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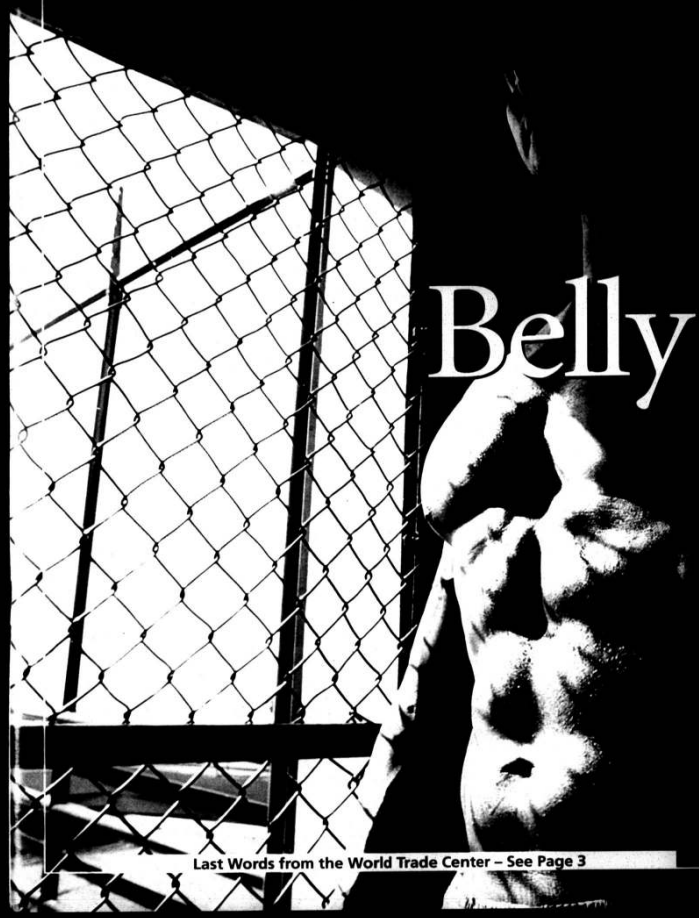

Belly

The 24 Hour Fitness center on Midway Drive is in a large strip mall with a Vons and a Sport Chalet. It is a two-story club with a weight room; two aerobic studios; two large areas of treadmills, stationary bicycles, and stair climbers; and an "ab room," filled with state-of-the-art abdominal exercise equipment. On a warm Saturday morning, the parking lot is full and the gym is busy. Most of the clientele are youthful and well-built. The relentless thump of electronic dance music blasts from ceiling speakers throughout the facility.

Ricky Ali, 24, has been a personal trainer for six years. He is tall, lean, and solid-looking. "I've always been interested in fitness. All through high school I played sports, and when I joined the Marine Corps, I got really serious about weight training and putting on the right kind of weight. I got a couple of national certifications, started training in the military, and when I got out, I thought, 'This is one of the most satisfying jobs that I could have.' I'm in here helping people achieve things that they've never achieved before."

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Cultural Indeed

I love your *Best 2001* poll!

The people's choice fot "Best Art Gallery" is proof that San Diego is indeed a major cultural center: "Howee, honey, look at that whale and them thar fishes! They look so real, don't get too close, darlin', they might bite, hee haw!"

Dan Adams
Clairemont Mesa

World-Class Eateries

San Diego has some world-class restaurants. It became apparent after seeing the results of the 2001 *Reader* poll that most of your readers haven't dined in them. What a pity.

Justin Brent
Ocean Beach

Were Writers Free?

I have just picked up my copy of the SD *Reader's Best 2001*. As a *Reader* reader, I'm amazed to find that I, no doubt along with thousands of others, consider $tarbucks to be the best coffeehouse in all of San Diego. And which one of the 52 is the best?

It seems that we readers also consider Karl Strauss to be the best microbrewery and that, wait, wait — yes! Also the best business-lunch provider!

Your writers, on the other hand, seem to be much more aware and have more sophisticated tastes than us readers. As a lapsed journalist, I find this hard to comprehend. I suppose we should all be thankful that your writers can exercise their freedom of expression — assuming, of course, they have...

David Farrell

Hemp-Free Winston's

First, for the most part, this was an enjoyable thing to find inside the *Reader* yesterday. Then, as I leafed through the pages, I came to page 105 and saw "Best Hippie Hangout." Cool! One of my favorite hangouts. I've enjoyed playing there as a musician, drinking there as a patron. But to my utter disbelief, it ends with "glassy-eyed disciples [oh great, the old cult reference] of all that is/was/will ever be Dead, accompanied by the smell of patchouli incense, burning sage sticks, and other smoking substances less legal." Unbelievable. First, I've never smelled anyone burning incense or sage in Winston's. Can anyone say "stereotype"? What was maddening was the allusion that you walk in there and people are just sitting there lighting up bowls and joints and passing them around to the bouncers, the owners, the bartenders, and of course, us glassy-eyed zombies yearning for the past. Oh yeah, that's brilliant, folks. I just want to say to any of you who are looking to go there to either light up or find an easy pot bust, you will *never* find anyone lighting up in Winston's. I've seen people smoke dope in Gaslamp bars; never at Winston's. It's one of the strictest bars on this measure simply because, well, it's illegal and it could cost them their lucrative liquor license; but also because of that very misperception some of the public has of this great club. I just have to think this writer probably went there once and did this bit having seen somebody in a tie-dye or a Rasta cap, and went straight to the Big Book of Hippie Stereotypes.

I have to wonder if you won't be hearing from the club's attorneys on this one.

Mark Sherry
Ocean Beach

Tsk, Tsk, Meltzer

Regarding your much-ballyhooed San Diego *Reader's Best 2001*, I am somewhat taken aback with the fierce competitive spirit in San Diego. Who would have thought that septic tank professionals would vie to be the best or that confessionals now have a top-ten listing for hard-hitting repentance? The *Reader*, as it has done for the past year or so, has taken yet another good idea and pushed it to an uncomfortable extreme — you guys just don't know when to stop! Perhaps the *Reader* should add one more category: "San Diego *Reader* Articles of Excess" — what a competitive field that would be.

Regarding the October 4 Meltzer "Of Note" article. I found it in poor taste and apparent error to juxtapose the article of "another" (?) Jim Brickman, who apparently died of amoebic dysentery, next to the still rather youthful, handsome photo of the Jim Brickman — still alive and well — who had a concert date at Humphrey's on October 4 of this year. You owe the "living" Jim Brickman an apology.

Cuauhtemoc Q. Kish
North Park

Again: Tsk, Tsk, Meltzer

My letter has to do with the "Of Note" in the October 4 issue of the *Reader*, dealing with Jim Brickman's death. Jim Brickman is not dead. He is indeed very much alive. I have just spoken to his roommate in Los Angeles, and he will indeed be performing at Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay tonight, Thursday, October 4. I don't know where Richard Meltzer got his information, but it is so out of line as to be disgusting and beyond poor journalism, especially with the recent events going on across this country. It's appalling and uncalled for and deserves at the very least

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CITY LIGHTS

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Strange company Arizona officials have yanked the racing license of **Jeremy Simms**, the real estate magnate and ex-car dealer whose close connection to one-time Las Vegas casino owner and fellow La Jollan **Allen Glick** have raised questions about ties to organized crime, the *Arizona Republic* reports. Simms can continue to run Turf Paradise, a Phoenix-area horse-racing venue, while he appeals the ruling by the state's Department of Racing. Simms and a group of La Jolla investors had originally been granted a permit to operate the track in May 2000, but follow-up state investigations revealed that he had been involved with Glick in a series of $2.2 gvillion loans. One-time Las Vegas casino owner Glick turned state's evidence and testified for the federal government against Mafia figures accused of skimming millions of dollars from his establishments. Simms was also a central figure in the bribery scandal that brought down state Senator **Alan Robbins**. That case involved efforts by Simms to get a state coastal permit for a lap pool at his oceanfront estate. In revoking the racing license from Simms, Arizona officials issued a statement saying that "In addition to Mr. Simms' relationship with Allen Glick, evidence, including statements made by Mr. Simms regarding his contact with 'underworld' figures, has emerged that Mr. Simms may also be involved with other organized crime figures."



Jeremy Simms



Allen Glick

Rigged To judge by the *Union-Tribune*'s coverage, last week's elevation of Superior Court Judge **Judith McConnell** by Democratic Governor **Gray Davis** to the state appeals court met with unanimous approval. In a story about McConnell's confirmation by the state's Commission on Judicial Appointments, the *U-T* proclaimed that McConnell had been "heralded for breaking down barriers to women and making fair rulings." The paper quoted McConnell, as well as her supporters, including Attorney General **Bill Lockyer** and Fourth District appellate judge **Richard Huffman**, with heavy emphasis on her purported lack of bias. The story made no mention of any critics. But the *Recorder*, a San Francisco legal newspaper, told a different tale. It reported that **Carla DiMare**, an attorney at Flynn, Sheridan & Stillman in Del Mar, submitted a letter to the commission accusing the judge of "corruption, judicial misconduct and cronyism." "To elevate [McConnell]," DiMare was quoted as writing, "would be a tragedy for the state of California." DiMare, the paper reported, represented La Jolla New Age guru **Deepak Chopra** in a series of lawsuits that ended up in front of McConnell; his attorneys later alleged that McConnell and other members of the local bench had ruled against them as a result of their home town favoritism of certain law firms. "Although I know I will be further retaliated against if I testify and continue to practice law in San Diego," DiMare wrote in her letter, "I also know that the only way to rid the system of the bad judges is for attorneys to come forward to identify them." ... Last week's *U-T* announcement of the intention of Judge **Bonnie Dumanis** to run against D.A. **Paul Pfingst** made no mention of her status as one of America's few elected lesbian judges.



Judith McConnell

Brave New World As the sun set over the taxi cab lined up in front of downtown's Hyatt Regency hotel last week, a cabbie kneeled down on a small oriental rug he had pulled from the trunk of his cab, faced east, and began praying ... **Richard Abbott**, ex-director of development for the Hall of Champions accused of looting a New York guide dog charity of more than $167,000, has pleaded guilty to a second-degree charge of grand larceny. Abbott, who had also worked at the San Diego Museum of Art between 1985 and 1987, had worked as a fundraiser for the Hall of Champions for 14 months before submitting a letter of resignation on July 6. He was arrested there less than two weeks later ... The operator of a Tijuana cancer clinic has been arrested by police in Toronto, Canada, and accused of trafficking in prescription narcotics, the *Toronto Star* reports. Fifty-four-year-old **Ravi Devgan** is a Toronto resident who runs Natural Therapeutics Ltd. in Tijuana, specializing in "acupuncture, colon detoxification and photodynamic therapy." Before the arrest, the paper says, police seized 3000 tablets of opium-based painkillers said to be worth $35,000.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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Loc Dinh



Steve Henson



Travis Riehl



Benjamin White



Albert Ortiz



Jared Schoenemann



Sean Higby



Trevor Perringer

Who Will and Won't Fight and Why

By Robert Kumpel

Many San Diego stores display the American flag and patriotic slogans, such as "United We Stand." Many draft-age men wandering in and out of those stores, however, don't seem ready to join the fight.

Loc Dinh, 21, works at the Fifth Avenue Card shop near Fifth and University. He has reservations about who is to blame for the terrorist attacks. "It's easy to say we're fighting a war if we know who the enemy is. I think in this case, that question is very ambiguous. I wouldn't necessarily want to jump off to war, not knowing who I'm fighting, and not wanting to accuse someone unjustly without knowing all the facts." Even if he had irrefutable evidence, Dinh still would not fight. "I don't necessarily agree that one can answer violence with violence. I think there are more effective ways of responding to what happened.

"I'm not sure exactly what they are, depending on our relationship with the Taliban. But I think that different approaches...instead of going over there and just fighting, to get people to help us and have the people step forward—to have the factions in Afghanistan and Pakistan point the finger as to who is responsible and have them volunteer the people, as opposed to us demanding and going in to use force. I don't think that's necessarily correct. There's a lot of politics involved with that, and the last thing I want us to do is respond irrationally and compound the tragedy. I think there's more effective ways of doing that."

Across Fifth Avenue, at an abandoned storefront near where the Guild Theater once stood, **Steve Henson**, 18, sits on the sidewalk, begging for change and cigarettes. Henson has no shortage of reasons why he would not fight. "I don't feel that any sort of physical rebuttal is justified in any way because the terrorists are reacting stupidly to anything that they object to in America, and America would be reacting just as stupidly by retaliating on the terrorists. There's no actual way except to appease American rednecks and stupid-ass Republicans and bald, fat white guys who have nice houses; I mean, that's pretty much the only reason — to silence the populace would be the only reason to retaliate. We're all flying, like, flags and shit, but nobody knows why. Nobody knows about the trade embargoes on the kids over in Iraq. I mean, we kill a hundred kids a day, refusing them food and stuff, just because of Hussein.

"I think the U.S. deserved an attack. I'm not trying to make it okay, how many people they killed, I'm not saying that's all right, because I know a guy whose friend was killed in the Pentagon attacks. It's not cool that a lot of innocent people got killed, but that kind of shit has been going on for a really long time, and America is only just becoming concerned... take Iraq. America only becomes concerned with Iraqi genocide when our oil reserves are put in jeopardy. Our only concern with what's going on there is when they attack us. We need to get away from it. America gave Osama bin Laden resources back when he was fighting Communists; then they called him an ally. 'The enemy of my enemy is my friend' is really risky. It just comes back to stabbing us in the back. It's not justified, and further interference in their business will only lead to further problems."

Sitting next to Henson, **Travis Riehl**, 18, agrees. "I am not willing to fight. An attack like the ones in New York and all that is nothing compared to the genocide and torture that America causes in other countries, like sweatshop labor and exploitation of their lands and their goods and their economies. I think the attack was well deserved on America because it's like a good slap-in-the-face wake-up call to, like, silly redneck Americans. It's just too bad the media skewed it so bad to make it seem like it was 'Oh, they're jealous of America.' But it's not because they're jealous of America; it's because they're pissed off because of the harm that capitalism is causing to their countries.

Benjamin White, 23, works at Off the Record. Like others, he is unwilling to fight because of the lack of an identifiable enemy. "It's so unclear right now who the enemy is and what there is to fight. It's almost like it won't even involve soldiers and infantry at all. It's really hard to tell. It really seems like it's going to be drawn out before any actual fighting will happen. I'm kind of a pacifist as it is. I just know that if I was put in that position, I don't think I could fight somebody. It has nothing to do with patriotism, it's just my own beliefs."

At Taste of Thai, **Albert Ortiz**, 22, enjoys a leisurely dinner with his friend — one of many comforts he refuses to sacrifice. "I don't think I'm ready to go. I have my family here, and I don't want to leave them. It would be good to save our country, but I don't know."

Jared Schoenemann is willing to fight terrorism. "Oh yeah. I mean, if I had to I would!" He discovers that this could cause problems with his girlfriend when she shouts, "You would?" and drags him away.

At Ralph's Hair Place, **Sean Higby**, 19, has just finished having his hair styled. Although he would not rule out fighting in a war, his prosperity at home finds him less than willing to go. "I would try as hard as I could to not do it. I would write a letter saying that it would be a financial hardship or something like that. The Internet economy has brought a lot of good things to me, and it would be really hard for me to trade. It would be really hard for me to get up and leave that."

Outside Rubio's, **Trevor Perringer**, 22, sees no need to fight. "As advanced as our weapons have gotten, I don't really think it would be much of a foot war or much of a land war. It would be more based on technology. I mean, just look at how advanced weapons have gotten, computer-age warfare and biological weapons. From our perspective, I can see why we would go to war over it, but there are other solutions. I don't really think that we're given many options really."

Troy Hawks, 19, is angry at the terrorists but blames America for the attack. "I think what these people have done is indescribable. I think we should figure out a way to solve this problem, but me, personally, going to fight and being drafted? I think we're a lot responsible for what's been happening because we created Osama bin Laden in the '80s, and he beat the Russians, then we bailed out on him. So he's really pissed at us. If we didn't do that back then, we wouldn't be having this problem. But it's a worldwide problem, and I think America has to step in and do something about it because the rest of the world — India, Israel — have told us to do something about it for years. Now it's our turn. I don't want to be drafted, but if I was, I would fight for my country. But I personally don't want a war."

Ryan Elrod, 18, is a student at Grossmont College. His education has convinced him that the system he lives in is not worth defending. "I wouldn't go fight in another country for this country because I have no allegiance to it. I think nationalism is kind of silly. I'm a history major, so I'm looking at it from a historical point of view. People who, like, follow their country and go off to die for their country — whenever I read about them, I just think they're silly. And now it's funny because I'm actually seeing people who are willing to do it.

"I don't believe in the United States' imperialism. I don't believe in what this country does overseas to poorer nations. Like, this is a rich nation and we take advantage of the poorer nations. I'm not downplaying what happened, and I think it's horrible, but I don't think we have the jurisdiction to go into a sovereign nation and take a person who is not under our constitution or our laws because we think we're the big boys and we have public pressure here to, like, get things done.

"I don't think I'm suited for fighting in a war. I wouldn't want to go through the physical training to get into the shape to go into war, and I don't want to go into the Army, because I don't want to take orders from other people. Even if I did get drafted, I wouldn't go because I don't think the draft is constitutional."

A computer science and music major at UCSD, **Peter Segerstrom**, 22, finds the thought of fighting a war pointless. "I object to the concept that what we're fighting now is a war. I believe it was a certain, very small group of individuals that did this, and

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Troy Hawks



Ryan Elrod



Peter Segerstrom



Fernando Urrea

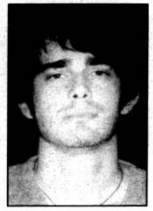
Messages from the Sky: September 11, 2001

From the Towers, from the planes,
Love, and again, love.
Stuart Meltzer from the 105th floor, to his wife: "Honey, something terrible is happening. I don't think I'm going to make it. I love you. Take care of the children." From the Towers, from the planes, Love, and again, love.
Brian Sweeney from Flight 175 that shattered the South Tower, turned lives to gray ash: "Hey Jules, it's Brian, I'm on a plane and it's hijacked and it doesn't look good. I just wanted you to know I love you and I hope to see you again. If I don't, please have fun in life and live your life the best you can. Know that I love you and no matter what, I'll see you again." From the Towers, from the planes, Love, and again, love.
Kenneth Van Auken from the 102nd floor: "I love you. I'm in the World Trade Center. And the building was hit by something. I don't know if I'm going to get out. But I love you very much. I hope I'll see you later. Bye." From the Towers, Love, from the planes, love.
Mark Bingham from Flight 93 before it crashed into a field near Pittsburgh: "Hi Mom, this is Mark. We've been taken over. There are three men that say they have a bomb. I love you, I love you, I love you." From the Towers, from the planes, Love, and again, love.
Moises Rivas, a chef at the Windows on the World: "I'm O.K. — don't worry. I love you no matter what. I love you." Love from the Towers, love from the planes. Jeremy Glick from Flight 93 to his wife Lyzbeth: "I love you, I love Emmy, please take care of her. Whatever decisions you make in your life. I need you to be happy and I will respect any decisions you make." From Thomas Burnett on Flight 93: "I know we're all going to die; there's three of us who are going to do something about it. I love you honey." From Daphne Bowers, somewhere in the Towers, "Mommy, the building is on fire, there's smoke coming through the walls, I can't breathe. I love you Mommy, goodbye." To mothers and wives, to husbands and friends, to fathers and lovers, to brothers and sisters, to aunts and uncles, to the inert tapes of answering machines: Love from the Towers, love from the planes, from the Towers and the planes, Love, and again, love, "I love you Mommy, goodbye."

Fred Moramarco.
Quotations from the New York Times, *Sunday, September 16, 2001*



Aldo Gonzales



Nicholas Henderson



Jason Alba



Vincent Blanco



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Ivan Dominguez

Who will fight

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though it's a heinous act, I really don't think we can exact any sort of punishment on some large group which would — I mean, that's what's implied by the word 'war.' I'm just generally against violence."

Fernando Urrea, 22, majors in social science at San Diego State University. The notion of fighting in a war conflicts with his idealism. "A lot of people are taking the mentality that a war will just solve everything, when obviously it will not. The solution cannot be to just go off to war and drop bombs on a nation, because terrorism doesn't have a nationality or a cultural identity. It's something that...you could be a terrorist, I could be a terrorist. It doesn't matter what people's roots are; it depends on the individual person. Aside from that, I personally wouldn't do that, because I don't think that's the solution. Saying that you're going in a war against terrorism just perpetuates more violence, so that really doesn't solve the problem. It's just saying, 'We've encountered violence, so now we're going to counterattack with more violence.' That's not a solution."

Aldo Gonzales, 19, a graphic-design major at Grossmont College, doesn't think the war on terrorism is winnable. "I don't agree with the U.S.'s position with their policy on terrorism. I don't think going to war is going to solve anything. I don't think they're going to find Osama bin Laden. Even if they do find him, it's not going to stop terrorism altogether. There's still, like, thousands of cells all around the world. It's an impossible war, like the drug war. It's, like, never-ending. I just think it will never end."

Nicholas Henderson, 21,

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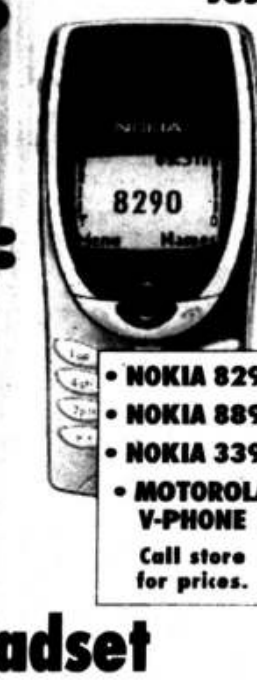

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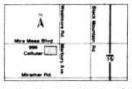

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Who will fight

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enjoys a cigarette with his girlfriend outside Peet's Coffee. Henderson is too involved with studying multimedia design to bother with a war that is meaningless to him. "I'm just not a patriot. I just don't think about that kind of stuff. I have a lot of other stuff, and I wouldn't want it to interfere with my life and my family and my life here. I'm not married, but I live with my girlfriend and soon will be.

"I'm just not one of those people...I don't ride around with a flag on my car. I don't pay much attention to the news — I actually try not to. It's just not the way I was raised."

Jason Alba, 19, is not willing to fight in a war. "I just don't believe in it. I don't believe in war because it doesn't solve anything. It makes things worse. I don't know. I just know I wouldn't do it."

At 15, **Vincent Blanco** is too young to get drafted but would refuse to fight even if he was. His rapid-fire list of complaints raises the question of what the content is in his social studies class at Kearny High School. "I feel that a war is not necessary. They should only fund the war on terrorists, not on a country. Just because they are Muslim does not mean we should fight all Muslims. Just like the Oklahoma bombing, the dude was American; that doesn't mean we kill all the Americans. We should only aim for the terrorists, not the countries. They're mainly going after that religion, because that's what Bin Laden is and that's where he's from and that's their whole concept. We shouldn't be doing that because what we've gone through is nothing compared to what the children have gone through there, and everything they've gone through there is nothing compared to what we've gone through. We shouldn't bomb them. They've gone through endless wars, I'm not sure exactly what. Children, ever since they've been born, have known nothing but war, and we should not let this happen to them again in another war."

Travis Gire, 22, would find some way to get out of fighting if he was drafted. "I wouldn't want to be in the government's hands right now, even though something bad did happen. I wouldn't want to be manipulated by what they would think to be the right answer for it. I'd probably try to sabotage whatever network I was forced to involve myself in," he laughs.

At La Campagne de Provence, **Ivan Dominguez** is one of the few young men who sees something worth fighting for. "A few weeks ago, I wasn't willing to fight. But the way things are looking, you know, this is my country. This is one of those things where you have to look after your family, so if duty calls, it's just one of those things I'll have to do. As a man, and for my age group, it's just part of life. If God chose me for a reason, then it's my time. If someone's going to come over here and start attacking our country, that's putting my family in danger. It'd be my way of taking responsibility for my family and my country at the same time." ■

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BY MATTHEW ALICE



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Hey, Matt:
I know we have a rule of double jeopardy saying a person can't be tried twice for the same crime. But are there any exceptions? What if someday O.J. Simpson breaks down and yells at news cameras, "OKAY, YES, I DID IT! ARE YOUR HAPPY NOW? I KILLED THEM! NOW LEAVE ME ALONE!" Would there be any legal recourse?

— I.B., Poway

Sorry. No matter what he blurts out, he can't be retried in California Superior Court on the charge of murdering Nicole and Ron. (The only exception would have been a retrial because of procedural violations or a hung jury.) But of course O.J. was tried twice based on evidence from the same crime — when the Browns and Goldmans sued him in civil court. Legally, this doesn't constitute double jeopardy. Different court, different charges is the current reasoning. But the civil penalty could be only monetary. About the only venue left for the get-O.J. faction is federal. Somebody might try to get him locked up on charges of civil rights violations, as they did with the officers in the Rodney King case, when the judgment in state court didn't go the way the prosecution thought it should have. Personally, the mere suggestion of a third O.J. trial gives me the overwhelming urge to throw my TV out the window.

Goldman's father offered to forget his multimillion-dollar civil judgment if O.J. 'd make a public confession to the murders. Orenthal declined, so I guess we shouldn't expect any confessions for free. Besides, the Juice is too busy looking for the real killer, who he believes is hiding somewhere on a Florida golf course. FYI, that "rule" of double jeopardy is sometimes known as the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution.

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— Wendi Bazoomers, Rancho Santa Fe

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Dear Matt:
After seeing Hedwig and the Angry Inch, *I'm inspired to go full drag this Halloween. The problem is, I have no idea how to start! As a straight male who's never dressed up in drag before, I have zero fashion sense, zero knowledge about makeup and wigs, don't know what size dress I wear, or what outfits to avoid because they make my butt look big. And where does a fellow go to find platform heels for guy-sized feet? The nice ladies at the makeup counter at Nordstrom tried to be helpful, but this goes beyond their training. I hope there's a place in San Diego where a guy can go to get a makeover, and I hope that you're just the man to ask.*

— Michael…or Michelle? Vista

The elves motored to Hillcrest for this one. Hillcrest at Halloween: what better playground for the aspiring gender illusionist? Well, Hillcrest in the middle of May, too, I guess. Anyway, the clothes, shoes, makeup, et cet. — that's the easy stuff. Plenty of outrageous vintage stores on Fifth Avenue. Tata Lane, on Evans Place, sets aside guy-sized outfits, shoes included, for rental at Halloween. And they'll have a makeup artist available that weekend. So will Lips, the wiggy drag-and-dine at Fifth and Nutmeg. A gracious and accommodating Tootie (*www.tootie.com*), who does a dynamite Cher, condensed her nine years of experience for you. So pay attention.

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Of course, you can wear all the glamour rags you want, but if you don't stand and move like a woman, then you're just a nose tackle in a ball gown. Hold your chin in a bit closer to your neck and chest than usual. This also facilitates looking up sexily through your explosive eyelashes. Keep your elbows in, close to your body, to give you graceful arm and hand gestures. And most important, walk by placing one foot in front of the other, not with a man's typically wider gait. Think "matador," not "stevedore." That also makes your butt look cute walking away, sez Tootie coyly. As we tumbled out of the red velvet cave that is Lips, Tootie called after us, "Oh, yes, how could I forget! Shave everything! Immediately!"

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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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Why The Chargers Lost

Well, the Chargers are 3-1 after a disappointing loss to the heretofore hapless Browns. How can we explain such a loss? I think you'll agree this is the ideal moment to reflect on how this defeat came to be. We should start at the beginning.

Forbes Magazine tells us that, in 2000, the San Diego Chargers were worth $393 million. Sixteen years earlier, Alex Spanos bought the Chargers for $40 million from Eugene Klein, who bought the team 18 years earlier for $10 million from Barron Hilton, who founded the team seven years earlier for $25,000 cash on the table,and a $100,000 performance bond.

Note that the real money, the huge jumps in valuation, didn't kick in until recently, particularly in the year 1999, when, according to *Forbes*, the Chargers' value rose 22 percent. Let us, again, offer our thanks to the city of San Diego and its stadium deal. Still, it could be worse, but not much. The league's least valuable franchise is the Arizona Cardinals, appraised at a paltry $305 million. Over on the sunny side of the street, the Washington Redskins are number 1 with a value of $741 million.

One wonders, particularly after the San Diego–Cleveland game, "How did we ever get to a place where a lousy sports team is worth over three-quarters of a billion dollars?" It has been, as they say, a long, strange trip.

Professional football began in the late 1880s as an athletic club sport. Some early football teams were the Allegheny Athletic Association, East End Gymnasium Club, and Pittsburgh Athletic Club, all Pennsylvania entities. Spectators, numbering in the hundreds, watched the games, and, Americans being Americans, began laying bets on who would win, a practice that soon caused athletic clubs to recruit better players, who, in turn, demanded money to play.

Regard, the genius of the free-market. The first National Football League was formed in 1902 by way of major league baseball. The Philadelphia Phillies played in the National League and was owned by John Rogers. Rogers decided to organize a football team. His hated rival, Connie Mack, owned the Philadelphia Athletics, a team that played in the American League. Mack decided to build a better football team than his rival. Simple hatred led to the formation of the new league, which consisted of three teams: the Pittsburgh Stars, Philadelphia Athletics, and Philadelphia Phillies. Said teams split their league games, and each claimed the NFL title. That was the end of that.

Other, failed, attempts at creating a football league were made, until 1920, when the American Professional Football Association (APFA) was formed. Two years later the APFA changed its name to the National Football League, the same greedy beast we know today.

Jim Thorpe, gold medal winner at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics, was elected first president of the APFA, a.k.a. the NFL. Thorpe was considered the greatest athlete in the world at the time, making huge money, $250 a week, playing for the Canton Bulldogs. Thorpe served as president of the league, in name only, for one year, as he continued to play for Canton. Entrance fee into the league was $100, a fee that was never paid by any team. The original teams were: Canton Bulldogs, Cleveland Tigers, Dayton Triangles, Akron Professionals, Rochester Jeffersons, Rock Island Independents, Muncie Flyers, Decatur Staleys, Chicago Cardinals, and Hammond Pros.

Upon this rock… The only team today's couch potatoes would recognize is, possibly, the Chicago Cardinals, which became the St. Louis Cardinals and then the Arizona Cardinals. The league's second year, 1921, saw the addition of eight teams, which included the Green Bay Packers and, my favorite, the Tonawanda Kardex of Tonawanda, New York. (The mighty Kardex lost to the Rochester Jeffersons 45-0 and then folded, leaving behind a perfect 0-1 record.)

