MCCOY, DIRECTOR

I told the couple, "We don't normally do this but..." He called the morning of his lunch date and lamented that it was too beautiful a day to be indoors for lunch and didn't we mention that she plays golf? OK, we got the hint, called Carrie and she won by a stroke and said that the hot dog on the course was the best lunch she's had with us.

Top 5 Reasons People Join Our Service...

1. Busy with professional life
2. Tired of friends' "fix-ups"
3. [illegible]
4. Not interested in club/bar scene
5. Taking a pro-active approach to their personal life

According to Our Directors



Michelle Brown, Robyn Craft and Nancy Kirsch

From the Man's Perspective™



Daniel G. Dolan, Chairman and CEO

Working in a company where there are many women employees, many of whom are single, causes me to be part of many conversations starting with 'you won't believe what my date did last night...' or "men can be so strange...." And since I joined IJL, I have attempted to defend men and explain to some of the IJL Directors exactly why the man did [whatever].

First Date Pet Peeves

1. Don't offer to split the bill or pay for part of the evening.

If a man asks a woman to dinner (or the movies or lunch,) he can afford to pay for the date he planned. Most men will interpret an offer to split the bill as an indication that either a) their date doesn't think he can afford to pay, or b) his date isn't very interested in him and she is feeling guilty about accepting a free meal. If the woman wants to pay for something, she should ask the man out for Date #2.

2. Don't order the least expensive or the most expensive item on the menu.

Both are equally as bad. The first says, "I don't think you can afford to pay for something I really like." The second says, "I'm going to take him for everything I can get." Neither increases the chances for a second date.

3. Don't try to figure out if he is interested in marriage, children, or spending his life with you [women believe me: we know what you're thinking!!]

A first date should simply be a test to see if you like each other enough to have a second date, not whether you want to spend the rest of your life with that person. There will be plenty of time to determine long term compatibility.

4. Despite what some people may tell women, "creating a challenge" or playing "hard to get" is not a turn-on to most men.

Playing games simply makes it appear as if... well, that the woman is playing games. It is not attractive to most men. And don't forget: virtually all 'how to catch a man' books are written by women. Enough said.

5. Don't wait for the man to initiate a second date.

If the woman had a good time, she should say that and ask the man out for a second date (and she should pay for the second date since she did the asking out.)

Mr. Dolan, a Harvard Law School graduate and former partner at the international law firm Winston and Strawn, left his law career in 1997 to become CEO of It's Just Lunch!.

Have a question that needs answering from the Man's Perspective?
Write me at IJL's San Diego headquarters.
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Ask the Dating Experts



Tara Murray, Director



Kim Lawson, Director



Carmen Vozzella, Director

Dear Dating Experts,
I've been dating two women and one is pushing for a commitment. I like both equally well and want to continue dating both of them. What should I do?
Signed, Having Fun

Dear Having Fun,
Our inclination is to RUN from the "pushing a commitment woman" but, since you like both, continue to see both! Don't succumb to pressure... at some point it is likely that you'll find you have more fun with one woman... and... Voila... decision made.

Dear Dating Experts,
How do you handle the situation when your ex-boyfriend and his date are sitting at the table next to you and your date?
Signed, Moved On

Dear Moved On,
Remember - there are several other patrons in the restaurant, not just you and your ex. Acknowledge him and his date if appropriate, but do not let him distract you. Keep the focus on your date.

Dear Dating Experts,
I have been on ten dates with this guy and I still don't know if he is dating anyone else. What do I do?

Dear High Expectations,
If you don't know him well enough to determine whether he is seeing someone else, it doesn't sound like you know him well enough to see him exclusively. However, if you simply have to know, ask him. Any other way of trying to figure this out (such as calling him at odd hours or asking him 'tricky' questions) will make you look desperate and unattractive and will surely result in the end of your relationship.

Dear Dating Experts,
I recently met a woman who is intelligent, funny, gorgeous and also a workout fanatic - did I mention I've never seen the inside of a gym, hate sweating, and don't own a single track suit? She wants me to take a two-day bike trip with her now - what should I do?
Signed, Athletically Inept

Dear Inept,
Don't miss the opportunity! The two-day bike trip may just be leisurely riding and this two-day excursion may be just what you need to try something physical while spending time with this wonderful woman.

Dear Dating Experts,
Help! I am 31years old and my clock is ticking! Quickly! I want to settle down and get married. The problem is I just ended a 4 year relationship because he did not feel the need to settle down and get married. I don't know what to do. I feel so alone because I'm the third wheel with all of my friends. What should I do?
Signed, Impatiently Waiting

Dear Impatiently Waiting,
First of all, relax! Just because a relationship has ended doesn't mean your life is ending! Paleeeze... at some point get off the Pity Pot... It's boring and unattractive! Get yourself a new outfit, a new haircut and start networking! If you want to meet a man start talking to everyone! Your co-workers, your friends - join groups - get creative!! Remember, the way you'd find a job might be the same way you'd find a man!

Please fax us your dating questions to 619.234.8500.

The Buzz...

"...A dating service is trying to revolutionize the blind date. It's Just Lunch! offers clients a chance to get acquainted over lunch. The firm does all the work, making reservations, clearing the matches with customers. All couples have to do is show up."

-The Wall Street Journal

"It's Just Lunch! To the delights of...clients, this singles service eases the anxiety level of the blind date by scheduling the encounters at high noon."

-People Magazine

"Mark, a 36-year-old sales manager from Irvine, recently became engaged to the first woman he met through the service a year ago. His fiancee had gone on nine It's Just Lunch dates before they met. 'My intention wasn't to find a wife,' he said. 'But I hadn't really been doing anything about finding somebody to go out with, so I decided to be a little more proactive. The women you meet have been well-screened and prequalified, so it saved me a lot of time and energy. Two of my friends who had been complaining that they weren't meeting good women tried it and told me about it.'"

-The Los Angeles Times

...About It's Just Lunch

Topics of Conversation to AVOID on a First Date!

Our Directors and Coordinators spend hours on the phone each day getting to know our clients on a personal level. They hear it all when it comes to feedback.

ex-anything • financial situation • salaries • chronic illnesses • religion • politics • marriage • divorce • past relationships • alimony • prior dates • Viagra • plastic surgery • bankruptcy • pre-nuptials • teeth bleaching • the skeletons in your closet • how bad your day has been • that you will be moving soon • who's picking up the bill • babies and how many you'd like • contacting the dead through a medium



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It's Just Lunch Directors made up a list of topics to avoid at ALL COSTS on a first date.

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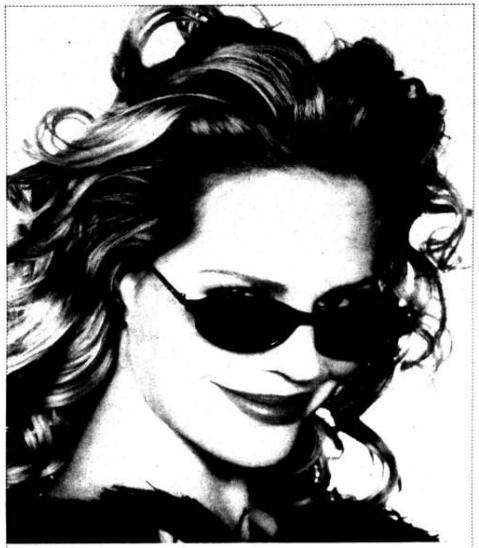

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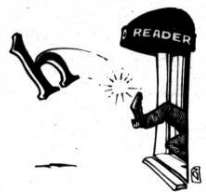

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Hey, Matt:
I've noticed that a large number of companies use actors in their TV commercials with English, French, or other foreign accents. I suppose that companies feel that an articulate accented spokesperson lends more superiority to their product. I was wondering if the converse lies across the pond. Do foreign companies use actors in their commercials with American accents? Like a French company using an actor speaking French with an American accent?

— Watching too much TV

"Definitely YES!" This from our friend Monsieur Gil, originally from Brooklyn, now a long-time ex-pat selling things to his fellow Frenchmen from his advertising agency in Paris. An American accent is de rigueur if you're selling jeans or tortilla chips or some other product either made in or associated with the U.S. He claims the perfect American-accented French for selling stuff will have a sort of rural twang to it — French spoken by someone from Oklahoma or Texas. Uncle Ben's Rice is sold with a voiceover actor speaking French with a very deep voice and a Louisiana Creole accent. But it doesn't stop there. Even French with a European accent carries a subliminal message. A Belgian accent suggests thick-headedness. Swiss: sluggishness. British: snobbishness or distinction. German: an authoritarian air. French-Canadian (the accent of 16th-century France, he says): quaint and ridiculous. He goes on at some length about regional French accents too; but in a nutshell, yes, American-accented French apparently makes the average guy from Paris want to drop everything and rush to EuroDisney.

Our London correspondent takes a more philosophical view. Yes, an American accent sells American products (an inexplicably large quantity of Budweiser beer, he says). American movie stars are particularly popular in British commercials. But in general, Americans and Aussies are used in British advertising (and in TV programs) to do or say outrageous things that the Brits secretly wish they could do but won't actually do because they'd be ostracized by their neighbors if they did. An American accent suggests outrageousness and something socially unacceptable but secretly desirable. Once again, a Texas drawl doesn't hurt. *Dallas* was a bigger hit in England than in the U.S. To a Frenchman or a Brit, the definitive American is the cowboy. And a Hollywood cowboy is probably better than the real thing.

Dear Matthew Alice:
On page 138 of the San Diego Reader dated August 2, nearly everywhere there's supposed to be an h in the text, there's a blank space instead. At first I thought it was some statement that Duncan Shepherd was trying to make in one of his movie reviews. However, the hs are missing from nearly all the reviews on that particular page. What do you think happened?

— KDS, National City

Funny you should ask. We'd already formed a blue-ribbon committee to test the feasibility of budgeting some emergency dough to fund an ad hoc investigative task force to conduct a background study and technical analysis of the problem, which was wider than you reported. We're still trying to get the preliminary paperwork straight, so while the elves wrestle with that, I dialed up some likely suspects in the *Reader* production office. After working my way through their eight-level phone menu ("If you have an angry complaint, press Q. If you want to give us a raise, press 1"), it dead-ended at a recorded voice that said, "Hey, it was perfect when it left our office. It's somebody else's fault."

Somewhere, floating in the ether, are all the missing letters from the August 2 issue. We zap the paper to the printers using a system that sends them, basically, as photographs of the finished pages. Somewhere in the system, 373 *hs* fell off page 138. I'm sure there's a bewildering techie explanation for why 373 *hs* fell off page 138, but I don't care what it is, and I'll bet you don't either. Anyway, you didn't get the full value for the steep sum you paid for the August 2 issue, so by rights we owe you 373 *hs* (lower-case only). And 136 *ns* intermittently missing from page 38; 112 *ds*, the curved portion only, from page 44; and 54 *us* from page 22. Anyone who feels cheated can contact the Matthew Alice claims adjustment office, and we'll send you the missing letters.

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

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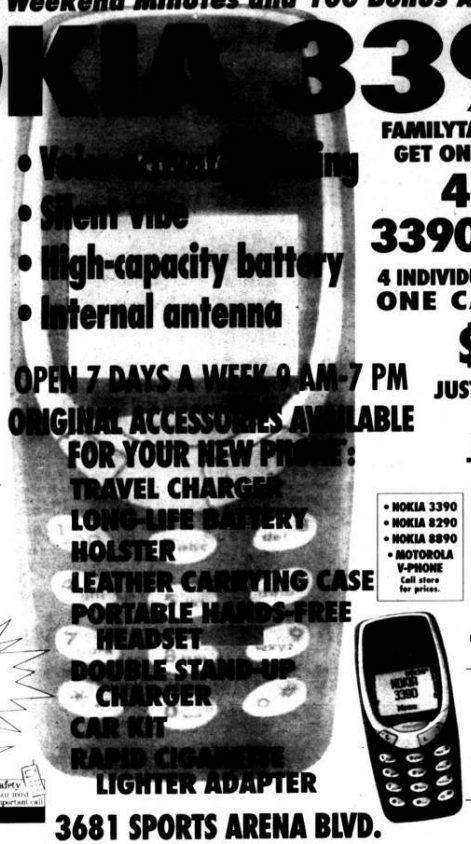

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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

A Lot Of Quad

The San Diego Soccers commence their 2001 season on Saturday. They'll play the St. Louis Steamers in St. Louis. The Soccers are part of the World Indoor Soccer League [WISL], and we'll leave it there. Professional soccer in San Diego has a long, complex, bitter, inbred history and we have our NFL betting lines to study.

But, before we get to that bit of business, meet Anthony Farace, 25, center midfielder for the San Diego Soccers. I got him on the phone. "How's the season look?"

"So far, so good."

I note that the season hasn't begun. "How's the money?"

"It's average." Now, *there* is a pro's answer.

"What led you to soccer?"

"My parents."

"Do you remember your first game?" I'll bet he was four years old. "Were you four years old?"

Farace makes a pleasing, gentle laugh. "Probably five, six years old."

"Where was the game played?"

"San Diego. I was born and raised here."

"And you played in junior high school and high school?"

"Yeah, Patrick Henry High School. I graduated in '94."

"So, you're out on the street and you got the big world to deal with. Did you know at that time you wanted to play pro soccer?"

"Yeah, I turned pro out of high school. I went to Anaheim and played indoor with the Flash. I was 18. I was the youngest player ever to sign with the CISL [Continental Indoor Soccer League]."

"Boom, you're a superstar."

"It was a big change. I didn't get much playing time, but, still, just to be around the guys. I grew up watching some of them play."

"How long did it last?"

"One year. From there I was drafted by the San Diego Soccers for the '96–'97 season [same name, different league]. Then the league folded."

"And then what happened?" The guy was a veteran at 19.

"I went to the San Diego Flash. I was there for three years. The Flash was in the second division league under MLS [Major League Soccer]."

"Like Triple A baseball, one step down from the majors?"

"Yeah. A lot of players moved up to the MLS. But, there are players in the A league who make more money than some MLS players. So, moving up is not always a better situation, especially for guys like myself. I have so much established here in San Diego. I'm a coaching director and I have my own business, so, to leave here, in order to make $2000 or $3000 more a month, doesn't make any sense."

"How would you describe yourself when you were with the San Diego Flash team? Were you a starter?"

"Off and on. I was a midfielder. I was still very young. The first year with the Flash, I was injured and sat out all that year. The second year I came back and played a little bit, and the third year I played a lot. I was a starter. From there I went to San Jose."

Hello, MLS. "When was that?"

"Nineteen ninety-eight. I always had a goal to get to the highest level, play in the MLS."

"Was it different in the bigs?"

"There is no doubt about it. Your shoes are ready, they're polished. You have your own locker room and you can leave your stuff there. You stay in better hotels and so on." Farace pauses for a moment. "I was released from San Jose after the fourth game. I was getting very little money in San Jose and San Diego wanted to pick me up for the second half of the year. They offered more money."

Oh, I'll wager there's more to it than that, but, it sounds like he's having a good day, the hell with it. "What do you think of the WISL?"

"It's a quality league. There are fewer teams [five], therefore the talent is greater. Indoor-wise, America has always had the top teams."

"In soccer world, are indoor teams looked down upon, like, say, arena football teams are?"

"Not really. There are lots of indoor players who have played in the MLS. We have a couple players on our team who were in the MLS for several years. Indoor soccer is top-notch."

Time to go. "What does it take to do your job?"

"You have to be fast, have one-on-one skills, and be able to take out players. Speed, speed is a big thing in the outside wings. I've always been the fastest player on all the teams I've been associated with.

"A lot of people don't understand how physical soccer is, how it strains your knees to go by a player. When you're pushing the ball by, it's arm strength, explosiveness, and a lot of quad. There's a step-over move that players use. They step by the ball with their right foot and push it with their left foot in the opposite direction. Then there are quick cuts and spinning. There's a lot of contact going on in soccer, all of it without pads."

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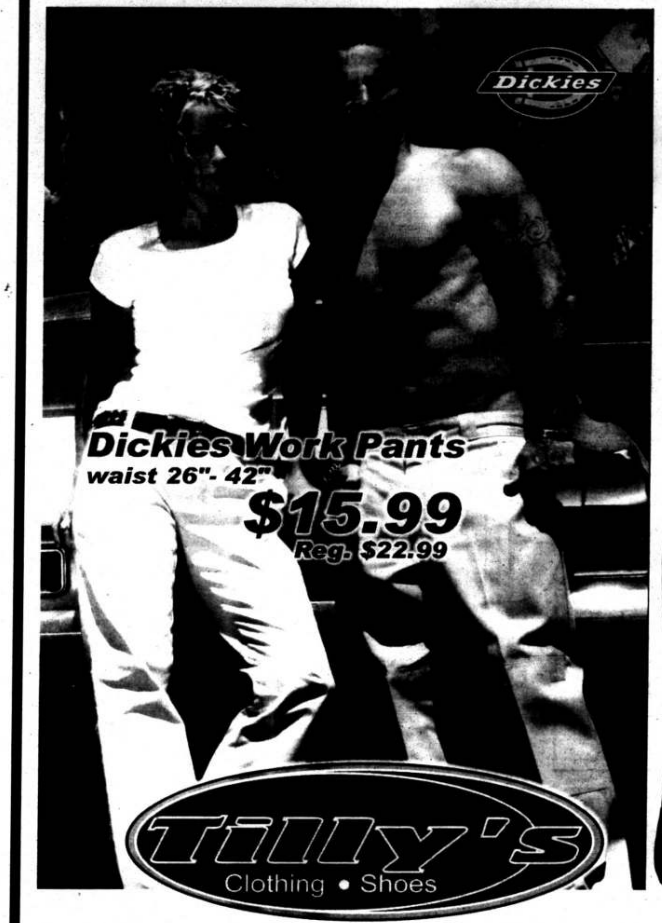



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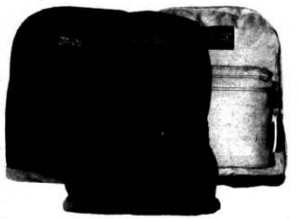



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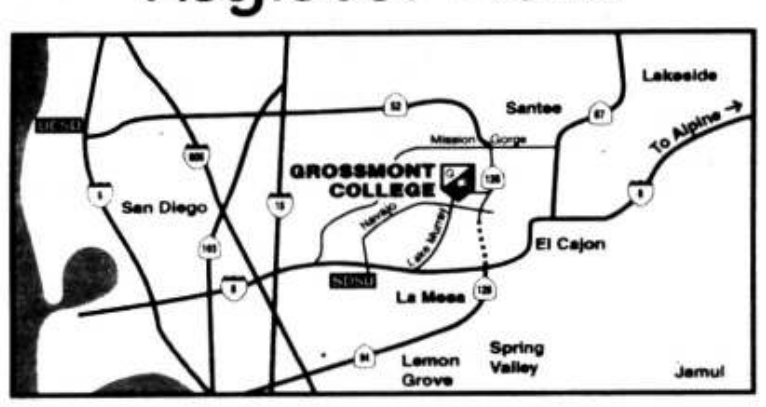

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Around San Diego you find monuments to mainline Protestantism's ascendancy and decline. Massive, thick-walled, Mission-style, these mostly Methodist and Presbyterian structures occupy entire blocks. Meander their long corridors, peek into the capacious Sunday- school classrooms, ample social halls, music rooms, lending libraries. All empty. Considering so much silent, unused space — and the tithes used to construct it — you don't have to be a mainline Protestant to feel bad, to wonder what went wrong. (*Man is like to vanity — his days are as a shadow that passeth away.*)

Torrey Pines Christian Church, just off North La Jolla Scenic Drive, tucked in the pricey La Jolla Woods neighborhood, seems an exception. Hidden among eucalyptus and coastal morning fog, the church's five enormous redbrick Romanesque buildings hunker on ten acres of some of the most expensive land in North America. Last Sunday morning, when I drove into the crowded parking lot, I thought, "Wait. I'm lost. This is some small weird liberal-arts college I've never heard of." (I was later comforted when senior pastor Dale Suggs told me his initial reaction was similar. Four years ago, when he came from Indiana to be interviewed, he drove up to the church and thought, "Wait. You want me to pastor this? This isn't a church. It's a *campus.*")

In the early 1950s, when Dr. Ewart Wyle, the founding minister, bought land for his church, Jews couldn't buy homes in La Jolla. Now the neighborhood surrounding Torrey Pines Christian is Jewish. (Beth El, a large conservative synagogue, sits downhill from La Jolla Woods.) Torrey Pines Christian's 850 members drive in from as far away as Fallbrook, Spring Valley, and Bonita.

They have good reason to make the schlep. A huge Italianate fountain burbles in the church's courtyard. The pianist — on loan from the San Diego Symphony — plays a Bach prelude. The big pipe organ blasts "When in the Hour of Utmost Need." Seated in the high-ceilinged sanctuary, you can still smell the sea. And Reverend Suggs's sermon, "To Advance the Gospel," is as Bible-thumping as a mainline Protestant sermon can get.

Torrey Pines Christian is a Disciples of Christ Church, a mainline Protestant denomination rooted in the same 19th-century pioneer movement that produced the conservative Church of Christ. But Torrey Pines Christian's main sanctuary was completed in 1984, a time when few mainline Protestant churches were expanding. (Another of the church's buildings was finished in 1995. There are plans for further expansion.)

"Do you think of your life, what you do, in terms of whether or not it advances the Gospel?" Reverend Suggs asked us when he began his sermon. He was referring to Philippians 1:12–18, the morning's Scripture reading. Paul, he told us, was writing from jail.

"You really have to wonder about Paul. He was like something out of a *Gomer Pyle* rerun. Joy in the midst of darkness. 'Hey, Sergeant Carter, wasn't the man who flogged us yesterday a really nice man?'"



J. DALE SUGGS

Torrey Pines Christian Church
La Jolla
★★★

Sermon	
content	★★★
delivery	★★★
Liturgy	★★★
Music	
congregational	★★
choir	★★★★
Snacks	★
Flowers	★★★
Architecture	★★★
Friendliness	★★★

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

Reverend Suggs recalled Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela — great figures who also found spiritual renewal in imprisonment. He recalled St. Francis, St. Cecilia, and others martyred for their faith.

"Paul believes with his whole heart that the only reason to be born on this planet, perhaps the only reason to be born at all, is to advance the Gospel. What if we measured success or failure in terms of the simple question 'How does what I do serve to advance the Gospel?' How would you answer that?

"I know a man, a producer in Hollywood. He doesn't do what he does to get rich. For each new corporation he takes public, he donates 10 percent to local ministries. He also donates 10 percent of what he earns."

Reverend Suggs went on to tell us about someone he knows, a professor, who takes well-off undergraduates to Haiti to addle their minds and instill in them a sense of social conscience. He told us about one of these undergrads, a premed student, who while in Haiti promised to come back and serve the poorest of the poor. But some years later, Reverend Suggs's friend met this former student in Manhattan. Reverend Suggs's friend asked the former student what he was doing.

"I'm a plastic surgeon."

But surely he was doing only reconstructive surgery.

"No. I do breast augmentation. And I drive a Jaguar."

At those words, throughout the sanctuary, men and women groaned in disappointment.

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Dear Aunt Trudy,

My wife has children by a prior marriage. They live back East. Each year my wife and our son spend about six weeks back there visiting her children and friends. I usually join them in the middle of the trip for a couple of weeks and then head home. To facilitate these trips, I put up the down payment on a small house where one of my wife's daughters and her husband live. We stay at the house when we visit. They make the monthly payments, and although the house is in my name, we consider it both theirs and ours.

My wife's daughter recently announced that she's pregnant. This has highlighted a longstanding problem. The husband is very nice and devoted to the daughter, but he's a total slacker. He has problems keeping a job, rarely does things without being prodded, and prefers to spend his time down in the basement drinking beer and playing guitar. He is almost 30 but hasn't quite grown up. Historically, it has been the daughter who holds a job and keeps things going. They are already in tight financial straits, but soon the daughter will be unable to continue working as much due to her pregnancy. If she cuts back on her work hours I question whether they will have enough income to survive. The daughter will probably end up doing what she always does, which is try to handle everything herself. But with a new baby, she's not going to be able to. We see a major disaster looming. What's our role here? Should we continue to treat it as their issue and not butt in as long as they keep making their house payments? That level of detachment will be hard to maintain, especially since we live with them for several weeks every year and have ringside seats from which to see what's happening. Should Mom pull her daughter aside and encourage her to lay some expectations on her husband? We don't want to be meddlesome, but we don't like seeing them headed toward a real crisis either.

PUZZLED CARLSBAD STEP PARENT

Dear Puzzled,

You have reason to be worried. You and your wife are emotionally and financially entangled with a couple who're headed straight for the Bermuda Triangle. You're also related to them. Because you care deeply about these two, as well as the grandchild to come, do attempt to chat with them about their financial future. I know you'll conduct this détente in a respectful, generous manner. First, ask if they're open to having such a talk. If they say "butt out," you can retreat and regroup. But won't you hate yourselves if they run aground and you two so clearly saw trouble coming but remained mum? The size of this potential meltdown is so daunting that you owe them a loving warning if they're willing to listen. If they'll hear you out, then you and your wife decide, based on your intimate knowledge of all the players, what the most nonthreatening and likeliest-to-succeed scenario might be. Maybe your wife should have a private talk with her daughter. Or the four of you could schedule a powwow. Let them know you're excited about the baby and that you appreciate how hard it is for young couples to make a living these days. Tell them you don't want to interfere, but you're wondering how they're planning to make the big financial and lifestyle transition that becomes necessary when you bring a baby into the world. It's easier to figure out and make those changes now, before the child is born, rather than afterwards, when all is dirty diapers, sleep deprivation, and the hopefully bliss-filled craziness that results from having a newborn around. They'll enjoy being new parents much, much more if they can make some of these decisions soon and start being responsible parents NOW rather than later, amidst post-baby chaos. You're coming into this discussion not accusing anyone of anything but rather curious about their plans and ready to help in whatever ways you feel are appropriate.

I don't want to sound cynical, but I'll also add this note. If the husband has somehow gotten the idea that because you forked over the down payment for the house they're living in, that you're going to pick up whatever financial slack he and his clan create, find some subtle ways of disabusing him of this fantasy. Unless you are, in fact, willing to bankroll this family indefinitely. Sadly, I have seen situations where one member of the firm thinks he or she doesn't have to pull their financial weight, because they believe the "rich parents" of their partner will take care of everything. I sincerely hope that's no part of what's going on here.

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Cantaloupe

by MAX NASH

The idea of fresh fruit was a loaded gun from the start.

Fresh fruit was exotic to Alan.

Alan was picky about food.

Karyn knew this about Alan before she married him. He liked boxes of macaroni and cheese. His idea of a spaghetti dinner was store-bought sauce poured unadulterated over limp noodles. Alan never liked garlic or onions in anything. He liked cereal. He liked more than anything a product called "Cinnamon Life" cereal.

Karyn was born and raised in Southern California. Her father taught art at UCLA. Her Italian mother wore black wool and ordered jewelry from ads in the *New Yorker*. She shopped at Gelsons in Pacific Palisades. Karyn grew up knowing how to buy a ripe avocado.

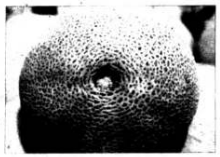
Alan was born poor in rural Oregon. Karen hated to shop with him for groceries.

"I dreaded August. I dreaded when all the fruit, especially melons, were in season. I guess in every marriage there's competition. One partner knowing something the other partner doesn't. Before I was with Alan, it never occurred to me that fruit could be so important.

"I remember our first big argument. It was over macaroni and cheese. I boiled the noodles, but I stopped when they were *al dente*. Alan liked them cooked until they were fat and bloated and practically mush. I made the macaroni and cheese, with the noodles *al dente*. Macaroni and cheese from a box. He took one bite and said, 'I can see you've never made this before. I can tell you've never cooked this.' He threw the macaroni and cheese in the trash.

"But I thought, 'All marriages are difficult. All beginnings are rough.' You go on. You make allowances. I had my job. I had a career. Honestly, I didn't pay much attention to food. And so Alan became interested in my health.

"Maybe it all depends on where and how you were raised. My mother gardened. My father knew about food. My mother took me with her when she shopped. I remember her teaching me how to choose a watermelon. She'd pat it hard and say, 'Listen to how it resonates. It has to vibrate like a drum.' When she chose cantaloupe she'd pick one up and sniff it. 'It has to smell sweet.' She taught me how to let tomatoes ripen in the kitchen. We never worried about how much things cost. In Southern California, fruit and vegetables were cheap.



"Alan was from a different background. When he went to Taco Bell, he'd take dozens of the little packets of taco sauce just because they were free. For the same reason, he took handfuls of plastic cutlery from other fast-food restaurants. If we ever went out for pizza, he'd take dozens of the packets of pepper and Parmesan cheese. He stashed this stuff in bags and boxes and hid them around the house. I pretended this wasn't unusual.

"He developed this idea that I didn't have a healthy diet, which was strange coming from someone who liked boxed macaroni and cheese. There came the Friday he took me to a farmers' market. He had this attitude that he was adding something superior to my life. We bought this big cantaloupe. I knew it wasn't quite ripe. We took it home. I left it on the kitchen counter. On Sunday we went hiking in the mountains. We had a wonderful time. We chatted all the way. When we got home, we made love. Afterward, he said he was hungry. I said, 'OK. Go take a shower and I'll fix us something to eat.'

"I went naked to the kitchen, got a knife, and was ready to cut the cantaloupe. I thought nice, ripe cantaloupe would be a perfect treat. But I couldn't find it. It wasn't on the counter. It wasn't in the refrigerator. I went to the bedroom, where Alan was getting dressed. I asked him what happened to the cantaloupe, if he knew where it was. His face got all red.

"He said, 'I was meaning to mention that. You let it rot. You let it sit on the counter. It was getting soft and it smelled real sweet. You obviously think money grows on trees. You obviously didn't appreciate the cantaloupe. It's out in the trash can.'

"I'm standing there, a naked 36-year-old woman, holding my little knife, ready to cut a ripe cantaloupe, and I've walked onto a fucking landmine.

"I told him, 'Alan, that melon was perfectly ripe. It wasn't rotten. It smelled sweet because it was ripe.'

"You see, I was still so naïve at that point that I didn't realize my remarks were a big mistake. His face got even redder and he said, 'Oh, so you're questioning my judgment? So you're saying I'm not smart enough to know when a piece of fruit is ripe?'

"I waved my little knife in the air and started giving this speech about Southern California, about how of course Alan couldn't know about ripe cantaloupe. You had to know how to touch them. How to smell them. How to push your thumbs into the stem end to see if it was a little bit soft.

"He barged past me and went out to the trash can and got the melon. He brought it back to the kitchen and threw it into the sink like he was dunking a basketball.

"He said, 'Here's your fucking cantaloupe.'

"I remember saying, 'It's just a cantaloupe.'

"He said, 'Go ahead. Make it just be about cantaloupe. But it's really all about your questioning my judgment.'

"I'm standing there naked. I'm having this conversation about cantaloupe.

"I thought, 'I've got to get out of this marriage.'"

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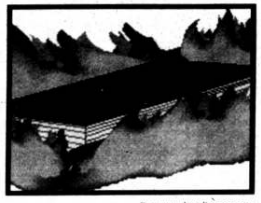
Virtual Goose-stepping

On June 15, Raymond Franklin released the latest volume of his Hate Directory (*www.hatedirectory.com*), a list of hate websites. Franklin, the assistant director of the Police Training Commission in Maryland and an Internet consultant to law-enforcement organizations worldwide, has published the directory quarterly for the past five years. Included on the list, Franklin writes, "are Internet sites of individuals and groups that, in the opinion of the author, advocate violence against, separation from, defamation of, deception about, or hostility toward others based upon race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation."

The most publicized hate site in recent years has been the homepage of the Westboro Baptist Church (*www.godhatesfags.com*), which has singled out Matthew Shepard for posthumous torment. Established in Topeka, Kansas, in 1955, the Westboro Baptist Church, in its own words, "Exists today as an Old School (or, Primitive) Baptist Church. In short, we adhere to the teachings of the Bible, preach against all form of sin (e.g., fornication, adultery, sodomy), and insist that the doctrines of grace be taught publicly to all men." In its daily Shepard update on August 1, the church gibed, "Matthew Shepard has been in hell for 1026 days. Deal with it! All else is trivial and unimportant. All the fag caterwauling, candlelight vigils, court orders, etc., can't buy Matt one drop of water to cool his tongue."



From www.hatedirectory.com

What would you expect from a website that greets you with the message: "Warning!! Gospel teaching ahead." Warning? I know it's pointless to sit here and try to come up with silver-tongued rebuttals against such absurdity, but the question remains, will Franklin's list ever shrink? What began as a one-page flyer is now a 63-page directory. In a recent interview with the *Guardian*, Franklin said, "Just as the Nazis exploited film, radio, and electronic public address, modern hatemongers will exploit Internet multicast capabilities, satellite subcarrier broadcasting, high-fidelity MP3 hate-centered music distribution, and so on."

Some of the sites on the Hate Directory vanish almost as soon as they appear on the list. They are thrown off servers when diligent Internet service providers catch on to them. This has led to an increase in a new type of Internet service, so-called unrestricted content providers, which are happy to host hate sites. Most of these sites justify their ideologies using intellectual posturing ("It is the fate of the revisionist historian to wander the frontiers beyond party and dogma, cognizant of the original sin of his own subjectivity"), bogus science (the Negroid Research Institute), or pseudo-religious pronouncements ("Yggdrasil says: 'Multi-Racial Empires everywhere crumble. They are a bad idea' "). But a simple keyword search of the directory says a lot about the complexion of hate on the Internet.

"Have you begun to notice there are Spanish-speaking foreigners everywhere?"

"White": Alabama White Knights, KKK (*www.scott.net/~akc*) — "Thrice hath the lone owl hooted, And thrice the panther cried; And swifter through the darkness, The Pale Brigade shall ride. No trumpet sounds its coming, And no drum-beat stirs the air; But noiseless in their vengeance, They wreak it everywhere"; American Whites, a white scholarship fund (*www.staffnet.com/us/aw.htm*) — "The site or resource you requested is no longer, or never was, hosted here"; Angry White Men of America (*www.geocities.com/angrywhitemen/*) — "Have you begun to notice that there are Spanish-speaking foreigners everywhere? All types and sizes and not one of them has a @%^$^% clue about anything!"; Racial perspective of a white female (*aryanchik.boltpages.com*) — "Remember, Bolt has everything you need to speak your mind, hang out, hook up, whatever. There's tons of stuff to do and tons of people to meet. So no matter what you're into, someone's probably speaking about it at Bolt."

"Truth": Our Legacy of Truth (*www.stormfront.org/posterity/*) — "The Egyptian pyramids were built by blonde blue-eyed Aryans. Every other high civilization since then has also been built by Aryans, without exception. That will also be true in the future as well"; Truth About Judaism-Zionism (*www.unmah.net/unity/palestine/truth.htm*) — "Thou shalt not kill who?"; The Truth at Last (*stormfront.org/truth_at_last/index2.htm*) — "Walt Disney would turn over in his grave if he could see what Michael Eisner has done to Disney Studios."

"Love": I Love White Folks, For Kids (*www.ilovewhitefolks.com/ILWF4Kids/*) — "The Valhalla Maze: Can you help the Viking reach Valhalla?"

And so on.

As an addendum to his directory, Franklin lists sites dedicated to fighting intolerance on the Internet. These 21 sites are vastly outnumbered by the more than 300 hate sites in the directory. But paradoxically, that may be good news. One irony of the proliferation of hate sites is that it signals the increasing impotence of hate groups. No longer able to recruit and organize in actual communities the way they once could, they are forced to goosestep in virtual communities. The Internet can't provide the same cover as a backwoods ranch or a white sheet. According to Raymond Franklin, "Just as hate groups can use these websites to their advantage, we can use them to ours. It's free information. These people are going to tell us what they're doing, and we don't even have to send out an investigator."

And more important, one has to believe that the more visible these groups become, the quicker we can banish them to their putrid Valhallas. Exposure is not their friend. ■

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Delfina Cuero: Her Autobiography, an account of her last years, and her ethnobotanic contributions

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Delfina Cuero was a Kumeyaay Indian born around 1900 in Jamacha. Her parents and grandparents came from *mat kutap* (Mission Valley) but were not attached to the Mission.

by Jeff Smith

"My father and mother left Mission Valley, they told me, when a lot of Chinese and Americans came and told them they had to leave. They did not own the land that their families and ancestors had always lived upon." They moved to Mission Gorge; then, of necessity, deeper south and east.

Toward the end of her life, Cuero wrote an autobiography that is one of the most important and moving documents ever written about San Diego. It gives voice to the original inhabitants of the area and traces the slow erasure of their presence. Among many other things, the autobiography details the daily life — i.e., the quest for food — of hunter-gatherers.

Most histories call Cuero's people "Southern Diegueño" — which means attached to Mission San Diego — but they prefer Kumeyaay. The eastern edge of their territory extended from the Los Peñasquitos Marsh, just north of Torrey Pines, on a diagonal to the southeast: Jamul, Tecate, and deep into Baja California.

Native Californians lived in Mission Valley 15,000 years ago. Like her ancestors, Delfina Cuero didn't regard her surroundings as "the Book of Nature." She saw a library. Everything had a name, often based on a distinct characteristic: "Otay" was a weed that grew there in abundance; La Jolla was "land of holes"; "Point Loma was called 'black earth' because that is how it looks from the distance" — and still does, especially when backlit by the setting sun.

Everything, including rocks and mountains, was alive. And practically everything, if you were hungry enough, could be food.

Cuero's mother and grandmother taught her what to gather. "Any kind of meat we could get we used — rabbit, deer, opossum, raccoon, wood rat…mice, lizards, some snakes, anything. Opossums are good food, the meat is real good. I still eat them when I have a chance, but now I'm getting old, and I care more for cottontail rabbits; they're easier to find. I still live on my Indian food when I can get it."

They gathered green vegetables and roots, pine nuts (which they ground into *pinole*, flour mixed with water and honey), acorns (which was over 50 percent of the native diet, an observer estimated in the 1870s), lilac, wild cherry, "flowers of all sorts," grass. "We had to learn how to use all these plants, what to hunt for and when. We used to go out a long way sometimes, gather the food, put it in our bags, and pack it back. Then we had to clean and dry it and store it for winter…when not so much would be growing.



SAN DIEGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTO

Maria Cuero

"There were a lot of 'vegetables' in Mission Bay. More mud and weeds were in the bay then, like marshland. Between Old Town and Point Loma was a lot of black mud where it is dry land now. We would gather the greens and roots and boil and dry them.… The food we gathered from the mud…was real good because it was salty. It tasted good and it kept real good."

Visitors to the Mission Bay Salt Marsh Reserve or Torrey Pines State Park look at a plant and see the plant. For Cuero such a walk resembled a trip to the pharmacy. We see sage (*Artemisia californica*); Cuero saw a tea to stimulate the immune system, a poultice for ant bites, a bathing cure for measles, and tobacco.

In September, Cuero and her family gathered pine nuts from the mesa that is now the golf course at Torrey Pines State Park. Their word for the tree — *ehwiiw* — means "pine nut." They ate them raw or roasted, and also as flavoring for other foods.

In the early 1970s, Cuero revisited Torrey Pines, with Florence Shipek, and observed that "There were more pine trees than now."

We admire the white flowers and bright-red berries of an evergreen toyon at Torrey Pines State Park. Cuero saw medicine and food. "Make a pulp of the leaves and wash sores with the liquid," she says. "The berries were bitter and used for food only when we were starving."

Cuero describes divisions of labor between the genders but makes no distinction about the difficulties each faced. "The women had to do their work while the men worked too. Either we do this or we starve." The word "hungry" and its variants is one of the most repeated in the autobiography.

"We ate many things that look ugly but that are good meat. I remember we caught an octopus a long time ago; it was real ugly, but good.… We ate scallops too. Anything we could take, we ate. We ate lobster and wee little stuff that looked like spiders, real small [i.e. shrimp]."

During low tide, they'd search the shoreline for abalone. To pry them loose, they used a sharp rock that fit in their hand. "You have to pound the meat of abalone soft with a rock right away. Then you cut it up and set the meat to dry in the sun, just like the other fish. The abalone shell made good dishes; other, smaller shells were used for spoons."

To spear fish, they fixed cactus thorns to a long stick. For ropes, nets, and traps, they wove tall grasses and agave fiber. "We put the traps in the ocean, put a piece of rabbit meat in it, and could come back later to get the fish." You can hear a note of relief in the last part of that sentence: that something other than the immediate labor of their hands helped them obtain food.

When she was young, her family fished and gathered shellfish in the Ocean Beach–Point Loma area. "We ate a lot of shellfish. There were lots of rabbits there, too. My grandfather used to tell the boys to eat rabbit eyes especially, because it would make them good hunters. We hunted those things until we couldn't hunt on Point Loma anymore.

When she wrote her story, Cuero no longer recognized Ocean Beach: "There are so many houses here now I can't find my way. Everything looks so bad now; the hills are cut up even." ■

SELECTED QUOTATIONS:

1. "My grandmother could make beautiful baskets and things.… I always believed in looking for plants, food, and herbs, and different things. I never took time for ollas and baskets. I've always worked like a man."

2. "The bees come from a long way. There is a story about how a man brought them across the water in a ship and then they got loose here." (The honeybee is a European import.)

3. "The Indians had to move around from place to place to hunt and gather enough food, so we knew lots of places to camp. Later on, white people kept moving into more and more and more of the places, and we couldn't camp around those places anymore. We went farther and farther from San Diego looking for places where nobody chased us away."

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GHETTO BEAUTY

DRACO, A ROUGHLY THREE-FOOT SAVANNAH MONITOR LIZARD, lives in a cozy dog (lizard?) house behind James and Alesa Faust's rented three-bedroom, one-bath home in Logan Heights. The fenced-in yard that surrounds the low, slate-blue house is small and full of vines and leaves and trees, but the concrete patio in back, where Draco lives, is bare. The lizard — wrinkled, clawed, slow, and sheddy — sleeps much of the time, though he will rouse himself to eat. "Rats and dog food," says Alesa. "He likes rats over dog food, but we give him dog food with protein powder in it for his calcium." As I wonder about the calcium content of rat bones, Alesa's five-year-old son James grins and volunteers, "He used to dig through the meat looking for a little baby rat."



James and Alesa Faust

"[It's interesting] how superstition can protect you in a place like this," comments Alesa, gesturing around her to indicate the neighborhood, not far from St. Vincent dePaul Village. "What people don't understand, they stay away from. They would say, 'You're a weird, you're strange.' So they keep their distance, and as far as I'm concerned, that's great, because I could use the peace. When I lived in East San Diego, a long time ago, I had a 16-foot python, so nobody bothered me. When Imani [Alesa's nine-year-old daughter] was born, I had to rent the house behind us [for him to live in], he was so big. Just the fact that people know about Draco [helps]. It's like, you have to have some sort of... I won't say shield, but some way to protect yourself, especially if people feel like you're someone they can get over on."

Draco, of course, is not a guarantee against trouble. When we meet, Alesa is hobbled by a foot injury and walks with a cane — marking her, perhaps, as someone who can be "got over on." She tells an odd story of a traffic-related misunderstanding the day before, which resulted in a woman approaching Alesa in a menacing fashion. Alesa suspected that the woman was "tweaking" — high on crystal meth — took up her cane, and beat the woman back. She later discovered that the woman had been about to visit Alesa's next-door neighbors. "She's a pain in their butt, but they deal with her. The next day, they were all, 'Hi!' so I know they're not holding it against me. Obviously, this woman has a problem. In a strange way, it's good that she knows she can't just come over here and do

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whatever she wants. Sometimes, a bully realizes, 'Oh, that person's not going to take it,' and the bully backs off."

Alesa's children were witness to the latter stage of the confrontation. "It's something that I've tried to explain to my kids — 'That's what you saw, because this is where we live. And we have to face the reality that there are people around here like that.' I just kind of do the way my mother did us, and that's all I know — but not exactly like my momma did us... We teach them reality at a young age.

"I mean, Imani got her chance to enjoy Barney just like any other kid. [But] from the time she was a baby, she saw the harsh realities of life. She knew so-and-so was a ho, so-and-so was a junkie. These people were our neighbors — Maria was a junkie-prostitute, but she was also a nice person. I know that sounds strange, but that's the reality of where we lived. Imani grew up to know reality and to know homeless and crazy. She grew up to develop instincts, to know, 'Okay, this person's tripping.' We go out in the driveway, and there are people that sleep [in the alley] right on the other side of the driveway every night. We don't bother them, they don't bother us."

Or at least, they don't bother her now. "You have to be able to give — everything we don't want, we either take it to St. Vincent dePaul's or we put it right on the [back] fence. Everything the kids outgrow, I just lay it on the fence, and 15 minutes later, it's gone. We were getting ripped off until we started giving stuff away for free — Imani's bike, some yard tools. All of a sudden, we don't get ripped off anymore. It's like people understand that whatever we have to give, we're going to give it, so nobody bothers us anymore."

Though there has been some material cost, a sort of minimal peace — an agreement to let each other be — has developed. "We used to get a Vietnam vet-



James Jr., Draco, and Imani

eran out here, always talking about the war at the top of his lungs. But when he'd see us, he'd say, 'How you doing?' So we'd try to play it cool, because you've got psychotic people walking the streets every day around you, and your kids are outside — you've got to think. But he never bothered us, and I said, 'Cool. As long as he keeps his distance, and he speaks to us [civilly], he can be out there ranting and raving all day long.' We tell the kids to stay away from him. They know the ones to steer away from when they're riding their bikes."

This policy of mutual avoidance extends to fellow residents as well as transients. "None of the neighbors have been in our house, and we've been here almost two years. We've never been in theirs, and that's just how it is. It's not that type of neighborhood where everybody's going to be in and out of each other's business, because that causes trouble. I'm not antisocial; all the ladies 'round here know each other and speak to each other outside, and that's the way I like it."

The neighborhood, then, is a chain of islands, each near enough to feel the necessity of polite exchanges, each isolated enough to be a society unto itself. Entering James and Alesa's house, that feeling is reinforced by the multitude of family portraits on the walls. They are mostly professional photographs of varying size, some of James and Alesa, some of the parents with their daughter, some of James Jr. Two collages of snapshots, mostly featuring extended family members, flank the largest of the portraits. Along with the photos, the couple has framed their wedding invitation: December 19, 1993, in Presidio Park.

The front door opens onto the living room. Though the walls are white, the room is dimmed by the shades drawn over the old windows and by the deep blue wall-to-wall carpet. A black couch and loveseat line two walls; across from the couch stands an entertainment center featuring a television and another monitor for video games. Between the two monitors are stacks of videos, arranged by viewer's preference: Bruce Lee and Westerns (mostly Clint Eastwood pics) for James, black comedies and others for Alesa, Rasta videos for the two of them, and a healthy pile of stuff for the kids, including *Jurassic Park*, *Pokémon*, *The Lion King*, *A Bug's Life*, and *Stuart Little*.

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Besides the family photos, the walls are decorated with artificial flower arrangements, pinkish paintings of African women and flowers, and an African mask. A computer desk sits next to the couch, piled high with papers. College textbooks are stacked against a wall; they belong to Alesa.

Alesa started college at San Diego State in the early '80s — the first in her family to attend — working two jobs to pay for her classes. "I took time off to work and then to have my babies. I stayed at home, breast fed, and took care of them until they were both old enough to go to school. People kept saying, 'Yeah, but you left school.' So what? The time I spent with them at home was just priceless. I feel sorry for mothers that have to [work] to survive, because I can feel how someone would want to stay home with their babies."

During this down time, she met James. To tell the story, she steps back a couple of generations. "My grandfather came from Jamaica. He lived down South — that's where he met my grandmother — and I never knew he was Jamaican. My mom moved us out here when we were little, but when I grew up, I was really attracted to the Rastafarian culture, and I didn't understand why. The Jamaican culture was just natural, and my mom and I got into it. Then, three years after my grandfather died, we found out [where he was from].

"Then I met James, and he was into it also. He was working at the indoor swap meet over in the 'hood on Euclid. He was working in the reggae shop, and I used to go in there, because you can buy hair products for black people that you can't buy in a regular store. I would hear the music [in the store], and I was, like, 'God, who's playing that?' I went back there, and it was him. I wouldn't go up to him; I would just watch him, just looking from afar. But I was with my sisters one day, and I had this little outfit — you know, a little cleavage and stuff — and he called me over to him, and that's how we started."

When they met, Alesa thought James was racially mixed. "He does tan real dark. He took me to his family's house on Thanksgiving, and I was, like, 'James, who are all these white people?' He was, like, 'My family.' He's looking at me like I'm crazy, and I'm, like, 'Where are all the black people?"

James, who has been sitting with us in the living room while we talk, pipes up. Though he is wholeheartedly Rasta, "I don't try to say that I ain't white. I have black friends who say, 'Oh, did you see that white boy? — Oh, sorry, man, sorry.' Because they have respect for me. I'm, like, 'Hey, man, that doesn't bother me.' I know when they say 'white boy,' they're meaning this particular individual, like a real richie kind of guy or something, or whoever they were mad at at the time. They're not address-

"We have this thing in our family where we say, 'We don't have old people in this family.' Everybody dies young."

ing words toward every white person in the whole world."

James's involvement with the Rastafarian movement, and hence his appearance, was arrived at intellectually, as opposed to culturally. "It's a real conscious movement. [Just because] it comes out of Africa doesn't mean you have to be African to be Rasta. It's not about being African or Jamaican; it's about God being the Father of us all. I was already interested in God as a Christian — the Bible and stuff. If that wasn't there, I wouldn't have ever become a Rasta in the first place. I started listening to reggae music — like Bob Marley — and the words really attracted me. I mean, the music was nice too, but a lot of historical things that Bob would sing about, and things like dreadlocks and Jah. And I started wondering, 'What is all this? Who is Rastafari? What does Jah mean?' As I got deeper into it, I realized that it's, like, a whole cultural background. It's not just black guys from Jamaica who started saying, 'Hey, we're going to call this guy God or *Jah* or something and just play music and smoke herb.' There's a lot more to it, historically."

Still, his involvement with a predominantly black movement, along with his childhood in a racially mixed neighborhood, has perhaps given him a certain sympathy with blacks. Says Alesa, "I can get pretty ghetto up here, and he has to swallow a lot. There's a lot of pent-up anger and frustration just trying to be black and survive, you know? I have to be safe in my home; I have to have some sort of place where I can vent. So a lot of stuff he hears is stuff that most white people don't get a chance to know — how black people really feel." (She also tries to express those frustrations through poetry, sometimes reading at open-mike sessions.)

Get ghetto? "It's like, I was born in the projects — in the ghetto, and there's a certain mentality, a certain way of life, a way of speech.... There's a way of everything about the ghetto. It's like, okay, yes, I am an English major... but I don't know how to say it."

She and James trade off starting explanations before Alesa hits on something. "Not knowing about standard American English. Not understanding about the white world. Some people would call it African-American English. That's what my linguistics teacher says — 'Yes, that is from African-American English.' She gets all professional; she cracks me up."

I comment on the ease with which Alesa slides between the two forms of English she mentions, and for a moment, we slide out of the ghetto and into the South. "Yeah, or like country. Our people originated in the South, so sometimes, I have a country twang without even realizing it.

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That's just in me. It's so weird; I've been to the South, like, once in my life. I do not have the personality to take what people have been taking for centuries. I'd end up in jail.

"That's where my stepfather's from, and that's why, when I first dated a white guy when I was 15, he was not a happy camper." Her stepfather assumed that the fellow's intentions were dishonorable. "I was living in Murphy Canyon — Navy housing. The first time Brian came to pick me up for a date, my father's face just went [ashen]. Brian was a cool surfer type of guy, and he was, like, 'Hey, man! Hey, dude!' to everybody. He was trying to be cool to my father, and my father just started cleaning his gun. The first thing out of his mouth, [he said to me], 'Don't bring home no gray babies.' My mother turned around and she looked at him and she said, 'Shut your ass up. All the white girls you dated…' So it's like a double standard, [but] my mother put him in his place."

(Further evidence of James's sympathy: his father-in-law, who once warned against gray babies, "doesn't down me. He'll say, 'My son-in-law might be white, but he's able to teach me a lot about my own culture.' It's not like, 'Well, because I'm Rasta, I've got to learn all this black stuff.' It's just like, I heard things through the music historicalwise, and then I delved into it and learned about it.")

James brings us back to getting ghetto. "I see that some of that [ghetto] attitude is almost like, 'Hey, the world owes me something,' you know? 'I can do what I want, because I've been done wrong.' " When I press further, Alesa gives a different account, switching now to a more academic tone. "It's like an attitude developed over struggle, struggle that comes from surviving harsh conditions on a regular basis. You kind of develop this…hardness. It's like there's a certain point where you won't take any more BS, because you've had to live with it, and when you recognize somebody trying to give you some kind of attitude, you immediately let them know, 'Hey, I'm not about that. Don't even give me that.' Some people might call it ignorance, but to me that's what people in the ghetto have built up to protect themselves.

"I understand it as beauty. To me, it's not a negative thing. I see it as the development of a culture that fought its way through." She says that, considering the history of blacks in this country, "in order to have some sort of self-esteem, some sort of success rate as a people…there had to be some point where people would say, 'Enough is enough.' Where people just said, 'Hell, no, we ain't gonna take this,' and just come up. To me, that's a good thing…it's a pride thing. I love it still."

But even if she loves it in principle, she does not plan to spend her life there. Her talk of the future involves escrow accounts, investments, and a better life. "I like HGTV. I learn a lot about decorating, how to fix up a house. That's something we know we're going to do in the future. I've been keeping up with Bob Vila all summer.

"I think that's what keeps me so hopeful, because I know [living here] is temporary. My dad works in the civil service, and he's trying to get me a civil service job. With a college degree, you can start off making anywhere from $32,000 to $35,000. My major is English with a single-subject teaching credential, so either working with my dad or just going to school for the next two years — my senior year, plus a year to finish my credential — I could be making enough, just by myself, to be out of here in a home of our own. Everything we're doing is a forward process toward something we know we want."

When she talks about explaining reality to her children, she proclaims, "Just because you live around these people doesn't mean you've got to think like them and act like them. If you have to defend yourself, you do that — you ain't no punk; you've got to survive in the 'hood. That's where you live. But at the same time, you can do something else with your mind, [have] your own dreams and your own goals that have nothing to do with these people around you. The only way we can teach them is by doing it ourselves. We can say it all day long, but if we're sitting around doing nothing, they're going to sit around and look at us like, 'Yeah, right. Y'all ain't doing nothing.' "

James is one of those people who "calls it ignorance," and he explains himself along similar lines. "When I say 'mixed with ignorance,' I mean the ghetto attitude that people will hold on to rather than overcome to become a better person. Like using cuss words all the time; to me, that's ghetto. But people will use an excuse and say, 'Oh, that's because I had a hard life.' 'Well, but you could still overcome that.' " Though he admits it is not an easy task, he points to himself as evidence of its feasibility. "I came out of high school thinking, 'Hey, I could become a gang-banger.' That's all I really had. And I ended up becoming a Rasta and shunned away from all that and saw it as ignorance."

Returning to the story of their meeting: they discovered that they had grown up only a few blocks apart in Skyline, but while they shared friends and moved in the same circles, they managed to avoid meeting until around 1991. James proposed after seven months; they were married soon after that. But in the interim, Alesa developed a brain disorder that was misdiagnosed and mistreated for some time before it was discovered that she had Tourette's syndrome. "I didn't know I had a genetic brain disorder from my father's side of the family — some people say 'absent parents,' some people say 'deadbeat dads,' some say 'asshole' — it depends." (She now refers to her stepfather as Dad.)

James and Alesa had been working together teaching at an institution for developmentally disabled kids, and they enjoyed their jobs. "It was cool," Alesa explains, "because you have this kid who the city schools basically wrote off, and you get them doing enough schoolwork where they can graduate and take care of themselves. We were considered the cool couple as far as the staff went. I think they really liked us, except for J.D., who tried to bite a hole in James's arm when he found out we were getting married. And he attacked me on the bus. I used to have a hook nose ring; he ripped it out. I had to defend myself. It was horrifying."

Imani, running past, jumps in. "Hey, Mommy, who beat you down?"

"Honey, nobody ever beat me down. Don't try that. Go on and play."

"That crazy?"

"Yeah, that crazy boy tried to attack me, but I put him in his place."

Unfortunately, after her disorder set in, Alesa found she was no longer able to handle her job. "You have to really be at your best, physically and mentally. Some of the kids could be very violent, and you wouldn't believe their strength. It would sometimes take six adults to hold down an eight-year-old." The place didn't pay enough for James to work there on his own, so "we had to look at our lives and say, 'What are we going to do? We can keep going to these dead-end jobs,

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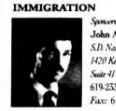

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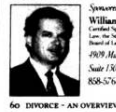

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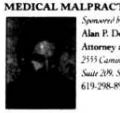

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doing all this stuff we hate, or we can flip it, kick it for a little while, be low-income, go back to school, and get our shit together.' That's what we decided to do."

Alesa found her "guardian angel" in the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, which, since she had become disabled, agreed to pay for her schooling for as long as she wanted to attend in order to retrain her for another job. After getting an AA from City College, she transferred to San Diego State, where she is currently a senior. Her disability also reduced the rent requirement for Section A housing, enabling her to rent her house.

For his part, James is working the night shift as a truck loader. He hopes one day to get a master's in history and teach. "I'm in one class from an AA business degree at Southwestern and one class away from a history degree [as well]." He plans to transfer to State when time and money allow. He also intends to open a reggae shop, selling "the hats, the belts, the shoestrings, scented candles, incense, little body oils that smell real good, rolling papers, cigarette lighters. I'd like to develop a website. I can't really afford to open a shop right now, so my plan is to start out slowly," setting up a booth at various campuses, swap meets, and street fairs.

Dinner tonight is tacos and tostadas, and Alesa begins their preparation by brandishing a large, well-worn industrial frypan. "Our friend from Jamaica gave us this; it's the best frying pan I ever had. It looks bad, but I wouldn't trade it in for a brand new one. I mean, I have new ones that I don't use — everything is so tiny and cramped in here that I can use just so much. We've got stuff all up in the attic. We had a big townhouse before we moved here."

The kitchen — pale, spare, also adorned with family photos — is indeed small, so that it feels a touch crowded when James, Alesa, and I all stand inside it. Alesa pours oil into the pan, heats it, and begins frying tortillas, one at a time. The tortillas puff and stiffen as they brown in the oil. As they approach crispness, she folds some over with a pair of tongs, holding the fold above the oil to make the taco shell. Others she leaves flat.

"I basically learned to cook from my mother. I'm the oldest female, so you know I had to cook. This particular dish she likes me to make for her. She made it differently. When we used to eat meat, she used to make tacos with beef. Then we moved to ground turkey. Then she stopped eating meat altogether, and we stopped eating meat. Religious reasons, and I'll say health reasons. Our family has trouble with diabetes. We have this thing in our family where we say, 'We don't have old people in this family.' Everybody dies young: bad diet, bad lives, crime, anything. I guess Mom got tired of watching her family drop like flies, and we kind of followed suit. It's just not worth it — all the pork and the sugar and the fat, it just clogs your heart. No hamburger is worth your life."