Today's NFL, the preeminent symbol of professional sports, takes on the airs of an independent country. Presidents of the United States are required to show up, by TV or in person, at their Super Bowl games and make nice. You can be jailed for criticizing the NFL in certain jurisdictions. But, and don't say you got it here, the NFL was not always as legitimate as it seems to be this morning. Follows are the names of a few of the teams who have come and stayed, but, mostly, come and gone, since the APFA was

The Vegas Line

NFL - Week 5
(Home Team in CAPS)

Favorite	Spread	Over/ Under	Underdog
Sunday			
GREEN BAY	Pick 'Em	34 1/2	Baltimore
TENNESSEE	3	33	Tampa Bay
CHICAGO	7	39 1/2	Arizona
CINCINNATI	2	35	Cleveland
New Orleans	5	40	CAROLINA
ST. LOUIS	NL	NL	N.Y. Giants
KANSAS CITY	2 1/2	37	Pittsburgh
San Diego	3	37	NEW ENGLAND
ATLANTA	NL	NL	San Francisco
Miami	3	37 1/2	N.Y. JETS
Denver	7	44 1/2	SEATTLE
INDIANAPOLIS	3 1/2	50	Oakland
Monday			
DALLAS	2 1/2	37 1/2	Washington

renamed the National Football League in 1922.

Chicago Bears, Milwaukee Badgers, Marion Oorang Indians, Racine Legion, Toledo Maroons, Columbus Panhandles, Evansville Crimson Giants, Columbus Tigers, Duluth Kelleys, St. Louis All-Stars, Cleveland Indians, Canton Bulldogs, Louisville Brecks, Cleveland Bulldogs, Frankford Yellow Jackets, Kansas City Blues, Kenosha Maroons, Minneapolis Marines, New York Giants, Providence Steam Rollers, Pottsville Maroons, Detroit Panthers, Hartford Blues, Brooklyn Lions, Los Angeles Buccaneers, Akron Indians, Duluth Eskimos, Louisville Colonels, Cleveland Bulldogs, New York Yankees, Detroit Wolverines, Buffalo Bisons, Minneapolis Red Jackets, Staten Island Stapletons, Orange Tornadoes, Dayton Triangles, Portsmouth Spartans, Brooklyn Dodgers, Boston Braves, Pittsburgh Pirates, Cincinnati Reds, and Philadelphia Eagles.

Dust, all is dust. The impermanence of life, bucko. We must recall this in those dark days from October 21st onward, when the Chargers start playing real football teams, starting with Denver. We may not have a glorious season, but we've already won three more games than the Tonawanda Kardex ever did.

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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Roman Catholic
Address: 2802 Cadiz Street, Point Loma, 619-225-8157
Year founded: 1946
Senior Pastor: Father Gary Holtey
Congregation: 450 families
Staff: 2
Catechism enrollment: 35
Annual budget: not available
Weekly giving: not available
Singles program: no
Diversity: white, Hispanic, Filipino, African-American, Pacific Islander
Dress: casual to dressy
Services: Sunday Mass, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Flags were flying down on Rosecrans. Flags were flying from porches in the large Navy housing complex that sits beside Saint Charles Borromeo Parish on Cadiz Street. In the church's parking lot, many cars had Department of Defense stickers on their windshields. One Buick had on its bumper a big red, white, and blue sticker that read, "B-24 Liberator: B-24s Operated in More Theaters in a Greater Number of Roles Than Any Other Aircraft."

Not long after the first reports trickled in of Tomahawk missiles over Kabul, a lector stood before Saint Charles' altar and delivered the First Reading: "How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord...."

Jets taking off and landing at Lindbergh roared overhead. A woman in front of me, her arms around two children, twitched at the sound of the jets. Out in the church's courtyard, water plashed in a broad shallow fountain, and an elderly volunteer arranged donuts on platters and poured orange juice into small paper cups.

Built in the early 1950s, Saint Charles is simple and monumental, and if you look carefully you see that its decorative touches were accomplished with inexpensive materials — painted pine, ceramic tile. The nave is high-ceilinged and white. The ceiling above the altar is particularly high, and so Father Holtey, standing there to give his homily, looked vulnerable and small.

He reminded us that October is Right to Life month.

"What is God's vision for us?" he asked. "His vision for us is a call to life in its fullest. His vision for us is life. On September 11, what we saw seemed an end to life. But even in light of what we saw, we must remember that God's vision was fulfilled. There wasn't a man, woman, or child who died that day who didn't go on to a fuller life.

"We Christians used to be called the 'Resurrection People,' because the Resurrection was all we talked about. It is that hope which empowered all the martyrs of the Church — the Resurrection's great promise. In the midst of all the fire, pain, and terror, God was there. God was there in the midst of death.

"In the month of October, we must consider what God's vision for us means. How many men in here are named Joseph? Raise your hands. OK, I see a few. In every parish there are always a few. Let's suppose tomorrow morning we were to hear on the news that the government had passed laws making it legal to kill all men named Joseph. What would we do? We would protest. We would mobilize. We would do everything in our power to protect these innocent men.

"Now, take that example and instead of the name 'Joseph,' insert the word 'Jew.' That's what the German government did. It declared that Jews were somehow less than human. It declared that it was legal to kill Jews. Our own Supreme Court, in 1857, passed a law that said slaves weren't fully human.

"What we can see is that just because a government passes a law, it doesn't make the law moral. There is a right or wrong, no matter what the Constitution says. The laws of man are subject to a higher law. God has told us that we may never kill an innocent person. Killing the innocent is wrong. Period.

"Our own government has declared that boys and girls in theirs mothers' wombs aren't fully human. The result is 1.6 million abortions a year.

"Either the right to life belongs to us all, or it belongs to none of us. The current laws pertaining to abortion are seriously wrong. By legalizing abortion, we abandon women. By saying her choice is hers alone, we renounce our own responsibility. It's not a choice; it's an abomination. We must do everything in our power to help these women have their babies, keep them, or put them up for adoption. We need to renew our love of life. All of life."

Father Holtey was too busy after Mass to talk with me about his parish, so he referred me to 38-year-old Denise Miesner, who has attended St. Charles since she was small.

"We're a difficult parish to pin down," she said. "We're not like Saint Agnes, which is Portuguese. We're not like Sacred Heart in Ocean Beach, which is sort of typified by having a lot of young families — the houses over there are small. We're a parish that's always changing. So many of the people who come here are in the military, and so the population's transient. The pastors are, too. Father Holtey's been here only a few months. With so many of our parishioners in the military, you're going to have a lot of constant change."

— *Abe Opincar*



DENISE MIESNER

Saint Charles Borromeo Parish
Point Loma
★★½

Sermon	
content	★★★
delivery	★★
Liturgy	★★
Music	
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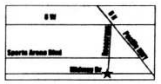

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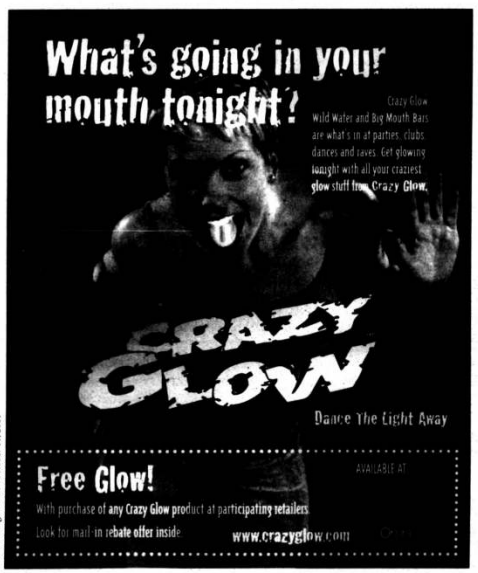



Dear Aunt Trudy,

Lately I've become friends with a nice couple here in San Diego. For the past two decades, they lived in India. The man is American and the woman is Indian. I've traveled extensively in India, a country I feel great affinity for. Last month this couple invited me to a party at their home "from five o'clock in the afternoon on." I assumed this meant a cocktail party where people would come and go from late afternoon to evening. I arrived a little after five. No one else was there! In the kitchen the hosts were just starting to make dinner for the guests, mostly Indian, who began to trickle in during the next few hours. I had to leave at 7:00. Later I heard dinner was served after 7:30. On another occasion something similarly embarrassing happened. Upon reflection, I realized that in India, people have a completely different and much looser sense of time than we do in our uptight culture. When this lovely couple invites me over in the future, how can I politely find out when I should really show up and what's entailed in the invitation so I don't keep missing the mark?

NORTH PARK INDIANOPHILE

Dear Indianophile,

How about the direct approach? When they invite you over, would responses like, *Thank you so much, I'd love to come. When do you suggest I arrive? If you are serving dinner, shall I bring something* be well received? If you feel, based on your knowledge of cultural mores and customs, that such straightforwardness would be considered rude, could you take the man aside and ask his counsel on handling your dilemma? He may also have experienced confusion about reconciling Western and Eastern ideas of punctuality when he first moved to India. It's clear that if you accept an invitation from these friends you should not make plans for afterwards. Instead, leave your dance card completely open so you can be flexible and enjoy the events as they unfold at their own pace. Are there any *Reader* readers hailing from India who'd like to offer "North Park" some timely guidance on intercultural etiquette?

Dear Aunt Trudy,

My friend Eric seems to have lost all joy in life. Five months ago his wife told him she wanted a divorce. He had to move out. He was never a very cheery guy, although he is an extremely sweet person. Since the marriage dissolved, he is so morose no one knows what to do. He constantly "jokes" about killing himself, often punctuating a conversation by miming putting a gun to his temple or jerking a rope taut around his neck. I can't imagine anyone finds these gestures funny. He says the sole reason he stays alive is because he doesn't want to leave his nine-year-old daughter fatherless. Eric is a successful architect who used to get pleasure out of his work. Nice looking, physically healthy, and good at his job, he is only 32. He is shy, smart, and well liked. I know he could meet someone else and have a satisfying life if only he'd buck up and try. But he won't date, socialize, or make any effort to pull out of this tailspin. Since we are buddies and work at the same firm, I ask him out for a beer now and then, but it's difficult to get him to return my calls. I try to build him up, tell him what a great dude he is, that there's life beyond divorce, that time heals, until I am sick of the sound of my own voice, but it has zero effect. At this point I want to shake the guy and yell, "Snap out of it!" When I offer to introduce him to women he claims he's not interested. Help!

JOE, A CONCERNED SORRENTO VALLEY COWORKER

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A visit with Dana Linett, president of Early American History Auctions, Inc.



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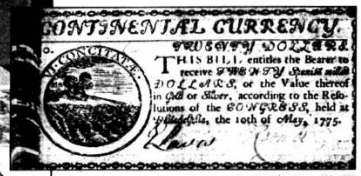
Dana Linett with wanted poster for Lincoln's assassin



Annie Oakley promotional cabinet card, c.1895



Continental currency, $20, 1775

In downtown La Jolla, in a bank building whose street address I have promised not to reveal, a man named Dana Linett traffics in pieces of history. Open his catalog or go to his website and you will find listings for things like these: three strands of hair, attributed to George Washington; a piece of Confederate money, and some from a German concentration camp; a menu signed by Thomas Edison, and one signed by Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz; a slave tag from South Carolina, diamond-shaped, made of copper, and meant to be worn by a slave as a license; a photograph of a Civil War amputation scene, the limb bucket clearly visible; a Virginia land grant signed by Daniel Boone; a wanted poster, featuring John Dillinger; a circus sideshow banner that proclaims "See the Double-Headed Calf!"; and a letter from W.C. Fields written to the daughter of his biographer Gene Fowler that begins: "Dear Jane, Some months ago, I met your drunken father in a beer parlor where I had gone to hear the results of the baseball game. He informed me that you had married. I was stunned. Knowing you as a very smart girl, I could not understand how you could have let me slip through your fingers…"

Linett is president of Early American History Auctions, Inc. — *www.EarlyAmerican.com*. But considering the breadth of the items he offers, it seems that his company's name is a misnomer. Apparently, anything of historical significance can be merchandise for him. "We have set no boundaries," Linett has told me. "We are limited only by size. We prefer to take items that are no bigger than a breadbox, but we have sold a cannon." Consigned to the auction house by someone in New Jersey, the Revolutionary War–era weapon was sold to a Floridian for $6,900. (All prices quoted include the 15 percent buyer's premium charged by Linett.) A British-made cannonball has also been sold by Linett, for $1,380. It had been unearthed at a Revolutionary War site in Philadelphia in the late 1990s.

Linett does not wield an auctioneer's hammer. Potential customers bid as absentees. They place the amounts they are willing to spend via mail, phone, and fax. Bidding by e-mail is possible but discouraged by Linett. ("We prefer to have old-fashioned human contact with our customers," he says.) Not all of them see the actual items before they bid. Linett's customers are scattered nationwide — for certain items, worldwide — and only some of them can travel to La Jolla to inspect items personally, while a few, with the right credentials, have items sent to them for a 48-hour period. (This service is available only to customers in the United States, insurance being a problem beyond it, Linett says.) Everyone else relies on Linett's catalog descriptions and photographs — and his reputation — in order to decide whether they are willing to spend $1,000 or $10,000, or $100,000, for a particular lot.

In 1999, Linett sold a rare 1851 Colt Navy revolver for $115,000. It is the highest total he has received for any single lot so far. Early American History Auctions is not considered to be the best place to sell antique firearms. James D. Julia, a live auctioneer in Fairfield, Maine, has repeatedly set records with pistols, guns, shotguns, rifles. Last year, for example, Julia sold a Winchester rifle used in the Battle of Little Big Horn for $684,000. (Julia's 15 percent buyer's premium is included in the total.) Linett is, however, known internationally to be a "market maker" for Colonial paper money, and one of the largest dealers in Colonial coins.

A particular species of Colonial money is Linett's personal favorite and one of his own collecting interests: encased postage stamps. These hybrids were sold as small change during the second year of the Civil War, due to the shortage of copper and silver, caused by hoarding. Because the stamps needed to be protected from damaging moisture, they were sandwiched between brass and a film of isinglass or mica. In that form they could be handled more like coins too. Extremely rare, they were in production for only four months in 1862. Sought by coin and stamp collectors, they also appeal to those interested in early advertising, since advertising messages were embossed on the back of their casings. In terms of sales totals and record prices, Linett is

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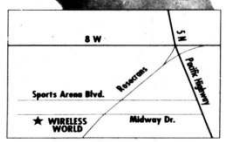

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For a couple of years now, I have been following the results of Linett's bimonthly auctions and reading about him in the national antique-and-auction press. About a year ago, I called Linett and asked to interview him. I said I hoped to be able to take a look at his operation too. I discovered it wasn't going to be easy for him to free up time for me. If he and his small staff aren't closing one auction — sending out the invoices and packages — they are writing descriptions and taking photographs of items for the next one. There was also the question of security, since the estimated value of the items in each auction is consistently $800,000 to $1,500,000. Nor does Linett necessarily profit from general publicity; serious buyers are what he wants to attract, not curiosity seekers. Even so, three days before the close of his sale last October, this time featuring 1,378 lots, beginning with a John Quincy Adams autograph



Signed photograph of President and Mrs. Kennedy, 1960

and ending with an 1888 map of the United States, I finally got an invitation to the firm's offices in that undisclosed La Jolla location.

"Note there are no windows," Linett said as we stood in his reception area. "Being that it's a bank building, the walls were strong to begin with, but we made them stronger."

On the coffee table in front of a green leather couch were magazines with titles like *Biblical Archaeology Review, North & South, Autograph Collector*. On the wall above the couch was an oil portrait of Thomas Jefferson. On the opposite wall was a painting of a Native American wigwam village. Below it, on the floor, were several antique weapons. At a computer terminal were cartons of Civil War–era ephemera. Most prominently there was an open bank-vault door.

Linett's wife, Barbara, works part-time in this space as his accounting manager. She and Linett, along with her two teenagers from a former marriage, live on Mount Soledad. For a while, she told me, they had thought about buying a second property, in Wyoming, for getaways, but never had the time to pursue it. So instead they rent a place out there once or twice a year and look at the property that they might have bought. Barbara said she played tennis but that her husband had no outside interests except his collecting pursuits, which he long ago folded into his business. Even if he wanted to indulge in hobbies or sports, he wouldn't have time for them. He spends a lot of time on airplanes. In the last few weeks, he had been to Greenwich, Connecticut, among a group of other high-rent districts, visiting with consignors and customers. But he had also been to the working-class town of Leominster, Massachusetts. As even a casual watcher of the television program *Antiques Roadshow* knows, interesting items are apt to turn up just about anywhere. Sometimes things are saved not by collectors or even by hoarders but by accident. Last year, a copy of the Declaration of Independence, which was said to have been found behind a picture in a $4 frame, was sold by *www.Sothebys.com* for an Internet-document record of $8.14 million.

Who can afford to spend such sums on what are clearly nonessentials, and why do they spend them? Who buys from Early American History Auctions, and why? This wasn't to be the kind of information I would gain from Linett, who guarantees to both consignors and customers their privacy and accepts their collecting predilections as he accepts his own — without question or analysis or excuse.

He would say, however, that he frequently does business with institutions such as museums, selling both to them and for them. And while he cannot name them either, he said that I would recognize them: "They are big." He suggested it would suffice to say they were the places he used to visit as a kid.

Born in Connecticut at Yale New Haven Hospital in 1954, Linett graduated from Northeastern University in Boston in 1976, the year of the U.S. Bicen-

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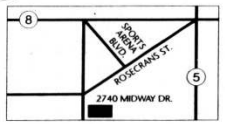

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tennial. His former history teacher, William M. Fowler Jr., who is now director of the Massachusetts Historical Society, is still in touch with him. When Linett was in his class, Fowler bought from him some Colonial currency. It had been printed by Benjamin Franklin for the colony of Pennsylvania, c. 1760.

"Dana was a business major, not a history major," Fowler told me by phone from his office in Boston. (Fowler left Northeastern in 1998. "I'm in the history factory now, surrounded by 12 million manuscripts" is how he described his present position.) "I remember he worked for Ford Motor Company for a while after he graduated. But Dana was passionately interested in history. He was sort of misplaced in business. But I guess somebody told him he had to make a living. Ha! Imagine that — combining history and business and making a living. And he has."

Fowler was not a collector in those years. "Just because I taught history didn't mean I collected it, because I didn't. I didn't collect anything! And Dana must have come by to see me about a grade on a paper or something. I don't remember. But he was obviously a very interesting young man. And it entered into the conversation that this early American paper currency was his hobby. And he showed me some of the stuff. And one thing led to another. And then I bought some. As it turns out, that was the first time I had ever bought anything historical."

Fowler didn't amass a great collection of Colonial money, but he did buy several more pieces before shifting his collecting interests to autographs of American naval officers, among them David Glasgow Farragut, Abraham Whipple, David Porter, and Chester Nimitz. "But I wouldn't be doing that if it hadn't been for Dana," Fowler insists. "He introduced me to the joy of collecting. I haven't bought anything recently from Dana, but I get his catalog and always read it carefully. And obviously he has done very well. Rarely do you meet young people — he was in his early 20s when I first met him — with his sort of knowledge and enthusiasm. Those two things really struck me. Whatever he has it's contagious."



American Colonial currency, 15 shillings, printed by Benjamin Franklin, 1758

Linett, for his part, characterized himself as "a child collector" who grew up in Greater New Haven, where his father owned a hardware store, which had been his father's store before him. He spent his allowance on antique coins and currency. When he was in college, he bought in the local shops in downtown Boston and at auctions in New York. As an undergraduate he started selling part-time, notoriously using the pay phone in the hallway of his dormitory to make deals.

Weekdays, during his postgraduate stint at Ford in Boston, he was a factory parts-and-service manager; weekends, he flew to major coin shows around the country, to buy and sell. Those were the years of the coin-market boom, and he did, indeed, do well. In 1980, he became a full-time currency dealer. Three years later, realizing that he could conduct his business from just about anywhere — so why not a place where snow never stopped you from getting to work? — he moved to La Jolla.

There was a buzzing at the office door. Closed-circuit television showed the Federal Express man in the hallway, waiting to be let in. He had five packages for Barbara's signature, all of them from consignors. While she attended to them, Linett invited me into the vault.

The walls of the vault are steel-reinforced concrete, two feet thick. It is, in fact, the second story of the vault being used by the bank downstairs. But since moving into this space six years ago, Linett has "improved" the door, exchanging the tumbler for a push-button system, since he and the other staffers go in and out of the vault all day.

This inner sanctum is actually inner *sancta* — it consists of an outer room and an inner room, connected by a short hallway. Temperature-controlled, humidity-free, it's sound-deadened by wall-to-wall carpet. ("In case anything is dropped, it won't dent or break.") Speaking of fragile items, on a top shelf in the first room there was a large sign that read "Danger." It was meant to remind everyone on staff that there were half a dozen colored-glass walking canes stored up there. Linett described them as "fantasy pieces" — samples of craftsmanship of the glassblowers working in New York's Hudson Valley between 1880 and 1890. They and the hundreds of other items in the vault were waiting to be photographed, cataloged, auctioned.

Linett took a black loose-leaf notebook from a long shelf of them. They were full of plastic sheet protectors holding slips of very valuable paper. "Autographs" is always the first category of lots offered at any Linett auction, and this is where they are stored, filed according to consignment number — meticulously. "There is no time for losing something," he said. "If it gets lost, it will stay lost until one of our twice-yearly inventories."

In the catalogs, however, they are listed in alphabetical order, so that any random page offers an opportunity to experience a curious leveling effect — that is, equal time and space (if not estimates and, ultimately, prices) for the likes of, say, Henry Moore, J. Pierpoint Morgan, Jim Morrison, Samuel F.B. Morse, John Singleton Mosby, and Grandma Moses.

I asked Linett about fame, imagining he would have an interesting perspective on it. But, ever the businessman, he said simply, "We try not to deal in people we've never heard of." Then he gave this general rule: "Dead is better than living." That's because "there are a limited number of any single person's mementos," and when that person dies, the supply naturally stops. He elaborated, giving these two examples of famous people not dead yet, but near death: "Everybody knows that Bob Hope is going to die soon. And when it happens there will be new price records set. The same goes for Ronald Reagan." Some Reagan collectors are jumping the gun, Linett has noted. In the last year or so prices for Reagan material have been rising.

Rarity, however, is not the only factor that determines an autograph's value. "Lincoln's signature is not the rarest," said Linett, who in virtually every sale offers several Lincoln autographs. "He signed thousands of documents in his lifetime. He signed a commission for every Civil War soldier. But because of his historical stature, the value of these items has remained strong and constant." In August 2000, Linett sold a Lincoln-signed commission for $8,682.50. "Making it especially significant," Linett's catalog copy noted, "is the fact that the historian at Fort Sumter has confirmed that [the soldier] was at Fort Sumter during the opening salvos of the war."


Linett in photo-slide library

We entered the second room of the vault inside of which is a safe, where the coins and currency are kept, as well as some of the most valuable paper items on the premises. "Here's something that's kicking around in here," said Linett, opening a drawer. It was a set of the divorce papers of Elvis and Priscilla Presley, one of three sets extant. "Elvis had one, Priscilla had one, and the lawyer had one. This is the one from the lawyer's office." The estimate of its worth is hard to gauge. On the day we spoke Linett put it between $50,000 and $100,000, adding, "Any auction house would give their eyeteeth to have something like this." When would he be putting it up for sale? Not soon. He was waiting for what he called "the right moment," which would be "either a high-profile sale or else a private sale."

Linett sold a more reasonably priced Elvis item in April 2000. For $546.36 a collector bought a lim-

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Of fans, he spoke kindly, and pragmatically: "I try to accommodate people if their budgets are limited. We try to give them extra time to pay. We try to make a deal with them. If we can give them a good pay schedule for the item they want, they can repay us by consigning other items. Fans, as you put it, can be good consignors, and we try to accommodate them if they have to have certain items that make them happy."

Linett keeps one of his own collections — 19th-century American textiles — in this part of the vault rather than at home, because, as he said, "There are no moths in here." He hefted one of the items. It was a heavy, folded, blue-and-white bed coverlet encased in a zipped plastic bag. Between the 1820s and the 1880s, these coverlets were characteristically woven in two colors. "One side was dark, for winter, and the opposite side was light, for summer. The effect was psychological, of heat or cool." The most prized of these coverlets are signed by their makers. If the notation includes a date and the maker's location, that's even better, he explained. The more information of any kind that you have on the piece, the higher its value, usually. In June 2000, Linett sold one for a consignor for $5,750. As the description in the catalog said, it was made in 1848 by a slave in the loom house on the tobacco plantation of Alford and Delilah Crews of Rolling Fork River, near the town of Broadsfordsville, Kentucky. Its first owner was the Crewses' daughter, Sarah Jane, whose husband, William David Sparrow, fought for the North in the Civil War. Badly wounded, he came home and later became a district judge.



Military commission signed by George Washington, c. 1795

"Buy the item, not the story" is an old adage in the antique trade. How did Linett know the coverlet story was true? It was, he said, determined by "tracking the provenance" and based on the "credibility of the people supplying the provenance."

"Time and again we hear, 'We were told that it belonged to so-and-so,' or 'We were told that it came from thus-and-such.' And we say, 'Prove it.' "

Even so, known fakes and forgeries can reach a certain level of value. Last year, Linett sold two letters in what looked to be George Washington's hand; they were actually forged by Robert Spring in the 1850s. Each went for $805, accompanied by this proviso: "This letter should be used for research and comparison purposes only."

Meanwhile, in a subsequent Early American History Auction sale, actual George Washington letters went for $10,925- and $13,800.

Here are the prices realized for a few other paper items Linett sold between April 2000 and April 2001:

A 19th-century reproduction of a broadside advertising Miss Laura Keane starring in *Our American Cousin* at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C., on the night of Abraham Lincoln's assassination in April 1865 and rushed into print afterward as a "souvenir": $5,175.

An envelope signed by Amelia Earhart and 15 other female aviators who participated in the National Women's Air Derby at Midland, Texas, in August 1929: $1,725.

A page of a hotel register signed by Andrew Carnegie in 1907: $201.25.

A subpoena signed by Wyatt Earp: $12,017.50.

A canceled check made out to "Dept. of Water & Power" on June 5, 1979, and signed by astronaut Edwin E. ("Buzz") Aldrin, second man to walk on the moon: $138. (The check has a smiling half-moon in the upper left-hand corner.)

A bill of sale for a slave bought by George Washington's nephew: $1,380.

The Emancipation Proclamation in German, printed in Iowa in 1865: $690.

Dwight Eisenhower autograph: $742.50.

Mamie Eisenhower autograph: $121.

Gerald Ford autograph: $442.75.

A typed letter signed by Albert Einstein: $4,887.50.

A typed letter signed by George S. Patton: $10,850.

Among the signed photographs Linett has sold recently were these two:

A publicity still of Marilyn Monroe, who signed it for the daughter of a policeman who had come to her house in Burbank in 1947 to investigate a prowler: $16,100.

A carte-de-visite (business-card-sized photo) signed by George Armstrong Custer in 1865, 11 years before Little Big Horn: $17,825. (Mathew Brady was the photographer.)

Linett claims a 70 percent selling rate. Of those items that do not sell, some may not have met their reserve. As his catalog states every time it's published, "Some lots may carry a reserve," which means there is a price below which the consignor will not sell. Reserves are not revealed but are generally understood by auctiongoers to be no more than the low estimate.

Estimates are set by Linett for each item he sells. Deciding what they should be requires not only a wealth of market knowledge but market savvy. Again, from the catalog: "The estimates provided in this catalog are guides to the bidders. We have tried to make them as accurate as possible. [Some items] have conservative estimates which may, in certain instances, be a mere fraction of what certain retail dealers might ask for similar items. They are not intentionally low to allow us to claim 'bragging privileges' as to how far over estimate we obtained, nor are they an attempt to lure the unwary into bidding more than market. While it is certain that some items will bring somewhat under estimate, it is equally certain that some items will sell for over estimate. We would expect that the total sales in this catalog will fall with 20 percent, one way or the other, of the total prices estimated."

Of things not sold in that same period of auctions I tracked, from April to April, here's a sampling, along with their estimates:

An autograph of Charles J. Guiteau, the disappointed office seeker who assassinated President Garfield: $1,250 to $1,500.

A canceled check signed by Carlo Gambino: $800 to $1,000.

A slave's leg shackles: $1,500 to $2,000.

Nest of six fossilized raptor eggs: $10,000 to $12,000.


Photographing an auction item

The three strands of George Washington's hair, mentioned previously, didn't sell either, for their estimate of $1,500 to $2,000. Nor did the lot of two strands from the head of Abraham Lincoln, whose estimate was $500 to $1,000.

The source of the unsold Washington hair was Goodspeed's, the venerable bookstore in Boston, now closed — "which is an adequate provenance for most!" said Linett's catalog text. The unsold Lincoln hair came with a letter of authentication from the late autograph expert Charles Hamilton. It was from a lock bought by Louis Munro, a dealer-collector in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, who often offers people a chance to buy a strand or two from his parcel.

One of the antique-and-auction newspapers that regularly covers the results of Early American History Auction sales ran a story not long ago about the so-called hot market for historical hair. Collecting famous hair is "quietly becoming one of the country's fastest-growing hobbies," according to *Maine Antique Digest*. John Reznikoff, a dealer in Westport, Connecticut, owns one of the most famous snippets of hair in history, the lock taken from Abraham Lincoln on the night of the assassination. He,

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too, occasionally parcels out strands, for $2,000 each. The same article noted that Henry Ford's hair had been collected by his barber, Joseph Zaroski, and that seven strands or so could be had for about $100. In June 2001, Linett, the one-time Ford employee, offered "several short strands of hair" collected from Ford by Zaroski on May 6, 1943. "The first we've seen or offered," stated Linett's catalog, which listed the estimate as $300 to $400. The results: $402.50.

In Linett's opinion, U.S. currency is hot. "It's gone up 400 percent in recent years." Why? He said it was part of a cycle that he has seen again and again. "Serious collectors fuel the market. The media pays attention, which causes the market to move. More serious people start bidding, which causes the prices to rise. The media pays attention again, which causes the market to move." Hot, but still undervalued, is his specialty, American Colonial currency in British monetary units — namely, pounds, shillings, and pence: "It has doubled, but not quadrupled," he said.

It may never be as valuable as, say, Confederate currency. In October 2000, Linett sold a $50 Confederate bill for $10,450. In the same sale, a $1,000 note — "one of the rare keys to the entire Confederate Currency series" — realized $20,700. No piece of Colonial money in the same sale went for more than four figures.

In all areas, not just numismatics, the Civil War will always be more popular than the Revolutionary War, Linett knows, because it's a closer time frame. "More people can trace their heritage back to it, and there is more material available" — and more still being pulled from closets every time media attention is paid. "The Civil War field went crazy after the Ken Burns series," said Linett, speaking of the 1990 public-television multipart program. Of all the material that was produced in the Colonial period, by contrast, Linett has heard experts estimate that only 3 percent of it remains. Mel Gibson's performance in *The Patriot* last year did not result in a flooding of the market with, say, Colonial broadsides. Nonetheless, Linett sold an interesting one, again in October 2000, for $3,450. Printed on November 22, 1781, in New London, Connecticut — with Connecticut misspelled with three *n*s — it was a proclamation by Governor Jonathan Trumbull, honoring families who had lost "husbands and fathers" at the hands of British troops. Linett's catalog copy noted further that the broadside had a connection to a famous traitor. Benedict Arnold had led the attack that had resulted in the casualties.

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During my visit Linett introduced me to the four employees, besides Barbara, who were at work that day. They were all middle-aged. This is not the sort of place for interns, although Linett said his college-age nephew works for him part-time.

Bob Hirsch is the firm's in-house photographer, working alone in a small cell-like office with film, not digital technology. "Slides give the sharpest image; our newer technology is still not up to it," said Linett as Hirsch kept working to shoot the 2,000-plus images for the next catalog. "Every coin has two sides," Linett said without irony.

John Ingle is his production manager and "director of crises." Working in another cell-like room next door to Hirsch, he is responsible for producing the two complete versions of the catalog, the one mailed out to nearly 5,000 subscribers and the one that goes online. Ingle also designs all the ads for Early American History Auctions. One that I've seen more than once in the antique-and-auction press says, "Don't get massacred! Buy with a real guarantee from the real experts. Avoid fakes and frauds."

Neither of these men, both of whom were wearing shorts and T-shirts, was chatty, to say the least; they impressed me as monklike, and very, very competent. Yes, you would trust them with the glass walking canes in the vault. No, they would not spill their coffee on the Presley divorce document. Hardly would they lose — or pocket, — a Colonial Massachusetts shilling.

Beverly Hill, Linett's auction director, works alone, too, in another room that resembles a small, crammed reference library. She, Linett, and other catalogers who weren't in evidence that day write the lot descriptions. "We're aware that all the top dealers and collectors in the country are looking over our shoulders," Linett said. "They often know more than we do about their specific collecting areas, and they love to correct you. We're not perfect, but we're very good."

Hill, dressed in office attire and looking somewhat professorial, showed me what had just arrived in one of the FedEx boxes: a signed carte-de-visite of Ulysses S. Grant. On her desk were some other Civil War items, including a surgeon's knife. "That was the period when they first used morphine," Hill said. "There was a lot of sawing of limbs. They would get six or seven people to hold the soldier down. The amputee would be addicted to morphine thereafter. They were like carpenters. The tools were the same." Another item she had on her desk was a document signed by John Jay, dating from his time as president of the Continental Congress, c. 1778. Linett read from it aloud. It was an elaborate description of the rules of engagement for war. He read an entire long paragraph, and I could see here a glimmer of the student of history rather than the businessman. "Things weren't so crude then," he said to himself as much as to Hill and me.

Mike Baldwin was the last employee I met that day. Like the other two men, he was casually dressed and virtually silent. Baldwin was in charge of his own one-man operation, in the packing-and-shipping department. "This used to be a beautiful conference room, but we didn't have enough conferences," said Linett. As Baldwin stood at ease, Linett explained that all packaging and shipping was videotaped by a camera about the size of an apricot that hung from the ceiling directly over Baldwin's work area. In addition, Baldwin's voice was recorded as he read off each item's lot number as it went into the shipping box. "Should a question arise," said Linett, "and they always do." This system could, for example, head off claims ("honest or otherwise") that a customer was sent an empty box.

The system would also seem to be a safeguard for the packer and shipper himself. He could defend himself against accusations. Conversely, it could work as a check on him, but one may not have been needed, at least in Baldwin's case. In his spare time, over the last few years, he had been studying for the ministry. In fact, that day was to be Baldwin's last at Early American History Auctions. After several years with Linett, and 20 previous years with the Navy, he had recently been ordained and made the pastor of a church in Scotland. He would be leaving the country with his family at the end of the week.

It was late morning now, and Linett invited me to lunch with the rest of the office. Everyone was going out together, to wish Baldwin good-bye. Before we assembled to exit, Linett showed me his office. Taped to the door were a dozen or more little slips of paper. They were messages from fortune cookies: another, impromptu collection of ephemera. In here was another closed-circuit television, as well as a regular television, tuned to the History Channel, with its sound turned off. As we spoke, his eyes often found it, and at one point, he called my attention to it, happy to see a news story about the sale of a John Lennon doodle. "Things are just exploding," he said, with obvious glee. At another point, he glanced down at the phone, pleased that as the October auction was nearing its close, all four lines were lit.

When it was time to go, we all assembled in a back corridor, not in the reception area. Linett set the alarms, the whole group of us entered an elevator, and we descended. (The phones, and bidders, would be left to the answering machines.) In two cars, driven by the Linetts, we went to P.F. Chang's in the Golden Triangle.

The restaurant was crowded and noisy, and it was difficult to converse, although Barbara and I were able to talk about her tennis and her children. I noticed that Linett did not appear to be someone who enjoyed socializing, particularly in the middle of his workday. A lot of food was hurriedly ordered and eaten. No toasts were made to Baldwin, no speeches made. There was one moment of genuine levity. It came when Linett read aloud the fortune he found in his cookie: "You will devote more time to your business next month." ■

— *Jeanne Schinto*

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Chicken Feet

by MAX NASH

Anne's fever hovered at 102. Incoherent, she called me. Single, middle-aged, friends for 30 years, when sick we take turns taking care of each other.

Twisted in a sweaty blanket, Anne sprawled on her couch. She'd tuned the TV to a 24-hour news station. Fires played across the screen, old footage of missiles and tracer bullets. The President said war was imminent.

"The world's burning," Anne said. "I'm burning. My skin is burning."

I tucked a thermometer under her tongue. Four minutes later it read 103 degrees. "I'm putting you to bed," I said. "When was the last time you've eaten?"

"I've never eaten anything. Nothing. Not ever."

I carry Anne to bed, her hot forehead pressed against my shoulder. I go to the kitchen and unpack groceries, the ingredients for chicken soup, including six chicken feet. I place them on the kitchen counter. Their pebbly yellow skin looks reptilian. (Some paleontologists believe that birds are dinosaur descendants.)

I boil water, peel turnips, carrots, onions, and potatoes. I turn on the kitchen radio. It, too, is tuned to a news station. All the news is war news. Another car bomb went off in Jerusalem. From her bed, Anne moans. "The sun. It's so hot. I wish you'd buy me an umbrella."

From the chicken feet I clip 24 white curved claws. I drop the feet into boiling water. This is a secret I've never told family, friend, or lover:

If you make chicken soup with only skinless, boneless breasts, the broth is tasteless and murky. Meat protein clouds broth. Skin and bone give flavor. (Fat carries flavor from soup to tongue and nose.) Chicken foot bones are delicate; their marrow gives soup richness. The cartilage that joins delicate bone together dissolves in hot water, binds to protein, weighs it down, making the broth clear. Peer into a pot of perfect chicken soup and you see all the way to the bottom.



The feet bob in roiling water. I add thighs, drumsticks, a breast. The radio tells me that a young man in Miami spent $300 on a mask and jumpsuit to protect him from chemical and biological weapons. I hunt for the single-malt Scotch that Anne keeps in her pantry.

In her bed, she's a tumble of white sheets and damp white cotton nightgown. She's as pale as Snow White. Her breathing's labored. I rub her arms and legs with a wet washcloth. "What you're doing to me is torture," she says. "I'm on fire. What you're doing was outlawed by the Geneva Convention."

I wrestle her up and give her aspirin. I make her drink water. Chicken soup smell fills the house. I hold Anne, and in my arms she swelters. I prop her against her pillows. I go to the kitchen and drink iced Scotch. Frost forms on the outside of the glass.

When the soup's almost done, when I'm sure the meat is cooked through, I turn down the flame, add the vegetables, and let them poach in the broth. Their purpose is to add a little sweetness. And in the kitchen, after a small glass of Scotch, I'm suddenly drunk. I hear the radio and television news. I hear Anne's ragged breathing. The simmering soup pot makes a jerky rattle.

My head spins. It's almost midnight and Anne's rambling about how the sun burns her. I tell myself that if her fever gets any higher, I'll take her to the hospital. Outside, the street, the neighborhood, are quiet.

The soup is done. I ladle out a big bowl carefully. I shred meat with a fork. I mash carrot, turnip, and potato. I take it on a tray to Anne, whom I arrange upright like a stubborn loose-limbed doll. I spoon soup into her mouth. She slurps, chews, swallows, mumbles. She focuses her eyes and looks into the bowl where a chicken foot floats.

"You're making me eat some kind of lizard," she says. She waves away the spoon in my hand. "If you think I'm going to eat lizard, you're crazy."

For a long time I guess I thought that Anne and I would be around for each other's funerals. But on this night I realized that while she might be around for mine, or I for hers, the opportunity wouldn't be mutual.

"Oh, Anne," I say, "you have to eat." I think I sound like a father. "I'm not trying to feed you lizard."

I tell her the secret of how perfect chicken soup's made. I explain about marrow, protein, and cartilage. I tell her about chicken feet. Not all secrets are meant to be kept, even in wartime. In the end, Anne ate greedily.

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by Jeff Smith

The story of the San Diego Yacht Club, as Iris Engstrand's illustrated history shows, also tells the story of San Diego. Along with the Dennis Conners, commodores of the club include Jessops, Treptes, Goulds, Frosts, Driscolls, Frazees, Kettenburgs — with suntanned faces, windswept hair, and sailing caps squared or at jaunty angles — who have steered local history for the last 114 years.

In 1852, two years after San Diego became incorporated, San Diego Bay saw its first regatta. Captain James Keating, Point Loma's lighthouse keeper, won a "gold-chased crinking cup" worth $250. Judson Ames, in his schooner *Lavinia*, took second prize, a "silver-speaking trumpet," and claimed he could have taken first had he not "run aground on the flats off La Playa."

The Yacht Club was founded in 1886. Its "burgee," a triangular pennant flown on a "pig stick" atop the mainmast, was blue with a white star. The club's first home was the Ballast Point Lighthouse, "just inside the tip of Point Loma."

Nineteen thirty-four, however, remains the club's most active and ambitious year. Kenneth Hallawell, club historian, recalls: "Many old-timers will always remember 1934 as the year during which they worked harder and accomplished more than they ever had done before, or have done since."

Among the competitions that year, Victor Doyle won the U.S. Grant Hotel Trophy. His *Trilby* was the first boat to "reach" around North Coronado Island. And Ash Bown won the Lipton Cup, in Los Angeles, by default (the winner, *Debra*, got scratched for having too large a crew). Bown refused the Cup, saying one shouldn't win it "in such manner."

The club's most memorable award was given at an annual dinner-dance for the SDYC's "sub-club," the Royal Order of Mudhens. The perpetual trophy — donated by the Jessop brothers — went to anyone who fell overboard or capsized a skiff while fully clothed. According to an article in the San Diego *Union*, the Mudhens (a.k.a. "mudders") formed in self-defense.

One of the Mudhens' charter members was Roy Hegg, commodore of the SDYC in 1934, who skippered *Zephyr* to a "hair-line victory," over R.D. Israel's *Aloha*, in the George Washington's Birthday Regatta.

The trophy has since been "retired" but, according to Charles La Dow, "was the cause of much levity."

In 1934, the club's 48th year, Viola Sommermeyer became the first woman to attain coveted "flag" status. She was 38. As a youth, she wanted to become an engineer, but advisors at the University of Minnesota told her that wasn't an appropriate career for a woman. So she studied chemistry at Minnesota and later zoology at San Diego State "College" and parasitology at UC Berkeley. From 1930 to 1950, she ran the San Diego Clinical Laboratory in Pacific Beach. Her specialty was allergies.



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Gary Gould (standing) and Alonzo Jessop, 1953

She lived in a redwood house in Roseville — an area from the Naval Training Center to Talbot Street in Point Loma — and took an interest in boating. The SDYC doesn't mention the impact of her "flag" status, though several years later, when the club secretary died, there was no record of her membership. "A woman can't be first class," writes her cousin, Karl H. Sommermeyer, imagining the reaction. "Luckily, one of her sponsors was still aboard to back her, but her official seniority was reckoned only from the date of that rescue."

Nineteen thirty-four also saw the beginning of dredging, off the Roseville coast, for what would become Shelter

SELECTED QUOTATIONS:

1. S.D. *Union:* The Mudhens' perpetual trophy "is a small life-preserver with a mahogany placque in the center on which the names of club members are inscribed."

2. Charles La Dow: "No species of man has ever been more mindful of the ladies than the yachtsmen — among our dearest companions — at sea or ashore; but the tradition of a yacht club as a masculine bailiwick dies hard, and the ladies, so far, enjoy our admiration so much as to humor the foible."

3. Billy Hammond and wife Laura lived in the Roseville Pavilion. She cooked such legendary hamburgers, "well remembered by all who had the pleasure of having one or many," some claim, only half in jest, that they were as big a magnet as La Playa for the new clubhouse's site.

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Island. The area around the Roseville Pavilion was so shallow, the shoals so dangerous, says Iris Engstrand, "It was difficult to sail boats in and out of the bay at low tide. They'd get hung up on that little spit of land. So it was natural that the dredging took place. Then, in order to dispose of the sand, they built up the island."

Inspired by Commodore Roy Hegg and Port Director Joe Brennan and sponsored by the San Diego Harbor Commission and the federal government, dredging began October 25, 1934. It included a 200-foot-wide channel, 20 feet deep, in front of what would become the SDYC's new clubhouse site.

Shelter Island evolved as an afterthought. The dredging created an area where sail and power boats could come in and make a turn. Plus, it provided much safer anchorage than before. The island started as a place to dump leftover "spoil" from the channel. In time, Engstrand adds, "It created a pretty valuable piece of real estate."

Charles La Dow: "The name Shelter Island, chosen by [club] members and accepted by the Port Director, was no euphemism. Low as that sandspit now was, the southerlies would, hopefully, no longer devastate us with heavy chop."

Another key reason for dredging developed earlier in 1934. The SDYC's two-story, wood-frame clubhouse, at that time, overlooked Coronado's Glorietta Bay. But as San Diego grew and more members lived on the "mainland" — around Point Loma, in particular — these members wanted a site closer to home. "There was serious discussion," says Engstrand, "about who deserved to have the club: the people in Coronado or those in Mission Hills and Point Loma, who didn't want to make the trip — either by sail, motorboat, or ferry — to the island."

For many years the SDYC had a second site in the La Playa area of Point Loma — the beachfront that runs west from the foot of Talbot Street and the Roseville Pavilion. Pressure for some kind of move grew, and on January 14, 1934, at dawn, the San Diego Yacht Club moved its clubhouse, from Glorietta Bay to La Playa, on water. ■

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set of lines to another? Or should I try *not* to vary them, but to make them sound exactly the same? Recently, on a cassette tape in the excellent *Voice of the Poet* series, I heard Millay in a recording made some 60 years ago. Her voice sounds as deep and throaty and sonorous as everyone who in real life heard her said it was. I have listened to this recording, now, several times. Hearing it, I easily can understand why Millay's readings in auditoriums and on radio created such a sensation.

Nancy Milford, in her recently published biography of Millay, *Savage Beauty: The Life of Edna St. Vincent Millay*, writes that "on Christmas Day 1932, Millay began the first of a series of Sunday-night readings of her poems over the air on a nationwide hookup.... Thousands of people heard Millay's voice.... They wrote to her.... They sent in hundreds of letters.... A farm family in Missouri wrote 'that the very sound of your voice transforms our country living room into a place of magic.' "

I have read several accounts of "Recuerdo" 's occasion. One has it that in the summer of 1913, when Millay was taking classes at Barnard College in Manhattan, she went with the Nicaraguan poet, Salomón de la Selva, for a nighttime ride on the Staten Island ferry. But Daniel Mark Epstein, in *his* recently published *What Lips My Lips Have Kissed: The Loves and Love Poems of Edna St. Vincent Millay*, says this isn't so, that Millay and de la Selva did not meet until 1915. Another account places the ferry ride in the fall of 1918 and identifies Millay's companions as Floyd Dell



Sunday-night broadcast on NBC radio, Christmas 1932

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(who is sometimes named as Millay's first male lover) and John Reed. Epstein claims that Floyd Dell and Arthur Davison Ficke (who took photographs of Millay in the buff) were Millay's companions on the Staten Island ferry. "Recuerdo" first was published in Harriet Monroe's *Poetry* in May 1919 and later in 1922 in *A Few Figs from Thistles*, the book that contained the four lines by Millay that historians often cite as defining the consciousness of the '20s flapper:

First Fig
My candle burns at both ends;
It will not last the night;
But ah, my foes, and oh, my friends —
It gives a lovely light!

Randall Jarrell wrote about Millay that she was "the last poet whose poetry was read by boys to girls in canoes." Certainly, by the time my breasts budded and small pimples popped out on my chin, I was not uninterested in Millay's poems. Back then, I thought of her — along with Emily Dickinson, Amy Lowell, Elinor Wylie, Sara Teasdale, Leonie Adams, Marianne Moore, Louise Bogan — as a "poetess," with the emphasis weighty on the "ess" part of that word. A poetess, to my way of thinking, was less poet and more the diminutive "ess." Millay's anthologized poems, as well as Amy Lowell's and Wylie's and Teasdale's, seemed even to a young teenager romantic and a bit gushy: even if you felt the way the speakers of certain of these poems felt, good taste dictated that you didn't say so. But then, of Millay's poems, I had read only those poems that were anthologized — "First Fig," the lengthy "Renascence" that she wrote before she was 19, "Recuerdo," and the sonnet from *Fatal Interview* that begins "What lips my lips have kissed, and where, and why,/ I have forgotten." So I didn't know much of her work (I didn't know much of anything). I didn't know the plainspoken "The Plaid Dress":

Strong sun, that bleach
The curtains of my room, can you not render
Colourless this dress I wear? —

I did not know "Ebb," first published in 1921 and available now in *The Selected Poetry of Edna St. Vincent Millay*, edited by Nancy Milford:

I know what my heart is like
Since your love died:
It is like a hollow ledge
Holding a little pool
Left there by the tide,
A little tepid pool,
Drying inward from the edge.

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And, finally, I did not know the drafts of poems Millay wrote for her mother after her mother died. Nancy Milford quotes from these drafts. One begins:

We said, Let us shut the coffin now, we
cannot keep her always
Like a doll in a box, arranging her hair....
She looks as if she were tired of being
stared at, as if she were anxious to be
dead.

Another of these drafts, written in 1931 after Millay's mother's death, is quoted in by Epstein:

In this mound, and what's beneath,
Is my cure, if cure there be;
I must starve, or eat your death
Till it nourish me.

Although by the 1960s Millay's poems were considered old-hat and mawkish and disappeared from anthologies, readers did not lose interest in Millay's life. I think now that what appealed to readers about that life was Millay's "discovery" — about which, more later — and her subsequent rise out of destitution and anonymity to wealth and fame. At least three biographies plus a collection of Millay's letters, the letters heavily edited, were available by the mid-1960s. From one of those, a biography that dared not tell as much as do current biographies, I learned that Millay was born in 1892 (the same year that Tolkien, Pearl Buck, Mae West, and Archibald MacLeish were born and that Tennyson and Walt Whitman died). I learned that she grew up, living with her two sisters and her mom in a kind of *Little Women* poverty-stricken life in Maine. What I did not know until I read Milford's biography was how Millay came by her middle name. While Cora Millay was pregnant with the child who would be Edna, Cora's brother Charlie had his life saved. His saviors were the Sisters of Charity, who at that time administered St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan (the same hospital where Dylan Thomas died). Cora commemorated her brother's return to health by bestowing the hospital's name on her first child. I knew about Millay that, like many children, she received *St. Nicholas* magazine and that she submitted poems to their editors and that beginning in 1906, *St. Nicholas* accepted several of these poems. I read in this earlier biography about Millay's long poem "Renascence," which Millay entered in a contest. The poem, placing fourth among the 100 poems chosen and printed in *The Lyric Year*, brought Millay to the attention of New York editors. What I had not realized until reading Milford's biography was that it was not *Renascence*'s appearance in that publication that allowed Millay to leave Maine and enter the larger world.

Here is the "discovery" moment. Norma Millay, Edna's sister, worked as a waitress



Edmund Wilson, 1920

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at the Whitehall Inn, near the Millay home. In August the staff sponsored a costume party. Norma insisted that her sister attend. Edna reluctantly agreed. Toward evening's end, Edna was asked to recite. Norma, writes Milford, had fashioned for her big sister a black and white Pierrette costume — "a short, full skirt made of yards of white cheesecloth fitted smartly at her waist, with a low-cut, sleeveless bodice with black pompoms down the front."

What would happen next is better understood once one learns that Millay was blessed with great physical beauty (as photographs in the Epstein and Milford books make evident). Five feet one inch tall, she weighed in at 100 pounds, plus or minus a few pounds. She measured, according to Epstein, 34-22-34, and, Epstein continues, "her breasts were surprisingly large and perfectly formed." Her hair was a gilded auburn — a strawberry blonde — her pale skin lightly freckled ("...in the summertime leopard/With freckles" she wrote about herself). Her eyes were green. She had, again by her own description, "A large mouth,/ Lascivious,/ Asceticized by blasphemies."

Millay stood and said — intoned, really, "Renascence":

All I could see from where I stood
Was three long mountains and a wood;
I turned and looked another way,
And saw three islands in a bay.
So with my eyes I traced the line
Of the horizon, thin and fine,
Straight around till I was come
Back to where I'd started from.

Miss Caroline B. Dow, the New York head of the National Training School of the YWCA, summered at the inn that year. She dropped by the staff costume party and heard Millay recite "Renascence." Miss Dow, a 55-year-old spinster and a Vassar graduate, was so enchanted with Millay's recitation and with Millay's charm that

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she, with the help of friends, raised the money to send her to Vassar.

Millay was 21, a published poet and somewhat glamorous figure, when she entered Vassar. I did not realize until recently, with the publication of Nancy Milford's book and Daniel Mark Epstein's, that Millay bedded more than a few women there. She behaved with an openness about these lesbian affairs that seems surprising for the years during World War I. I learned, too, from the Milford and Epstein books, that after Vassar, Millay moved to Greenwich Village. She continued to write poems, and those poems were published. She worked in theater, acting and writing for the Provincetown Playhouse. She was terribly poor, often cold and hungry. She began to have sexual relations with men.

About Millay's life in Greenwich Village during the '20s, Epstein writes that she was "frantically busy day and night composing poetry, writing and acting in plays, writing love letters, and plotting trysts with lovers from Hartford to New York to Washington, D.C. — so many concurrent liaisons with so many lovers that it makes a biographer cross-eyed to look at her calendar. (How she avoided venereal disease and pregnancy is a question for medical historians. Likely she practiced reliable techniques for satisfying lovers besides coitus, minimizing the risk to herself. She was known to be pregnant only once.)"

From *A Few Figs from Thistles*, there's this:

Thursday
And if I loved you Wednesday,
Well, what is that to you?
I do not love you Thursday —
So much is true.

And why you come complaining
Is more than I can see.
I loved you Wednesday, — yes — but what
Is that to me?

In April 1920, Millay met Edmund Wilson (1895–1972). Wilson's diary and notebook



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George Dillon, 1932

entries make up a series of books titled *The Twenties, The Thirties, The Forties,* and *The Fifties*. Wilson was three years younger than was Millay. An only child, he was reared by his mother, a descendant of Cotton Mather, who nicknamed him "Bunny." In 1916 Wilson graduated from Princeton, where he was a classmate and close if fractious companion to F. Scott Fitzgerald. After graduation Wilson enlisted and served first as a stretcher-bearer with a hospital unit in France. His unit went behind the lines to nurse the injured in the Battle of Chateau-Thierry. "When all the young were dying," Wilson wrote, about that experience, "I dwelt/ Among the dead." He returned to the States in 1919 and went to work for Frank Crowninshield's *Vanity Fair*. Wilson already was familiar with Millay's poems when the two met at a party in Greenwich Village.

Wilson wrote in his "Epilogue, 1952: Edna St. Vincent Millay," in *The Shores of Light: A Literary Chronicle of the 1920s and 1930s*: "As for John [Peale] Bishop and me, the more we saw of her poetry, the more our admiration grew, and we both, before very long, had fallen irretrievably in love with her. This latter was so common an experience, so almost inevitable a consequence of knowing her in those days.... One cannot really write about Edna Millay without bringing into the foreground of the picture her intoxicating effect on people, because this so much created the atmosphere in which she lived and composed. It was a spell that she exercised on many, of all ages and both sexes."

Twenty-five-year-old Wilson, already a pudgy little man who was fast losing hair, lost his virginity to Millay. Jeffrey Meyers writes in *Edmund Wilson: A Biography* that when Millay and Wilson met, Wilson "was still a sexually inexperienced and innocent young man who had not yet succumbed to the awful daring of a moment's surrender. He had the great good fortune to lose his virginity to Millay."

Wilson wrote about his first night with Millay in *The Twenties*: "A romantic idealism combined with a certain shyness had hitherto kept me from falling in love in any serious way; and Edna ignited for me both my intellectual passion and my unsatisfied desire, which went up together in a blaze of ecstasy that remains for me one of the high points of my life. I do not believe that such experiences can be common, for such women are not common. My subsequent chagrin and perplexity, when I discovered that due to her extreme promiscuity, this could not be expected to continue, were rather amazingly soothed by an equanimity on her part which was also very uncommon."

During the summer of 1920 Wilson asked Millay to marry him, and she refused. He went on to wed four times. His most notable marriage, from 1938–1946, was to Mary McCarthy. Mary accused him of manhandling her, which I am sure he did. He was easily frustrated, and the temperamental and volatile McCarthy maddened the belligerent and heavy-drinking and melancholy Bunny. But before Wilson married Mary, when she was 26 and he 43, and before Millay in 1923 married the Dutch importer Eugen Boissevain, Wilson and Millay saw each other, off and on, here in the United States and in Paris, where Millay had gone as a European correspondent for *Vanity Fair* and where Wilson passed through on a European tour. The same year that Millay married, she was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for poetry, for her book *The Harp-Weaver*. Millay was the first woman — poetess — to win the Pulitzer (Edwin Arlington Robinson won the prize the year before Millay did and Robert Frost won it on the year after).

From *The Harp-Weaver:*

Euclid alone has looked on Beauty bare.
Let all who prate of Beauty hold their peace,
And lay them prone upon the earth and cease
To ponder on themselves, the while they stare
At nothing, intricately drawn nowhere
In shapes of shifting lineage; let geese
Gabble and hiss, but heroes seek release
From dusty bondage into luminous air.
O blinding hour, O holy, terrible day,
When first the shaft into his vision shone
Of light anatomized! Euclid alone
Has looked on Beauty bare. Fortunate they
Who, though once only and then but far away,
Have heard her massive sandal set on stone.

Millay, by 1923, no longer was the poverty-stricken Village bohemian, hungry and cold in her Greenwich Village attic room. She wore couturier gowns — Worth was a favorite. She traveled through Europe and Asia. In 1925 Millay and her husband, 12 years her senior, moved to the Berkshire foothills, several hours from Manhattan. They renovated a house and surrounding acres. They named their new home "Steepletop," after a wildflower that grew on local hillsides. That same year Millay wrote the libretto for Deems Taylor's opera, *The King's Henchman*, produced to critical acclaim by the Metropolitan Opera in 1927. Millay continued to write, to publish, and to tour. Even during the Depression her books sold out printings in the tens of thousands.

In 1924 Millay had begun her tours of America, reading her poems in her sonorous voice. The brouhaha that surrounded her appearances was like the commotion that today greets Madonna or Courtney Love or Nicole Kidman. Her admirers reached out to touch her, and touching her, they swooned. She truly was a star. Millay's readings packed 3000-seat auditoriums, and her books were in homes all over America, and her poems, memorized, stored in thousands and thousands of minds. In November 1928, after publication of *The Buck in the Snow*, Millay arrived in Chicago on the night of a harvest moon. At a party after her reading, Millay met 21-year-old George Dillon, associate editor of *Poetry* magazine. Fourteen years stretched between his birth and hers. He was handsome, he was single, his book, *Boy in the Wind*, had been published the year before. At a party after her reading, Millay slipped the tall, dark-haired, athletic Dillon a note, inviting him to lunch the next day. They sat down for lunch and Millay handed Dillon a sonnet she'd written only hours before.

This beast that rends me in the sight of all,
This love, this longing, this oblivious thing,
That has me under as the last leaves fall,
Will glut, will sicken, will be gone by spring.
The wound will heal, the fever will abate,
The knotted hurt will slacken in the breast;
I shall forget before the flickers mate
Your look that is today my east and west.

Whether they finished their meal before they made love, no one any longer seems to know. But they did before the year was out take to the bed (and Dillon all the rest of his life carried with him this first sonnet that Millay wrote for him). Millay told Eugen, her husband, about her intimacies with Dillon; they had something of an open marriage, and Eugen, if the evidence of his letters to Millay is to be believed, rather gallantly acquiesced.

From day one Millay was the more ardent of the two lovers. She begged Dillon to visit her at Steepletop. Eugen, distraught because Millay was distraught, wrote to Dillon, urging him to take up residence with them. Some have suggested that Dillon was homosexual. Others describe him as a boy more in love with his mother than with women — or men — his own age. Epstein quotes this poem that Dillon wrote for his mother:

From summer and from the city I take what I need.
You will sit here and read.
You are happier than I shall be when I have done.
I am afraid. I think how the wind will put us apart.
I wonder, will I learn the quiet in your touch?
Will I love someone so much?

Whatever his sexual longing's true objects, Dillon kept his distance from his mistress. He reminded her that he now had a job, as a copywriter for a Chicago ad agency. That "kept distance" maddened her. "Love me no more, now let the god depart,/ If love be grown so bitter to your tongue!" (What a change from the 1920s when lovers lined up at her door and she wrote, "I shall forget you presently, my dear,/ So make the most of this, your little day.") Into the silence that steepened between them, Millay wrote one after another of the sonnets that in 1931 would be edited down to 52 and collected as *Fatal Interview*.