Instead of beef, these tacos will be made with Morningstar Farms' spicy veggie crumble, a mass of brown lumps that fill the kitchen with a heavily seasoned aroma as they go into the pan. Alesa mashes a can of no-lard refried beans into the crumble as it sizzles. "It's just our way of cutting things down a little bit. It's not like we're perfect, but at least it's not pure pork. Don't get me wrong; I used to love me a pork chop, like I used to smoke cigarettes. Then I heard through the grapevine that my real father lost one of his lungs, so I decided, 'That's enough Marlboros for me.' " While she talks, she also opens a box of Kraft Lite Deluxe Macaroni and Cheese Dinner and gets it started.

As we talk in the kitchen, the size of the house is reduced by the enormous presence of children at play. On the other side of the kitchen wall, in the living room, Imani and James engage in furious mock kung-fu battles, full of throaty cries. "My kids are just as crazy as I am," laughs Alesa, "or was…or still am, I don't know. We used to play the death game. The death game is where my sister and I would sit on our bed, and I would put the pillow over her head and smother her until she almost died. Then, if she socked me on the arm, I would get up — that was the sign. If you socked the person, that meant you were about to die, and they would get up. It was so stupid, but of course, I'd lay there, and she'd put a pillow over my head and try to smother me.

"We know people are going to make issues for our kids," admits Alesa, "especially for our son," whose dreadlocks are more surprising to see than Imani's.

"We used to play BB britches. That's where every time someone says a word with the letter *b*, you get to sock the person who said it. We rode on a Greyhound bus from San Diego to Cincinnati, Ohio, playing that game. The people with us thought we were insane. We were sitting in the chairs, beating each other the whole way, having the best time, totally enjoying ourselves, killing each other, having fun. When I see them get going, I'm like, 'Well, there we go.' " Eventually, the whooping and tearing about gets to be too much, and Alesa barks an order to settle down. "You guys go play in the other room; y'all getting out of hand." The ensuing silence is short-lived; the battle begins anew.

We turn for a moment to the children, and in particular, to the children's hair, the outward sign of their parents' inward faith. "We know people are going to make issues for our kids," admits Alesa, "especially for our son," whose dreadlocks are more surprising to see than Imani's. "He hasn't said he wanted to cut his hair [after being teased about it]; he says, 'They're laughing on me.' We tell him that they don't understand our culture, that they have to learn about Rasta people. Once they've learned, they'll like us. And we've been right."

"People might question, 'Why do you have your kids in dreads?' " says James. "[But] what if we all had dreads in our family, and then we have a son and we let him be short-haired? He's going to feel separate from his own family."

"It's what we believe. They're going to be born into what we believe and follow. Later, if he wants to cut it off, then he can."

Alesa develops the theme of familial unity. "When Imani was a year old, I used to comb her hair, because people were, like, 'Oh, my God, you're gonna do that to her hair? You're going to give her an African name?' They would go crazy, and finally I started combing her hair. Then one day, we had this fight. She was a year old, and I was trying to comb her hair and put these teeny-tiny rubber bands in her hair. We were tussling on the floor, and she was screaming, 'No! NO!' And, finally, it dawned on me. She gave me the dirtiest look that a child can do — she was offended that I would comb her hair and not comb my own. She was angry. When I realized it, I said, 'I'm sorry, I'll leave it alone.' She stood up and walked away and looked back at me, and I've never touched her hair since as far as cutting and combing…. It's an ancient hairstyle that a lot of people had, and not just black people either."

"They've got Hindus who wear the locks," continues James, "and every time the locks are seen in an ancient culture, they always represent something like a priesthood. That's where Rastas get it from; what it represents is a covenant with God. You're basically separating yourself unto God from regular society." The separation has come with various pains — besides suffering the occasionally unkind judgments of strangers, James says he cannot become a supervisor at his job because of his hair. James and Alesa both bemoan the lack of understanding of Rastas in the general culture, and especially the stereotype of Rastas as drug-dealing devotees of voodoo.

The dining room adjoins both kitchen and living room, and through a doorway I notice a picture on the dining room wall of a reserved, thin-faced gentleman decorated with strips of paper upon which various titles have been printed: King of Kings and Lord of Lords, The Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah, The Light of the World, The Elect of God. "That's just a picture of mine of Haile Selassie," offers James. "I kind of put it together. He's the King of Ethiopia, and those are his throne titles.

"Basically, you could consider him somewhat the fleshy godhead of the Rastafarian movement. Different Rastas believe different things about him. Some just believe he was a great Christian king; some believe he's like Christ in the flesh, returned. Some believe he's like God in the flesh.

"I just kind of see him as what his name is, as a representation of God in the flesh. Kind of like the head cornerstone, just the same with Christ. I kind of see him and Christ being the same as far as spirit and flesh go, because his flesh is traced back to King David and Solomon, just as Christ said his flesh was of David. And they both had the spirit of God — he was considered to be a really holy guy.

"When Mussolini was having a war with him, he went and prayed while Mussolini was trying to kill him — just showed what kind of person he was. He prayed for three hours in a real old church, and later, the bombs that Mussolini was dropping were bouncing off the churches — stuff like that. Some Rastas actually shook hands with him when he visited Jamaica in 1966, and they said they got a real weird vibe. It felt like electricity, like they were touched by something."

The differences over Haile Selassie's exact status are, in James's view, typical of the movement. "The downfall within the movement is that there's really no set organization.

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It's like, everyone has some kind of philosophy about Haile Selassie."

Keeping with the Christ theme, I comment on a mirrored triptych of sorts hanging in the dining room and depicting a Last Supper attended by blacks. "That's Alesa's portrait," says James. "It represents a black Christ. That's more African-American style. They have a Rasta one like that where the 12 apostles are all dreadlocks and stuff. It's cool. I wouldn't say that I know that every apostle was black, but [neither] were they all white. I think they were all mixed up: Arabic, African, a mixture of people. I try to get off the white and black thing. I just look at them, like, 'Hey, we're all people, and we're all children of God, so that makes us all equal, because there's good and bad in everybody. We can't say that one race is greater than another.' "

Alesa agrees. "James and I make the joke that our families are both equally dysfunctional. I have actual family members that I will not allow in my house. I don't care how cool they think they are; I know they're psychotic. We went to my family reunion back home, and we've got a cousin, and we all know not to leave our kids alone with him. 'Kids, now, go to the bathroom in twos,' you know. No family can say they're perfect, because all families have that one crazy aunt or that one eccentric — like I have an aunt that used to be my uncle, and she's married to a preacher. Go figure. I love him still — her, him, that doesn't change. Every family has those elements. We realize that it's up to the individual people; no one group is better than the other. Everybody's messed up in their own way."

Dinner is ready. "We fix the kids' plates first. That's how I was raised. The kids eat first, and if there's not enough food for the adults…that's just kind of how we do it. We make their plate first and then sit them down at the table. Then we make our plate, and then we say our grace. My sisters and I started saying this grace we learned in Sunday school, and now all my nieces and nephews and my kids say it. It's almost like a nursery rhyme; it just keeps them in the habit of learning to pray. It goes, 'I fold my hands/ and softly say/ Jah, thank you for/ my food today.' In Sunday school, it was 'God.' We added 'Jah.' "

The kids are seated at the small table set diagonally in the living room, and it is time for the adults to eat. James has readied a platter of sliced tomatoes, shredded lettuce, grated cheese, and olives. "Do you want to do this yourself?" asks Alesa, "or do you want me to do it? Some people have a thing about other people touching their food. My mother's funny like that."

While we eat, the Fausts show me a video made by a friend of theirs about Rastas in Jamaica. The man who made it, a white Rasta like James, was kidnapped by the people he came to document and held for several days while they made sure of his intent. "They didn't know if he was CIA or something. I guess, over time, he reasoned with them; he said, 'I'm writ-

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ing up a little booklet and making a video that we can use in the States as something to teach about Rastafari.' They let him make it. It's pretty cool. It has different views — some Rastas, because it comes from blacks, they hold onto that black solidarity, or some of them call it black supremacy. But it's not like saying, 'We're black, we're better than everyone else.' It's kind of weird; black supremacy, when they state it, is more like saying, 'We want equal rights and justice. Give us our rights to live and be who we are and be rulers of our own land' or whatever."

At one point, a woman begins singing a song in which she uses "everygoody" where it seems clear she means "everybody." "They call what they were saying 'word sound and power.' They change certain words to fit, like 'diet.' They call it a 'livit,' because when you diet, you're really eating to live better. So they say, 'Why do you call it a diet, with the word 'die' in it? They call 'oppression' 'downpression,' because what you're really doing is putting people down when you're oppressing them. You're not 'up.' The woman has changed 'everybody' to 'everygoody' because the body is not bad, but the sound 'bad' is part of 'body.'" James is quick to point out that "not all Rastas [think this way]."

Later, there is a shot of a man talking about "herb for the healing of the nations" — marijuana. James steps in: "There's parts of the Bible where it talks about herbs for the use of man. It's an herb like any other, just like roots and spearmint, for medicinal purposes." A scene ensues of men passing a water pipe called a chalice. James tells me that "it's more of a sacrament. That is, because we're the living church — you know, each person's body is a church. Just as in the building churches, where they burn incense within the building, they kind of say burning herb is like you're burning your sacrament within your church. It's also a form of meditation." Adds Alesa, "All cultures have that in their beliefs."

"It's a way to become relaxed within yourself and your mind. We pray sometimes after burning herb — give thanks to Jah while you're feeling it, things like that."

"Most of them," says James, "It's a way to become relaxed within yourself and your mind. We pray sometimes after burning herb — give thanks to Jah while you're feeling it, things like that."

"Chanting and praying is the part I like best," comments Alesa. "It's like a communion, in a way. When we used to go to the *binghis* and everybody used to chant and pray together, it seemed like even though there were people that I didn't particularly care for, at that moment, it didn't mean anything. We all became one voice in praise, and to me, that's more important."

James Jr., finished now with dinner, notices the men with the chalice pipe. "What's he doing, blowing?" he asks.

"No, he's sucking it in," replies his father. "They're not drinking it. It's smoke going through the water, but they're not drinking."

"If they're sipping, then it's going to come up," says the boy, confused.

"You can go play now," interrupts Alesa. "Find a game or get ready for bed; it's your choice."

"You have to be a little bit older to understand some of the herbs," explains James. ■

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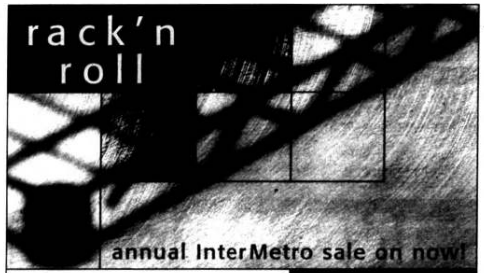
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is the main hindrance to space exploration. That's why he's developed yet another slogan: "Any country, company, or person can do a deep-space mission if they can afford a private jet or mega-yacht."

If you were to glance at the photo of Benson on SpaceDev's website, you might think him a bit stodgy. The image hints at a receding hairline, and there's a fleshy solidity to his face that evokes the persona of a well-fed aerospace executive clad in his dark suit, white shirt, conservative tie. In person, however, Benson seems both younger and lighter. It's not just the leanness of his body but his buoyant demeanor, his irrepressible enthusiasms, that belie his years. At 56, he has more energy than most college students.

I first met him in a sea of such young people in Hollywood at an event billed as Yuri's Night. This was on April 12, the anniversary of the first human journey into space. In fact, it was the 40th anniversary of the historic flight by Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, and in honor of the occasion, parties were planned on all seven continents, in 60 different venues. The L.A. bash, which was the biggest, took place at the Hollywood Palace, and Benson not only donated money for it but also stayed up late nights to create a musical and pictorial tribute to Gagarin that was to be projected by a computer system onto a screen at the back of the ballroom. But the organizers didn't have the right equipment to play his CD, so his images flashed by without the Beatles music he had spent 30 hours synchronizing with them. When this happened, he looked crestfallen for a few moments, but then he shrugged it off. He lent me the CD, saying to enjoy it.

A few days later, I returned it to him in Poway. The company's building is a newish, 25,000-square-foot structure that looks as though it were designed for a hot young research-and-development group. But Benson says it was built to be an indoor rifle range. "The wealthy guy who bought it lavished a lot of money on it.... Then things didn't work out, and he was left with a $3 million building that we bought for less than half of that."

All traces of the rifle range are gone. The interior looks like a professional office building, albeit an almost empty one, given that SpaceDev has only about 20 employees. There's no receptionist; you walk in and wander around until you bump into someone. Benson's office is not far from the entrance.

I found him on the speaker phone, chatting up an Orange County venture capitalist. When he concluded the call, he introduced me to Kristine, an eighth-grade student at Mesa Verde Middle School. She and her mother had walked into SpaceDev the previous week seeking information for an academic project, and the company president on impulse had invited the schoolgirl to spend a day with him at work. "There aren't many women in space engineering," Benson explained. "So if I can motivate one eighth grader, and she goes into engineering and business and space, I think in some ways the world will be a little bit better off!"

The girl looked overwhelmed, but Benson seemed unabashed. He grabbed a dark object roughly the size and shape of a large potato. "This is an asteroid," he said. "It was the core of a planet that tried to form between Mars and Jupiter, and it got blasted apart."

He urged me to hold it, and I stroked the smooth indentations that covered its ebony-and-rust-colored surface. Benson said that the pits had formed as the asteroid streaked through the Earth's atmosphere at more than 20,000 miles per hour. "Pretty slick, huh?" he said. "Four and a half billion years old. That's probably the oldest thing you'll ever touch in your life!" Even more striking than its texture or its age was its weight — twice what its size seemed to warrant.

Benson explained that it was made of iron and nickel. "Which makes it a form of stainless steel." Heavier metals sink to the cores of planets. "So this piece of naturally occurring stainless steel has a higher concentration of gold and the platinum group of metals than any ore being mined anywhere in the world. On the order of 100 to 1000 times the concentration."

Reading about an asteroid is what started Benson on the road to founding SpaceDev. That was in 1991, when he lived in Virginia. One day the *Washington Post* ran an article on the work of scientist Steve Ostro at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. Ostro was using radar to analyze the chemistry of planetary bodies, and he had just determined that a mile-in-diameter asteroid called 1986 DA was "a mountain of stainless steel," in Benson's words. The article stated that the gold alone was worth about $120 billion and the platinum nearly a trillion. "And that's just one asteroid," Benson says.

This vision fascinated Benson, who spent a number of his early years on a cattle ranch in Kansas, where many a night he had stared at the sky's glittering wonders "with my little *Golden Book of Astronomy*, trying to memorize all the constellations, reading and rereading about all the planets and asteroids." As a preteen, he had devoured science fiction. But computers had come to the forefront of his interests, and by the time he got his college degree (in geology), he had taught himself to be a programmer. A job offer took him to Washington, D.C., which Benson says felt like "the capital of the world." Times were chaotic. The United States was losing the war in Vietnam; Watergate was tainting the Nixon administration. "I moved right into that turmoil, and it was followed fairly quickly by the energy crisis." All this made him "realize that I didn't understand much about the world."

Friends introduced him to a book about the limits to modern industrial growth, and it led him to read "an entire roomful of books." By the time he completed his autodidactic odyssey, he had become an environmentalist and begun work on a master's degree in urban planning. Eventually, he got a job with the federal agency that under Jimmy Carter became the Department of Energy; he worked behind the scenes on Carter's campaign and helped

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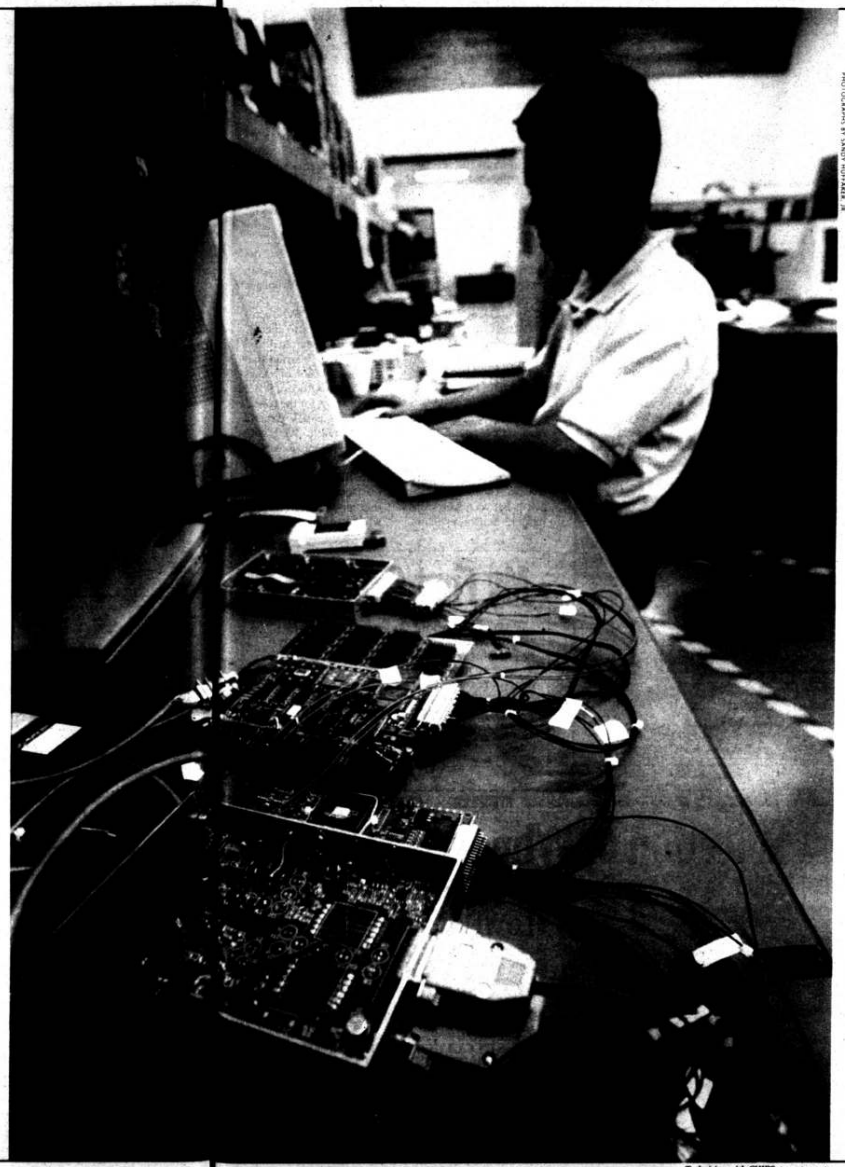

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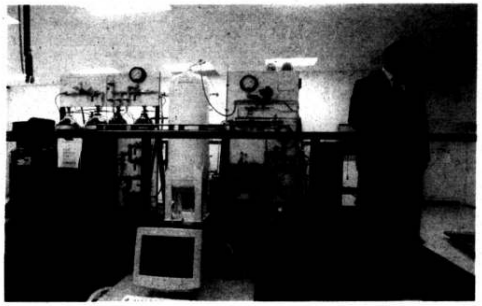
Technician with CHIPSat components

draft the Georgian's energy-policy statement. Today Benson thinks it's comical that he's working in an area — the commercial exploitation of space — where environmentalists tend to be regarded with suspicion. Yet he still thinks of himself as a champion of the Earth. "I spent a significant portion of my life in poverty being an environmentalist and a safe, renewable-energy activist."

At one point, he even formed his own Institute for Ecological Policies, and he wrote three books for it, including a how-to manual to help people come up with local energy plans. By traveling the country, giving speeches, and doing grassroots organizing, Benson sold 25,000 copies at $15 apiece. "That's how I supported myself for a couple of years." He also had a minor career in politics. "I showed Jerry Brown all around New England. I was involved in Senator Cranston's presidential campaign. I ran for the Virginia House of Delegates and lost by 200 votes." But when Reagan took office, funding for environmental activities dried up. At the same time, Benson's children were approaching college age. "I figured that I'd better get serious about making money." So he founded the first of a couple of software companies.



Benson with test rocket

In 1991, when he read the article about "El Dorado in the sky," he was up to his ears in running these enterprises, so he merely clipped the news report and filed it away. Four years later, however, he sold his main company, Compusearch, "for millions. I didn't need to work again." For about six months, he traveled, but "that was enough to convince me that I needed something else to do. I was 50 years old, and if I lived another 50 years, traveling would get real old real fast. I like creating things."

Given his lifelong interest in science, technology, and astronomy, Benson says it was natural he would begin thinking about space as a business. He spent all of 1996 "reading and exploring and thinking and getting to know people over the Internet." It was during this period that he unearthed the clipping about the asteroid 1986 DA, and when he contacted Ostro, the scientist in the article, Ostro suggested that Benson talk to an Arizona astronomer named John Lewis.

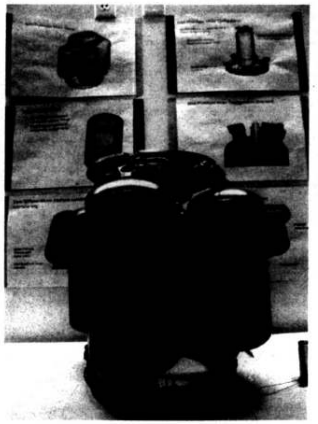
Lewis had edited a scholarly work called *Resources of Near-Earth Space* that included much of what was known (in 1993) about the so-called near-Earth objects. "The main asteroid belt is between Mars and Jupiter," Benson explains. "That's quite a ways out there. It's very dark and pretty distant from the sun. However, scientists have come to realize that there's a minor asteroid belt between Earth and Mars." That's good news and bad, he says. The bad news is that the nearness of these bodies increases our chance of smacking into one — with catastrophic consequences. The good news is that "it brings a lot of potentially very wealthy objects close to Earth."

But so what? "Say the asteroid 1986 DA is worth more than a trillion dollars. How do you get to it?" Benson wondered, "Who actually goes out into space?" When he researched that question, he learned that roughly $2 billion of NASA's $3.5 billion Office of Space Science pays for the collection of scientific data. "I asked myself, 'Well, who builds those missions?' And it turns out that it's companies and universities. They use parts and components that anybody can buy. So what I realized was, hey, there's no big secret to this. Anybody can buy the parts. Anybody can buy a launch vehicle. Anybody can send anything into space. It takes a big amount of money. But anybody can do it. So it's a business opportunity!"

As Benson talked to Ostro and studied a second book that John Lewis had written for a general audience (*Mining the Sky: Untold Riches from the Asteroids, Comets, and Planets*), Benson's thinking changed about where opportunity might lie. The question of how to extract mineral riches from asteroids and get the riches back to Earth stumped him. But both Ostro and Lewis pointed out that the near-Earth objects harbor something even more precious: water.

In a recent phone conversation, Ostro told me that about 6 percent of the estimated 100 million near-Earth objects are probably "extinct comets" — comets that have lost their gassy tails and become covered with dust and sand and gravel. "They're space icebergs!" Benson says. "My imagination can figure out what to do with *them*. Latch onto the surface, poke a drill down in there, heat it up, and draw the water out. Or chip away the surface and pull out a block of ice. In space, you don't even need a tank. You can put the water in a trash bag."

No one yet knows the precise location of any extinct comet that is easily accessible from Earth. However, scientists have pinpointed the locations of some of the five to ten million near-Earth asteroids that are as large as ten meters across. They're called "carbonaceous chondrites," according to Ostro. "It's this black stuff," he says, a primitive kind of meteorite material composed, in part, of water. Ostro says if you heat a carbonaceous chondrite up to a few hundred degrees centigrade, you liberate the water from the salts and silicates to which it is chemically bound. "In the cold of space, the water would condense on anything solid," Ostro explained. Furthermore, as you continue heating the material, it yields other valuable substances. "You get organic chemicals that can be used to make fuel. People have done experiments where they've grown microorganisms and plant-tissue cultures in carbonaceous chondrites. So the stuff has nutrient value; you can think of it as potting soil. You have all the resources that you might need in the carbonaceous-chondritic asteroids."



Prototype of hybrid-motor-powered vehicle

Many of these are within easy reach of the Earth. "Right now," Ostro says, "the most accessible object that we know in the solar system — with a secure orbit — is a tiny asteroid probably about the size of a baseball diamond, a spheroidal object named 1998 KY26. It looks like it's a carbonaceous chondrite." If you take a basketball-sized chunk of it and you distill it, "You can get enough water to keep you alive for a day. Water and oxygen. And it's easy to do," Ostro says. Think of that basketball-sized chunk as life-support for one person per day, he directs. "KY26 is 100 times the diameter of that ball, so it has a million times the volume, so it's life-support for a million person/days. In other words, it could keep 1000 people alive for 1000 days. Or it could keep a couple dozen people alive for their entire lives."

Ostro believes that only when the infrastructure has been created to tap such resources will the chasm between reality and fantasy about space travel be bridged. And he thinks that's destined to happen. Exploration is the inspiration that fuels civilization, he asserts, quoting Bob Dylan: "He not busy being born is busy dying."

Besides its ability to support human life, water in space is "white gold" for another reason, Benson told me. It's made of hydrogen and oxygen. "And do you know what the main shuttle engines burn when the shuttle takes off? Oxygen and hydrogen!" Benson quotes scientist and writer Robert Heinlein, who 50 years ago said, "When we reach Earth orbit, we're halfway to anywhere." What Heinlein meant, Benson says, was that "the amount of energy to get to Earth orbit is the same as the amount of energy to get anywhere else in the solar system. The trouble is, when we get to Earth orbit, our tank's empty. We're out of gas." Tapping the water content of the near-Earth asteroids would give humanity the gas stations it needs to go where no human has ever gone before.

Benson claims it won't take fancy technology to transform the water into rocket fuel. "We already know how to make solar furnaces on Earth to heat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Excited by such reflections, Benson began attending space conferences, including one in San Diego in November 1996. That's where he met UCSD professor Jim Arnold, a founding director of the California Space Institute (which is headquartered at UCSD). A few days later, Benson showed up at the institute "and wanted to talk about his ideas," Arnold recalls. "We had speculated earlier that somebody was going to come along sometime who wanted to run a private space mission. And here was this gentleman who came along sooner than we expected. He was — and is — an interesting guy."

Benson, in turn, says Arnold told him, "This would make our dreams come true. Everyone wants to do missions the right way: small, inexpensive, and cheap. But we butt our heads against the brick wall of NASA." Arnold volunteered to put together a group to study the feasibility of a private mission to a near-Earth object. That group eventually included 12 graduate and undergraduate students, a couple of professors, and some space-industry veterans. "San Diego is full of retired and fired space engineers since General Dynamics closed down," Arnold elaborates. "And most of them prefer doing interesting space things to playing golf, so they're willing to come and share." As for the students, Arnold felt that "even if this turned out to be a pipe dream, the students were going to get a lot of useful experience in trying to do a project of this difficulty and originality."

In the eight months that followed, the UCSD team created a preliminary design for a little spacecraft and for the asteroid mission, along with a preliminary estimate of the cost. A few elements of Benson's original vision changed. Instead of flying to 1986 DA, the group decided a better target was an asteroid called Nereus. Benson also modified his business plan to include the idea of renting

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room on the spacecraft for scientific work. A NASA mission inspired his thinking about this, he says. "NASA in February of 1996 had launched NEAR — the Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous." The $225 million tab covered the cost of sending a spacecraft carrying six scientific instruments to a near-Earth asteroid. "How much is that science worth? Per instrument?" Benson answers: almost $40 million apiece. "That's the street price for asteroid data. So I said to myself, well, wait a minute. Can the private sector do things more effectively than government? How much cheaper could we do it?" By mounting a private mission to an asteroid, Benson would be creating a kind of "trucking company," Arnold says, "something that would be very attractive — because of the lower cost — to people who wanted to do space missions."

In the late spring of 1997, Benson got a chance to make that pitch to one of the most important men in the American space program, Wes Huntress. Huntress was then in charge of NASA's $3.5 billion space-science budget, and Benson says he told him, "I'll go raise the money, and I'll bring back science that's cheaper than $40 million per data set.... If NASA gets more science per dollar, and if I make a profit, everybody wins — the taxpayers, NASA, the scientists, me, and my shareholders."

"I had a lot of folks come through my door who said they had such a deal for me," says Huntress (who left NASA in 1998 to become the director of the Carnegie Institution's Geophysical Laboratory in Washington, D.C.). Huntress says almost every one of those visitors told him all they needed was for NASA to give them 80 percent of their start-up costs. "Well, that's not commercial space," Huntress harrumphs. "That's called doing business with the government." In contrast, Benson "came in and said, 'I don't want any money from you now. But I'm in the commercial business, and here's what I want to do.' I was willing to listen on that basis. He was the only one who had the right idea, who did want to be in the commercial business and not become just another government contractor feeding off the public trough."

Huntress offered his support, and indeed he later initiated changes in NASA's Discovery Program that made it possible for scientists to seek NASA funds for science experiments that would fly aboard commercial missions. In August 1997, Benson got more good news when the UCSD group concluded it was feasible to send a mission to an asteroid for $25 million.

"That was the basis of me forming SpaceDev," Benson says. Early in September, he held a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., at which both UCSD's Jim Arnold and John Lewis (the *Mining the Sky* author) offered enthusiastic testimony. The company would "launch the world's first private spacecraft and land on a near-Earth asteroid for the purpose of collecting scientific data and to stake a claim for commercial mining of its valuable mineral resources," the press release stated, adding, "Benson plans to accomplish his goal by mid-year 2000."

Benson says he and his wife had visited San Diego several times over the years. They loved the area, and when the UCSD group was conducting its feasibility study, Benson became acquainted with a San Diego aerospace company called Integrated Space Systems. It specialized in launch-vehicle and spacecraft design and analysis. In 1998, he bought the company, and that purchase led him to locate his new venture here.

As 1998 got under way, Benson concentrated on lining up payloads for the asteroid mission. He says seven universities wrote letters to NASA declaring their intention to submit proposals, and three of them — Berkeley, Utah State, and Carnegie Mellon — actually did so. "They went through the whole process, describing the science instruments and how they were going to get a cheap ride to a valuable near-Earth object." In the summer of 1998, Benson hired Tony Spear, the project manager for the successful Mars Pathfinder mission, to further evaluate SpaceDev's mission plans. "Tony had left JPL, and he brought about a dozen of his favorite engineers in. They did a real quick analysis of our mission and confirmed that yes, it was feasible. They said we had done a good job technically of designing it, and it would cost less than $50 million." Benson was still convinced he could do the job for half that amount.

SpaceDev appeared to be headed for the stars. In October 1998, an article in the *New Yorker* described how the company planned to launch its Near Earth Asteroid Prospector in April 2001 (by then the date had slipped a bit from what Benson had announced at his founding press conference). The expedition would "mark the beginning of an extraterrestrial industrial revolution," the article predicted, buttressing those statements with glowing commentary from close to a dozen leading authorities on space. Huntress, for example, was described as believing that Benson had "the potential to be a historic figure — the Henry Ford of the Twenty-First Century." Huntress's boss, Dan Goldin, NASA's top administrator, acknowledged that the government space agency was "so afraid of failure we spend billions of dollars protecting ourselves against it." Benson's project was "a hell of a courageous thing to do," the article quoted him.

It was NASA's midlevel bureaucrats who ultimately betrayed him, Benson says. The three detailed proposals "were all shot down." During NASA's "supposedly objective peer-review process," where the bureaucrats go behind closed doors to rate the science and technical competency of projects on a zero-to-ten scale, Benson says he got an agitated late-night call from one of the reviewers. "Jim, you won't believe what's going on here," the man told him. "These midlevel NASA bureaucrats are saying things like, 'What is this commercial mission bullshit? We cannot allow this to happen.' "

In the end, Benson says, "They torpedoed all three of the proposals, even though one of them got straight tens. The excuse on that was, 'Oh well. We can get a cheaper ride for it on some other mission.' Which everybody knows is baloney." Today Benson vows, "If SpaceDev is successful and we fly cheaper planetary science missions, those bastards are out of jobs. I will see to it! It cost me $2 million of my own money and two years of my life, playing by NASA's rules, only to be screwed by those midlevel bureaucrats."

Part of those two years was devoted to pursuing another NASA carrot, one

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that materialized in 1998. Benson says the Jet Propulsion Laboratory that year hosted an open competition seeking answers to this fundamental question: If your spacecraft is limited to 200 kilograms (about 450 pounds) and if it's dropped off in a certain type of Earth orbit, can you get to Mars and do one of five different types of missions?

NASA wanted to know this because it was thinking of creating a series of "micromissions" to Mars. The idea was to use excess capacity in the French Ariane V launch vehicle, which typically takes big satellites up into geosynchronous Earth orbits. The nose cone of the French rocket has an adapter plate where tiny satellites could be attached. If the main satellite weighs less than what the rocket can lift, "Then why not put a bunch of little babies in there and launch them too?" Benson asks.

Late in 1998, SpaceDev won a $150,000 contract from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory to spend six months studying the question. "We put a significant amount of our own money into it and went way beyond the minimum requirements," Benson says. "We had to come up with a brand-new spacecraft design that weighed 200 kilograms, with these two mounting points side by side." It turned out it's so hard to get to Mars that 85 percent of the weight of the little spacecraft would have to be reserved for propellant. But SpaceDev nonetheless found that "in most cases, 200 kilograms can find its way to Mars and do something productive."

The SpaceDev team determined that the craft's basic design "would be capable of performing 15 different interplanetary missions in the inner planets — all the way from the sun to Mercury to Venus to Earth to the inner asteroid belt to Mars and to the beginning of the outer asteroid belt. We jokingly called it our space utility van — SUV." In 1999, more good news came with the announcement that JPL had decided to pay for two Mars micromissions. "We thought, *'Fantastic!'* " Benson recalls. "Finally, we're in the right place at the right time. We have an inside track: we just designed what it is that JPL wants to buy." To add to its credibility, SpaceDev announced early in 1999 that it would be teaming up with Boeing to compete for the NASA business.

Then came the bad news. JPL revealed that it would award the highest number of points for a previous successful Mars mission. "That's only Lockheed," Benson points out. "They're the only one." JPL added that it would give the second-highest number of points for other deep-space missions. "Well, that added two more: Ball Aerospace and Spectrum Astro. That was it. Only those three companies. And everybody else said, 'Why would I waste my time bidding?' Boeing couldn't win. SpaceDev couldn't win."

Ball Aerospace emerged the victor. But after two Mars missions crashed in late 1999, NASA postponed the micromission program. Since then SpaceDev's luck at winning business from the national space agency has taken a turn for the better. In April 2001, the company announced it would be part of a Boeing-led team that had been chosen to study options for a potential 2011 mission to Mars. And back in November 1999, SpaceDev learned it had won a much bigger contract to build what will be NASA's smallest mission ever — a diminutive science probe known as the CHIPSat.

Benson first got a glimmer that the CHIPSat might come his way just a month or two after the disappointing news about the deck being stacked against him in the competition for the Mars micromissions. Around March 1999, he got a call from an astrophysicist at the University of California Berkeley's Space Sciences Laboratory named Mark Hurwitz. Hurwitz's professional work has focused on "the stuff between the stars."

Hurwitz explains that a hundred years ago, everyone thought space was empty — a perfect vacuum. But by the 1920s, astronomers had begun to realize that in fact the vast interstellar regions contain microscopic grains of dust, along with hydrogen and helium gas. Even the densest concentrations of this gas — 1000 or so atoms per cubic centimeter — are much closer to a vacuum than anything we can make on Earth, according to Hurwitz. The least-dense regions appear to contain only one atom per 100 cubic centimeters. "Make a little box with your hands," Hurwitz directs, by way of illustration, "and there would be only one atom in there." In contrast, an empty coffee mug on Earth contains about 1500 quintillion (1,500,000,000,000,000,000,000) gas molecules.

Some of the gases of the "interstellar medium" are extremely hot, having kinetic temperatures of at least a million degrees. Astronomers believe that this gas is heated when stars explode. As the hot, low-density gas expands, it tends to compress pre-existing cooler, denser clouds, triggering the formation of new stars. But the astronomers still don't know many things about the hot gas and the process by which it cools. (For example, they'd like to know at what wavelength the majority of the power radiated by the local hot gas emerges. They'd like to know how it's distributed within 100 parsecs of the sun.) A better understanding of the cooling process — what Hurwitz's study is seeking — should lead to a better understanding of the origins of the stars.

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In 1998, Hurwitz got the nod from NASA to create an instrument (the cosmic hot interstellar plasma spectrometer, a.k.a. CHIPS) to collect more information about the interstellar medium. The spectrometer has to do its work in space because "the ultraviolet light we're trying to see doesn't come through the Earth's atmosphere." As first conceived and proposed to NASA, the spectrometer was to have been attached as a scientific hitchhiker to a small communications satellite.

But "that scenario encountered programmatic difficulties," Hurwitz says, "and we ended up — with more or less the same amount of money — needing to suddenly acquire our own dedicated spacecraft." By around June 1999, he had selected SpaceDev from the handful of companies that submitted proposals to build a spacecraft to carry the spectrometer. The San Diego firm was "the most responsive.... They did the best job of showing how they'd meet our requirements," the astrophysicist says.

Today Hurwitz estimates the project will end up costing between $12 and $15 million, "cradle to grave — for every engineer's salary, every scientist's salary from start of mission through end of operations a year after launch. That's everything." It includes "development of the instrument. Development of the spacecraft. It's quite small for a freestanding project like this," Hurwitz contends. Of the total, SpaceDev should end up getting about $5 million.

NASA doesn't dole out those millions to Hurwitz (or SpaceDev) in one big advance. "There's a whole series of gates you have to go through," Hurwitz says. "The money comes in dollops from NASA."

But the project appears to be well under way. "We're on budget and on schedule," Benson says. His engineers have built all the subsystems, and they've wired them together as a "flat sat"; in other words, "They behave electronically as a satellite. So you can send commands to it. It responds. It checks the commands. It actuates things. It stores data." SpaceDev will handle mission control during the launch, and it will direct the satellite's operation for a year afterward. "We have already formed the Internet connections from our electronics lab to our mission-control center to Berkeley to the university in Australia where the other ground station will be." Benson says this September, the company's engineers will start bolting together the satellite pieces in a clean room that's been constructed in the Poway facility. Hurwitz is hoping to add the spectrometer to the package by November; then the whole "observatory" will undergo environmental testing. The astrophysicist says "the launch scenario that we're marching toward now" would have the CHIPSat blasting off from Vandenberg Air Force Base in May or June next year, carried into orbit by a Delta rocket whose primary payload is a big NASA science satellite.

Of SpaceDev's performance so far, Hurwitz says, "Many of their individual employees are just outstanding. They're doing better than anyone could rea-

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sonably expect." He adds that the San Diego firm's struggles to find other business have created "perhaps predictable tensions." But he believes NASA would like to see SpaceDev succeed with this project. "At some level, NASA is aware that there aren't a lot of marketplace participants from whom you can get a small satellite. And so if SpaceDev delivers this thing on schedule and it works, NASA would generally be pleased as punch." A successful launch "will be a very key milestone for the company," Benson agrees. "Because then you officially join the club — that very select few who have actually put a successful satellite in orbit."

At the same time, Benson didn't form SpaceDev to put satellites in orbit. Since NASA got out of the communications-satellite business in the early 1990s, that activity has turned into a multibillion-dollar industry, with more than 1700 commercial communications satellites expected to be circling the Earth by 2006. Benson never had the goal of competing with them; his vision was to open up deep space to profit-making operations.

Although CHIPSat has provided bread-and-butter income to support the company while it moves toward the grander vision, the latter still animates Benson. And he says he's been taking aggressive steps to pursue it. At the beginning of 2000, SpaceDev and Boeing announced they were teaming up to explore commercial missions beyond the Earth's orbit. "Boeing then spent a couple of hundred thousand dollars with SpaceDev looking at the possibilities," Benson says. The companies agreed that the asteroid prospector is still a reasonable possibility, "as are possible Mars missions." But Benson says they concluded that the most attractive project to start with was a spacecraft that would make money by going to the moon.

"We'd already designed the spacecraft [for the Mars micromission]," Benson explains. "If this thing could get all the way to Mars from Earth orbit, carrying all this propellant, it could sure get to the moon and back again." Signals that would arrive at the rate of 10,000 bits per second from Mars could be received at a rate of 10 million bits per second from the moon, " 'cause you're only a quarter of a million miles away, instead of a quarter of a billion miles. So we would be able to do live-streaming HDTV."

Benson's come to believe this would have "a lot of entertainment value," although he was skeptical at first. In the fall of 1997, he was having dinner in Washington, D.C., with Huntress (the former NASA honcho) and Spear (of Mars Pathfinder fame). "I got there a little bit late, and they both pounced on me," Benson recalls. "They said, 'Jim, do you have any idea how exciting it would be to have a lunar orbiter skimming over the surface of the moon at 4000 miles an hour? It would be like *Star Wars*. You could see all the mountains and the craters and everything flying at you!' " Benson says he did a double take. "I said, 'Wait a minute. Here are Tony Spear and Wes Huntress waving their hands in the air and talking about *Star Wars* and entertainment and high-definition TV, and I'm sitting here trying to talk to them about space science?' Honestly, it took me about two years to come around."

Benson says a "wild-eyed group of space enthusiasts called the L5 Society rallied the troops and went to Washington and protested."

Another believer in the entertainment value of a commercial lunar mission is John Lewis, the codirector of the Space Engineering Center at the University of Arizona (and the author of the asteroid-mining books). Lewis thinks the lack of public interest in NASA's space-shuttle launches is understandable. Most of the things NASA is doing "are just plain boring. Would you go out in the street to watch a Yellow Cab go by? They're too common." Lewis says the Mars Pathfinder mission, in contrast, provided a much better test of the infotainment potential of space. "NASA put the pictures from the Pathfinder and Rover on the Web as soon as they were received, and there were tens of millions of hits on that website. For a couple of weeks, that website was hit more than all of the porn sites in the country combined! There's enormous public interest in space out there."

Not everyone is as sanguine about the entertainment potential of space. Former NASA scientist Alan Binder points out that others have tried to exploit that interest, only to give up. Binder cites the example of the Gross brothers, Pasadena-based technology entrepreneurs who, after the success of the Pathfinder/Sojourner mission, "got the bright idea to fly a Rover to the moon and do it on the Net...for pure entertainment purposes." Binder says they eventually "woke up to the fact that this is hard to do." That's a truism with which Binder is all too familiar. After he left NASA, he worked without success for six years to obtain private funding for a moon mission; then in 1995 he launched the NASA-sponsored Lunar Prospector, which flew around the moon and collected scientific data for 19 months. Privately designed and managed, that effort has been called the most cost-effective lunar and planetary space mission ever flown, one that operated for a tenth of what it would have cost NASA. Binder describes himself as a friend and supporter of Benson; he sees the two of them as kindred spirits working toward a common end. But Binder says, "I have a hard time believing that you can make $100 million of revenue from an entertainment mission." He thinks you have to have a science-based company "and then you add the entertainment on. I know that you can make $5 million to $10 million from the entertainment side. But that doesn't pay for a mission, as far as I can see." (He says the Lunar Prospector cost $63 million.)

A SpaceDev-operated lunar mission would combine both science and entertainment components. "The first science experiment is being built while we speak," Benson told me one day early in June. He explained that Dr. Michael Drake, "the very creative and aggressive" director of the University of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory in Tucson, had obtained more than $100,000 (from the University of Arizona Foundation) to build a simple multiband imaging camera. It's being designed by Peter Smith, the man who created the Mars Pathfinder's cameras. Drake plans to lend this camera to SpaceDev, whose spacecraft will carry it to the moon and sell the data it generates to the highest bidder. "The Canadian space agency might buy it. A natural resources company might buy it," Benson says, adding that SpaceDev in turn hopes to pay Drake's lab a royalty from any data sales.

"This is a fundamental breakthrough in the way space science is done!" Benson exclaims. "We are breaking the paradigm.... Can you imagine scientists being able to do the science they want on their own time frame? With their own instruments built the way they ought to be built? It is totally liberating freedom!" The amount of human knowledge that comes back, he predicts, will gush forth instead of dribbling out.

SpaceDev is now looking for other science payloads. As for the entertainment component, "We're in the marketing phase right now."

But Benson isn't pinning all his hopes on the lunar mission. He believes in having lots of eggs in lots of baskets. In the course of designing the CHIPSat, his engineers found that existing radios for small satellites were too big and expensive for their needs. So they designed what Benson describes as "the world's smallest space-qualified S-band radio." This not only solved the team's immediate problem but also provided a potential new source of revenue. "We have, I believe, 14 sales prospects and 2 quotes outstanding," he told me last week. "We are pleasantly surprised at the huge amount of interest that's being shown us."

SpaceDev's team also has developed a "single-board computer" for the CHIPSat. Benson hasn't yet "done a tech sheet and put it on the website. But we believe when we do, it may receive even more interest because it's a part that's in even wider demand." Furthermore, the little spin-offs from the satellite pale in comparison to the propulsive products SpaceDev has been working on.

"The main contribution I'm trying to make in space is to bring the microcomputer way of thinking to an industry that's largely bogged down in the mainframe way of thinking," Benson says. This means developing small, efficient satellites and manufacturing the same design over and over again. If you do that, "The reliability goes up, the cost goes down, and the risk goes down." Although no micro-launch vehicles exist for carrying microsatellites into orbit, Benson says microsatellites can get off the surface of the Earth by hitching rides on big launch vehicles. However, like any hitchhiker, they often get dropped off short of their destinations, placed in undesirable orbits.

What microsatellites need, Benson says, are "microkick motors." SpaceDev hasn't attempted to develop this technology from scratch. Instead, three years ago, the company acquired exclusive rights to the intellectual property of a company known as Amroc (American Rocket Company). In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Amroc spent about $25 million developing "hybrid rockets," so called because they use a combination of liquid oxidizers and solid fuel. These "were one of six or eight propulsion systems that were intensively studied by NASA and the Air Force in the mid-'60s," says the Uni-

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versity of Arizona's John Lewis. In the end, Lewis says, the American space agency decided to use liquid hydrogen/oxygen rockets to get to the moon because they were more familiar and less challenging. On the other hand, liquid-fuel rockets have a tendency to blow up in spectacular fashion. While their solid-fuel cousins don't blow up, they also cannot be turned off once they've been ignited.

Hybrid rockets, in contrast, don't explode and can be started and stopped at will. "They're not very sexy because they're too simple," Benson contends. "They literally are a big cylinder of rubber or plastic, with a hole down the middle." If you push an oxidizer (such as oxygen or nitrous oxide) into that hollow center and ignite the gas, "The plastic is a hydrocarbon and it burns," Benson explains. "It basically melts. It vaporizes." The burning gas produced in this process can be used to push things into orbit.

Benson acknowledges that the design of hybrid rockets is a bit more complex than he's made it sound. "The temperatures in there are around 5000 degrees. That will melt stainless steel." Nonetheless, he points out that Amroc in the course of its existence built a dozen different sizes of functional hybrid motors, including one that was over 6 feet in diameter and 42 feet long. "It put out a quarter-million pounds of thrust."

Amroc ran out of money before it could win the customers it needed to survive. But after Benson started SpaceDev, he came to think that hybrid rockets might help him bring the microcomputer way of thinking to space. He'd heard that the federal government's National Reconnaissance Office was reevaluating its practice of sending huge, fabulously expensive telescopes into space. "They've lost two in a row. That's *five billion dollars* — gone!" Benson went to the reconnaissance agency and suggested it should consider creating a network of microsatellites bearing little telescopes whose images could be combined ("like a local area network!"). Or they could combine all the signals of a network of microsatellites carrying radar antennas. Hybrid motors could position and maintain the satellites and move them when necessary. "We said, 'Hey, we have propulsion experts here [at SpaceDev] who are familiar with hybrid-rocket motors. The hybrid rockets are clean. They're safe. They're restartable. The only negative is they're not the most efficient things in the world, but who cares? They're cheap, and they do the job." In response, the National Reconnaissance Office in 1999 began awarding the San Diego firm a series of contracts (totaling $1.5 million) to study and further refine the technology.

In May, SpaceDev was finishing up the last of these studies, and Benson invited me to watch a test firing of one of the motors. When I arrived, SpaceDev employees had put up police tape to block off the part of the parking lot that adjoins the area where the motor would be ignited. Inside, I found John Bodle, SpaceDev's director of hybrid propulsion products, a 32-year veteran of General Dynamics' space-systems division in San Diego. Bodle left General Dynamics when the division moved to Colorado. He later worked as a contract employee for Integrated Space Systems, the company that Benson bought. In June 2000, Bodle came to work for SpaceDev full-time.

Bodle explained that he and his teammates would be testing a new design that day. "First off, we want to see it start," he said. If the motor performed as he hoped, we would see a nice stable burn for about 20 seconds, during which time the engineers would check for flow instabilities or unexpected thermodynamic effects. "Right now, they're making their final connection calibrations," Bodle told me as we looked through a plate-glass window into the control room, where a couple of guys were sitting in front of computers.

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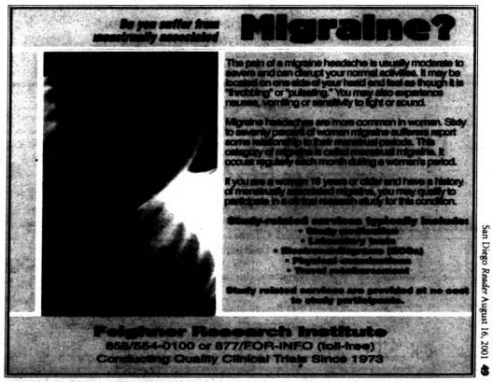

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the room. "Oh, that's gonna melt that dust," cooed Benson, who had joined the observers. "All *right!* I like that!" The rushing noise went on and on, and Benson ventured, "Looks like we're gonna have a hole in that floor out there. What do you think, John?"

"Don't know," Bodle replied.

"Is that 20 seconds?" Benson added, nervous. "That's way over 20 seconds," he answered his own question.

"Oh my," someone commented as the motor continued to burn.

"Well, I guess we're going to find out what happens when you go past 20 seconds," Benson said.

At least a full minute passed. We stared in dismay at the image of the motor on a small monitor. Scattered murmurs raised the question of whether a fire would break out in the testing bay. But finally the rocket sputtered and died, to be enveloped in the spray of fire extinguishers.

"Well," Bodle grunted. "That was more excitement than I expected."

"It was a nice burn up to that point, though," Benson said.

Several weeks later, Benson explained what had gone wrong. "In the earlier test firings, the rocket motor was mounted horizontally and the flame was shooting out the back end of the test stand. In this case, the motor was firing straight down, and it was two feet closer to the PC sitting beside it. Apparently, the radiant heat from the flame very quickly overheated the PC, and it suffered one of those blue screens of death, or whatever they call it." The paralyzed computer couldn't shut off the fuel valve.

This was "no major disaster," Benson asserted. "In fact, we had the whole thing back together about ten days later. It was a good learning process." Although the National Reconnaissance Office subsequently rejected six proposals from SpaceDev for additional funding, Benson says SpaceDev has been working on a major hybrid-rocket proposal for a commercial venture that he expects might bear fruit within the next few weeks. If approved, it would be "much larger in scope than the little NRO project we were doing."

Although Benson didn't disclose the nature of that venture, the potential for hybrid motors that most excites him is using them to power space-tourism planes. At least 20 different teams from five countries have announced plans to develop such a vehicle. Most of the groups have been inspired by the "X Prize" competition, announced in St. Louis in 1996 and modeled after early aviation prizes that stimulated the creation of new aircraft designs (including the *Spirit of St. Louis*). Look at what happened after Lindbergh's flight, Benson says. "Boom! Overnight, we had an airline industry. But unfortunately, space didn't start off with competition among entrepreneurs. It started off with a war and the Soviet Union and the United States competing with each other." According to Benson, the people who came up with the X Prize are trying to bring back the theme of entrepreneurial competition. The $10 million prize will go to the creators of the first private vehicle that flies into suborbital space (which NASA defines as 100 km, or 62 miles) twice within a two-week period. The craft also has to be capable of carrying a minimum of three adults who are up to six feet two inches tall and weigh as much as 198 pounds. The contest organizers hope these requirements ensure that the competitors "will be designing vehicles which can turn around after the competition and begin to generate revenue."

When Benson first heard about the X Prize, he thought to himself, " 'If I were going up into space in one of these things, would I want to be sitting on a liquid bomb? One that can't be turned off?' The answer is no." But he says he can well imagine sitting on "a piece of plastic with laughing gas" (the basic components of the hybrid-motor design). So SpaceDev has been vis-

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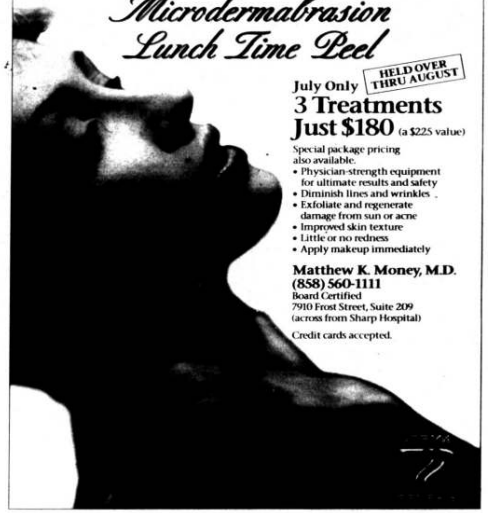

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iting various X Prize contenders, telling them how safe and clean and simple hybrid-rocket motors are. "And all of a sudden, a lot of interest has been coming our way."

Benson can hardly control his elation when he thinks about what the first space plane's ride will be like. He can imagine it taking off from a runway and climbing to 20,000 or 30,000 feet. "Then it fires off its rocket motor and shuts off its jet engine and goes straight up to 60 miles. In 60 seconds! Can you imagine that?" he asks. "Think of the climb. Flat out, being pushed down at three times your weight. You're going a mile per second. And then you get to the top and you're slowing down and coasting. You will take off in broad daylight, and 60 seconds after hitting the rocket motor, you're gonna be in the blackest of space. When you look out that window, you'll see the stars that the astronauts see."

Benson describes visiting one of the X Prize competitors, "a world-renowned aerospace designer." While at his factory, Benson says this man told him that when the rocket motor cuts off "and you're coasting at 2000 miles an hour — way beyond the speed of sound, Mach 3, Mach 4 — I'm going to turn off everything in the cabin, including the little air circulation fans. I want the loudest sound in the cockpit to be your heart beating."

People will be willing to pay $100,000 for an experience like that, Benson believes. "They already are paying." He points to Space Adventures, a Virginia-based firm that claims to have more than $2 million in escrow, including some paid-in-full $98,000 tickets and more than 90 deposits for what will likely be a 45- to 60-minute ride (including about 5 minutes of free fall). "Survey after survey," Benson continues, "has asked people what percentage of their income they would be willing to spend to go to space. Some people say, 'Ten times my income.' In other words, if they make $30,000 a year, they'd spend $300,000 to go to space." Dennis Tito spent $20 million. It all makes Benson think that tourism could be the business breakthrough that will finally make space happen. "We're talking about founding a new industry. And SpaceDev is at the leading edge of a new wave of economic activity. It's the next big wave to follow after the Internet."

Tito's flight is contributing to that. "Venture capital companies are starting up that are entrepreneurial and space-oriented." Whereas "we couldn't get people to return our phone calls a year and a half ago," now, he says, potential investors are initiating the calls.

This has to be welcome news. In recent months, SpaceDev has been hustling to find additional capital. In February the company announced that a subsidiary would be selling shares in Australia in the hope of raising up to $8 million Australian ($4.6 million U.S.). But late in April, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission placed a stop order on the prospectus, citing concerns about various aspects of the deal. Then in May, SpaceDev announced disappointing first-quarter financial results (a net loss of $659,000 after interest and other income in 2001, compared to a net loss after interest and other income of $65,000 for the same period in 2000).

When I asked Benson one recent day how long the company could hold out, he replied that SpaceDev was "pretty much" breaking even. "The year before last, we lost $3.7 million. But last year, when you look at our financials, you'll see that even though we lost a few hundred thousand dollars, it was paper losses." In actuality, last year "we had positive cash flow of almost a million dollars," Benson contends. He added that SpaceDev's stock price (which shot to an all-time high of almost $2.50 a share in the aftermath of the *New Yorker* article but sank to 45 cents a share this May) had picked up again. (As of early this week, it was 90 cents.) "So everything is looking up," Benson asserted.

There are times when he can't believe a full four years has slipped away since the UCSD study results inspired him to found the company. He still has his original goal — to fly a mission to an asteroid and claim it. Benson points out that the 1967 Outer Space Treaty, crafted when the United States and Russia feared that someone would put nuclear weapons in space, prohibits any government from claiming a celestial body. Ninety-one countries signed it, including all those that were likely to be spacefaring. A few years later, the UN sought

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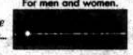

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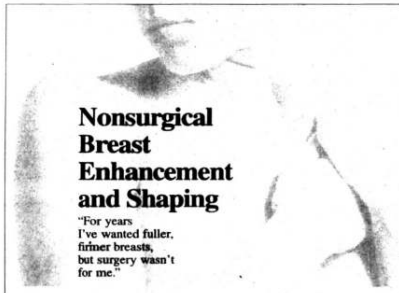

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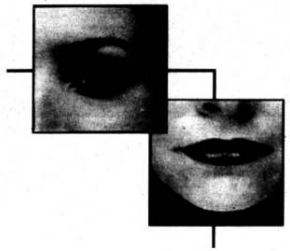

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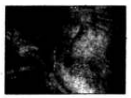

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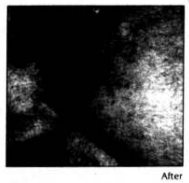

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to extend the ban to individuals. But Benson says a "wild-eyed group of space enthusiasts called the L5 Society rallied the troops and went to Washington and protested." The ruckus kept Congress from endorsing the UN measure. Now Benson wants to be the first person to test the principle of private property in outer space. "We have property rights on Earth, and much of our wealth in Western society is based on property," he says. He wants to set a precedent "for property rights for all future people."

Another thing that hasn't changed is Benson's motivation. Partly that springs from his environmentalism. "We're continuing to destroy what Buckminster Fuller called Spaceship Earth," he says. "We're flushing our life-support system down the toilet.... Planetary warming really is here. The ice caps really are melting. The atmosphere is polluted." He believes we need to have human settlements off the Earth to alleviate population pressures and "because we *will* get whacked by an asteroid someday." But space exploration also can be justified "based on our curiosity and our search for new knowledge." He quotes "the father of all space," the Russian scientist and philosopher Konstantin Tsiolkovskii, who said a century ago "that the Earth is the cradle of humanity, and it's time for us to leave the cradle. I want to have played some small role in changing the course of humanity," Benson says.

If his goals haven't changed, Benson says the means to them have "evolved from a sort of gung ho 'Let's just go do it!' to a more practical 'SpaceDev has got to build an infrastructure. We've got to have products. We've got to have sales....'" Competitors have emerged, but Benson's company has also gained allies. After Wes Huntress left NASA, he became a member of SpaceDev's board. This past April, he was joined by Bob Walker, the former chairman of the House Science Committee, who now heads one of the oldest lobbying groups in Washington. General Howell M. Estes III, the former commander in chief of the North American Aerospace Defense Command and the United States Space Command, became a director at the same time.

When I asked Wes Huntress about the delays SpaceDev has encountered, he sounded unperturbed. The former NASA assistant administrator told me he doesn't see delays but rather just "the cost in time required to get a revolution going — because that's what we're talking about." He said he still thinks Benson is "one of the few who's got a chance at really pulling it off."

"It's a very tough climb," noted Leonard David, a longtime space writer who works for the online space site *space.com*. "You have to be pretty fast on your feet financially." But while others have come and gone, David noted that Benson is "still with us. He's out there with new ideas" in a field where "longevity is a key to people...saluting you."

Don Yeomans, a scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, agreed that "the fact that [Benson is] still viable is fairly remarkable, given that he started with no aerospace expertise whatsoever. He's a remarkable guy." Yeomans told me he visited SpaceDev a few years ago, and back then, he would have bet that the company wouldn't last more than nine months. "But damned if they haven't," Yeomans said. He thinks it's a "credit to Benson's vision and his tenacity that he's making a go of it," and he added, "I wouldn't bet against him now." ■

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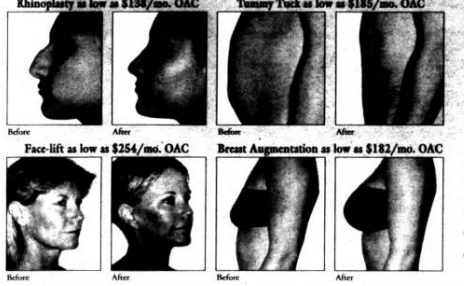

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school board member Ron Ottinger is already lining up his fat cat friends to pay homage to the great and wonderful Mr. Alan Bersin this coming September. It wasn't enough that the school board voted the superintendent a $15,000 bonus (August 7) in the face of unanimous public opposition. In case your readers may have missed that gross misuse of taxpayer funds, the following are factual reasons why Mr. Bersin should *not* have received any bonus:

1. Mr. Bersin broke election laws when he organized and ramrodded through Prop MM in 1998. Because he had so much power in Washington, D.C., with Bill, Hillary, and their crowd, he got off with a $10,000 fine paid by the school district. The plaintiff in that case proved that the election offenses Mr. Bersin committed would have sent the rest of us to jail.

2. Mr. Bersin's Prop MM has not delivered on its promises. All schools have since received (if anything) diminished repairs and maintenance monies from what was originally promised in 1998. The administration of the Prop MM program has been riddled with waste, fraud, and mismanagement. Want proof, talk to school board trustee John de Beck.

3. Mr. Bersin was illegally hired. According to California Education Code Section 35028, he is supposed to have a teaching credential in order to hold a job as superintendent.

4. Mr. Bersin and his three-vote majority on the school board have acted illegally in implementing the so-called Blueprint for Success. A number of parent and student suits have been filed against the district on this one point. In one suit brought by the District Advisory Council, the California Department of Education found that the school district had violated the law, but Mr. Bersin et al. have appealed the verdict, thus further misusing taxpayer funds not only by breaking the law but by compounding the harm by funneling more money out of the school budget for lawyers instead of on the students for textbooks and more teachers.

5. Mr. Bersin and his administration have consistently violated federal and state laws through their failure to implement programs designed to provide essential services to students with essential needs concerning special education, mental health, and learning disabilities. In the second of two lawsuits in a year against the school district, the California Department of Education found (July 2001) that the district had deliberately violated these laws — thus permanently scaring and depriving these children; the damage is virtually irreparable. Again, Mr. Bersin has spent more money on legal fees rather than obey the law and channel those needed funds into classrooms, where they are badly needed by students and teachers.

6. Under Mr. Bersin, the school district will not pay for school site libraries or books for those school libraries.

7. The latest SAT 9 scores (when honestly read and understood) will show significant reductions in reading scores under the Bersin regime. Never mind the spin he and his PR machine (at taxpayer expense) will attempt to sell to a trusting public. Find a friend who knows how to read the numbers, go to the state and local websites when the numbers are finally posted on or about August 15, and do the math. The so-called rising test scores are a sham; among the poor and children of color, the scores are going down.

These are but a few of the many factual reasons Mr. Bersin should *not* have received any bonus but should have instead tendered his resignation. The only reason Mr. Bersin has not already resigned is because Vice President Al Gore lost his run for president. The next coattails Mr. Bersin hopes to ride to Washington, D.C., are those of Governor Gray Davis, and that, ladies and gentlemen, you can take to the bank.

Mike MacCarthy
Voters for Truth in Education

Good Work

The feature article "None Darker Than Me" (August 2) is very excellent and much appreciated. Keep up the good work.

Ras Abraxas
Historian, activist

Coroner Granddad

Re "None Darker Than Me," August 2.

County Coroner Theo. F. Johnson was a doctor and practiced medicine from his office in National City for several decades but to the best of my knowledge was not an undertaker.

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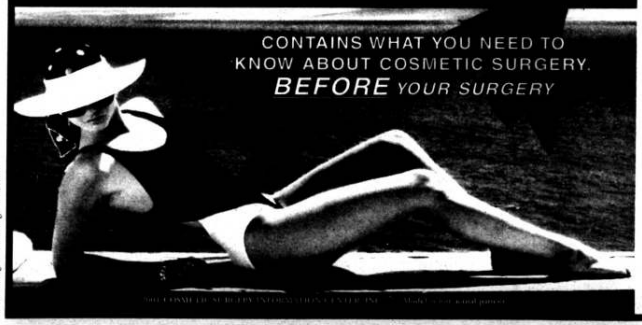

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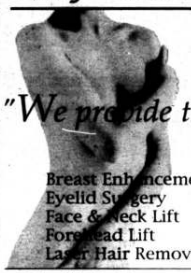

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Dr. Johnson was my grandfather and I know he served as coroner, but I never remember hearing from my mother that he was an undertaker as well. Johnsorf & Co., Undertaking Parlors, had to be another Johnson.

He practiced medicine until the early 1930s, and during this time he delivered several hundred babies. At that time, few birth records were kept, but he filled out detailed birth certificates for each one. (I have mine.) These proved to be very helpful when social security began — many people contacted him for verification of their births.

In the late 1960s, the San Diego County clerk contacted my mother and my aunt (Dr. Johnson's daughters) asking for permission to put these records into the official births of the county because in many cases these certificates predated the records of the county.

Elizabeth Clark
South Park

Vincenzo's Defense

I wish to come to the defense of Vincenzo's in Little Italy, which allegedly received a "good" review in your publication (Restaurant Review, August 2). While the *Reader*'s restaurant-review policy states, "Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambiance, and service," Ms. Wise's review reads more like a novel. She uses her two cents to kvetch and proceeds to bore us with useless fluff — stereotypical characters from the "old neighborhood," a "venerable man" illegally parking his Lincoln Continental, the inevitable tired comparisons between New York's and San Diego's Little Italy, concluding with the dissection of her meal down to the "supermarket quality" tomatoes. Was this really necessary? Was this information useful? Should she have gone even further and explained what kinds of pesticides were sprayed on the tomatoes before they reached the plate? Was the seafood so bad that you couldn't inform your waiter or Vincenzo himself?

My own personal experience at Vincenzo's has been excellent. I've eaten there twice, and both times the food was outstanding, in quality, flavor, and freshness. Being a Sicilian with origins in Porticello and having an immigrant mother who can outcook any of these restaurants, I can say the food at Vincenzo's is as good as if it came from Santa Flavia itself, or pretty damn close. When I eat there, I feel like I'm at the dinner table in my home.

In this country, where "authentic" Italian food can be found in a supermarket frozen-foods section or at the (shudder) Olive Garden, Vincenzo's provides a preferred alternative and sets a high standard, as do Busalacchi's, Arrivederci's, and Antico Toscano. Visit these four restaurants and you will eat authentic Italian (translation: food and recipes from Italy, not New York, Boston, San Diego, etc.), meaning they don't serve beanie-mac or "saseech" sandwiches. Sorry.

I understand that a critic has a responsibility to provide the public with a fair, unbiased report of her experience, which in this case should relate to food, but this review attempts to destroy a strong reputation that took years to build. Seeing as that it took the *Reader* an entire three years (what took so long? It's right across the street!) to review Vincenzo's, I don't think it's really going to hurt that much. Then again, if it keeps food snobs and hipsters away from San Diego's Little Italy, it's not so bad.

The "back-in-the-old-neighborhood" nostalgia aside, Ms. Wise's attitude seems to reflect some type of personal vendetta, or perhaps a deep-seated frustration with her job as a food critic. Call it food for thought. Frank Zappa, referring to critics, once quoted Gustave Flaubert: "One becomes a critic when one cannot be an artist, just as a man becomes a stool pigeon when he cannot be a soldier."

Salvatore Filippone

Shepherd Must Suffer

One must be honest about one's own feelings, so I can't say that Duncan Shepherd is wrong about his review of *Himalaya*. I disagree, though.

He called it a plodder, which I take to mean it was short on dramatic fireworks, but I especially was drawn to the fact that it did not have dramatic formulas that are so common in American movies. For instance, when the old man got really angry, his friends just let him go cool off. This is their culture. Watching a group of men do that instead of popping off angrily like a series of firecrackers was a relief to me, after so many movies where one man's anger is an excuse for other's violence. I spent a month in the high Himalayas, and this movie was an honest

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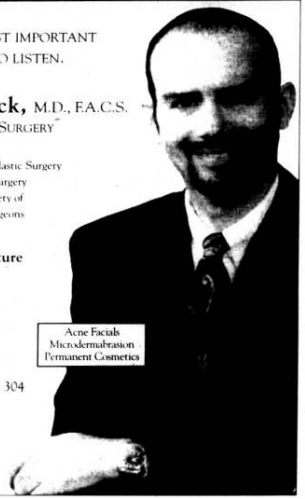

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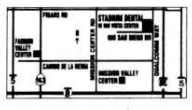

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reflection of its physical challenges, its extraordinary beauty, and the fascinating culture of the people who live there. To top it off, the musical score was beautiful. Maybe Shepherd would like to read someone else's review: *www.tibet.ca/wtnarchive/2001/8/4_3.html*.

Good luck. I sometimes think he must suffer a lot. There are so many truly bad movies out there that he must go see and review. *Himalaya* deserves so much better than to be put on the trash heap with the other garbage that he gives one star to.

Kay Stewart
San Diego

Monster Fate

This is in response to Name Withheld (Letters, August 2) decrying being referred to as a monster in the same league as Jeffrey Dahmer and John Wayne Gacy. If the shoe fits...

As for the Name Withheld who is trying to protect her daughter from her brother, I say that your family needs to be dragged, kicking and screaming if necessary, into therapy to get over their denial. And that sorry excuse for a human being who calls himself your brother deserves the same fate as the monster John Roselli: his hacked-up body being found by the police and FBI inside an oil drum.

J. Williamson
San Diego

Pedophile Anger

With regards to Erricka J.'s letter in your August 2 issue entitled "Scary Admission," do you regularly print threats of violence? Of course, she is more than entitled to her opinion, but when she begins spouting veiled threats of torture against me — a very real human being — I begin to get a little angry.

I intentionally opened myself up for criticism when I wrote my first letter to the editor, but I had hoped that you wouldn't print just anybody's rambling, pointless, "you're sick and you should be shot" type of response. It'd be nice to actually hear from some folks who have something intelligent to say on the topic — good or bad, I don't mind. Just something that requires more thought than "Pedophile bad man — Me want to kill pedophile." That's old.

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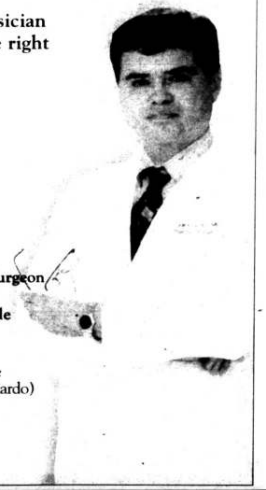

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Robert Perine of Encinitas recalls his alma mater as "a funky, dirty place, filled with charcoal dust and the smell of turpentine. And it was clicking." This was the Chouinard Art Institute (pronounced Shu-NARD) in South Pasadena, where he studied on the G.I. Bill, graduating in 1950. The school's founder was Nelbert Chouinard, born Nellie Murphy in Minnesota in 1879. Art-trained at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, Chouinard moved to California in 1919 to teach after being widowed. Two years later, she started her namesake school.

"It was a freewheeling but strongly skill-oriented place," says Perine, who became a painter and graphic artist. "Mrs. Chouinard's whole approach was lots of drawing, lots of painting, lots of design."

Perine's description of Chouinard's own landscapes evokes a rural Los Angeles. "Her work was of the 'eucalyptus school.' She had a horse and strapped her easel to its saddle and rode out into Arroyo Seco to paint trees and rocks. But she soon found teaching quite a drain, and stopped painting in favor of her students."

LOCAL EVENTS

Famous names linked with Chouinard as either students, faculty, or both include Edward Ruscha, the L.A. artist known for incorporating words into his visual works; Mexican muralist David Alfaro Siqueiros; architect Rudolf Schindler; sculptor Alexandr [sic] Archipenko; and Hollywood fashion designers Bob Mackey and Edith Head.

"People in the film industry regularly attended the Chouinard fashion shows," says Perine. "One year at the Chouinard ball Jayne Mansfield was crowned as its queen while wearing a gold lamé gown designed by Mackey. That made him famous even before he graduated."

Then, in 1956, something happened that would change the character of the school, says Perine. Mrs. Chouinard had financial troubles, and Walt Disney helped her out, just as previously she had helped him. "In 1929, when Walt came to California, he had no money, but he had a couple of animators whose drawing skills needed improving." Mrs. Chouinard enrolled them on credit. Decades later, when told of her financial woes, he endowed the school with $10 million.

In return, Disney wanted to impose his own vision on Chouinard, says Perine, and the school's aging founder welcomed it. "But Walt was an entertainer, not an artist. He didn't realize that what made Chouinard work was its smallness and concentrated activity."

Disney's plan was to combine Chouinard with the Los Angeles Conservatory of Music to create a new institution — the California Institute of the Arts. What made Chouinard unique was destroyed by the merger, says Perine.

This week, Perine will give a slide lecture about Chouinard at the Boehm Gallery, one of three venues featuring work by 137 Chouinard artists that spans the school's history from 1921 to 1972, the year of its last graduation. James Aitchison, who studied at Chouinard in the late 1950s and early 1960s, is one of the show's curators.

Aitchison, a painter and designer who lives in Leucadia, got a summer scholarship to Chouinard when he was a sophomore at a Palm Springs high school. "I was 15, and looked 6, and was drawing naked women," Aitchison recalls. "Watson Cross was my teacher. All these guys you read about in art magazines took drawing from him, if they were anywhere near Chouinard." Cross had polio. "So when he came to your drawing horse, he would put his crutches on the side and swing his leg over the horse and sit down. Well, he sat there looking at my drawing, and said, 'Jimmy Aitchison, I don't think you're old enough to be in this class.' To this day I don't know if he was kidding, but he put the fear of God in me. That was my first experience with Chouinard."

Aitchison remembers Mrs. Chouinard in her early 80s (she died at 90) as a "big, strong, powerful woman who never backed down." When another of his teachers, John Altoon, "grabbed the fanny of a model and shook it, because he was trying to get the students to realize that this was a human being made of flesh and blood," Mrs. Chouinard fired him.

Of the Disney takeover, Aitchison says, "They came in like gangbusters. Guys started running around in suits. The 'sergeant-at-arms' wanted everybody to get hair cuts. Students were made to feel very uncomfortable." In protest he left without a diploma.

"CalArts doesn't even look like an art school," in Aitchison's opinion. "They spent I don't know how many millions on a monstrous building in Valencia that looks like an insurance company. They've been around, what? Forty years? They couldn't mount a show like we have. Everyone spouts about art education. This show is the culmination of it. Take a look at what the artists were doing at any period in history. That's how you find out what was happening mentally, socially, psychologically. Artists don't realize it when they're doing it, but it does play out 20, 30 years down the road. That's this exhibit's significance."

— *Jeanne Schinto*

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A Mountain Bike Ride is set for Sunday, August 19, beginning at 8 a.m., at Cañon Doña Petra. For further information, call 011-52-61-72-5149 or 011-52-61-7608489. (ENSENADA)

How About a 5K Run for runners 13 and older? Events begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday, August 19, at Malecon Playas de Tijuana. Call 011-52-66-22-8190 for more details. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

"Dolphins" screens Tuesday through Friday at 2, 4, 6, and 8 p.m., with additional screenings at noon on Saturday and Sunday, at the Omnimax Theater in the Tijuana Cultural Center. Join in the *Three-D Mania* Tuesdays through Fridays 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 Rio. For more information, call 011-52-66-87-9600. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Ocean Water Temperatures are probably peaking now, the result of many weeks of summer sunshine and warm coastal air temperatures. While the water offshore seldom reaches 70 degrees Fahrenheit, shallow-water temperatures of 70 to 75 degrees are not uncommon on gently shelving beaches late in the day. Wide, sandy beaches such as Coronado, south Mission Beach, and La Jolla Shores are now at their best for comfortable bathing.

Towering Thunderheads have been seen hovering over the wall of mountains east of San Diego in recent weeks. Afternoon rainshowers have already dampened Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Mount Laguna on several occasions, with more of the same expected at times during the next two or three weeks. Usually this kind of activity ceases by sunset, and clearing skies usher in a cloud-free night. The marked contrast between the sunny but bland weather along the coast and the more lively and unpredictable mountain weather is one illustration of San Diego County's "geography of contrast."

Star Party, every Friday and Saturday night through August 29, come view the skies through the 21-inch Buller telescope at SDSU's Mt. Laguna observatory. The next opportunity will be August 17 and 18 beginning at sunset. Staff members are on hand to act as guides. The admission is free, but tickets are required. Pick them up from the U.S. Forest Service information office on Sunrise Highway.

To reach the observatory, take the Sunrise Highway (S1) exit from I-8; drive northeast about nine miles to Morris Ranch Road. Go east on Morris Ranch for about a quarter of a mile to the parking lot. Bring a jacket and a flashlight. For information call 619-0594-1415. (MOUNT LAGUNA)

Beginners' and Advanced Animal Tracking, Uli Burgin guides the beginners, Lee Kircheval leads an hike for advanced trackers. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon, Saturday, August 18, 7:30 a.m. Both groups meet at the historic ranch house. From the Mercy Road exit off I-15 go west to Black Mountain Road, take your first left onto Canyonside Drive, go to the white-fenced parking lot, and walk to the ranch house. Free. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Spotting Native Plants, naturalist James Dillane has been listing the 400+ native plants found on the Daley Ranch. Join him for an easy three-mile walk along Diamondback and Coyote Run trails on Saturday, August 18, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Wear sturdy shoes, sunscreen, a hat and bring plenty of water. Meet at the La Honda trailhead. From I-15, take El Norte Parkway, go east four miles to La Honda Drive, turn left, then drive one mile to the dirt parking lot on the left. Free. 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

Birding the Lagoon, this week's guided hike sponsored by the San Diego Audubon Society will be at the San Elijo Lagoon, Saturday, August 18, from 8 a.m. to noon. Early fall migrants might be around, including phalaropes, lesser yellowlegs, barn swallows, and perhaps some sandpipers. Take the Lomas Santa Fe exit from I-5, go west to Rios, then north on Rios to the end of the street. Bring a scope or binoculars and water, wear sturdy shoes and a hat. Free. 619-275-0557. (SOLANA BEACH)

A Guided Birding Hike in the Sweetwater Marsh area is sponsored by the Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, August 18, 8 a.m. For reservations and directions to the meeting place, call 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Habitat Restoration, help other volunteers tend to mule fat cuttings planted last winter, and help plant arroyo willow and sandbar willow to restore North County's San Dieguito River Park, Saturday, August 18, from 8 a.m. to noon. Wear sturdy shoes and a hat, and bring plenty of water. Free. For additional details, reservations, and directions to the meeting place, call 858-674-2275 x5. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Flora, Fauna, and Some History, this guided hike through part of the San Dieguito River Park, Saturday, August 18, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., will cover social history and natural history. It's an easy two-miler. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. For reservations and directions to the meeting place, call 858-674-2275 x5. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Last Chance Nature Hike," here's your chance to view the natural surroundings that will be lost when the Carlsbad Oaks North housing development is built. It's in the southern portion of Mount Calavera. The hike is set for Saturday, August 18, 9 a.m. Meet at the foot of Faraday Avenue and Brookhaven Pass for this moderate, two-hour hike, or just do the first easy portion of the hike through the riparian area. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water, and wear a hat. The terrain covers oak riparian forest, salt marsh, and coastal sage scrub and has ocean views. For more information, call 760-599-0655. (VISTA)

The Beautiful and Exotic Trees of Balboa Park are the subjects of this week's guided walk, Saturday, August 18, beginning at 10 a.m. at the park's visitors' center. It's free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Early Migrating Ducks and Shorebirds may be in evidence on this guided nature hike at the salt marsh habitat of Famosa Slough, Saturday, August 18, at 1 p.m. Meet at the kiosk at the intersection of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. Bring binoculars and water. Free. For more information, call 619-224-4591. (LOMA PORTAL)

Evening Hike, Pat Watkins leads a moderately paced hike to a waterfall and back, with a chance to see canyon wildlife, Saturday, August 18, 5:30 p.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon. Meet at the kiosk at the intersection of Camino Ruiz and Park Village Drive. Wear hiking boots and bring insect repellant and water. Free. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Creatures of the Night, after dark many of the denizens of Lopez Canyon in Los Peñasquitos Preserve come out. You're bound to see some on this guided hike, Saturday, August 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. Bring a flashlight and water and wear sturdy shoes. Group size is limited. Call the hike leader, Brian Swanson, for reservations and the location of the meeting place. Free. 760-749-5453. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

The Highest Tide this month (+7.2 feet), associated with the new moon, is predicted for 9:32 p.m. Saturday, August 18. The month's lowest tides (both at -1.4 feet) will occur Saturday morning at 3:44 a.m. and Sunday morning at 4:23 a.m. In October, minus tides will begin occurring during afternoon periods, a far more convenient time for exploring tidepools.

Volunteers Needed, help remove the last remaining invasive eucalyptus trees from Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. This will allow native cottonwoods to re-establish themselves. This is the culmination of a ten-year project. Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirt, sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen, and bring water. The event is set for Sunday, August 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at the parking/staging area at the intersection of Mercy and Black Mountain Roads. Call Mike at 858-566-6489 for more information. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Birding the Estuary, some 370 species have been identified in the coastal wetland of the Tijuana River Estuary Reserve. The next guided hike in the area is scheduled for Sunday, August 19, from 3 to 4 p.m. Bring binoculars and meet at the visitors' center, 301 Caspian Way. Free. For more information call 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Bring the Family on this two- to three-mile guided hike along the shore of Lake Hodges, sponsored by the San Dieguito River Park, Wednesday, August 22, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Meet in the parking lot across the street from Hernandez' Hideaway, at the corner of Lake Drive and Sunset Drive, off Del Dios Highway. Free. For reservations and details about the meeting place, call 858-674-2275 x5. (DEL DIOS)

Grunion may be active again on the mornings of Wednesday and Thursday, August 22 and 23, roughly from midnight to 2 a.m. — a period that closely follows the nocturnal high tide. The small, silvery grunion tend to spawn on wide, gently sloping beaches such as Silver Strand, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla Shores, and Del Mar. California law allows the taking of grunion in summer (except in those areas classified as ecological preserves) by those possessing a state fishing license. The grunion must be caught by the hands only, and should be eaten (not wasted).

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Ballet and Jazz, this week's performance in the International Dance Festival series features the City Ballet offering selections from *Giselle* and original choreography to music by Vivaldi. There will also be jazz dance by Unity Dance Ensemble, Friday, August 17, 7 p.m., at the City Heights Urban Village Performance Annex, 3795 Fairmount Avenue. Free. 619-641-6100. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Flamenco, every Friday, including Friday, August 17, at 8 p.m., enjoy flamenco music and dance, presented by Flamenco Vivo Productions at Hollywood Star Grille, 1320 Fifth Avenue; $20 includes show and two drinks. 619-232-2102. (DOWNTOWN)

"Dance Jam," cut loose in a freeform, barefoot twice-weekly boogie to DJ'd music. The next jam will be Friday, August 17, 9 p.m. to midnight ($5/$7), and Tuesday, August 21, 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. ($5, two-for-one discounts), at the Center for Moving Arts, 3255 Fifth Avenue, between Spruce and Thorn. 619-298-2687. (HILLCREST)

Master Teacher Series, acclaimed American dancer Fernando Bujones is the next presenter in this series sponsored by the City Ballet. His class is scheduled for Saturday, August 18, at 2 p.m., at the studio at 941 Garnet Avenue; $25. For details call 858-274-6058. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Jump, Jive, and Swing at the Champion Ballroom to the live music of Sue Palmer and Motel Swing. Doors open at 8 p.m., Saturday, August 18. Free swing dance lessons begin at 8:30 p.m., and at 9:15 p.m., the band cuts loose. During breaks there will be swing dance performances. All ages welcome. Admission is $10. The ballroom is located at 3580 Fifth Avenue). 858-483-3487. (HILLCREST)

FILM

"The Crimson Pirate," Burt Lancaster stars in the next film in the "Movies before the Mast" series, sponsored by the San Diego Maritime Museum. Hop on board the *Star of India* and see the film projected on one of the sails. The swashbuckler, co-starring Eva Bartok, unspools on Friday and Saturday, August 17 and 18, at dusk. The gangplank goes down at 7 p.m. for boarding. Seating is limited; you might want to reserve space by calling the museum at 619-234-9153 x101 or x128 weekdays between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 general; $8 for children 12 and under, seniors, and museum members. The *Star* is located at the Embarcadero, on Harbor Drive. It's a little hard to miss. (DOWNTOWN)

"Cine Mexicano," the third annual series, sponsored by the Media Arts Center San Diego, runs from Friday, August 17, through the end of November. Oscar Urrutia Lazo's 2000 film *Rito Terminal* (in Spanish with subtitles) is the first feature (recommended for mature audiences). It screens through next Thursday, August 23. A photographer visits a small Mexican town and begins to question what is "real" and what is lost to economic and social progress. Times are 5:15, 7:30, and 10 p.m. daily, with additional screenings at 12:45 and 3 p.m. on weekends. The film can be seen at the Mann Hazard Center 7 theater, 7510 Hazard Center Drive; $7.50 general, $5.50 students and seniors. Series passes at $45 and $75 are available. 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

In conjunction with the screening on Friday, August 17, an opening reception will be held to honor visiting filmmaker Oscar Urrutia Lazo. It's scheduled from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel San Diego's Club Max, 7450 Hazard Center Drive. Admission is $20 (includes film ticket). Call 619-230-1930 for more information. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Gidget," the real gal herself, Kathy Kohner Zuckerman, will make a personal appearance at a screening of the 1959 surf-bunny classic, Saturday, August 18, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There will be a book signing and reception. The book in question is the re-release of Frederick Kohner's 1957 novel *Gidget*, inspired by his 15-year-old daughter Kathy's love of surfing at Malibu. Sandra Dee played Gidget in the film; Sally Field was the TV Gidget in the mid-'60s. The event is presented in conjunction with an exhibit of photographs and memorabilia, "Catch a Coronado Wave: The Early Surfing Scene 1950-1970," at the Museum of History and Art of the Coronado Historical Association, 1100 Orange Avenue. Refreshments will be served; there's a no-host bar. Admission is free. 619-435-7242. (CORONADO)

"Une Femme Douce" (*A Gentle Creature*), Robert Bresson's 1969 film is an adaptation of a Dostoyevsky short story about a man trying to find a reason for his wife's enigmatic suicide, looking back on a life of domestic oppression. It screens as the next entry in "Sunday Afternoon at the Movies," sponsored by the San Diego Public Library, Sunday, August 19, 2 p.m., in the library's Third floor auditorium. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Life and Debt," this artful and opinionated documentary set in Jamaica examines how the "mechanism of debt" affects the lives of poor people in a poor nation — life beyond the glitzy resorts. View this take on globalization and the freedom lost through Third World debt, and then participate in the follow-up discussion when the film screens as part of the San Diego Public Library's Film Forum, Monday, August 20, 6 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium, 820 E Street. The discussion will be moderated by Professor Carolyn Placente-Darroch. This is a preview of a *P.O.V.* film to be aired later on PBS. The event is co-sponsored by the California Center for the Book. It screens in-French with subtitles. It's free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Picnic," this is the next entry in the Carlsbad Library's summer film series. It screens Wednesday, August 22, 6 p.m., at the Schulman Auditorium, 1775 Dove Lane. Free. 760-602-2026. (CARLSBAD)

"Tommy," the San Diego Museum of Art's "Reflections of the '60s" series concludes with Ken Russel's adaptation of the Who's rock opera, next Thursday, August 23, beginning at dusk. The film is projected on the east outside wall of the museum. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, travel back in time in *China: The Panda Adventure*. The film is set in 1936, based on the true story of Ruth Harkness, an independent woman who traveled to the forests of China to follow in her late husband's footsteps and achieve his dream of bringing the first live giant panda to America. See this film through the end of the year.

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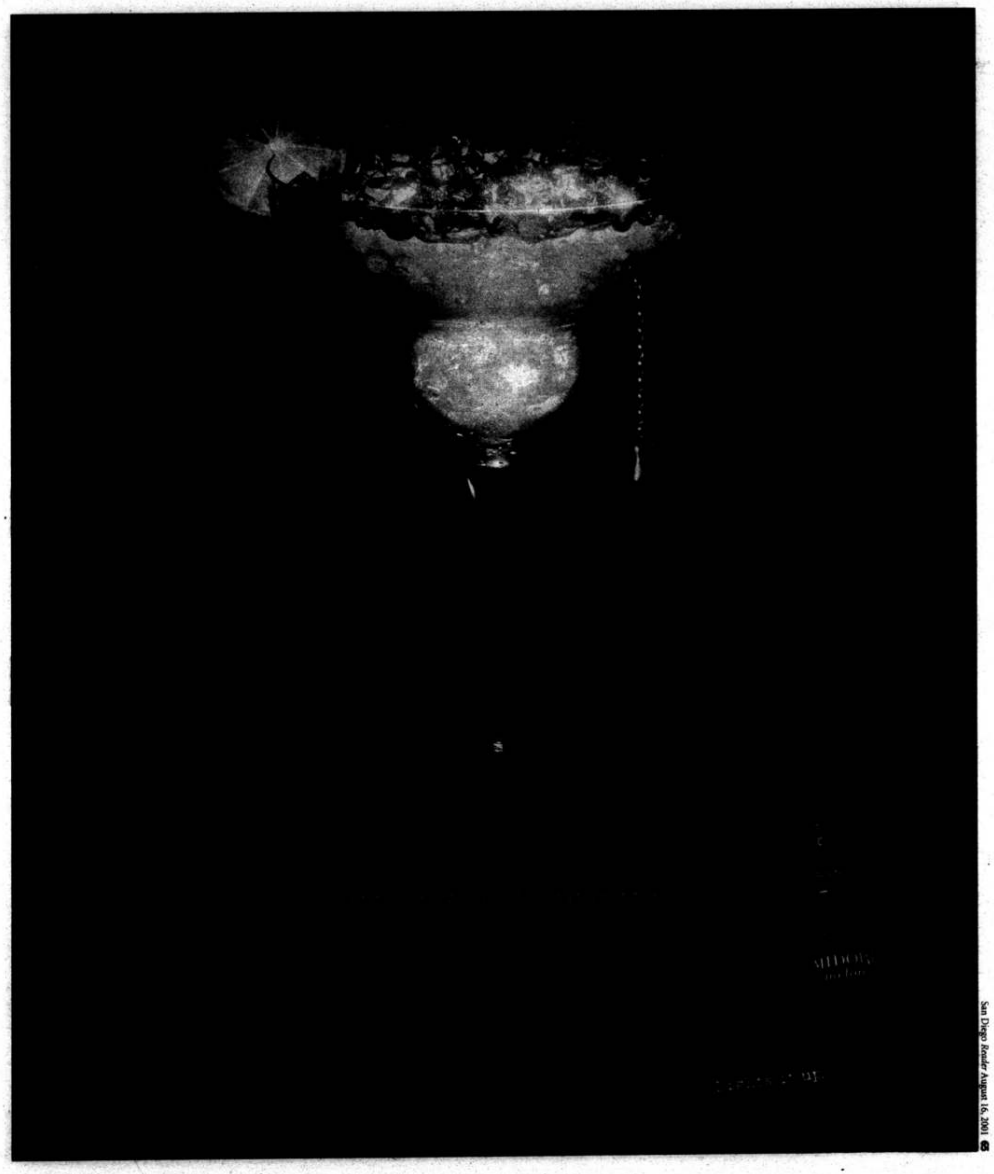

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often unexplored frontiers. The latest MacGillivray Freeman Films offering follows "extreme scientists" Hazel Barton and Nancy Aulenbach as they seek organisms that might hold new medical applications. *Caves* continues through November.

He doesn't know how to swim or ice skate, but Michael Jordan has often been called the greatest athlete of the 20th Century. The "real life story" of Michael Jordan is presented in *Michael Jordan to the Max*. Expect a "larger-than-life tribute to a larger-than-life figure." See the film through October.

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

LECTURES

"Killer Algae"(!) "The Threat to California's Coast" is the subject for a talk about the invasive algae *Caulerpa taxifolia* recently discovered in San Diego. Experts suspect it came from someone's fish tank. If you're an aquarist, diver, or you just enjoy the coast, show up at the visitors center of the Tijuana River Estuarine Reserve tonight, Thursday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m., 301 Caspian Way. Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"Dialogue on Racism," members of the Baha'i faith will moderate a discussion tonight, Thursday, August 16, 7 p.m., in the King and Garden Community Rooms in the Oceanside City Hall, 330 North Coast Highway. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

"An Evening in Italy," Vicky DeLong, director of the Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, will present a slide-illustrated talk on her life in Naples during the late 1980s. The talk will be today, Thursday, August 16, at 7 p.m., at the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. Free. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

"My Greenhouse Project," designer/engineer Rexan Laverdiere offers a slide-illustrated talk about the building of a greenhouse at the monthly chapter meeting of the Sierra Club, Friday, August 17, 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the San Diego Zoo's Otto Center, south of the zoo's main entrance. Free. 619-299-1743. (BALBOA PARK)

Volunteers to Help Wildlife, Wildlife Assist Volunteers help rescue (not rehabilitate) sick or injured wildlife. More volunteers are needed, so the next orientation meeting will be held in the visitors' center of Mission Trails Regional Park, Saturday, August 18, at 2 p.m. (and every Saturday through the end of the year). From Mission Valley, follow Mission Gorge Road north, past Jackson, and turn left on Father Junipero Serra Trail. 619-522-9999. (MISSION TRAILS)

Great Books, the subject for the next Great Books discussion group meeting is Herman Hesse's *Steppenwolf*, Saturday, August 18, 2 p.m., in the third floor conference room of the San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. Free. 619-440-5623. (DOWNTOWN)

Bonsai, the art of artfully miniaturizing trees is the subject for the next class sponsored by the Japanese Friendship Garden, Saturday, August 18, 10:30 a.m. The garden is located adjacent to Spreckels Organ Pavilion; $7 members, $15 nonmembers. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Cantinflas, Mario Moreno, the classic Mexican film comic is the subject of a discussion (illustrated with film clips) that will be held in conjunction with the third annual Cine Mexicano Mexican Film Series, Saturday, August 18, 5:15 p.m. at the Mann Hazard Center 7 theater, 7510 Hazard Center Drive. The presentation will include biographical information on Moreno and will trace the development of his Cantinflas persona from the early days of Mexican circuses to his peak as an international star, whose work was full of social commentary; $5 general admission, $3 students and seniors, kids under 12 free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Inside a Shark, in a two-part presentation, shark researcher Jeffrey Graham from the Birch Aquarium of Scripps Institution of Oceanography will explain shark biology and physiology and highlight what makes sharks different from other marine animals. He'll illustrate his comments by dissecting sharks. In the first part of the presentation, Graham will illustrate his talk with a small shark dissection. Participants can choose one of four meeting times: Sunday, August 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; or 2 to 4 p.m.; or Saturday, August 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; August 25, 2 to 4 p.m.

Part two of the presentation will be a large shark dissection, Saturday, August 25, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. A guided tour of the aquarium follows the demonstration.

For ages 10 and over. The admission is $60 (includes both sessions). The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). For reservations and other details, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

"Navigating by Light" is the name of the exhibition of photographs by Philipp Scholz Rittermann at the Museum of Photographic Arts. He will be discussing his photographic career in a talk scheduled for Sunday, August 19, at 2 p.m., in the Jacobs Theater in the museum; $7 members, $8 students and seniors, $9 general. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Spanish Masters, assistant curator Claudia Leos leads a tour of the San Diego Art Museum's collection of Spanish Renaissance and Baroque art, highlighting recently acquired works, Sunday, August 19, 2 p.m. It's free with admission to the museum. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Writers' Round Table, at the next meeting of the San Diego Writers and Editors Guild, on Monday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m., local writers and editors of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry are invited to read from their own works. The meeting will be at the Joyce Beers Community Center, in the northeast corner of the Uptown Shopping Center, at Vermont Street and Vermont Way. Free to members; $5 guests. 858-576-3800 or 619-296-8044. (HILLCREST)

"The Fate of Human Society," Why did some societies advance over the centuries while others remained static? This is the topic to be addressed at the next meeting of the North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council of San Diego. Writer and researcher Leon Bloom of Rancho Bernardo is the speaker. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21, at 10 a.m., at La Vida del Mar Retirement Community, 850 Del Mar Downs Road, in the second-floor activity room. It's free. 858-487-4635. (SOLANA BEACH)

Horse Law, owning or working with horses has some legal ramifications. Equine law is a new specialty. Attorney and law professor Sandra Torzzni, a specialist in this area, will be the speaker on Tuesday, August 21, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Bar Center ballroom, 1333 Seventh Avenue. The talk is geared toward attorneys and the general public; $10 admission. For more information, call 619-232-1700 x129.

Ouch! The "misunderstood and misdiagnosed" carpal tunnel syndrome is the subject for Dr. David Melender at a seminar on Tuesday, August 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., sponsored by the Wellness Education Foundation and to be held in the Scripps Conference Center, 354 Santa Fe Drive. Dr. Melender will offer the latest facts, research, and nondrug solutions to the problem. Free. Seating is limited; call 760-944-0563 for information. (ENCINITAS)

"Chouinard: A Living Legacy," this wide-ranging show is distributed among three local galleries: the Oceanside Museum of Art, the Boehm Gallery at Palomar College, and the Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College. On Wednesday, August 22, at 11 a.m. at the Kruglak Gallery, professor and author Bram Dijkstra (*Georgia O'Keeffe and the Eros of Place, Cubism, Stieglitz and the Early Poems of William Carlos Williams*) offers a walk-and-talk tour of that portion of the show. He will discuss California artists who taught or were students at Chouinard. Joining Dijkstra will be Chouinard graduates Nob Haderishi and Nola Figen Perlia. MiraCosta College is at One Barnard Drive. The presentation is free. 760-795-6657. (OCEANSIDE)

At 1:30 p.m. the same day, curator Robert Perine presents a slide-illustrated lecture on the history and significance of the Chouinard art school. He'll be speaking at the Boehm Gallery at Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road. Free. (SAN MARCOS)

"An Introduction to the Internet," Fran Bookheim from the San Diego Public Library will present this class on Wednesday, August 22, at 12:45 p.m. in the computer lab of the College Avenue Senior Center, 4855 College Avenue. 619-583-3300. (COLLEGE AREA)

Puppy Parenting Workshop, new classes start every Wednesday. It's presented by the San Diego Humane Society. You'll get practical advice on house training, biting, chewing, jumping, and other puppy problems. Please don't bring your precious pooch to class; pups will be provided. The next class is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22, from 8 to 9 p.m. at the humane society at 887 Sherman Street; $25 donation. Preregistration is required. Call 619-299-7012. (MORENA/BAY PARK)

"Holocausts," this series of lectures, part of the Master of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences program at SDSU, concludes with Richard Hovannisian, UCLA professor of history, speaking on the topic of the Armenian genocide. His talk is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22, from 7 to 9 p.m., in room 213 of Hepner Hall

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"Israel, a Case Study in Sex Trafficking" is the subject for Sandra Hunnicutt in an event commemorating Women's Equality Day, the 81st anniversary of women's right to vote. The event is sponsored by the Women's Equity Council of the United Nations Association, Amnesty International, and the International Museum of Human Rights of San Diego. She will be speaking on Wednesday, August 22, at 7 p.m., at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street (across from UCSD Medical Center) Free. 619-223-8074. (HILLCREST)

"Biology of Mako Sharks in the Eastern Pacific" is the subject for Diego Bernal of Scripps Institution of Oceanography. He's the first marine biologist to capture makos and study them in the laboratory. Learn about this interesting creature on Wednesday, August 22, 7:30 p.m., at the Birch Aquarium of Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way, off North Torrey Pines Road; $10. 858-534-3624. (LA JOLLA)

Author/Pranster Richard Lederer, co-host of KPBS-FM's *A Way with Words*, will have fun with the English language, next Thursday, August 23, at 12:45 p.m., at the College Avenue Senior Center, 4855 College Avenue. 619-583-3300. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Carlevarijs and Canaletto: Venice by Day and Venice by Night," Timken Museum of Art and San Diego Museum of Art docent Edward Powers leads a gallery talk at the Timken next Thursday, August 22, 1:30 p.m., highlighting the current special exhibition of Luca Carlevarijs. 619-531-9636. (BALBOA PARK)

Furniture Design is the subject for Susan Szenasy, editor of *Metropolis* magazine for 15 years and teacher of design history at Parsons School of Design. This is the final talk in the series of design-related presentations by the Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, in conjunction with their special exhibitions of work by Nissan Design International and Torolab. Szenasy will be speaking next Thursday, August 23, 7 p.m., at the museum at 700 Prospect Street. Tickets are available at the venue beginning at 6 p.m.; $10 general; $7 members, students, seniors. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

A Salute to Stephane, local jazz guitarist Art Johnson and violinist Mark O'Connor's quartet perform in a tribute to jazz violin great Stephane Grappelli, tonight, Thursday, August 16, 7 p.m. at Mandeville Auditorium. Also featured are guitarists Steven Mackey and Peter Sprague; $25, $45, $60. The concert is a special event of the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's "SummerFest" series. For more information, call 858-534-5404. (UCSD)

An Arts Extravaganza, the Lab is an ongoing experimental venue for contemporary performance and visual art. Selected artists will offer up installations, performance pieces, films, videos, the "rebirth of painting," process sculpture, photography, live music, and occasional unscheduled artistic outbursts. Expect the unexpected, they say. The Lab has an ambitious schedule between tonight, Thursday, and Sunday.

Tonight, Thursday, August 16, at 8 p.m. they'll celebrate the opening of an exhibition of visual art by more than 20 artists, including a collaborative work by Shepard Fairey and Mario Lara and process sculpture by Catherine Martin. (The show remains at the Lab through the weekend, then moves to the Sushi gallery, 320 11th Avenue, through September 2.) From 8 to 9:15 p.m., it's the comic play *Us and Them*; from 9:15 p.m. to 1 a.m. see indie films and videos from San Diego and L.A. Then boogie to the band Hot Monkey Love from 1 to 2 a.m.

Friday, August 17, from 8 to 8:30 p.m., hear experimental sounds and words in a conceptual-improvisational performance by Hirsch the Machine Hirsch. At 8:30 p.m., hear Leslie Gurule in a dramatic solo performance, with musical accompaniment by Jeff Jones. At 9 p.m., it will be "Revolution," in which artists hang their individual works while a narrator reads their statements. The art remains for 20 minutes, then a new group of artists repeats the process. This is followed by "Blatantly Subtle," a performance piece. At 10 p.m. Jeff Jones offers "powerful" acoustic music, and from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m., DJ Bastian spins house and breaks.

Saturday, August 18, from 8 to 9 Jeff Jones performs. From 9:15 to 10:30 p.m., dig the heavy groove of Jeff Jones Bloom and the Turtledoves. From 11:45 p.m. to 2 a.m., it's the cross-cultural flow of Liquid American Culture, the downtempo vibe of Electric Animal, and the eclectic rhythms of Mysterious Ways.

As if all that weren't enough, on Sunday, August 19, from 8 to 9:30 p.m., it's DJ Bastian; 9:30 to 10 p.m., conceptual improvisation by Hirsch the Machine Hirsch; Leslie Gurule's solo performance (with Jeff Jones) from 10 to 10:30 p.m.; from 10:45 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., it's Mysterious Ways and acoustic toons by Jeff Jones; the evening ends with a performance of *Us and Them*, which begins at 12:45 a.m.

Admission for each day's events is $5. The Lab is located at 923 Sixth Avenue (near Broadway). 619-235-8466. (DOWNTOWN)

Summertime, and Music's in the Air, free concerts proliferate at this time of year. The 16th annual TGIF Jazz in the Parks series features world beat by Bamboo Forest, a six-piece concert ensemble that includes former members of the Rippingtons and Abba, Friday, August 17, at 6 p.m., in Poinsettia Park (at Hidden Valley Road and Camino de los Ondas, off Paseo del Norte between Palomar Airport Road and Poinsettia Lane). Shuttle service is available. 760-434-2904. (CARLSBAD)

San Diego's own boogie-woogie queen, Sue Palmer, performs at Trolley Barn Park in the next installment of the Summer in the Park concert series on Friday, August 17, at 6 p.m. Bring a blanket and picnic dinner. The park is found in the 1900 block of Adams Avenue. Dial 619-297-3166 for details. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Music Minus One, "a group that combines a music mix with live dancing," performs Saturday, August 18, at 2 p.m., for the summer concert series at Chula Vista Center (at Fifth Avenue and H Street). 619-427-6700. (CHULA VISTA)

The Pacific Coast Concert Band entertains for the series hosted by the Village Faire Shopping Centre (300 Carlsbad Village Drive) at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 19. 858-695-2700. (CARLSBAD)

The La Jolla Concerts by the Sea series features Dixieland by the New South Market Street Jazz Band, Sunday, August 19, at 2 p.m., in Scripps Park (at the foot of Girard Avenue). Dial 858-454-1600 for more details. (LA JOLLA)

The City of Encinitas's Summer Concerts by the Sea opens with danceable rockabilly by Hot Rod Lincoln, Sunday, August 19, 3 to 5 p.m., Moonlight Beach, at the foot of B Street. No dogs, alcohol, or glass, please. 760-633-2740. (ENCINITAS)

The Oceanside Sounds in the Park 2001 Concert Series continues with the popular Scottish band Old Blind Dogs, a world music blend of traditional, blues, and contemporary sounds, Sunday, August 19, at 5 p.m., in Rancho del Oro Park (at College Boulevard and Avenida Empressa). 760-435-5570. (OCEANSIDE)

The City of San Diego's "Twilight in the Park" series continues next Tuesday, August 21, with Rufus Rex; Wednesday, August 22, with close harmonies by the Sun Harbor Barbershop Chorus; and next Thursday, August 23, with swing by the Music Makers Big Band. Concerts begin at 6:15 p.m. at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. (BALBOA PARK)

Slam! the Mid-Month Friday Night Poetry Slam at the Urban Grind is set for Friday, August 17, beginning at 7 p.m., 3797 Park Boulevard. There will be slams on the Friday closest to the 15 of each month. It's free. 619-294-2920. (HILLCREST)

"Grease," the Arts International Jr. Players present this Broadway hit, Friday through Sunday, August 17 through 19, at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m., at the Star Theater, 402 North Coast Highway. Tickets range from $5 to $12. Call Vistix at 760-724-2110. (OCEANSIDE)

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Author Martha Gorris has written a book called *Held Captive by Futile Thought*. She'll discuss how to overcome negative thinking that holds you back when she appears at a book signing at Barnes & Noble, Saturday, August 18, noon, 7610 Hazard Center Drive. Free. 619-229-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

Shakespeare under the Eucalyptus, the Charlens theatrical production company offers *Julius Caesar*, Saturday, August 18, 2 p.m., in Chollas Kale Amphitheatre, College Grove Boulevard, west of College Avenue. Free. 619-528-9000. (COLLEGE GROVE)

Shakespeare without Charge, *The Taming of the Shrew* is this weekend's undertaking by the Semi-Spontaneous Shakespeare Society on Saturday, August 18, in Zoro Garden, west of the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. The cast members are... you, the public. Show up between noon and 4 p.m. and sign up for a part. You can read a page or a whole scene. The performance is at 4:30 p.m. It's all free. If you need more information **dr** would like to help in some way with producing these weekly events, call 619-778-6558. (BALBOA PARK)

Batty, children's book author and illustrator Janell Cannon's big best-seller was *Stellaluna*, a book that taught kids not to be afraid of the animals. She'll present a slide-illustrated talk about fruit bats. Then volunteers from San Diego Bat Conservation will bring in one of their charges for inspection and tell more about the local population. Questions from the audience are encouraged. It's scheduled for Saturday, August 18, at 2 p.m. in the exhibit gallery of the Reuben Fleet Science Center. Admission is free with gallery admission ($6.75 adults, kids 3 to 12 $5.50, seniors 65+ $6), but seating is limited. Cannon will be available to sign copies of her book. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Calle Diez Latin Jazz Festival, the Worldbeat Cultural Center sponsors this concert, which features Son Reinas, Jack Codstanzo, Bobby Matos, La Fuente, Cuban Explosion, Gilbert Castellanos, Claudinho e Banda Gaya, and Orgullo Boricua, Sunday, August 19, 1 to 11 p.m., the ReinCarnation Project, Tenth Avenue and J Street. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster; $20 Call 619-230-1190 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

Jazz Jam, the Jazz Artists Guild holds this month's get-together on Sunday, August 19, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., at the home of Musicians Union Local 325, 1717 Morena Boulevard. Sit in, dance, or just listen. Free to all participating musicians; $5 members and newcomers, $8 nonmembers. Food and beverages available. 760-721-8251. (MORENA/BAY PARK)

Poets Terry Hertzler, Georgette James, Joe Milosch, and Anaya Valdapena will be reading from their work at the Esmeralda Summer Poetry Reading, Sunday, August 19, 3 p.m., Esmeralda Books and Coffee, Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar #307. Free. 858-755-2707. (DEL MAR)

Bluegrass, hear the Valley BlueGrass Boys in the cool surroundings of Quail Botanical Gardens, Sunday, August 19, from 5 to 8 p.m. Ticket price includes light supper, dessert, and coffee. Please don't bring beverages, food, chairs, blankets, or coolers; $20 nonmembers, $18 members. Quail Gardens is located at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Author Jackie E. has written a memoir about haunting family secrets, eccentric relatives, and an eclectic group of friends in '40s Hollywood. She will be discussing her life and work on Sunday, August 19, 6:30 p.m., Esmeralda Books and Coffee, Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar #307. Free. 858-755-2707. (DEL MAR)

Jazz Horn Player Tom Alforque is the performer at the next Sunday get-together, August 19 at 6 p.m., at the Fish Connection Restaurant, 36 North Euclid Avenue, suite F (at Division); $3 cover. 619-263-8899. (NATIONAL CITY)

"Legacies," a new book co-authored by Ruben Rumbaut, is a work of scholarship on the sociology of immigration. He is also the author of *Ethnicities*. He will attend a book signing and discussion of his work on Monday, August 20, 6 p.m., at the Backdoor, Aztec Center. Free. 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

Poets, Performers, and Musicians are welcome at this open-mike night at Bridge Way Books, Tuesday, August 21, 7 to 9 p.m. the store is located at the corner of Rancho Santa Fe Road and Encinitas Boulevard. Free. 858-720-0050. (ENCINITAS)

International Suspense Author John Connolly's new title is *Dark Hollow*, in which a former police officer becomes involved in a case with hints of the supernatural. Meet the author on Tuesday, August 21, at 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy, 7651 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard #302; free. 858-268-4747. (KEARNY MESA)

Need Some Criticism? A "Visual Artists' Discussion and Critique Group" convenes on Tuesday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m., at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue). The informal meetings are "designed to provide a setting for artists to bring their work out of their studios for feedback, criticism, and encouragement from their peers." Four or five artists will be on hand to present their work and lead discussion. For information, call 619-239-4068. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Comedy Sketches written by Marilyn Ball can be enjoyed on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 21 and 22, at 8 p.m. Five actors play more than 30 roles in 19 wacky bits. See them at Sixth@ Penn, 3704 Sixth Avenue; $10/$11. Tickets are available at Obelisk the Bookstore (1029 University Avenue) or at the door. 619-297-5188. (HILLCREST)

Open Mike, the next in the bimonthly series of open-mike celebrations of poetry, spoken word, music, dance, and all other performing arts is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22, from 6 to 8 p.m., Malcolm X branch of the San Diego Public Library, 5148 Market Street. Emcees are Vanessa Anderson and Aduku Addae. It's free. 619-527-3405. (VALENCIA PARK)

"Incriminating Evidence," meet the author of this thriller, Sheldon Siegel (*Special Circumstances*), at a discussion and book signing at Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue, next Thursday, August 23, at 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

25th Annual World Body Surfing Championships, watch the action Friday, August 17, through Sunday, August 19, from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the pier, 301 North the Strand. Call 760-435-4014 for more information. (OCEANSIDE)

Take Me Out to the Ballpark, the San Diego Padres are home to Montreal, Friday through Sunday, August 17 through 19. Games start at 7:05 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday. After a day off Monday, they travel to Atlanta for three. Cox Channel 4 broadcasts the games Friday and Saturday; they're on KUSI-TV on Sunday. Atlanta broadcasts (Cox and radio only) begin at 4:35 p.m.

Tickets range from $5 to $26, available by calling 619-297-2373 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). All games are broadcast in English on KOGO-AM (600) and in Spanish on station KURS-AM (1040). For additional details, dial 619-280-INFO. (MISSION VALLEY)

Fitness is the goal of the Fifty-Plus Fitness Association. They sponsor a monthly walk-run-skate-bike event on the third Saturday of every month. The next one's set for August 18, at 8:30 a.m. (assemble at 8:15 a.m.), at Fanuel Park, Pacific Beach Drive, at the south end of Fanuel Street, on Sail Bay. It's a four-mile or one-hour event. All levels of ability welcome. Free. 858-457-0602 or 858-273-5614. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Celebrate Our Trails, the San Diego County Trails Council is sponsoring a day of recreation to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. Festivities include poker rides for hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers ($20 a hand), a barbecue, and a rededication ceremony of the historic trail that stretches from Mexico to Northern California. The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 18, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m., poker rides at 9:30 a.m., the ceremony at 2 p.m., and the barbecue at 3 p.m.

Meet at Los Vaqueros Group Camp, one mile south of Lake Cuyamaca turnoff from highway 79. For more information, contact the trails council at 619-446-2614. (CUYAMACA)

San Diego Junior Invitational Fencing Tournament, fencers aged 19 and younger will be here from the southwest U.S. and Estonia. They'll compete in foil, saber, and épée. The tourney is set for Saturday and Sunday, August 18 and 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Stagecoach Park, 3420 Camino de los Coches. Free. 858-558-0509. (CARLSBAD)

It's About Speed, the races this Saturday, August 18, include sportsman, street, and pony stock, plus legends and train races. All programs start at 6:45 p.m., with qualifying runs starting at 5:15 p.m.

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

"Midnight Madness," the 28th annual event is scheduled for Saturday night, August 18 at midnight. The 20-mile, mostly flat recreational ride begins and ends at the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway, and passes through Harbor Island, Shelter Island, Old Town, and downtown. Average cycling time is two hours. This is a fundraiser for the Uptown Optimist Club and AYH Hosteling International; $25 fee. Children under three ride free. There are free T-shirts and other goodies for all participants, full safety support, and post ride refreshments and activities. Make sure your bike is night-ride safe. Registration begins at 10:30 p.m. at in the county building parking lot, or register at most local bike shops. 619-645-8068. (DOWNTOWN)

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READING

Zigzagging Down a Wild Trail



Bobbie Ann Mason

Random House, 2000; 209 pages; $22.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: The characters in these 11 stories are travelers and seekers, feeling their way toward — or away from — the defining moments of their lives. They roam out into the world — to England, Alaska, Texas, Saudi Arabia — or ricochet back home to Kentucky. "I felt strange," says Chrissy in "With Jazz," "as though all my life I had been zigzagging down a wild trail to this particular place." In "Charger," a teenage boy races along the interstate, seeking the father who abandoned him years before. In "Rolling Into Atlanta," a young woman searches for the kind of authenticity she remembers from her rural childhood. In "Proper Gypsies," Nancy deals with the shock of being robbed in London. In "The Funeral Side," Sandra comes home to try to fulfill her responsibilities to her family, but yearns to escape again to Alaska and the northern lights that haunt her. These stories bring to life individuals whose journeys shine a light on life as it is lived by many Americans today.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Bobbie Ann Mason was born in 1940 in western Kentucky and grew up there, on her parent's dairy farm. She attended local country schools until ninth grade, when she went into town to high school. Mason received her B.A. from the University of Kentucky in 1962 and her Ph.D. in 1972 from the University of Connecticut. She is author of seven volumes of fiction and three of nonfiction, including the memoir, *Clear Springs*, which was one of three finalists for the Pulitzer Prize. Married for 30-plus years, Mason lives with her husband in rural Pennsylvania.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Charger, in the story by that name, is dating Tiffany Marie Sanderson, who works after school in a home-fashions store. Charger picks Tiffany up in the mall, in front of that store. "She wore tight little layers of slinky black. She had her hair wadded up high on her head like a squirrel's nest, with spangles hanging all over it. She had on streaks of pink makeup and heavy black eyebrows applied like pressure-sensitive stickers. She was gorgeous." Charger, as the story opens, is trying to convince Tiffany to get him some of her aunt Paula's Prozac. "He just wanted to try it, to see if it was right for him."

Charger goes on to say that he loves Tiffany, and "wanted to have sex with her every day, but he had trouble telling her his deepest thoughts. He didn't want her to laugh at him. He wasn't sure he was depressed, but he was curious about Prozac. It was all the rage. He had heard it was supposed to rewire the brain. That idea intrigued him. He liked the sound of it too — Prozac, like some professional athlete named Zack."

I asked Mason how she locates the voices for her characters.

"Oh, gosh," she said, "I don't know."

I asked, more specifically, about Charger. "Charger," I said, "seems a character whose life is as far away from yours as any life could be."

"Well, he seems very familiar to me. Fairly typical of the way I get at characters. I guess it's kind of the way they talk. I figure if I know how he talks, then I know what he might say. Or what might be on his mind."

Did Mason see someone who looks like Tiffany or Charger and find that she asks herself, "What goes on in that girl's mind? What goes on in that boy's mind?"

"I think that has had happened to me once or twice. But, in general, I think I build the stories out of vague bits. I just gather bits and I sort of shuffle them around and then one thing starts to connect with something else, and then something else opens up and I start to get a glimpse of the person. And so my imagination connects on that, and one thing leads to another. So it's not like I knew a person who was Charger or who was Tiffany."

I said that, reading "Charger," I felt that Mason, for the most part, must have made up Charger and Tiffany.

"Is that good?" she asked.

"I think it's good," I said.

"Was Charger believable, then?"

"Yes," I said, "yes. I was right there in the truck with him and with Tiffany."

"I think that what started me on this story," Mason said, "was that somebody said that somebody worked in a bomb plant. And what they meant was a radioactive-fuel processing plant. And they called it a bomb plant. And I just liked the phrase, 'the bomb plant.' But I didn't really know what the bomb plant was at the time. So I just made up something. And then I thought, 'Well, who would work there?' Then I thought, 'Well, somebody who's got a dead-end future.' And I thought he would possibly not even know how to fight it. Just that he'd know he didn't want a dead-end future, but he didn't know what to do about it."

Most of Mason's characters in *Zigzagging Down a Wild Trail* are working-class men and women. They are smart and canny and interesting. They are not, however, the sort of people whom one imagines shopping in a bookstore, buying books of stories like those written by Bobbie Ann Mason. I asked Mason if she agreed with me, that most of her characters would be unlikely to buy and read her stories.