Millay longed to meet Dillon in Paris. She shamelessly persuaded the Guggenheim judges to give Dillon a Guggenheim Fellowship. And then, soon after Dillon received the Guggenheim, the Pulitzer committee awarded him their 1932 prize for poetry. Dillon resigned his ad agency job and sailed for Europe. In the summer of 1932 Dillon and Millay were alone in the French capital. From her letters home to Eugen, a reader can guess at heavy drinking, loud arguments, drunken collapses, ghastly hangovers, and few sonnets getting penned. Eugen wrote letters to his wife that are quoted by Nancy Milford. "I want you so badly. I want to see your beautiful body and feel all over you and smell your lovely body and play with your naughty breasts and your kitty, the only clean wicked kitty in the world." He continues, "Couldn't you take a small handkerchief and put it in your kitty, before you take a bath and mail it to me. I'm longing for your Perfume.... Goodbye beautiful. I kiss your exciting breasts."

Millay apparently gave up on the love affair. Dillon, again, *apparently*, gave her no choice. At summer's end, she came home to Steepletop. She and Dillon saw one another from time to time over the years, and they worked together on his translations of Baudelaire's *Les Fleurs de Mal*. With the possible exception of several weeks in the winter of 1937, when Millay

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and Dillon met in Manhattan, my guess is that never again was Millay unfaithful to her husband. Dillon, for sure, was the last fling.

Millay wrote, in "The Return:"

Earth does not understand her child,
Who from the loud gregarious town
Returns, depleted and defiled,
To the still woods, to fling him down.

Until recently, with the publication of Milford's and Epstein's biographies, I had not guessed at how difficult Millay's life became after that last fling. I knew from Edmund Wilson's account of his response to her death in *The Fifties* and from his "Epilogue, 1952: Edna St. Vincent Millay" that Millay became a heavy drinker — gin in the morning, for heaven's sake. But I had no idea that she became and remained for 11 years addicted to morphine. Epstein quotes from Millay's May 2, 1935, letter to her old lover and friend Witter Bynner, "I am at present under the influence of hashish, gin, bad poetry, love, morphine, and hunger." But in 1935 she still was only a drug dabbler. By 1943, in notebooks in which she had once worked on poem drafts, she began to track the time at which she gave herself an injection and what the dosage of that injection was (Milford's book includes photographs of those notebook pages). I also had no idea that she and Eugen, all through the 1930s, invested heavily in racehorses, paying maintenance and huge stud fees for a series of what, for the most part, were loser horses. And then when World War II began, Eugen lost his overseas investments. Reviewers began to take swipes at Millay's books, and the books no longer sold well. Eugen and Edna had to watch their pennies. Not until 1946 did Millay cease to be addicted to morphine (and she was deep into that addiction when she made the recording of "Recuerdo" to which I have recently listened). She still drank too much and she wrote little-and what she wrote was not much admired by critics.

Edmund Wilson and his fourth wife, Elena, visited Millay and Eugen in the summer of 1948. Wilson wrote in his "Epilogue": "The couches looked badly worn; the whole place seemed shabby and dim.... Edna came in, wearing slacks and a white working shirt, open at the neck. It was a moment before I recognized her.... if I had met her unexpectedly somewhere, I am sure I should not have known her. She had become somewhat heavy and dumpy, and her cheeks were a little florid.... Eugen brought us martinis."

A year after the Wilsons' visit, Eugen was operated on for lung cancer. He died several days after that operation, on August

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30, 1949. Millay followed him in death on October 19, 1950. She probably was drunk, and, unsteady on her feet, she may have tripped on the staircase that led from the Steepletop house's second story down to the first. When a workman found her, her neck was broken. Every time I read those four words — "her neck was broken" — I hear the bones crack. Near her body was her notebook open to a page on which she had printed three lines:

I will control myself, or go inside.
I will not flaw perfection with my grief.
Handsome, this day: no matter who has died.

In 1950, on the night before Edmund Wilson heard the news of Millay's death, he dreamed of her. His dream was a long dream, and he wrote about it. "Partly erotic, she was in bed and at one point I was expecting to make love to her — but partly literary, for I told her at length, and as accurately and fully as if I had been awake, about John Bishop's relations with Archie MacLeish." Further on in his diary entry, Wilson writes that he "can hardly believe that it is irrevocably impossible to write to her — that she is not there, cannot be communicated with, if I should feel like trying to do so."

Wilson adds then, "I suppose I feel at the same time a certain satisfaction in surviving her: if I did so much less when I was younger than she, I still have the chance to do something good in my own different way." And he did. Wilson, who died at the age of 77, lived another 22 years after Millay. He wrote millions and millions of words. He won many prizes. He had the four wives. Yet he never forgot Millay. When Wilson died, two photographs stood on his desk: one of those photos was of Millay.

When George Dillon died in 1968, 22 of Millay's letters and two of her husband's letters to him, some typed and some handwritten, were found wrapped in foil in a dresser drawer in his bedroom. These letters were all that remained from the many that Millay wrote to Dillon. As for the young poet, after his return from Paris, he lived for many years with his mother. The Baudelaire translation with which Millay helped him was his last book.

Epstein writes that Millay "was one of the last important American poets to hold the devoted interest of the serious general reader — that is, the reader who is not a professor, critic, or poet."

Two lines in "Recuerdo" were my daughter Rebecca's favorites. "Say that part again," she would say to me, and happily I did. I can't help but believe that if you say these lines one time you will want to say them again:

And the sky went wan, and the wind came cold,
And the sun rose dripping, a bucketful of gold. ■

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"There's definitely a boom of interest in getting perfect abs — especially down here in San Diego. In this population, everybody wants to be thin. Everybody wants to have the perfect abs. I noticed that, when I started out as a trainer, there were only a couple of abdominal exercises, but now everyone's coming out with these new abdominal machines. The AB Dolly, the AB Roller, the AB Tiger. There's new ones every day."

The proliferation of ab products reflects a growing demand. "*All* of my clients are obsessed about their stomachs. I have very few clients who come in here without saying they want to get a six-pack or they want flat abs. And most of my clients are women. I have about 3 men and 25 women."

Muscles ripple and bulge through Sanguinetti's tight-fitting tank top.

"Six-pack," an inaccurate though popular term, describes a condition not easily achieved. "It comes from having every single front abdominal muscle showing. If you counted them all out, it wouldn't be six but really eight abdominals. What most people don't understand is, they think that if they do all these crunches and all these sit-ups that they'll get a six-pack, and that's not actually true. If your body-fat percentage is really high, then most of your muscles are covered by fat. Everybody has a six-pack, but if it's covered by fat, you're never going to be able to see it. You need to drop your body-fat percentage down so you're able to see those abdominals.

"Now, women need to have a higher body-fat percentage, because they're the ones who carry the babies. Men can drop to a lower level, but if it gets too low, it can be physically dangerous. A healthy level of body fat for men who want good-looking abdominals would be between 9 and 11 percent. For women, you want to be anywhere between 19 and 21 percent."

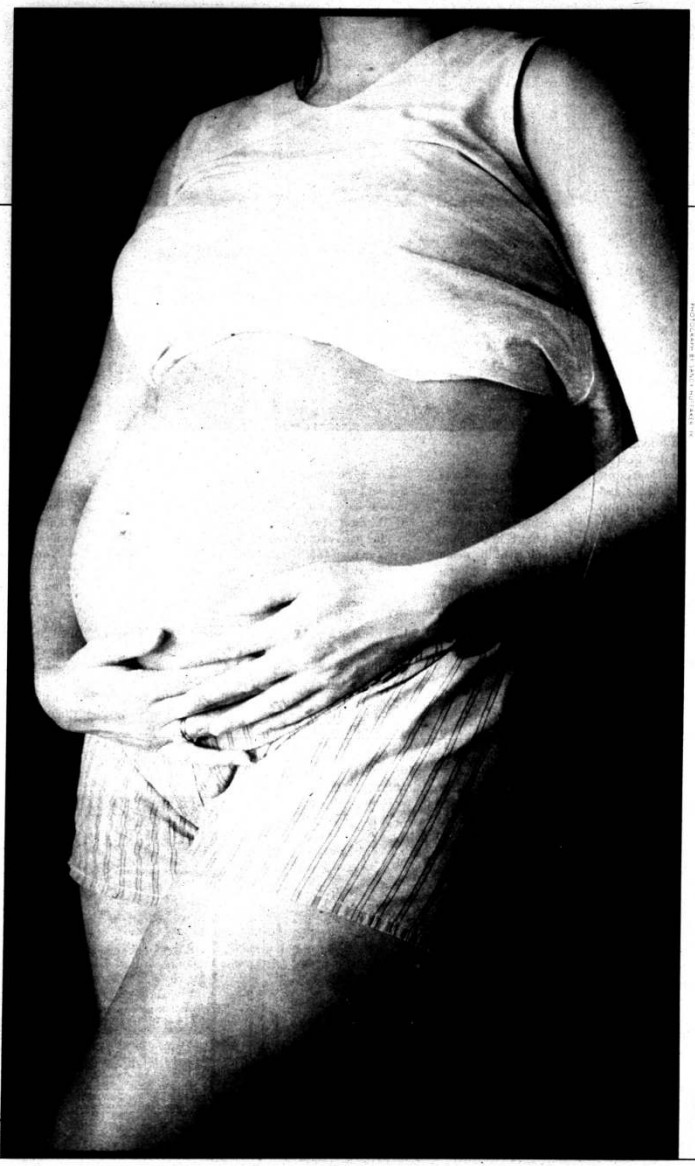
Making the perfect stomach involves using all the muscles in the abdominal group. "We have our rectus abdominis, which is our eight muscles right here [he points to the front of his belly]. On our sides we have our external and internal obliques. Around that we have our transverse abdominis, which help in slimming up the waistline. You don't want to sit there and just work your rectus abdominis without ever working your obliques. Your body is going to be better balanced if you're hitting every single muscle. If you're not working on your obliques, your love handles are going to be sticking out."

In terms of time, effort, and discipline, getting a hard, rugged stomach is expensive. "It's all going to come out with their lifestyle. It's all about what you eat. Let's say you're about 20 pounds overweight. You can't just come in here and work out. It doesn't matter how much cardio or how much weight training you do: if you're not taking in the recommended calories, you're never going to get to your goal. The first thing you need to do is start eating right. When you start eating right, you'll drop that body-fat percentage. Then you'll want to spend between three to four days [a week] in here doing weight training and about five days doing cardio."

Ali hasn't measured his waist for a long time, and a lift of his shirt shows why he needn't bother. His torso reminds one of a Greek statue — until you notice the nipple rings. "My pants have a 32 waist."

Carlos Sanguinetti, 27, has been working out for 12 years. "I've spent the better part of the last year finally doing it right." At 5'5", Sanguinetti looks like a flyweight boxer, only stronger. Muscles ripple and bulge through his tight-fitting tank top. He demonstrates a murderous-looking sit-up that is done atop a large, red "physio-ball," a tool Ali insists is an essential for ab development. His body quivers with pain as he slowly moves up and down. "I just recently got a trainer. I'd been doing stuff on my own, but the trainer set up a whole new routine for me. I'd been doing this for a long time, but the stuff they've shown me here really works. The difference is technique and a few new ideas on what I could do to make my abs better. I've got a whole new diet plan. Honestly, eating and diet is almost 80 percent of your physique — shaping it into what you want it to be. I'm eating more! I used to only eat about three times a day, but they gave me this analogy about a sumo wrestler. They get so large by only eating one time every day, in the middle of the day; then they go to sleep and don't do anything. The meal plan I'm on has me eating four to five times a day, and all good stuff. I eat a lot of protein and vegetables, grains, everything. I used to eat a lot more carbs — mostly pastas. My mom's Italian, so I grew up eating that stuff all the time. When I told her I had a diet plan from my trainer, she said, 'What are you on a diet for?' I had to explain that it's not that kind of diet. They're just showing me how to eat the right things. As soon as I told her I was eating five times a day, she had no problem with it!"

Sanguinetti has been whistled at by girls who've noticed his physique. "It feels good! But I just do this for myself. It's just to keep myself in shape. I don't do it for any other reason. Sure, I get more positive attention, but that's secondary. Honestly, I just do it for myself. It's all about feeling good and feeling healthy."



True to Ali's assessment, the nine people on the machines in the ab room are all women. One of them, Mary Ann Olsson, a fitness instructor, claims she has been working out her whole life. An immigrant from Sweden, Olsson, 35, is a pixie in size and a tan Olympian in build. "I've been coming here almost ten years. I always worked out and always ate healthy. It's been the natural thing for me to stay healthy and keep my body in shape. In college, I was overweight — when we'd drink beer and eat a lot of pizza — but I made some changes after that. Genetically, I've never had the problem of that 'women's pooch' that they talk about, but I'm also an instructor here, so I have students that complain about that all the time. But it makes me feel good and it makes me happy. I like to move." Probably the least self-conscious person in the gym, Olsson doesn't seem concerned about the flatness of her stomach, yet her waist size is a slight 24 inches.

Wearing an oversized University of Pittsburgh T-shirt, Colleen Fisher, 24, slowly works out behind Olsson on another machine. Doe-eyed and talkative, Fisher is thin, yet solid-looking at the same time. She's doing a type of reverse sit-up on a device that allows her to angle herself facedown and slowly ease up from the floor and back down again. This exercise is supposed to strengthen the back — an often overlooked part of building the perfect stomach. "It's essential for good abs to have a strong lower back. It balances out every muscle. I used to work hard on the ab exercises, then I slacked off for a while. I used to do 20 minutes of ab work per day." She points to invisible love handles. "When I'm standing, you can see I have fat back here, and the only way you're going to tighten that up is by working

the lower back. So it's my whole midsection that needs to be worked to get tight.

"I've been working out almost two years. I maxed out at 180 pounds and started working out at about 165. Now I weigh 120." Even with her slender figure, she disparages her waist as "the largest part of me. I think it's 26 inches. I work out probably two or three hours a week. I'll try to do a half an hour per day, but this week I didn't. My eating habits are totally different now than before. I used to be a vegetarian and I ate all carbohydrates. I used to hardly ever eat meat, but now meat is, like, a huge part of my diet. Turkey and chicken mostly, but I do eat red meat too. I don't eat so much bread. If I eat carbs, it's vegetables, fruits, and wheat bread. I used to binge-eat too, but not anymore. I would continue to eat even when I was full. I'll try to eat my last meal three hours before I go to sleep."



Jenny Menkov



Yvonne Boulindy



Carlos Sanguinetti



Colleen Fisher



Maureen MacManus



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Fisher's worked to change her body because "I wanted to feel who I felt I was inside — which was a disciplined and beautiful person, and I thought that outwardly I didn't reflect that. I didn't look disciplined or healthy having fat on my body. I don't think fat is beautiful at all. It just so happened that it also changed the way people treated me, but that's not what kept me going through all of the weight loss. It was definitely intrinsical and what I expected from others. It was totally in my head. Now I think people are friendlier to me than they used to be — a lot friendlier. I think men looked at me before, but differently."

The more Fisher talks about her abs, the more apparent her dissatisfaction becomes. "Everything else in my body came out the way I wanted it to, but my abs have challenged me the most. If you look at other parts of my body, you can't tell that I was ever heavy, but if you look at my stomach, you would know. There's looser skin, though it's all flat. It looks like I've had a child, like a little kangaroo pouch. It bothers me. I would like to have a flat stomach because I want it to go along with the rest of my body. I like every other part of it; like, I think that it's beautiful and I want that to be as, well, as close to my idea of perfect as I can get it, and I don't see that it is. If I see somebody whose abs are better, then that bothers me. I'll think, 'Is it my lack of discipline that I can't get my stomach that way?' "

At 49, Tom Olmstead is probably the oldest man in the weight room. The red hair that falls over his forehead disguises his age. It also helps that he has a muscular, though not bulging, physique. "I kind of always worked out, but I've been coming here for three years. I've lost about 35 pounds over a 12-month period. I work out here for maybe eight hours a week. Of that, I'll work on the abs for maybe 10, 15 minutes, every three or four days."

For Olmstead, working out is preventive medicine. "It's being able to function normally and avoid the aches and pains that a lot of people get, which is certainly from their diet and not exercising. I know people at work that are a lot younger than I am and are always going to the acupuncturist or the chiropractor, but they don't have time to go to the gym. The only reason they're going to these people is because they don't exercise. You've got to do it just to maintain normal body activity."

Easygoing and soft-spoken, Olmstead says that losing 35 pounds made a big difference in his midsection, but abdominal perfection is not his top priority. "I had to get all my clothes recut. It never gave me what you would call a six-pack, but it reduced the bulge. You really have to do a combination of strict diet as well as heavy exercise to get that lean-and-cut look. The effort to do that far exceeds the benefits. There's a certain type of person here that does do that, and they're usually in the weight room. It's almost broken down into two camps: There's the people who only come in to do the aerobics, and there's the people who come in here to do weights. Primarily, it's the men who come in here to do weights. I know somebody who's a doctor, and he could almost be a professional bodybuilder. But that takes a great deal of time. I do aerobics and weights, but it's more to maintain. I'm not trying to bulk up or anything like that." As Olmstead lifts his tank top, I see that his size 34 waist is not sculpted like those of the other men in the weight room, but there is no visible fat either — just a flat layer of lean flesh. "The aerobics do more for your abs than any amount of crunches you can do. If you want to lose the weight, it's not doing sit-ups or abs, because, like I tell everybody else, I've got abs of steel under this layer of flab!"

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If anyone would know about perfect abs, surely it would be the Godfather of Fitness, Jack LaLanne. Speaking from his home in Morro Bay, LaLanne still has the sound of manic energy, even at 86. LaLanne has no problem with people who want to look better, but he grows furious when he talks about the focus on abs. "You know what's taking a front seat to everything? With these AB Rollers and this 'three-minute abs' and all that? It's all a bunch of lies. It's people getting money on false pretenses, and they should be thrown in jail! It's absolutely a fallacy! This is one of the worst things that's ever happened in our profession! They should get those people and really do something with them! Five-minute abs! That's a bunch of BS!" He quickly calms down.



Michelle McKee



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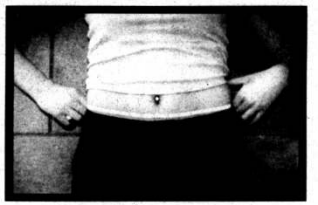

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"Pardon me, that's Barbra Streisand."

LaLanne explains his philosophy about abs and fitness. "The only way you'll ever, ever get yourself in condition is, number one, you've got to exercise your 640 muscles. If you just exercise the muscles in the abdomen, they're going to get bigger. The fat is there, right? And when you exercise, the muscle is going to get thicker and bigger, isn't it? So you build up the muscle and the fat's still there, so the stomach gets bigger! The only way you'll ever, ever get that physique is you've got to quit exceeding the feed limit. People overeat and they underexercise. They eat more than they expend. It's that simple.

"Do you know how much exercise it takes to burn up a hundred calories? Or four or five hundred calories? My God, you've got to do so much exercise, and every person can't do that much. You've got to cut the calories down, at least to 1500 a day for the average person if they want to get down to where they should be and have sculpted abs. I mean, look at these guys who have these sculpted abs, how they work out hours a day and how they watch their diet. It's a full-time job, boy, I'll tell ya. It just fouls me up! These people and their lies! When I see those ads, it just drives me nuts! You know, I've been in this profession since I was 15 years old. You've got biceps, triceps, you've got legs, you've got back. Your waist is not one-sided. It's four-sided — front, sides, and back — and fat accumulates all over there and [his voice rises as he punctuates each word] YOU CAN'T GET FAT OFF by just working one group of muscles. You've got to work all those 640 muscles, as I said earlier, and you've got to count calories. If man makes it, don't eat it, and if it tastes good, spit it out!"

Never tired of preaching the gospel of fitness, LaLanne continues without a pause for breath. "My whole life I've been telling the truth. Why do you think I lasted on television all those years? Because I told the truth! People love me because I have one thing in mind: Helping *them*. I work out two hours every day of my life, and I've never watched my diet closer than I do [now], and I have all these lectures — you know, life is wonderful, but you've got to work at it. You know, any stupid ass can die. That's easy. Think about it. You've got to think right, you've got to exercise, you've got to eat the right food, take vitamins and minerals. You've got to keep yourself busy and motivated!" He then asks me about my workouts. Feeling like a fool in the presence of a sage, I quickly find a reason to end the call.

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Big 5 Sporting Goods on Rosecrans Street does a brisk business in some of the very equipment LaLanne is so angry about. The front of the store is packed with abdominal devices in cartons, most of which read "As Seen On T.V." Many have pictures showing perfect-looking models (mostly females) grinning while they exercise. Every one of the models looks as if she rotates her time between a gym and a tanning salon, with no time to eat.

During his three years at Big 5, store manager

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Matt Graham has noticed a significant rise in the sales of abdominal exercise devices. "Most definitely. The influx of new products catches everyone's eye, and they do buy them. We've been doing a lot of specific promotions for them, and they seem to sell at a higher volume than other equipment. Most of the stuff we sell is previously seen in infomercials, until the corporations that market them decide to let the retailers sell them. We'll buy a massive quantity and usually offer them at a similar price. It's more convenient, because if they need to return it, they can come to the store rather than send it back through the mail."


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Graham stands next to the "stomach section," which includes the AB-Doer II, the AB Roller, the AB Fit, the Torso Track II, and many other machines. He points to a plain, flat carton that shows a wheel with two disconnected grips awaiting assembly. "The AB Wheel is probably the most popular item we sell, just because of the cost. The AB Wheel mimics the workout of the AB Slide and some of the larger apparatus, but it's more compact and cheap [$13]. It uses the same range of motion, but the workout's a bit more intense because it's just a bar, two grips, and a wheel. There's not as much service area, so you're supporting more of your own weight. The price range can go up to $149 for the bigger apparatus. The most popular of the bigger devices is the AB-Doer II for 100 bucks. Usually it's younger people that will buy these. People over 50 tend to get into something more isolated, with less stress on the upper body.

"If I had to classify the typical customer for these things, it'd be about middle age or about to transition into the overweight category or maybe postpone or stop it altogether. We don't really get seriously obese customers for this type of machine. This type of workout isn't really designed for someone who has gotten to that point. That's a very specific fitness level. They'd probably want to go into some kind of dieting before they attempted to do something like this. It's not really a fat-burning or conditioning type of exercise."

While Graham does see a cultural turn toward bodily perfection, he believes infomercials have been the biggest source of new demand for these machines. "I don't think it's anything that's being specifically pushed by trainers or fitness places. It's all marketing tactics, spreading the word through television, something that everyone sees. Not everyone talks with a trainer, but everyone watches TV. Without question, there's pressure on people to have perfect bodies. It's media-driven and there's advertising everywhere. I go to the gym! I have an AB Slide — actually, I got it for my wife, and believe it or not, I started using it. It works fine, as long as you use it — that's the thing. We get returns on this stuff all the time. They make excuses: 'It's defective, it's this, it's that,' but it comes down to that they're not using it and they want their money back."

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At Fashion Valley, a large food court and an 18-theater multiplex attract younger shoppers who would otherwise shun a mall that plays classical music over its PA system and is filled with high-end stores. As the sun breaks through the marine layer, more and more teenagers and twentysomethings empty from their cars. Many of the girls wear the "in" fashion of cut-off blouses. Some show just a little flesh, while others expose eight inches or more.

Yvonne Boulindy's blouse shows more flesh than most. Her stomach, like the stomachs of most of the girls dressed this way, does not have a visible six-pack but is still flat. A visitor from San Francisco, Boulindy, 19, doesn't have any special diet restrictions. "But I do a fair amount of exercises for my stomach. It's very important for me to have a flat stomach. If I didn't have one, I wouldn't wear shirts that show my stomach or my belly button. I've been dressing like this for about three years. Sometimes I'll put glitter on my stomach to dress it up. If the day allows it, and it's sunny, and you want to wear a halftertop and show off your stomach or look cute or whatever, then you do." She declines to measure her waist.

Maureen MacManus of Peñasquitos is eating with her male friend. MacManus, 18, initially appears shy but seems to enjoy talking about her new fashion look. Her rapid, choppy, monotone delivery is identical to nearly every girl interviewed. "During the summer I'll dress like this a lot. It's not that big a deal — but not all the time. I've been dressing like this for the last few years. I guess I think about my stomach a lot when I wear stuff like this. It's important to me for my stomach to be flat. Probably now is the worst it's ever been. I've never put makeup on my stomach, but I had my belly button pierced, then I took it out. Actually, it fell out while I was sleeping, then I just left it out and it closed up. When I got it done, my stomach was perfect instead of how it is now. If I get it the way I like it again, I would definitely get another piercing." Many of MacManus's female friends are concerned about their stomachs too. "They think their stomach is too fat or too big. For me, I don't like to wear a shirt that shows my stomach if my stomach is big. It just doesn't look attractive and a lot of guys don't like it. My parents kind of tease me about wearing these, but they don't give me a hard time about it." When asked about her waist size, MacManus grows edgier. "I have no idea. My jeans are, like, size 7." Using a tape measure, we find her waist is 28 inches.

Jenny Menkov, 17, attends Francis Parker School. These tops have been a regular part of her wardrobe since she became a teenager. "I can't dress like this for school, though. I have to wear a uniform. I don't really think about my stomach a lot or worry about my weight. I think my stomach's about right. I did get it pierced, but I had it taken out because my parents didn't like it. They hassle me about dressing like this all the time. They just don't think it looks appropriate. But they can't dress me!" Menkov says she is either a size 5 or 7. When she measures her waist, she declines to share her findings.

Menkov's friend Shelly Thomas, also 17, attends Point Loma High School. "I've been wearing these... probably since ninth grade. I'll be a senior this year. At school, you're not supposed to show your stomach at all. Some of the girls do it anyway, but normally we don't. They don't really enforce it. If it was something really bad, like showing your whole stomach, then they would. But nobody really does anything about it. I wanted to get it pierced, but my mom wouldn't let me. It just looked cool. I don't anymore though. Sometimes I think about my stomach a lot. I fry to do exercises for it. I think girls think about it more than guys, but more guys actually work out and have nice stomachs more than girls. I'm a cheerleader, so I do stuff all the time, but I don't really have a special diet or anything." Thomas giggles at the suggestion of overweight people dressing like her. "It kind of makes me laugh, but I guess it's good if they feel they can walk around like that." Thomas says her waist is "like, a 3." A measurement reveals 32 inches.


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Lori Feffer, 18, a recent graduate of Patrick Henry High School, will be starting at UC Santa Barbara in a few weeks. "I've probably dressed like this since I started high school. I think about my stomach a lot and worry about it getting too big. I go to the gym, work out, and do sit-ups. I try to watch what I eat, but I don't really follow through with it. I have a piercing." She pulls her blouse up slightly to reveal the hardware. "I had it done about three years ago. My mom took me to get it pierced because I have an older sister who got it pierced and a lot of my friends are getting it pierced, so my mom felt that it really wasn't a big deal anymore. My dad doesn't really care — my parents are really laid-back. I just wanted to do it for fun. I don't know, I wanted a change. I thought this would be fun for summertime and stuff, when you wear a bathing suit." Feffer doesn't foresee keeping her piercing permanently. "Definitely, when I'm older, with a family, I can't imagine a belly-button ring. I probably wouldn't wear shirts that revealed it. I'd probably dress more sophisticated." Her waist measures 28 inches.

Malaika Tobias, 18, is visiting from Phoenix. She is reluctant to discuss her clothing choices, but her boyfriend encourages her to speak. When asked if her style of dress bothers him, he grins. "Not at all!" This prompts her to talk. "I've probably worn fashions like this for two or three years. I don't live with my parents anymore, I live with him. But they never objected to me dressing like this. I had my belly button pierced, but I never use makeup or anything. I guess I think about my stomach a lot — it's kind of a paranoia thing. It's important because of self-confidence, self-reassurance. If my stomach was bigger, I would probably be unhappy." If men see Tobias as a sex object, she doesn't seem to care. "As long as it's not him [she looks at her boyfriend], then no one else really bothers me. They can think whatever they want, but it isn't important to me." Tobias measures her waist at 29 inches.

Michelle McKee is about to enter Tiffany with her mother. McKee lives in Mira Mesa but attends Grossmont College, "because I cheer there." She seems older than her 19 years, speaking with an almost aggressive confidence. "I've probably been dressing like this ever since I was born. [She laughs.] All the time. Whatever looks good."

When McKee is asked if she has ever worn makeup on her stomach or pierced her navel, her face shows horror. "No! Actually, I thought about piercing it, but I wouldn't, because of the scars and — I don't like the way it looks, really. It's kind of cute sometimes."

McKee says that wearing a cut-off blouse keeps the pressure on for a flat stomach. She describes

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her culture's requirements in a blasé, matter-of-fact tone. "Absolutely. It's always out there in magazines. You always feel pressured. I notice guys looking at me sometimes. You wear what's going to get attention in general, but I think it's cute. You don't dress like this when you're sitting in the house alone. Of course you want to look cute, but it's not necessarily to get a reaction from others. That's just natural instinct."

McKee's mother, Pat, speaks more like Michelle's pal than a typical mother. "They're really just coming back. They were really hot when I was in my 20s. In 1969 we were wearing hip-huggers. It doesn't bother me at all when she dresses like this. She's got a beautiful figure. Whatever makes her feel comfortable." Her daughter's waist is 27 inches.

While most of the girls know their waist measurements in inches, many offer up single-digit numbers: "I'm a size 5." My confusion about girls' clothing sizes only increases when I speak with Tammy Blankenship, a manager at Charlotte Russe for 11 years. Charlotte Russe is a women's clothing store that targets younger customers. Mannequins are dressed in revealing, bizarre fashions, and syncopated pop songs are played so loudly that yelling is necessary for any conversation. "We don't go by measurement here at all, like a lot of men's clothing does. You know, they measure the inseam and everything. We don't do that. It's junior sizes — a 3, a 5, a 7, a 9, 11, or small, medium, large, and there's no set number that that will fit. You really have to try it on, because we deal with so many different vendors and they all run a little differently."

So what are junior sizes? "All of our stuff is junior apparel. The next step up is misses. It's just a different sizing range. It tends to fit a little differently, and most of your strictly women's clothing stores are going to carry misses sizes. A lot of the department stores are misses sizes. The youth market will definitely be junior sizes, but it doesn't mean only youth can wear it."

"I sit here and I drink beer and keep my stomach good and stretched. I drink approximately a six-pack a day."

In describing current fashion trends for teens and young women, Blankenship broaches a word heretofore unused by anyone: sexy. "The jeans are definitely dropping lower. You know, the lower, the better — as far down as you can get away with. It's definitely sexy to show your stomach and have the lower-cut pants, which is the most popular thing. You see the commercials on TV from the different competitors. It's definitely fun and funky this year. All the bottoms have details on them of some sort, whether it's glitter or patches or holes or safety pins. Definitely some sort of skin always seems to be showing. That's true for fall fashions too — especially the denim. The denim is very low-waisted, riding off the hips, coming down. They cut them open to make holes in them, then close them up with safety pins so skin is still showing."