"Probably not," she said, and then added, "Some of them might. Some."

Mason's characters, I suggested, come from a part of the world — blue collar, working class, mid-South — about which few people write. "One reads more often," I said, "about people who live in New York apartments. One can imagine those characters actually reading stories about themselves."

"Well," Mason said, "my characters are not urban characters, that's true."

"But," I said, "it seems to me that there are more people in the United States who are like your characters than is true of most current American fiction."

She agreed. Her characters, she said, "are not just exotics."

"Her characters," I said, "are never caricatures."

"Well, their lives are very complicated."

I asked if Mason didn't think rather silly that "critics" tended to lump together — as writers of what these critics called "Kmart realism" — herself and Raymond Carver, Frederick Barthelmes, and Mary Robison.

"Well," Mason said, "it's so disparaging to talk about characters who are on a certain economic level in that way."

When Mason finished one story, did she just pick up her pen and start the next story? Or, did some time have to pass between completing one story and beginning the next?

"The more time that passes between one story and the other, the harder it is to write the new story, the longer it takes. I used to have three or four going at once, and I'd work at one for a bit and then another. But I haven't actually done that recently, and it seems to be harder to get started. I've spent years coming back to certain stories because I couldn't find an ending that works. You would think that as you wrote more it would get easier, but it's harder. Because I think I get more conscious of how complicated a story is."

Charger's story not only involves Charger and Tiffany, but the story of Charger's father, who deserted the family. There is Charger's work in the bomb plant and Tiffany's after-school job. There is the trip south from Kentucky, driving by night, in Charger's truck. There is also Charger's attempt to acquire Prozac from Tiffany's aunt. Underlying all this is a persistent sense of menace. "Charger's story, I said, seems deeply complicated. Its complications sneak up on a reader."

"The writer," Mason said, "can't always see the effect that you're talking about. So much is on the surface that you're working with, and you know that it's suggesting and connecting, but you've got to get the details right. Like, 'What color is this?' and 'What do you say about that?' So much is on the surface that you sometimes miss what's hidden underneath. Sometimes I'm quite surprised by the resonances and meanings of a story that has come through. And then sometimes I do not see these and have to be told. But I think as I write it, I have a sense that this is drawing out something that's bigger than I can quite grasp, but if I don't get the details and the talking and the tone of it and the balance of all that...if I don't make all that sound right, then the story will not work."

Mason had not yet talked in interview form about the stories in her new book. A first interview, she said, "always was quite a challenge."

I said I thought stories could be quite difficult about which to speak.

"The stories," said Mason, "they sort of speak for themselves, and the writer doesn't need to help them along."

— *Judith Moore*



SPECIAL

"Cruisin' Grand," every Friday night from 5 to 9 p.m. through September, there's an informal auto show of classics and contemporary cruisers. It takes place on Grand Avenue, in the center of downtown Escondido. It's free. (ESCONDIDO)

Forty-Fifth Annual Weed and Craft Show, a Julian late-summer tradition with lots of natural crafts and dried flowers, pie, cider, and carriage rides through town. This year it's scheduled to run from Saturday, August 18, through September 3, in the Julian Town Hall, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 760-765-1857. (JULIAN)

Stamp Fair, there's a monthly show of stamp and cover dealers at the Al Bahr Shrine auditorium. This month it's on Saturday and Sunday, August 18 and 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. They offer door prizes and free gifts for kids. The auditorium is located a 5440 Kearny Mesa Road (at Highway 163 and Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free admission and parking. 1-800-783-7589. (KEARNY MESA)

A Far-Out Open House, the Unarius Academy of Science (UNiversal ARticulate Interdimensional Understanding of Science) throws the doors open to whoever would like to drop in, from whatever galaxy. The event is on Saturday, August 18, from 1 to 4 p.m., at their headquarters at 145 South Magnolia Avenue. There will be live music performances and a lecture called "Develop Your Creative Potential." It's all free. 1-800-475-7062. (EL CAJON)

Psychic Fair, another round of readings and lectures sponsored by the Alexandra Institute, Saturday and Sunday, August 18 and 19, from noon to 6 p.m., at Alexandra's Bookstore, 3545 Midway Drive, suite G. Admission is free; readings are $20. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA AREA)

Let the Sunshine In, an exhibit of solar energy gear and information (including the tax benefits) will be available for viewing outside the Whole Foods Market, 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, on Saturday, August 18, from noon to 3 p.m. Bring questions; they have answers. 858-642-6700. (LA JOLLA)

Chili's Cooking, the Western Regional Chili Cookoff will be held again this year on the infield of the Del Mar Racetrack during the races on Saturday, August 18, beginning at 1 p.m. They're competing in red, green, and salsa categories, and the winners go to the world championships in Reno. Gates open at 11:30 a.m., and first post for the day of racing is at 2 p.m. Samples are available. The track is located on Jimmy Durante Boulevard. 858-755-1141. (DEL MAR)

Drum and Flute Circle, bring your drums, flutes, shaker, or other native rhythm instruments. (But if you don't have one, there are some available to borrow.) There's free instruction at all levels. This is the next event in a series that has been going on for about two years. Meet at Hilltop Center, 331 East Elder Street, on Saturday, August 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. It's organized by Tom Rondeau of Rainbow Designs. Free. 760-723-1899. (FALLBROOK)

Elvis Sighting, a trip to Graceland is the prize for the best Elvis wannabe during the party at Dick's Last Resort, Saturday, August 18, "all evening long." The winning Elvis will be dressed in keeping with the *Blue Hawaii* theme. The bar is located at 345 Fourth Avenue, between J and K. 619-231-9100. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

The Festival's a Lemon, Chula Vista's Lemon Festival, that is. The day of food, music, dancing, a car show, crafts, contests, games, and rides for kids and adults takes place in the heart of downtown, on Third Avenue, from E to G Streets, which once was filled with lemon groves. Music ranges from traditional and contemporary Mexican, Andean, country, blues, zydeco, and even some karaoke, with hip-hop dancing and folkloric ensembles. It's set for Sunday, August 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. (CHULA VISTA)

Ice Cream Social. Be sociable. Eat some ice cream, Sunday, August 19, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Heritage Park, 220 Peyri Road. 760-433-8297. (OCEANSIDE)

Afro-Cuban Conga the Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art offers an eight-week class in basic technique and folkloric rhythms, taught by Nico Gutierrez. The first class is set for Monday, August 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the museum at 219 North Coast Highway, next to the Brooks Theater; $80 members, $90 nonmembers. 760-729-8752. (OCEANSIDE)

"Taste of National City," you know there'll be variety — Mexican and Filipino along with more traditional choices — when local restaurants dish out the samples. There's live music, door prizes and raffles, and it will all be in one place, in the historic Heritage Square area in the 900 block of A Avenue. More than 15 restaurants will participate. Tickets are $10 general, $8 senior citizens and children under 10. The event is sponsored by the National City Chamber of Commerce. It's scheduled for next Thursday, August 23, from 5 to 8 p.m. 619-477-9339. (NATIONAL CITY)

FOR KIDS

Puppet Shows, *Aqu-electric* presented by Tom Jensen's Puppets is the show through Sunday, August 19. On Wednesday, August 22, and next Thursday, August 23, Lynn Trimble, comic ventriloquist, performs "Giddy-Up, Cowboys!"

Performances begin at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Regular admission is $3 for adults, $2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5045. (BALBOA PARK)

Interpretive Walk, Cliff leads a two-mile hike and teaches kids about local wildlife, habitats, and even some area history, Saturday, August 18, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., sponsored by the San Dieguito River Park. Meet at the staging area on the south side of Highway 78, 5.3 miles east of the Wild Animal Park. Wear sturdy shoes and a hat and bring water. Free. Reservations, please: 858-674-2275 x5. (SAN PASQUAL)

Sharks! Kids in grades one through three will enjoy "Sharks Inside and Out," when they learn some shark biology and actually get to touch some shark teeth. The class will be held on Saturday, August 18, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. ($20). Younger kids (aged 3 and 4) get to see shark eggs, shark teeth, and some baby sharks in tanks. Kids must be with an adult, who will be admitted free. Cost for each child is $20. It all takes place at the Birch Aquarium, 2300 Expedition Way, off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive. For reservations and information, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Wacky Science, that's what Ms. Frizzle and the Magic Schoolbus dish out on Sunday, August 19, at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. This week's half-hour program is about reptiles. It's at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Free, with museum admission. 619-232-3821 x8. (BALBOA PARK)

Science Fun, the Super Scientific Circus uses circus skills and boomerangs, bubbles, beach balls, whips, magic, and mime to teach kinds scientific principles like friction, centrifugal force, inertia, and sonic booms. The stage show can be seen Sunday, August 19, at 2 p.m., at the concert hall of the California Center for the Arts Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard; $9.50. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Froggy, the star of *Froggy Plays Soccer* and other books makes a personal appearance at the White Rabbit book store. There will also be a story time and games for kids aged three and older, Sunday, August 19, 2 p.m., 7755 Girard Avenue. Free. 858-454-3518. (LA JOLLA)

"Cold-Blooded Creatures," the Junior Rangers program this week explains how reptiles are different from mammals. Then discover some of the reptiles found in the estuary. The program's held at the Tijuana River Estuarine Reserve next Thursday, August 23, at 3:15 p.m. The free program takes place at the reserve's visitors' center (301 Caspian Way) for kids 7 to 11 years old. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Children's Discovery Museum of North County, animals are amazing architects, with abilities to burrow, weave, sculpt, and shape. "Animals as Architects" introduces visitors to these skilled workers who work without blueprints, tape-measures, or T-

America's Finest City Half Marathon, the race begins at 7 a.m., Sunday, August 19, at the Cabrillo National Monument and winds around the bay, through downtown, ending at Balboa Park. No day-of-event registration. For information call 858-792-2900. (POINT LOMA)

Hundred-Miler, are you and your bike up for it? The San Diego Bicycle Touring Society has scheduled a little amble up the coast to San Clemente and back, Sunday, August 19, beginning at 9 a.m. at Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Thwock! "The San Diego Polo Club's Thoroughbred Thursdays" continue next Thursday, August 23, when the gates open at 5 p.m. (after the last race at Del Mar); there's music from 8 to 10:30 p.m. and matches throughout the afternoon. The celebrity match at 7 p.m. features club members and jockeys and trainers from Del Mar. Food and no-host bar is available at all events. General admission is $5. The grounds are at 14555 El Camino Real. For information and reservations, call 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

The Horses Are on the Track, the 2001 seaside racing season hosted by the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club continues through Wednesday, September 5. Racing takes place Wednesdays through Mondays; post time is 2 p.m. daily except Fridays, when racing begins at 4 p.m.

"Donuts at Del Mar" is slated for Saturday, August 18, from 8 to 10 a.m. This family oriented event features doughnuts and beverages for racing fans, viewing of the morning workouts, and a question period led by track announcer Trevor Denman; jockeys and trainers are on hand to answer questions. Free.

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squares. Life-sized models of an African termite mound and a paper wasp nest are on view, along with opportunities to hunt for hidden moles and gophers in tunnels and burrows and make and take spider web rubbings. Enjoy the exhibit through Sunday, September 9.

In conjunction with the show, there will be a talk, "Doctor Insect" (with real bugs!), Saturday, August 18, at 1 p.m.

"The World of Sound" offers instruments from a variety of cultures and activities focusing on the science of sound, sound waves, and how sound travels. The museum is designed as an educational environment through art, science, and social activities for children 2 through 12. Look for a medieval castle, magic mirror, mini-city, and renovated children's marketplace. Find the museum at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103; 760-720-0737. (CARLSBAD)

Children's Museum of San Diego, in August, the focus turns to India, and artist of the month is Abanindranath Tagore (1871-1951). Tagore, founder of the Bengal School, is considered the father of India's modern art.

Celebrate India's independence day on Saturday, August 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be performances and workshops by Indian artists from the community.

"Crone Show II: The Full Circle" offers work by painters, fabric artists, poets, photographers, sculptors, and performers, combining their talents to share "multigenerational, multiethnic visions." Share the vision through Saturday, September 15.

"Van Gogh Living," designed and created by students in Seonaid McArthur's class at Mesa College, is a life-sized, three-dimensional replica of Vincent Van Gogh's painting of his bedroom in Arles, France. The exhibit includes interactive activities focusing on color, mood, perspective, and art history. Visitors are encouraged to paint on the walls! Enjoy the exhibit through August.

The theme for the museum in 2001 is "One Puzzle, Many Pieces: Building Community Through Cultural Awareness." Continuing exhibits include "The Book Stop," "Improv Theater," and "Cora's Rainhouse." Find the museum at 200 West Island Avenue. Dial 619-233-8792 for additional details. (DOWNTOWN)

Roam-O-Rama

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

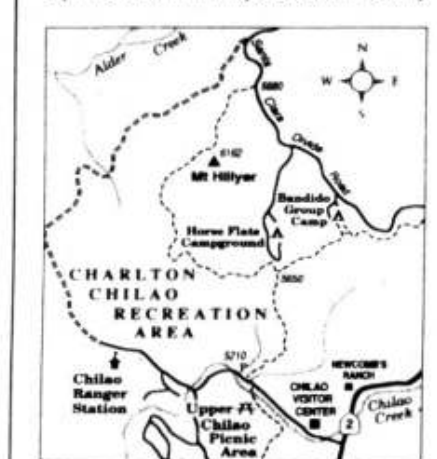
If you enjoy the High Sierra you may get some sense of déjà vu atop Mount Hillyer, a rounded promontory off Angeles Crest Highway in the San Gabriel Mountains. The warm (but not hot) summer breeze sings in the branches of sugar pines, Jeffrey pines, Coulter pines, and big-cone Douglas firs. Angular outcrops and large boulder piles lie on the slopes. The noxious aerial effluvium from nearby Los Angeles seldom sweeps over this part of the San Gabriel Mountains; rather, the ambient air normally flows in from over the sparsely populated Santa Clara River valley. The view from Hillyer's summit is only fair; the main attractions here are peace and quiet and the clean, pine-scented atmosphere.

The 6-mile looping hike described here, rambling over and around the summit, can be done on a leisurely morning or afternoon. An early start is nice — camping sites are abundant in the immediate area, known as the Charlton-Chilao Recreation Area. You get there by driving 27 miles uphill from the L.A. foothill community of La Cañada on the twisting but speedy Angeles Crest Highway (State Route 2). Once the highway reaches what appears to be true forest — stately pines, firs, and cedars — your turnoff, toward Chilao visitors' center, is imminent. Go 0.7 mile past the visitors' center and stop at a small parking lot and trailhead for the Silver Moccasin Trail.

Walk north on the Silver Moccasin Trail, using switchbacks to gain a slope covered by scattered pines and dense, sweet-smelling chaparral. Nearing Horse Flats Campground after 1.1 mile, the Silver Moccasin Trail continues over a low ridge to the east, but you veer left (west) toward Mount Hillyer's south ridge. On more switchbacks you ascend further to a rounded summit area, where two high points (6200+ feet) lie. Continue down the ridge to the northeast, passing a 6162-foot knoll that topographic maps label as the official Mount Hillyer.



Mt. Hillyer Summit



Due north of the 6162-foot knoll, an old road bed goes sharply downhill. Follow it to paved Santa Clara Divide Road (3.5 miles into your hike), which carries only light traffic during the summer season. Turn right, walk south on the road 0.5 mile to the Horse Flats Campground turnoff, then go 0.7 mile to the south end of the campground. There you can pick up the Silver Moccasin Trail and retrace your steps back to the starting point.

You'll need to post a National Forest Adventure Pass ($5 per day, $30 per year) on your car for trailhead parking. For more information, call the Chilao visitors' center (626-796-5541) or Angeles National Forest (626-574-5200).

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 "L.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.

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, exhibits include vintage video games like Pong and Space Invaders, punch cards, a rare "millionaire calculator," and a Hectotron, described as "a 1970s vacuum tube, sound-responsive electronic kaleidoscope."

Find the museum at 640 C Street (at Seventh Avenue). Admission is free through Monday, September 3. For additional details, dial 619-235-8222. (DOWNTOWN)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

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 Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (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 Aerospace Museum, a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution entitled "Looping the Loop: Posters of Flight" features 32 vintage European aviation posters, spanning the period between the late 19th Century and World War II. Each poster has been selected on the basis of artistry, design, color, and rarity, as well as for historical interest. The show concludes on Sunday, October 7.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of the Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E III), a World War I Spad VII, the flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from the Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to the Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. For additional information, call 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit." View four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the permanent "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, an interactive toy train, and a refurbished toy train gallery with a Lionel O gauge exhibit. The World War II train display features toy soldiers and American flyer trains from 1938-1941. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. For admission and museum hours, call 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, An assemblage of museum specimens, rocks, fossils, live plants, and animals tell stories about the region's prehistoric and current habitats in "Natural Treasures: Past and Present." The ongoing exhibition is said to "display old treasures most loved by the community and to introduce new fossils that have never been seen by the public," as well as highlighting the museum's extensive paleontological collections. Visitors will also discover why dinosaur fossils are rare in San Diego (the region was underwater during dinosaur times).

The museum also offers the "giant-screen film" *Ocean Oasis*, exploring Mexico's Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Desert. For more information, call 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 Junipero 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.

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, "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 1800s; 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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REVIEW
JONATHAN SAVILLE

Pianist Gustavo Romero concluded this year's installment of his Beethoven sonata series with an extension both into the concerto form and into the classical repertoire outside of Beethoven. The last of his four concerts for the Athenaeum (he will complete the sonata cycle next year) brought a 19-member chamber orchestra to the stage of the Neurosciences Institute and featured concertos by Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven, with Romero leading from the keyboard.

It was altogether a thrilling musical experience, with the pianist playing at the height of his powers, as well as proving himself to be an expert conductor. The occasional technical problems that had forced themselves on the listener's attention during Romero's previous Athenaeum series devoted to Chopin and Bach (notably dropouts in fast passage work) were now altogether absent, and the San Diego audience once again heard the confident technician of earlier years. The profound musicianship — Romero's power of gripping the listener's attention with the cogency of his phrasing and his communication of large-scale structure — was there as always, and even enhanced. The orchestra seemed in intimate rapport with the soloist, and at the end of the concert applauded him along with the wildly enthusiastic audience.

If the concert as a whole was not as fully pleasurable as the three solo programs that had preceded it, the fault lay with the acoustics of the hall and the pianist-conductor's failure to take that factor sufficiently into account. The concert hall of the Neurosciences Institute has exceptionally strong, clear sound. Everything that happens on stage, as well as in the auditorium (coughs, page-turning, and the like), is vividly present to everyone's ears. Romero is a vigorous pianist, with a large, blooming tone; his piano was a highly resonant Steinway grand; and even in the solo concerts of the Beethoven series there had been moments when a *crescendo* seemed to be pounding painfully in one's head. It is not that Romero himself is a pounder — far from it. But the hall magnifies everything, including the articulation of each chord, and the mechanical events of the piano's sound production.

With the orchestra added, the sound became very loud indeed. The winds, in particular, were often overwhelming. A *tutti* in which the whole ensemble plus the piano played *forte* was frequently quite disagreeable. And although the brilliant acoustics of the hall generally render every tone with consummate clarity, in these massed orchestral sounds the volume was so great that the senses became overloaded, and instead of transparent textures one heard a dense clot of noise.

The unrelenting persistence of this effect in the Haydn and Mozart concertos (Haydn's D Major, Hob. XVIII: 11, Mozart's F Major, K. 459) was compounded by certain characteristics of the works themselves. Both — especially the Haydn, in its outer movements — have a driving energy that, if not controlled with some delicacy, can make sections of the music sound like frenzied accompaniments to a chase sequence in a silent film. To tell the truth, I never had noticed these qualities of the scores until the Neurosciences performances. Whether it was only the acoustics, or whether that was compounded by some kind of unconscious response on the part of the musicians, the result was a nerve-wracking tension that seemed never to relax. Even the slow movements sounded both too loud and too driven. Through all this, one could perceive the shapeliness of Romero's playing, the grace and expressiveness of his way with the classical style — but there was a fevered quality even in the grace, as though everyone involved had been infected by the hall with aggressiveness and impatience. When a cadenza came along, the pianist scarcely seemed to pause for breath before plunging in. All the tempos were well judged, but everything sounded fast. By the end of the concert's first half, I found it a relief to get outside and freely breathe the air, without anyone chasing me.

The Beethoven Concerto No. 2, Opus 19, which followed the intermission, received more appropriate treatment. Everything was still too loud: that seemed a result of the mere presence of the instruments, quite apart from how they might be played. But for the first time, the Steinway sounded like a suitable voice for the music, rather than like a giant trampling down the crops. The change made one aware of how different the Beethoven Opus 19 is from the concertos of Haydn and from most of those of Mozart (Mozart's C Minor and D Minor Concertos are exceptions). Though scarcely a decade later than the other two works on the program, it already is bigger in scope, more emotionally assertive, more...Beethoven.

Romero sounded at home in its language, more so than in the Haydn and the Mozart. His performance of the stupendous first movement cadenza, which is late Beethoven even though the Opus 19 is the composer's earliest piano concerto (the designation "Concerto No. 2" is misleading), made one appreciate the Steinway's sonic grandeur. And in the slow movement, the pianist at last allowed himself a measure of that reflective inwardness that is so prominent a feature of the Romero artistry — and the stature of the movement was greatly magnified thereby.

Romero and the orchestra offered something of special interest for an encore: a performance of Beethoven's first version of the concerto's final movement. It was fascinating to hear. Except for a rather commanding central section (which was nevertheless more promise than fulfillment), the composer's earlier version was far inferior to its replacement: its opening theme is especially feeble, and Beethoven's powers of structural invention seem still at a relatively elementary level. What this music shows us is Beethoven still thinking in terms of Mozart and (particularly) Haydn, and not doing so very well. In comparison, the ultimate version of the concerto's *finale* is terrific stuff, with the unmistakable signature "Ludwig Van" written all over it. ■



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Gustavo Romero

Gustavo Romero, piano, with chamber orchestra
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If It's August, It Must Be SummerFest! The La Jolla Chamber Music Society's SummerFest La Jolla 2001 continues through Sunday, August 19, with concerts, workshops, and encounters.

Friday, August 17, at 6:30 p.m., there's a pre-concert talk by composer-in-residence Steve Mackey talking about the process of writing *Ars Moriendi* and the emotional connections a composer has to the music. The concert (7:30 p.m.), "Night in a Spanish Garden," features works by Malats, Albéniz, Rodrigo, DeFalla, Granados, Sarasate, and Bruce Mackey performed by Pepe Romero, the Borromeo String Quartet, soprano Sylvia McNair, violinists Adele Anthony and Gil Shaham, and pianists Hal France and Anthony Newman.

Saturday, August 18, the pre-concert talk is about "Musical Matrimony," by Gil Shaham and Adele Anthony. The concert at 7:30 p.m., "An die Musik," features Debussy's Quartet in G Minor, Mackey's Troubadour Songs, and Schubert's String Quintet in C Major performed by the Borromeo String Quartet, Mackey, Shaham, Anthony, Paul Neubauer, Ralph Kirshbaum, and Felix Fan.

When SummerFest 2001 concludes on Sunday, August 19, the pre-concert talk at 2 p.m. will be a discussion of how the afternoon's program was conceived. The concert (3 p.m.) features works by Vivaldi: "The Four Seasons," Concerto for Two Cellos in G Minor, and Concerto for Four Violins in B Minor; and J.S. Bach's Concerto for Two Violins in D Minor (Shaham, Anthony, Margaret Batjer, Ilya Gringolts, Kirshbaum, Fan, and Cho-Liang Lin).

All of the concerts take place in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets are $35 or $45. For reservations and information, dial 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Selections from "Porgy and Bess" and the best of Gershwin is the theme for this week's presentation in the San Diego Symphony's Summer Pops series, Friday and Saturday, August 17 and 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Navy Pier, 960 North Harbor Drive. Matthew Garbutt conducts. Normal Krieger is featured on piano. Vann Johnson (soprano) and Kevin Deas (baritone) are also featured. Single ticket range is $15 to $59. 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Emeritus Robert Plimpton returns to the stage for this week's concert at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, August 19, at 2 p.m. Free. Call 619-702-8138 for further information. (BALBOA PARK)

Organ Festival 2001, the series sponsored by the Spreckels Organ Society continues on Monday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m., with a concert by Ken Cowan, currently a graduate student of Thomas Murray at Yale University and assistant organist of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York City. It's at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion, and it's free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Short Attention Span Concerts, take a 15-minute break for this entertaining chamber music series, Tuesday, August 22, at 12:30 p.m., downstairs at the Geisel Library, in the music stacks. The special event for this week is a premiere for harpsichord and musical saw, plus other intriguing devices such as the Theremin and the Tannerin, with Scott Paulson and Linda Kernohan. It's free. More information can be had by calling 858-534-8074. (UCSD)

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Venice Is All Horizon

Carlevarijs's achievement was, if nothing else, reportorial.

REVIEW
W.S. DI PIERO

A suggested itinerary next time you're in Balboa Park: Grandma Moses to Luca Carlevarijs to Philipp Scholz Rittermann. The Grandma Moses show at the San Diego Museum of Art is drawing crowds, for reasons I chewed over a few weeks ago. Luca Carlevarijs is not only not a big draw, he's hardly known except to historians of Venetian art. It turns out he was an influential early entry in the competitive field of view painting in the late 17th and early 18th Centuries. If you hurry, you can catch a tight little show of his work and vest-pocket history of view painting at the Timken, before it closes on August 31.

After the great years of 16th-century Venetian painting, which began more or less with Giovanni Bellini (and his father Jacopo and brother Gentile) and flowered wildly in the revolutionary colorism of Titian, Tintoretto, Veronese, and Carpaccio, and after the decline of the Venetian Republic from the greatest maritime power in the eastern Mediterranean to a stop on the 18th-century Grand Tour — that swing through European capitals that initiated young aristocrats into cultural and social adulthood, Venice became what it still is, a place to be imaged forth in paintings, engravings, or photographs.

The making of view paintings, or *vedute*, as well as fantastical representations of ruins and architecture called *capricci*, began in Rome in the early 17th Century. The Rome-based painter Gaspare Vanvitelli (real name Gaspar van Wittell, from Utrecht) brought the practice to Venice in the 1690s, where it was taken up by Luca Carlevarijs, now considered the founder of Venetian view painting, and continued through the grand achievements of Canaletto (Giovanni Antonio Canal, 1697–1768) and Francesco Guardi (1712–1793). By 1797, the genre was in decline, and the Venetian Republic finally fell when Napoleon's troops took the city.

Piazza San Marco, its landing (*molo*), and lagoon basin (*bacino*) were favorite motifs and social settings. Wharf-side life and the unique public space of Piazza San Marco, at once boxed in and open to the water, provided painters opportunities to record types (aristocrats, merchants, sailors, vendors, dock workers, mothers, and children) and to experiment with perspectivism. Included in the Timken exhibition, along with nine Carlevarijs paintings and one Vanvitelli, is Canaletto's *View of Venice: Piazza and Piazzetta San Marco*, which recedes to two vanishing points that split our attention, the doubleness defined by heavy solid shade and scored across by needle-shadows cast by small figures.

With the decline of Venice's hegemony in the 18th Century came the ostentatious Venice we know from Casanova's writings, famous for its gambling, courtesans, carnivals, and other fleshly delights. The historian Michael Levey has described that Venice as "an extravagantly illuminated liner heading for the rocks." Famous, too, for its music. From 1703 to 1740 Antonio Vivaldi was the *maestro di cappella* at the Pietà orphanage for female foundlings; Tommaso Albinoni, when not writing music, worked as a paper merchant; there were concerts, female conservatories, choirs, and at least seven opera houses.

The Carlevarijs exhibition is the first ever outside Italy and its accompanying monograph the first in English. Luca Carlevarijs was born in 1663 in Udine, in the Friuli region about 80 miles northeast of Venice. Painting wasn't his only metier. He practiced architecture (a useful sideline for a view painter) and was a gifted mathematician. Following Vanvitelli's lead, Carlevarijs, after arriving in Venice in 1679, would soon develop his own style and garner a well-to-do clientele not just for *vedute* but also pictures he made of *palazzi* and more remote neighborhoods.



The Piazzetta, Venice, Luca Carlevarijs

"Luca Carlevarijs: Views of Venice," *through Friday, August 31, Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-239-5548.*

"Philipp Scholz Rittermann: Navigating by Light," *through Sunday, October 21, Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-238-7559.*

"Grandma Moses in the 21st Century," *through Sunday, August 26, San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-232-7931.*

The Timken installation illustrates how Carlevarijs learned to structure a *veduta* from Vanvitelli, how to deploy objects in a scene set on a horizon. Venice is all horizon. Approached by sea or land, the city rises from and sits afloat it like a sandblasted apparition. (The dynamic variety of Canaletto and the great Guardi is due in part to their constant raising and lowering of the horizon and their manipulating of figures atop it.) Carlevarijs's achievement was, if nothing else, reportorial. He's a theatrical, anecdotal artist, better at depiction than at painting. *The Piazzetta from the Waterfront* (from the Timken's collection) pushes into the foreground several scenic knots of people bartering, selling, displaying wares, conversing, and sleeping. Plus several dogs. As Carlevarijs draws the eye deeper into the picture, it perceives more bunchings — the vanishing point coincides with vanishing crowds. He uses the quay or piazza as a stage on which Venetians conduct their daily lives, and he uses architecture and sky to suggest a proscenium arch beneath which that drama gets played out. Canaletto, to whom Carlevarijs lost many clients, isn't interested in busy anecdote or illustration, and he brings out the quickened vividness of pigment more energetically than his predecessor. But Carlevarijs was in his time such a presence that the younger Canaletto took him to be his chief rival. That presence, thanks to the Timken, is now better defined.

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The 45-year-old Philipp Scholz Rittermann was born in Peru, raised in Germany, and came to settle in San Diego in 1982. The retrospective of his work at the Museum of Photographic Arts, "Navigating by Light," includes the night photography he did throughout the 1980s, the later daylight landscape pictures, and concludes with the color experiments and panoramic views of recent years. The massiveness of each image seems to belie the exploratory nature of his career. By massiveness I mean not size, though he makes large images, but the way he fills or bulks out imagery in the frame.

Whether making eerie images of the *Exxon Valdez* under construction, its interior like a prehistoric monster's rib cage; a nocturnal street in Germany where light fluffs from snow-matted macadam; or trees in Canyon de Chelly in Arizona so sinuous and seamed that it looks carved by a designing intelligence, Rittermann spreads our attention across the entire surface. Our eye doesn't isolate details or fix on one passage until it has pursued the continuities of luminescence, volume, and line. The physical contingencies of night photography, which requires very long exposures in order to vacuum all available illumination, expedite this. In my favorite picture, a nocturne of a car-shredding yard, you follow jagged lighting across uneven surfaces of mashed cars in the foreground to the fleecy aureole behind them, which then draws attention to the spectral crane high in the picture and the strings light it rises from.



Burnt-Out Warehouse, Dallas, Texas, USA, *1987, Philipp Scholz Rittermann*

Rittermann coaxes from his imagery a remarkably broad plasticity. He treats light as a volume capable of myriad consistencies — foamy, pebbled, fibrous, creamy, solar. The acetylene sparks showering down from welders on scaffolding high on a ship's hull become an otherworldly fall of willowy hair. So many of Rittermann's images are about the various kinds of industrial and natural Titanism we so casually live with. In one of his German pictures, *Easter Fire*, the figures huddled beside a bonfire look miniaturized and tribal; the horizon deep in the background is necklaced with the lights of barely discernible missile silos.

Gifted artists redeem clichés, one of which in photography is the juxtaposing of disorder and form, destruction and order. *Burnt-Out Warehouse, Dallas, Texas, USA* shoves into the foreground a heap of bricks, rebar, and scorched, light-bitten lumber. The half-moon space opened by the fallen wall is pricked with the starry windows of downtown skyscrapers. Rittermann composes the scene to rehabilitate the cliché: those ruins *cradle*, in a maternal-industrial way, the gleaming self-important monuments behind it. He photographs a wood so as to pull inside out the menacing fairy-tale enchantment of a darkening path — *his* path is arcaded by tendrils of arctic light. You're not very aware of formal manipulation in Rittermann's work because each image makes its subject a contemplative object; we in turn can use the image as a meditative occasion. A fish skeleton, a twist of branches, a design-board configuration of shells on a beach, a boulder, a ship's fly-winged propellers — of such natural and industrial commonplaces he makes talismanic charms. ■

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GALLERIES

A Group Show by more than 20 artists affiliated with the Lab goes on view tonight, Thursday, August 16, at 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Among the works is a collaborative piece by Shepard Fairey and Mario Lara, process sculpture by Catherine Martin, and works in all media. The Lab is located at 932 Sixth Avenue.

The show is just part of a weekend of performances, video, films, and music. See "In Person" in this section for a full schedule; $5 admission for all events. The Lab is located at 923 Sixth Avenue, near Broadway. On Monday, August 20, the group show moves to the Sushi gallery, in the ReinCarnation Building, 320 11th Avenue, and remains through September 2. Sushi's viewing hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 619-235-8466. (DOWNTOWN)

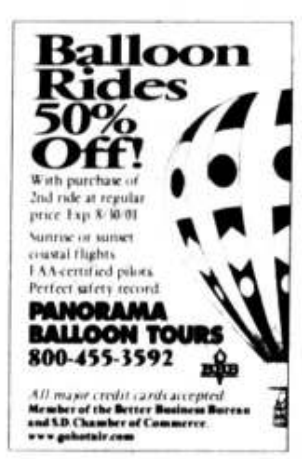
"Driven to Distraction," La Jolla artist Christie L. Dunning will exhibit her textile art, all on the theme of the automobile's effect on our lives, at the La Jolla Fiber Arts Gallery, 7644 Girard Avenue, through September 22. An opening reception is set for Friday, August 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. 858-454-6732. (LA JOLLA)

Contemporary Mixed-Media Abstractions by Weliang Zhao go on view with an artist's reception Saturday, August 18, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Contemporary Fine Art Gallery, 7946 Ivanhoe Avenue. They can be viewed through August 31. 858-551-2010. (LA JOLLA)

"Absurdly Decadent Specialty Items II," Josh Hassin is fascinated with "the nature of accident and how it relates to art." Peter Halasz paints personal subjects with counterpoints of abstraction. Jeremy Farson depicts his dreamy vision of Southern California. New paintings by the three artists can be viewed through August 31, at Gallery 838G, 838 G Street. It opens with an artists' reception on Saturday, August 18, from 8 to midnight. For information call 619-239-3862. (DOWNTOWN)

"A Horse Is a Horse," this equine art show on exhibit at the Community Creative and Cultural Center continues through Sunday, September 16. Meet artist Tom P. Haigh and many of the 14 other exhibiting gallery artists during a reception set for Tuesday, August 21, at 4:30 p.m. Find the center at 766 South Coast Highway 101 (upstairs from Giovanni's Restaurant). 760-942-3899. (ENCINITAS)

The Regions of France are the subjects of more than 40 paintings by Patrick Korch, which go on view with a reception next Thursday, August 23, from 5 to 8 p.m., and remain through September 23, at Lisa and Company, Flower Hill Mall, 2710 Via de la Valle, suite B. 858-509-2969. (DEL MAR)



ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts, Escondido, the new annual series "Public Projects" places temporary and semi-permanent sculptural installations on the center's 12-acre campus. Artists selected will include regional artists from San Diego and Los Angeles, plus national and international artists working in a variety of media.

The first sculptures in the series are those of San Diegan Kenneth Capps. Twenty metal sculptures can be viewed through March of 2002. They have been sited by the artist and the museum curator around the center and in adjacent Grape Day Park. This is one of the largest displays of Capps's minimalist works.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, closed Mondays and most major holidays. Admission in $5 adults; $4 seniors (65+) and active military; $3 college students and youth aged 12 to 18; free for youth under 12 and center members. 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, coinciding with the artist's 88th birthday, "Eighty Eight Turnings — A Retrospective of Bob Stocksdale," features the turned bowls he's known for. Stocksdale began turning wood as a hobby on his family farm, where he made baseball bats, honey dippers, tops, and spindles. He turned his first bowl while interned in a camp for conscientious objectors during World War II; since then he's turned more than 10,000 bowls on his lathe.

Concurrently, view "Kay Sekimachi — An Intimate Eye — Woven and Paper Objects," an exhibit of work by this fiber artist (who happens to be Stocksdale's wife). Both shows conclude on Sunday, September 23.

"Venini — Glass and Design in a World Perspective" centers on the work of the Venini factory in Venice. The exhibition also contains art glass by contemporary artists and by Louis Comfort Tiffany, as well as examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Art glass by Benjamin Moore, Marvin Lipofsky, and Dale Chihuly, all of whom have worked at the Venini factory, are also included in the show, which closes on Sunday, January 6, 2002.

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

Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown, the diverse works of a Tijuana-based consortium of artists and designers whose work encompasses fine art, architecture, clothing, graphic design, and electronic music are gathered in "Torolab: Laboratorio of the Future in the Present." "Torolab — its name a play on the Spanish words for 'laboratory' and 'bull' — was established in 1995 as a socially engaged workshop committed to examining and elevating the quality of life for residents of Tijuana and the trans-border region through a culture of ideologically advanced design." The exhibit features environments, architectural models, clothing, design objects, and sound installations by architects and artists Raúl Cárdenas Osuna, his wife Marcela Guadiana Cádenas, and other members of the collaborative. For this project, Torolab engages the idea of the *"Via Futura Urbana"* (Way of the Urban Future), creating three ambient spaces. The show concludes on Tuesday, September 25.

Surveying the depth and range of the museum's holdings, "Selections from the Permanent Collection: The 1970s," on view through Tuesday, September 25, suggests the variety of approaches employed by artists in the U.S. during this decade. It was a time "dominated by a spirit of radical investigation centered on expanding the definitions of what a work of art could be." Expect to see work by artists regarded as leading figures in the period of the '70s.

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, "Design from X to Z: Jerry Hirshberg and Nissan Design International," explores the creative activity of the engineers, modelers, researchers, and designers of this San Diego based design studio. The exhibition explores the design process behind the Nissan Xterra, one of the company's best-selling vehicles, and includes preliminary concept sketches, interior mock-ups, scale drawings, and hand-sculpted clay models. The exhibit also features the wide range of consumer products created at NDI, as well as the new design of the 2002 "Z." The show concludes on Monday, September 3.

Since the mid-1980s, Los Angeles-based photographer and filmmaker Sharon Lockhart has created a body of work investigating the tensions between the often-conflicting desires for dispassionate observation of and emotional connection with the human subject. "Sharon Lockhart" features approximately 40 photographs and multiphotograph series, along with the films she's created since 1994. See the exhibit through Monday, September 3.

"Skeet McAuley: The Garden of Golf" features a series of large-scale panoramic photographs of golf course landscapes taken at architect-designed golf courses in San Diego County. The photographs are said to "illustrate the diverse golf landscapes of the region." Scout the courses through Monday, September 3.

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, a fascination with and fear of water fueled the creation of surreal images revealing the "reflective and distorting properties of water and mirrors on nude figures" in "Connie Imboden: Beauty of Darkness," on exhibit through Sunday, September 30. All of Imboden's photographs are unmanipulated gelatin silver prints. "Seen from above and below, the forms of Imboden's water images occupy varying relations to the surface of the water they are suspended in and are recreated through the transparency or reflectivity of that surface."

A midcareer retrospective spanning more than two decades and several continents is offered in "Philipp Scholz Rittermann: Navigating by Light." All of the work included in the show is said to explore the element of time; the artist is said to be "particularly interested in the conflicting perceptions and perspectives of the eye and the camera." View the show through Sunday, October 21.

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, 50 years of Los Angeles art is celebrated with work by artists, faculty, and students associated with the Chouinard Art Institute, an icon of contemporary art during the years spanning 1921-1972, in "Chouinard: A Living Legacy." Presented at three North County locations, 137 painters, sculptors, and ceramicists are featured simultaneously at the Oceanside Museum of Art, the Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College, and the Boehm Gallery at Palomar College. Each venue highlights artists from different periods of the school's history, with a Chouinard graduate curating the exhibition for each venue.

At the Oceanside Museum, Ed Flynn is the curator for "The Last Years: Third-Generation Artists, 1956-1972," on view through Sunday, August 26. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, who was Anna Mary Robertson Moses? "Grandma Moses in the 21st Century" seeks to answer that question, featuring a large selection of her most important paintings. The exhibition charts the evolution of her style, providing the opportunity to reexamine her art on its own merits and in the context of modern art history. The show examines the degrees to which Moses relied on both memory and personal observation in rendering her subjects; also considered is the relationship of Moses' work to the tradition of American folk art as it existed in the early years of the 20th Century, as well as to the contemporaneous Regionalist movement. Although Moses began painting at an advanced age, her longevity resulted in a career of more than 20 years, and this show concludes with her last painting, *Rainbow*, created when she was over 100 years old. At her death in 1961, she had completed more than 1600 works of art. Take in this retrospective through Sunday, August 26.

For additional information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, the first American exhibition focusing on the Italian view painter who created images of the grandest public spaces in Venice nearly 300 years ago is currently on display. "Luca Carlevarijs: Views of Venice" brings together paintings from public and private collections in the U.S. and Europe, including eight Carlevarijs works and comparative paintings by Gaspare Vanvitelli and Canaletto. The show is anchored by Carlevarijs's *Piazzetta at Venice*, a large oil on permanent display at the museum. See the show through Friday, August 31.

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





Hate Ensemble

"When I saw his hair I knew...it was a human being tied to the bottom end of a pole."

REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

The extreme is not that far away.

Tectonic Theater's *Laramie Project* does many extraordinary things, but one of the most impressive is what it doesn't do. On October 6, 1998, Matthew Shepard hitched a ride from the Fireside Bar. He sat between Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson. On a back road, overlooking Laramie, Wyoming, they tied Shepard to a fence, his arms stretched like a crucifix, and pummeled him. Shepard died five days later.

The crime became a three-ring media circus. You could almost hear Hollywood jamming phone lines for movie rights, could even envision the scenario: like Capote's *In Cold Blood* or *Helter Skelter*, on the Manson slayings, the film would sniff around Laramie for a while, toying with small-town clichés and teasing about the brutality to come. Come the last half hour, it would cut loose, showing every blow and blood spurt.

Shepard was gay. His murder was a hate-crime. Unlike Hollywood — and an A&E *Investigative Report* on Shepard that couldn't quite squelch a drool when it got to the gore — Tectonic Theatre doesn't exploit unthinkable violence. We never see it. *Laramie Project* focuses not on the crime, but on the hate, and how it rippled through, and beyond, Wyoming.

A month after Shepard died, Moises Kaufman and his New York–based company went to Laramie. Though few had done it before, they conducted 200 interviews. Typical of their anti-sensational, anti–Big Event approach, they didn't talk to Shepard's parents or the accused. When they arrived, they expected cowpokes and tumbleweeds, the set of *Rawhide* come to life. Laramie has only one degree of separation: almost everyone knows, or knows of, everyone else. But rather than a frontier outpost, as distant as a star, Laramie turned out to be *Our Town*.

Wilder set *Our Town* in 1901. It had 2640 "unremarkable" inhabitants. In 1998, allowing for inflation, Laramie's population of 26,687 qualifies it as a kind of Grover's Corners. Its position in southern Wyoming, if you don't count Interstate 80 flowing through, makes Laramie almost as remote as New Hampshire.

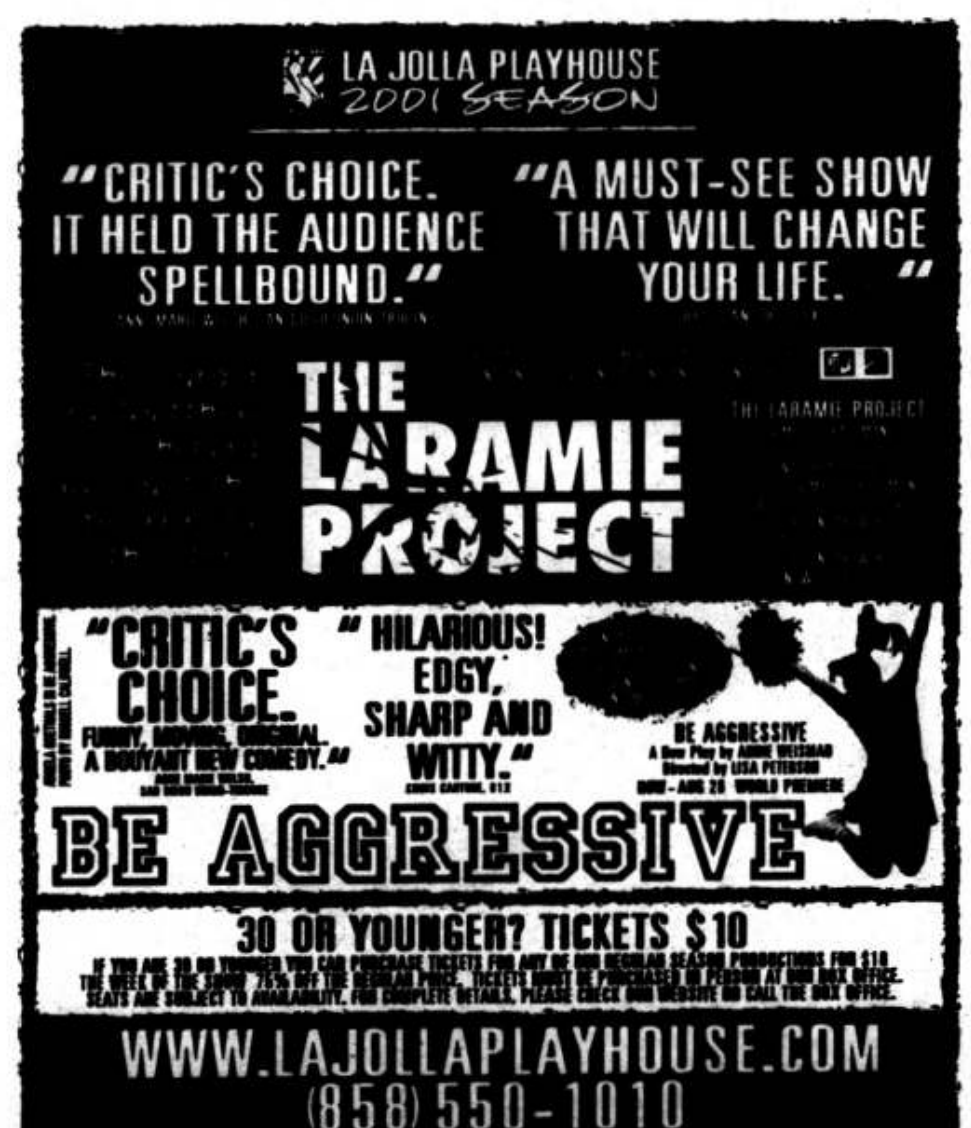
And yet with its WalMarts, convenience stores, and fast-food chains, with CNN and MTV, the company found that Laramie has big-city problems as well. The University of Wyoming causes a major "town vs. gown" class division, Laramie has gangs, and when they bashed Shepard, McKinney and Henderson were "tweaked" on meth — "the poor man's cocaine."

Laramie Project's three acts mirror *Our Town*. The first shows "daily life," concluding with Shepard's death. In the second, instead of Wilder's joyous "love and marriage," the crime disunites the community. Spotlights on a town unused to the glare prompt diverse responses. Subterranean fissures surface. Act Three — set, like *Our Town*, in a cemetery, people in black with black umbrellas seated stage right — looks at Laramie "after Matthew." We see signs of coming together, personal change, and wounds that may never heal.

Instead of Wilder's folksy Stage Manager —


The Laramie Project

The Laramie Project, *by Moises Kaufman and Tectonic Theatre Project*
Mandell Weiss Theatre, *La Jolla Playhouse*
Directed by Moises Kaufman; *cast: Stephen Belber, Amanda Gronich, Mercedes Herrero, John McAdams, Andy Paris, Greg Pierotti, Barbara Pitts, Kelli Simpkins, James Asher; scenic design, Robert Brill; costumes, Moe Schell; lighting, Betsy Adams; sound, Matthew Spiro*
Playing through September 2; *Tuesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For information call 858-550-1010.*





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broom in hand, pipe in mouth — narrating the story, Laramie itself talks. Another Tectonic Theater achievement: using an anti-Broadway, humble minimalism, almost everything in the staging focuses on the word. Robert Brill's set, unvarnished tables and chairs and a sky in the rear, can disappear when necessary. At times, however, the Playhouse production works against Tectonic's simplicity. Videos, a film of headlights bouncing down a back road, and a fancy rain effect — which must have cost beaucoup — catch the eye but detract from the approach. The best set for *The Laramie Project* would be a town hall.

Actors make no attempt to recreate, in detail, a person. Each switches roles with the change of a shirt, or curl of the hair. One announces a speaker; another starts talking. Similar to how Anna Devere Smith fashions her oral histories, it doesn't take long to trust that we are watching close replications of the people.

Actors also play themselves and offer their responses. Though a bit tedious, the participation acknowledges reporting's one-point perspective and gives human responses to events. Another Tectonic achievement: often in a collective effort, you can sleuth the inner dynamics of a company. Who gets the juicy parts? Who plays front? Who just carries the geraniums? *Laramie Project*, however, doesn't betray a hierarchy. This is one of the strongest, most selfless ensemble efforts I've ever seen. All the actors are their multiple characterizations.

Like the boy who happened upon Shepard's body while riding a bicycle and thought it was a scarecrow ("when I saw his hair I knew…it was a human being tied to the bottom end of a pole") — and becomes "why me" cursed by his random discovery. Or the sign-waving, fundamentalist fanatic who persecutes gays and lesbians the way ancient Rome persecuted Christians.

Or those who cut to the chase: like the priest who identifies name-calling as the seed of violence. Or Andrew Gomez, a jailbird who reveals that state prisoners have already auctioned off sexual rights to McKinney. Or, the reporter's dream — a voice so sane it sounds too good to be true — the Islamic woman who urges Laramie to "own this crime; we are like this."

Her clarity's as extreme as the hate. But *Laramie Project* does its most useful work in the area in-between. Its "live and let live" motto gave the town an ostrichlike, Victorian veneer. What you don't acknowledge doesn't exist. As a gay student says, "If I don't tell you I'm a fag, you won't beat the crap out of me. What's so great about that?" Shepard's death "defined Laramie by an accident," forcing people to take stands or reexamine beliefs and values. The project's most effective at recreating that turmoil.

Tectonic's ultimate achievement: it refuses to unify its plural voices, and the sparks their friction causes, into a tidy knot. By resisting closure, *Laramie* encourages the continuance of a discussion, about hate and the land of the free, that began October 7, 1998. ■


An Evening of Marilyn

THEATER LISTINGS

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

American Rhythm
For 12 straight summers, the Lamb's Players Theatre has showcased one of its productions at the Lyceum. This year, Lamb's also showcases its creative team: Kerry Meads and Vanda Eggington at the Lyceum *and* at Lamb's Coronado theater. They wrote and orchestrated *Boomers* and *American Rhythm*. Each combines songs — or song bytes, actually — with history, and the songs gain striking resonance in this context. Director Meads has a genuine flair for the format, and Eggington's arrangements are always fresh and interesting (she can stitch one song out of three or four). Talent runs all through the cast, especially Tracy Hughes, who turns every assignment, from "Blues in the Night" to Tina Turner, into a show-stopper, and Tom Stephenson as the genial narrator. Newcomers to this version perform as if born for the role: Sandy Campbell's singing of "I'll Be Seeing You" is a Kleenex-grabber; and Michael Dalager's versatility amazes. Another huge plus: Jeanne Reith Waterman's excellent costumes — from pseudo-Edwardian finery, to flapper, to Dust Bowl, to dark '90s mortuary chic — sweep through the history of 20th-century fashion. Led by pianist Don LeMaster, the seven-piece back-up band propels the nicely paced, entertaining, and surprisingly poignant evening forward.
Worth a try.
LYCEUM THEATRE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2: WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

An Evening of Marilyn
Cosmic Cantaloupe presents 19 "wacky sketches" with five actors portraying more than 30 characters.
6 @ PENN, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, AND WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-297-5188.

Be Aggressive
Annie Weisman was a cheerleader at Torrey Pines High. Her hilarious first play, *Be Aggressive*, turns her experiences into an apt metaphor ranging far beyond rooting a team to victory. For Laura and Leslie, senior year is "the last cheer year." When they graduate, life will cease or, at best, lose all meaning. So they seek the essence of cheer, with "Bible belt intensity." Practically everyone in the play does some form of cheerleading, with the volume turned down. Laura's father puts positive spins on developing an endangered wetland, and the citizens of Vista del Sol (Del Mar?) cultivate happy faces, images of achievement, accentuating the positive and banishing the negative. The latter includes grief, as Laura and her father can't cope with her mother's sudden death. Nor does the play very well. *Be Aggressive* needs a stronger second act (Laura and her father break through because dramatic form says it's time). The play's imperfect, but its troubles are fixable and it's definitely worth seeing for its humor, for the mirror it holds up to us, and for performances by Jennifer Elise Cox and Daisy Eagan, as jaded, worldly (to a point) Leslie and fresh, unworldly (yet wise) Hannah.
Worth a try.
LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH AUGUST 26; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Boswell Sisters
The night I caught the world-premiere musical, many in the audience stood and applauded the curtain call. And the three singers, playing the famous harmonizing sisters, are terrific. Michelle Duffy, Amy Pietz, and Elizabeth Ward Land (with a warm, smoky 1930s radio voice) blend voices beautifully in the Boswells' "syncopatin' songbird," roller-coaster style. The Stuart Ross and Mark Hampton book, however, couldn't be more thin or contrived and just disappears in Act two. Ross wrote *Forever Plaid*, and *The Boswell Sisters* uses the same formula — reunion of a group of harmonizers — but falls flat with pseudo drama. Like the Plaids (and their clones in *Triple Espresso*), the sisters complain: they can't sing anymore; then sing great (especially Duffy's "Until the Real Thing Comes Along" and Ward Land's "Stormy Weather"). Everything gets trumped up then tossed away. The result is a musical revue with filler. The sisters are ciphers (it's amazing how little we learn about them, almost as if their music happened by fiat; you want to find out what the musical *didn't* tell you). The staging is static. Nothing builds. And the ending, which comes from just north of nowhere, is sheer manipulation.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Boys in the Band
Diversionary Theatre stages Mart Crowley's drama about gay life pre-Stonewall. Tim Irving directed.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Camelot
Christian Community Theater stages Lerner and Loewe's musical about Arthur, Guenevere, Sir Lancelot, and the rise and fall of the Round Table.
MT. HELIX AMPHITHEATER, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Chalk It Up to Murder
In HIT Productions newest mystery dinner-theater show, Texas Ranger Slate Montana must find the truth. Did Butch Spikehorn kill Hank Anderson, as people have long believed, or was it someone else?
SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Comedy Codependents
The Improv comedy troupe performs the first Friday of every month at the Creativity Centre in Normal Heights.
CREATIVITY CENTRE, 4716 32ND STREET (JUST NORTH OF ADAMS AVENUE), NORMAL HEIGHTS: FIRST OR SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-280-5177.

Crazy for You
The St. Martin's Players present the Gershwin musical, in which boy meets girl while trying to save a theater in Deadrock, Nevada. Brandy Loomis directed.
ST. MARTIN'S HALL, 7710 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, THROUGH AUGUST 19; FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY, DINNER SHOW AT 6:30 P.M. SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-465-5334.

Da
Almost everybody loved Da. For 58 years he was the Pyrnne's gardener, cultivating some of Ireland's most beautiful roses. He lived a happy, unperturbed life and died in 1968. Was Da blessed? Had he found the path of least resistance through the maze? Or was he, as his adopted son Charlie suspects, a shallow, do-as-told sheep afraid to say no? Now a successful London playwright (just like *Da*'s author, Hugh Leonard), Charlie returns to Dublin for his father's funeral. He'll put Da's affairs in order — won't amount to much — and get on with his life. But recollections accumulate "like bills you thought you'd never have to pay," and Charlie must put his own life in order. A play about letting go becomes about holding on. *Da* is strange, in that the leads are less developed than the minor characters. As "Charlie Now," Joel Anderson does little more than react. Da is also more attitude than character, though Jonathan McMurtry fills him out with like amounts of blarney and charm. James Winker makes Drumm, who devoted his life to standards, unforgettable. Stiff, stern, Winker's Drumm, "like a Victorian father," is the anti-Da. As Charlie's mother, Robin Pearson Rose does one of 2001's best jobs of acting. She's lived in Robin Sanford Roberts's rustic, woodgrainy set all her days, doing a million chores a million chimes. Rose's deeply resonant performance suggests that when Charlie's made his peace with Da, he should turn attention to his Ma.
Worth a try.
CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, THROUGH AUGUST 25; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 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."
SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Evita
The Moonlight Amphitheatre presents Andrew Lloyd Webber's rock opera tribute to Eva Perón, told through the eyes of Ché Guevara.
MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATER, THROUGH AUGUST 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 760-721-3422 OR 760-724-2110.

Fritz Blitz of New Plays by California Playwrights
For week one of its eighth annual festival, the Fritz Theater presents *Up and Away*, by Richard Markgraf, and *Roman and the Somnambulant*, by Elle Weatherup.
SUSHI COMMUNITY SPACE AT THE REINCARNATION PROJECT, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR TIMES OF SPECIFIC PLAYS, CALL THE FRITZ AT 619-233-7505.

Fuddy Meers
North Coast Repertory Theatre presents the San Diego premiere of David Lindsay-Abaire's comedy about Claire. She wakes up every morning with no memory, then decides to discover who she is. Sean Murray directed.
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

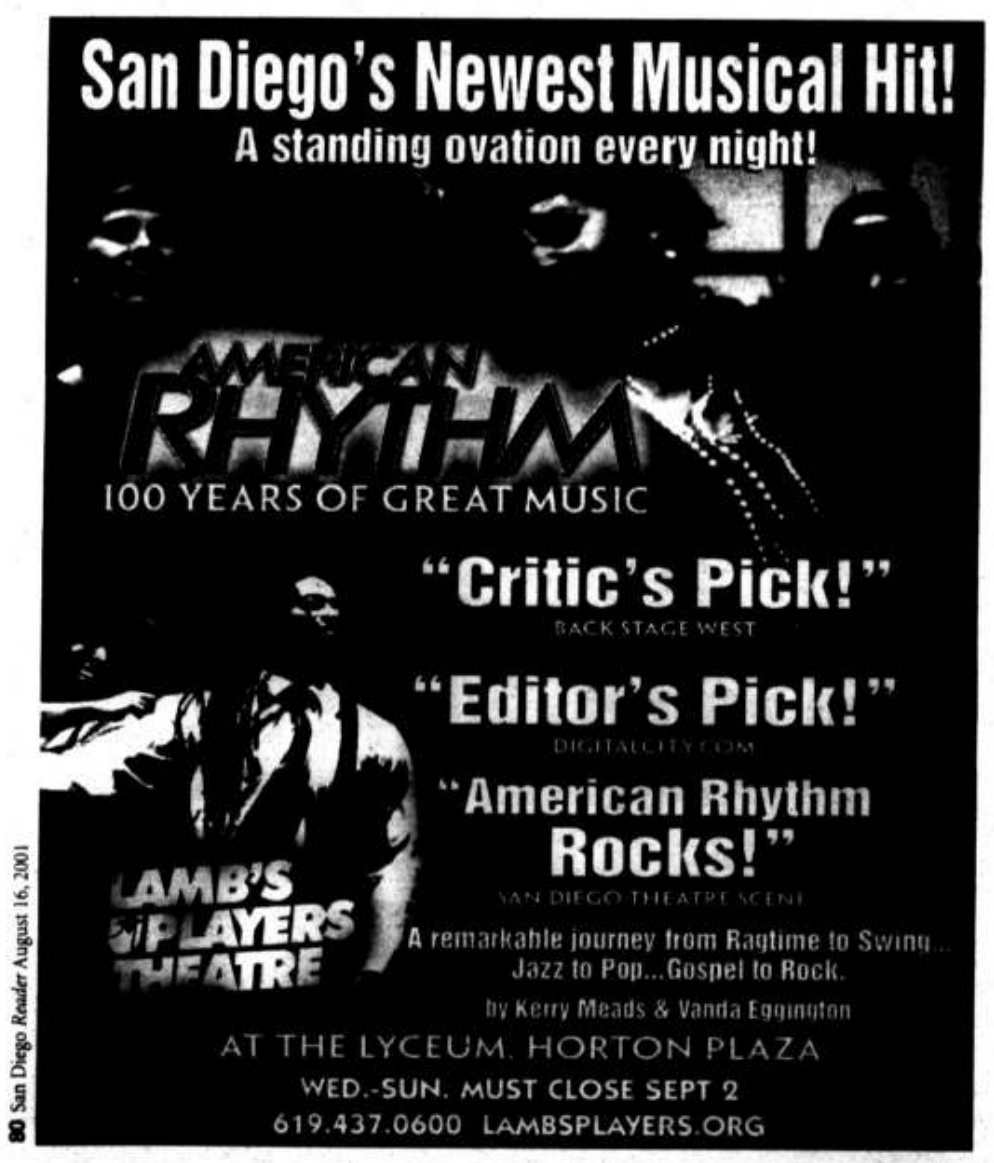
Heaven Rocks
Jason Mershon's musical comedy takes us to rock-and-roll heaven, where "all those lived-fast, died-young music greats have entered the pearly gates."
CABRILLO DINNER THEATRE, 2901 NIMITZ BOULEVARD (AT ROSECRANS, IN THE QUALITY INN), POINT LOMA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DINNER AT 7:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 8:15 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-523-5656.


I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change
The longest-running off-Broadway musical revue satirizes "sex, love, dating, and marriage." It starts with youth and ends with old age, moving from the cusp of despair (song called "Single Man Drought"), to a marriage ("Wedding Vows"), to senior singles meeting at a funeral ("I Can Live With That"). Directed with flare by Sam Woodhouse and choreographed with seamless fluidity by Javier Velasco and backed up by the odd but effective combination of piano and violin, the San Diego Rep's version is a lighthearted, albeit lightweight, crowd-pleaser (they should move the show next door, to the Lyceum Space, and run it all summer). Most of the show's 18 vignettes are generic I-can-relate-to-that stuff, and the characters are little more than their situations: either lagging behind, or too far ahead, of love's eight ball. Some of the show's most interesting moments cut against the norm, as when Deborah Van Valkenburgh croons a country ditty in three-quarter time, "Always a Bridesmaid," and concludes maybe it ain't such a bad thing. Through quiet insistence, expressing his talents without fanfare, Steve Gunderson has become a local headliner. He doesn't have marquee looks, even wears a scruffy beard for the show, but can convince you every person he plays is real. This includes a sensitivity-challenged stud ("Why? 'Cause I'm a Guy"), a father adopting his child's language, and a vein-flexing San Quentin convict determined to show a hesitant couple that marriage isn't a life sentence. (Note: due to popular demand, the Rep has extended the show's run.)
Worth a try.
SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH AUGUST 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

It's My Party (and I'll DIE if I want to)
H.I.T. Productions' new interactive mystery takes place at Ted Sterling's birthday party. But ask his wife: Ted hasn't been all that sterling, "and now he must pay!"
HOLIDAY INN, 2435 JEFFERSON, OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding
The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater," as Joey and Maria tie the knot.



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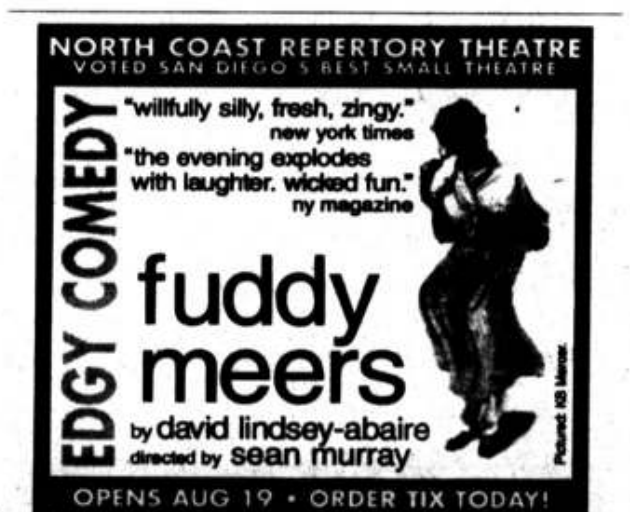

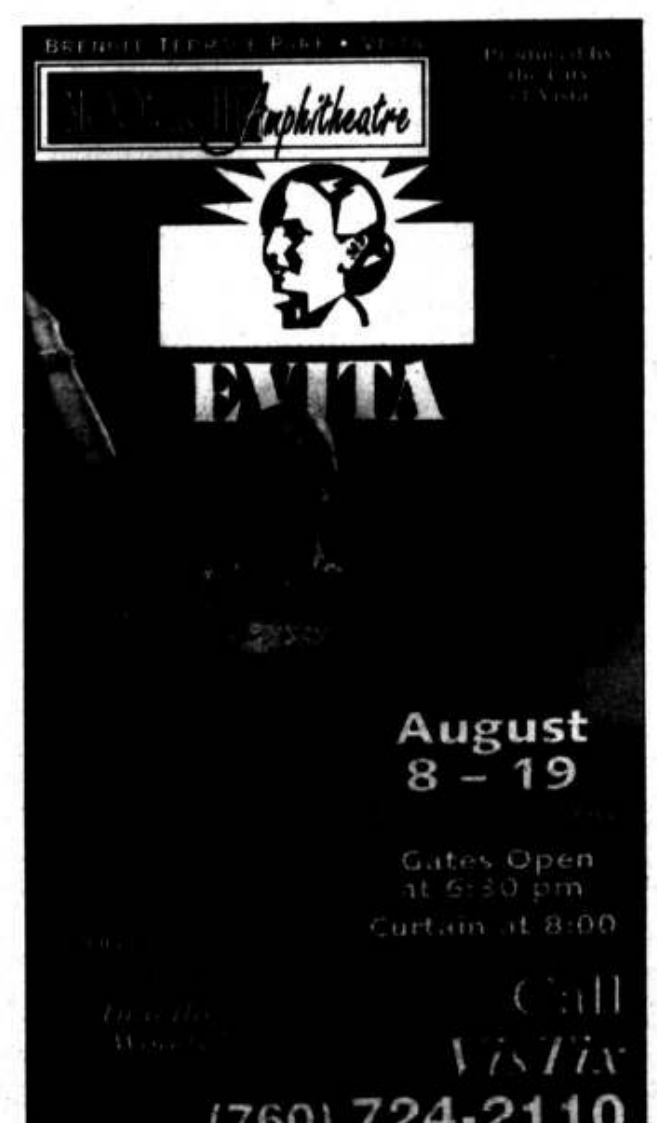



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CULY THEATER, 338 WEST SEVENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

Joey and Maria's 25th Anniversary Party
Dillstar Productions presents a sequel to its interactive dinner theater show *Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding.* (Note: the show plays one Friday a month.)
CULY THEATRE, 338 WEST SEVENTH, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

The Laramie Project
Reviewed this issue.
LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2: TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

National Comedy Theatre
ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. 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"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. 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. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer 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.

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Performance soloist Piper Simms plays "multicolored plexiglass tubes, a musical saw, and melodic shovels, juggles Ping-Pong balls from his mouth, and inhabits the fluorescent invisible man."
MMPAC, 3010 JUNIPER STREET, SOUTH PARK, THROUGH AUGUST 24: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Shear Madness
Mystery dinner theater minus the meal. The longest-running nonmusical in American theater history is set in a unisex hair salon in Mission Hills. In an upstairs apartment, someone stabs erstwhile pianist-diva Isabel Czerney with clipping shears. Whodunit? Up to this point the cast — performing as if on second base, unmiked, at Qualcomm Stadium — overkills every word, gesture, and joke. Then in a *volte face*, the house lights come up, and the audience becomes the detective. The show's core, and obviously the cause of its longevity, lies in the give-and-take between cast and audience. During the interrogation the actors become re-actors. They ad-lib and trounce hecklers. Although many ad libs sound scripted ("You don't have a butler? How do you eat?"), the cast, especially Rick Meads as top cop Nick O'Brien, is at its best in this format. *Shear Madness* began in 1978. Along with physical comedy and malaprops (one character gets labeled a "genital liar"), the play derives humor from topical and local references. Several topical references need updating (when was the last time you equated Sandy Duncan with Wheat Thins?). The show bills itself as mindless fun. Much of it is, and no more. But some local references — negative remarks about Lakeside and Paradise Hills, for example — raise nagging questions about the anything-for-a-laugh mindset behind the production.
Worth a try.
THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN: TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M.

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.
Worth a try.
MYSTERY CAFE, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-544-1600.

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The Mira Mesa Theatre Guild presents Bob Randall's comedy about a river-view apartment for rent and trapped prospective tenants.
MIRA MESA THEATRE GUILD, FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Six Tarantulas on Angel Food Cake: The Greatest Hits
The Play's the Thing Productions presents the greatest hits of its five annual "Ten-Minute Play Festivals." David Kelso directed.
6TH @ PENN THEATER, THROUGH AUGUST 26: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 858-451-3971.

The Sopranos' Last Supper
Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster fun."
CULY THEATRE, 338 SEVENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. NOTE: THE SHOW PLAYS TWO FRIDAYS PER MONTH. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

South Pacific
The Welk Resort Theatre stages Rodgers and Hammerstein's popular musical, set in the south seas during World War II.



Be Aggressive



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WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH AUGUST 25: TUESDAY, AND THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M.

Stepping Out
Full Circle Theatre Company presents Richard Harris's comedy about "a talent-challenged tap dance class of social misfits." Walt Stewart directed.
PARKER AUDITORIUM, 750 NAUTILUS STREET, LA JOLLA, FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Taming of the Shrew
The Coronado Playhouse's fifth annual Free Outdoor Shakespeare Festival presents the Bard's comedy about wiving in Padua. Keith A. Anderson directed.
CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2: FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Tarantara! Tarantara!
Lamb's Players Theatre stages Ian Taylor's musical biography of William S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan. Jeffrey S. Miller directed.
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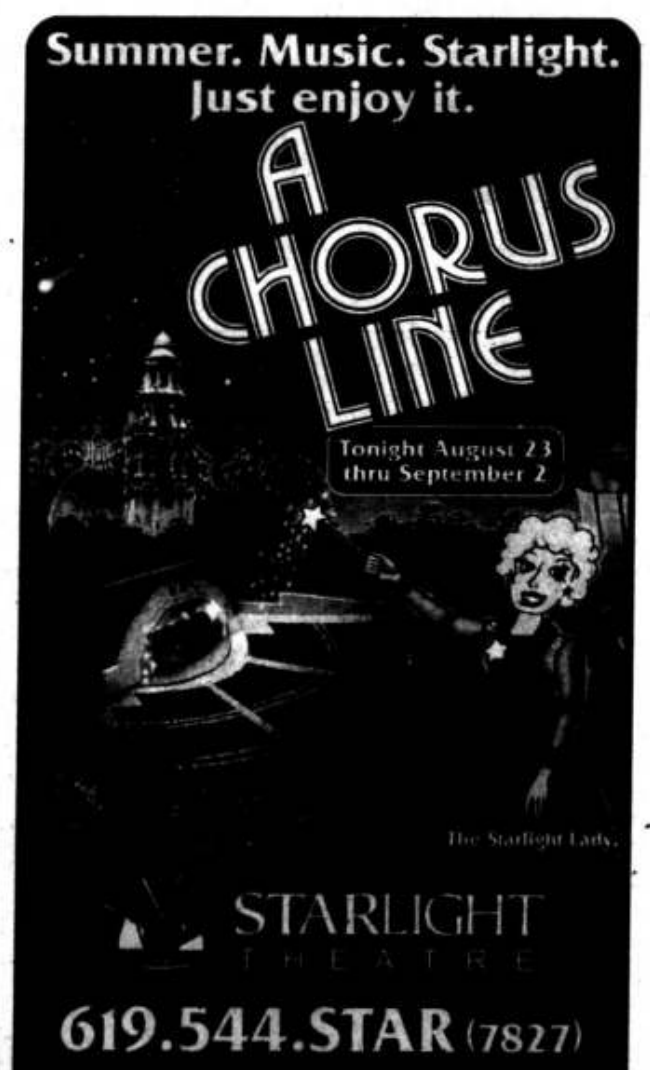





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"We actually aren't playing it anymore," said Z90 promotions director TJ about why his station dropped the song "Because I Got High." Recorded by a Hattiesburg, Mississippi, singer/songwriter named Joseph Foreman who goes by the moniker Afroman, "Because I Got High" gives a first-person account of how substance abuse can ruin your life.

I wasn't gonna run from the cops, but then I got high/I was gonna pull over and stop, but I was high/Now I'm a paraplegic, and I know why/Because I got high, because I got high, because I got high.

I messed up my entire life, because I got high/I lost my wife and kids, because I got high/Now I'm sleeping on the sidewalk, and I know why/Because I got high, because I got high, because I got high.

"Our conscientious listeners got through to Lisa [Karsting, Z90 program director]," said TJ about the decision to drop the song. That decision, said TJ, was made on Tuesday, August 7. He said the station started playing the song three days earlier. Listener response was huge, according to the Z90 DJ on the air. I mentioned that the DJ said on the air he had over 420 requests.

"They exaggerated," said TJ. "It was 40 calls, maybe." He said his station may continue to play Afroman on weekend nights but that it has been dropped from the regular playlist. "When people heard the drug references in the song, we got complaint calls. We were the first station in San Diego to play it."

That is not true; 92.1 KFSD was the first station in the country to play the Afroman hit in regular rotation. Since 92.1 added it June 9, more than 170 other U.S. stations have added it to their playlists.

"At first we just sampled it, but we got so many requests, we had to add it to regular rotation," said 92.1 program director Mike Halloran. "It was one of our most requested songs for two or three weeks solid. In my 20 years in radio, I've never seen a reaction like this to a song. The closest thing was 'Dear God,' by XTC."

Halloran says 92.1 played "Because I Got High" up to nine times a day based on requests. He said the response prompted him to invite Afroman to town to do a concert at Brick by Brick August 2. "It completely sold out," said Halloran. It was the first concert presented by the upstart station, which signed on three months ago.



PHOTOGRAPH BY MELISSA JOHNSON

AFROMAN, A FRIEND INDEED

Halloran says the contention that it is a pro-drug song is ridiculous. "It is the exact opposite. If you listen to the lyrics, he loses his wife, his job, his kids, and he's a paraplegic in jail with no money because he got high." He says it reminds him of another pop song witch hunt.

"Years ago there was a song by Grandmaster Flash called 'White Lines,' and a lot of ignorant people thought it was promoting drug use. These are the same ignorant people who say 'Because I Got High' is promoting drug use. I guarantee if Adam Sandler sang the song it would get played on radio stations across the universe. Because Afroman is black, people are taking it the wrong way."

One radio insider smells some Z90 hypocrisy. "How can you play *anything* by Eminem and then turn around and say Afroman is unacceptable. One of [Z90's] biggest hits right now is 'I'm a Thug' by Trick Daddy. I guess it's okay to beat up the bitch, but don't talk about how getting high has ruined your life. I think what it is is that [owner] Victor Diaz or [his son] Edward heard the song and freaked out."

The senior Diaz has given published quotes decrying questionable lyrical content of music played by other stations. TJ denied that the Diazes had anything to do with pulling the plug on Afroman.

"Victor doesn't make the music decisions," said TJ.

The insider responds, "Whether it was Diaz or some listeners who made that complaint, it was up to the program director to explain that [the pro-drug perception] was a mistake and that this is not what this song is about."

Z90 program director Lisa Karsting was not available for a comment.

— *Ken Leighton*



PHOTOGRAPH BY KEN LEIGHTON

FUN AND DISGUSTING KOLOB

"You can definitely say we're the best punk jug band in San Diego," Travis Brady founded Kolob with Jeff Proctor so they could play punk songs with a banjo, washtub bass, washboard, and spoons. There's no electric guitar or drums in Kolob. But they do have two juggers.

"Those are the guys who blow in the jugs," said Proctor.

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hardcore jug music," said Brady. "This way we can get away with sucking [instrumentally]. If you call it hardcore, you don't have to play your instruments that well."

The name Kolob, explains Proctor, has nothing to do with bluegrass music or hoedowns. "It's a planet. It's like Mormon heaven."

Proctor is hard pressed to name a real jug-band artist. "The only one I can think of is Mungo Jerry. He had a [1970] hit with 'In the Summertime.' The whole idea was just kind of a joke until we had our first show in May."

Kolob has a fluid lineup. "It's whoever wants to play with us," said Proctor. "We have a revolving door. Most of the people who come to see us are in other bands."

Half of Kolob's set is old TSOL and Dead Kennedys songs remade with a *Hee Haw* twist. The other half are Kolob originals. "They are all pretty offensive," said Proctor. "There's a lot of energy, a lot of screaming. We do 'Placenta,' which is sung to the tune of 'La Bamba.' Then there's 'Ta Mere,' which means 'your mom' in French. The whole song is just saying 'your mom' in other languages." Proctor says "Skank the Possum" is their ode to backcountry pest control. "It goes, 'You were up in my trash/Now I'm gonna stab you in the ass.'"

Even though most of the members of Kolob are college students, Proctor says this is "absolutely not" a frat-boy diversion.

"We all grew up in El Cajon and Alpine around a bunch of rednecks with mullets [haircuts] and monster trucks. That's part of who we are. We sit around and drink Pabst Blue Ribbon and write silly songs and have fun."

Proctor says he has heard of Mojo Nixon, San Diego's original white-trash-punk hillbilly, but Nixon did not inspire Kolob. Nixon is now a morning DJ in Cincinnati but was a big part of the local music scene in the '80s.

"When people ask me what we're like, I tell them it's like [depraved punk performance artist] G.G. Allin meets Wesley Willis. Willis is that homeless black guy from Chicago who writes every song as if he is in the middle of a schizophrenic nightmare. Part of our shows involve me vomiting. I found out that whiskey makes me throw up, so sometimes I chug it onstage. It's fun and disgusting. It's a little something extra for the kids."

Kolob appears Saturday at a punkfest/bonfire organized by *sandiegopunk.com*.

"We've been booted off the stage three times. The first time was at [the now-closed] Venus [all-ages nightclub]. We had 60 people when we started. We chased out about half of them. Then we played the Poway Fun Bowl. We had a person in a gorilla suit and a guy in a bear hat as part of our show. They were fighting. It got a little rowdy. The manager told us to knock it off. The third was last Saturday at Joltin' Joe's. Some guy came down to heckle us. The manager told us we had to get off the stage as soon as possible."

Kolob appears 5 p.m. Saturday at Dog Beach in Ocean Beach with Scribble, Underminded, Heroes No More, and Kelly Leak Goes to Japan.

— *Ken Leighton*

"No one had any idea who we were," says Micky Dolenz about *The Monkees'* pilot show. "We shot it in the spring of 1966 at the Hotel del Coronado. It was another six months until the show went on the air. The pilot was something about Davy [Jones], who fell in love with a girl who was failing in history class. We played at her birthday party. [In the pilot] everyone thought we were longhaired weirdos, but we



DOLENZ (IN THE '50s), MONKEY-LOVER FOR LIFE

redeemed ourselves because we taught her history."

In spite of the innocuous story line, Dolenz said the comedy almost didn't get on the air because their image was too dangerous for TV 35 years ago.

"They had trouble selling the pilot. We almost didn't get on. The network [NBC] was quite concerned about longhaired kids on TV. The only time you would see longhaired kids on TV back then they were being arrested."

Dolenz has directed TV episodes for *Boy Meets World* and *Pacific Blue*. "I just sold a pilot to Disney called *Virtual Dad*." Dolenz got his first break by directing an episode of *The Monkees*. "It was the one where we stop Rip Taylor from taking over the world."

Although the 52 *Monkees* episodes still air on cable, he said he and the other Monkees stopped getting residuals in the '70s. "That runs out after six years."

While Dolenz and Jones were nonmusicians who had acting backgrounds, Tork and Nesmith had played in bands before they joined the Monkees. I asked Dolenz if it was true that Tork and Nesmith took the Monkees more seriously than he and Jones.

"The Monkees was a TV show about a band that didn't exist any more than the starship *Enterprise*. The Monkees lived in an imaginary beach house that didn't really exist, and they had adventures with villains. I approached it as an actor or entertainer the way I would approach any other part."

He said Tork and Nesmith were more concerned with "the other Monkees."

"The Monkees were also the four of us who went out on the road and toured as a huge supergroup with Jimi Hendrix, Ike and Tina Turner, and the Fifth Dimension opening up for us. But I think [Tork and Nesmith] were misled into thinking they had more to say about the music."

The Monkees appear August 25 at the San Diego Civic Theatre.

— *Ken Leighton*



PHOTOGRAPH BY SANDY HOFFMAN

BOY BLUE WILL SHOCK YOU

"I could handle the two loud bands, but that screaming! That was it!" Troy Frederick tells me, standing outside the Sushi Performance Gallery on June 28. The 59-year-old body-painter had spent the previous hour applying his craft as an exhibitor in "Artists Resocialization," a multidisciplinary performance presentation, when the improvisational screaming by a group of young artists forced him outside. "That," the painter concluded, "was an Excedrin headache.

"They [the screamers] were kids from a coffeehouse on Park Avenue," Eric Wong,

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the show's organizer, explained. "I invited people to do diatribes and manifestoes and whatever. They were doing 'whatever.' "

Wong is no stranger to the experimental side of live performance. Last summer he pushed buttons in a downtown motel with an endeavor called "Hotels/Motels," featuring a varied roster of participants displaying art and performance while occupying individual rooms. "Artists Resocialization" was staged in one large space, with performances of music, spoken word, dance, painting, and diatribe overlapping and collaborating. Lesley Gurule, for instance, found a willing accompanist in guitarist Jeff Jones, who lent some acoustic riffing to her dialogue about a dog "who has watched me make love" and "has a urinary infection I can't afford to fix."

"We decided to do that about five minutes ago," Gurule announced at the conclusion.

Other musical contributions were made by the Trummerflora Collective, guitarists Abel Ashes and Hirsch, and a hip-hop band called the Goatsong Poets. Across the room, dancers writhed in response. Controversy was inspired by an exhibit called "The Doll Project," presented by Boy Blue. The collection of vinyl dolls, hung and skewered in curious positions, shocked some onlookers, including Korrie Paliotto, who described the effort as "The cutting edge of psycho." Wong, who staged the event three times in less than a week (in Venice Beach the night before and in Rosarito, Mexico, two nights later) offered no explanation for the artists' decisions.

"This was not a curated event," he stresses. "It's a collaboration between these artists, showing and telling what they do in one big place."

Of the three performances, Wong says the San Diego gathering was the most successful. In addition to local participation, the show at Sushi attracted artists from San Francisco and Los Angeles. Still, Wong says some aspects of his vision went unfulfilled.

"Initially, I wanted to include sociologists and cultural anthropologists doing cultural research in a place where you have this merging of different types of artists," he says.

Representation from the scientific community was slight, however, and the cosmetologists and mechanics that had expressed interest failed to show at all.

"The idea was to reconstruct an identity of what artists do — to show the relationship between art and science, for instance," Wong says. "I wanted to illustrate that through action. It was chaotic, but we succeeded on certain levels. The layers of activity were very powerful."

Main events: Thursday through Sunday, August 16–19, from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. (admission $5), 923 Sixth Ave (near Broadway) in downtown San Diego. (Exhibition runs through October 10.)

— *Randy Hoffman*

CD review: Agent 22, *First Witness,* ThosSounds TS-10002

The press kit that came with this not-half-bad CD, featuring some jazzy electronic string music with percussion, is topheavy with hype sheets for the Chapman Stick. "About the Stick," reads one… "Miracosta College to present 'Stick' concert, seminar"… "Emmet Chapman bio," w/ a glossy 8x10 of this middle-aged gent, his beard far more trimmed than my own.

Hey — I don't CARE about the Stick (qua Stick), and I don't care about its creator. (To listen to Sonny Rollins, do we have to read 2000 words about Adolphe Sax?)



JIMMY PATTON ON TWO GUITARS

What this is, anyway, is a live set, recorded last year at the Belly Up, by a trio led by Tom Griesgraber on (that's right) Chapman Stick, a 12-string hybrid instrument no sillier than any other…hey it makes guitarish, keyboardish sounds. As Chapman Stick players go, and maybe by now I've heard five or six, he sounds fine.

What's most intriguing, however, is the very IDEA of Jimmy Patton on "two guitars (at once)," though from merely the recorded sound and a pair of photos it's not readily apparent what this credit MEANS.

— *Richard Meltzer*

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A lot of these old jazzmen rarely saw the light of day, much less ate properly and took exercise.

REVIEW
AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

Joe Sullivan was a Chicago jazz pianist, born in 1906, who came up in the lively Chicago scene in the 1920s, playing and recording with Eddie Condon and the so-called North Side gang, which included a number of brash former Austin High musicians like Dave Tough, Jimmy McPartland, and Frank Teschemacher. It was a hard-drinking, hard-playing group of white musicians who came out of Armstrong and Dixieland jazz. For someone like Sullivan, it was inevitable that Earl Hines, who played piano in Armstrong's Hot Five and Hot Seven bands in 1928, would become a central influence, with his two-fisted percussive attack and hornlike right hand. In fact, Sullivan recorded with Armstrong as well as in the '20s.



Joe Sullivan

The 1930s found Sullivan in New York, cutting sides for the canny and redoubtable John Hammond (whom readers of this column will encounter time and again over Hammond's long, fruitful career discovering and producing artists from Joe Sullivan to Bob Dylan). Sullivan's break came in 1936 when he joined Bob Crosby's band, but Sullivan contracted tuberculosis and had to be replaced. It was a piece of bad luck that would hound him for the rest of his life.

In the 1940s, Sullivan led a top-notch band at Cafe Society, a New York nightspot. It was a multiracial outfit (no small thing in those days) that included Ed Hall and Benny Morton. The '40s were a busy time for Sullivan, with plenty of dates, including sessions with his old sidekick Eddie Condon and trumpet player Bobby Hackett, a fair bit of which was recorded on the Commodore label. By the 1950s Sullivan was playing mostly solo piano — not his first choice — and his principal venue was the Hangover Club in San Francisco, a noisy place that kept Sullivan in a poor temper. The diners had no idea who they were listening to.

In 1964 a jazz writer named Richard Hadlock wrote an appreciative article about Sullivan in the jazz magazine *Down Beat*: "The Return of Joe Sullivan." The article resulted in an appearance by Sullivan at the Monterey Jazz Festival and helped fetch him a gig at the Trident Club in Sausalito, where the patrons were more in the mood to listen to the old Chicago legend.

Sullivan sides from his years at Club Hangover and the Trident are available on the Danish label Storyville, *Joe Sullivan: Piano Solo*. And a collection of his earlier performances, from 1933 to 1941, are collected on the Classics label: *Joe Sullivan 1933–1941* (Classics 821). They're both worth picking up, especially if you have a taste for mainstream jazz piano — Hines, Teddy Wilson, Nat King Cole, Art Tatum, etc. The Sullivan style is percussive and inventive; he's a great risk-taker in the Hines tradition. You can hear elements of stride, boogie-woogie, blues; Fats Waller was an influence as well.



Frank Teschemacher

Sullivan died in October of 1971, a month short of his 65th birthday. Not a bad run for a notoriously heavy boozer, and goodness knows how much cigarette smoke passed through his lungs, from his own habit and from living in smoky clubs for his entire adult life. A lot of these old jazzmen rarely saw the light of day, much less ate properly and took exercise. It was just the nature of their work. The English poet and working jazz pianist Roy Fisher once told me about playing with Bud Freeman, another of that wild Austin High gang from Chicago, who was passing through the midlands of England in 1980. Freeman, who died in 1991 at age 85, was the last of the old gang to still be kicking around at that point; Fisher asked him how come. "I used to play golf on Sundays," Freeman told him. "I was the only one who ever went out into the sunshine of that lot."

It is through Roy Fisher that I know about Sullivan. Fisher is one of my favorite poets and is the author of my all-time favorite jazz poem: "The Thing About Joe Sullivan." I read the poem over and over long before I met and became friends with Roy or found an LP containing Sullivan's sides from the Club Hangover. It is a singular tour de force, as jazz poems go, and a remarkable poem in its own right. There are magazines and anthologies made up of nothing but poems about jazz, and they are almost all uniformly rotten. The poems aspire to be jazzlike in movement or to capture the atmosphere around jazz, but language can't really accomplish what talented jazz instrumentalists manage with their improvisational structures, which are rarely wholly improvisational and are, as a rule, complexly structured. Poets, who are usually university people, know nothing about jazz musicians and their world, apart from what they've gleaned from books, which themselves present, more often than not, a romanticized notion of the scene and its protagonists.



Dave Tough

No one comes readily to mind with Roy Fisher's abilities as a poet, combined with his long experience and abilities as a jazz pianist. He loves Joe Sullivan's playing and knows intimately what Sullivan is up to, chord by chord, bar by bar. He knows when Sullivan is pulling off something dazzling and when Sullivan gets lost in an improvisational forest of his own devising. I know this because I've listened to Sullivan on the stereo with Fisher and watched Roy's excitement, displeasure, and wonder.

Allow me to reproduce a patch of the poem. Roy won't mind, and if I tell you that his *New & Selected Poems: The Dow Low Drop* is available from Bloodaxe Books (Newcastle, England), his publisher won't mind either.

The Thing About Joe Sullivan

The pianist Joe Sullivan,
jamming sound against idea

hard as it can go
florid and dangerous

slams at the beat, or hovers
drumming, along its spikes;

in his time almost the only
one of them to ignore

the chance of easing down,
walking it leisurely,

he'll strut, with gambling shapes,
underpinning by James P.,

amble, and stride over
gulfs of his own leaving, perilously

topping octaves down to where
the chords grow fat again

and ride hard-edged, most lucidly
voiced, and in good inversions even when

the piano seems at risk of being
hammered the next second into scrap.

For all that, he won't swing
like all the others;

disregards mere continuity,
the snakecharming business,

the 'masturbator's rhythm'
under the long variations:

Sullivan can gut a sequence
in one chorus —

— approach, development, climax, discard
and sound magnanimous.

The mannerism of intensity
often with him seems true…

And so on. Perhaps it leaves you flat, but the poem rings my bell.

Sullivan died a bitter man, his art neglected and forgotten, at least from the 1950s until he died. Fisher's poem, published in a book of the same title, poems written between 1971 and '77, may have been written upon the poet's hearing of the death of Sullivan in October of 1971. If Roy's told me or I've read it, I've forgotten. ■

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Bob Benton /750/ and **Slightly Stoopid /352/:** Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, August 19, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-720-8497.

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The Wallwater Conspiracy and **Rochelle Rochelle:** The Casbah, Friday, August 24, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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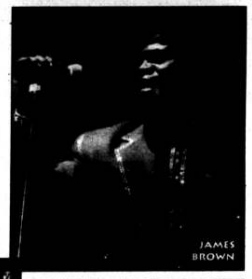


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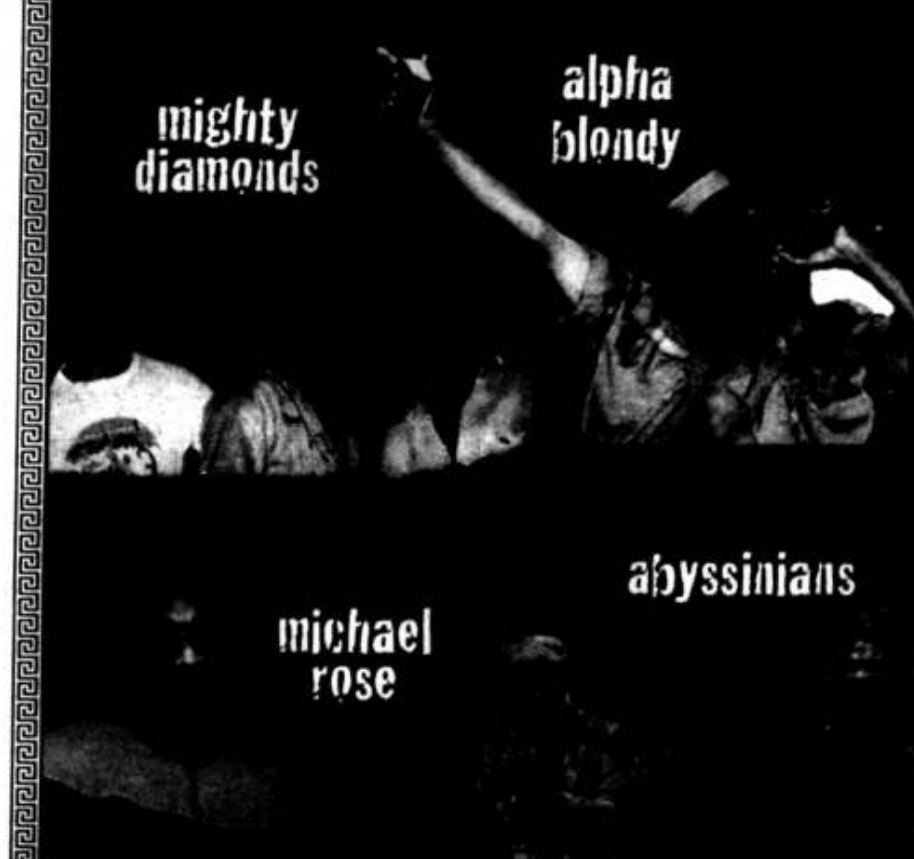

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blink-182 */158/*, **New Found Glory** */304/*, and **Sum 41** */188/*: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 15, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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Rick Springfield */579/*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, September 16, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

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Megadeth */598/*: 4th & B, Monday, September 17, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

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Janet Jackson */628/* and **112:** San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, September 26, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-220-8497.

Huey Lewis & the News */451/*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park,

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Jim Brickman */827/*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 4, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

James Taylor */826/*: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, October 5, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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Randy Travis */783/*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, October 11, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

The Temptations */971/*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 12, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Young Dubliners */438/*: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 12, and Saturday, October 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Gordon Lightfoot */906/*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Electric Light Orchestra */424/*: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, October 19, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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125 **The Barnyard Ballers:** Jolt'n Joe's (Escondido)
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The Court & Spark: The Casbah
Crash Palace: Brick By Brick
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389 **d.fRost:** Blind Melons
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Downspell: Brick By Brick
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Early Times: Epicentre
8 Ball Rock: Dream Street
Evilution: Brick By Brick
Explicit: Dream Street
192 **The Fiction Engine:** Dream Street
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SHT: Jolt'n Joe's (Escondido)
Fivecrown: The Casbah
Five Years Later: Jolt'n Joe's (Escondido)
The Flaming Hellcats: Blind Melons
The Flir: Winstons
44 Double D: Tio Leo's Lounge
346 **Ghoulspoon:** Blind Melons
273 **The Good China:** Henry's Pub
371 **Grow:** Sham Rocks Shack
Harmony 24: Dream Street
Heaven & Earth: Brick By Brick
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Icarus Flight Plan: Dream Street
Imperial Teen: The Casbah
Incidentals: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa)
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Lovelight Shine: Brick By Brick
May River: Dream Street
The Mediums: The Casbah
The Million Dollar Playboys: Dream Street, Blind Melons
Mower: Blind Melons
1924: Jolt'n Joe's (Escondido)
$1 Beer: Dream Street
One Track Mind: Epicentre, 'Canes Bar and Grill
PBR Streetgang: Epicentre
186 **Gregory Page:** Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Humphrey's
Dave Pavkovics Exciting Trio: The Casbah
Petty Cash: Brick By Brick
Pilotram: The Casbah
Pivit: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Plane: Bob's Whiskey Dive, 'Canes Bar and Grill
Pleasure Forever: The Casbah
The Plug Uglies: Live Wire
138 **The Price of Dope:** Victor's Restaurant & Bar, Buffalo Joe's
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Red Eye Gravy: Blind Melons
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352 **Slightly Stoopid:** Belly Up Tavern
382 **Smile:** The Casbah
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208 **Superunloader:** Tiki House
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442 **Billy Bacon & the Forbidden Pigs:** Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
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The Bartones: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Bell Rays: Brick By Brick
Big Deal: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa)
The Big Idea: D-mond Jim's Nightclub
Bottomline: Boar Cross'n
The CBGB's: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa)
Chapter 11: Neimans Bar and Grill
Crackhead Lenny: Bub's Whiskey Dive
Deadline Friday: Blind Melons
Deeper Purple: 'Canes Bar and Grill
The Dooras: Tiki House
8 Foot Face: Jolt'n Joe's (Escondido)
El Jardin: Neimans Bar and Grill
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
EXP: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa), Brick By Brick
Freestyle: Blind Melons
Funk Rage & Soul: Brick By Brick
God Damn Gentleman: Brick By Brick
461 **Hera's Olive:** Dick's Last Resort
551 **Dan Hicks & the Hot Licks:** Belly Up Tavern
547 **Hot Rod Lincoln:** Tio Leo's Lounge
Kitchenfire: Dublin Square
425 **Ben Lee:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
Lil' CIP & Point Blank: Neimans Bar and Grill
The McNallys: Carvers
404 **Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors:** The Kraken
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622 **Robberecht the Planonian:** Roger's on 5th
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Christopher Adler Trio: Goloko
711 **Agua Dulce:** Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, The Kensington Club
Frank Alves: Wildwood Restaurant
The Barfly Trio: Monzu on Prospect Street
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
Black Mambo: Juke Joint Cafe
670 **Breezin':** The Coast Cafe (Embassy Suites Hotel)
703 **John Cain:** Hotel del Coronado
The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
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The Gilbert Castellanos Quartet: Juke Joint Cafe
The Citrus Revolution: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
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427 **Fat Cat:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Donnie Finnell & Company East: Valentino's Jazz Supper Club, The Tin Fish
638 **Glen Fisher con Alma:** Croce's Jazz Bar
5 O'Clock Shadow: La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., The Beach House
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644 **Hollis Gentry:** Croce's Jazz Bar
Cynthia Hammond: Juke Joint Cafe
The Hot Club of San Diego: Lilo's
Inner Voyage: Monzu on Prospect Street
Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado
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The Chris Klich Jazz Quintet: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe
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718 **Tim Maglione:** Juke Joint Cafe, Jimmy Love's
Marquinho Pagodinho: Dream Street
The Masses: Dizzy's
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660 **The Shep Meyers Quartet:** Croce's Jazz Bar
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The Rob Thorsen Trio: Lilo's
Trio de Jour: The Beach House
The Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet: Tutto Mare
706 **Jaime Valle and Equinox:** U.S. Grant Hotel, La Casa del Zorro
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748 **Bogo Tricks:** Neimans Bar and Grill
750 **Buju Banton:** Belly Up Tavern
736 **Common Sense:** Cannibal Bar
740 **Psydecar:** Winstons, Buffalo Joe's
Quinn: The Yacht Club, Humphrey's
732 **The Revelations:** Winstons, Blind Melons
747 **Soulsi and Falakala:** The Beach House
U B Jammin': Cannibal Bar
Yellowman: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4007

American Made: Magnolia Mulvaney's
Big River: The Pine Valley House
Jeffery Halford & the Healers: Tio Leo's Lounge
Hill Country: Molly Malone's Sports Tavern
Hillbilly Noise: The Del Dios Country Store
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EXTENSION 4008 FOLK

866 **Dave Alvin & the Guilty Men:** The Casbah
J.D. Bouchard: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
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Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan Pollard, Kurt Heilige, Miss Katie, Richard.D, Todd, and Zero Out spin the best of '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744; information, 619-465-5827. *www.klubs.com.*

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Club Retro: Tuesdays, DJ Dementia and Esoterica spin the best of '80s and '90s new wave, synthpop, industrial dance, and more. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233. *www.synthclubs.com.*

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Club Tropics: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, DJs Kool T, Stiffy, and guests spin hip-hop, Latin, old school, and reggae. Sundays, *rock en español* featuring Mario Alberto and DJs spinning Latin house. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-9402.

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BY RICHARD MELTZER

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This turn of events, I suspect, has bummed **Peter Frampton** out — he's a shareholder, see. It would bum me out, it would bum you out — and no one would blame you if it did. Financial setbacks are a terrible thing. Expect a CRUMMY SHOW from Pete this week.

But his shows have been crummy for *years*, you say? OK, you're right, but expect this one to be WORSE.

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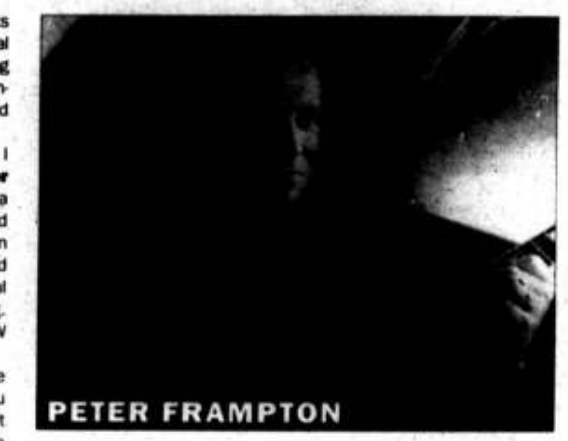

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Pivot: Fridays, two-step/U.K. garage and house. Info line, 858-831-1820.

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Rich's: 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest. Call club for nightly information, 619-497-4588.

Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Eric Hart, Marc Brueland, and Adam Atom. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744; information, 619-296-1301.

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Sevilla: Fridays and Saturdays, *Latin-Euro House* with DJs Valo and Guerrero. 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979.

Skies Lounge: Thursdays, *Salsa Fever*, salsa and merengue with DJ Charlee "El Pesao" Pena. Fridays, DJ Regin spins *Party Mix*, old school to current dance hits. Saturdays, *Salsa Fever* with DJs Juan "Kaliente Mix" Serrano, Alex "El Heavy" Ramirez, and Jose "Ole" Velazquez. Four Points Hotel, Sheraton San Diego, 8110 Aero Drive, San Diego. 858-277-8888, x7038.

Solstice: Mondays, resident DJs Phil the Snakeman, Steven Flex, Charlie Rock, and Merrin 8 spin hip-hop and rare groove. Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

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Therapy: DJs Bryan Pollard, DMNR, 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; information, 619-465-5827. *www.klubs.com.*

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OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Say the word **Aerosmith**, and does their music come to mind, or is it **Steven Tyler**'s big mouth? Both attributes have served them well.

Formed in Boston in the early '70s during the dawning of the age of stadium-sized shows, Tyler made sure the band was seen on the giant stage. His fey influence — scarves, bracelets, bandannas, mascara — helped lead legions of rock's men down the pike of androgyny. Comparisons to Mick Jagger and the Stones followed, and the band was written off as being derivative from the start.

The critics were wrong, of course, for given time, Aerosmith would record some of the riffs most fundamental to modern guitar-driven rock. In some cases, they were ahead of their time: during a fallow period for the hard-rock unit, rap artists Run-DMC dubbed the Aerosmith classic "Walk This Way" into a rap-rock hit more powerful than the original. A video followed, new life was kicked into an old song, and the eventual melding of hip-hop with heavy metal was set in motion.


AEROSMITH

Originally, the founding lineup wanted to call the band Hookers but settled on Aerosmith after their first gig around 1970. By 1973, Aerosmith had a record deal and a single, "Dream On," that became a top-ten hit three years later. They worked hard and played even harder until the end of the '70s, when the drug-fueled fireworks between Tyler and guitarist **Joe Perry** caused the band to split off in separate directions that included solo projects and, eventually, rehab.

Today, resuscitated by AA meetings, Aerosmith is a tight family unit — when asked who his number-one guitar influence was, Joe Perry, in his thick Boston accent, named **Brad Whitford**, probably the band's quietest member. "I learn new things from him every day," Perry said.

Fuel opens.

*(To hear a sample of **Aerosmith,** call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4509.)*

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Performances are from 9 pm to 1:30 am. Thursday and Friday, *the Rhythm Dogs*, pop, jazz. Saturday and Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop.

The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Performances begin at 7 pm, except Sunday, 5:00 pm. Thursday, *Diversity*, jazz. Friday, *Trio du Jour*, jazz. Saturday, *the Justin Brothers*, acoustic. Sunday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Wednesday, *Semisi & Fulabula*, reggae.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8:30 pm, *Dan Hicks & the Hot Licks* with *Tim Flannery*, rock. Friday and Saturday, 9:15 pm, *Super Diamond*, pop, with *the Urban Gypsies*, blues. Sunday, 9 pm, *Buju Banton* with *Slightly Stoopid*, ska. Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Yellowman*, reggae, and guests.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Bottomline*, classic rock.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 pm, *Taste of Jazz*. Saturday, 8 pm, *Friction Bailey*, acoustic rock.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Plane*, alternative. Saturday, *Crackhead Lenny*, rock. Sunday, Rusty's open-mike night.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Live music most nights. Call club for featured guests. Sunday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *Sambajazz*. Wednesday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Sue Palmer* with *Candye Kane*, jazz and blues.

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

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

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

The Filling Station, 9522 Miramar Road, San Diego. 858-578-0757. Thursday, *Cool Band Luke*. Friday, *the New Breed Band*. Saturday, *the Rhythm Dogs*.

Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Balance*, rock.

The Grouchy Gaucho, 29000 Lilac Road, Valley Center. 760-749-8041. Friday, 9 pm, *Nitro Express*, country.

Henifin's Irish Pub, 13314 Poway Road, Poway. 858-486-0764. Friday, *Dani Carroll*, folk.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic. Saturday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

Jammers Java, 218 A North El Camino Real (in the Wiegand Plaza next to AMC Theaters), Encinitas. 760-942-JAVA. Thursday, *Matt Yagley* and *Jo Tang*, folk.

Jolt'n Joe's, 717 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 760-743-7665. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *SHT*, *Five Years Later*, and *1924*. Saturday, *the Barnyard Ballers*, *8 Foot Face*, and *Seven Hills*.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, rock. Friday, *Windy City*, blues. Saturday, *the Blues Brokers*. Sunday through Wednesday, call club for information.

La Casa del Zorro, 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs. 760-767-5323. Fox Den: Thursday, 7 pm to 11, *Tony Lencioni*. Friday and Saturday, *Jaime Valle & Equinox*, Latin jazz. Sunday through Monday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Dick Matson*, piano and vocals.

La Costa Tournament of Champions Lounge, La Costa Resort and Spa, Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Friday and Saturday, live pop music.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at "D" Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, *Frank Sullivan and the Texas Sky Band*. Sunday, *Fat Cat*. Monday, *Square Circle*. Tuesday, 6 pm, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz. Wednesday, *The Citrus Revolution*.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Bob Karwin*, contemporary. Saturday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Steve White*, folk. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Ned Landau*, jazz.

Molly Malone's Sports Tavern, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday and Saturday, 9 pm, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*. Wednesday, 8 pm, *Hill Country*.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:30 pm, in the carousel, *the Cradit Union*. Friday, *Baga Tricks*, reggae. Saturday, 10 pm, *Lil' CIP & Point Blank* with *Chapter 11*, rock. Sunday, *El Jardin*.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Diversity*, jazz.

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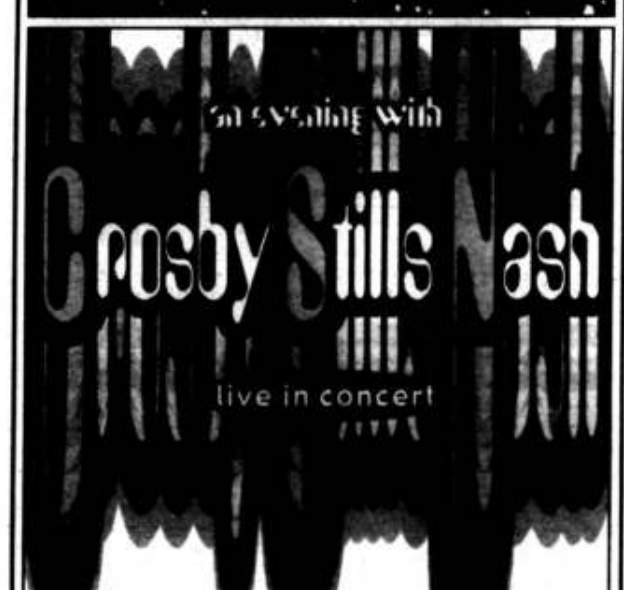

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The Roadhouse, 2102 Main Street, Ramona. 760-788-1944. Friday and Saturday, *Pure Flow*, rock and roll.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Big City Shaman*, blues. Saturday, *Citrus*, alternative rock.

Valentino's, 11828 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo. 858-451-3200. Friday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, and Saturday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Donnie Finnell and Company East*, jazz.

Wildwood Restaurant, 1433 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-731-0007. Friday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Frank Alves*, jazz.

Beaches

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Bedhead Blonde*, alternative rock. Friday, *d.fRost*, *Ghoulspoon*, and *Mower*. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *Freestyle*, rock, 9 pm, *Red Eye Gravy*, *the Flaming Hellcats*, and *the Scotch Greens*, alternative. Sunday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *Jimmy Thackery & the Drivers*, 8:30 pm, *Lafayette & the Leasebreakers*, *the Smooth Hounds*, and *the Million Dollar Playboys*. Monday, *Deadline Friday*, funk. Tuesday, *the Ravens*, rockin' blues. Wednesday, *the Revelations*, reggae.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Call Me Alice*, *Plane*, *Fusebox*, and *Thick Liquid*. Friday, *the Atomic Punks*, *Sirens Wail*, and *Deeper Purple*. Saturday, *Ben Lee* and *Jason Mraz*. Monday, *Daemos*, *Stretcher*, *Life Hates Me*, and *Chapter 13*. Tuesday, *Pivot*, *One Track Mind*, *Spazboy*, and *Death on Wednesday*. Wednesday, *I Astronaut*, *Ladwig*, *Fiction Engine*, and *Push*.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, *Siers Brothers*. Saturday, *Common Sense*. Sunday, *U B Jammin'*.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday and Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues. Friday, *Paul & Shirleen Nichols*, blues.

The Coast Cafe, in the Embassy Suites Hotel, 4550 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla. 858-453-1418. Friday, *Breezin'*, jazz.

The Crescent Shores Grill (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, *the Mike Woffard/Holly Hofmann Jazz Quartet*. Wednesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Dejablu*, jazz.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. All shows start at 8 pm. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *the Million Dollar Playboys*, *the Attic Fans*, *May River*, and *the Janet Rucci Band*. Friday, *Film Noir*, *the Fiction Engine*, *8 Ball Rack*, and *Andromeda*. Saturday, *Callbox*, *Blow Up Betty*, *Harmony 24*, and *Wide Open*. Sunday, *Subfactor*, *Afterblack*, and *Witness Rejection Program*. Tuesday, *Marquinho Pagodinho*. Wednesday, *Explicit*, *Trip West*, *Icarus Flight Plan*, and *$1 Beer*.

Galoka, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday through Sunday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Christopher Adler Trio*. Wednesday, *Forward Funk*.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Solrel*, rock. Saturday, *the O'Brien Brothers*, Irish folk.

The Hyatt Islandia, 1441 Quivira Road, Mission Bay. 619-224-1234. Friday and Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, vocals.

Java Joe's Coffeehouse, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Jason Mraz* and *Toca Rivera*. Friday, *Gregory Page*, alternative.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, and Sunday through Wednesday, 6:30 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *Solreel*, rock.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Club Tremors, call club for information.

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, *Jerry Deminck and Scottie Blinn*, blues. Friday, *Superunloader*, alternative rock. Saturday, *the Deonas*. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open acoustic night.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Friday, 9 pm, *the Price of Dope*, acid jazz. Saturday, *Junior Murvin*.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *the Revelations*, reggae. Friday, *Carlos Washington's Giant People*. Saturday, *the Flir*, *Psydecar*, and *the Young Blood Brass Band*. Sunday, 5 pm to 8 pm, *the Shelltown Horns*, blues, 8:30 pm, *the Young Blood Brass Band*, hip-hop. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, rock. Tuesday, *Martha's Kitchen* with *the Greg Vaughn Band*, blues. Wednesday, *Spaceman Spiff*, jazz.

San Diego

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.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Joe Byrnes*, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the O'Brien Brothers*, Irish folk.

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, *Javid*, Flamenco music.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Bell Rays* and *God Damn Gentleman*. Friday, *Heaven & Earth*, *Evilution*, and *EXP*. Saturday, *Crash Palace* and *Lovelight Shine*. Wednesday, *Downspell*, *Scare Tactic*, *Funk Rage & Soul*, and *Petty Cash*.

Club Hollywood, 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102. Call club for information.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Against All Authority*, *PBR Streetgang*, *One Track Mind*, and *the Downtown Strutters*. Friday, *Backside*, *Union 13*, *Early Times*, and *London's Falling*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday, 9 pm, *Avalanche*, rock. Saturday, 9 pm, *the Bluebelly Blues Band*. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *Angel Hayes* and *Uncle John's Big Roll Band*, blues. Wednesday, 9 pm, *69 Percent*, rock.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Music is blues/swing unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Big Daddy & the Money Shakers*. Saturday, *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Good China*, alternative. Tuesday, *the Stilettos*, blues.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 pm, *Quiet Storm*, jazz and blues. Friday, 9:30 pm, *Makai*, disco, dance. Saturday, 9:30 pm, *Rising Star*, pop. Sunday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Reel to Real*, jazz. Monday, 3 pm to 6 pm, *Gregory Page*, alternative. Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Quino*, reggae, salsa. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, *the World Beat Gomango Invasion Orchestra*.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Wednesday through Saturday, *Sean McVicker*, dance music.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Friday, *the CBGB's*. Saturday, *the Conflict Theory*, *Incidentals*, and *All Time High*, alternative/rock.

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Thursday, *the Marinators*, pop. Friday, *Evans*, acoustic. Saturday, live music. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative. Friday, *Teacher's Pet* and *Vertibird*, alternative/rock. Saturday, *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz.

Live Wire, 2103 El Cajon Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-291-7450. Saturday, *the Steamies* and *the Plug Uglies*, alternative.

Monzu on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5218. Music is jazz. Thursday, *Inner Voyage*. Friday, *the Barfly Trio*. Saturday, *David Patrone*.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Roxx*, rock. Saturday, *the Bartones*, rock, blues.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gene Warren*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Positive Approach*, R&B, rock, swing.

The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. Call club for information.

Poppy's Sport Bar and Grill, 7986 Armour Street, San Diego. 858-571-0796. Friday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues. Saturday, live music.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock and roll.

Sante, 7811 Herschel, La Jolla. 858-454-1315. Friday and Saturday, *Bill Beyer*, variety, jazz.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *6one9*, rock and roll.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Friday, *Grow*, alternative. Saturday, *Prophet Rock*.

The Tin Fish, 1706 Sixth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-3800. Sunday, 5 pm to 8 pm, *Donnie Finell and Company East*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *Jeffery Halford & the Healers*, country. Saturday, *Catie Ness & the Revenge* and *44 Double D*.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet*.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk. Friday, *Steve Denyez* and *Chrisi Leigh*. Saturday, *J.D. Bouchard* and *Linda Sargent*. Sunday, 4 pm, *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, open mike.

Urban Grind, 3797 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-294-2920. Saturday, midnight to 2:30 am, jazz jam hosted by *the Nate Souders' Group*, jazz.

Village Hillcrest, 3955 Fifth Avenue, Suite 201 (Fifth and Washington), Hillcrest. 457-0911. Friday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *Strictly a Cappella*, jazz. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *the Dixie Duo*, banjo and trumpet.

Downtown

The Bayou Bar and Grill, 329 Market Street, downtown. 619-696-8747. Friday and Saturday, live bands.

Buffalo Joe's, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, *the Price of Dope*, acid jazz. Friday, *the 80z All-Stars*. Saturday, *the Disco Pimps*. Sunday, *Chris Smith and the Hammersmith Band*. Monday, *Len Rainey*. Tuesday, *Spaceman Spiff*. Wednesday, *Psydecar*.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Dave Alvin & the Guilty Men*, *the Hatchet Brothers*, and *the Deere Johns*. Friday, *Imperial Teen*, *Smile*, and *the Mediums*. Saturday, *Tristeza*, *Roots of Orchis*, and *Pleasure Forever*. Sunday, *HiM*, *Dave Pavkovics Exciting Trio*, and *Pilotram*. Monday, *Paula Frazer* and *the Court & Spark*.

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN


COURT & SPARK

There's a gal I know whom I call Meredith of the Strong Opinions. I like her a lot. I see her at shows and ask her what she thinks of the band, and she always has something to say. Oh boy, does she. Sometimes I defend a band I don't even like just because I like to argue with her.

A few months ago I ran into her at a very crowded show where the **Court & Spark** was opening for someone or other. Meredith of the Strong Opinions said it was hard for her to appreciate the Court & Spark's music because the players looked like they were trying so hard to build an image: sort of a junkie-cowboy thing (as opposed to the Cowboy Junkies). Me, I didn't know what to make of them: two vaguely androgynous guitarist/singers, one with a twanging baritone and one with an angelic alto; bottleneck slide and pedal steel guitars; bass and drums that held everything together in a slow, country shuffle even when the other instruments threatened to escape gravity's pull. It was kind of hard to appreciate when there were people everywhere, knocking into my beer.

I went to see the Court & Spark again a few weeks ago. This time, the Court & Spark went on last. I got to the club early and found a seat. That made all the difference in the world. The dirgey tempos came across like lucid dreams. The slide guitars sounded like the gods rubbing their fingers around the rims of their glasses of nectar. I wished Meredith of the Strong Opinions were there. This time all the images were in the audience's heads.