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After talking all afternoon with teenage girls about their stomachs, I thought it was time to get another perspective. Nowhere could I find people with more different values from teenage girls than in San Diego's beer bars. Most of the patrons of these establishments have little or no concern about their girth.

Shakespeare Pub at the India Street Art Colony is noisy with conversation and laughter. Smokers come and go, lighting up on the patio where smoking is legal. Sitting with a group of British-accented friends is Simon Cottriall, a native of Dover, England. Cottriall, 42, has lived in San Diego for 25 years but keeps a foreigner's perspective on body image, and especially on exercise fanatics. "That's their problem! They're probably gay — I don't know! [He breaks up laughing.] You don't see it in Britain, because nobody cares. It doesn't mean anything to me and I don't worry about my stomach. I like thinner girls, but if a woman's a bit overweight, it's not all bad — you never know. Americans are obsessed with it. San Diego and Southern California have very healthy people, but the further you move east, the more normal people are." Cottriall's waist is 38 inches and he has a 50 chest. "I'm kind of a big guy. I'm 6'3", 240."

On Antique Row in Normal Heights, Tuba Man's has only seven people at the bar, all teasing each other in a familiar way. When the subject of stomachs is brought up, they all start laughing.

Ron Jackson, 49, is probably the biggest guy at the bar. "I come from New Jersey. I've lived here since '77." His attitude about working out for the perfect stomach is absolute indifference. "If they want to do that, hey! Good! I'm workin' on mine!" He rubs his belly with his hand. "I sit here and I drink beer and keep my stomach good and stretched. I drink approximately a six-pack a day. I think my stomach looks good. In fact, when I look in front of the mirror, I think I look good." A single man, Jackson says he has a few girlfriends and they're just fine with his stomach. "Women like stomachs. They like to rub on it. You ever notice that when you're laying there? They're always rubbin' that stuff. It's like you're her Buddha. Now you take a guy who's got the ripples down there, he don't want to be touched anyway. But I am more particular about women's stomachs." Jackson has a 40 waist and estimates a 36 chest, but he refuses to measure it.

Next to Jackson sits Skip Chew, a thin man with a permanent grin etched on his face. Chew has lived in San Diego since moving from Florida in 1963. "I occasionally think about my stomach. As far as the people who work out all the time, more power to 'em, but I think a lot of them are overobsessed with their looks, or it's more of a hobby, and that's what they're doing it for. I'm married, so I can't be particular about anybody's waist size at all! Sometimes I think I could tone mine up a little bit, but it's just a little more than I would like it to be. Nothing I would obsess about in a gym. I get enough workout at Albertsons. I work in produce and get a lot of workout there." Chew's waist is 34½ inches and his chest is a 40.

"Women like stomachs. They like to rub on it. It's like you're her Buddha."

Bob Adams moved to San Diego from Philadelphia in 1980 and has just returned from a visit home. "Back there, everybody's dressed up." His ability to be serious about anything is immediately in question when I ask what he thinks about the dedication of those who work out for the perfect stomach. He answers by holding up his bottle. "Lite beer from Miller! That's all they need is Lite beer from Miller. The problem is, they drink Beck's and Heineken and things like that. But if they go for the light beer, they won't have to work out. I only think about my stomach when I have to look at these guys

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at the bar — then it turns over a little bit! Actually I lost about 40 pounds recently by switching to light beer. Honest to God, I was, like, 240 about a year ago. I'm down to 200 now, and I'm 6'2". I just cut down on my beer intake, started drinking light beer — it tastes terrible, but it works. I didn't go to Subway like Jared! [a reference to a popular TV commercial]. I avoided all that shit. Of course, I prefer trimmer women, but the fat girls are nice too. It just depends on what time of the night it is." Adams's waist is 38 inches, but he says it had been 44 inches. Measuring his chest, he says, "I'm sure it's Hulk Hogan-like." It's 42 inches. "I wear suits — I'm a lawyer. I think 42 long is the last suit I bought."

Rick Strassman, who is drinking Budweiser, doesn't seem to have any problem with his waist size. "It fluctuates between 30 and 34. I look at it this way: All the time you spend workin' out in the gym just detracts from the time you could be in a bar, relaxing and having a beer. The only six-pack I'm interested in is what I drink, not what's down here [pointing to his stomach]. I don't like women who are obese, but a little pillow to lay my head on is perfectly fine!"

Adams interrupts: "There's a lot of fat girls back in Philly!"

Strassman shoots back: "Yeah. Well, they need to store up for the winter. There's definitely an obsession factor in California about stomachs. I'm from upstate New York. I've lived here since August of '77. I go back East every Christmas. Clothing-wise, they're way more styled back East, but physically, they're way more styled out here." Strassman's waist is 32 inches and his chest size is 40.

The quietest (and thinnest) person at the bar is Michael Dolan, a native of Ireland. He smiles winsomely as he listens to his comrades. "I've been in San Diego for about seven years now. Truthfully, Americans are a little bit heavier than the Irish. I think it's because there are more fatty foods here. When you look at the people in the gyms, you can see it from their point of view — they want to look better and stuff. My point of view is, it's kind of silly. You're here for a certain amount of time. You should enjoy yourself and eat well. But I guess they get enjoyment from doing those exercises." Dolan is married and doesn't care at all about his wife's weight. "Actually, she eats really well and, as a result, so do I. I love her no matter what she looks like. I know I have a little potbelly, but my wife says it's nice. She likes that. But I don't worry about my belly." Dolan has a 32 waist and a 40 chest.

There are only two women seated at the bar. As they listen to the others talk about their stomachs, they seem interested, but the first woman I approach runs to the rest room. The other woman raises her hands defensively. "I've been trying to get rid of my belly for two years, OK? They're men. They don't have to worry about their bellies. Women do." She is laughing the entire time, but nervously, warning me to put my camera away.

"I get enough workout at Albertsons. I work in produce and get a lot of workout there."

Farther down Adams Avenue, the Ould Sod is located in the longtime quarters of the former Elbow Club. In fact, the old Elbow Club neon sign hangs inside above the window. There are about ten patrons, most of them talking to each other, none of them interested in talking about their stomachs, except for Mike Player. Player, 59, has been sitting alone at the bar and seems to enjoy having the monotony of his solitude broken. "I'm a California native, and I've lived here a long time. I don't really think about my stomach. I guess I wish it was smaller. I just don't think about it much. [He chuckles.] I work out, but I work out for different purposes — for my heart and lungs more than my stomach

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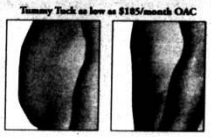

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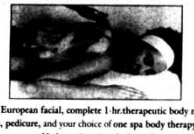

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and appearance. I do a lot of walking and bicycling. It's not important to me if a woman has a thin waist or not. I think the younger generation is probably more obsessed with it, from the preteens into the 20s, but once you get into the 30s, there's other things that are more important." Player has a 42-inch waist and a 48-inch chest.

As night falls, the Kensington Club is nearly empty, but four patrons gather around the bench in front, taking the opportunity to smoke cigarettes. Henry Copeland, 65, is the only one willing to talk about his stomach. His tone is one of blissful apathy. "I've lived here about 17 years. I'm from Michigan originally. People from Southern California worry about their stomachs a lot more than people from Michigan, and I think they worry about more things too. Michigan is far more laid-back. But if you want to go to the gym, do it. I don't worry about my stomach, at least not so you could tell!" He places his hand over the mild bulge of his belly, laughing. "I don't think much about it one way or the other. It just is." He measures his own waist at 45 inches. When he places the tape measure around his chest, it goes to 48 inches. "Who cares? There's no big ego in this!" He and his friends continue to laugh as I walk away.

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Every Friday morning at 10:30 the Coronado Public Library has story time, where staff from the children's section read stories and sing songs to infants, toddlers, and children near kindergarten age. This morning, the Winn Room is filled with enthralled toddlers and their mothers listening to a story while the less enthralled roam around the room. Most of the mothers are young and many are pregnant. Kirsten Channing, a Santee resident, is visiting her sister who lives in Point Loma, using the library as a meeting place where their children can let loose. Channing is five months pregnant, and her bulging stomach is noticeable but not prominent. "When I'm not pregnant, my waist size is probably a 27. I can't say for sure what it is now, but I just bought some ribbon and fabrics for my son for school, and a piece of ribbon I cut that was a yard long just fit around me. So I'm probably 36 inches. I work out, but I don't think about my stomach unless my pants feel tight when I get dressed. I used to be more obsessed with my stomach, but with my third child coming, I don't have time for that anymore. It's not the most important thing."

"The only six-pack I'm interested in is what I drink, not what's down here [pointing to his stomach]."

As Tara Irons chases her young son around the library, she never stops smiling. At six months into her pregnancy, Irons, 31, is equally unflappable about the size of her stomach. "I honestly don't know my normal waist size in inches, but I wear a size 8, whatever that is. Right now I'm probably a size 22! [She laughs.] It's big. I don't let it bother me because I think that being pregnant is such a blessing that — it just can't bother me. I'm proud of it. Toward the end of my first pregnancy I was a little more alarmed, but I knew it would go back. I didn't obsess too much about it." Irons regards the pursuit of the perfect washboard stomach as "a total waste of time. It's ridiculous. You need to exercise 45 minutes a day or whatever for health, but too many people are into it to the extreme and it's a complete waste of time when there's so many other things to enjoy in life."

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It's 8:30 p.m. on Labor Day Monday and Bally Total Fitness in Mission Valley still has people working out in a large mirrored room filled with unused treadmills. One of them, Brad Cooper, 33, may have the most perfect six-pack stomach I've seen yet. His entire physique is perfect, but when he lifts up his shirt, a ripple of muscles seems to burst through his abdomen's flesh. Soft-spoken and somewhat shy, Cooper doesn't seem impressed with his abs. "I've been working out off and on for about ten years. In high school I did sports, and I've always been kind of athletic. I just try to keep myself in shape, because I coach track and field and I want to keep up with the kids. I don't really do a lot of abdominal exercises. I probably work out maybe twice a week on my stomach. But I do a lot of running and eat a lot of lean meat and poultry. I try to watch what I eat. About two months ago, I said I was going to start working more on my stomach, because I want to see it look even better. I don't really consider it a perfect six-pack. I know it's decent, but I think it could be a lot better. I've got to start dedicating more time to working on my stomach. It's just self-motivation, really."

The search for a woman with a perfect six-pack ends when female trainers recommend that I speak with Heidi Graham, a trainer at the 24 Hour Fitness in University Towne Centre. When Graham, 22, enters (or bounds into) the room, her athleticism seems indomitable. "I've been working out all of my life. I played a lot of sports in high school and college — volleyball and basketball." A Wyoming native, Graham is in San Diego hoping to obtain a master's degree in exercise physiology and nutrition at SDSU.

"I usually work on my stomach about five days a week. I usually spend 20 to 25 minutes on my abdominals. I watch my diet. I don't deny myself anything that I want, but I don't pig out and eat nasty junk food. Sometimes I crave sweet stuff, especially cookies." Graham then repeats the mantra chanted by trainer Ricky Ali: "Everyone has a six-pack, but it's just a matter of whether you can see it or not. But I don't worry about my stomach — only when people want to take pictures of it!" Graham lifts her blouse to expose her abdomen. It looks like a rock, yet the sculpted bulge of her six-pack isn't as pronounced as a man's. Graham drops her blouse as soon as the photo is snapped, glad to pull her stomach away from all the attention. ■

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a lengthy apology.

Donald Backer
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Yet Again: Tsk, Tsk, Meltzer

I found your piece on Jim Brickman, the very much alive and well pianist, disturbing ("Of Note," October 4). I saw him in concert on October 4 and don't understand how the writer would refer to his death. I didn't understand how you could run this. It seems irresponsible. I worry if his family and friends were to read it and somehow get the idea he had died that they would experience unnecessary grief. Especially in these times, it seems strange and unthinking. Was this an attempt at humor of some sort? It completely escapes me. I've shown the article to friends and they don't get it either. What was the point, or was it just inaccurate?

Randle Ryan

Death To Religion

Bravo, Ernie Castro (Letters, October 4). At least that bit slamming religion. It's not a very popular opinion, but I believe that it will not, ultimately, be "the state" which will wither away, but religion. No! No! I hear the voices clamoring. That can never be! O yes! thus shall it be. Given time, and if the planet is not first destroyed, all religion must and will completely disappear from human culture.

I think it would not be untoward to mix in a couple of quotations — one of Neil Young's greatest lines: "...when the aimless blade of science slashed the pearly gates." And Rimbaud: "Science is the new religion...all for science and forward." Science keeps exploding the absurd myths and beliefs of religion. Learned men knew the sun does not revolve around the earth thousands of years ago. Look at the great experiment, the United States. We stand at the dawn of the new secular age. There is a glimmer of light, we're beginning to see that we must establish our right not to have any one religion forced down our throats. And it is but a step from allowing all religions to practice side by side, to the realization that not only is it true that all religions can't be right in their interpretation of what we call God, but also none of them can presume to fathom that which is unfathomable. Space is infinite, time is infinite, the human mind presently cannot grasp either concept, nor any easier the possibility of either being finite. And how much more absurd to grasp or claim to know the nature and will of that which began what must be beginningless! Are we humans so weak and pathetic, so enraged by our limited span, that we must cringe and look to the sky for validation? or so fearful and miserable that we crave extrication? Not forever.

Look at the eradication of the divine right of kings, nearly complete. It is so recently, a mere few hundred years, that we began to depose kings and institute the right of the people to break the bonds of enslavement and participate in their own governing. Sure, the greater part of the people on the globe are yet now enslaved, yoked by one form of government or another, but give it time! Time is on the side of democracy, women's rights, secular justice. The Internet cometh, and the multitudes living real life beneath the veil of their culture's religion want Levi's, mp3s, and dancing. Look beyond the Taliban, look beyond the 21st Century. It won't be easy, but neither will it be stopped, ultimately. Maybe not today, maybe not in our lifetime, or even that of the grandchildren of our grandchildren, but soon, soon in the grand terms and time frames of human history on earth, all unjustly based governments, and all religion, will fade and be seen as part of a curious, transitional era in human history.... If we don't blow things up.

And now, a little Edgar Winter: "Save the planet, who will save the planet, judgment time is near..."

David DeKock
University City

How Could He Not?

How could Marco Anguiano, the person apparently in charge of organizing the Adams Avenue Street Fair; Ken Leighton, the *Reader* writer who authored the article ("Blurt," September 27) regarding Anguiano's opinion questioning the propriety of a hypothetical Beat Farmer re-formation; and the entire *Reader* editorial staff not know that the Beat Farmers have already re-formed on a limited basis and, in fact, played the San Juan Capistrano Coach House on September 22 to a huge, wildly receptive crowd?

Only a fringe fan, like Anguiano apparently is, would think that the Beat Farmers were primarily about Country Dick's humor and entertain-

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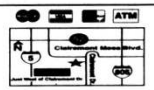

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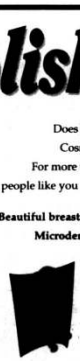

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ment. To the contrary, the songs of Harris and Raney — and Blue, in the early years — are some of the best rock and roll music that's ever been played. This band is missed by people around the world. If you don't believe that, log on to the guest book of the Beat Farmers website at *www.beatfarmers.com*, which, coincidentally, was not started and is not maintained by any Beat Farmer member but is the product of some fan who, I believe, lives in Northern California, to see testimonies from the four corners of the United States, from Canada and Europe, who recount what the Farmers meant and still mean to them.

Personally, the show at the Coach House the other night was the best concert I've been to since the last time I saw the Farmers at the Belly Up Tavern in 1995. Every Beat Farmer fan misses Country Dick, both as a performer and a friend. But the truth is, from a strictly music sense, the current Beat Farmers are better. It's all music, pure and unrefined, all night long. Wherever Dick is right now, he's got to be very proud that the boys are keeping the tradition alive. Country Dick lives on, as do the Beat Farmers.

Robert Mason
Centre City

Mandate Refreshment

This is an answer to the disabled vet who has sympathy for the poor Palestinians (Letters, September 27). Let me refresh your memory. In the '40s, when the world (the U.N.) ceded the English mandate known as Palestine to the Jews and the Arabs 50-50, the rich Arab landowners fled to the French Riviera or Switzerland and told the poor Arabs to fight and drive the Israelis into the sea. There never was a state of Palestine. The Arabs could have had 50 percent of that territory, but they insisted on fighting for 60 years. I fought in World War II with the glider troops. I am just as patriotic as you, but I have respect for any country that is democratic. It is very sad to see people supporting dictators, tribal chieftains, and monarchs that keep the people poor and have no respect for women's rights.

By the way, some of those weapons we gave to Israel, Israel gave to the Palestinian police force to stop the rioting. I think Israel learned a lesson. Oh, yes, did you see what group of people were dancing in the street when they heard that 6000 Americans were killed?

Charles Davis
San Marcos

Thirty-Two Combat Missions

To Disabled Vet, re your letter of September 27. If you stopped reading comic books and watched or read the news, you'd get a clearer picture of what's happening in the Middle East. There's a good reason why the U.S. is an ally of the only democracy in the area, not only for the intelligence furnished by Israel but for the protection of the major oil supply required by our military as well as the rest of the country.

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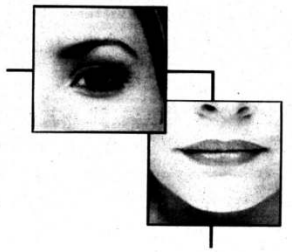

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Incidentally, while I did not participate in "suicide" missions, I did fly 32 combat missions over Nazi Europe doing my bit to eradicate an enemy looking to conquer the world and was damned proud to do it.

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Hmmmmmm

Congratulations to Matt Potter and the *Reader* for another insightful and well-researched article, "SDSU's Tie That Binds KPBS" ("City Lights," September 13). The heavy-handed tactics of SDSU president Weber seem to have blown up in his face — what a surprise! Let's see, where have we seen that same thing occur in another of our local public institutions?

While reading Mr. Potter's story, I was struck by the clearly incestuous relationships that exist between the major local universities, the city and county public school hierarchy, the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, and those so-called independent oversight committees who are supposed to be watching out for the public's best interests. You know the ones I'm talking about — like the new San Diego City Ethics Committee set up by our "Mr. Clean" Mayor Murphy or the ICOC (Independent Citizens Oversight Committee) for Prop MM, set up by the recipient of "The 2001 Judge Learned Hand Award," none other than our own superintendent of city schools, Mr. Alan Bersin. (By the way, for those of you who missed the American Jewish Award Dinner on September 30 to help celebrate public recognition of Mr. Bersin [Democrat and "friend of Bill's"] and his disastrous educational accomplishments, it featured none other than Republican California attorney general Bill Lockyer. Now, doesn't that just make you want to go, "Hmmmmmm"?)

The *Reader* would perform an invaluable public service by putting together a front-page piece showing how all the "movers and shakers" around this city routinely play musical chairs with each other from one "board of directors" to another. And while you're at it, don't forget to include a good hard look at the San Diego Community Foundation as well as "San Diego Reads." It's really quite interesting to many of us out here that virtually none of the local press has blown the whistle on all this "good old boy" financial backscratching. At the end of the day, these so-called trustees of the public welfare really are messing with our tax money!

Mike MacCarthy
Midway

Creepy Welcome

This is in response to Anne Albright's column on lice ("Kid Stuff," October 4). Welcome to the creepy crawler club. The battle against lice is a multileveled war which includes fighting the ignorance and backward thinking of people who are not current on the issue. For example: the pharmacist telling you to bag the stuffed animals for two weeks is clearly unaware of recent research that says lice *die* within a few *hours* of leaving a human head. Likewise, the notion that if even one egg exists, you will be reinfested misses the knowledge that most treatments now destroy the life inside the egg so it will not hatch. Most importantly, a knee-jerk reaction to poison your entire family at the first sight of a louse has led, and continues to lead, to poison-resistant lice.

Currently the most reliable "poison" for lice is a prescription medicine which contains malathion. Soaking your kids' heads in poison isn't necessary and simply makes the problem worse in the future. Having fought the battle, and having studied the issue carefully in choosing my weapons, I would recommend the following: Treat with "Hair Clean 1-2-3," an effective, nonpoisonous product that is available at local drug stores. (Here's a website with information: *www.mineralconnection.com/haircln.htm.*) Removing the nits is important because it lets you know "old" from "new" in case your clean kid goes back to school and picks up a new group of lice. An enzyme gel is helpful in detaching the eggs; however, following up with fingernails is probably necessary. Finally, I recommend a trip to the health food store to buy a bottle of tea tree oil. This is a powerful astringent and is very effective in killing and repelling lice. Add about 20 drops to your normal bottle of conditioner (the full bottle of conditioner, not what you're putting on the head *now*) and keep shampooing and conditioning (with the tea-tree-spiked conditioner) every two days for at least two weeks. Go back to your normal shampooing schedule after that. I see *no* reason not to keep using the tea tree oil conditioner because the fact is: kids, especially girls, will come into contact with lice. Making their heads unappealing to the critters could spare you a whole lot of emotional trauma ("No, Mommy! I don't want you to pick my head!") in the future.

Finally, I recommend that anyone who has a child in school or day care check out the National Pediculosis (that's the fancy name for lice) Association's website: *www.headlice.org/.* It has a wealth of up-to-date information, great suggestions, and support for parents facing the creepy crawler invasion. Good luck to you!

Ellen Smock

Enjoy Mother Lode

The tireless efforts of Matt Potter to enlighten San Diegans about how civic decisions are made, the straight reporting, laying the tale out there, like an autopsy, seems seldom appreciated. Not derisively, no agenda; Matt simply tells it.

After September 11, we residents went to the zoo. Good Lord! We could actually see the polar bears, the elephants, the okapi's long tongue. The streets were quiet around Balboa Park. The quiet, unhurried, calm, no-lines-to-wait-in San Diego harkened back to the 1970s when tourism was muted. Balboa Park then was all free! The art museum, the exhibits — paid for from resident tax dollars.

One should enjoy the New Localism. One should enjoy making, democratically, the decisions about how public land and public money is being used. Intrusive corporations and strangers who can and do live — *anywhere* — might be held at bay — until they too set down roots in San Diego.

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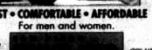

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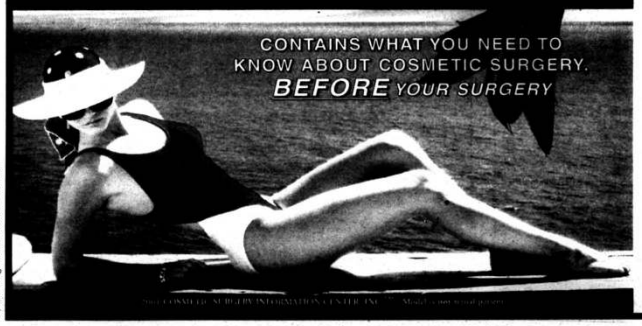

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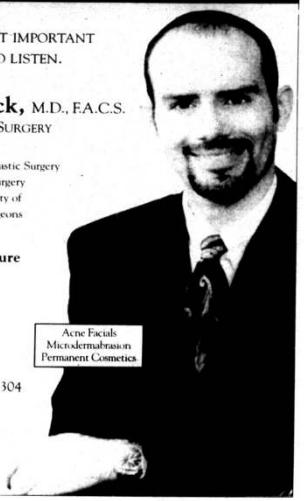

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Wet Detective

Fish Identification for Snorkelers and Divers

What has big white teeth, a black head, a pink body, and eats sea urchins? It's not a joke; it's a typical query for the scientists at the Birch Aquarium, who are often asked by snorkelers and scuba divers to identify the fish they have seen.

Senior aquarist Fernando Nosratpour easily names the sheephead. "That's its look, and eating sea urchins is pretty typical behavior."

Still, people who want to learn fish identification may find it disheartening to be told that even Nosratpour has trouble distinguishing among the more than 50 species of rockfish that are living along the Pacific coast. "You really need to be a rockfish expert, which I'm not."

What amateurs can hope to achieve, he says, is the ability to identify fish types in general, "at least to the family level."

LOCAL EVENTS

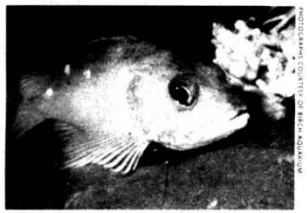
Every member of the rockfish family, says Nosratpour, is a bony, oval-shaped fish topped by dorsal spines that are "slightly venomous." Poisonous? "Yes. Scuba divers, who may see them in deeper waters, can get reasonably close to this fish. But they're not going to be able to grab one — and they wouldn't want to, because if they were to be poked by those spines, they could experience some irritation."

Related to rockfish are scorpion fish, whose spiny dorsal fins contain venom glands, too, and snorkelers may well encounter them. These fish do not necessarily swim away when approached. While rockfish come in many colors — red, blue, green, black — scorpion fish are variegated in the colors of sand and rock. That camouflage may fool someone into mistaking them for part of the underwater landscape. "You do want to watch out for these critters," says Nosratpour, "and be aware of where you're resting your feet, knees, and hands."

Members of the flatfish family have a characteristic deflated football look. More significantly, they have two eyes on one side of their head. "They start out life with eyes like other fishes. Then, as they develop, one eye gravitates. They spend a lot of time under the sand, with only their eyes popped out, looking for prey. They're very fast, with extremely sharp teeth — very able predators. I've seen a California halibut, flattened in the sand, waiting for prey. I've seen it pick one topsmelt out of a school of them."



Starry rockfish



Rosey rockfish

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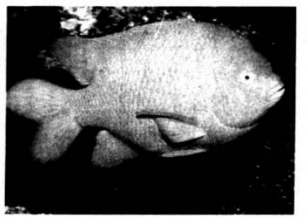
Juvenile garibaldi



Garibaldi

Topsmelts are related to other schooling fish: anchovies and sardines, says Nosratpour. Cigar-shaped, gray-colored, with a bluish stripe, topsmelts are a food source not only for other fish, but also for seabirds.

Those who enjoy identifying birds have one advantage over those who want to identify fish. Birdwatchers are often guided by sounds. Not many fish make sounds, says Nosratpour, but there is a local damselfish that clicks. Brightly colored, like most damselfish, it's the brilliant orange garibaldi, which is seen throughout our rocky reefs. "The garibaldi produces the click to defend its territory. It swims back and forth, making the noise, to ward off intruders."

Underwater acoustics make sound sources difficult to trace, but a snorkeler may not need the sound to find garibaldi. "They grow to twelve inches max, but they're tough. If you come into their territory they'll nip at your fins, face mask, and fingers."

We all think we know what a shark looks like, and leopard sharks are immediately recognizable, says Nosratpour. "But the horn shark you wouldn't think was a shark at first. It rests on the ocean bottom. It hides between rocks. It's very sedentary. A horn shark doesn't have the typical, torpedo-shaped shark body either or the typical shark mouth. Its head is rounded, and its short teeth are for crushing hard objects like clams and crabs."

What identifies it as a shark, then? It has a cartilaginous skeleton and several gill slits on either side of its head. "The gill slits," says Nosratpour, "are the giveaway."

Like sharks, stingrays are cartilaginous but with their own distinctive shape. They are flat, with fins that look like wings. "And most do have a stinger at the tail base."

Of the three or four types of rays that swim in local waters, Nosratpour says you can see the bat ray best at this time of year. "The way it swims, it really does look like it's flying. This illusion is more pronounced in the bat ray than in other rays, because its wingspan — or 'finspan' — is longer and more tapered toward the ends. The thornback ray doesn't have a stinger; instead, the dorsal part of its body has rows of spiny material. That's its protection."

For their own protection — or pleasure — snorkelers and divers can learn to identify fish in a new class at the aquarium this weekend. Their knowledge could also be put to more general use someday, says Nosratpour. "People who can identify fish may be able to help a scientist do a fish-population study. They can be that extra pair of eyes." As in birding and astronomy, he says, amateurs may make important contributions.

—*Jeanne Schinto*

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BAJA

A Drama Festival with plays for adults is taking place through October 14 at the Tijuana Cultural Center. On Thursday, see *Muchacha del alma* from Sinaloa; *La Historia de la Oca* from Nuevo León will be presented on Friday; Jalisco's entry, *Impecable y Diamantina*, plays on Saturday; and *La Guerra de las Gordas* from Baja California closes out events on Sunday.

All plays begin at 8 p.m. The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For more information, call 011-52-66-87-9600. (TIJUANA)

Chess State Championships run from Friday, October 12 (7:30 p.m.), through Sunday, October 14 (2 p.m.), at the Casa de la Cultura in Playas de Tijuana. For more information, call 011-52-66-30-1825. (TIJUANA)

The Mile, this event, with 100- and 400-meter distances for men and women, takes place on Friday, October 12, at 5 p.m., at Unidad Deportiva in the Zona Río. Call 011-52-66-34-3089 for further information. (TIJUANA)

Romantic Composer and Singer Hernaldo Zuniga performs on Saturday, October 13, at 9 p.m., at Mezzanine (on Boulevard Insurgentes). Tickets are $30 and $37 U.S. For more information, call 011-52-66-21-0991. (TIJUANA)

Super Bull, this Mexican rodeo is set for Sunday, October 14, beginning at noon, at Cortijo San José, Casa de la Cultura, Playas de Tijuana. For details, dial 011-52-66-30-1825. (TIJUANA)

Omnimax Films, see *All Access* — featuring concert footage of B.B. King, Carlos Santana, Sting, and others — when it screens Tuesday through Friday at 3, 5:30, 7, and 9:30 p.m., as well as at 11 a.m. on weekends, at the Omnimax Theater in the Tijuana Cultural Center. *Dolphins* is shown Tuesday through Friday at 2, 4:30, and 8:30 p.m., with an additional screening at 2 p.m. on weekends.

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OUTDOORS

As the Beach Season Winds Down, San Diego County's coastline is padded by what is likely the deepest and widest accumulations of sand we'll see this year. Many stretches of the coastline are vulnerable to powerful waves associated with winter storms. This wave action can pull sand off the beaches and deposit it offshore, leaving behind (especially in North County) nothing but cobble beds. During the spring and summer gentle wave action usually returns much of the sand, usually in time for the arrival of the summer tourists.

The Tawny Hues of the Black Oak Tree are beginning to highlight the slopes of San Diego County's higher mountains. This is occurring somewhat earlier this year than usual because so little rain fell in the mountains during last winter's rainy season. Named for the dark coloring of its bark, especially when wet, the black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*) is the only deciduous oak native to the county. Associating with pines, firs, cedars, various evergreen oaks, and occasionally chaparral, the black oak lends a true autumn coloring to areas such as the Cuyamaca, Laguna, and Palomar Mountains.

Right Place, Right Time o' Year, head to Point Loma with Audubon Society birders on Saturday, October 13, from 8 a.m. to noon. Birders will head to the Point Loma Nazarene University, the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, and Cabrillo National Monument.

Meet up with the group at the far west end of Dupont Street at the steel cable barricade (at the edge of the university campus). The outing is free, but parking at the monument is not. For information and directions, call 619-692-3246. Expect considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. (POINT LOMA)

Cleanin' the Creek, to ensure that Buena Vista Creek is as litter-free as possible before the rainy season begins, volunteers are invited to clean up along the creek on Saturday, October 13, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For directions to the four sites and other information, call 760-435-5807. (OCEANSIDE)

Hug a Tree, learn how to be safe in the wilderness when the San Diego County Sheriff's Reserves with Search and Rescue present a slide-illustrated program at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 13, at William Heise County Park. They'll also demonstrate gear and a specific method of rescue. Find the park at 4945 Heise Park Road; 858-694-3049. Free. (JULIAN)

Boots and Paws, take a ranger-led interpretive walk with your dog and learn about the importance of dog care when in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, October 13, at 8 a.m. Bring water for yourself and your canine friend, along with a bag to pick up after said pal. Join the group in the Kumeyaay Campground parking lot, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. Dial 619-668-3275 for details. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

A Volksmarch Is, simply put, a noncompetitive walk along a pre-marked route. Walk, jog, or run at your own pace at the Oceanside Harbor and surrounding beach during 5k and 10k events hosted by the San Diego County Rockhoppers on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14. The walks start anytime between 8 a.m. and noon in the city parking lot near the Jolly Roger Restaurant (1900 Harbor Drive North).

Carry water. Walkers desiring American Volkssport Association (AVV) credit and patch will be charged $6 on the day of the event; free for those who desire neither award nor credit. Call 760-746-0897 for details. (OCEANSIDE)

Star Party, high-powered telescopes will be set up by the San Diego Astronomy Association for stargazing and education on the great lawn at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido on Saturday, October 13, from 7 to 10 p.m. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Free. Call 760-839-4119 for information. (ESCONDIDO)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring the structure, growth habits, and landscape value of palm trees in the park on Saturday, October 13, at 10 a.m., beginning at the visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Oaks of Lake Hodges, action is being taken to care for the diseased oak trees in San Dieguito River Park. Take a four-mile hike with Bobbi on Saturday, October 13, from 4 to 6 p.m., and hear about the program. For reservations and directions, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, take a nature walk hosted by the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy at 9 a.m. on October 13. For directions, call 760-436-3944. Free. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Leave Only Pawprints, the fall canine hike at Stelzer Park is set for Saturday, October 13, starting at 9:30 a.m. Bring your canine pals, a leash, and a doggy bag for this hike led by Craig and Patty. Find the park at 11470 Wildcat Canyon Road. The program is free, parking is $2 per vehicle. For reservations, call 619-561-0580. (LAKESIDE)

Support Your Local Least Tern, bring work gloves and weeding tools (if you've got them), and wear long pants and sturdy shoes to help Audubon Society volunteers to remove invasive plants at a nesting site for endangered California least terns at Mariner's Point on Saturday, October 13, from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 619-224-4591 to RSVP and for directions. (MISSION BAY)

Local History and Lore is the subject when docents Sally Snipes and Toni Marquette lead a hike to the mid-summit area of Volcan Mountain on Saturday, October 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The hike is 2.5 miles round trip. To reach the trailhead, drive to Julian, and then take Farmer Road 2.2 miles; turn right on Wynola Road and drive 100 yards. Turn left, back onto the continuation of Farmer Road; proceed 100 yards and park on the shoulder of the paved road by the preserve sign on the right. 858-694-3049. Free. (JULIAN)

Why Was the Old Mission Dam Built? Where did the water go? The questions will be answered when ranger Sue Pelley leads a hike on Sunday, October 14, in the Old Mission Dam parking lot (in Mission Trails Regional Park). 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Help Remove the Last Remaining Invasive Eucalyptus trees from Peñasquitos Canyon on Sunday, October 14. After ten years of work, only one significant population of this exotic tree survives in the preserve. Native trees including cottonwoods will be planted during the next rainy season. Meet in the parking-staging area at the intersection of Mercy and Black Mountain Roads at 9 a.m. Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts, hats, and bring water and a snack. For information, call 858-566-6489. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Black Oaks Show Their Fall Colors on an easy, guided walk through mountain meadows of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park led by the Canyoneers on Sunday, October 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. For information and directions to the trailhead, call 619-232-3821 x203. (CUYAMACA MOUNTAINS)

October's Extreme Low Tides, now starting to coincide with the afternoon daylight hours, will usher in several more months of excellent tidepooling opportunities. A -0.7–foot low tide occurs at 4:36 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, and a -0.6–foot low tide occurs at 5:22 p.m. on Thursday, October 18. The monthly lowest tide levels after October and through the coming winter will be considerably lower than this month's levels. The region's best-known places to view intertidal life include Cabrillo National Monument and areas up the coast from La Jolla Cove.

DANCE

Come Dancing, there's a '70s theme dance party planned on Friday, October 12, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard). Arrive at 7 p.m. for a salsa/hustle lesson, with the party from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is $12; proceeds benefit the disaster relief. Call 760-522-0247 for information. (ENCINITAS)

Contradance, JoAnn Koppany calls and Lime in the Harp plays the music for the contradance on Friday, October 12, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: $6. Wear soft-soled shoes. For more information, dial 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Complex Musicality and Powerful Emotion are on offer in pieces by the Seán Curran Company, performing on Saturday, October 13, at 7:30 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. The program includes *Symbolic Logic; The Nothing That Is Not There, and the Nothing That Is; Six Laments;* and *Folk Dance for the Future.* Scores range from traditional Irish mouth music to contemporary composers.

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Square Dances Alternate with Round Dances when the Sandpipers meet for dancing to the calling of John Reitmaier on Saturday, October 13, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., at Saint James Hall (625 South Nardo). The fee is $5. For information, call 760-436-0685 or 858-755-5011. (SOLANA BEACH)

There's a Bayou Bash planned by the Bon Temps Social Club on Saturday, October 13, in the Recital Hall at Balboa Park. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., followed by two hours of dance workshops in Cajun two-step, waltz, and zydeco. Then dance to CDs (and practice what you've learned) from 8:30 to 10:30. Admission is $5. Call 858-496-6655 for more information. (BALBOA PARK)

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FILM

"Space: A Film Odyssey to the Final Frontier" is the theme for the Film for Thought film series co-hosted by CSU-San Marcos and the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Tonight, Thursday, October 11, see how the future began in *The Right Stuff*, a cinematic look at the beginnings of the U.S. space program starring Sam Shepard, Scott Glenn, Ed Harris, and many others. Next Thursday, October 18, it's *2010: The Year We Make Contact*, the sequel to *2001: A Space Odyssey*, based on another Arthur C. Clarke novel. What happened to the original *Discovery* flight?

Discussions will be led by history professor Patty Seleski. Screenings begin at 6:30 p.m. Free. For more information, call 760-750-4366. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). (ESCONDIDO)

Hot Jazz and Cool Films, stellar musicians and jazz-inspired films are featured in MoPA After Dark, a series continuing at the Museum of Photographic Arts through November 8. Tonight, Thursday, October 11, enjoy live music by Fattburger at 5:30 p.m., and then see *Jazz on a Summer's Day*. Next Thursday, October 18, the evening starts with Gilbert Castellanos and the B-3 Organ Trio and continues with *The Wonderful World of Louis Armstrong*. Tickets are $15 general. For more information, call 619-238-7559 x302. (BALBOA PARK)

Rude, Crude, and Completely Lewd, these may well be accurate descriptions for the short films on offer in Spike and Mike's Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation. This year's festival boasts 18 "brand new" short animated films including *Behind the Music That Sucks, Bad Phone Sex,* and *Eat*, among others.

Find the festival at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla on October 12 and 13. Screenings begin at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. For information, call 858-454-0267. Tickets are $8, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Viewers must be at least 18 years old. (LA JOLLA)

Double Hawaiian Fun, slack-key guitar master Keola Beamer presents a concert on Saturday, October 13, at 8 p.m., at the Star Theater (402 North Coast Highway). The concert is followed by the West Coast premiere of the documentary *Waikiki — In the Wake of Dreams* and an appearance by director Edgy Lee. Tickets are $25 in advance (available by calling 866-468-3399) or $30 at the door. (OCEANSIDE)

"Fast Forward" is the theme for a film and discussion series exploring the impact of science and technology on 20th-Century America hosted by the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library. This week see *The Movies — The Storytelling Industry*, in which a variety of talking heads discuss the "star system" and the "studio system," the development of genres, and the role of critics in refining taste. Filmmaker Paul Espinosa will lead the following discussion.

The program begins at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 15. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

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Will a "Feminist Folk Fable" Lift Your Spirits? Enjoy the "simmering Brazilian ménage à quatre" *Me You Them* when it's shown for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library on Tuesday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. In Portuguese with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

Films Full of Food or famous meals thematically unite the selections screening for the "Art of the Cinema Class" meeting on Thursdays at Palomar College. Next Thursday, October 18, see *Tampopo*. Each class and movie begins at 6:30 p.m. in room P-32, and the public is welcome. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road. For information, call 760-744-1150 x2444. Free. In Japanese with English subtitles. (SAN MARCOS)

Short and Nonstop, the Short Attention Span Film and Video Festival begins at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday, October 18, at the San Diego Museum of Art. The survey of the "best noncommercial short subject films and videos" includes animation, drama, comedy, sci-fi, short documentary, and poetry. Tickets are $9 general. For information, call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, experience the challenges and countless mysteries of great animal migrations in *Amazing Journeys*. The film follows monarch butterflies, birds, migrating whales, the red crabs of Christmas Island, the great migration of zebras in Africa, and Maasai warriors on their travels.

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.

Did you know there are 50,000 known caves in the U.S., and every state has at least one? *Journey into Amazing Caves* squeezes into some of the earth's alien, hidden realms, guided by two cavers seeking these 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 showtimes, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

More Talk About Buildings and Work, the lecture series co-sponsored by the American Institute of Architects and the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla continues with a discussion by Richard Gluckman at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, October 11. Gluckman is one of the two architects who will transform the baggage building adjacent to the Santa Fe Depot into an exhibit space for the MCA. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street; call 619-232-0109 for reservations. Admission is $7 general. (LA JOLLA)

Originally Excavated in the 1800s by amateur and professional archaeologists, dozens of mounds and cairns along the southern coast of British Columbia, Canada, never fully yielded up their secrets. Michael Blake from the anthropology department at the University of British Columbia presents "Rediscovering Ancient Burial Mounds in British Columbia" for the Archaeological Institute of America on Friday, October 12.

Join the group at 7:15 p.m. at the Lemon Grove Community Center, 3146 School Lane. Free. For information, call 619-465-3841. (LEMON GROVE)

"The Death and Resurrection of Jesus" is the subject when Marcus Borg, distinguished professor of religion and culture at Oregon State University, speaks at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 12, in the Hahn University Center Forum at the University of San Diego. General questions and discussion will follow. Free. For information, call 619-260-4050. The campus is found at 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Busy on Friday? Borg focuses on "Seeing the Bible Again — History, Metaphor, and Sacrament" at the San Diego School of Christian Studies on Saturday, October 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Linder Hall at the First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Borg will discuss reading the Bible as a combination of historical memory and metaphorical-narrative; he's the author of ten books. The fee is $25 per person, or $40 for two. To make the required reservations, call 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

You Have Unique Stories only you can tell. Explore ways to express your life experiences when Penny Wilkes leads "Creative Writeshops" on Fridays, October 12 and 26, at noon, at the Florence Riford Senior Center (6811 La Jolla Boulevard). The fee is $5 per session. For information, dial 858-459-8897. (LA JOLLA)

"Unique Multiples: Prints from the Age of Rembrandt and Beyond" — it's the subject when European art curator Steven Kern speaks for the Docent Guest Lecture series at the San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, October 12, at 10 a.m. Admission is $10. For tickets, call 619-465-8084. (BALBOA PARK)

"Leadership in a Terror World: Safeguarding Our Community" is the timely topic when the Rev. Shannon Phelps speaks for the John R. Adams Memorial Lecture Series on Friday, October 12, at 7 p.m., in the Aztec Center Council Chambers at San Diego State University. Phelps is described as a "priest, master martial artist, former Navy SEAL, Special Forces, and CIA agent." Free. Dial 619-594-4426 for information. (SDSU)

"Watercolor Painting on Clipboard" is the topic when watercolorist Barbara Siegel speaks for the Clairemont Art Guild on Friday, October 12, at 12:30 p.m., at the Clairemont Recreation Center (3608 Clairemont Drive). Free. 619-222-0686. (CLAIREMONT)

Art Talk, artist Alexis Smith and poet Amy Gerstler will be in the galleries to lead an informal discussion about their collaborative installation *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 13, at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Talks are included in regular museum admission. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

"Women of the American Revolution — How the Ladies Helped Birth a Nation" is the subject when Patricia M. Stanford speaks for the San Diego Genealogical Society on Saturday, October 13, at 1 p.m. Visitors will hear how American women helped outwit the Loyalists during the Revolutionary War, and genealogical tips on finding female ancestors.

At noon, Stanford's subject is "Genealogical Lineages." The group meets in the St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 6556 Park Ridge Boulevard. Call 619-588-0065 for information. Free. (SAN CARLOS)

How Do You Say "Thank You"? Heather Campbell presents a class focusing on "Japanese Conversation" on Saturday, October 13, at noon, at the Japanese Friendship Garden. The fee for nonmembers is $7. To register, call 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

"Playwrighting and Dialogue" will be discussed by author Donna Guthrie when the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators meets on Saturday, October 13. The talk starts at 2 p.m. in Manchester Hall at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Nonmembers pay $8. Call 619-230-9342 for information. (LINDA VISTA)

"Fall Is for Planting," says local horticulturist and water conservation specialist Jan Tubiolo, who will speak for the "Second Saturday Seminar" planned on Saturday, October 13, at 9:30 a.m. at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Free. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Hey, Is That a Flatfish? Wondering about that unknown fish you spotted on your last dive? Birch Aquarium Museum curator Bob Burhans introduces local marine fishes and will show how to identify fish from their shape, color, and behavior during "Fish Identification for Snorkelers and Divers." The class is set for Saturday, October 13, at 9 a.m. Find the aquarium at 2300 Expedition Way. The fee is $35. For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Autumn Is the Right Time to purchase bulbs for your winter and spring needs. Learn everything you need to know about how to force bulbs for holiday bloom when the San Diego Natural History Museum offers a "Holiday Bulbs" class on Saturday, October 13, at 10:30 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). The fee is $15 for nonmembers. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

October Is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Kathy Jones will present "Living between Danger and Love" on Saturday, October 13, at 3 p.m., at the Women's History Reclamation Project (2323 Broadway, suite 107). Jones will discuss her new book, *Living between Danger and Love: The Limits of Choice*. The suggested donation is $5. For information, call 619-233-7963. (GOLDEN HILL)

Clever Ways to Use Gourds will be demonstrated when gourd artists Barbara McDermott and Dennis Weaver lead the holiday-themed craft demonstration planned on Sunday, October 14, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Bell Gardens (30841 Cole Grade Road). Free. 760-749-6297. (VALLEY CENTER)

Fall Is the Time to Sow wildflower seeds for spring bloom. Learn how to germinate seeds and how to care for wildflowers when Aenne Carver leads a class on Sunday, October 14, at 10 a.m., at the Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Juniero Serra Trail). The $25 fee includes supplies. For information, call 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Your Presence Is Requested for "Weddings in India" when Janice M. Butterfield speaks for People to People International on Sunday, October 14. The program begins at 3 p.m. in Green Hall, at Alliant International University (formerly USIU, 10455



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After Working and Volunteering in Balboa Park for more than 25 years, writer and publisher Pamela Crooks saw the need for a comprehensive guidebook focusing on the park. Crooks will reveal the knowledge and skills she acquired while creating *Discover Balboa Park: A Complete Guide to America's Greatest Urban Park* when the San Diego Writers/Editors Guild meets on Monday, October 15.

The talk begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Admission: $5 for nonmembers. For more information, call 619-296-8044 or 858-576-5800. (HILLCREST)

What Makes a Sailboat? How does a boat sail? Find the answers to these and other questions when Flotilla 16-03 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary hosts a nine-week sailing fundamentals course beginning on Monday, October 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the Coast Guard Air Station (2710 North Harbor Drive). There is a modest charge for materials. To register, call 858-587-0937. (DOWNTOWN)

Explore the "Wonderful World of Opera" when Ridgley Allison Muller speaks on Monday, October 15, at 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

"The Little Silver Handle: Where San Diego's Sewer System Starts" is the intriguing topic when Susan Hamilton speaks for City Beautiful of San Diego on Monday, October 15, at noon, in the Rondavel Room at the San Diego Zoo (just right of the zoo entrance). Hamilton, assistant director of the San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater Department, will focus on improving the crumbling sewer infrastructure and more. To reserve a spot, call 858-277-1362. (BALBOA PARK)

Parlez Vous...learn or practice French in small, informal classes filled with games and activities and "real life situations" during the "Everyday French" lessons for children and adults (gathering at separate times). Classes meet on Tuesdays from October 16 through November 13. For class times and registration, call 760-944-3441. Join the group at the St. Tropez Cafe in the Lumberyard shopping center. The fee is $99. (ENCINITAS)

"New Cymbidiums for Your Garden" provide the topic when Ardell and Bob Marlin speak for the San Diego Floral Association on Tuesday, October 16. The program begins at 7:15 p.m. in room 101 of the Casa del Prado. Free. 619-232-5762. (BALBOA PARK)

"Stopping the Violence" is the subject for family enrichment seminars being offered at the Atonement Lutheran Church. The series continues when Brad Strawn considers "Talking About Tough Subjects" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16. The lecture is appropriate for parents, "older school-age children," and teens. Free. Find the church at 7250 Eckstrom Avenue. Child care is available by reservation. 858-278-5556. (CLAIREMONT)

Book End? Learn to replace a page, glue a binding in place, repair a torn sheet, and more when Sandy Aker from Kapco Library Products presents a workshop on "Book Repair and Preservation" for the San Diego/Tijuana chapter of the Association of Jewish Libraries.

Sessions begin at 4 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). The fee is $3 for nonmembers. Call 858-362-1330 for space availability. (LA JOLLA)

Whaddya Know About Kimonos? Joyce Lee-Westdal of Kimono Corner will talk about kimonos and discuss ways to "incorporate them into our Western lifestyle" on Tuesday, October 16, at 7 p.m., at Earth Song Bookstore (1440 Camino Del Mar). Free. 858-755-4254. (DEL MAR)

Dive Lectures, the series at the Birch Aquarium-Museum continues when local diving legend Jim Stewart presents "Adventures of an Underwater Legend" on Wednesday, October 17, at 7:30 p.m. Stewart will share stories of his dive adventures and talk about the history of scientific diving. The fee is $8. Find the aquarium at 2300 Expedition Way. For reservations, dial 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Imaging from Space has revolutionized our weather forecasting, intelligence gathering, urban planning, resource management, and astronomy. Get the scoop on "The Evolution of Spacecraft Imaging Systems" when the Jet Propulsion Lab's "Solar System Ambassador" John Hoot speaks for the Eyes on the Universe series at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17. Admission is $6.75 general. Call 619-238-1233 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

She's Been Awarded All Three of the Big "Ps" of Journalism (the Pulitzer, Peabody, and Polk), and on Wednesday, October 17, Laurie Garrett will present "The Betrayal of Trust: Newly Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance" in UCSD's Price Center Theater at 7 p.m. Garrett's latest book, *Betrayal of Trust: The Collapse of Global Public Health* examines the existing crisis in worldwide health. Her insights are always worth hearing. Admission is free; parking is $3. Call 858-822-0510 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Get a Behind-the-Scenes Look at the San Diego Symphony's upcoming concerts when the symphony and the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library offer an "Introduction to the Symphony" lecture series. During the first hour, Eric Bromberger will introduce the music, discuss its background, and offer ways to approach it; the second hour will feature some of the soloists, conductors, and musicians who will appear on the programs, sharing their perspectives and answer questions.

Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street. Call 858-454-5872 for a course schedule and registration. The fee is $45 for all four lectures, or $17 per talk. (LA JOLLA)

Dialogues in Art and Architecture, this series hosted by the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library opens for the season when Rob Quigley, Eric C. Naslund, Dan Ashe, and James Bonar focus on "Possible/Impossible: The Mythology of Affordable Housing" next Thursday, October 18. This year's series explores new concepts of design, urban planning, and landscape that address the need for affordable, livable housing. Admission is free. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street and by calling 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Explore "Chinese Art and the Silk Route" when David Smith leads a tour of the Asian art collection at the San Diego Museum of Art next Thursday, October 18, at 6 p.m. The lecture is included in regular museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"California Petroglyphs: A Heritage of Rock Art" is the subject when San Diego Museum of Man curator Ken Hodges and author/researcher Steve Freers speak at 7 p.m. next Thursday, October 18, at the Mission San Luis Rey de Francia (4050 Mission Avenue). Listen for insights into the Luiseño Indian culture. The suggested donation is $5. Call 760-757-3651 x148 for more information. (OCEANSIDE)

IN PERSON

Up for a "Surrealistic Slapstick Love Story"? See *The Queen's Rain* when it's presented by Ghost Town — described as "a multidisciplinary performance group which fuses dance, theater, poetry, contemporary art song composition, and video art" — through October 14 at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. *Rain* "tells the epic tale of how love and the search for self can be the ultimate vehicles for the destruction and creation of one's identity."

Performances begin at 8 p.m. each evening. Tickets are $15 general. Find Sushi in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For reservations, call 619-235-8466. (DOWNTOWN)

"Fall Student One Acts" may be seen in room 3601 at MiraCosta College Thursday through Saturday, October 11-13, at 7:30 p.m. each night. The program features experimental one acts, student produced, directed, and acted. Find the campus at One Barnard Drive. Tickets are $3 per night. For information, call 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

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Mystery Authors Donna Andrews (*Revenge of the Wrought Iron Flamingos*) and Jim Fusilli (*Closing Time*) land at Mysterious Galaxy Books on Friday, October 12, at 7 p.m., to sign and discuss their books. Find the Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Cape Verdean Vocalist Cesaria Evora will perform on Friday, October 12, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Tickets range from $18 to $35. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

Laugh Out Loud when the Comedy Codependents perform at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 12, at the Creativity Centre (4716 32nd Street). The group depends upon suggestions from the audience to fuel its improv fun. 619-280-5177. Free. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

A Book Party is planned in honor of late San Diego author and lesbian feminist activist Barbara Macdonald at the Women's History Reclamation Project on Friday, October 12, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Selections from a new expanded edition of Macdonald's *Look Me in the Eye: Old Women, Aging, and Ageism* will be read by Cynthia Rich (Macdonald's life partner and co-author) and members of the Old Women's Project (8 to 8:30 p.m.). Find the project at 2323 Broadway, suite 107; call 858-270-6447 for information. Free. (GOLDEN HILL)

Author, Therapist, and Ordained Minister (Harvard Divinity School) Wayne Muller will discuss his work on Friday, October 12, at 7 p.m., at Scripps Memorial Hospital Schaetzel Center (9888 Genesee Avenue). Muller is author of *Legacy of the Heart: The Spiritual Advantages of a Painful Childhood* and *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives*. Tickets are $20 in advance, $25 at the door. To reserve a spot, call 619-280-8381. (LA JOLLA)

"Reading, Writing, and Rhythm: World Music Series" — the women's vocal ensemble Kitka performs on Friday, October 12. The sophisticated singers are said to blend a contemporary sensibility with specialized vocal techniques from Eastern Europe. Concerts begin at 7 and 8:30 p.m. in the Sunshine Brooks Theater (217 North Coast Highway). Tickets are $7. For information, call 760-435-5570. (OCEANSIDE)

Former San Diego Councilmember Abbe Wolfsheimer Stutz has written a novel of political intrigue entitled *The Whores of St. Joan*. She'll sign and discuss her book at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 12, at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Dial 858-456-1800 for more details. (LA JOLLA)

Slam! The Mid-Month Friday Night Poetry Slam at the Urban Grind (3797 Park Boulevard) is set for October 12 at 7:30 p.m. (sign-ups start at 7). There are slams on the Friday closest to the 15th of each month. Free. 619-294-2920. (HILLCREST)

Melodrama and Olio Time Is Here! Boo the villain and cheer the hero when the annual Julian Melodrama and Olio is presented on weekends through October. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and at 1:30 p.m. on Sundays. The Julian Floozies play songs between acts. Find the fun at the corner of Washington and Main. For information, call 760-765-3911. (JULIAN)

Double Hawaiian Fun, slack-key guitar master Keola Beamer presents a concert on Saturday, October 13, at 8 p.m., at the Star Theater (402 North Coast Highway). The concert is followed by the West Coast premiere of the film *Waikiki — In the Wake of Dreams* and an appearance by director Edgy Lee. Tickets are $25 in advance, available by calling 866-468-3399; $30 at the door. (OCEANSIDE)

Vaudeville Night is set for Saturday, October 13, at 8 p.m., hosted by the Fault Line Players. Comedians, improv artists, poets, sketch comics, and musicians are all invited to take part in the fun. Find the Fault Line Theatre at 3152 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce). For information, call 619-692-3382. Admission is $4. (HILLCREST)

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author Haynes Johnson will discuss his "portrait of a nation at a turning point" entitled *The Best of Times: America in the Clinton Years* at Esmeralda Books and Coffee at 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 13. Find Esmeralda at 1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307; 858-755-2707. Free. (DEL MAR)

Comics in Carlsbad, Kyle Cease, Kelly Dixon, and Rick Kunkler perform on Saturday, October 13, at the Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). The show begins 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $10. For information, call 760-729-0089. (CARLSBAD)

The Transformative Power of Love is highlighted in *Blue Dog Love*, the latest installment in George Rodrigue's series based on his pet Tiffany. Meet George and Wendy Rodrigue when they sign copies of the book at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 13, at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. Call 858-454-0347 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Born and Raised in the Appalachian Mountains, singer/songwriter Jim Savarino has an acoustic style rooted firmly in folk music. Savarino performs for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, October 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Tickets are $10. For reservations, call 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

"Pride in Heritage Month" celebrations continue on Saturday, October 13, at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Asian instrument maker and performer Doeun "David" Leng and the Cambodian Dancers of San Diego will perform at 7 p.m. For more information, call 619-641-6100. Free. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Viva el Mariachi, this festival is set for Saturday, October 13, beginning at 6 p.m. at Coors Amphitheatre. Enjoy performances by Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán, Sol de México de José Hernández, Nati Cano y Los Camperos, and Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles. Tickets range from $12 to $150, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (CHULA VISTA)

Gardening Expert, landscape architect, and radio personality Bruce Asakawa will sign copies of his book *California Gardener's Guide* with his co-author and wife, Sharon Asakawa, at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 14, at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Free. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for details. (BALBOA PARK)

Imagination at Full Gallop, enter a multipeaked tent hand-painted to look like a castle in France's Loire Valley and enjoy the capabilities of horses when Cheval-Théâtre hits Balboa Park for performances.

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Spirituals and Gospel Music may be heard when the New City Parish Youth Choir from Los Angeles performs on Sunday, October 14, at 4 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4761 Cass Street). Free. For information, call 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH)

The Classic Short Story *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* has been adapted by North San Diego County resident Heather Megill; the Encore Youth Theatre presents the production through October 14. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Avo Playhouse (303 East Vista Way). Tickets are $10 general, $8 for seniors, students, and children. For reservations, call 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

Local Suspense Author Dr. Alan Maisel combined his medical experiences and contemporary politics to craft *Bedside Manners: A Medical Thriller*, which he'll sign on Sunday, October 14, at 1 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Call 858-268-4747 for further information. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

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Choir is set for Sunday, October 14, at 6 p.m., at the Christ United Presbyterian Church (3025 Fir Street, at 30th). Admission is free. For more information, call 619-697-6246. (GOLDEN HILL)

Music 4 America, this benefit concert is set for Sunday, October 14, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., at Starlight Bowl. Performers include Jocko of Sha Na Na, Eve Selis, Rockola, Jackie Jae and Spoon Thieves, Ruby and the Red Hots, Chris Thompson (from Manfred Mann's Earth Band), and many others. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for kids 12 and under; all of the proceeds go to the American Red Cross. For more information, call 619-584-1600. (BALBOA PARK)

Romantic Suspense Set in the Greek Islands is on offer in Ekaterine Nikas's *Divided Child*, which she'll sign and discuss on Sunday, October 14. The event begins at 2:30 p.m. at Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

The Pier View Way Concert Series opens with a performance by the Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers on Sunday, October 14. The concert will include excerpts from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* and African-American folk music selections. The concert begins at 4:30 p.m. at Saint Mary Star of the Sea Church (609 Pier View Way). An offering will be received. For details, dial 760-722-1688. (OCEANSIDE)

A Tribute to the Big Bands of the '30s, '40s, and '50s is promised when the Coastal Cities Jazz Band performs on Sunday, October 14, at 4 p.m., at the Rancho Bernardo Presbyterian Community Church (17010 Pomerado Road). Free. Call 858-487-0811 for information. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

A Benefit Concert featuring music by Matt Gill (clarinet, saxophone, and original compositions) and Wendy Hill (vocals and multimedia presentation) is set for Sunday, October 14, at 2 p.m., at the Center Point (4407 Manchester Avenue, suite 103). The $20 donation benefits the United Way's September 11 Fund. For reservations, call 858-769-1975. (ENCINITAS)

An Open Reading is planned when the Poetsperformance event begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 14, at Red's Espresso Gallery (1017 Rosecrans). Free. For more details, call 619-523-5545. (POINT LOMA)

"Life, Love, and Survival," an evening of readings and discussion by writer J. California Cooper, is scheduled for Monday, October 15, starting at 7 p.m. in Academic Hall 102 at CSU-San Marcos. Cooper is the author of three novels, including *The Wake of the Wind*. Free. Find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road; call 760-750-4366 for information. (SAN MARCOS)

That's Just the Way They Are Down There in Texas! Kinky Friedman's *Guide to Texas Etiquette* is described as a hilarious guide to the Lone Star State. Friedman will discuss and sign his book at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 15, at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307). Free. Call 858-755-2707 for details. (DEL MAR)

Abracadabra! Four "of the top magicians in San Diego" will entertain for the "Off-Night" series on Monday, October 15, at 7 p.m., at the North Coast Repertory Theatre (987-D Lomas Santa Fe). Tickets are $15. For reservations, call 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

He's a (TV) Survivor! Head to Bay Books when Rudy Boesch signs and discusses *The Book of Rudy: The Wit and Wisdom of Rudy Boesch* at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 15. Find the shop at 1029 Orange Avenue and by calling 619-435-0070. (CORONADO)

Work with Life to "find your own answers to life's enduring questions and difficulties" when Barbara Mark discusses and signs *Angelspeake: A Book of Prayer and Healing* at Warwick's Bookstore. The appearance is set for Tuesday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m. Find Warwick's at 7812 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Share in an Intimate Atmosphere! Poets, performers, and musicians are invited to share work when Bridge Way Books hosts an open-mike event on Tuesday, October 16 (and the third Tuesday of every month), from 7 to 9 p.m. The featured poet is Robert O'Sullivan. Find the shop at 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, suite A-30. Call 858-720-0050 for information. (ENCINITAS)

The Sigma Alpha Iota Recital takes place at noon on Wednesday, October 17, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. For information, call 619-594-6060. Free. (SDSU)

He Found the Woman of His Dreams on the Internet, and now Eric F. Fagan divulges his tactics in *Cast Your Net*. Meet Fagan and the object of his affections, Ute, when the duo appears next Thursday, October 18, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Entre Nosotros — Between Us: A Bilingual Reading" — this Living Writers Series event will feature poets Eduardo Arellano and Susan Luzzaro. The reading starts at 7 p.m. next Thursday, October 18, in room 2203 of the Malcolm A. Love Library. Free. Call 619-594-5318 for information. (SDSU)

Finding Your Voice, a jazz trio made up of Bob Boss (guitar), Marshall Hawkins (bass), and Marguerita Page (vocals) performs for the Concert Hour at Palomar College next Thursday, October 18, at 12:30 p.m., in the Performance Lab (D-10). Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2317. Free. (SAN MARCOS)

SPORTS

(Team) Tennis, Anyone? More than 100 tennis players from five states are gathering for the World Team Tennis Recreational League Regional, October 12-14, at the Peninsula Tennis Club (2525 1/2 Bacon Street). The team tennis concept features coed teams comprising at least two men, two women, and a coach; each team match consists of six sets. On Friday, first-round matches begin at 3 p.m., and a tennis clinic runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., for all players over 18 years old. Free.