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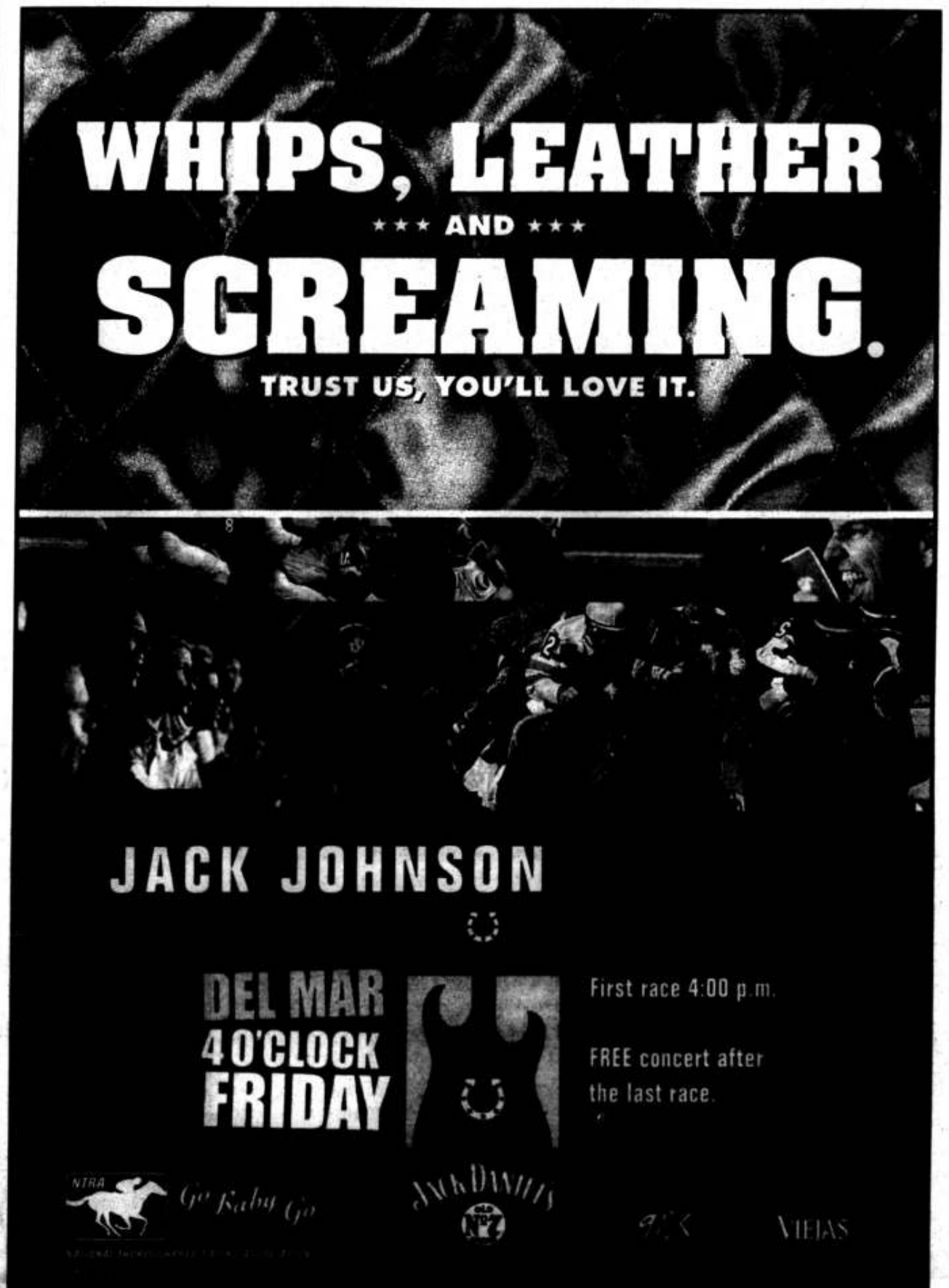



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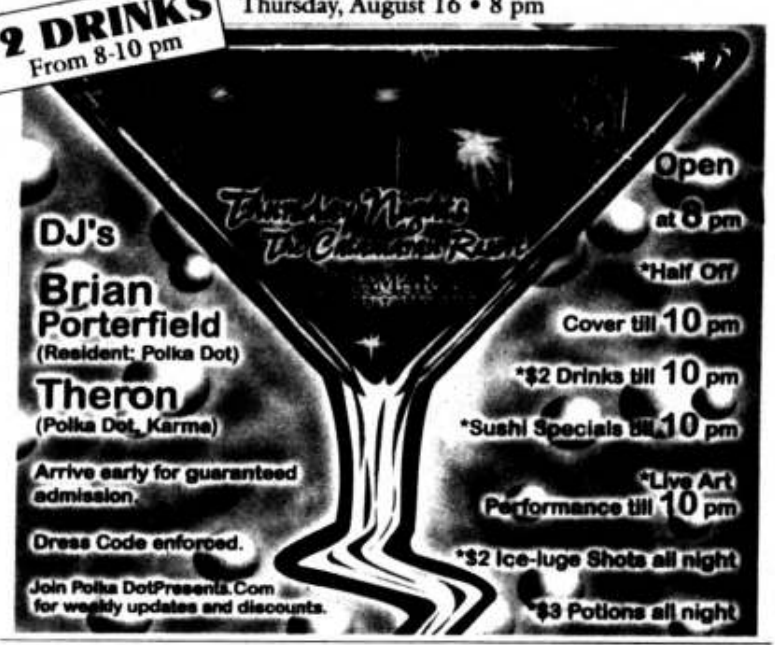

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"Filet mignon wrapped in bacon?" asked the server. "One more piece of meat?" I groaned. "You've got to be kidding!" I'd already eaten a year's worth of beef in a single evening. "Okay, I'll try it," I said. Boy, there's a lot to put up with at a Brazilian *rodizio* — an endless parade of savory barbecued meats, a corridor of exotic, ever-changing side dishes, and a vast and varied salad bar. It adds up to not merely all you can eat, but a powerful temptation to shoot for the *Guinness Book of World's Records*.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Our plunge into deepest gluttony began with a tip from a *Reader* reader (thanks, Brad). We'd disguised ourselves as mild-mannered nonreporters and headed for Fronteira Brazilian BBQ on a Saturday night. As we approached, we noticed a "closed" sign on the door, but the restaurant was full of people so we figured that somebody just forgot to flip the sign. In we sashayed, and nobody stopped us. Only much later, when we noticed how many patrons were wearing T-shirts emblazoned with the same logo, did we realize that we'd crashed a private party. A *capoeira* school had booked the bash, and most of the energetic young crowd were students of this exciting dance game/martial art (invented by African slaves who escaped from Recife's sugar plantations and established free colonies deep in the mountains of Paraibo). All the small tables in the large, bright front rooms were occupied, so we found seats at one of several banquet tables in the rear, where our new tablemates introduced themselves to us and to each other. (Apparently we were not the only unwitting gate-crashers.)

A *capoeira* student named Roberta knew the *rodizio* drill and advised the rest of us how to proceed. First, you pick up plates and silver on a table adjoining the buffet, then you load up at the horseshoe-shaped buffet and salad bar with whatever goodies appeal to you. When you return laden to your table, you locate a wooden obelisk, half-red, half-green. You turn it green side up to indicate that you want meat, red side up when you're sufficiently meatified for the moment. There's also a plate with tongs on it, which you employ to capture slices of meat as the server cuts them.

Rodizio means both "rotation" and "rotisserie," and both translations are accurate — the servers rotate around the room carrying vertical spits inserted into small round trays. Wherever they see a green signal, they offer a piece of meat, poultry, or fish cooked on a special gas-and-electric rotisserie from Brazil. This particular barbecue tradition apparently started in the cattle country around Rio Grande do Sul, in the temperate far south of Brazil, where the population represents a wide mixture of European ancestries. About 300 years ago the gauchos (the same word in Portuguese as in Argentine Spanish) came up with the style of salty spit-roasting called *churrasco*. *Rodizio* restaurants represent a more recent development. They began as roadside barbecue shacks, which eventually grew roofs and walls and about 30 years ago embellished their once-simple fare by serving a series of every kind of barbecue-able meat anyone could think of, along with a wealth of side dishes. Soon the *rodizios* spread all over Brazil, and in 1997, when several opened in New York, they caused an immediate sensation. By now, there are *rodizios* in Munich, Hong Kong, Singapore, Manila (et al.) — and, happily, Pacific Beach.

REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

My boyfriend and I strategically split our forces. While I was raiding the buffet, he started amassing our meat collection. We quickly discovered that Fronteira follows the traditional *rodizio* recipes. Some of the red meats are rubbed heavily with garlic, others not, but all are traditionally coated in coarse salt and a little olive oil before cooking. Poultry and fish may be lightly marinated in savory seasoning mixtures before they hit the spit. And what a carnivores' cavalcade they make! Chunks of filet mignon and turkey are wrapped in bacon, to lend flavor and moisture to these bland meats. (The filet muscle does no work, so it never develops much character). They're both cooked well-done at Fronteira, as is a shish kebab of sirloin with onions and bell peppers. Skirt steak is served medium-rare, and it's tender and luscious, as are the slices of garlic-marinated top sirloin, cut from a hefty chub. There's tri-tip (the cut known best as the stuff of Santa Maria barbecue), cooked medium, and there are smoky, tangy linguiça sausages from Brazil. Best of all, near the end of the party came skewers of medium shrimp — sweet and tender, cooked not a second too long. (That's a feat of split-second timing on a hot rotisserie.) At weekend dinners, I later learned, Fronteira's kitchen sometimes adds a whole series of barbecued seafoods, including salmon and catfish.

Meanwhile, back at the buffet, I was collecting samples: perfect, fluffy white rice, and an earthy rice medley with mushrooms. A thin, flavorful stew of beef and okra (cooked to just the right point, so it wasn't slimy), and a heavier, interesting stew in a red sauce. Ground beef croquettes and ground beef-filled empanadas. When the latter were gone, they were replaced with fried plantains and the national vegetable of Brazil — *couvé minheiro*, lightly sautéed chopped collard greens, semi-crisp and chewy.

Against the front window at the crux of the horseshoe were two pots of beans: One held flavorful vegetarian red beans, while the other offered Brazil's national dish, *feijoada*, a meaty black bean stew, accompanied by cute, chewy little rolls with the elastic texture of taro flour. (You can use these as dumplings in the stew, but they're also great on their own.) Fronteira's mildly spiced *feijoada* proved less vibrant than the best renditions I've eaten, but just to my left, on top of the salad bar, was an array of bottled sauces. A shot of Tabasco and a spoonful of the *salsa fresca* from the salad array brought the beans to life. And speaking of salads, their names were legion — green salads and bean salads, palm-hearts and olives and avocados, and a fabulous Brazilian rendition of potato salad (*mayones* is its name), enlivened with corn kernels and mild chiles. There was also a tray of sliced cheeses and cold cuts, God knows why anybody would want them.

For your dessert or your digestion, you can dive into heaps of fresh fruits — cantaloupe and watermelon, cherries and berries, mangos and orange slices (a traditional accompaniment to *feijoada*), and lemons and limes. For a tropical treat, try lightly salting a wedge of cantaloupe and squeezing on a little lime juice — the effect is like Cinderella togged out in a chic little black dress. There are dressings for the fruit and other dressings for the greens. Our plates held a cornucopian feast even without the march of meats.

We returned a few days later on a quieter evening. Now that the restaurant was operating normally — minus the hundred hungry athletes in full feeding frenzy — the staff had time to explain to novices how to proceed. The meats were largely the same (except we ran out of appetite well before any parade of ocean products), but a whole new set of delicacies showed up in the steam trays. There was rice pilaf with bits of beef and a rich chicken Stroganoff in a red-brown sauce with mushrooms. Tender oxtail stew with slices of starchy yucca. Fluffy, smoky semi-mashed beans and bacon. Salad macaroni glazed with a delicious thin tomato sauce. Zucchini with cornmeal. Fried plantains. Fried yucca. We realized that however often you eat at Fronteira, you'll never have the same meal twice.

If you want to taste everything, the widest variety of dishes is served at dinner on Fridays and Saturdays. Expect to spend at least a couple of hours getting seriously full, but you can pace yourself by sharing each offering with your dinner partner, instead of each getting your own slice or chunk. (There are no doggie bags, of course, so you'll get no benefit from leftovers.) Extreme carnivores may want to save their appetites by going easy at the buffet — but doing so risks missing the most interesting dishes.

With or without a party to crash, we had a wonderful, enjoyable time at Fronteira, addressing a feast of gargantuan size and engaging flavors. Now — anybody know a good cardiologist?

This eatfest is dedicated to Brazilian novelist Jorge Amado, b. 1912, d. 8/6/01.

ABOUT THE CHEFS

Tania and Jefferson Dasconcellos are the owners and chefs at Fronteira, which has been open about four months. She comes from Goiania, near Brasilia in Minas Gerais, "right in the middle of Brazil, not near the beach," and he comes from Espiritu Santu, near Rio. "We had a restaurant in New York, named Tania," said Tania. "It was smaller, more of a bake-house. We liked San Diego because of the weather, and because there aren't many similar restaurants here, while there are many in New York. Besides us, there's only Rei do Gado in the Gaslamp, which is far away, so that's good.

"I've been cooking since I was 10. My mother had to work, so I cooked at home. I went to New York when I was 23, and I worked as a waitress, but I still loved to cook. And after we made enough money, we opened our restaurant there and did well, so I think people like my food."

There's more than just standard barbecued meats on Fronteira's rotisserie. "We always have shrimp at dinner, and we have salmon, quail, lamb. If people don't eat meat, we have fish. When they come and tell us, 'I don't eat meat,' we have some very nice catfish fillet that I grill for them. Some people put meat in the Brazilian potato salad, but we don't because we have a lot of vegetarians eating here."

I had to ask how a *rodizio* could make any profit, given the humongous quantities and varieties of food they serve. "You don't make much money with a *rodizio*," Tania answered, "but you make enough. You just have to know how to prepare all the meats. You never throw things away, you never waste things. That's the first thing you have to learn.

"We're not applying for a liquor license yet; it's too expensive, about $35,000. But we're applying for a permit to have live music. If we get it, we'll be very busy — everybody wants to hear Brazilian music." ■

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Tin Fork
ED BEDFORD

Here's what's so great about this city. You never know who you're going to meet. Take tonight. Walking down Fifth, near the Blood Bank. Around sunset. Saw the red and yellow sign. Nunu's Cocktail Lounge. Place has been here for, like, ever. But tonight they have a big sandwich-board outside talking about a new "expanded" menu. Decide to pop in. At least have a beer. (As they say, a Bud in hand is worth two in the Busch.) And guess who I plop down next to? This old geezer in the big black cowboy hat and cowboy boots, drinking a cup of coffee.

"Most people call me 'Cowboy,' " he says. "But my real name's James Santiago. Been coming in here 22 years. I used to be a rodeo clown. Son and grandson of cowboys. I was born at Santa Margarita y Las Flores, where they worked."

Santa Margarita was a huge rancho up Oceanside way, he says. "I was in the saddle and working by the time I was seven. Never did get to school. Can't read or write to this day. Tell me, why don't cowboys skydive?"

I shake my head.

" 'Cause it'd scare the hell out of their horses." He laughs. Takes me a moment to get it, to see the picture of cowboys floating down still straddled to their nags. That's it. I'm staying. I order a bottle of Bud ($2.25) for each of us and ask about food.

"You'll have to go see Joe about that," says John Watson, the manager guy. "Round the corner, next to the coffee. Just holler for Joe."

Cowboy says he's eaten, so I mosey off toward Joe's Grill. Look around the bar for the first time. It's low, with twinkle lights all around the bar and booths. Mirrors make the place look twice as wide. Bunch of people sitting up to the bar sound as though they've known each other a long time. "Lights out" jazz plays on the radio. Classy red booths with deep shiny studs have leaded colored-glass lamps hanging above them. Great place for a secret rendezvous.

At the rear they have an outside patio with a sign saying No Alcohol, so guess it's for smoking only. I spot the little step-up window. I step up. Look at the menu. "Served all day and all night," it says. It lists appetizers like chicken wings ($3.95 for 6, $6.95 for 12), fried zucchini ($4.95), bay shrimp cocktail ($2.95), or a large shrimp cocktail for $4.95. Then a bunch of sandwiches like tuna melt or corned beef or Icelandic cod for $5.95, and burgers and fries (basic half-pounder, $5.50; quarter-pounder, $4.95; mushroom and bacon half-pound cheeseburger, $6.50). Salads run from the house ($2.95) to the Caesar with grilled chicken ($5.95).

Joe also has "Business Persons' Blue Plate Specials," like liver and onions with mashed potatoes, veggies, and bread and butter ($5.95). Pot roast costs the same. And he has a week's worth of Daily Specials across the bottom. Steaks, chicken, liver, fish and chips — and today's: "Joe's Special Meat Loaf, with mashed potatoes, brown gravy, vegetables, bread and butter, $5.95." Mmm. Think I can handle that. I lean in the hatch.

"Joe. Uh, Joe?"

No answer. "Here," says a guy. Jim. Hears me bleating. Gets up from the bar. Leans in. "JOE! CUSTOMER!"

"Gotta make yourself heard," he says. "Man's got a lot of noise going back there. People here use their voices. Used to be mostly Portuguese and Italian fishermen came in here. 'Nunu's' means 'Grandfather's' in Italian. Sometimes you'd hear no English. Still like that sometimes with the old boys who come in mornings."

"Yes?" It's Joe. Big, red-faced, all business.

"Uh, one meat loaf special," I say. I hand over the money. "I'll bring it out," he says, and disappears.

"We're lucky to have him," says John, the manager. "He's a real grill cook. He does it all himself. The food gets us a lot of business. That and our cocktails — we charge half what they do downtown. The theater crowd, they come here, late. The restaurant people too, after they close. Plus the neighborhood. We're just an old-fashioned bar and grill. Neighborhood hangout. A dying breed."

Joe turns up with my meal. Doesn't say a lot, but the meal speaks for him. The meat loaf is rich, thick. Like roast beef with herbs, I'd say. I add a bit of ketchup, natch. The mash has a big puddle of tasty brown gravy. The veggie is sweet corn. Two slices of already-buttered bread fill the rest of the plate. Good down-home vittles.

I knock it off pretty smartly. Fact is, I want to hear more from Cowboy. How he enlisted just around the time the Marines came and took over the rancho he'd been born in. Rancho Santa Margarita y Las Flores. Because that's the rancho that became Camp Pendleton. The lifelong cowboy became a Marine for 22 years. Ultimate case of "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em," I guess. But he's all caught up with a bunch of feisty Irish kids who've come in. Think they're wondering if he's real or not.

I'm coming back. Tomorrow. Thursday is liver and onions, and Cowboy assures me he'll be there. ■

The Place: *Joe's Grill, Nunu's Cocktail Lounge, 3537 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest (619-295-2878)*
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"If you ordered it and it tasted like nothing, then nothing is what you'd get charged for it."

Crush
MATTHEW LICKONA

Ed Moore's wonderful — and often wonderfully priced — wine list at Thee Bungalow has climbed from the 100 or so wines it offered when he bought the restaurant in 1987 to over 1000 today. He has tasted every wine that's made it onto the page and judged it worthy, but while he still remembers many — he has special praise for the wines of Deer Park — there are others about which he is less certain. "I can't remember ever tasting Crocker & Starr Cabernet Franc," he admits. Cabernet Franc is not generally an easy sale, so "it must have been awfully good for me to buy it. When you get the size up over a thousand bottles, you do lose a little individuality."

A recent transfer to a computerized point-of-sale system has provided Moore with an opportunity to reacquaint himself with the list he has made. There have been some disturbing discoveries. "I've got one wine that I've got to get off the list. I saw it the other day as I was putting it into the point-of-sale system. This ought to be a truly disgusting bottle of wine…'92 Grenache Rose from McDowell." Whatever charms it offered eight years ago have almost certainly faded.

As he notes in the introduction to his list, his collection is heavily skewed toward red wine. This is partly because red is what he generally likes to drink and partly because red generally tends to age better than white. When he looks at the whites, he concludes, "I'm at too many older vintages. I've learned some lessons; I've thrown away a lot of California white. We've got some Viogniers and other things on the list that I know are no good [anymore]. As we open them and try them, I try to get them out there." For example, "The '91 La Jota Viognier, I could just about guarantee you that that thing's toast. Might not even make a good sauce. When we serve a bottle of wine like that, we'll tell the customer, 'If it's not good, it's not a problem.' If you ordered it and it tasted like nothing, then nothing is what you'd get charged for it."

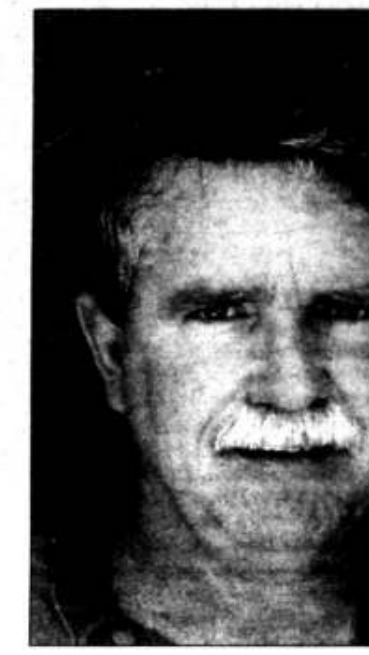
For a wine to make it onto the list, there is only one universal criterion — Moore has to like it. "But," he grants, "I've tried to sort of mainline some things, so that things don't sit on the list as much." Even Chardonnays, depending on the style, can take a while to move. "This guy, Walter Hansel — he makes an incredible Burgundian-style Chardonnay. Big acid, a little bit lean, citrusy, mineraly. It's not this oaky tropical fruit. I love this guy's wines. I bought it, and I knew it wouldn't sell too well. It's kind of a hard sell. I've got to get my employees to taste it again; they forget. Usually, if I find something that I know is going to take a while to sell, I'll make sure it's got some pretty strong acid in it, so that it will hold up."

The staff, which tastes everything on the list, "especially if it's an unknown," becomes an invaluable aid in obtaining a great bottle and avoiding the occasional desiccated corpse. Fortunately, says Moore, "I've got a pretty good staff now; they like wine. When I know a wine isn't going to sell that well, I'll make the distributors come out here and let them all taste it. A lot of times, if I'm not certain about a wine and I'm getting a bit of a hard sell from the distributor — 'You may be wrong; this is a really good wine' — I'll say, 'Okay, fine. Have my waiters taste it.' They're disgustingly honest. They'll say, 'This is trashy. I can't sell this stuff.' "

For some wines, the waiters are the only way out of the cellar. "The Spanish wines are real marginal sellers. We've got a waiter here, he likes to sell the Abadia. He loves these wines. I'm amazed he gets customers, but he's sold all of these. That's what it takes to move [marginal product] — a waiter who's really passionate and a customer who's willing to be swayed, because they're parking their whole trust into this person's ability to recommend a bottle of wine. And if you're a Kendall-Jackson Merlot kind of person, if you like that slightly tutti-frutti Kool-Aid cherry Merlot, this is not a wine you're going to like. It's got a lot of dirt, a lot of leather, cedar — some vegetal flavors." Moore, who is not eager to push someone into a bottle they won't like, suggests that "the first question a waiter should ask is, 'What wine do you normally drink at home?' "

But no matter how passionate the waitstaff, there is still a race against time in the cellar. It begins with sharply rising costs, which can slow down a wine's sales, especially in a city like San Diego. "Los Angeles supports these prices. San Francisco, to a certain extent, supports these prices. San Diego is a different world. In the past few years, we've been supporting more expensive restaurants and buying better wine, but we don't have Hollywood. We don't have Silicon Valley. We don't have Monopoly money to play with down here."

When sales slow and inventory builds, the race is on. "I don't see Altamura flying off my list. I don't see Frasier flying off my list. I bought them because they are good bottles of wine, and over a period of time, I think they will sell. What concerns me is where the curve is at; at what point do you reach the top of the curve, after which the wine starts going downhill? Then I'm stuck with high-priced inventory."



Ed Moore

Part of Moore's solution has been to slow down acquisition of expensive new product. "I've got so many Cabernets now… I was lucky this year." The currently available '98 vintage was as expensive as '97 but not as well regarded (and, consequently, not as sure a sell). "I could just let '98 slide by. I didn't have to buy. I feel sorry for winemakers in '98; they didn't make bad wines, but the *Wine Spectator* waved its magic wand and said, 'Not a great vintage,' and it's sandwiched between two [great] vintages. Many winemakers liked '99 better than '97. So we can just sit there and wait for the '99s and just see where the prices fall." In the meantime, "I'm cherry picking," searching out wines from the bargain-rich south of France, Argentina, Australia, and elsewhere. ■

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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. Other locations: 5755 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla, 858-459-2768; 2401 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2685. — *E.W.*

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999. Here's a good family restaurant where you can take your children and grandchildren for salads, pasta, pizza. There are 28 pizzas. The chicken tequila with spinach fettuccine is great, as are vegetarian sandwiches. Same menu, lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. Branches also in La Jolla Village Square, 3363 Nobel Drive, 858-457-4222; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, 858-675-4424; 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4078. — *E.W.*

CLAIM JUMPER The portions are so large they elicit gasps (the prime rib served weekends is 26 ounces). The food isn't memorable, just more than any one person can eat. Among the attractions every day are the huge salad bar, barbecued chicken, ribs, and turkey dinners. Count on a wait on weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive (for larger steaks and beef rib). 5500 Grossmont Center Drive, La Mesa, 619-469-3927; 12384 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-485-8170; 5958 Avenida Encinas, Carlsbad, 760-431-0889. — *E.W.*

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-calllow-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located through out the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimmick caps) but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabsoli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("Crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies) or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. — *N.W.*

UNO CHICAGO BAR AND GRILL The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports (along with Oprah and steaks). Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-219-1866; 5th & H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — *E.B.*

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EPAZOTE SOUTHWEST RESTAURANT 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include **southwestern-style tapas and spit-roasted items**. Sunday brunch à la carte. Sister restaurant of Cilantros. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

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NEIMANS 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (corner of Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-7234. Opt for Irish rather than American dishes. Recommended are the stew, shepherd's pie, and fish and chips. Boxty dishes added to the menu. A brown bread, baked on the premises, is available for takeout daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

VILLAGE MILL BREAD COMPANY 12845 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley (Del Mar Heights), 858-794-4994. Sixteen varieties of bread, all fine for sandwiches. Best bets are honey sunflower and cinnamon swirl, which makes excellent French toast. The bread is soft with soft crusts; children love it. Open daily. — *E.W.*

VIVACE Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6999. The well-prepared food is no more expensive than the offerings in any upscale San Diego restaurant, but it's an experience to dine in such luxurious surroundings. Menus change seasonally. The appetizer list offers unique selections. For entrées try chicken in clay pot or daily fresh fish. The Four Seasons lounge is a great place to visit and listen to live music. Go see the hotel. It's worth the trip. Open nightly, 5:30 to 10:30 p.m., dinners only. Expensive. — *E.W.*

WILD NOTE CAFE 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-259-7310. Located adjacent to the Belly Up Tavern, this uniquely decorated room offers excellent salads, pasta, fresh fish, and burgers. The new chef adds luster to the new menu. Loving and attentive service. Open daily. Inexpensive to low-moderate. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

ATHENS MARKET CAFE 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza (close to Rancho Bernardo) 619-135, 858-675-2225. The same recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more lovingly prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value and tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

CHICKEN PLUS GREEK 309 West Mission, Escondido, 760-480-1348. This pleasant little spot (mainly for takeout) has multiple personalities. First, there's very basic rotisserie chicken. Then, there are parboiled "barbecued" baby back ribs and a prime rib plate. The latest twist on these dishes is "Cajun" seasoning. But the most savory personality is Greek, with decent gyros (grilled pressed ground lamb and beef), souvlakia (kebabs), *dolmades*, *tyropita*, and good gooey *spanikopita*. Although the salad dressings and *tzatziki* (the cuke-yogurt gyros dressing) taste mass-produced, you get a lot of wholesome food for little money. Lunch and early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

FISH HOUSE VERA CRUZ 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. This family-style restaurant serves seafood and fresh fish that changes daily. Simple but honest preparation, good value. Open daily for lunch and dinner (dinner menu is served from opening to closing on Sunday). Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE FORTUNE COOKIE 16425 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-8958. Since its 1992 opening, the luster of this handsome, once-ambitious Chinese restaurant has somewhat faded in the face of local preferences. Chef Yang's creative Chinese menu has devolved into the cornstarch-heavy Szechwanese and Cantonese-American-crowd-pleasers favored by the RB golf-and-tennis set. Glimpses of high skill remain, in the greaseless beef egg rolls and the sublime soups. Venturesome "regulars" who know how to order can probably still get excellent meals, including delicacies that have vanished from the current menu. The long, smart wine list has minimal mark-ups, and there's a rare (for the genre) array of serious desserts. Moderate. — *N.W.*

KARL STRAUSS BREWERY GARDENS 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739 (behind San Diego Tech building). The garden with bridges, koi pond and outdoor seating are major attractions for summer dinners. Cooking is done by first-rate chef and portions are massive. Try Thai chicken salad; oven-roasted salmon; salmon salad; fish-and-chips; filet mignon. Up to a dozen beers may be available. Buffet brunch average. Closed Saturday. Lunch weekdays, dinner Sunday through Friday. Sunday brunch. Additional location at 1157 Columbia Street (between B and C Streets), 619-234-2739. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

MILLE FLEURS 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will, everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — *E.W.*

MING COURT 12750 Carmel Country Road (Country Plaza Shopping Center), North City West (adjacent to Del Mar), 858-793-2933. Elegance describes the interior of this restaurant. Some unusual preparations are clarion chicken, pungent shrimp, three-mushroom delight, tangerine beef, and items on the Ming Court specialty list. Service is first-rate. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

OKAMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, North County Fair, 760-738-7522. 160-foot Japanese seafood buffet, hot Japanese dishes, salads, desserts, all you can eat. Tons of fresh food. Seats 250. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

RANCHO VALENCIA 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1123. The dining room and surrounding grounds are gorgeous, the meals beautifully prepared. Great place to take a guest to lunch. Best bets, fresh fish. All California cuisine dishes have Mediterranean influence. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SAN DIEGO ARTISAN BAKERS 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-740-5963. The grains are ground daily for this wonderful European-style bread. Every bread has dense consistency and an amazing crust. Among the best bets are the baguette, the sourdough with Greek olives, and the country sourdough. Recipes come from France, Italy, and Germany. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

LA TAPATIA 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Sea-sonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — *N.W.*

LA JOLLA

BARBARELLA 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. Don't miss this lively bistro that offers sandwiches, soups, pizzas, entrees. Lively atmosphere. Bib salad and Max's pizza outstanding. Arrive early or late to avoid wait for tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BERNINI'S 7550 Fay Avenue, 858-454-9013. This cafe has full service and will provide you with breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Lunch and dinner menus are the same and offer four kinds of gourmet salads, including grilled chicken Caesar, and pasta dishes. A variety of desserts is available all day. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

THE BIRD ROCK CAFE 5656 La Jolla Boulevard, 858-551-4090. Don't miss this small cafe that serves delightful food. Dishes are divided into small, medium, and large plates. Try the free-range chicken, tuna, risotto, crab cakes, or salad. Unpretentious but worth seeking out. Patio available for outdoor dining. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

DAILY'S 8915 Towne Centre Drive, Renaissance Towne Centre, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

DONOVAN'S STEAK AND CHOP HOUSE 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, 858-450-6666. Very noisy room and distracted service tend to make the experience more stressful than relaxing. Average steaks and chops, though nothing memorable. Popular "in" spot. Closed Sunday. Dinner, Monday through Saturday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

HOPS! BISTRO AND BREWERY 4353 La Jolla Village Drive (next to Macy's, University Towne Centre), 858-587-6677. Hops! serves the best food of any brewery in San Diego. The same menu is served continuously from lunch to closing. Best dishes are spit-roasted chicken and penne with salmon and shrimp. All beers are brewed on the premises. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

MAITRE D' 5523 La Jolla Boulevard, 858-456-2111. Two separate dining rooms, an elegant ambiance, and the presence of the owner himself (formerly with the Plaza Hotel in New York) contribute to a fine dining experience with faultless service. The half-lobster appetizer is a house specialty, and the rack of lamb or fresh fish is beautiful to behold. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best. Please make note of the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

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are always outstanding. Excellent place for large parties and Russian specialties when available. Closed Sunday and Monday. Dinners only, Tuesday through Saturday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

MARRAKESH 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Dinner nightly, reserve for weekends. Moderate. — *N.W.*

PANDA COUNTRY 4150 Regents Park Row #190, University Towne Centre, 858-552-1345. Gorgeous surroundings and stunning presentations carry the day here. The extensive menu does particularly well with its 11 appetizers and its 30 seafood and fish dishes prepared Mandarin or Szechuan style. Scallops and shrimp receive special treatment. Open daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE PANNIKIN CAFE 7467 Girard Avenue, 858-454-5453. The outdoor seating area is almost always crowded with tea and coffee drinkers who sun themselves, read, or chat. Light meals, including breakfast (steamed eggs, bagels, fruit plates) and sandwiches, soup, salads, as well as beverages and sweets are served. It is a well-known hangout and always crowded. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

ROY'S 8670 Genesee (Costa Verde Center, across from UTC), 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. That is, a potentially fine restaurant is somewhat stunted by celeb-chef silliness, with the staff working too hard to sell us on the place. (Cool out, guys, it's San Diego.) And it takes a few visits to decode Roy's Rules of Ordering, which make all the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters (for starters or mains) — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a bento (including the yummy off-menu *ahi poke*) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks, when the wine list is brilliant. (Try the "Loess is More" with seafood.) The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia*, "Kahana" *shutome* (swordfish), or the chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Open nightly. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

SADAF 613 Pearl Street, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive". Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albaloo polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and subarctic spicing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

SKY ROOM Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W.*

STAR OF INDIA (LA JOLLA) 1000 Prospect Street, 858-459-3355. The Indian food is good. The best bet is the all-you-can-eat buffet lunch or the Saturday and Sunday champagne brunch. The *tandoori* chicken and lamb dishes are outstanding, and vegetable specialties are recommended. Somewhat pricey. Open daily, lunch and dinner; brunch Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. — *E.W.*

CLAIREMONT & KEARNY MESA

THE GOOD EGG 7947 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-4244. The menu offers omelets, gourmet pancakes, waffles, and several different kinds of frittatas. Freshly squeezed fruit juices are available, and for lunch there are burgers, salads, and a long list of sandwiches. Good value here. Open approximately 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

HIDEYOSHI JAPANESE RESTAURANT Hazard Village, 9340-B Claremont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-9595. A delightful restaurant tucked away at the far end of a small shopping center. Fine sushi bar, and unusual appetizers. A feast named "Taiko special," for two or more, is worth ordering. Visually and gastronomically a treat. Closed Sunday. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

KOREA HOUSE 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *panjang bachim*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.*

NEW SZECHUAN 6681 Convoy Street, Clairemont Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele, because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "do-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.*

SORRENTINO'S 4724 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Diane Shopping Center, 858-483-1811. Though the main restaurant has closed, Sorrentino's deli continues to offer superb pizzas and excellent pastas. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

THAI HOUSE CUISINE 4225 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-1800. Not to be confused with Thai House in Point Loma, this attractive and well-decorated Thai restaurant serves fine gourmet Thai specialties. Do try the Thai Boat filled with seafood. The appetizer prepared from ground shrimp and chicken is a delight. Closed Sunday. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

TROPICAL STAR 6165 Balboa Avenue, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings, good authentic, inexpensive food. Closed Sunday. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

WINE SELLAR AND BRASSERIE 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

THE BEACHES

BALBOA Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham), Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values further up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

CHATEAU ORLEANS 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. The interior of this Cajun and New Orleans restaurant has rarely looked better. All dinners include house salad, a Cajun stuffed pastry, and popovers. The menu offers blackened prime rib, crawfish étouffée, and Cajun-style chicken, fish, and pasta. Very large portions, excellent service. Closed Sunday. Open Monday through Saturday, dinners only. Low moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

KONO'S 704 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB burger (chicken breast, green chili, pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Inexpensive, breakfast and lunch only. — *E.B.*

QWIGS BAR & GRILL 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-1101. A splendid ocean view, a good sushi bar, sprightly salads, and fresh fish are the main attractions here. Friendly service. Long flight of stairs to the dining room, with an elevator for wheelchair access. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

RISTORANTE MICHELANGELO 2806 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-9678. The vast dining room is a good place for family dining, with children especially welcome. Pizza, pastas, and shrimp fare well here. Recipes cover the range of Italian cuisine. Dinner only, nightly; reserve for weekends. Low moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W.*

SASKA'S 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Saska's is the perfect spot for insomniacs. Hearty breakfasts which can include meat and eggs, are served Sunday through Thursday from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m; the dinner hour extends to 2:00 a.m. as well. Saturday and Sunday brunches offer Mexican specialties. Beachcomber atmosphere. Open daily. Breakfast inexpensive; dinner moderate. — *E.W.*

SUSHI OTA 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistable "sushi sundae" (*uni toro*, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp-heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-*san*'s away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar-seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled-access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — *N.W.*

THE VENETIAN 3663 Voltaire Street, Loma Portal, 619-223-8197. For bargain hunters who like vast portions and home-style Italian cooking, try this family restaurant. The pizza is marvelous. For entrées, try shrimp scampi over linguine or eggplant parmigiana. One dining room is partially outdoors. Complete menu to go. Reservations taken for parties of six or more. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Inexpensive (pasta, pizza) to moderate. — *E.W.*

WORLD FAMOUS 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Located directly on the boardwalk with an unobstructed view, this casual restaurant offers patio or indoor dining. Food preparation is straightforward — nothing fancy, but fresh, wholesome, and offering large portions. Thirty appetizers available in the bar. Combination dinners with steak and seafood are expensive. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday to 3:00 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

CAFE COYOTE 2461 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-291-4695. Cafe Coyote is a good spot for a light Mexican meal with Southwest influences. Best bets a la carte are black bean chile, quesadilla with papaya relish, carne asada, carnitas, and Margarita chicken. Breakfast includes blue corn pancakes and American dishes. Young adults gather here. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

FAIROUZ CAFE AND GALLERY 3166 Midway Drive, 619-225-0303. Seek out this family-owned and -operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

JACK AND GIULIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. The former owners of Giulio's in Pacific Beach now operate Jack and Giulio's. Best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their famous scampi. Old-style chicken cacciatore always on the menu. Outdoor patio is one of the strong features. This is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh, casual food. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service weekends. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

PEGGO Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars Road), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are near perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrees are mainly simple grilled or rotisseried meats and fish, but the nightly specials are where chef Josh McGinnis gets to strut his stuff. Service is warm and well-informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W.*

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ALPINE INN 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-3172. If you're a beer lover, try the Texas burger served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Stay with beef here. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Early bird dinner Monday through Saturday for $7.95. Call for hours. Open daily. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Brunch Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

ARIGATO 5575 Baltimore Drive, Suite 110, La Mesa, 619-469-3157. Here's a great bargain Japanese restaurant. Among the best are the combination plates which contain sesame chicken, tempura, and gyoza dumplings. The vegetable and shrimp tempura is outstanding. Closed Sunday. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

RAMON'S SMOKEHOUSE BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. You're 2000 feet up here, and the mountain air sharpens your appetite. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

RODEO BAR AND GRILL 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-390-7996. Agnes and Ildikor are the two blue-eyed Hungarian-born sisters who run this only-in-Lakeside institution. It's a low, red, grapevine-covered onetime produce barn near the rodeo grounds. A dirt parking lot hides under the trees, and an old freezer door is the main entrance to the restaurant, which has decor straight out of Dodge City. The menu has two sides: the A-side features big steaks, while the B-side offers bargain-priced sandwiches; he likes grilled barbecued beef or the Pennsburger, a flame broiled quarter-pounder with steak fries, barbecue beans, and fixin's. On Thursday nights, the sisters' mom cooks one of her special Hungarian dishes, depending on what the customers have asked for — so get on down there and vote! Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

TOSHI SUSHI 9841 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. 17 appetizers, 20 items of sushi, 19 specialty rolls — all excellent and exciting — are served in a modest premise that seats 10 at the sushi bar and holds 12 tables. The hot mushroom special, the "3 of a kind roll," and the Toshi tempura roll are all worth the trip. Dinners are modestly priced, but watch cost of rolls. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinners nightly. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

VALLEY HOUSE RESTAURANT 10767 Woodside Avenue (Mission Gorge Road becomes Woodside after Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. You'll find your dream "Iowa Porker" here — pork tenderloin that's pounded, placed in batter, deep fried and served on a bun. It's juicy and succulent. On Wednesday and Friday nights, all-you-can-eat fish and chips are $8.99. If you like biscuits and white gravy, this is the place for you. Colonial-style decor, friendly service. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ASMARA RESTAURANT 4433 El Cajon Boulevard (at Fairmount), 619-563-3666; www.asmara-sd.com. The fare here is Eritrean (which proves very similar to Ethiopian), and the menu is long and uncommonly interesting. The meat combination platter is a terrific array, including top-notch *tsebhi derho* (known as *ye-doro wat* on Ethiopian menus), chicken and an egg in a rich, dark sauce. A similar dish with beef, *gored gored* (lightly seared meat cubes in spicy butter), and lamb *alicha*, a stir-fry in a mild curry sauce. From the a la carte choices, consider *zilzil tibs*, char-grilled meat in butter, and *kulwa*, a spoghtlis stir-fry of lamb, beef, or chicken. Vegetable dishes are luscious, too. Entrees are served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which serves as an edible spoon and edible tablecloth — use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand). Meats are cooked (or not cooked) to your order and seasoned to your specifications (understand that "hot" means seriously spicy). Open daily; vegetarian-friendly. Restrooms not wheelchair-accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

LAO & CHINESE CUISINE 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncomplicated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pepper, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), *tom yum* soup, and *pho* and *pad si-ew* noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

LUCKY STAR SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 3983 54th Street, corner of University in K-Mart Shopping Mall, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish; Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

PAESANO 3647 30th Street (at Landis), North Park, 619-291-4090. Is that Chet pulling up a chair? There's a definite Moosmiura atmosphere about this place. Joe Romano and his family started here in 1967, painting the interior to look like you're among the stone arches of some Italian village grotto. Pictures of Italian tourist attractions line the walls, and the music is Italian mandolin ditties. The food is traditional Italian-American, with pittance priced "daily specials" like eggplant parmesan and spaghetti with meatballs, plus salad and garlic, bread. Regular dishes are bargain priced, too. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

PEKIN RESTAURANT 3877 University Avenue, North Park, 619-295-2610. This old-time Chinese eatery was founded in 1931 by an immigrant from Canton; his grandchildren now run it and it's hardly changed in 70 years. You'll find red-tasseled hanging lanterns with translucent pictures of songbirds, mother-of-pearl wall decorations, and big cushioned booths. The food is Gold Rush-era Cantonese-American: chop suey, chow mein, barbecued pork, bean cake with shrimp and rice — all for a song. Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

PHOENICIA 3381 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree, an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

ZIA'S AFGHAN CAFE 4118 30th Street, 619-285-1635. This storefront café with only eight tables serves inexpensive but very well prepared Afghan food. Try three-bean soup, stuffed pockets appetizers, banana squash with spicy yogurt sauce. Lunch and dinner buffet of basmati rice with six toppings for $6.49. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

UPTOWN

ADAMS AVENUE GRILL 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough

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sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M.*

BERTRAND AT MISTER A'S 2350 Fifth Avenue, 12th floor, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug of Mille Fleurs has renovated Mister A's. It's like a royal treehouse — open, airy, with gorgeous views. It's expensive — appetizers $12 to $22. But the food, service, and atmosphere are first-rate. Should you want to show off the city to visitors, this is the place. The food is American with French and Mediterranean influence. Open for lunch, Monday through Friday; nightly for dinner. Very expensive. — *E.W.*

BOMBAY EXOTIC CUISINE OF INDIA 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. Cinemas convert to show off the city to visitors, this is the place. The food is American with French and Mediterranean influence. Open for lunch, Monday through Friday; nightly for dinner. Very expensive. — *E.W.*

COTTAGE CAFE 2321 Fifth Avenue (corner of Juniper), 619-696-0071. Home-style Russian, Ukrainian, and Polish specialties here include excellent borscht, good chicken Kiev, stuffed cabbage (also available vegetarian style), *pirogi* and *pelmeni* (stuffed dumplings), and an all-you-can-eat Polish buffet. Simple but pleasant surroundings, with a lovely garden patio. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *E.W.*

EXTRAORDINARY DESSERTS 2929 Fifth Avenue, 619-294-7001. If you've been searching for a place to have dessert after a movie or other cultural event, keep this dessert cafe in mind. Baker-owner Karen Krasne prepares sensuous cakes, tarts, cookies, and all manner of chocolate goodies. Teas and coffees are uniformly good. In summer, the patio is especially charming. Open for weekday breakfast, weekend lunch, and until late evening; Sunday through Thursday to 11:00 p.m. and weekends until midnight. — *E.W.*

FIFTH AND HAWTHORN 515 Hawthorn, 619-644-0940. Excellent, very fresh fish and seafood dinners are to be found here. The price of the entrée includes soup or salad. Best bet is the bargain-price per couple prix fixe dinner, which consists of four courses (with a choice of entrées) plus a bottle of wine. A la carte choices are available, too. This restaurant is often frequented by actors and writers, which can add cachet to the evening. Open daily, lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *E.W.*

ICHIBAN 1449 University Avenue, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the *café* outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick udon noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichiban*" means. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

LOTUS THAI 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegan-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., satay, beef salad), featuring a very tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties, try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce "Crazy Duck" salad, or the savory (if slightly dry) "three-flavor" whole fried fish, accompanied by sammy garlic-chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and the vegetarian slant turns too many dishes bland (even when they're spicy), since the kitchen shuns Thailand's fish-based "secret sauce," *nam pla*. It doesn't help that the fresh components (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they've been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with nothing left to give to or gain from the sauces — so if you crave soup or curry, you're best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

MANDARIN DYNASTY 1458 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-8899. A splendid place to order a feast for a large party (give at least four hours notice). Banquet dishes include casserole soup, scallops in pepper, General Tso's chicken, and shrimp in Chinese sauce. New vegetarian menu with over twenty items. Imitation chicken, beef, and pork prepared from soy or wheat gluten. Entrées from the menu may be Americanized and are of average competence. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

THE MISSION NORTH PARK AND CITY BAKERY 2801-2805 University Avenue, 619-220-8992. The two winners are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items under $10.00. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

THE PARKHOUSE EATERY 4574 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays, three meals; weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

WHOLE FOODS MARKET 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better, and faster, than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *tarofu* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.*

EL ZARAPE 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or pork "burrito" or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

DOWNTOWN

A LA CARTE ON SIXTH AVENUE 921 Sixth Avenue, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrées for amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open weekdays 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

AUBERGINE 500 Fourth Avenue (at Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-8100; *www.auberginesixth.com*. You'll think you've stepped into a chic Manhattan supper club, but the gorgeous young staff — clad in Calvin Klein, no less — are sweet and skillful. The fare is a puzzling melange of Mediterranean roasting, American grilling, and pan-Asian wokking, aimed to satisfy all appetites. Preparations vary unpredictably; safest choices are grilled meats (especially the succulent pork slab) and wok dishes. Slightly dressy; noisy weekends with loud live music; long and busy bar. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

BELLA LUNA 748 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-3222. The chef brings expertise in Italian regional cooking. When available, try shrimp salad, crepe stuffed with salmon, and daily risotto dishes. All breads baked on premises. Best bets are grilled half chicken or daily fresh fish. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE BLARNEY STONE 502 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-255-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8:00 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and grungo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

BLUE POINT COASTAL CUISINE 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), 619-233-6623. Very classy atmosphere and menu — mostly fish and seafood — to match. You can eat appetizers at the bar, but best bets are nightly fish entrées or steak and crab cakes served with lots of organic vegetables. A welcome addition to downtown. Dinner only, from 5:00 p.m. Expensive. — *E.W.*

EL COMAL 2455 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-231-9023. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas). Excellent agua fresca (a refreshing walnut drink). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

CROCE'S RESTAURANT AND JAZZ BAR 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

DAKOTA GRILL AND SPIRITS 901 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5554. First sign that you've arrived in chipotle/chile country: the toddler-sized cowboy boot on your table that serves as vase to a faux agave plant. This kind of cooking runs the risk of losing its focus in a multitude of ingredients, something Dakota does a decent job of avoiding. When everything works, it plays like comfort food with a kick. The seafood ravioli — spinach pasta stuffed with a blend of salmon, halibut, and swordfish planted atop wilted greens and topped with pickled jalapeno relish — melds into a pleasant whole. The blue cornmeal-crusted chicken salad, similarly-conceived, is gussied up with crispy potato strings, tortilla rajas, and dried apricots that sweetly counter the blue cheese in the dressing. The apricot-whole grain mustard glaze on the pork prime rib makes sense, as do the giant, multiple-straw margaritas. Meat — sizable quantities of it — is usually well-prepared; sides may feel cursory. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M.*

DE MEDICI 815 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-696-0777. Eighteen new fish and seafood dishes have been added to the menu. The seafood chef does excellent work, making this Italian restaurant one of the best seafood eateries in the city. Open dinners only. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE FIELD IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole hog from the Auld Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Forget their dried-out corned beef and cabbage (that's Irish-American, anyway) or the rather overcooked seafood, and try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew or the boxty, potato crepes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

THE FISH MARKET (SAN DIEGO) 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. The Fish Market's sushi bar is one of the best, and least known, in town. Despite its lack of popularity, it's tough to get a seat here. The place is small. But persevere and you can enjoy their fresh, clean-tasting raw seafood, like yellowtail sashimi or highly recommended oysters. This sushi bar is a place for sushi purists. Moderate. — *M.N.*

LE FONTAINBLEAU Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, 619-238-1818. Best bets: wild salmon, beef tenderloin, rack of lamb with scallops and wild mushrooms, or the lobster-stuffed sea bass with wild mushrooms for appetizers. Lunch, Monday through Friday. Dinner, Monday through Saturday. Friday evening, all-you-can-eat seafood buffet. Sunday buffet brunch, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Closed Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

LA GRAN TAPA 611 B Street, 619-234-8272. Here is a good spot for a light meal, especially before or after a cultural event. Tapas, Spanish appetizers, are prepared hot or cold, and the seafood, such as shrimp in sherry sauce and fresh octopus, is always fine. Try *tortilla española* (cold potato and egg "pie") and paella. Lively, casual atmosphere. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

HUFFMAN'S BAR-B-QUE 5039 Imperial Avenue, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammed Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread. Or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open seven days, lunch and dinner, to 3 a.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

KARL STRAUSS' OLD COLUMBIA BREWERY AND GRILL 1157 Columbia Street (between B and C Streets), 619-234-2739. The star attractions here are the ales and beers brewed on the premises. Up to a dozen beers may be available. Food includes burgers, pastas, soup and salad, fish and chips, grilled sausage, and sizzling weekend specials. The noise can be shattering, but it's fun. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. Another branch at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-2739. Call for hours. — *E.W.*

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PETE'S QUALITY MEATS 1742-1/2 India, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said! Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

EL POBLANITO, EL IMPERIO DEL SUPERTACO 549 25th Street (at Market), 619-239-9379, and 3564 University Avenue, 619-281-4181. The owners, from Mexico's Puebla state, deliver good Central-Mexican home cooking. Ask for the cow's lip *buches* taco, with its interesting texture, their savory *adobada* (marinated pork) tacos with red sauce, *birria* (goat-stew) tacos, or *birria* consommé. Or the house specialty that every guy from Puebla asks for — the sweetish *mole poblano* combination with beans, rice, and chicken. The *mole* sauce has raisins, peanuts, chocolate, plantain banana, and four different chiles in it. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

ROYALE BRASSERIE 224 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. Like a theme park for nostalgics yearning for bygone Bohemian Paris, Royale's eye-popping Art Nouveau decor re-creates a *fin de siècle* brasserie — but "re-creation" or no, it makes dinner a recreational activity. You'll find competent reproductions of French bourgeois classics — *escargots*, frogs' legs, *charcuterie*, et al. — with an emphasis on impeccable seafood. The newfangled yellowfin tartare is to die for, the Belgian-style mussels with *frites* to dive into, and the huge cold shellfish platters are to share and to swoon over. To accompany the feast, the wine-by-the-glass choices are super-savvy. Often very noisy; heated patio; reservations necessary. Moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.*

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE 1355 North Harbor Drive, 619-233-1422. Six cuts of steak are available, all cooked in a special broiler at 1800 degrees. The U.S. prime steaks are aged and hand cut daily. They're fabulous, but Brobdingis is on the plate except the piece of meat. Vegetables and eight styles of potatoes are à la carte. Lobster tail, fresh fish, chicken, and chops also available. Gorgeous view and service. Open nightly for dinner. Reservations recommended three to five days in advance on weekdays. Call a week in advance for weekends. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SADAF 828 Fifth Avenue (E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *koujan dumpling* dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *hamiseh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. — *N.W.*

LA STRADA 702 Fifth Avenue (at Fifth and G), 619-239-3400. The setting is lovely, but the Northern Italian food preparation may be uneven. Stay with pasta dishes and low-priced items. Open daily for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Late hours weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

TAKA 555 Fifth Avenue, 619-338-0555. This restaurant is a knockout. Gorgeous food and beautiful setting. Entrées, which combine Asian and Continental elements, can be ordered in half portions. Don't miss linguine and seafood, filet mignon, salmon sauté. Highly satisfying food at prices you can afford. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

TURF SUPPER CLUB 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three nitry cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or terrific skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W.*

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BINO'S EUROPEAN COFFEES AND CREPES 1120 Adella Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crepes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

CATHIE'S PLACE CAFE Sharp Coronado Hospital, 250 Prospect Place, Coronado, 619-522-3634. Cathie's may look like a hospital cafeteria. It certainly serves patients, doctors, employees, the retirement home across the road, and the visiting public. But this place is run by a Marriott spin-off. And what meals! Beef burgundy with stuffed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, plantation pork loin with fruit and nut chutney, baked fish with lemon sauce. . . Breakfasts are forgettable — lunch and dinner are where it's at. The menu changes daily, but you can call ahead or ask Cathie (she's real and she's Scottish) to fax you the weekly "take out dinner" menu. Weekdays only, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

DA KINE'S PLATE LUNCHES 1645 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Mad" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the *Kalua* pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and lomi chee. But beware of the *Haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

HANAOKA 1528 C Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-5173. Mr. and Mrs. Hanaoka's Japanese restaurant has the feel of those country inns you read about in a James Michener novel, with a sushi counter, lots of paper lanterns, and sunken tables where you can sit lotus-fashion or drop your legs in the space below. The luncheon specials are a great buy. Try chicken teriyaki and gyoza, with rice, salad, and miso soup. "*Hanaoka*" means "honest," and portions are honestly generous. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

MCDINI'S 105 East 8th Street, National City, 619-474-6771. A historic, sprawling bar with a diverse, mellow family scene — all ages, all races, chatting, playing pool, cozying up to the all-encompassing jukebox, or smoking under a roofed front "patio." Or chowing down on industrial-grade pub grub, made largely of restaurant-supply products (including the vaunted corn beef, bland as packaged ham). But the fresh vegetables are surprisingly good, so choose something that includes the luscious mashed potatoes and look upon the rest as garnish. No wheelchair bathroom. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

MCP'S IRISH PUB & GRILL 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's' patio is nurtured by above average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meat-fest breakfast. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

MIGUEL'S COCINA 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. (Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, 619-224-2401.) Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

THE OLD BONITA STORE 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. The menu is strongly influenced by Baja Californian/Mexican cooking. The signature dish is the bucket of Baja-style lobster for two. The bucket includes slipper lobster tails, shrimp, grilled chicken, and carne asada, plus Caesar salad, rice and beans, and tortillas. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

SWADDEE THAI 1001 C Avenue (10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle, the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the satay, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a mae ning-tuan to brave but tender *satang* tastebuds. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

VFW 557 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6917. You may have to get over the feeling you're intruding on a private club here, but boy, is it worth it! One, everybody has a story. Two, the "public is welcome" line, heard many times, is genuine. Three, the food is

Apocalypse Again

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REVIEW
DUNCAN SHEPHERD

It has become a commonplace to lament the "New Hollywood" of the 1970s as a sort of Camelot, a brief bright shining spot of artistic ambition, courage, hope and glory. The logic of this lament, plainly enough, is premised on the Pantheon credentials (or perhaps that should be Round-Table credentials) of the likes of Altman, Bogdanovich, Coppola, De Palma, Scorsese, Schrader, Malick, Lucas, Spielberg, Cimino, et al., and on the timelessness of such work as *The Last Picture Show*, *McCabe and Mrs. Miller*, *The Long Goodbye*, *American Graffiti*, *Badlands*, *Mean Streets*, *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore*, *The Godfather* and its first sequel, *The Conversation*, *Nashville*, *Jaws*, *Taxi Driver*, *Carrie*, *Star Wars*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *The Fury*, *Days of Heaven*, *The Deer Hunter*, and, to close out the decade, as well as to start up a *fortissimo* chorus of fresh laments in its newly restored and lengthened form, *Apocalypse Now*.

This will doubtless strike many readers at first blush as an imposing list of films and filmmakers. Case closed. History has a way of hardening into *idées reçues*, and people like to have things settled. The younger generation of moviegoers, accordingly, will have known from birth that *Star Wars* is one of the cornerstones of cinematic civilization, just as surely as it knows that the world is round, that the posted speed limit indicates the minimum and not the maximum, that the bill of a baseball cap is designed to point anywhere but forward, that "comprise" means the opposite of what Webster thought it meant, and that *Exorcist II: The Heretic* is one of the worst movies of all time, not merely of the decade of the Seventies. That I myself do not know some of these things — that they won't, with me, be dead issues until I am dead — probably marks me as an old mossback, but so be it. I could bear to look at a few minutes of most (i.e., more than half) of the above-listed movies should I come across them while channel-surfing, but in honesty they are not the movies of the Seventies that I would choose to seek out for pleasure, or to sit through in their entireties. I imagine that among the unbrainwashed I am far from alone in this. But although I would have no difficulty matching the number in that list with contemporaneous ones I would prefer to seek out and sit through, some of them made by active survivors of the Old Hollywood (Aldrich, Wise, Robson, Huston, Wilder, Mulligan, Pakula), some by newer traditionalists (Walter Hill, Dick Richards, Clint Eastwood, Robert Culp), some by Tinsel Town outsiders (John Boorman, Woody Allen, Albert Brooks), I would do so at the risk of demonstrating the richness of the Seventies when what I would rather be doing is demonstrating the richness of the Sixties or the Fifties.



Apocalypse Now

My parenthetical filmmakers do not, of course, benefit in retrospect from any post-Vietnam, post-Watergate nostalgia whereby the New Hollywood could be romanticized as the American counterpart of the French New Wave, a cabal of cinema-literate, *auteur*-schooled insurrectionists to overthrow the decadent and hide-bound Establishment, a little like the mob of know-it-all students taking over the administration building and laying out a new, more "relevant" curriculum. (Much of the critical affection for this era can be better explained by politics than by aesthetics.) For most of the firebrands, it would be a short reign. Once order was restored — once the money men cracked down — the only New Hollywooders who could continue to sport that name-tag would be Spielberg and Lucas. *Jaws* and *Star Wars* set down the pattern that Hollywood still copies today, not only for their wham-bam sensibilities but also for their box-office dreams of world domination.

One of the commonest remarks to be heard about Coppola's *Apocalypse Now Redux* (a longer title to go with the longer running time) is that such a thing could never get made in present-day Hollywood. In order to avoid a hair-splitting debate as to what makes *Apocalypse Now* so different from *Saving Private Ryan* and/or *The Thin Red Line*, let me simply say that to the extent this remark is true, it is pretty nearly meaningless. The kinds and varieties of movies that couldn't or wouldn't get made in present-day Hollywood are just short of infinite. That, in point of fact, is one of my foremost reactions when watching old movies on TCM or AMC, movies that in their day were strictly commercial if not extravagantly greedy, movies such as (from my recent leisure time) *Lili*, *The Letter*, *Night Must Fall*, *Night into Morning*, *Peyton Place*, *Primrose Path*, *Arrowhead*, *Female*, *Blonde Venus*, *Sadie McKee*, *Cluny Brown*, *The Judge Steps Out*, *How to Murder Your Wife*, *Undercurrent*, *Conspirator*, *Vertigo*, *Viva Las Vegas*, *Ride Vaquero* — I could go on and on. There appears no end to movies that never would get made today — not in Hollywood — not as they got made in their own day. And one of the foremost, one of the simplest, reasons for that would be the new grandiosity of designs — production designs no less than box-office designs. A whole different scale of operations. Bigger, louder, faster, flashier, -er, -er, -er, -er. (Samer and samer.)

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This is not some post-Seventies counterrevolutionary calamity; it is the lasting legacy of the Seventies: new forms, new degrees, of pretentiousness and graspingness. Any disparity between *Apocalypse Now* and, say, *Waterworld* or *Titanic* is not a disparity in artistic egos.

No one in the Seventies stood for the new grandiosity and pretentiousness more than Coppola, the empire-builder who, with the profits of *The Godfather* and its offspring, would start up his own studio, Zoetrope, positioning himself as the Renaissance man at its center, artist and patron at the same time, Bach and Frederick the Great rolled into one. Under his dominion, it was no longer enough merely to do a gangster movie, a war movie. It was necessary to *outdo* all that came before. Who but Coppola would have had the crust to return from a troubled set in the Philippines, where he was the only one doing any shooting, and promote his Vietnam movie with the boast, "My film is not *about* Vietnam; it *is* Vietnam"? It was tempting, to be sure, to see the megalomaniacal Col. Kurtz, the villain of the piece, as a grotesque caricature of the filmmaker himself — especially after the mad excesses of the production brought his entire empire down around his ears. (The *coup de grâce* was postponed till *One from the Heart* and *The Cotton Club*.) By the Nineties, Coppola would be making *Jack*, a *Dracula* remake, a John Grisham courtroom potboiler, and yet another *Godfather* sequel — and lucky to be able. (Whereas Clint Eastwood, admittedly an aberration, had sailed through any post-Seventies doldrums to do, in the Nineties, his finest work: *White Hunter Black Heart*, *Unforgiven*, *A Perfect World*, *The Bridges of Madison County*.) Whether Coppola's fate was a tragedy, a comedy, or just business-as-usual, the man himself must shoulder the burden of responsibility for it.

It would be nothing but tunnel vision to view the Hollywood of the Seventies as somehow a separate thing from the Hollywood of before and after. What was called "New," but was always more self-promotion than actual fact, could only have come about as a result, a by-product, of the collapse of the Old; and it carried within it the seeds of a newer, narrower, safe-playing, formula-following, profit-maximizing Hollywood. *Jaws* and *Star Wars*, once again, sit on one side as the prototypical rainbows; *Apocalypse Now* and, a couple of years beyond the Seventies, *Heaven's Gate* sit on the other side as the ominous storm clouds. Both pairs had their lessons to teach. The newer, the current Hollywood — the Hollywood of sequels and remakes, of high concept and lowest common denominator, of superagents and package deals, of the "A" list and America's #1 Movie, of test scores and teen power — is not something that came *after* the Seventies; it came *out of* them. The Hollywood of the Seventies, to paint it in the nicest light, might be seen as distantly akin to the Carter White House that gave way, and paved the way, to the Reagan. It was inarguably an interesting time, as periods of transition so often are. It was the final chapter on the Old Hollywood and the first chapter of what followed (and what still persists today, with little further development). It was not a tale unto itself, one that had plans of becoming a great, epic Tolstoian novel and instead got chopped off into a sardonic little Gogolian short story. It was nothing so inspiring. Something closer to Harold Robbins. Whatever it was, Coppola had a huge role to play in it — an equal role, really, in the pumping-up of artistic aspirations and in their consequent retrenchment.

I suppose I will go see *Apocalypse Now Redux*. Even though I have no real urge to. Even though I can still recall how prolonged and annoying was the original hype on it. Even though I doubt whether an additional forty-five or forty-nine (or however many) minutes can alleviate the infection of grandiosity and pretentiousness. Even though I feel I have already seen some of this touted new footage in the 1991 documentary *Hearts of Darkness: A Filmmaker's Apocalypse*. Even though it will now be an even longer wait for Brando. Even though I could gladly have gone the rest of my life without again seeing an animal slaughtered in service to a filmmaker's "vision." Even though, in similar circumstances in recent years, I could not bestir myself to see the reissued *Star Wars* trilogy nor *The Exorcist*. Even though I would really rather be seeing a restored print, in its initial cut, of *Exorcist II: The Heretic*. It's not as if I have much choice. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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A.I. — Steven Spielberg's futuristic tale (a project taken over from the late Stanley Kubrick) of the first robot programmed to love. Not, let's be clear, one of those old-hat technological advances on the porn-shop inflatable love doll, equipped with "sensuality simulators" and such. But rather, a "mecha-child" (short for mechanical child), placed in the home of a young couple whose only flesh-and-blood child lies in a coma on life support. Once we get past the husband's gaucherie of bringing home the boy-toy as a surprise gift ("I can't accept this! There is no substitute for your own child!"), the questions, the issues, the possibilities sprout like mushrooms. These, even if not actually articulated in the script, are nevertheless legitimately aroused by it. For one, there's the matter of a novel approach to the Peter Pan theme (the director had taken the literal approach in his *Hook*), the boy who will never grow up. Then, as a natural extension of that, there's the matter of risk-free parenting, with the child arrested at the cutest and most adorable stage of development (i.e., Haley Joel Osment), no long-range rearing required, no awkward-age rebellion down the line, a devotedness of almost canine dependability — in short, a sort of Stepford Kid. Then there's the matter, as a further extension, of isolating and highlighting the selfish element in parenthood, the possessive element, the ornamental element, the needy-greedy element. And then there's the matter of love as a commodity, a thing that can, after all (or at last), be bought — something you might have suspected Spielberg, that notorious big spender, of believing all along. There are in truth so many issues, so many possibilities, that you could very well envision a sort of multi-plotline sci-fi soap opera in which different but identical robots would be distributed to different households with different results. Spielberg, however, has something else in mind. And after the stimulating first fifty minutes or so — first third, that would be — he switches tracks from the Peter Pan theme to the Pinocchio theme, the toy who wants to be made real. And — here's where the big spender reaches for his bankroll — he transforms the story into (what else?) a quest: a ghastly, gaudy, overblown, rambling, ridiculous, pretentious, self-conscious, academic "myth." With Frances O'Connor, Jude Law, William Hurt. 2001. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

American Outlaws — Jesse James rides again, with newcomer Colin Farrell in the role, directed by Les Mayfield. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/17)

American Pie 2 — The gang's all here (Jason Biggs, Shannon Elizabeth, Chris Klein, Tara Reid, Seann William Scott et al.), directed by J.B. Rogers. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

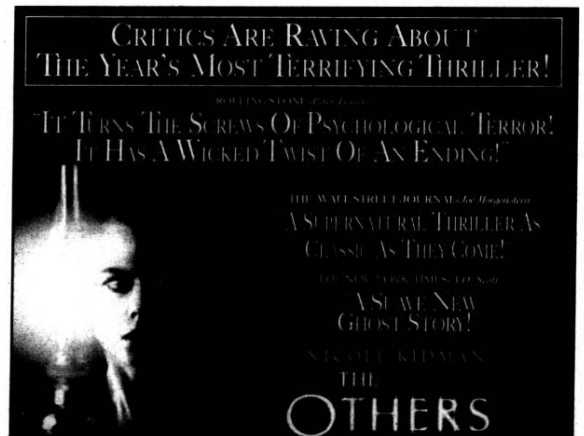
An American Rhapsody — Heartfelt and personal but maudlin and awkward account of the maladjustment of a six-year-old Hungarian émigré in Eisenhower-era America. It gets off on a bad foot with some remedial first-person narration, corroborative newsreel footage, and a black-and-white flashback that arbitrarily turns to color after a quarter of an hour. It isn't a good foot, either, when the sullen Scarlett Johansson takes over the role, an hour into it, without a hint of an accent. Nastassia Kinski, Tony Goldwyn; written and directed by Eva Gardos. 2001. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 8/17)

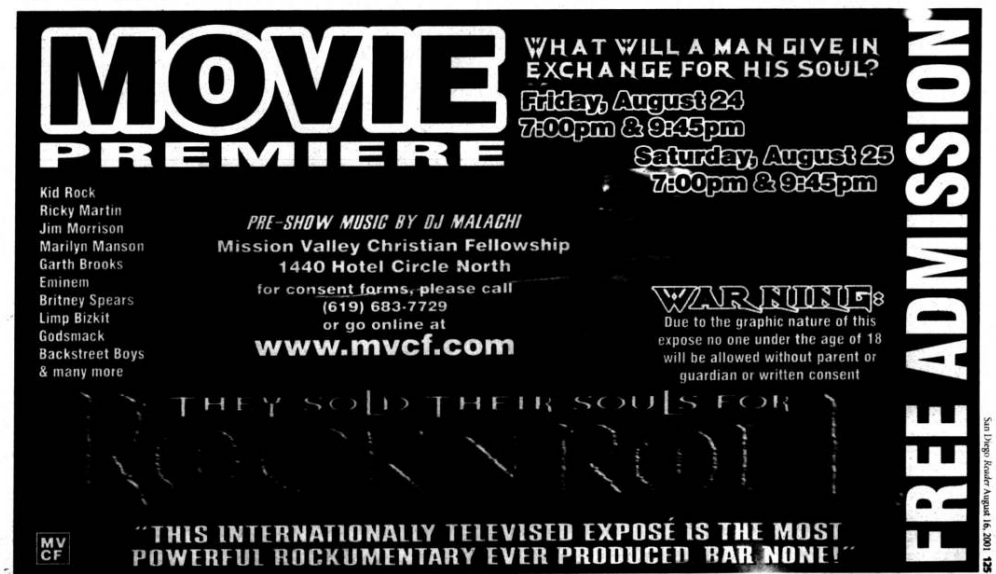
America's Sweethearts — An alternative-universe Hollywood where a married pair of superstars — it will not be helpful to think of Cruise and Kidman, Burton and Taylor, Bogart and Bacall — have appeared together in nine consecutive boffo block-busters (the samples we see of their work are on a par with the standard big-screen sendups of TV soap opera); where the fe-











male half has met with a disapproving public and two straight flops since their breakup; where two years after the split there somehow remains an unreleased joint effort directed by a three-time Oscar winner who, looking like the wild-haired Ben Gunn of *Treasure Island*, is editing the project in Kubrickian secrecy inside the Unabomber's transplanted Montana cabin; and where the head of the studio must wait to see the final cut with the national press corps at the junket. Julia Roberts, just to open a can of Whiskas in the overall atmosphere of fishiness, plays the part of Catherine Zeta-Jones's wallflower sister (wearing a fat suit in flashback for substantiation), though that doesn't cut down on her usual quotas of teeth and tantrums. Both actresses could sue the cameraman for their sallow complexions. John Cusack, insofar as he's supposed to be in recovery from a mental breakdown, has shakier grounds for litigation. And Christopher Walken, as the anchoritic director, would probably be flattered. Billy Crystal, as the unprincipled publicist (a tautology, to be sure), works very hard and handily on the assembly line of gimcrack jokes. The sheer volume of jokes would be reduced, however, by roughly a third if Crystal and his co-writer Peter Tolan were deprived of the penis. (Perhaps Tolan's given name shaped his destiny.) Joe Roth, a former studio chief himself at Fox and Disney, returning after a decade to the director's chair to lengthen his brief and undistinguished list of credits (*Streets of Gold*, *Revenge of the Nerds 2*, *Coupe de Ville*), should certainly know his subject from top to bottom. But dissembling and disinformation can become a habit. Hank Azaria, Stanley Tucci, Alan Arkin. 2001.
● (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

Apocalypse Now Redux — Francis Coppola's three-and-a-quarter-hour restoration and expansion of his 1979 Vietnam movie; with Martin Sheen, Robert Duvall, Marlon Brando.
(HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 8/17)

Beyond the Valley of the Dolls — Russ Meyer's supreme — or maybe just extreme — achievement in high spirits and low morals, having to do with an all-girl rock-and-roll group (The Carrie Nations) travelling to Hollywood and falling into wayward, wicked, and weird ways. The whirlwind tour of Tinsel Town and the finger-snapping, bus-rocking, cross-country trip sweep you off your feet early, and you never quite regain your balance. Even under the soberest scrutiny, Meyer's flashy editing of image and sound is not to be scoffed at; his cunning sense of humor is not to be underestimated; and his coaching of players — his old favorites (Charles Napier, Erica Gavin) as well as his new discoveries (John LaZar, Dolly Read, Cynthia Myers) — in such cheeky roles as a U.S. Senator's daughter, the Heavyweight Champ, a Nazi war criminal, and a self-anointed Superwoman, is in the realm of magic. 1970.
★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 8/23, 7 P.M.)

Brother — Takeshi Kitano — if you are looking behind the camera, or Beat Takeshi if you are looking in front of it — returns to the crime scene after the lighter interlude of *Kikujiro*. (Easy tip to remember which name belongs where: it's the scar-faced actor who looks *beat*, as in tired, weary, spent, if not as in *beaten*, battered, whipped, crushed.) The scene soon switches, however, from Tokyo to Los Angeles — something new, after all — as our zombified yakuza escapes one gang war only to enter another one. Or more accurately, instigate another one: it seems something of a gag that the undemonstrative Japanese proves to be quicker to violence, and fiercer when he reaches it, than the famously trigger-happy homies. The body count is staggering, the cops never come into it, and the entire affair is too abstract, abstruse, and affected to be in any way affecting. But one thing you always get from Kitano is pictorial composition, a punctilious concern for framing, scale, lines and planes. This formal precision sits a little oddly amid the rainbow coalition of local thugs, though not unwelcomely. No less oddly or unwelcomely than the stringent ban on rap and hip-hop on the soundtrack. Omar Epps, Claude Maki, Masaya Kato. 2001.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Captain Corelli's Mandolin — World War II romance, starring Nicolas Cage and Penelope Cruz, directed by John Madden.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/17)

The Closet — Avariciously commercial French comedy of the type that tends to be remade in Hollywood. Francis Veber, its writer and director, amounts practically to a one-man factory of the type. And it's hard to see what could stand in the way of a remake of this one, a PC farce about a nebbish in the accounting office of a condom plant — a Jack Lemmon-scented white-collar drudge — who, to save his job, floats a rumor that he is gay, thus setting himself up as a potential martyr in the eyes of the company's best customers. (The strategy is devised by his new neighbor, an aging homosexual who, twenty years earlier, had been fired from his job *because* he was gay: how times change!) The consciousness-raising vein in this is not too bothersome. Rather more so is the cruel streak: the presumption that it's quite all right, quite just and proper, even quite PC, to torture and torment a macho homophobe into a nervous breakdown. Neither the consciousness-raising vein nor the cruel streak is a boon to the mirth, which scrapes along at the subsistence level. The thing, nevertheless, that elevates *The Closet* above mediocrity, the thing that makes it worth looking at, is simply — how else to put it? — that it's a thing worth looking at. A thing of beauty, even. More specifically, a thing photographed by the great Luciano Tovoli. The beauty of it springs not from the obvious and conventional source of training the camera on beautiful things: calendar-art scenery, *Architectural Digest* interiors, and the like. And not from the cameraman's cosmetics case of beautifying tricks: "painterly" light, pea-soup atmospherics. But instead from the beauty of the colors per se: luscious and lustrous, rich and resplendent, bright and buoyant, crisp and clean; sharply separated yet slightly diffused, softened, never harsh or garish, never violently clashing; a broad and democratic palette in which every spot on the spectrum is granted an equal independence and individuality, unsubjected to any filtering, desaturating, monochroming processes to yoke them into an unnatural "harmony" or imposed "scheme." The image is as diverse and gay (in the old way) as a balloon bouquet, as tasteful, as refined, as a Bonnard. With Daniel Auteuil, Gerard Depardieu, Michele Laroque, Thierry Lhermitte, Jean Rochefort, Michel Aumont. 2000.
★★ (COVE)

Enlightenment Guaranteed — Doris Dorrie's didactic comedy about two German brothers on a trek to a Buddhist monastery outside Tokyo. Over and above the subject matter, however, it is yet another DV demo with a bland, washed-out, homogenized image that appears encased somehow in the skin of a bratwurst. (The lovely — and misleading — opening shots of illuminated paper lanterns in a nocturnal snowscape are too dark to reveal the problems.) The additional hand-held tremors and wide-angle bulges are par for the course. And all the drawbacks are exacerbated in the lengthy stretches when we are looking, together with one of the characters, through the viewfinder of a pocket-sized camcorder, with brackets at all four corners of the picture, a time-code in the upper left, and a red dot in the lower right. Scattered sparsely throughout are some interesting touristic observations of Japan, which might pass muster in Doris Dorrie's living room as My Vacation Video. With Uwe Ochsenknecht and Gustav Peter Wohler. 2000.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/17; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 8/16)

Eraserhead — Equipped with a too sooty black-and-white image and a sadistically overamplified soundtrack, David Lynch's nightmare visions belong somewhere in the area of "fantastic art," but have found a somewhat uncomfortable home on the midnight-cult circuit. The main narrative thread, if one can be extracted from the jungly snarl, centers around a slimy, encephalitic birdlike creature (a fine example of "monster" special effects, and one that the makers of *Star Wars* and *Close Encounters* might well look at with envy), which has somehow been sired by the movie's sadsack hero, and which now lies on a table in his apartment, mewling, spitting up, contracting chicken pox, and being generally disgusting; and this thread possesses something of the quality of Gogol's and Kafka's satirical horror stories, although not as firmly embedded in a believable background and a lucid, factual tone. The shock value of the movie's various images of excrescences, eruptions, diseases, decapitations, and so forth, is largely numbed by its thorough submersion in a delirious, deliquescent world where anything goes but nothing ever comes of it. Still, this pestiferous little movie, produced in co-operation with the American Film Institute, leaves you with the feeling in the pit of your stomach that you are apt to have after stepping accidentally on a snail. 1977.
★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 8/17, 7 P.M.)

The Fast and the Furious — The world of street racing (vroom-vroom) intersects with that of truck hijacking: your basic drive-in movie (if there were still drive-ins), souped up with headbanger music (thunk-thunk), some chest-flattening effects of speed, and a honey-glazed cast of hot bods. (Michelle Rodriguez, among them, makes the jump from the low-budget, independent *Girlfight* to the big leagues: "Why don't you girls pack it up before I leave treadmarks on your face?") Director Rob Cohen records this lifestyle with reasonable amounts of energy and flair and unreasonable amounts of drool. Paul Walker, Vin Diesel, Jordana Brewster, Ted Levine. 2001.
★ (HARBOR DRIVE IN; VOGUE)

Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill! — Russ Meyer's live-action comic strip (in weekday black-and-white) about a predatory pack of hot-rod hellcats: not one of his "nudies," but instead a cross-over attempt for the drive-in market, and a failure at the time. The first five or ten minutes are a kick. Perhaps any five or ten minutes of it, in isolation, would be a kick. But despite John Waters's advocacy of it as the greatest movie in the history of the universe (pass the salt, please), it settles into a pulverizing monotony. With Tura Satana, Lori Williams, and Haji. 1965.
★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 8/22, 7 P.M.)

Ghost World — The heroine, out of a comic book by Daniel Clowes, is someone a critic could love. Not *only* a critic, rest assured. Fresh out of high school — or rather, jaded out of high school — she can produce an equal sneer for the wheelchair-bound valedictorian ("High school is like the training wheels for the bicycle of real life") and for the hip-hopping black cheerleaders who follow. A tireless crapehanger, a walking crap detector, alienated, aloof, alert, aware, unaccepting, reacting, resisting, judging: Little Miss Raincloud. And yet the movie, directed discreetly if none too fluidly by the erstwhile documentarist Terry Zwigoff (most notably *Crumb*, profiling a real-life outsider, the underground cartoonist R. Crumb), never loses sight of the fact that she is still just a teenager; it never tries to puff her up into a self-worshipping Lara Croft cult figure, much less an all-knowing Susan Sontag arbiter of taste. (Is the band at the post-graduation bash almost so bad that it's good, or is it so bad that it goes way beyond good and back to bad again? How's a girl to know?) The focus of the episodic action is on her curious alliance with a fortyish bachelor and discophile, quiet and retiring, with slumped shoulders, a bad back, flat hair, no social life, and the face-pulling first name of Seymour (Steve Buscemi, surreptitiously brilliant in the part), whom she had come to know after answering his Personals ad as a practical joke. What he plainly has in common with the heroine, for all their outward disparity, is an acute awareness and unacceptance of the surrounding world: "I can't relate to ninety-nine percent of humanity." In addition to which, as a mark of his greater depth and maturity, he has an awareness and an unacceptance of himself as well: "Maybe I don't want to meet someone who shares my interests; I hate my interests." It's true that the movie, on behalf of its two principal outcasts, takes condescending aim at a lot of easy targets (the *faux* Fifties diner, the electric-guitar redneck "blues" band at the local bar, the "XXX" bookstore, and so on), but then again, there are so many beckoning targets in the world that some of them are bound to be easy. A tireless crapehanger can't be expected to let them pass without a sneer or a snipe. And it's a sizable accomplishment — and compensation — that the movie places so much weight on the importance of taste and temperament in the living of daily life, the forming of relationships, the getting through a day. Thora Birch, Scarlett Johansson, Illeana Douglas, Stacey Travis, Bob Balaban. 2001.
★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Greenfingers — "Inspired by actual events," the story tells of a select group of long-term convicts who take up gardening at a progressive English penitentiary, and take it all the way to the annual Hampton Court Palace Flower Show. Life-affirming, strong-arming underdog stuff; equally soft-hearted and soft-headed; as cutesy-wootsy and cozy-wozy as *Waking Ned Devine* and *Saving Grace* (though writer-director Joel Hershman is American). Clive Owen exhibits a fine poker face, but surely his work in *Croupier* merited a better reward. With David Kelly, Helen Mirren, Natasha Little. 2001.
● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Hedwig and the Angry Inch — Writer-director-star John Cameron Mitchell adapts his own off-Broadway musical (songs by Stephen Trask), a voyage of self-acceptance for an East German immigrant and transsexual glam-rocker (or "transexual" according to a mock tabloid headline on display), with a botched sex-change operation that has left him a seventh of a man. The transplant to the screen is also butchered: cheap, garish, and shaky. 2001.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Jurassic Park III — Elementary and elemental spectacle of ravening dinosaurs and edible humans. Beyond that, it pretty much eludes criticism or comment. A small objection might be raised at the way dinosaurs, for live-action purposes (which is to say live-action humans, but computer-generated dinosaurs), have become the monopoly of the Jurassic Park franchise. This makes for a stifling sameness, an unhealthy constraint, although on the other hand it allows the action to get rolling in a hurry: no need to lay any groundwork. Another small objection, specific to Part III, could be raised over the ease of identifying the disposable humans and the speed of their disposal. The preciousness of the remaining humans (most of all William H. Macy, Téa Leoni, and, after sitting out the first sequel, Sam Neill) tends to depress the level of suspense. Any child — the target viewer, after all — will know full well that nothing too bad is going to happen to them any time soon. Aside from its shorter









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menu of snack food, the movie has lost little in transferring the controls from Steven Spielberg to Joe Johnston; little but excess baggage. (Even the dinos no longer seem able to cause the earth to quake with every step.) A well-paced hour and a half could not nowadays feed the Spielberg ego. 2001. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Legally Blonde — A wish-fulfillment fairy tale, more voguishly known as an empowerment myth, concerning a So-Cal sorority sister, Fashion Merchandising major, and Miss Hawaiian Tropic runner-up (Reese Witherspoon, in her mile-wide vein of mockery) who gets herself admitted into Harvard Law School to chase after her ex-boyfriend — and oh by the way, outrun him to the head of the class. Some of the details, if you allow maybe a hundred yards of slack for knowledge of how the world works, are giddily inventive: the admissions application "video essay" (directed by an unspecified Coppola) delivered in an assortment of swimming pools and bikinis; or the pet Chihuahua named Bruiser, or the pink pompom at the top of her classroom pen. Ready as we may be, however, to ap-



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plaud the discovery and cultivation of a human brain, willing as we may be to believe that this can occur in the airiest of heads, we might balk nonetheless at the two-faced assumption that it's as simple as turning on a faucet. The idea of growth without change goes against nature. Like the idea of satire, without teeth. Luke Wilson, Matthew Davis, Selma Blair, Jennifer Coolidge, Raquel Welch; directed by Robert Luketic. 2001. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

Made — A reunion of the male leads of Swingers, Vince Vaughn and Jon Favreau, with the latter again writing the script and for the first time directing as well. He has enlisted Wong Kar-wai's nimble cameraman, Christopher Doyle, to photograph it — a smart move, it might seem, except that the scrappy results only go to show the importance of Wong Kar-wai's eye in their collaborations. The story, or better say situation, centers around a couple of lifelong pals, loosely connected to the mob, who for their separate reasons tighten those connections when they accept a vague assignment as cross-country couriers. As in the overrated *Swingers*, only more so, Favreau and Vaughn each have a well-honed shtick — Big Putz and Bigger Putz — and they repeat it *ad infinitum et nauseam*. Favreau once again comes through as the sympathetic one, not so much for his lunkish sadsack looks, still less for his mawkish relationship with the neglected daughter of his stripper girlfriend. It's just that he's not the one you yearn to see bound and gagged. Famke Janssen, Peter Falk, Sean Combs. 2001. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10)

Memento — A tale of revenge told in reverse. To put it like that is not to suggest the movie goes literally in reverse motion, with people walking backwards and saying "Olleh" instead of "Hello," although that in fact is the method of the opening scene: a Polaroid snapshot gets sucked back into the camera, and a spent cartridge jumps up into the chamber of a handgun. But this just gives the movie its initial push backwards in time. After that, the scenes (in normal forward motion) are arranged in opposite order of occurrence, a bit reminiscent of the screen adaptation of Harold Pinter's play, *Betrayal*, or the earlier Elizabeth Jane Howard novel, *The Long View*. One big difference between this and those is that *Memento* is a thriller, not a relationship thing. Knowing how it all turns out would appear to be more crippling. Yet appearances, as we all know, can be deceiving. Another big difference is that the action here is squeezed into a tighter time frame, with each of the scenes ending at the precise point — with perhaps a second or two of repetitive overlap — where the previous scene started. Events, in others words, have been broken up arbitrarily in mid-course, so that we join them *in medias res* and must wait until the ensuing scene to find out how we reached that point. Still another difference, slightly soiling the purity of the concept, is that the scenes are separated by black-and-white interpolations (for explanatory purposes, mostly) of indeterminate chronology, and there's a heavy dose of verbal recapitulation right before the finish. This narrative technique proves to be a true test of your powers of concentration: a good thing in and of itself. You have to pay close attention. And you have to do what the hero himself is unable to do: to remember what came before. The trick of the *Z* thing — its motivation and justification for the ass-backwards order of procedure — is the hero's peculiar "condition," as he refers to it, whereby he is incapable of forming new memories ever since the head injury he sustained while his wife was getting raped and murdered. Admittedly the movie is something of a stunt, a sleight of hand. The reverse-order gimmick could only work in concert with the blank-memory gimmick: copycats beware. This is a one-of-a-kind whatchamacallit designed for one use only, one time only. (Though a reverse-order sequel, strange to say, is not unimaginable.) It hangs together. It does its job. It can have no further application. But this is a work of fiction, not a kitchen implement, and in that department ingenuity counts much more than utility. Guy Pearce, Carrie-Anne Moss, Joe Pantoliano; written and directed by Christopher Nolan. 2001. ★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Moulin Rouge — Baz Luhrmann's razzle-dazzle reconstruction of Gay Paree on Australian sound stages and inside computers. Nothing, no matter how overdesigned, overdressed, and overdecorated, is held onto for an adequate appraisal. Everything is handled as a hot potato. And the easy-come-easy-go juggling act takes on a rough resemblance to post-*Satyricon* Fellini filtered through MTV. The director toys with film speeds, switches from full color to sepia and back again, chops scenes into splinters, sends the camera on a pinball path through a miniature Montmartre. Anything goes — and it generally goes in a great hurry. Luhrmann can't really keep up this pace for the duration. But like the free-swinging pugilist, he is willing to gamble that by the time he grows arm-weary his target will be seeing stars. Or, quite literally in Luhrmann's case, hearing tweety birds. That's by way of saying that his biggest liberty is the ongoing rummage through the pop-music archives, whereby pieces such as Rodgers-and-Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music" and Elton John's "Your Song" appear, as if through some time warp, to have been written for a century-old stage play entitled *Spectacular Spectacular*, the brain-child of a Toulouse-Lautrec (John Leguizamo) who doesn't know how to pronounce his own name: *Law*-trek, he says it. The hit parade goes on and on: from "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" to "Material Girl," from Nat King Cole to Nirvana. All in the spirit of making the past "accessible" to the contemporary couch potato. And perish the thought that the couch potato be asked to get up off his duff and meet the past halfway. Perish the thought that he be asked to sit still for an actual can. Nicole Kidman, Ewan McGregor, Jim Broadbent, Richard Roxburgh. 2001. ● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Original Sin — Angelina ("Fat Lips") Jolie debarks in horse-and-buggy Havana, a mail-order bride from Delaware, bearing a trace of her British accent from *Lara Croft Tomb Raider* as well as a ready explanation for why she looks in person nothing like her homely photograph: it's because she didn't send a husband who was interested in her for only her beauty. This sounds plausible enough to the would-be bride groom, Antonio Banderas, who had represented himself as a tobacconist's clerk, instead of as a coffee baron, because he didn't want a wife who would be interested in him for his money. Nor, in their extended honeymoon (extended at least in part thanks to slow-motion), does her grotesque vampery tip him off that something's amiss. Writer-director Michael Cristofer has re-set the pulp novel by Cornell Woolrich, *Waltz into Darkness* (previously filmed by Truffaut under the name of *Mississippi Mermaid*), in a more exotic locale in hopes, evidently, of making the unbelievable more believable. Or in hopes that the relentless Latin rhythms on the soundtrack will cast a spell should all else fail. The total effect is hypnotic solely in the sense of soporific. With Thomas Jane, Jack Thompson. 2001. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Osmosis Jones — A cartoonish white blood cell (voice of Chris Rock) tracks down a lethal virus (voice of Laurence Fishburne) inside the body of a live-action Bill Murray: a loud, crude, ugly hybrid. Not to mention a less imaginative and less educational crib of *Fantastic Voyage*. Because the live-action parts are handled by Bobby and Peter Farrelly, they're even uglier than the animated parts — even disconcerting the snot, the zit, the puke, and the ingrown toenail. 2001.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Others — Some of the credit must presumably go to *The Sixth Sense* for reopening the door to an old fashioned, low tech, thick-atmosphered ghost story. There remains plenty of credit still to spread around among the Spanish writer and director (and musical scorer?) Alejandro Amenábar, heretofore known for the overly tricksy *Open Your Eyes*; his compatriot cinematographer Javier Aguirresarobe, working so close to monochromatic darkness as to argue vehemently against waiting for the video; Nicole Kidman, in a bounce-back performance after the boop-boop-a-doopery of *Moulin Rouge*, re-tuned now to a Henry Jamesian (or, from *The Portrait of a Lady* in specific, an Isabel Archerian) quivering tautness; Alakina Mann and James Bentley as her puckered-browed, pasty-faced children; and Fionnula Flanagan as a formidable latecomer to the long screen tradition of creepy housekeepers. Set entirely in and around a gothic Victorian mansion in the Channel Islands at the close of the Second World War, the story awakens gradually to other possible presences in the house, beyond those already accounted for: the resident family of three — minus its MIA head — and a reduced staff of three. Not every nook and cranny of the narrative can stand up to the light shed at the end. Yet there are, at a minimum, three legitimate skin-prickling frights throughout the course of the meticulous and measured unfoldment. Those are in the bag before the final twist. 2001.
★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Pink Flamingos — John Waters's made-in-Baltimore cult piece about the battle for the title of Filthiest Person Alive. The combatants are, in one corner, Connie and Ray mond Marble (she of the coral-red hair, he of the swimming-pool blue), who kidnap hippie hitchhikers, impregnate them, and sell the offspring to lesbian couples; and in the other corner, Divine, a transvestite behemoth with a hairline shaved back to the middle of his/her crown, circus-clown eye makeup, and some pretty unsanitary habits. Waters displays a certain taste for artifacts of American Camp, but his slovenly stylelessness and the brash harminuess of his actors leave the ideas in the raw, or in the womb. There's little in the movie that wouldn't be just as effective, if that's the word, heard second-hand, or — what's no better — witnessed in person rather than on screen. 1972.
● (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 8/16, 7 P.M., AND 8/17, 8:45 P.M.)

Planet of the Apes — The "unique personal vision" of Tim Burton comes down here to the burgeoning field of science-fiction graphics: a new illustrated edition of an old familiar classic. (Rather dark and murky illustrations, too, with a forest primeval feel to deepen the timeless mythicality of it all.) Sure, the ape makeup, to say nothing of the beefy battle armor, is an improvement over the 1968 screen treatment, but so what? (Myth doesn't demand verisimilitude.) Mark Wahlberg, meanwhile, whose notion of heavy emoting consists of breathing through an open mouth, is the farthest thing from an improvement on Charlton Heston. (The latter, content these days to be a joke, has an unbilled cameo in a monkey mask, reprising the curtain lines of the original.) The moral sententiousness, even in the absence of Rod Serling on the screenwriting team, remains

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

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Horton Plaza 14
476 Horton Plaza (619-234-8602)
A.I. (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 5:10, 8:20; **Apocalypse Now Redux** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:50, 11:50, 3:00, 4:10, 7:20, 8:30; **Atlantis: The Lost Empire** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:10, 2:40; **Captain Corelli's Mandolin** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:40, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:40, 9:05; **Legally Blonde** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:10; **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:35, 7:25, 10:15; **Osmosis Jones** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:10, 1:35, 3:55, 6:30, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. 11:10, 1:35, 3:55; Tue., Wed. 11:10, 1:35, 3:55; Thu. 11:10, 1:35, 3:55, 6:30, 9:00; **The Princess Diaries** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:25, 4:05, 7:00, 9:40; **Rat Race** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20, 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **Rush Hour 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:10, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25, 10:40, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; **The Score** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:05, 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25; **Shrek** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:35, 1:50, 4:00; **Spy Kids** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:55, 2:15

LA JOLLA

Cove
7730 Girard Avenue (858-459-5404)
The Closet (R) Fri. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2234)
American Outlaws; Rat Race; Captain Corelli's Mandolin; American Pie 2; Osmosis Jones; The Others; Rush Hour 2; The Princess Diaries; Original Sin; Planet of the Apes; America's Sweethearts; Legally Blonde; The Score

La Jolla Village
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
An American Rhapsody (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:55, 7:25, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 2:00, 4:35, 7:25, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:55, 7:25, 9:50; **The Deep End** (R) Wed.-Thu. (2:20) 4:45, 7:45, 10:00; **Greenfingers** (R) Fri. (2:15) 4:50, 7:35, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:15, 4:50, 7:35, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:15) 4:50, 7:35, 9:45; **Made** (R) Fri. (2:05) 4:40, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:05, 4:40, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:05) 4:40, 7:30, 9:55; **Songcatcher** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Mon. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Tue.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 9:35

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7051 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
American Outlaws; Rat Race; Captain Corelli's Mandolin; American Pie 2; Osmosis Jones; The Others; Rush Hour 2; The Princess Diaries; Original Sin; Planet of the Apes; Jurassic Park III; America's Sweethearts; Legally Blonde; The Score; Scary Movie 2

Hazard Center 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-291-7777)
American Pie 2 (R) Fri. 11:35, 2:00 (4:40) 7:25, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. 11:35, 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 11:35, 2:00 (4:40) 7:25, 10:10; **Original Sin** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; **The Others** (PG-13) Fri. 12:00, 2:40 (5:10) 7:50, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:40 (5:10) 7:50, 10:25; **Osmosis Jones** (PG) Fri. 12:15, 2:35 (4:50) 7:05; Sat.-Sun. 12:15, 2:35, 4:50, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:35 (4:50) 7:05; **Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) Fri. 11:30, 2:15 (4:55) 7:40, 10:20; Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 4:55, 7:40, 10:20; Sun. 11:30, 2:15 (4:55) 7:40, 10:20; **Rat Race** (PG-13) Fri. 11:45, 2:20 (5:05) 7:45, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 11:45, 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:45, 2:20 (5:05) 7:45, 10:30; **Rush Hour 2** (PG-13) Fri. 11:50, 2:30 (4:45) 7:15, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. 11:50, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 11:50, 2:30 (4:45) 7:15, 10:05

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
American Outlaws; Rat Race; Captain Corelli's Mandolin; American Pie 2; Osmosis Jones; The Others; Spy Kids; Rush Hour 2; The Princess Diaries; Original Sin; Planet of the Apes; Made; Jurassic Park III; America's Sweethearts; The Score; Legally Blonde; Cats and Dogs

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
American Outlaws (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:15) 5:25, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:20, 5:25) 7:30, 9:40; **American Pie 2** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:25) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:35, 5:45) 8:00, 10:10; **Jurassic Park III** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:45, 3:50) 5:55, 8:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:50, 5:55) 8:05, 10:05; **Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:15) 7:00, 9:30; **Rat Race** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 9:55; **Rush Hour 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:10, 7:20, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:05, 5:10) 7:20, 9:20

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
This Is Spinal Tap, Thursday; **Best in Show**, Thursday; **Thomas in Love** (Not Rated) Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
Brother (R) Fri. (4:30) 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 4:30, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (4:30) 9:55; **The Deep End** (R) Wed.-Thu. (1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 9:50; **Englightenment Guaranteed** (Not Rated) Fri.-Tue. (1:45) 7:15; **Ghost World** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Hedwig and the Angry Inch** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:10; **Memento** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:05, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:05, 10:00; **Sexy Beast** (R) Fri. (1:55) 5:00, 7:40, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 1:55, 5:00, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:55) 5:00, 7:40, 9:50

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Pink Flamingos, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Friday, 8:45 p.m.; **Eraserhead**, Friday, 7 p.m.; **Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill!**, Wednesday, 7 p.m., and next Friday, 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
China: The Panda Adventure (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Journey into Amazing Caves** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; **Michael Jordan: To The Max** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 9:00; Sun.-Thu. 8:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
America's Sweethearts (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (9:50, 12:20, 3:45) 7:10, 9:50; **American Outlaws** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (9:50, 12:10, 2:45, 5:20) 7:50, 10:25; **American Pie 2** (R) Fri.-Thu. (9:55, 10:30, 12:25, 1:00, 4:15, 4:45) 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:20; **Captain Corelli's Mandolin** (R) Fri.-Thu. (9:45, 12:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Cats and Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (9:50) 7:05; **Jurassic Park III** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 12:00, 2:20, 3:00, 4:40, 5:20) 7:00, 10:15; **Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:25, 2:50, 5:15) 8:00, 10:20; **Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 12:15, 12:45, 4:00) 9:55; Sun.-Thu. (10:15, 12:45, 4:00) 9:55; **Rat Race** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 12:40, 3:30, 4:00) 6:50, 7:20, 9:40, 10:10; **The Princess Diaries** (G) Fri.-Thu. (9:55, 10:25, 12:30, 1:05, 3:50, 4:20) 7:10, 7:50, 9:50, 10:30; **Rat Race** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 10:30, 12:50, 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 7:20, 9:40, 10:15; **The Score** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:10) 7:05, 10:00; **Spy Kids** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
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LA MESA

Grossmont Center
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100)
American Outlaws (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:00, 5:20) 7:40, 9:55; **American Pie 2** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 12:50, 2:10, 3:35) 4:40, 5:35, 7:10, 8:00, 9:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 12:50, 2:10, 3:35) 4:40, 5:35, 7:10, 8:00, 9:35, 10:00; **Captain Corelli's Mandolin** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **The Others** (PG-13) Fri. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:25; **Osmosis Jones** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:25, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:00, 5:25) 7:40, 10:05; **Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 1:20, 2:30, 3:20) 4:20, 5:05, 7:35, 8:15, 9:40, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 1:20, 2:30, 3:20, 4:20, 5:05) 7:35, 8:15, 9:40, 10:30; **Rat Race** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 2:40, 3:40, 4:50, 5:45, 7:45, 8:15, 9:30, 10:10, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 12:15, 3:45, 2:45, 3:40, 4:50, 5:45, 7:00, 7:45, 8:15, 9:30, 10:10, 10:40; **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:20, 9:35; **Cats and Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:35) 5:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:15, 5:05; **Jurassic Park III** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 1:05, 3:15) 4:40, 5:35, 7:20, 8:05, 10:05, 10:45; Sun. (12:35, 1:05, 3:15) 4:40, 5:35, 7:20, 8:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 1:05, 3:15, 4:40, 5:35) 7:20, 8:05, 10:05; **Original Sin** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:25, 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:25) 7:15, 9:50; **The Others** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 3:25) 5:55, 8:20, 10:35; Sat. (12:50, 3:05) 5:15, 9:40; Sun. (12:50, 3:25) 5:55, 8:20, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:25, 5:55) 8:20, 10:35; **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40) 4:35, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 4:35) 8:30; **Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 1:20, 2:25, 3:10) 4:10, 5:00, 5:40, 7:05, 7:40, 8:25, 9:45, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 1:20, 2:25, 3:10, 4:10, 5:00, 5:40) 7:05, 7:40, 8:25, 9:45, 10:25

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Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
America's Sweethearts (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:10, 9:25; **American Pie 2** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:15, 7:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:00, 5:15) 7:35, 9:50; **Jurassic Park III** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 2:55) 5:10, 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 2:55, 5:10) 7:30, 9:35; **Legally Blonde** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35) 5:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 5:20) 9:55; **Original Sin** (R) Fri. Thu. (12:40) 7:25; **Osmosis Jones** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30, 4:40, 6:50, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 4:40, 6:50, 9:00; **Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:40) 7:20, 9:55; **The Score** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:30, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:30) 7:05, 9:45; **Spy Kids** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 2:50) 4:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 2:50, 4:55)

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10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
American Outlaws and **Rush Hour 2**; **American Pie 2** and **Planet of the Apes**

SOUTH BAY

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very much the same. As does the lameness of the humor: "Extremism in defense of apes is no vice," "Can't we all just get along?" and the like. More fundamentally, the entire concept of an evolutionary inversion — talking apes and caged humans — is too much a novelty to bear a remake, just as it couldn't bear four sequels. And the new and different surprise ending is apt to wring from the viewer a befuddled "Huh?" where the old one wrung an "Ah!" Helena Bonham Carter, Tim Roth, Michael Clarke Duncan, Paul Giamatti, Estella Warren. 2001.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAMONA TWIN; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Princess Diaries — Fairy-tale success story: from little nobody to big somebody, minus any desire or effort, more like a lottery prize. More exactly like an unexpected inheritance: the throne of Genovia (pear capital of Europe), by subterranean bloodline. What a surprise for a frizzy-haired, four-eyed, fifteen-year-old San Franciscan misfit! The transformation of the Ugly Duckling ("If Brooke Shields married Groucho Marx, their child would have your eyebrows") falls a long way shy of a miracle, and nothing shy of a pitch for the beauty parlor. Even before she is defrizzed, defuzzed, and despectacled, the filmmakers have a hard time hiding the physical blessings of Anne Hathaway; and to pair her with Heather Matarazzo as best friends tends to raise her up rather than drag her down. Notwithstanding the trouperish contributions of Hector Elizondo (it's a Garry Marshall film, so there is perforce a part for Hector Elizondo) and a non-singing Julie Andrews (now in the Prof. Henry Higgins role instead of the Eliza Dolittle), this dish of milk-toast is for either very little girls or very old girls only. 2001.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Rat Race — Half a dozen Vegas vacationers are picked at random, for the private betting pleasure of high-rollers, to chase down the two million dollars in a locker in Silver City, New Mexico. Bargain-basement *Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*, sharing shelf space with *Scavenger Hunt* and *Million Dollar Mystery*. The opening credits — animated cutouts of the cast members with oversized heads — are cute and peppy; and the closing credits — actual cast members diving into the crowd at a rock concert — are fun, too. The in-between — with plenty of animal abuse for "dark" and "edgy" humor — is a desert. Rowan Atkinson, John Cleese, Whoopi Goldberg, Cuba Gooding, Jr., Seth Green, Jon Lovitz, Breckin Meyer, Kathy Najimy, Amy Smart, directed by Jerry Zucker. 2001.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/17)

Rush Hour 2 — Genial, self-satisfied, moderately dull sequel on the unending and unchanging chemical reaction between mismatched Hong Kong and L.A. cops, Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker. Tucker continues to be a sore spot for his refusal at any point to resemble a cop. He is nevertheless nearly as funny as his co-star, after trying ten times harder. Strong support from Zhang Ziyi (strong opposition, rather) and very briefly Don Cheadle. Brett Ratner again directed, if that's the word. 2001.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Score — The score is excellent — the musical score, that is, by Howard Shore, bluesy, subdued, taut, anxious, ominous, nearly good enough to convince you that you are watching a legitimate suspense film — yet the movie on the whole is more con job than big-time caper. The bait, the hook, would be the big-time cast, Robert De Niro, Edward Norton, Marlon Brando, Angela Bassett. Confidence builders, for sure. The second two, on closer inspection, can be summarily dismissed. Bassett is no more than The Girl, an untethered flight attendant who alights intermittently in the apartment of a Montreal jazz-club proprietor and out-of-town safecracker, but who for the duration of the movie stays mostly in flight. Brando, as a toppish fence dressed for the tropics, admittedly commands the well-worn accolade of Can't Take Your Eyes Off Him When He's On Screen, but that's because, primarily, he takes up so much of the screen even in long shot, and secondarily because of our morbid fascination in searching for the slithering sex object of *One-Eyed Jacks* inside the body of a whale. And in any case, he's not on screen for long. That leaves us, for most of the way, with De Niro and Norton, and a by-the-numbers heist plot whose main virtue is avoidance of excess. Comedy and fantasy director Frank Oz (*In and Out*, *The Indian in the Cupboard*, etc.) is concerned more to change his pace than to top his past efforts. 2001.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Sexy Beast — A misleading title, except perhaps in tone, for a British caper picture that perches on or near the same edgy edge as Guy Ritchie's *Snatch* and *Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels*. A gagster's gangster film. The big difference, however, between Jonathan Glazer's debut film and either of Ritchie's is — highly subjective criterion — that when it tries to be funny it actually succeeds. Not all the time. Not the heart-shaped smoke ring blown by the hero, a "definitely retired" denizen of the London underworld now living the life of Riley on the Costa del Sol, to his adored and worshipped wife, "Dirty Deedee," the former porn star. Not the Valentine-card image of them floating above the lights of the city in a horizontal embrace. But regularly. Judiciously. Ungreedily. The extended centerpiece of the movie, really the bulk of the movie, is the sharply written (when you can decipher the dialect) powwow between this contented sloth and the former confederate who means to coax him out of retirement and won't take no for an answer. More specifically, the centerpiece of the movie is Ben Kingsley. (Yes, there's eventually a caper, almost as an afterthought, and not the most watertight — we might say — of criminal schemes.) It's quite wonderful how we can tell before his arrival, just from the throat-clutching effect of the name "Don Logan" on its speakers and hearers, that we're in for *something*, without knowing what. It's even more wonderful how that *something* turns out to be so much more, and different, than we ever could have guessed. Devilish in demeanor (jutting goatee and shaven dome), but bedevilled himself below the surface (witness the tragmented talk to the mirror as he works himself into a lather), a veritable ambassador of misery ("I won't let you be happy! Why should I?"), practically a force of nature and yet a precisely motivated and malevolent one, he is incongruously smaller than the man he terrorizes, a yapping terrier facing down a slobbering Saint Bernard, all flat and hard where the other is bloated and squishy, a prohibitive favorite in any stare-down contest, and so thoroughly awful as to be thoroughly amusing. Ray Winstone, Amanda Redman, Ian McShane, James Fox. 2001.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA PALOMA)

Shrek — This computer-animated twist on the Beauty-and-Beast theme — the chivalric quest of a lonely, touchy, Scots-accented ogre and his volunteer sidekick, a wisecracking ass *sans* Sancho Panza, to rescue a martial-arts princess from a fire-breathing dragon and a Machiavellian bridegroom — is relentlessly clever, relentlessly ironic, relentlessly hip, or just plain relentless. But when did abrasive and anachronistic smart-aleckry become the accepted and dominant mode in film fantasy? Fantasy, like religion, requires at least a pretense of faith. DreamWorks might like to think they are tweaking the tradition of Disney's animated fairy tales (Snow White and Pinocchio, among others, put in cameo appearances), but in truth they're in lock step with Disney's *Aladdin, Hercules, Beauty and the Beast*, simply a few paces behind. With the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, and John Lithgow; co-directed by Andrew Adamson and Vicky Jenson. 2001.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Songcatcher — A prim, proper, prissy musicologist, pissed off at again getting passed over for promotion, flees to the Appalachians to visit her schoolmarm sister, and discovers in those mountains a hidden gold mine of folk music (this is in 1907) crying out to be documented. The music itself is agreeable and abundant (Iris DeMent singing from a front-porch rocker to a solo fiddle accompaniment is the peak), but the backwoods melodrama piles up to a laughable climax, and the coverage of it is oddly spotty (wouldn't you expect a reaction shot of the heroine if a barn-dance brawl breaks out at her feet? or if her work goes up in flames before her eyes?), and the women's issues — not just inequities in the workplace, but the Love That Dare Not Speak Its Name — are strictly rote. Janet McTeer, Aidan Quinn, Jane Adams, Pat Carroll, Emmy Rossum; written and directed by Maggie Greenwald. 2001.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Spy Kids — Cartoonish espionage caper, aimed at a younger age group than usual for Robert Rodriguez (*From Dusk Till Dawn, Desperado*: cartoons themselves). Slick, sometimes eye-catching, but nothing to hold on to. With Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino, Alexa Vega, Daryl Sabara, Alan Cumming. 2001.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Thomas in Love — From Belgium, a futuristic tale of cyber-romance, directed by Pierre-Paul Renders.

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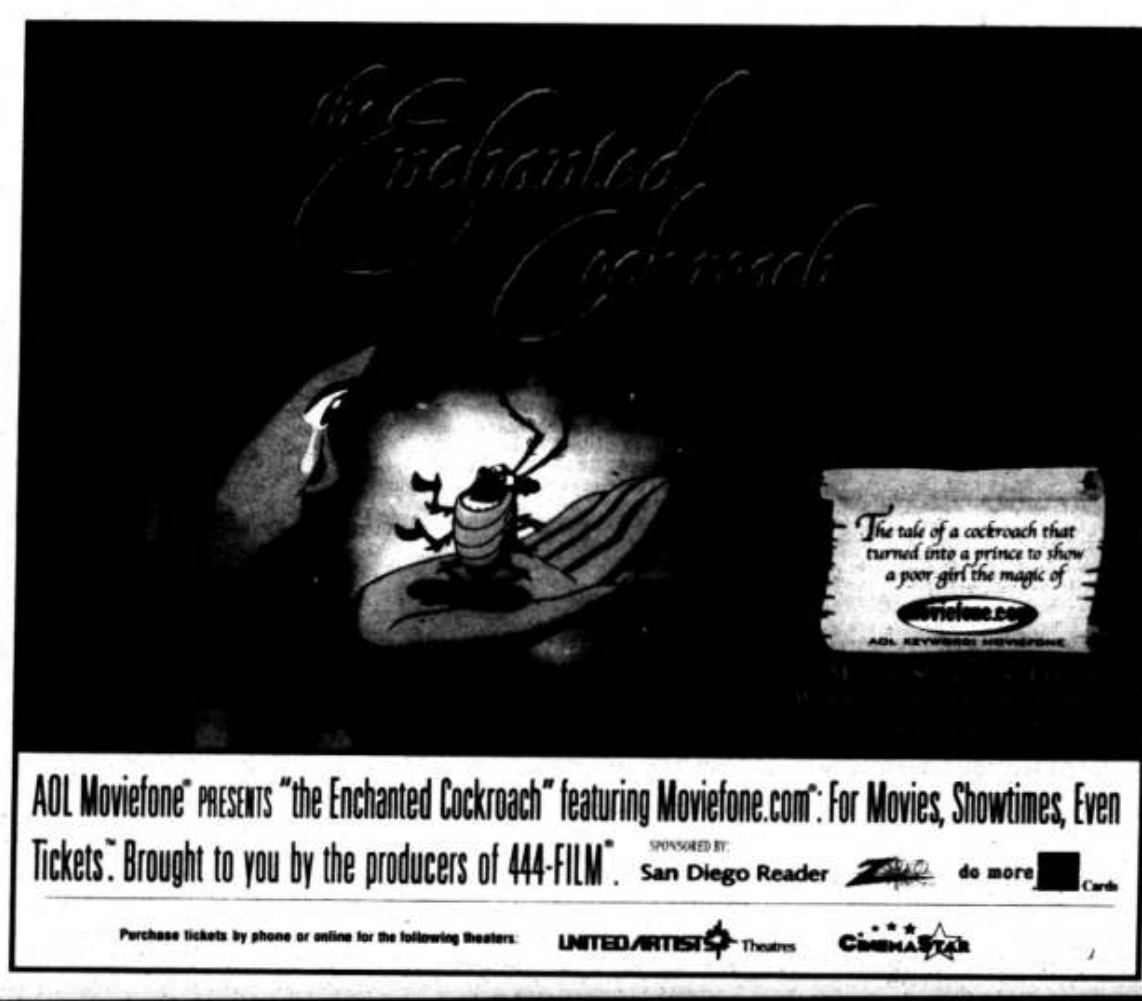

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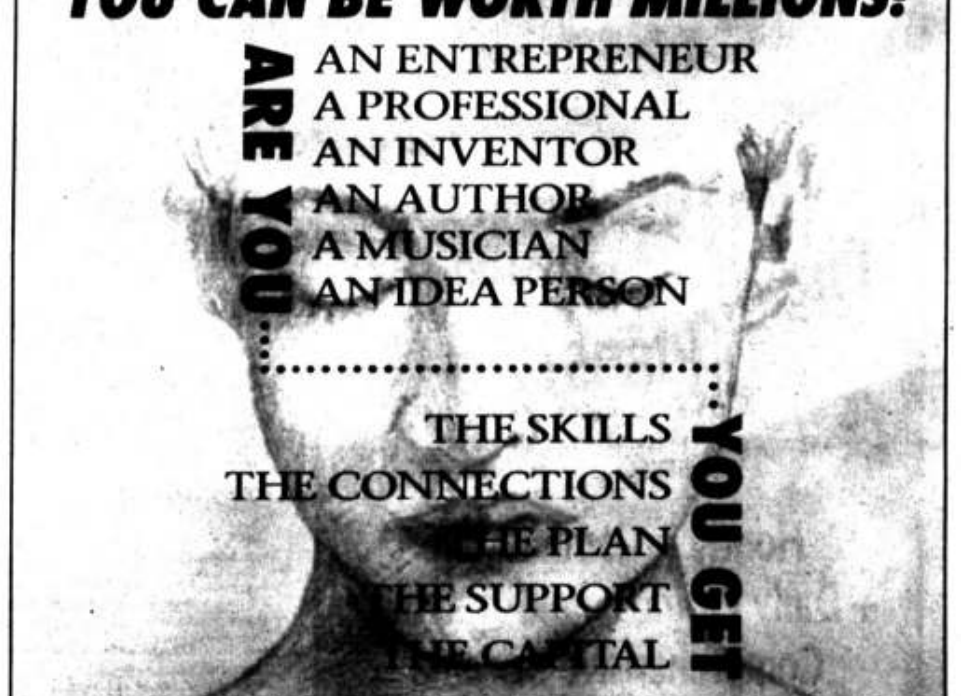

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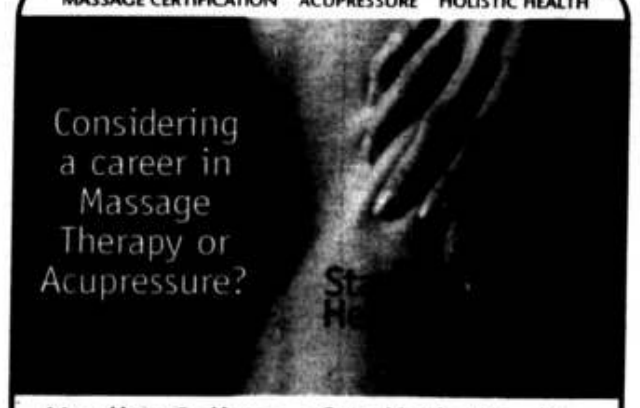
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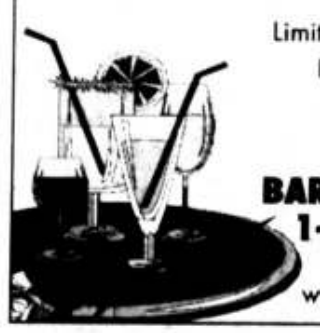
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A.R.E./EDGAR CAYCE Program. "Practicing the Healing Presence." Saturday, 9/22, 9am-5pm. Henry Reed teaches spiritual secrets to becoming a healing presence. 619-670-6867, register@aol.com, 800-333-4499, www.arepacific.org.

ADDICTION? PROBLEMS? Women be on briefly, a non-12 step self-help program meeting Monday evenings, 6:30pm at PCRS, La Mesa. Share your fun and friendship. 24/7/365 Jaur.com. 619-583-5588.

CONCERNED? LIMITED Birthparents welcomen birthparents, adoptees and adoptive parents to our monthly support group meetings. Information: CUB 619-435-3677 or www.CUBirthparents.org.

DEBTORS ANONYMOUS. Do you have problems with debt, overspending, credit use? Then it may be time for a program that can help you! Call today. 619-525-3065. Pacific Beach.

DO YOU HAVE A VICE? MTV seeks people hooked on lying, cheating, gossiping, spending money, overeating or gambling. Email diary to tdy.vice@mtvstaff.com. All responses confidential. (ARI) (MA)

DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM child? Are you mourning the death of a friend? Don't worry. There is hope! Visit www.pmhcorg.

DO YOU PULL OUT YOUR HAIR? You are not alone. It's called trichotillomania. There is support and help. Information, 858-277-1999.

DO YOU WORRY A LOT? Research participants needed. Men and women, ages 21-65, who have feelings of anxiety. Participants receive up to $160. 619-543-5831.

EAST/WEST PERSPECTIVE of Sexual Abuse taught by Dr. Shubhanan-daswami. August 27th, 29th-30th 6:30-8:30pm at Temple of Bhakti Yoga, 2120 Monroe. Call for information. 619-299-0252.

FAMILIES WANTED. SDSU is conducting a study to prevent childhood diseases in sexy. Children ages 10-12 needed. Reimbursement for qualified families. 888-523-5827.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered. Monthly meetings in North County and San Diego. Confidential. 619-579-7640.

FELLOWSHIP OF OLDER GAYS (FOG) Social club, full calendar of activities. Free activity confidential information. PO Box 4271, San Diego 92164-4271. 619-298-1388 or 619-702-6586. www.geocities.com/westhollywood/park/9411.

FREE BIBLE STUDY COURSE by mail. Nondenominational. Based on the knowledge of God's word. Postage paid. PO Box 24828, San Marcos, CA 92079. 760-436-7330. San Diego: 619-299-6812.

FREE MASSAGE — Local and clinical breast exams. Low-income, uninsured women over 40 may qualify. Call the Breast Cancer Early Detection Program for information. 800-400-4007.

FREE MEDITATION GROUP. www.SanDiegoDharma.org.

FREE PSYCHIC READING. Healing clinic September 10, October 1, November 5. Mondays 7:30pm by students in Venisa's Clairvoyant Program. 4335 Genter. ♥707 898-715-9485.

FREE RELAXATION GROUP forming. Experience how pleasurable and nurturing touch can be. Female participants needed. Relax and get pampered. 619-309-7696.