Tournament play runs from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and the play and final rounds take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 312-245-5300. (POINT LOMA)

The Finish Line Draws Near, head to Cajon Speedway for Sids Auto Body 40 supermodified racing league competition on Saturday, October 13. Also on tap: WRA and boat races. The first race starts 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)

Breathtaking Scenery and bicycling is promised when the Knickerbikers head out for a ride to Julian via Wynola Road on Saturday, October 13. Expect a 1,300-foot climb; the 25-mile ride for intermediates starts at 10 a.m. at Dudley's Bakery (park at the back fence). Bring money for lunch at the end of the ride. For more information, call 619-659-1523. (SANTA YSABEL)

Heating Up the Ice! The Masters of Figure Skating hit the ice at the San Diego Sports Arena on Saturday, October 13, for a performance beginning at 6 p.m. Michelle Kwan, Todd Eldredge, Ilia Kulik, and many other skaters will be competing in the performance. Tickets are $17, $32, and $42, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Surf for the Sea, competition runs from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, at the north side of the Oceanside Pier (300 North the Strand). Spectating is free. Call 760-439-0863 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

Where the Elite Meet the Amateurs, it's time for the 13th annual Arturo Barrios Invitational, slated for Sunday, October 14, at the Chula Vista Marina. Events include a people's 5k run (7:30 a.m.) and 5k people's walk (7:35 a.m.); a 10k run (8:30 a.m.); the invitational (10 a.m.), and kids' one miler (11 a.m.) and half-miler (11:15 a.m.). Race-day registration begins at 6 a.m. For information, call 858-450-6510. (CHULA VISTA)

Bolt Football, the San Diego Chargers are in New England for a game against the Patriots on Sunday, October 14, at 10 a.m. For fan information, call 858-455-1984/85/ or /86; for regular season ticket information, try 877-CHARGERS. Games can be heard in English on KFMB (760 AM) and in Spanish on XEXX Radio (1420 AM).

Do the Bridge, the eighth annual installment of this event takes place on Sunday, October 14. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m., with the run/walk starting at 8 a.m. The event begins in the Gaslamp Quarter, with participants heading over the Coronado Bridge on foot to Tidelands Park. For more information, call 760-736-1001. (GASLAMP QUARTER, CORONADO)

Three on the Road, the 16th annual Tour de Poway includes road courses of 15-, 25-, and 50-mile distances on Sunday, October 14. The event starts and finishes at the Poway Community Park (from I-15, exit at Poway Road, and drive east 3 miles). Day-of-event registration starts at 6:30 a.m. Call 800-679-2453 for details. (POWAY)

Sunday Riders, Sierra Club cyclists meet for a North County ride at 9 a.m. near the Wherehouse (in the lower parking lot on the southeast corner of Del Mar Heights Road and El Camino Real, one-half mile east of I-5) for a bicycle ride about 25 miles long at a social pace on October 14. The outing is free. 858-587-0272. (DEL MAR)

Sea Garibaldi, Lobsters, and octopuses when the Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts snorkeling at La Jolla Cove on Sunday, October 14, from 8 to 10 a.m. Participants will take in the terrain of the La Jolla San Diego Underwater Park and Ecological Reserve. Previous snorkeling is required. The fee is $25 for those 10 to adult. For reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Take Steps against Breast Cancer when the City of Hope's Walk for Hope against Breast Cancer Run is set for Sunday, October 14. Registration starts at 6:45 a.m., with the 10k run getting underway at 7:30 a.m. and the 5k walk/run stepping off at 8 a.m. Events begin on the north campus recreation area track on UCSD (just off North Torrey Pines Road). Questions? Call 800-266-7920 for answers. (LA JOLLA)

(Table) Tennis Anyone? Athletes from the El Salvador National Table Tennis Team and the United States Olympic and Paralympics Teams are practicing at the Balboa Park Activity Center (2145 Park Boulevard) to hone their skills for upcoming tournaments. Spectators (admitted free) are invited to watch the games and sometimes chosen to play. Watch the games from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. For information, call 858-581-7100. (BALBOA PARK)

SPECIAL

Get to Know the Locals of Adams Avenue during a library benefit featuring the pictorial essay "Our Street" by photographer Paul Barnett set for tonight, Thursday, October 11, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the artist's studio (4053 to 4053 Adams Avenue). Admission to the catered reception is $25.

A second showing is slated for Sunday, October 14, during a champagne reception from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are $25. For tickets and information, call 619-285-1207. (KENSINGTON)

A Half-Price Book Sale runs Thursday through Saturday, October 11-13 in the Book Cellar, located below the children's wing of the Rancho Santa Fe Library (17040 Avenida de Acacias, at La Granada). Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Call 858-756-4780 for information. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Discuss Alice Munro's book *A Real Life* with the Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group on Friday, October 12, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

Artists and Craftspeople gather to offer their wares during the 2001 Harvest Festival, taking place October 12-14 at the San Diego Community Concourse (202 C Street). Look for clothing, crafts, specialty foods, entertainment, and *objets d'art*.

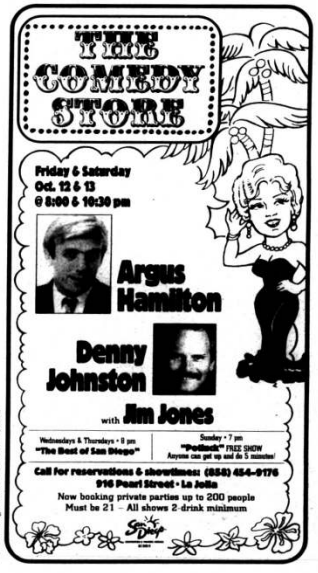
Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $8 general, with discounts for seniors and children. Questions? Call 800-321-1213 for answers. (DOWNTOWN)

Journey from Our Solar System outward to the vast clusters of galaxies during planetarium shows employing the new Digistar II projector at Palomar College. "Galaxies" may be seen on Friday, October 12.

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

Relax for Relief, the Vitality Training Center is sponsoring a disaster relief fundraiser for the Fire Department of New York on Sunday, October 14. Massage therapists will offer chair and foot massages at a rate of $1 per minute. The "chair and foot massage-athon" runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Find the center at 243 Highway 101; call 858-259-9491 for information. (SOLANA BEACH)

A Second Saturday Art Fest is set for October 13, from noon to 5:30 p.m., at the 101 Artists' Colony (25 East E Street). On tap: live music by Adrienne Nims and Calima (3:30 p.m.) and an art class for kids entitled "Ex-







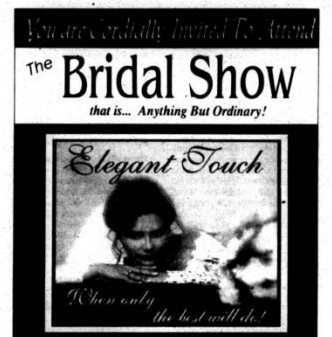












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pressionist Watercolors" led by Barbara Millé (noon). Free. Call 760-632-9074 for information. (ENCINITAS)

Columbus Sailed the Ocean Blue in 1492, and the 32nd annual Columbus Day Parade is set for Saturday, October 13. The parade steps off at 11 a.m. at Grape Street and Pacific Highway and continues to Harbor Drive. The festival — boasting entertainment, food, and music — runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Amici Park (at Date and State Streets). Free. Call 619-469-0795 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

Call It Harvest Festival or call it the sixth annual Polish Arts and Food Festival, the place to be on October 13 and 14 is the Saint Maximilian Kolbe Polish Roman-Catholic Mission and Cultural Center (1735 Grand Avenue). There will be food for sale, music, dancing, and singing. Admission is free. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday. For information, dial 858-668-0485. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Books to Good Homes, the Friends of the Encinitas Library fall book sale is slated for Saturday, October 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the San Dieguito Boys and Girls Club (1221 Encinitas Boulevard). Find lots of "gently used books" in a variety of categories. For more information, call 760-753-7376. (ENCINITAS)

Flame of Life, the fourth annual installment of this event is set for Saturday, October 13, from 1 to 8 p.m., in downtown Encinitas (on Second Street between E and F Streets). Tim Flannery and Friends will perform (1 p.m.), and Eve Selis takes the stage (6 p.m.), and there will be speakers, kids' activities, food (for sale), and a candlelight vigil (7 p.m.) in honor of survivors and victims of domestic violence. Admission is free. 760-753-1156. (ENCINITAS)

Everything from Abutilon to Yucca, plant, seeds, bulbs, books, advice — it's all on offer when the California Native Plant Society hosts its 2001 fall native plant sale on Saturday, October 13, beginning at 10 a.m. (with many plants sold out by noon). In addition to plant material, the CNPS will offer books, posters, note cards, and abundant advice from society members. Find the natives in the courtyard of Casa del Prado, across from the west entrance of the San Diego Natural History Museum. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

Orchids Galore, the San Diego International Orchid Fair, sponsored by Quail Botanical Gardens, is set for October 13 and 14, in the Activity Center at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Expect to find lectures, classes, and plants for sale. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $2. For information, call 619-286-1976 or 760-436-3036 x203. (DEL MAR)

In Love with a Netherland Dwarf? This breed of rabbit will be among the 45 breeds of rabbits and 13 recognized breeds of cavies (Guinea pigs) on display during "2001: A Rabbit Odyssey," the Rabbit and Cavy Convention running October 13-18 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Organizers promise judging, animals for sale, supplies, and collectibles.

The suggested donation is $5. For more information, call 619-596-4000 x11. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (DEL MAR)

Oom-Pah-Pah, the annual Oktoberfest hosted by the German-American Societies of San Diego is set for Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, noon to 10 p.m., at the clubhouse and beer garden, located at 1017 South Mollison Avenue. Events include live German music and dancing, food for sale, vendors' and craft booths, children's fun zone, air gun shooting range, and more. Admission is $2 for people over 21 (free for those under 21). 619-442-6637. (EL CAJON)

Billed as the World's Oldest Active Sailing Ship, the *Star of India* will sail again on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14. The *Star* will depart the waterfront at 9 a.m. and return at around 5 p.m. both days. Upon the ship's return to the bay on Sunday, she'll drop anchor and conduct an anchor retrieval drill at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 619-234-9153. The ship is berthed at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero (at Ash Street). (DOWNTOWN)

Checkmate? The Balboa Park Chess Club hosts Gambito Open chess tournaments every Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. (registration at 9:45), at the Balboa Club (2225 Sixth Avenue). Current U.S. Chess Federation membership is required for participation; the entry fee is $15. For more details, call 619-239-7166. (BALBOA PARK)

Fantasy and Storybook Costumes, along with vintage and retro clothing, hats, and accessories will be offered during the San Diego Junior Theatre's 13th annual Halloween Costume Sale. The sale runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Casa del Prado Theatre. Costumes range in price from $10 to $25. Call 619-239-1311 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Virgil's Epic Poem the *Aeneid* — in which the legendary Trojan origin of the Roman people is glorified — will be discussed when the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group gathers on Saturday, October 13, at 2 p.m., in the third-floor conference room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers are welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

A Fall Festival is set for Saturday, October 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Grape Day Park (on North Broadway). In addition to food, craft booths, and carnival games, expect a children's costume parade and contest at 10:30 a.m. Adults are invited to submit their pre-carved pumpkins for a design contest at 12:30 p.m. Admission is free. Call 760-489-5405 or 760-212-2419. (ESCONDIDO)

Explore Tantalizing, Scrumptious Designs when the American Society of Interior Designers hosts its annual kitchen tour on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The self-guided tour features seven kitchens throughout San Diego County. Designers will be on hand to discuss current design options. Tickets are $14 in advance (available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS) or $20 on tour day. For further details, dial 858-274-3345. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Need Some Couplings and Switches? The San Diego Model Railroad Museum's annual swap meet is set for Saturday, October 13, from 7 to 11 a.m. Admission is $2. For information, call 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

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Nuts for the Arts, head to Bates Nut Farm for the fine art festival slated for Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event promises work on display and for sale by 50 artists, along with the pumpkin patch activities for kids. Admission is free. Find the farm at 15954 Woods Valley Road; 760-751-1926. (VALLEY CENTER)

At the Height of Their Seasonal Beauty, four private gardens will be open for touring on Sunday, October 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants may see a Japanese garden, a roadside native plant garden, a woodland garden full of fountains and tall trees, and a cottage garden with solar-powered mini-fountains. Tickets are $15, available at the Julian Town Hall on the 14th. Questions? Call 760-765-1857 for answers. (JULIAN)

Healing through the Arts, you're invited to take part in a "day of healing through the arts and constructive expression" when the Arts College International and Lauren Becker host an event in their space on Sunday, October 14, from noon to 5 p.m. Bring art supplies to "create beauty from pain...and as a memorial to those who were lost in the tragedies" of September 11. For more information, call 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

Study the Calm Waters of San Diego Bay when the Birch Aquarium hosts a mini-oceanographic cruise aboard a specially equipped research vessel on Tuesday, October 16, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Participants gather data, collect marine samples, and learn about the scientific discoveries made aboard. The fee is $25 for adults, $20 for children (9-13). To make reservations, call 858-534-7336. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

The Three-Part Installation *Bird Hub* by artist Daniel Wheeler is on view through March 5, 2003, at the San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center. With the *Bird Hub*, Wheeler aimed to create an artistic scene similar to what could be described as an airport with birds perceived as the "airplanes." The project consists of three stations: the "Terminal," the "Tower," and the "Perch" (found on the MiraCosta College campus). For information and directions, call 858-756-2140. (ENCINITAS)

Dia de los Muertos is celebrated on November 1 and 2 in Mexico, a time when families honor the memories of their departed relatives by visiting cemeteries and constructing *ofrendas* (altars) to the spirits. Items that would usually be components of an *ofrenda* are on display in the Palomar College Library, along with books and photographs on master printmaker Jose Guadalupe Posada, from Tuesday, October 16, through Wednesday, November 14. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; call 760-744-1150 x2615 for more information. (SAN MARCOS)

Time to Scream, get a head start on your Halloween festivities with terror at the Haunted Hotel (424 Market Street; 619-231-0131) and Frightmare on Market Street (530 Market Street; 619-231-3611). The rooms promise "terrifying special effects and illusions" created by "some of the top artists and technicians in the business." Hours are 7 p.m. to midnight Thursday; 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday; and 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Take a stroll along the Trail of Terror, an "all-outdoor haunted attraction." Find the trail at Marston Point (just east of Sixth Avenue and Juniper Street). Admission to each of these attractions is $11.95. None are recommended for those under ten years old, and all are open through October 31. (BALBOA PARK)

Chewing Scenery in Honor of Halloween, original movie posters from films shown in Mexico are on display at El Gordo y Flaca through Wednesday, October 31. Over 150 posters are being exhibited on a permanent bases, rotating every few weeks. This first show features 50 horrific titles from shockers produced in the U.S. and Europe in the 1960s and 1970s. Find the shop at 2810 El Cajon Boulevard (at Idaho Street). 619-425-1230. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Dialogue with Nature" in the exhibition of photographs and poetry by Daisaku Ikeda on view daily through Saturday, November 3, at UCSD's Geisel Library (9500 Gilman Drive). Viewing hours are 8 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to midnight on Sunday. 619-910-8273. (LA JOLLA)

Examples of Intaglio and Relief Printmaking from the students of Art 410 at San Diego State University are on display through Tuesday, October 30, in the donor corridor of the SDSU Library (5500 Campanile Drive). The class is taught by Michele Burgess, co-director of Brighton Press. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

Roam-O-Rama

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

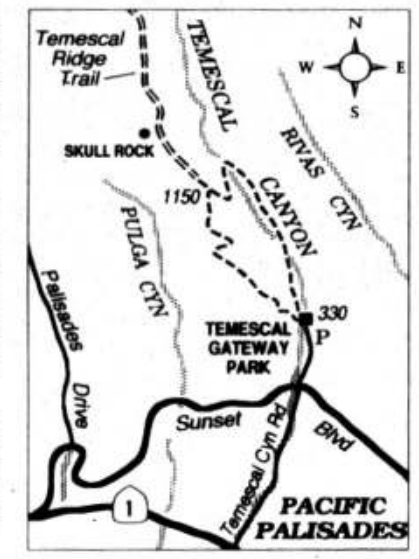
The seemingly ridiculous concept of hiking in Los Angeles is belied by the availability of many fine trails not necessarily in the city itself, but rather within city limits and just beyond the edge of the urban plain. Many of these trails ascend into the Santa Monica Mountains, or rather the "Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area," which encompasses various state parks and other public lands. The following 2.8-mile route, a favorite of west-side L.A. hikers, includes expansive views from high places and a shady passage through riparian and oak woodland.

Park north of Sunset Boulevard on Temescal Canyon Road, short of the Conference Grounds that are now a part of the new Temescal Gateway Park. On foot, find and follow the narrow trail that starts climbing the scrubby canyon wall to the west. After eight short switchbacks, the trail sticks to an open ridge with a 180-degree view of distant horizons. Pause often so you can admire the coastline curving from Santa Monica Bay to Malibu.

At 1.3 miles, the trail meets the Temescal Ridge Trail, a fire road that follows a viewful but shadeless ridge north all the way to Mulholland Drive. At this point you have the option of making a side trip north 0.5 mile to a wind-carved, sandstone outcrop known as Skull Rock that lies within Topanga State Park.

Staying on the loop route, turn right and start down the eroded bed of the former Temescal Fire Road. When you hit the shady canyon bottom (1.7 miles), you'll cross over a creek and pick up a better section of the old fire road on the far side. Above and below this crossing may be (depending on the season) small, trickling waterfalls and shallow, limpid pools.

The final stretch follows the canyon bottom, then contours along a slope to the right of the conference buildings. Lots of live oak, sycamore, willow, and bay trees, their woodsy scents commingling on the ocean breeze, highlight your return.



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

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Savage Beauty: The Life of Edna St. Vincent Millay



Nancy Milford

Random House, 2001; $29.95; 550 pages

The Selected Poetry of Edna St. Vincent Millay, edited and with an introduction by Nancy Milford; The Modern Library, 2001; $16.95; 163 pages

FROM *SAVAGE BEAUTY*'s DUST JACKET: Thirty years after the success of *Zelda*, which sold 1.4 million copies, Nancy Milford returns with a stunning second act. *Savage Beauty* is her long-awaited portrait of a passionate, fearless woman who obsessed America even as she tormented herself.

If F. Scott Fitzgerald was the hero of the Jazz Age, Edna St. Vincent Millay, as audacious in her love affairs as she was in her art, was its heroine. She embodied, in her reckless fancy, the spirit of the New Woman and gave America its voice.

Milford calls her book "a family romance" — for the love between the three Millay sisters and their mother was so deep as to be dangerous. The three sisters competed for success with men and later with their poetry. Their mother loved them with the controlling fierceness of a tyrant. "Theirs was a story of triumph over adversity," Milford writes, "one of the best women's stories there is in America — hopeful, enduring, centered in family, and fraudulent."

The first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for poetry, Millay was dazzling in the performance of her self. Her voice was an instrument of seduction, and her impact on crowds, and on men, was legendary. Young women styled themselves in her image — fairylike, taunting, free. Yet beneath her studied act, all was not well.

Millay's public affairs make for compulsive reading, but what this book reveals for the first time is her extraordinary private life. *Savage Beauty* is the first book to explore Millay's self-destructive passion and morphine addiction.

Nancy Milford was given exclusive access to Millay's papers, and what she found was an unimaginable treasure. Hundreds of letters flew back and forth between the three sisters and their mother — and Millay kept the most intimate diary, one whose honesty brings to mind the journals of Sylvia Plath.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Nancy Milford was born in Dearborn, Michigan. She received her B.A. from the University of Michigan, her M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University. She has taught at various colleges and universities and will teach at Princeton University this fall. She is recipient of a cornucopia of fellowships and honors. She is author of the best-selling *Zelda* (1970). Mother to three children, Milford lives in New York City.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: We spoke, Milford and I, on September 10. She was at home in Manhattan's Greenwich Village. I heard background noise. Milford explained, "I live on the corner of Washington Square, and it's that time — at early lunch, I guess — when every truck in God's name is going to come by, so don't think you're listening to me in a train station, I'm just at my home on the corner."

About one of the difficulties of biography and of this biography in particular, Milford said, "Millay was the generation of my grandmother, so when you begin the biography of someone of this age, you realize the people you need to interview who are living may not be living a great deal longer. And so you interview, or I did, at any rate, really well before I really knew what to ask. You find that you're rather clumsy and your interview subjects, you know that they're sort of wondering as you question them, 'What the hell is she talking about?' It's wonderful to have the opportunity to talk with these people, some extraordinary people, but it's very difficult to have the initial interviews be useful."

I mentioned that Milford's biography of Millay sent me to read the notes about Millay in Edmund Wilson's books — *The Twenties*, *The Fifties*, *The Shores of Light* — books that I hadn't read for years. Wilson (1895–1972), who had a passionate affair with Millay when he was a young man in the 1920s, last visited with her in her home in Austerlitz, New York, in 1929; they did not see each other again until August 1948. I asked Milford what she thought happened between Millay and Wilson that 19 years passed without their seeing one another.

"That's not so surprising. I mean, it's a shame it happened, but apparently Wilson had a breakdown around the same period that he sent Millay the manuscript of *I Thought of Daisy* [Wilson's novel, published in 1929, in which one of the characters closely resembles Millay], and I guess what happened is she wrote back and said, 'Oh God, the book could be better, you mustn't do this, you mustn't do that.' She wrote a rather serious response and it didn't get to him. So she, of course, thought that he was offended. And then the book was published and he thought, 'She's mortally offended and thinks it's really a stupid thing I did,' and he backed away. And then, after all, it was really just a question of mailing having gone wrong.

"At one point when I was doing my research I talked to Helen Miranda Wilson, who was one of Edmund Wilson's three children, and she said there were only two photographs at his study when he died. She said that one was of her mother, Elena, and the other was of Edna Millay. I mean, yikes, that's far more important than the 19 years, kiddo."

I asked Milford if she were surprised by Wilson's keeping out Millay's photo. She was, she said, "Sort of. I knew from 'Epilogue, 1952: Edna St. Vincent Millay' [in *The Shores of Light: A Literary Chronicle of the 1920s and 1930s*] that she had haunted his life for a long time, or had a place in it, but I guess I didn't think that in the waking mind, necessarily, he would be that attached to the memory of her. His having out that photograph, certainly, is a testament to that long, enduring, and, maybe first love."

We talked about the story that had both John Peale Bishop and Wilson with Millay in her Greenwich Village room. Both men had courted her, and in 1920, Wilson, 25, lost his virginity to her. Now, after the trio had a dinner out, they all had returned to Millay's room and seated themselves on her day bed. Wilson recalled in *The Twenties*: "John and I held Edna in our arms — according to an arrangement insisted upon by herself — I her lower half and John her upper — with a polite exchange of pleasantries as to which had the better share."

"Yes," Milford sighed, "one's got the top and the other one has got the bottom. It's strange. When I read that, I didn't think they actually were making love with each other, I thought it was a kind of a lark, funny, and so forth. Do you think they were actually making love to her at that time?"

I suggested that perhaps what they were doing was what we would have called "heavy petting."

Milford answered by saying, "A friend of mine said that they were making love, and said to me, 'Oh, Nancy, you're just being Midwestern and naive.'"

I was interested in Millay's reading. I asked, "After Millay married in 1923 and moved to the country to Steepletop, of what did her regular reading consist?"

"I certainly know that she read the *Herald Tribune* and The *New York Times* and the *Atlantic Monthly*. A whole bunch of things came in. I don't think I made a list of them in the book, but she was pretty current. The *Saturday Review of Literature* was published then. There were a number of subscriptions where she definitely kept up, and I know there were books and poetry by Marianne Moore [1887–1972] and Yeats. There were people who were not in her circle that she followed rather closely."

Did Millay have opinions on the poetry of Marianne Moore?

"I never found any. I did try, at one point during my research, to discover that. I contacted just about everybody, and there weren't so many, who were poets working at approximately the same time — Babette Deutsch [1895–1982] and Leonie Adams [1899–1988], for instance. There were women who we don't think of as the first order, maybe, but still, they were her contemporaries. And none of them responded. Not one. Now, it wasn't as if there were 500 of them. There were probably eight or something like that. But no one responded."

Dorothy Parker (1893–1967) is quoted as saying, "We were all imitative. We all wandered in after Miss Millay. We were all being dashing and gallant, declaring that we weren't virgins, whether we were or not. Beautiful as she was, Miss Millay did a great deal of harm with her double-burning candles. She made poetry seem so easy that we could all do it. But, of course, we couldn't."

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Did Milford think that someone like Babette Deutsch, who taught for many years at Columbia and who worked as a poet and a critic, would have looked down on Millay's poetry?

"Babette Deutsch, I believe, was married to Horace Gregory, and Millay certainly looked down on Horace Gregory, but I don't know if they would have known that. [I later discovered that Gregory, a poet and critic, was married not to Deutsch but to Marya Zaturenska, who won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1938. Deutsch was married to Avrahm Yarmolinksy, with whom she did translations from the

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photographs by Ball and text. Many of the photographs, surfboards, and other artifacts have never been on public display before.

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

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

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 840 C Street (at Seventh Avenue). 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 History and Art, historic photographs dating back to the 1990s are on view in "Sailing: The Legacy of Yachting in Coronado." Artifacts on exhibit place Coronado in the forefront of the sport, and there are interactive installations, plus films from the 1950s and onward. See the exhibit through Tuesday, November 27.

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Museum of 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.

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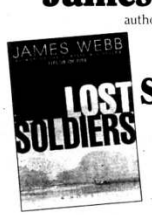

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Thursday, October 18, 7:00 pm
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Russian.] It's hard to make conclusions. That's not a leap that I would necessarily make. It might be true. I don't know."

"Did Millay read her contemporaries?"

"Oh, sure. And she kept up with some of the French poets and the English. You know there must be somewhere — in fact, I probably took it 10,000 years ago — a listing of the books in her library; her estate must know that. It's quite surprising, all that she had. For instance, she had Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Are Watching God.* She had all of her books. Particularly, she had Hurston's anthropological books, but she also had the novels."

How did Milford think that Millay fitted out her poems with so many resonant lines, so much music?

"She was the lyric voice of her generation, you know. And lyric, I think, implies song. The book is quite long enough, but I did not talk a lot about her interest in music, her writing of music. She played the piano. They had two grand pianos at Steepletop. They were probably in the front room, certainly they were when I was there. Music was a thrust in her life from the time she was quite young, and apparently she decided when she was a kid not to become a pianist, because her teacher in Camden told her her hands were too small, and they were."

Edna's mother Cora Millay recited poems to the girls and encouraged them to write songs and to sing together in three-part harmony. I said that all this, too, must have influenced the sonority of Millay's poetry.

"I think so. Somewhere somebody said — and I don't think it's necessarily something I quote in my book, but it's certainly worth knowing — that the Millays may have lacked the necessities of life when they were young, but they had every luxury there was. For sure, they had music. And maybe they didn't have couches and they sat in hammocks, but there were books, books galore, and opera scores to sing from, and there were flowers that they planted in the garden; there were fresh vegetables to eat. It's very easy, of course, to romanticize that, and I think I do say somewhere, it's one of the greatest women's stories there is, the lack of cash and yet the incredible romance that they make of their lives. Three little girls going around the village singing. And yet their lives all were underscored by such pain and such loss."

In the summer of 1920, Edmund Wilson dragged his suitcase to a cabin that the girls and their mother had rented in Truro, on Cape Cod. The cabin, as was not uncommon then, had no inside plumbing and no electricity, no running water. Cora Millay, Wilson later wrote, "smoked cigarettes and quizzically followed the conversations.... She had anticipated the Bohemianism of her daughters, and she sometimes made remarks that were startling from the lips of a little old lady." The most startling of her remarks, according to Wilson, was Mrs. Millay's admission that she "had been a slut herself, so why shouldn't her girls be."

I said, "'Slut' — that's an amazing word for a woman to use in 1920."

Milford agreed and went on to say that Norma, Millay's sister and the executor of her will, asked Wilson to cut the slut comment from his memoir that recalled his relationship with Edna. "It's only in the manuscript version, the slut remark."

Cora Millay, while her husband still was in the home and the three girls were toddlers, became friendly with Mr. Gales, the pastor of the local Congregational church. Cora Millay played the organ and directed the choir. I asked Milford if she thought this relationship with Mr. Gales was a romance.