FREE SUPPORT GROUP. Struggling with a career relationship, or other life challenge? Join others in finding clarity and purpose. Learn effective decision making techniques. 858-270-0096.

GOLF TOURNAMENT, 17th annual, on September 14, 2001 to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego. Call for more information about participating. 858-467-4757 x134.

GROUP MEDITATION. Free. Each week a different emphasis. Saturdays 7:30pm. East West Yoga Center. 1306 Garnet Av. 858-270-9642. www.eastwestyoga.com.

HELP, HEALING, AND HOPE. Christian recovery from addictions and codependency. for men/women. Fridays 7-9pm. Childcare provided. 867 South Lincoln Avenue, El Cajon. 619-444-1440.

HELPING PROFESSIONS INC. presents bereavement seminars ages 5-76. Call to schedule. 619-583-1180.

HERPES AND COLD SORES: San Diego Co. HELP is a self-help support group. We offer support and accurate medical information. Full scripted information. 619-491-1941.

HERPES Singles Social Group. Join us for fun and friendship. No fee. Ages 21+. Email, sdfriends@yahoo.com for information. Not affiliated with SD City HELP.

HIV CONSUMER COUNCIL. San Diego County HIV/AIDS consumers. Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6-8:30pm. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. Weekdays, 10am-2:30pm. 619-515-6691 or 888-304-4422.

HOUSE OF ITALY in Balboa Park is offering free classes in art, cooking, dance, language. Weekly Monday and Wednesday. Information. 858-831-1717.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY of Divine-Love invites sincere seekers to free devotional satsang meetings every Wednesday and Sunday, 7:30pm, for chanting, meditation. Vedic philosophy. 619-276-0382.

INVENTORS— PRODUCT IDEAS wanted! Have your product developed by our research and development firm and professionally presented to manufacturers. Patent assistance available. Free information. 1-800-677-5382 (ANN CAN).

JOIN US FOR MEDITATION: Tuesdays 6:15pm and Sundays 9:30am. Temple of Bhakti Yoga, 2120 Monroe Ave. University Heights. 619-296-0252.

LOVE CLASSICAL PIANO? Go to www.iamclassicalpiano.com. Also raise money for your organization. Call 619-742-4097.

MOVIE BUFFS (all ages) interested in watching movies every 2 weeks and discussing it afterwards (similar to book clubs). No fees. 619-464-1447 or 619-232-5327.

PLANETARY SURVIVAL school. Teaches organic gardening, etc. Seeking people on a holistic pure path, earth spirituality, vegetarians, environmentally. Let's find house, grow garden. 619-291-0963.

PREGNANT OR POSTPARTUM women ages 18-45. UCSD Department of Psychiatry needs women who are pregnant or postpartum (up to 1 year) for research study on depression. 619-543-7393.

REINCARNATION. Karma Man in Encinitas at San Diego's Branch Library at 2960 Mission Center Court Suite 203. Tuesday through Saturday, 11am-3pm. Sunday, 10-3pm.

SANAJA YOGA meditation. Discover the peace within. Meetings are always free. Saturdays, 9:30am. Highland Park. La Mesa. Information: 619-861-0167.

SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS. Tired of warming a pew? Prophecy Jesus confession releases the spirit. Logos. Rhema. Parousia. Kingdom of God in power. 619-296-2611.

SEEKING MILITARY GUY, shiny blue Harley. Sunday 8/5. 32nd Naval Gas Station. Like to meet and hang out. Contact smile. Maroon Kia. PO Box 124437, 92112.

SEX and/or relationship problems? Out of control? You're not alone. Call Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous' 12-step fellowship. PO Box 3791, San Diego 92163 or 619-640-0293.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK. Measure For Measure. Saturday-Sunday August 4-September 2nd. Balboa Park Central Mesa Fleet Science Building in Balboa Park. Admission free.

STOCK MARKET timing discussion group investing. Thursday 6:30pm. Information only. Public Library, 4155 Governor Drive. Mid-Univ. Area. Again. 858-756-1671 or mayo@mindspring.com.

TAKE TIME TO HELP a child. Volunteer 1 hour a week and make a difference in the life of a very special child. Call Mentor San Diego. Applications are being taken. 858-541-1844.

THE EATING DISORDER Referral and Information Center provides free information and treatment resources for eating disorders. Call us or visit our website for more information on or call 858-700-1640.

THE TRUTH ABOUT VIOLENCE and our children. Taught by Dr. Shubhanandaswami. Presented 3rd, 6th & 9th at 6:30pm at Temple of Bhakti Yoga 2120 Monroe Ave. 619-299-0252.

TWINS? UCSD study needs healthy twin pair volunteers ages 18-50 years for information processing research. Financial compensation. 619-725-2018.

VOLUNTEER TO MENTOR. Be a role model to youth at risk. Ages 10-17. 6 month commitment. Training provided. Make a difference. Call Vanessa at Partners Mentoring Program. 619-584-5797.

VOLUNTEER in Africa and Mexico. 1 year placement in human rights, journalism, health, education, social work, community development. Call 202-625-7403. e-mail, visions@gc.org, or Web, www.visionsinaction.org.

VOLUNTEERS: Small East County environmental group needs a dedicated volunteer for light office work. For more information, call The Environmental Trust at 619-461-8333.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN who are ill, homeless, abused, or at risk. Restore love and confidence in children through arts. 2 hours weekly, training provided. Shelly 858-622-0508.

VOLUNTEERS. 7600 abused/neglected children live in foster care with San Diego County. Become a voice in court for just one. Serve as a Court Appointed Special Advocate or educational surrogate. Voice for Children. 858-569-2019. www.voices4children.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED College Area Pregnancy Services seeking qualified professionals to volunteer services for sonographers and RNs to help scan abortion-vulnable women. 619-337-8080.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Mercy Chapin Soccer club, full calendar of activities. Free activity confidential information. PO Box 4271, San Diego 92164-4271. 619-298-1388 or 619-702-6586. www.geocities.com/westhollywood/park/9411.

WANTED: Southwest Awards Tickets, must have at least a five months remaining before expiration, will pay $240 cash 619-980-8800.

WESTIN MISSION HILLS Resort get away 2 nights room and tax included based on availability. Certificate expires 12/30/01. Valued at $400. sell for $180 858-442-9607.

$19 CATALINA GETAWAY! Roundtrip cruise. Perfect mini Quashed coupons ($50,000/year minimum)for attending timeshare presentation. Pay you! See "Great Escapes." 800-718-8810. x005. 619-287-9877. x005.

Personals

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DINOSAURS are symptoms of mass destruction eliminating demonized fig trees in Lalala for mankind's Rapture according to (three we choices grow com instead of figs.

FLOATING ON SAND, rose petals fall and my eyes close. As the whispers go to them, I whisper I am here. Scents from 5th Ave.

HERPES MATCHMAKING. Meet attractive single people. 18 and over, computer matching. Strictly confidential. Established 1982. Women 50% off with this ad. Compatibility Plus 877-849-9663.

LOIS L. Call Mark B.

OPEN MINDS ARE COOL. Beautiful, racially balanced city. Don't feel awkward. Reach for someone special. Free volunteer help. Spread the message. Racial equality.

THANK YOU Holy Spirit for prayers answered 7/4.

THANK YOU Sir Jude.

Matches

SHARED INTERESTS

FRIENDSHIP. Well rounded nurse, 54, widow, seeks other well rounded individuals. Seeking intelligent people. Movies, theatre, dining out, night outings. 55-70, nonsmoker, outgoing, flexible, kind available (#0727) 760-703-7015.

FRIENDSHIP. Male enjoys bowling, Scrabble, movies. Filipino board games. Cooking Asian cuisine, studying Bible, can history, language. Seeking male friendship. (8/29) ☎70636.

FRIENDSHIP. Female friends (25-35) wanted for dinner and happy hours, talk, hike minded partner (4ft-5ft) who enjoys nature, outdoor exercise, quality conversations. (8/29) ☎70587.

INDIAN FEMALE FROM INDIA. Very attractive many hobbies. Seeking sincere, honest gentleman. 45-55, time western executed. Serious only. (#0727) ☎70674.

KIND, HONEST, COURAGEOUS man who welcomes a challenge as promotive of his spiritual development sought by cute very sincere, sensuous, highly intelligent free spirited brunette. (8/22) ☎70565.

LOVE ANIMALS? ORIGINAL slim blonde looking for man to share life and love on ranch. Must have time and attention for substance abusers. (8/29) ☎70559.

ATTRACTIVE, VIVACIOUS, professional petite, youthful 49, fit, conversed, educated, spiritual, humorous, sexy, nonsmoker. You: Handsome, fun, 5'10" - 38-45, prosperous, romantic, Caucasian man in North County. (8/22) ☎70545.

YOU: LAUGHTER, INTELLECT, passion, honesty, coffeehouses, poetry, theatre, animals, outdoors, cornsmoker/non-drinker, soul searching, Native American/ European outlook. Me: 54 years, 5'7" all of above. (8/22) ☎70579.

WORTH WAITING FOR. Aren't you? I'm 40s, fit, passionate. You're 6, Caucasian, handsome, 36-45, stable. Looking for the love of your life. (8/29) ☎70589.

DOWNTOWN/BAY. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 1910 Victorian house. Bay view. $1900/week. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. $1500/week. Pool, jacuzzi. Scott Meurer, Broker. 619-223-5656.

IMMIGRATIONS FOR TRAVEL. International Traveler's Clinic. Low prices. All destinations. Prescriptions. Central location. Evening appointments available. Current worldwide health information. Expert, friendly care. 619-696-0736.

MANMOTH/SNOWCREEK. Deluxe spa condo. 3-story townhome. Sleeps 6-8. Summit views. Fireplace. Spa. Sauna. Lots of special amenities. Comfortably furnished. Low rates. Owner direct. 760-931-1779.

MAUI, HAWAII. Beach, pool, tennis, lovely, custom decorated, ocean view, 1 bedroom condo. Sleeps 4. From $60/day. Call Neal for details at 619-294-2076.

MEXICO-CARIBBEAN-HAWAII! Super specials. Hurry! 35% off Caribbean 5 days. Cabo $428. Vallarta, 4 days $374, 8 days, Cancun $442. 24 hours 800-854-6282.

ROSARITA. 12 miles from border. New 3 bedroom condos on beach. Sleep 2 to 12. Gated. Pools, golf. (011)526-613598 www.rosaritacondos.com

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Travel & Getaways

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ABANDONED BY YOUR AGENT? Boston $119. Atlanta $179. Miami $127. Denver $97. New Orleans $79. One-way based on a roundtrip. Restrictions apply. Call 858-270-2070.

AIRLINE TICKET, roundtrip on Southwest good through 2002. Lots of coupons. $400. Evenings: 858-268-8230 or days. 619-709-4166.

AIRLINE TICKET, roundtrip anywhere Southwest flies transferable. fly in your name must be available. $200. 619-276-3799.

AIRLINE TICKET, roundtrip anywhere Southwest flies including Florida. New Orleans. Chicago. Las Vegas. Transferable. Cash. tom Bufore 9pm. 619-443-0967.

AIRLINE TICKET, roundtrip anywhere Southwest flies. transferable. fly in your name. must be available. $200. 619-276-8273 ☎740.

AIRLINE TICKET, 1 way anywhere Southwest flies, transferable. fly in your name. must be available. $200. ☎647-0391.

AIRLINE TICKET, roundtrip anywhere Southwest flies. fully transferable. good for one year. $400 cash only. 858-364-0330.

AIRLINE TICKET, roundtrip anywhere Southwest flies. with drink coupons. good until 7/30/02. $350. 858-551-1982.

AIRLINE TICKETS. Southwest airlines rapid reward ticket. round trip. good until 7/31/02. $350. 858-272-8944.

AIRLINE TICKETS, 2 roundtrip anywhere Southwest flies with drink tickets. $330 each. 858-270-6464.

AIRLINE TICKETS. 2 roundtrip on Southwest. good through 7/02. $340 each. 619-553-7402 or 858-566-5964.

AUSTRALIA TRAVEL partner(s) wanted for mid-October. early November. I'm into seeing the east coast. beaches. possibly buying a car. Matthew. 858-793-1470.

BB BEAR LAKE. Cabins. condos ready for mountain biking, fishing, hiking. Enjoy all holidays here! All sizes and prices. Special vacation packages! Spencer Rentals. 800-237-3725.

CABO SAN LUCAS. Sol Mar Resort. September 22. $500. Max: 858-481-4885 7106.

CORONADO. Ocean-view penthouse. Beautiful. fully furnished 2 bedroom. 2 bath. Pool. jacuzzi. Tennis courts. Available 9/1/01-11/30/01 $260/month. 858-549-4232.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Luxurious villa. Sleeps 8. Private pool. Ocean view. Maid. Cook. Available 9/1-10/31. $1,500/month. 858-459-0220.

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, professional. Seeking successful, sophisticated, romantic, sensual man. Enjoys walks, laughter, good company, perfectly long term. Brownie-point guy. Interested? (8/29) ☎70616.

37, FIT, 6'1", BLONDE, 140lbs, attractive, pool. great professional events. I love jazz, dancing, movies, and theatre. seeks playgirl and friends to share activities. (8/29) ☎70575.

ATTRACTIVE, SLIM, 47, 5'4" shapely, professional, educated, likes variety of recreational activities. Seeks fit, active, employed, outdoors activities. nonsmoker, light drinker. Seeking gentleman, 36-49, with similar interests. (8/29) ☎70619.

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BEAUTIFUL, SLIM, 5'4", 120lbs, seeks handsome, fit, professional, romantic, sensual, sincere, honest, humorous, spiritual man. Enjoys dancing, movies, theatre, quiet times. (8/29) ☎70618.

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BLONDE BEAUTY, 5'6",

LOOKING FOR SOME FUN before summer is gone. 6' tall, white male professional loves beach, golf, cooking, animals, nonsmoker, green eyes, dark brown hair. (8/29) ☎70139

HANDSOME, CHARMING, successful executive, 50s, centered, romantic, jeans fun, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking caring, sophisticated, stylish, sensual, passionate, well-educated, fit professional, 35-55, long-term relationship. (8/29) ☎70129

ALMOST HANDSOME, affectionate mid-60s seeks happy, huggable, mentally homecomer like me. Dance, bike, Hawaii. Under 5'8", nonsmoker, light/non-drinker. (8/29) ☎70148

TAKE a CHANCE, NICE, happy, honest, caring nonsmoker, 49, 5'8", 140lbs, brown/blue, loves music, movies, festivals, seeks woman, face open for new friendship. (8/22) ☎70034

LOOKING FOR a JAPANESE lady age 35-46. You are slim. Me 49, white, slim body, and enjoy beach, nice dining. So give me a try. (8/22) ☎70055

BLACK MAN, 40, HANDSOME, fit, searching single white female, 30-45. Love to laugh, dance, movies. Don't pass this one by. I could be him. (8/22) ☎70025

BLOND, TALL, HANDSOME, athletically and musically inclined, 48, seeks attractive, intelligent 40s woman into romance, fitness and good conversations for potential, positive relationship. (8/22) ☎69974

NEW YORK CITY EDUCATOR, 48, 5'9", active, nonsmoker, financially and emotionally secure, enjoys travel, dining and the arts. Reside College area. Searching for slender, feminine woman. (8/29) ☎70067

FUN-LOVING ADVENTURER, incurable romantic, compassionate and secure. Seeking slender, educated, Christian woman of 25-40 to enjoy deep conversation, outdoor adventure, arts, travel and affection. (8/22) ☎70085

BIRD LIVES! Optimistic minimalist digs the changing status quo. Everybody does the best all the time. (8/29) ☎70137

SURF'S UP! DO YOU SURF? Would like to learn or love the beach/surf in general. I'm 34, physically fit, many interests. North County Coastal. (8/29) ☎70084

SEEKING SINGLE WHITE female for fun in the desert. Must like children. Also ok if divorced, physically fit. 37, 6'1". (8/22) ☎70002

UNPRETENTIOUS, ACTIVE outdoor type, 50s, 6', 170lbs., fit, firm. Seeking counterpart who likes cards, cuddling, travel, on. Any combination thereof. No ordinary love-o-rama. (8/29) ☎70171

DOCTOR, SENSITIVE, 48, very attractive, fit, blue eyes, loves music, writing, books, intelligent, petite, slender, high class, and learning. Seeking great-looking, petite, intelligent female. (8/29) ☎70147

PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN, balmy, happy-go-lucky, employed, tall, hand-some, versatile, seeks woman for fun, laughter, romance. Don't worry, I'm not a rock star. Please write me. (8/22) ☎70045

TALL, HANDSOME, OPEN, friendly, caring, romantic, 6'3", 190lbs., 40, likes to dance, sing, play, travel, and enjoy life. Seeks attractive, fun, loving, romantic, slender woman, 30-40, for friendship, maybe more. (8/22) ☎70052

1580lbs., 5'11", TALL, handsome, athletic, 30s, seeks fit, attractive, tall woman, 25-35, who likes to have fun. Me: 180lbs., 6'2", blond hair, blue eyes, athletic build, love to play sports, dance, travel, and enjoy life. You: attractive, fit, love to have fun, and enjoy life. Let's get together and have some fun! (8/29) ☎70153

HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL [illegible] ☎

LOVABLE, HANDSOME, [illegible] ☎

HISPANIC WOMAN UNDER 52 [illegible] ☎

ADVENTURE, ROMANCE, [illegible] ☎

FAMILY VALUES! [illegible] ☎

LONGHAIRED HIPPIE, 39, handsome, mellow, bearded, educated homemaker. Love hiking, music, animals and conviviality. Seeking similar, petite, childless, vibrant lady with diverse interests. Clairemont (8/29) ☎70157

CARLSBAD, KIND, HONEST, 43, white, never married, healthy, childless, nonsmoker, nondrinker. Seeking white, North County Coastal lady, 38-42 for long-term relationship. (8/22) ☎70022

BLACK TEDDY BEAR, tall, handsome, romantic, intensely affectionate, seeking down-to-earth female, any race, preferably full figured with curves. All responses will be answered. (8/29) ☎70144

PASSIONED VETERAN, new home, transition, 5'6", 165lbs, artistic, athletic, romantic, musician, degreed professional, patient copyright, baseball, tennis, 42, loving, caring, sensitive, seeks Asian/Hispanic female (8/22) ☎70046

YOU ARE TALL, SLIM, attractive, intelligent, educated, unencumbered, active vegetarian and have celebrated between 40 and 57 birthdays. Me too. (8/29) ☎70152

VIVIENNE'S HANDSOME, 50ish, white gentleman. La Mesa, father, tall, sexy, seeks stylish, attractive, sexy, romantic lover. Intimate evenings, dinner, candlelit, cuddling, kissing, candles, fireplace. Me. (8/29) ☎70161

GOT PUNK? FINANCIALLY secure musician that likes to go out, party and have fun. Seeking partner in crime, hopefully you're a musician too. (8/29) ☎70079

FUN, HANDSOME, SLIM, 6'1" fit professional seeks adventurous, slim woman for evening and weekend getaways, boating, water sports. Romantic more I'm finally single. Please be honest. (8/29) ☎70053

SHARE MY POPCORN. I would love to find a warmhearted, health conscious woman over 61 for dating, dancing, walking, talking, laughing, loving and more. (8/29) ☎70109

PART JOEY, PART CHANDLER, 36, hard-some, hard-holder, dual-opener, good-rubber, bad-case. Seeking pretty funny, adaptive partner for laughs, romance and maybe more. Let's get some sand in our beards at The Plunge. (8/29) ☎70143

BOY ROGERS SEEKING DALE? Cute, 5'8", 140lbs., Ecuadorian. Have a horse and ten-gallon hat! Seeking single, straight woman who enjoys outdoors, horses, rodeos, country music, dancing. Carlsbad. (8/29) ☎70026

STOP! DON'T RESPOND if you want to be single forever. Handsome, 54, physically fit, lifestyle, kayaking, hiking, travel, adventure, caring, sharing. Seeking adventurous woman, 35-50 to attached. Financially possible romance. Solo. (8/29) ☎70071

26, EDUCATED, LONELY MAN looking for long term relationship. 5'8", friendly, fit, bright language. Divorced, child-free. I'm your man! (8/22) ☎70094

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FAMILY VALUES!

Roommates

ALLIED GARDENS/DEL CERRO. $400 plus 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom condo. Upper level. Have dog. Available immediately. Please call 619-287-9237.

BAY HO. $400 plus 1/4 utilities. Female to share 4 bedroom house with washer/dryer, 11'x11' room with large closet. Available September 1. Non-smoker. 858-274-6041.

BAY PARK. $580 includes gardner. Beautiful, neat 3 bedroom house with awesome view of Mission Bay. No pets. Available 9/1. 619-275-2210.

CARDIFF. $575, with bath, $535 share bath plus utilities. Community living with privacy. Vegetarian kitchen, organic garden, jacuzzi, sauna, laundry, distilled water. Nonsmoker/pets. 760-753-0321.

CARDIFF. $350, first/last. Seeking roommate for 1800 square-foot condo. All common areas shared. Currently 2 males and 1 female residing. Nonsmoking, no pets. 619-235-2415, x13289.

CARDIFF. $625. Flexible move-in date after 8/20. Sunset, ocean view, walk to everything. Share with female. Nonsmoking, drugs, pets. Have cat. Calls returned 760-633-1832.

CARDIFF. $525, 1/2 utility, deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 4 blocks to beach. Large closet, laundry, storage, parking. Nonsmoking. Available 9/1. Worth. 760-634-2698. 619-235-2415, x12531.

CARDIFF. $850 plus 1/2 utilities. Bedroom and office. Nonsmoking female to share beautiful condo. Lagoon/ocean views, jacuzzi, pool, parking, storage, nature. 800-978-5070, 619-235-2415, x21720.

CARDIFF. $700 including utilities. $500 deposit. Share 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Mile from beach. Washer/dryer. No smoking/drugs. 619-890-7399.

CARLSBAD. $500. Female preferred. 1 block from beach. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. No pets. Available 9/1. 760-434-9199.

CARLSBAD. $625 plus security deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. 1-1/2 blocks from beach. Laundry, parking, backyard, storage. Nonsmoker. Call Joe, 760-415-9985, 619-235-2415, x20961.

CARLSBAD. $515/month. Walk to beach. Large bedroom, share bath in house. Pay 20% utilities. Community pool and jacuzzi. Driveway parking. 760-804-0438.

CARMEL VALLEY. $600. Share new 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Male seeking male/female. All amenities, gym, pool, spa, washer/dryer, dishwasher, cable modem. Near beach/Del Mar. Common areas mostly furnished; but room for more. No indoor smoking/pets. 909-306-6554.

CARMEL VALLEY. $425 includes all utilities and cable. Like your own private, beautifully furnished apartment. Private entrance, equipped kitchenette, own bath, many amenities. 619-235-2415, x17921.

CHULA VISTA/EASTLAKE. $450/month, split utilities, $250 deposit. Share 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Community lakes, pools, tennis and basketball courts. Available 9/1. 619-235-2415, x25632.

CHULA VISTA, SOUTH. $375. 3 bedroom house, laundry, utilities, cable included. Quiet neighborhood, nice backyard. Near 805/905 and shopping. Smoking OK. Available 9/1. 619-428-3855, 619-235-2415, x20038.

CHULA VISTA. $600 plus 1/2 utilities. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom. Washer/dryer, pool, gym. No drugs or pets. Close to Southwestern College. Available now. 619-235-2415, x32597.

CHULA VISTA. $475 plus utilities. 3 bedroom house. Laundry facility, living, dining, big backyard, close to freeways/college. Quiet area. 619-421-2288.

CLAIREMONT. Low rent. Trade Share room in house. Black-bottom pool, pool table, etc. Female only. 619-253-5466.

CLAIREMONT, NORTH. $550, 1/3 utilities. Female preferred. Shared bath. Lovely 4 bedroom house on canyon, close to Clairemont Square. Available first of September. 858-483-9393.

CLAIREMONT, SOUTH. $425/month, 1/3 utilities. House. Furnished. Air conditioning, laundry. No smoking. Pleasant, clean house and yard. Light kitchen privileges. Available approximately 8/19. 619-235-2415, x15527.

CLAIREMONT. $600, 1/5 utilities. Room in spacious 4 bedroom house. Quiet neighborhood, network, cable, hot tub, pool table, fireplace, canyon view. 619-235-2415, x28820.

CLAIREMONT. $400 plus deposit and utilities. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Near shopping center, easy freeway access. Nonsmoker. Male only. Lots of privacy. 858-581-1303.

CLAIREMONT. $575, share utilities. Beautiful, Spanish-style 4 bedroom, 2 bath, spacious, sun room, office. 2 rooms available, fully furnished with extras, yard, gazebo with view, storage. Available 9/1. 858-277-4475.

CLAIREMONT. $375 plus security. Room available in 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Laundry, cable, yard, exercise area. Safe neighborhood, great location. Nonsmoking, no pets. 858-279-5053, 619-235-2415, x15037.

CLAIREMONT. $625, utilities included. deposit. Quiet, canyon cul-de-sac. 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. Near Genesee/Balboa. Live with 1 other. Own bath. Available now. 858-279-6558, 619-235-2415, x32716.

CLAIREMONT. $450 plus utilities. Non-smoking female to share 3 bedroom, large house. Quiet neighborhood, patio, fireplace, washer/dryer, all amenities. Sorry, no pets. Jeff, 858-581-1456.

CLAIREMONT. $550. Spacious master bedroom. Quiet 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Nice area. Patio, washer/dryer. No smoking, no drugs. $500 deposit. Available 9/1. 858-274-5374, 619-235-2415, x18032.

CLAIREMONT. $400, 1/4 utilities. House. Seeking male roommate. Furnished or unfurnished, share bath. Kitchen, laundry, barbecue, use. quiet neighborhood, plenty of street parking. 619-276-0961, 619-235-2415, x16640.

CLAIREMONT. $440/month, 1/3 utilities. $350 deposit. Share 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with all amenities. No smoking. 858-277-4005, 619-235-2415, x26983.

CLAIREMONT. $575, shared utility. $700 deposit. $50 nonrefundable fee. 4 bedroom home. Furnished. Share bath, laundry, kitchen. Cable. Convenient location. Smoking OK. Available 9/3. 858-576-7786, 619-235-2415, x31423.

CLAIREMONT, NORTH. $450. Unfurnished room for rent in private house. Private bathroom, telephone, cable. Laundry, light kitchen privileges. 1 person only. No smoking/pets. 858-274-8662, 619-235-2415, x30301.

CORONADO. $675 plus utilities. Female preferred to share 3 bedroom, 3 bath gorgeous Spanish home. Block to beach. Fireplace, hardwood floors, screened porch. Available now. 619-435-3784.

DEL MAR, EAST. $580. New luxury house. Large, bright, attractive. Quiet, private, fireplace, laundry room. Own bath room. Share utilities. No pets/smoking. 858-793-9636.

DEL MAR, EAST. $ 3% plus utilities. 2900 square foot beautiful new home. 3 miles beach. Laundry, garage. 1st bath. Quiet. Pictures/information: www.dl-m.com/room. 858-259-4949.

DEL MAR, EAST. $595 plus 1/3 utilities. Share luxury Carmel Valley home. close to everything. For more details, call pager 858-369-1934, 619-793-7415, x17605.

DEL MAR, EAST. $700 and $600 plus deposit and share utilities. Large new executive home. Includes amenities, yard, community facility. No smoking. drugs. 858-755-7693.

DEL MAR, WEST. $500+. Cheerful, private room with view. Shared bath. Clean, quiet, sunny home. Furnished. Cable, laundry, kitchen, fireplace, housekeeper, phone, internet, cable, laundry, utilities. Nonsmoker. Pet awesome. Top neighborhood/environment. Linda, 619-767-8704, 619-235-2415, x17640.

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EL CAJON CITY. $450 plus utilities. Own bath for 1 person. Near I-8, shopping. Male. Quiet neighborhood. No pets. Deposit, credit check and references required. 619-735-7415, x71404.

EL CAJON. $327.50. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Air conditioning, dishwasher, pool on site parking. 10 utilities. deposit required. 619-593-9011.

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DEL MAR. $600. 1/3 utilities. Deposit. Roommate bath in 7 bedroom condo. Easy I-5 access. pool. laundry. Beach within 1 mile. Nonsmoking. pets. drugs. Excellent location. 858-259-6113, 858-481-8543.

DEL MAR. $850. 1/2 utilities. Available 9/1. Share 2 bedroom, 3 bath contemporary condo in Del Mar Woods. Ocean view, fireplace, pool, jacuzzi, tennis, washer/dryer. Steps to beach and Torrey Pines Park. No pets. 858-347-3336.

DEL MAR. $800. includes cable/utilities. Great quiet, 2 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs condo. Washer/dryer. living room furniture. Pool, jacuzzi. patio. No pets. 858-793-7333, 619-235-2415, x19827.

DEL MAR. $575. per room. Looking for 3 males or females to share condo. Ample parking. Pool. Jacuzzi. Tennis. Walk to beach. Available now. 858-481-5317, 619-235-2415, x26257.

DEL MAR, WEST. $700/month. 1/2 utilities. Share the beach! Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Interior is brand new! Pool, jacuzzi, laundry. Nice. 858-523-0486.

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ENCINITAS/LEUCADIA. $600 including utilities. Room available 8/17. Own bedroom/bathroom. Large townhouse. Few blocks from beach, 2 miles from Coaster station. No pets. 760-634-3761.

ESCONDIDO. $450/month plus 1/3 utilities. Large room for rent in our home. Pool, air conditioning. Have 2 friendly outside dogs. Available 9/1. 760-738-0315.

ESCONDIDO. $450 plus 1/3 utilities. 1 bedroom available in 3 bedroom, 2 bath private house. No smoke, drug, pets. 760-492-6275.

FASHION HILLS. $475 including utilities. Female. Nonsmoker. No pets. 4 bedroom, 3 bath house. Parking, laundry, quiet. Available now. 858-565-7649.

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GOLDEN HILL. $525/month. Room for rent in Victorian house. No dogs. 1 bath. Room available 9/1. 619-235-2415, x26060.

GOLDEN HILL/BALBOA PARK. $550. 1 bedroom with 4 windows in vintage house. Hardwood floors, washer/dryer, parking, cable, Internet, storage, yard. Nonsmoker. Sheri. 619-255-7451.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. $550, utilities/cable included. Clean, furnished room in 2 bedroom apartment. Private entrance, own bath. Nice area. Nonsmoking. 619-233-1566.

HILLCREST. $515. Nonsmoker, share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Swimming pool, sauna, laundry, gated, off-street parking. No pets. Call Selina, 619-543-0841; 619-235-2415, x11953.

HILLCREST. $500/month. Share with 1 other female. No pets or smoking. Washer/dryer on site. Inside completely remodeled. If interested call 619-295-1864; 619-235-2415, x15650.

HILLCREST. $600 includes utilities plus deposit. Sunny room/private bath, abundant storage in gorgeous, spacious apartment near zoo. Have cat. Prefer nonsmoking female. 619-235-2415, x23528.

HILLCREST. $475, 1/2 utilities. Male preferred. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom apartment. Convenient location. Includes parking spot, laundry. No smoking, drugs, pets. 619-295-3250; 619-235-2415, x31595.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. $600/month, $200 deposit. Seeking roommate, female preferred. Available 9/1. Private bath in spacious apartment. Parking available, laundry. No pets. Robert, 619-298-2685.

IMPERIAL BEACH. $500 includes utilities/cable. Share house. Large yard, washer/dryer, Internet, carport, kitchen, covered patio. Male or female OK. Nonsmoker. 619-575-7724 or 619-227-4257; 619-235-2415, x20545.

KENSINGTON. $600, 1/3 utilities. Lovely furnished bedroom with bath. Quaint, nicely designed home. Quiet, safe neighborhood. Laundry, great patio, yard, cable. Nonsmoking, pets, drugs. 619-280-2790; 619-235-2415, x15191.

KENSINGTON. $675/month, 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 1920s duplex. Fireplace, washer/dryer, dishwasher, hardwood floors. No smoking, drugs or pets. North of Adams Avenue. 619-235-2415, x24768.

LA COSTA. $500, $300 deposit. Looking for nonsmoking female with no pets to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Ask for Sean. 760-445-1234.

LA COSTA. $650 plus deposit, includes utilities. Bedroom and bath in large condo. Washer/dryer, pool, spa, tennis. Female preferred. Available 9/1. 760-436-4302; 619-235-2415, x18811.

LA COSTA. $600, utilities, deposit. Spacious, luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath on golf course. Washer/dryer, fireplace, wet bar, underground secured parking, pool, jacuzzi. 760-479-1966; 619-235-2415, x20871.

LA COSTA. $600, 1/4 utilities. Female. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 fireplaces, hardwood floors, spacious, full bar, pool table, garage, many amenities, washer/dryer, yard/gardener, gorgeous view. 760-967-6096.

LA JOLLA COLONY/UTC. $575, 1/2 utilities. Seeking female; share safe, respectful environment. 2 bedroom luxury condo. Parking, washer/dryer, pool, spa. Nonsmoker/pets. 858-450-0857.

LA JOLLA COLONY. $615. Female to share beautiful house with female. Fireplace, washer/dryer, barbecue, pool. No smoking, no pets. Available now. 858-458-1515.

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LA JOLLA. $2000 includes all. Share fabulous home, top of Mt. Soledad, secluded. Own master suite with big screen TV. Full use of house, pool, grounds. Maid, gardener, garage. No pets, smoking, drugs. References. 858-729-9802.

LA JOLLA. $725. Panoramic ocean views. Room for rent, own bath in 4 bedroom house with all amenities. Washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi. Available September. 858-459-5716.

LA JOLLA. $750/room. 3 large rooms. Original beach-style home. Quiet neighborhood. Block from ocean access. Hardwood floors, yard, deck, fireplace. No smoking. 858-488-1916.

LA JOLLA. $895. Huge home on canyon. Washer/dryer, fireplace, ocean view, community pool/jacuzzi. Large master bedroom has own bath, private patio. Call 858-456-1132.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. $525, 1/2 utilities. Female. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Large bedroom, ample closets, pool, laundry, parking, block beach. Available 9/1. 858-459-6993.

LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. $1000/month, including utilities. Male/female to share 2 bedroom condo with male. Master bedroom, private bath. Security building/parking. Quiet complex. Barbara. 949-234-1950.

LA JOLLA/PACIFIC BEACH. $750. Female preferred. Furnished bedroom, own bath. Garage, pool, tennis, laundry. Private, quiet area. Available 8/16. Nonsmoker. Kate, voice mail, 619-491-3638; 619-235-2415, x29212.

LA JOLLA/PACIFIC BEACH. $775/month plus 1/2 utilities. Roommate wanted for great apartment. 1/2 block from beach, at Tourmaline Surf Park. Available now. 858-273-4346; 619-235-2415, x30530.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $750, 1/2 utilities, deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry, parking, quiet, convenient. Female preferred. Have cats. Available 10/1. Lease negotiable. Sarah. 858-336-3590.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $750, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Room in 2 bedroom, 2 bath, furnished condo. Parking, pool, jacuzzi, park, washer/dryer. Male nonsmoker. Lease required. Available 9/1. 858-335-1449.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $710, 1/2 utilities. Brand new, luxury dual master. Washer/dryer, underground parking, 4 pools, jacuzzi, gym, movie theater. Days, 858-622-7948; evenings, 858-587-0698.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $795, utilities/cable included. Share 1700-square-foot, smoke/drug-free townhome. Dog, garage, laundry, pool, tennis. Own large bedroom/bathroom. 619-235-2415, x28536.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $695, 1/2 utilities. Large master bedroom/bath. Pool, jacuzzi, laundry, garage, garden. Quiet canyon location, jogging, mountain biking. Nonsmoker. Available 8/31. 858-452-2407; 619-235-2415, x31295.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $638, 1/2 utilities, deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Phone, cable, pool, gym, spa, laundry. Great location. Nonsmoker/pets. Female. 9/1, sooner? 619-235-2415, x21759.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. $650, 1/2 utilities, $400 deposit. Beach 2 blocks. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Pool, jacuzzi, Mt. Soledad balcony view, quiet. 9/4/01. 858-551-9711; 619-235-2415, x19463.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA BEACH. $625 to $685, includes utilities. Completely furnished rooms, share bath. Nonsmoker, no pets. Kitchen privileges, clean, quiet (House). 858-459-6322; 619-235-2415, x27701.

LA MESA. $400. Room with private bath and refrigerator. Close to SDSU and village. Pool. Nonsmoking. No pets. Available 9/1. 619-697-1572.

LA MESA. $320 and $420, 1 with adjoining bath in quiet house. All male roommates, organic garden, fruit trees, bees. Nonsmoker. No pets. 619-469-8196.

LA MESA. $470. Female wanted to share spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 miles to SDSU. Pool, laundry, parking. Very nice. Available now. Lupita. 619-741-7886.

LA MESA. $600, 1/3 utilities, $400 deposit. Master bedroom, private bathroom, walk-in closet, patio, community pool, jacuzzi. Huge house. Quiet neighborhood. 619-697-4666.

LA MESA/GROSSMONT. $380/month plus 1/3 utilities. 3 bedroom house. Nice neighborhood. Laundry. No pets or smokers. 619-697-8004; 619-235-2415, x19580.

LA MESA/GROSSMONT. $450 includes utilities. $250 deposit. Share 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Smoking OK. Have 2 Huskies. Short-term OK. 619-405-5569.

LA MESA/SDSU. $425 rent, $200 deposit, $20 utilities. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Nonsmoking female preferred. Washer/dryer. Quiet. Available 9/1. Richard, work, 619-466-3115.

LEUCADIA. $600. Share 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath with 1 male, 1 female. Share bathroom with male. Nonsmoking male preferred. Large townhouse, yard, near beach. 619-300-3686.

LINDA VISTA. $450/month, 1/2 utilities plus deposit. Large room/private bath. 619-804-0763.

LITTLE ITALY/DOWNTOWN. $495, $500 deposit. Room available in 3 bedroom townhouse. Beautiful harbor view, washer/dryer, garage, trash/water paid. Available 9/1. 619-234-9696.

LOGAN HEIGHTS. $300 plus 1/3 utilities. 1 room in 3 bedroom apartment, upstairs/downstairs. Washer/dryer. Male or female, nonsmoker. Cable and patio overlooking complex. 619-235-2415, x19497.

MESA COLLEGE. $525. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath suite with female. Large room, vaulted ceilings, courtyard, pool, spa. Available 9/1. Call Amanda, 858-576-0495; 619-235-2415, x12391.

MIRA MESA $400, plus utilities. Share large house in quiet and convenient neighborhood. Furnished room, washer/dryer, large covered patio, close to freeway/mall. 858-271-4584.

MIRA MESA. $350/month, 1/4 utilities, $300 deposit. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. No pets, smoking or drugs. Available immediately. Female preferred. Great location. 619-235-2415, x19174.

MIRA MESA. $550, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Master bedroom, own bathroom. Near shops/freeways. No smoking, drinking, drugs, pets. Pool, jacuzzi, parking, laundry. Female preferred. 858-547-0794.

MIRA MESA. $425, includes utilities. Female roommate for single bedroom. Large house, quiet. No pets, no smoking. Washer/dryer, community pool. 858-271-1035; 619-235-2415, x29039.

MIRA MESA. $495 including utilities. Female. Private bedroom, shared bath. New, gated, quiet, laundry. No smoking/drugs. Close to shopping. 858-860-6401, x5969.

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MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. $675, 1/2 utilities. Own room/bathroom in 2 bedroom house with deck and jacuzzi. Quiet neighborhood, washer/dryer, parking. Nonsmoking/pets. 619-299-8065; 619-235-2415, x24687.

MISSION VALLEY. $500/month plus $450/deposit. Room in 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Nonsmoker, no pets. Many amenities. Contact Ryan, 619-282-8831 or 619-300-8360; 619-235-2415, x15888.

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by David Levinson Wilk

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1. Popular pie
6. Movie pooch
10. Cage's "Leaving Las Vegas" co-star
14. When the mouse ran down the clock
15. Pi followers
16. Kind of phone
17. It might have a Phillips head
18. Suffix with demo-
19. Against
20. Exhibits a work by Ghiberti?
23. Velvet finish?
24. "That was close!"
25. Assessor
29. Cloth dealers
31. Generator
33. Water, in Quimper
34. Gridiron great Dawson
35. Fishing pole
36. Questions a tree in autumn?
40. Instant
42. Holiday in Hanoi
43. Pal for Pierre
44. Moral anguish
47. Gate builder's material
51. Oldsmobile model
52. ____ 'acte
53. Half a score
54. Buys a Timberland shoe as a present?
58. Annapolis sch.
61. Enthusiastic about
62. Figure of speech
63. Lowly laborer
64. Edinburgh dweller
65. Linoleum layer
66. Places to overnight
67. Brand for Rover
68. Soothsayer's clues

Down

1. Went by
2. Writer on metal
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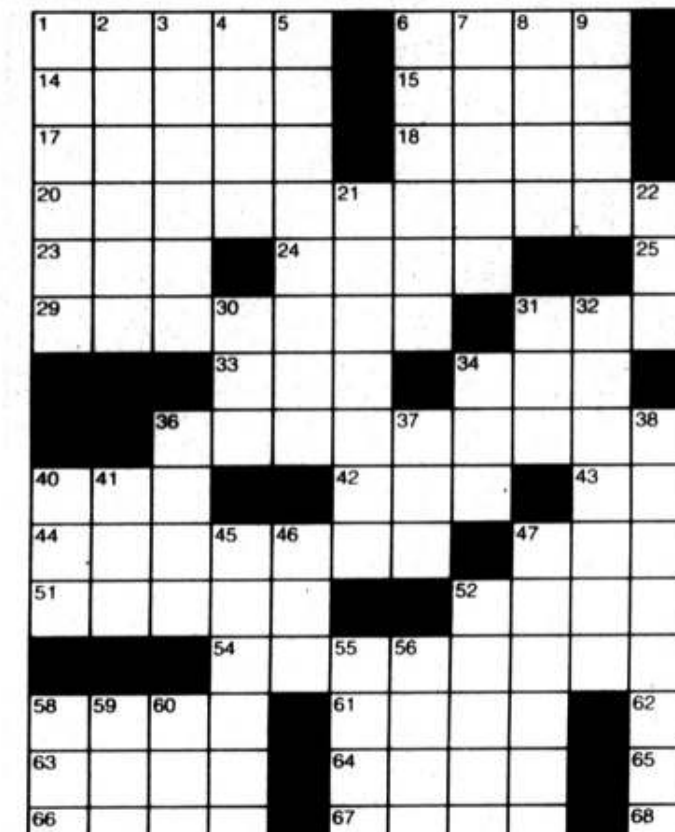
4. From scratch
5. Language spoken in Orwell's "1984"
6. There are two in front of every McDonald's
7. Shakespeare's "The Taming of the ____"
8. Frog's friend in children's books
9. About
10. Beetle sacred to ancient Egyptians
11. Rooster's gal
12. Nth deg.
13. "Boola Boola" collegian
21. Pushes forcibly
22. Boston Bruins legend
26. Michelin product
27. Rock producer Brian
28. Flushed
30. Foot, to Fabius
31. Bus. or res. number
32. Discover
34. Realtor's unit
36. Peak
37. Peg with a dent on top
38. Cafe ____
39. It may be rouge or blanc
40. Title for a madre: Abbr.
41. Cave-dwelling fish
45. Some donors' gifts
46. Le ____ Soleil (Louis XIV)
47. Completely
48. "My Favorite Year" star
49. Take up again, like a court case
50. Crosses the threshold
52. Hinder, legally
55. American Express rival
56. Abbr. on a business letter
57. Hat's edge
58. News agcy.
59. Gramm or Graham: Abbr.
60. Competitive or partisan prefix



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1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 8/9/01.

Of the 78 entrants, 78 were correct. The winners are:

1. Samuel G. Fisher, *Coronado*
2. Mark S. Russell, *La Jolla*
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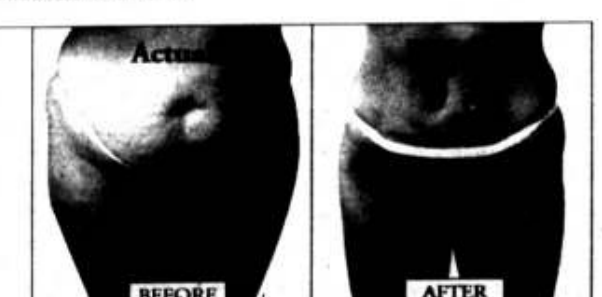

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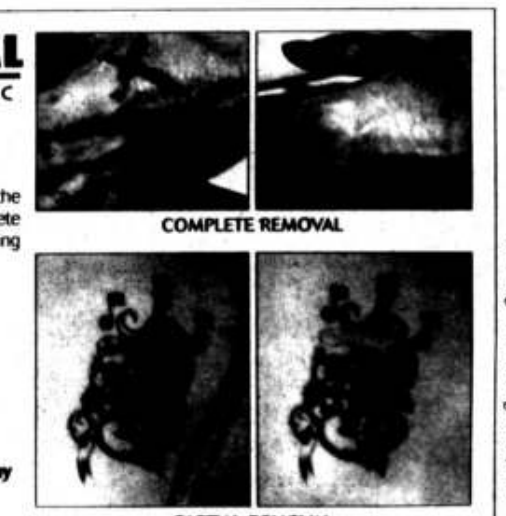

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THE READER PUZZLE

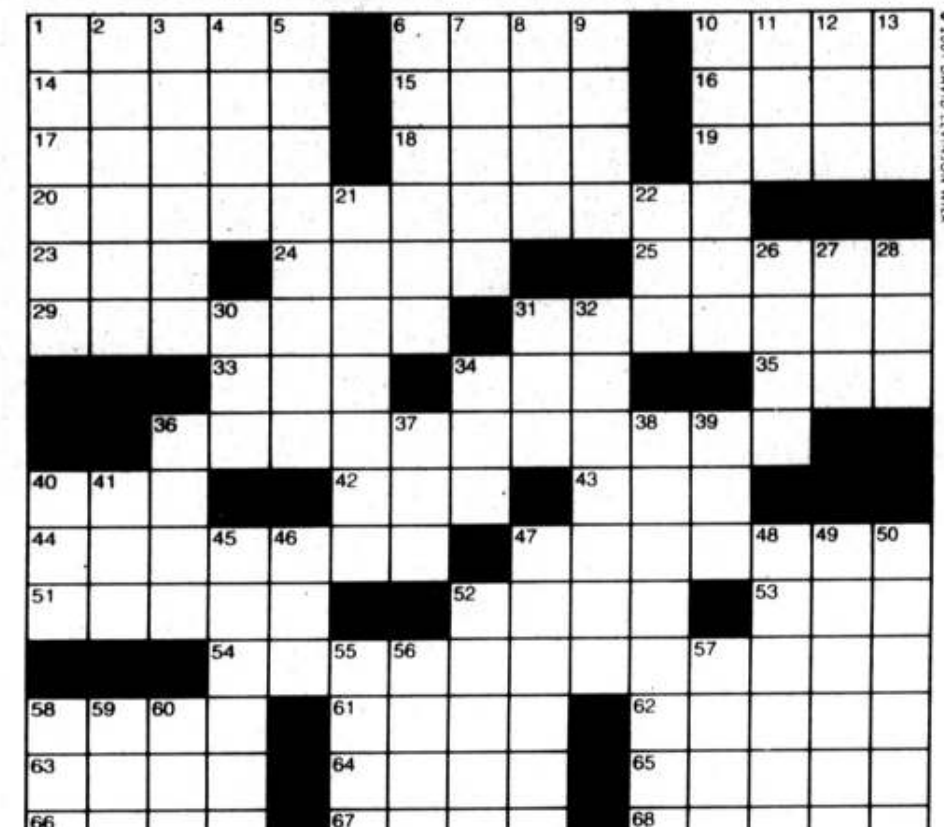
by David Levinson Wilk

Across

1. Popular pie
6. Movie pooch
10. Cage's "Leaving Las Vegas" co-star
14. When the mouse ran down the clock
15. Pi followers
16. Kind of phone
17. It might have a Phillips head
18. Suffix with demo-
19. Against
20. Exhibits a work by Ghiberti?
23. Velvet finish?
24. "That was close!"
25. Assessor
29. Cloth dealers
31. Generator
33. Water, in Quimper
34. Gridiron great Dawson
35. Fishing pole
36. Questions a tree in autumn?
40. Instant
42. Holiday in Hanoi
43. Pal for Pierre
44. Moral anguish
47. Gate builder's material
51. Oldsmobile model
52. ____ 'acte
53. Half a score
54. Buys a Timberland shoe as a present?
58. Annapolis sch.
61. Enthusiastic about
62. Figure of speech
63. Lowly laborer
64. Edinburgh dweller
65. Linoleum layer
66. Places to overnight
67. Brand for Rover
68. Soothsayer's clues

Down

1. Went by
2. Writer on metal
3. Headwear for un rey
4. From scratch
5. Language spoken in Orwell's "1984"
6. There are two in front of every McDonald's
7. Shakespeare's "The Taming of the ____"
8. Frog's friend in children's books
9. About
10. Beetle sacred to ancient Egyptians
11. Rooster's gal
12. Nth deg.
13. "Boola Boola" collegian
21. Pushes forcibly
22. Boston Bruins legend
26. Michelin product
27. Rock producer Brian
28. Flushed
30. Foot, to Fabius
31. Bus. or res. number
32. Discover
34. Realtor's unit
36. Peak
37. Peg with a dent on top
38. Cafe ____
39. It may be rouge or blanc
40. Title for a madre: Abbr.
41. Cave-dwelling fish
45. Some donors' gifts
46. Le ____ Soleil (Louis XIV)
47. Completely
48. "My Favorite Year" star
49. Take up again, like a court case
50. Crosses the threshold
52. Hinder, legally
55. American Express rival
56. Abbr. on a business letter
57. Hat's edge
58. News agcy.
59. Gramm or Graham: Abbr.
60. Competitive or partisan prefix



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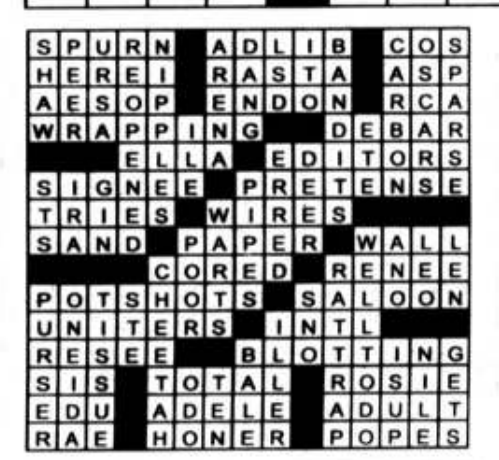
1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.



Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 8/9/01.

Of the 78 entrants, 78 were correct.
The winners are:

1. Samuel G. Fisher, *Coronado*
2. Mark S. Russell, *La Jolla*
3. Patricia A. Harnack, *Lakeside*
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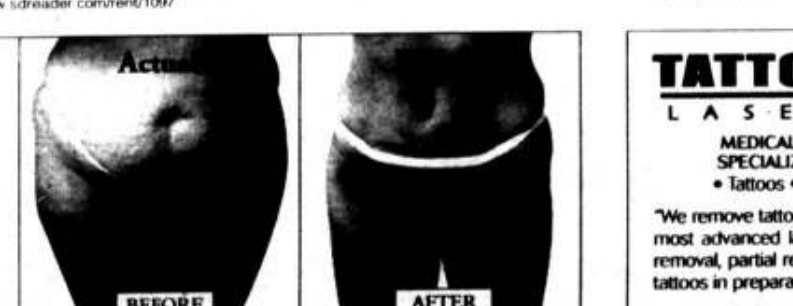

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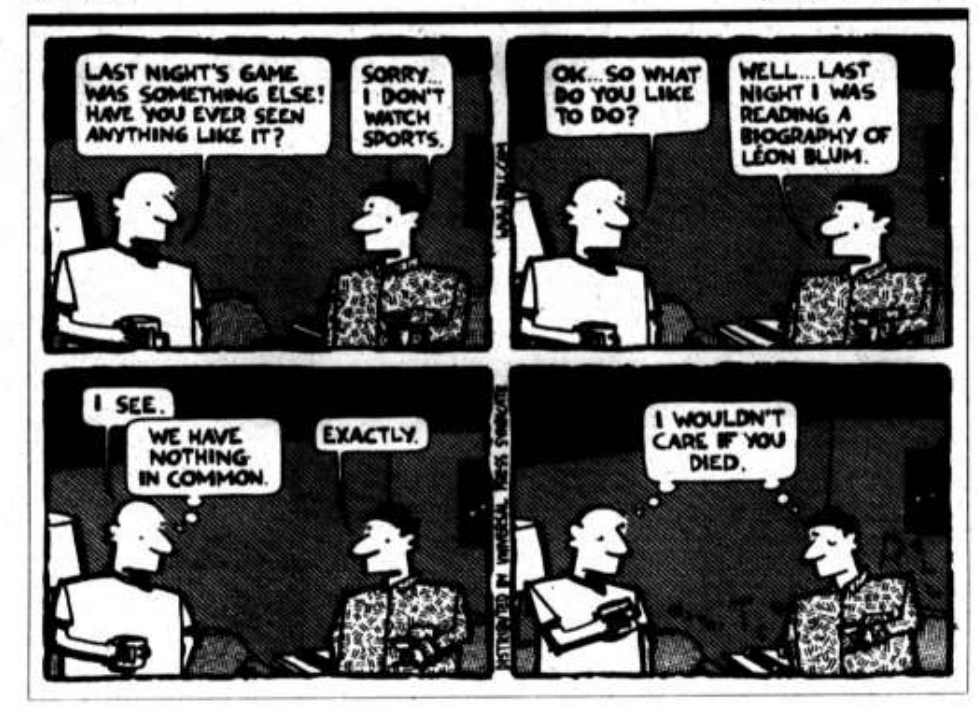

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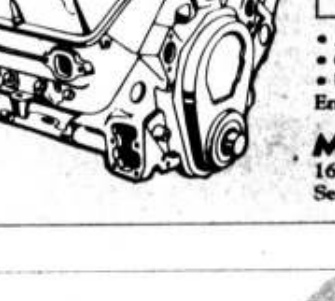

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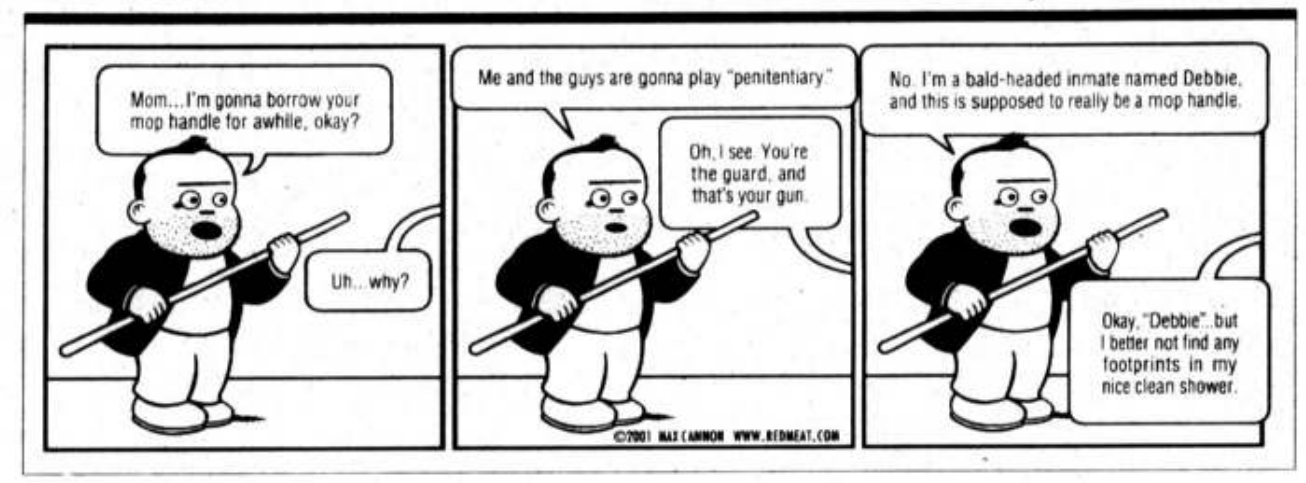

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AWNINGS, 4 aluminum, 9'Wx3'D, 6'Wx3'D, and two at 5'Wx3'D, make offer. 619-281-7573.

BAR STOOLS (4), oak with padded seat and back, soft, durable, neutral fabric, good condition. $150. Round bar table available. 760-729-6376.

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BEACH WEAR. Going out of business sale. Everything must go by September 7rd. Suit Up Beach Wear. 3233 Mission Boulevard. 858-488-1484.

BED AND MATTRESS SET, full size, like new: $130. 2 couches (1 love seat, 1 couch with sleeper bed): $350. 858-449-0259.

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BED UNIT with [illegible] top desk, chair, [illegible] drawers [illegible] twin, trundle, wood [illegible] $250. 619-462-4882.

BED, California king, mattress and box spring, 1 year old, $350/best. 619-[illegible]

BED, [illegible] mattress and box spring with frame, brand new. $150/best. 858-452-0263.

BED, [illegible] blue [illegible] seat double size, good condition, asking $100. E-mail photos. Paul 619-606-7496. [illegible]

BED, king size box spring and frame (no mattress), top-of-the-line Sealy Posturepedic Crown Jewel, excellent condition. $200. [illegible]

BED, MATTRESS SET. [illegible] New, still in original plastic. Must sell $159. 619-[illegible]

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BED, rustic pine, queen. Parker honey finish, 6 months old, headboard 50"H, footboard 26"H. $500. 858-774-2540.

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DRYER, Kenmore, gas, white, excellent condition and clean. Poway. 858-679-1846.

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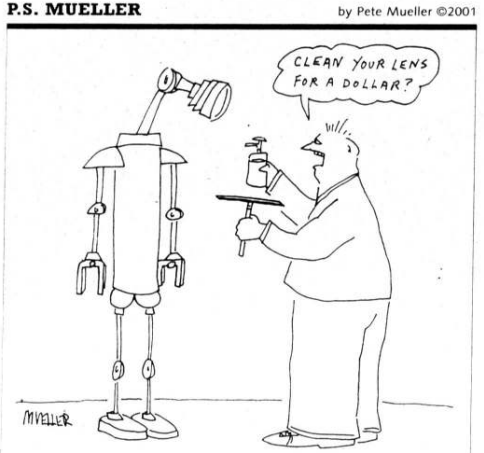

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FURNITURE. Living room sofa, $200; 6-piece

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MISCELLANEOUS. Hewlett Packard Officejet fax/copier, $175. Red beach cruiser ladies', $65. Bike rack, $25/bod Easel $25. 858-273-8419.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS Garage sale 8am, Saturday, 8/18. Miscellaneous and kitchen collectibles, contemporary and vintage clothing and accessories, books, records, kids' stuff. 3321 Madison Avenue.

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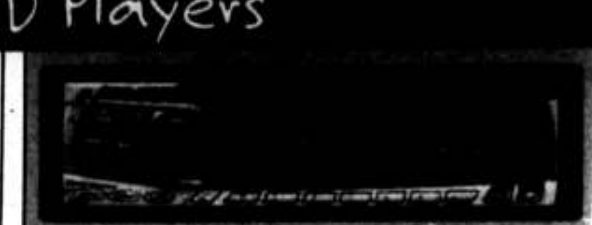

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