Milford said, "Well, she uses the expression, 'the elected affinities.' Do you know that phrase?"

(Cora wrote in her diary, about Mr. Gales, "He spoke this morning before his sermon of a certain something that attracts people toward each other and causes them to seek the society of each other; of scholar for scholar, artist for artist, etc. I think it is true friendship. He called it elective affinity. I think there is such an attraction between us. He is my very dear friend.")

I said that I didn't know the phrase "elective affinity," no.

"Well," said Milford, "I didn't know it until somebody loaned me the Goethe novel, *The Elective Affinities.* The book is, of course, about an adulterous love affair. But I don't know if she and Mr. Gales had a romance. Does it make a difference if they actually fuck? The thing is she was transported into another level of herself that she wasn't able to go into with her stout, beer-drinking, card-playing husband. It may not mean an affair. A physical affair."

So many of the sonnets, I said, expose the content of a romantic woman's interior life.

"You're right. I think it's one of the reasons I wrote the book. I don't know that I started there. I'm of a generation where I got my doctorate in the '70s, and I was really intellectually brought up on Pound and Eliot and William Carlos Williams, and there's nothing the matter with them as poets at all. But it's not Edna Millay's work. And it's not Marianne Moore, bless her. It's not. It's not a bit. There's a sonnet that she wrote that Norma published after her death, and it was that thing where she talks about Penelope missing Ulysses. And I just loved that."

An Ancient Gesture

I thought, as I wiped my eyes on the corner of my apron:
Penelope did this too.
And more than once: you can't keep weaving all day
And undoing it all through the night;
Your arms get tired, and the back of your neck gets tight;
And along towards morning, when you think it will never be light,
And your husband has been gone, and you don't know where, for years,
Suddenly you burst into tears;
There is simply nothing else to do.

And I thought, as I wiped my eyes on the corner of my apron:
This is an ancient gesture, authentic, antique,
In the very best tradition, classic, Greek;
Ulysses did this too.
But only as a gesture — a gesture which implied
To the assembled throng that he was much too moved to speak.
He learned it from Penelope...
Penelope, who really cried.

"Her range is significant, and it is worth attending to. And one of my hopes is that she will be read. It's not that she's not read, but she's seen as a sort of lesser, cute little figure. And she certainly isn't a cute little figure."

I said that I thought that serious contemporary poets and teachers of poetry tended to regard Millay's poetry rather in the way that classical musicians regarded pop music.

"Oh, sure. I'm not ashamed to say, but surely it was my generation or our generation who did some of that, decided the only way to be a serious writer was to *not* be a lyric poet. And what does that mean about a woman who does not go in that direction, who remains lyric? That has interested me. Robert Lowell was alive when I was first in New York, and he talked about the gigantism of the sonnet. And the sonnet is the form that she used very, very well. She does Spenserian, she does Shakespearean. And with a very nice beat and very extraordinary language, I think."

I will put Chaos into fourteen lines
And keep him there; and
let him thence escape
If he be lucky; let him twist, and ape
Flood, fire, and demon — his adroit designs
Will strain to nothing in the strict confines
Of this sweet order, where, in pious rape,
I hold his essence and amorphous shape,
Till he with Order mingles and combines.
Past are the hours, the years, of our duress,
His arrogance, our awful servitude:
I have him. He is nothing more nor less
Than something simple not yet understood;
I shall not even force him to confess;
Or answer. I will only make him good.

— from *Mine the Harvest*

By the last seven or eight years of Millay's life, her poetry was no longer popular. Sales of her books dropped. How did Milford think Millay dealt with this?

"I think it must have hurt toward the end of her life. Two things happened, at the same time, things that shape each other in ways that they should not, but I think, for a woman who has been so stunningly attractive to everybody and then suddenly sort of feels that she's lost her physical charm as well as her poetry, which is really what she is, must be just tough, very, very tough. I just think that's a hard transition for any woman to make and particularly one who has been kind of a killer."

After Millay's death in 1950, her sister Norma and Norma's husband moved into Edna's home. Norma would live there for the next 36 years, until her death in 1986. Norma kept Edna's bedroom and all that was in it precisely as Edna had left it. She did not even hang her clothes in Edna's closet; she hung her clothes on the shower curtain rod in the bathroom that adjoined Edna's bedroom. Why did Milford think Norma did this?

"It is odd, I guess. And this is not to defend Norma, and I'm afraid I've fallen into that position a little; she could be hell on wheels, a pistol. Which is why I write a prologue to the biography explaining how I acquired from Norma the boxes of letters and photographs, drafts of poems, manuscripts. The prologue is supposed to shoot you into the book but also to give you an idea of what the situation was in which I wrote. So, of course, this is the story of Edna Millay and her sister and her mother and her lovers and her poetry. But it's also a story that's being written now.

"That said, I do think it's a sort of odd relationship between the sisters and among the sisters. I don't think it was regular. But you think about these great female poets, and what kind of families they came from and what they did. Here Emily Dickinson is supposed to have probably died a maiden lady. We learn that she certainly heard her brother fucking on the floor in the dining room. Geez, Louise. But maybe you have to come from an odd family to be a poet."

— *Judith Moore*

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San Diego Aerospace Museum, 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 South west, 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, to celebrate the annual arrival of monarch butterflies in San Diego, see the "Monarca: Butterfly beyond Boundaries," on exhibition through Sunday, January 6, 2002. The exhibit takes an in-depth look into the life cycle, migration, and environmental threats to monarchs. A 1000-square foot enclosure of a walk-through butterfly house where guests inspect and interact with all four stages of the monarch life cycle is part of the show.

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 Cortes 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 Alcala. "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 Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

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)

FOR KIDS

"A Dog Named Bum," is a story written by the late Marie Hitchcock based on the true story of San Diego's "official town dog, Bum," and his adventures. The Padre Puppeteers present Bum's tale through October 14 at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Gobbaleen*, an Irish folk tale adapted by Pat Platt and performed by the Puppet Guild Players October 17-21.

Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is $3 for adults, $2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5045. (BALBOA PARK)

What Would Your True Love Give to You on *The Thirteen Days of Halloween*? Get some ideas when the San Diego Actors Theatre presents "Children's Classics" on Saturday, October 13. The program includes *Witches from Macbeth*, an "interactive" *Three Little Pigs*, Halloween poetry, and songs. The fun begins at 11 a.m. at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). Call 619-268-4494 for information. Admission is $4 per person. (DEL MAR)

Family Open Studios, during these free events at the Carlsbad City Library — set for Saturday, October 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. — families can take part in docent-led tours of "Let It Shine," meet with local artists, and create hands-on art projects. Find the Carlsbad City Library at 1775 Dove Lane. For more information, call 760-434-2904. The event will repeat on October 27. (CARLSBAD)

Head Out to the Farm! The San Diego Natural History Museum hosts a field trip to the "Pumpkin Patch at Frosty Acres" on Saturday, October 13, from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants will enjoy a hay ride, hay maze fun, and see animals in the petting zoo. Tickets are $12 for non-members. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to reserve a spot. (ALPINE)

Pet Tales, pet songs, and pet puppet creation are all on tap during the preschool story time set for Tuesday, October 16, at 10:30 a.m., in the Children's Room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Bring your favorite (stuffed animal) pet. Free. 619-236-5838. (DOWNTOWN)

Holocaust Survivor and author David Faber witnessed the murder of his parents, five sisters, and one brother and survived eight Nazi concentration camps. He'll sign and discuss his book *Because of Romek: A Holocaust Survivor's Memoir* (in its sixth printing) at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 17, at the Yellow Book Road (8315 La Mesa Boulevard). Free. Call 619-463-4900 for information. Due to the nature of this presentation, children must be in sixth grade or older. (LA MESA)

"Toby's New Brother" by Cyndy Szekeres will be read during the story time planned at Barnes and Noble Bookstore next Thursday, October 18, at 10 a.m. The store is located at 10755 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Children's Discovery Museum of North County, "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)

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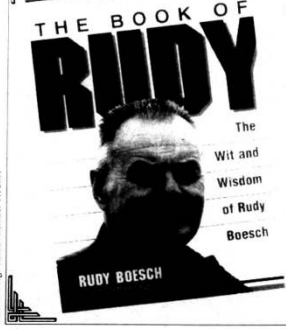

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Does the Heart Belong on the Sleeve?

Everyone loves Yo-Yo Ma.

REVIEW
JONATHAN SAVILLE

Right on the heels of its summer pops season, the San Diego Symphony presented a serious concert at Copley Symphony Hall, featuring cellist Yo-Yo Ma. The house was sold out, and the audience was enthusiastic. But the concert was not fully satisfactory.

A considerable part of the problem was the hall itself, along with the musicians' attitude toward it. The acoustics in Copley tend to overemphasize the brass and underemphasize the strings, particularly the lower strings (the house as a whole is bass shy). Fresh from the outdoors, where louder always seems to be better, the Symphony's full complement of brass players went on blasting away — admittedly with brilliance, but at such a volume that when they were playing the entire string section seemed to turn into stick figures in a silent movie. You would see all those violinists, violists, cellists, and double bass players vigorously plying their trade, yet not a single hint of string sound would be discernible.

If conductor Jung-Ho Pak was attempting to rein in the brass, his efforts had no success. In any case, Pak has never taken the steps that would be necessary to fit the orchestra to the house, apparently thinking in terms of what the balances would be in Carnegie Hall or the Philharmonie in Berlin, instead of recognizing that orchestral performances in Copley need something completely different. Even without brass overlay, the cellos and double basses at their loudest cannot make much of an impact there. The orchestral sound loses its foundation. To make any auditory sense of a score, the balances of the whole orchestra would have to be radically readjusted — something Pak has seemed disinclined to do.

Things were not helped by the programming for the first half of the concert. The two works were Shostakovich's *Festive Overture* and Hindemith's *Symphonic Metamorphoses on Themes of Carl Maria von Weber*, both of them orchestral showpieces with a lot of brass. If the purpose was to demonstrate the orchestra's virtuosity, two such works seemed a redundancy. Moreover, the Shostakovich is a piece of trash. Indeed, no great composer has written as much trashy music as Shostakovich: for every one of the wonderful symphonies, string quartets, and Bach-inspired piano compositions, there is some cheap, crass ballet, film score, or public-events piece celebrating the achievements of Soviet Communism. The *Festive Overture* — written for the 37th anniversary of the Russian Revolution — is one of the worst examples. Neither the composer's heart nor his brain was in it. It is loud, fast, and unutterably shallow — which is the way Pak and the Symphony performed it.

In spite of some superficial resemblances, Hindemith's *Symphonic Metamorphoses* is a work of a different stamp. It too is for large orchestra, with much brass and percussion; it too showcases an orchestra's virtuosity; and it too has big, triumphant climaxes. However, in contrast to the *Festive Overture*, the Hindemith is superbly inventive, full of exuberant humor, and equally full of ravishingly delicate effects of orchestration. It has terrific tunes, which Hindemith adapted from von Weber and made even better. It is music that, when played right, captures your imagination forever.

But one could hardly perceive any of that from the performance at Symphony Hall. In many ways it sounded like a continuation of the Shostakovich, as though both conductor and orchestra had been irremediably tainted by what had gone on before: too fast, too loud, all surface and no depth, and with the brass perpetually drowning out the strings. The only musicians who came off well in this vulgarization of a masterpiece were the woodwind players, above all flautist Sarah Tuck, whose expressive subtlety and rhythmic grace constituted a rare indication of what the *Symphonic Metamorphoses* as a whole ought to sound like.

After the intermission, it was Yo-Yo Ma time, the vehicle for this celebrated cellist being the Dvořák Concerto. Everyone loves Yo-Yo Ma, who is a charming, amiable person, as well as one of the world's most notable cellists. The Dvořák Concerto is indisputably the supreme example of its genre. So why was this not the superlative musical experience that everyone was expecting (and which much of the audience convinced themselves they had had)?

First of all, there were the acoustics. Ma's tone is warm, rich, and burnished, but under the best of circumstances it does not have the penetrating quality of some other cellists of his stature. In Symphony Hall, and with the orchestra insufficiently restrained (although Pak was more assiduous about this than he had been in the first half of the concert), Ma's contribution was sometimes difficult to hear, and even when the orchestra was appropriately backgrounded his cello's sound was veiled, lacking vivid presence.

Then — and here I tread on dangerous ground, given the number of ardent Yo-Yo fans in the world — there was Ma's performance itself. What is most distinctive about Ma's style has always been his intense emotionalism. He feels music with what is obviously authentic passion, and he gives vibrant, heart-grabbing life to the affective content of what he plays. It is this (along, of course, with his formidable technique and sensitive musicianship) that has made his performances so memorable. The Dvořák Concerto is itself a work of deep feeling, especially in the slow second movement and in the extraordinary, prolonged, meditative ending to the third. Artist and concerto would seem ideally suited to one another.



ILLUSTRATION BY CHARLES POWELL

Yo-Yo Ma

The San Diego Symphony
Jung-Ho Pak, conductor; Yo-Yo Ma, cello
Copley Symphony Hall
Shostakovich, Festive Overture; *Hindemith*, Symphonic Metamorphoses on Themes of Carl Maria von Weber; *Dvořák, Cello Concerto in B Minor, Opus 104.*

One of the common devices used in playing bowed string instruments is the *portamento*, in which the finger moves along the string from one note to the other without any interruption. It is a device facilitating the smooth *legato* connectedness that enables a violin or cello to sound so much like a human voice singing. It can also be used effectively for emotional expression, and as such has always been a mainstay in the playing of the highly emotional Ma. As he has matured, Ma has focused more and more upon emotion, as one can hear (for example) in comparing his early and late recordings of the Bach solo Cello Suites. In Romantic music, especially, his ase of emotion-laden *portamento* has noticeably increased. The slides have become slower, the *vibrato* at their beginning and end has become wider, the device as a whole has become more insistent, more impassioned, more heartfelt, more…dare one say it?…sentimental.

In any case, I was much more aware of all those emphatic upslides and downslides at Symphony Hall in 2001 than I had ever been in listening to Ma's fine 1986 recording of the Dvořák Concerto with Maazel and the Berlin Philharmonic. In the recent performance, I found the *portamenti* distracting me from the undiminished beauty and sincerity of Ma's playing. Emotion in music (whatever that means — and no one really knows) is essential; it is one of the reasons we are drawn to music in the first place. But there are different ways of communicating musical emotion, and some — for some listeners, in some compositions, in some circumstances — work better than others. For this listener, Ma's *portamenti* at the San Diego Symphony concert were being worked very close to excess. (Other members of the audience no doubt felt otherwise.)

Ma is certainly not the only cellist to make extensive use of expressive *portamento* in the Dvořák Concerto: Pierre Fournier and the stupendous Jacqueline Du Pré (to take two eminent examples) are in the same camp. But it is also possible to play this work with a relative minimum of emotional underlining, as Janos Starker or Frans Helmerson have done — to move quickly and unemphatically through the lyrical *portamenti* except on a few telling occasions — and nevertheless to convey the full emotional power of the music. That is because, for a composer like Dvořák, the emotion is already there, in the structures of the music, and the performer who simply reveals the inherent emotion, without excessive overlay of his own feelings, may give us more direct access to the heart of the matter. ■

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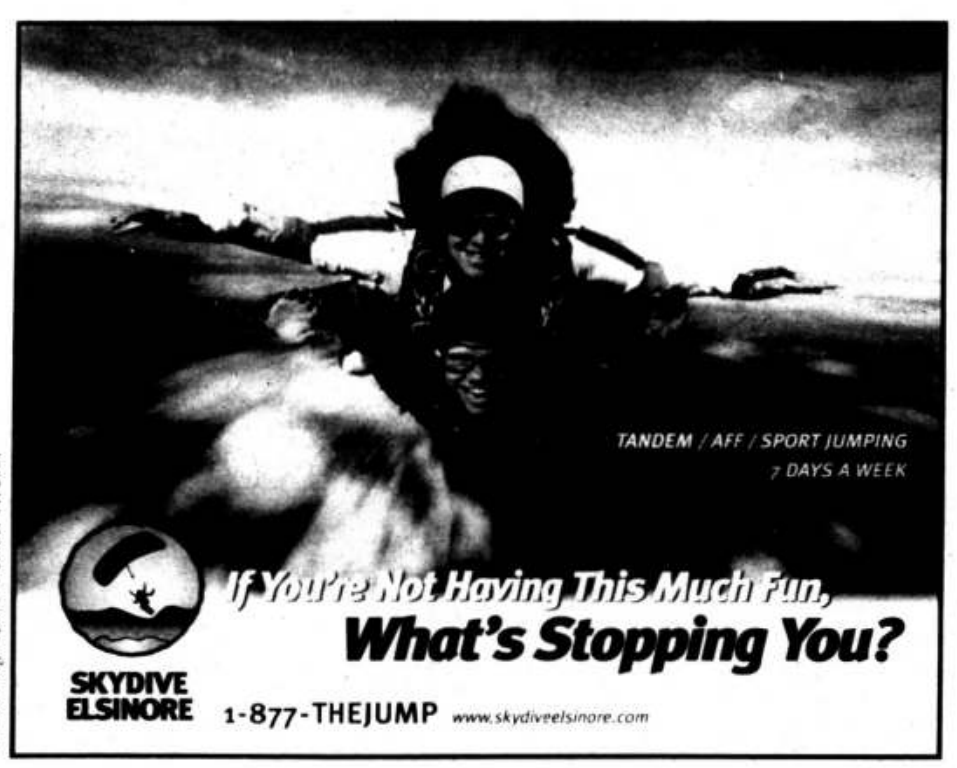
The Bay Area-Based Artaria Quartet presents the first concert of the season for the San Diego Early Music Society. The program, "Gabrieli to Mozart," promises works by Purcell and Haydn in between. The quartet uses gut strings and the lighter bows characteristic of the 18th Century. The baroque concert is set for Friday, October 12, at 8 p.m., at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). Tickets are $18 general. Dial 619-291-8246 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

"An Evening with Chopin" is promised when pianist Gustavo Romero joins the San Diego Chamber Orchestra for concerts. The program includes the "Étude in C-Sharp Minor No. 12 (Revolutionary)," the "Adante spianato" and "Grand Polonaise brillante in E-Flat Major," "Les Sylphides" (orchestrated by Glazunov), and the "Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Minor."

Enjoy the program on Friday, October 12, at St. Joseph's Cathedral (1535 Third Avenue); on Monday, October 15, in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street); and fi-





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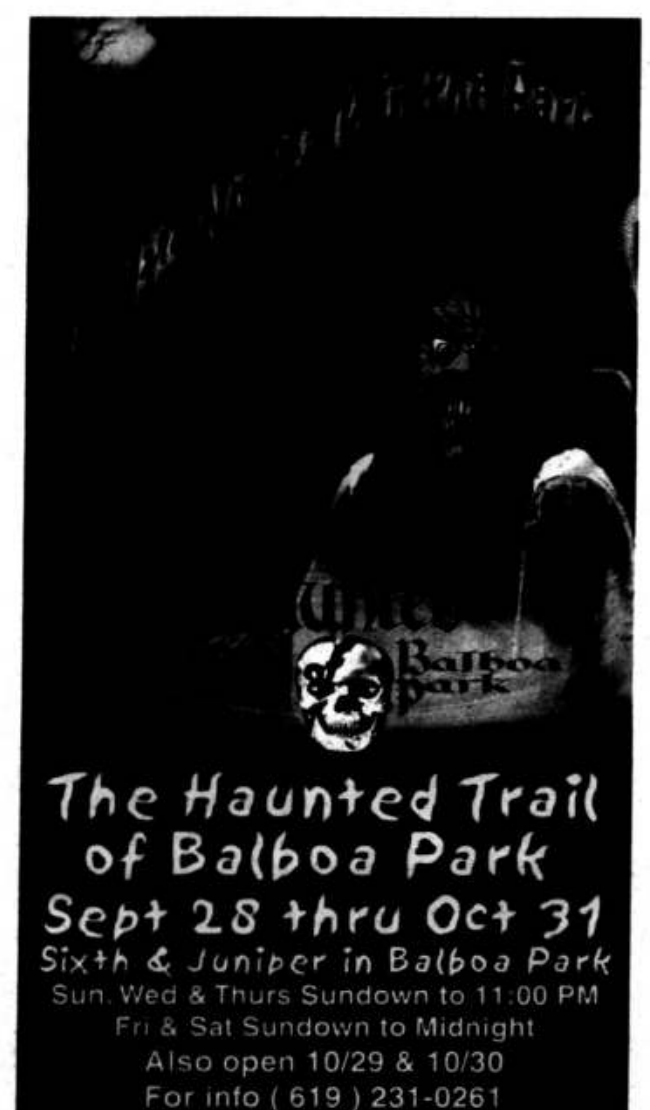

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The concerts begin at 8 p.m. Tickets prices depend upon the venue and seats available. Call 888-848-7326 x7 for information and tickets for any of these performances. (DOWNTOWN, LA JOLLA, RANCHO SANTA FE)

A Soirée for Music Lovers is promised when violinist János Négyesy and friends perform chamber works on Friday, October 12. Listen for selections by Handel, Mozart, Turina, Debussy, and Schumann. The music begins at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Call 858-534-5404 for information. General admission is $8. (LA JOLLA)

Ahn Plugged, twins Maria and Lucia Ahn and their younger sister Angella Ahn were all born in Korea; all three played piano, but eventually Angella took up violin and Maria started cello. They were profiled in *Time* magazine in 1987, after enrolling in the Juilliard School in 1981. The trio's current project, "Ahn Plugged," is an approach to music whereby classical music is presented in a modern, alternate format. This concert is being dedicated to the memory of the victims of the attack of September 11.

When the Ahn Trio performs at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido on Saturday, October 13, at 8 p.m., the program features Astor Piazzolla's "Music from an Angel," Leonard Bernstein's "Trio for Violin, Violincello, and Piano," arrangements of Gershwin's "Embraceable You," and "Riders on the Storm" by the Doors. Tickets are $40. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

"A Salute to American Music" is planned by MiraCosta College's North Coast Symphony Orchestra on October 13 and 14 in the MiraCosta Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Highlights include Howard Hanson's "Symphony No. 2," Aaron Copland's "Billy the Kid" and "Buckaroo Holiday" from *Rodeo*, and Samuel Barber's "School for Scandal." Featured soloist Youngsheng Liang will perform Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

The music begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $7 general. Call 760-795-6815 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

Rarely Performed but Glorious, it's one description for Felix Mendelssohn's oratorio "Saint Paul," which he composed in 1836, with text coming entirely from the New Testament of the Bible. More than 100 orchestral and choral performers of the Pacific Academy of Ecclesiastical Music will perform this piece on Saturday, October 13, at Saint Paul's Cathedral. Soloists include soprano Kathleen Halm, mezzo-soprano Martha Jane Weaver, tenor John Edward, and bass Philip Larson as St. Paul.

General admission is $20. The music begins at 7:30 p.m. at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). For reservations and information, call 619-298-6739. (MIDTOWN)

Music by Buxtehude, Bruhns, Vivaldi, and Handel, along with "carols Provençe," may be heard when organist Daniel Burton performs on Sunday, October 14, at 7 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Child care is available by reservation; an offering will be received. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Sacred Songs in All Styles "that uplift the name of Jesus Christ" are promised when the First Presbyterian Church hosts "Praise God! America Sings." The music begins at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 14, at 320 Date Street (at Fourth Avenue). An offering will be received. For details, call 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

Keyboard Conversations, the Jeffrey Siegel Keyboard Conversations series gets underway at the East County Performing Arts Center with a look at "Rhapsody" on Sunday, October 14, at 2 p.m. Siegel will perform compositions by Brahms and Liszt, as well as Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." Tickets are $12, $17, and $22. Find the theater at 210 East Main Street. Reach the box office by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

He Won the Van Cliburn Piano Competition in 1997, and on Sunday, October 14, at 7 p.m., Jon Nakamatsu will present a concert for the La Jolla Presbyterian Church concert series. An offering will be received. Find the church at 7715 Draper Avenue; 858-454-0713 x321. (LA JOLLA)

Chamber Music Concert, the New Hollywood String Quartet performs for the Lake San Marcos Chamber Music Society on Sunday, October 14. Ensemble members Clayton Haslop (violin); Rafael Rishik (violin), David Walther (viola), and Paul Cohen (cello) will present Haydn's "Quartet in F Minor," the Barber "Quartet in B Minor," and "Quartet No. 14 in A-Flat Major" by Dvorák.

Tickets are $20 general. The concert begins at 2:30 p.m. at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). For reservations, call 760-744-7516. (ENCINITAS)

Choral Evensong will be presented by the combined choirs of St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church and the Church of the Good Shepherd on Sunday, October 14, at 5 p.m. A reception follows. Find St. Andrew's at 1050 Thomas Avenue; call 858-273-3022 for more information. No charge. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Sundays at Seven," the series presented by the San Dieguito Performing Arts Association opens for the season with a performance by the Otto Feld String Quartet. The evening promises classical and romantic favorites performed by members of the San Diego Symphony including Otto Feld (violin), Martha Lippi (cello), Angela Homnick (violin), and Krista Haslim (viola).

Enjoy the concert on Sunday, October 14, at 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Tickets are $15 general, $12 for seniors, $8 for those 18 years and under. Dial 760-752-5078 for information. (CARLSBAD)

Works by Mozart, Haydn, and Vivaldi are promised when the Allegro Quartet performs on Sunday, October 14, at 2:30 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Quartet members include Karen Victor (oboe), Valerie Ugorski (flute), Peter Farrell (cello), and Jared Jacobson (piano). Call 619-236-5810 for information. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Guest Organist Alison Luedecke presents an organ concert in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, October 14, at 2 p.m. Call 619-702-8138 for further information. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

St. Cecilia Evensong, the men's and girls' St. Cecilia Choir will sing evensong using the Richard Ayleward Short Service and singing the Brother James Air on Sunday, October 14, at 5 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg). An offering will be received. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Brazilian-American Pianist Michelle Adler performs works by Brazilian composers for the mini-concert planned at noon on Monday, October 15, at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. Call 858-454-5872 for details. (LA JOLLA)

Medieval Court Music may be heard at 6 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 15, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Tickets are $10 general. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (SDSU)

Rachmaninoff's Evocative "Études-Tableaux" may be heard when pianist Paul Kenyon performs on Tuesday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). The program also includes "some very colorful selections" by French composer Deodat de Séverac and pieces by Beethoven and Chopin. Admission is free. Call 619-849-2784 for information. (POINT LOMA)

Bassically Bert, the world premiere of "The Petite Petersburg Play" by James Drew is expected when Bertram Turetzky (contrabass) and soprano Mimmi Fulmer present a concert on Wednesday, October 17, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. The program includes other premieres by composers Stewart Saunders Smith, UCSD alumnus Igor Korneitchouk, and other works by Michael Formenek, Larry Bonds, and Turetzky. Tickets are $8 general. Questions? Call 858-534-4830 for answers. (LA JOLLA)

Love the "Lautenwerke"? David Buice will perform selections by Pichi, Gautier the Elder, Couperin, Scarlatti, and many others on this gut-strung harpsichord during a concert set for Wednesday, October 17, 7 p.m., at the Church of St. Brigid. Buice — organist and music director at Oak Grove United Methodist Church in Atlanta — will also present selections by Mozart, Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, and others on the organ. The suggested donation is $10 general. The church is located at 4735 Cass Street (at Diamond); 858-274-1193. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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The Gewandhaus Orchestra of Leipzig and music director Herbert Blomstedt perform for the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's Celebrity Series next Thursday, October 18. The program includes Nielsen's "Violin Concerto" with violinist Nikolai Znaider and the Brahms "Symphony No. 4 in E Minor."

The music begins at 8 p.m. at the San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). A pre-concert lecture for ticketholders begins at 7 p.m. Tickets range from $25 to $110. For reservations, call 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

Schubert's "Piano Trio in B Flat Major" and the "Piano Trio No. 1 in B Major" by Brahms may be heard when violinist Päivikki Nykter and pianist Yvonne Lee present a concert at 8 p.m. next Thursday, October 18, in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Tickets: $8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

The Capulets vs. the Montagues, Charles Gounod's lyrical opera *Romeo and Juliet* is based on the play by William Shakespeare. The San Diego Opera Ensemble presents the opera at 7 p.m. next Thursday, October 18, at the Star Theater (402 North Coast Highway). Admission is $5; the play is suitable for high school and adult audiences. For more information, call 760-435-5660 or 760-435-5570. (OCEANSIDE)

The Winner of the 2001 Van Cliburn Competition performs with the San Diego Symphony at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido next Thursday, October 18, at 8 p.m. The orchestra, led by James DePreist, will present Mahler's "Symphony No. 1." Tickets range from $19 to $49. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). For reservations, dial 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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GALLERIES

"Destination Solitude," boasting vibrant pastels by Sharon Allicotti, features subjects "highly relevant to Southern Californians — the arid landscape and our relationship to our cars." The show, curated by Carlos M. Herrera, includes a reception for Allicotti in the San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery today, Thursday, October 11, at 5 p.m. This party will be followed by a lecture by the artist at 7 p.m. (in the LRC library room 435). See the exhibit through Friday, November 2.

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m. Thursday, and Friday by appointment. For more information, call 619-388-2829. Find the campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Paintings and Sculptures created by David Beck-Brown between 1995 and 2000 are on exhibit through Wednesday, November 7, at the Galerie D'Art International. Meet this California artist during a reception set for Friday, October 12, at 5 p.m. Beck-Brown plans an artist's lecture at the gallery on October 27 at 4:30 p.m.

Find the gallery at 592 Carlsbad Village Drive. Regular gallery hours are noon to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and by appointment. 760-434-2282. (CARLSBAD)

"The Exceptional Vessel III — Baskets and Beyond" opens with a reception for the participating artists on Friday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. at La Jolla Fiber Arts. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Find the gallery at 7644 Girard Avenue; 858-454-6732. View the exhibit through Saturday, November 17. (LA JOLLA)

Andean Weavings of the 19th and 20th Centuries are featured at Appleby International Arts through December. The show opens with a reception on Saturday, October 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Find the gallery on Lake Hodges at 9814 Carson Place. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 760-233-0404. (ESCONDIDO)

Exceptional Drawings are gathered in "The Second Annual Drawing Show" at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library. The goal of the show — opening with a reception for these San Diego County and city artists at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 13 — is "to raise public awareness of drawing as an essential and fundamental form of artistic expression." The drawings included in this invitational showcase represent a wide range of media, techniques, and styles.

The show closes on Monday, November 26. The library is located at 4275 Cass Street. For hours and information, call 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Art and Culture Are Promised during "Ray at Night." The party — slated for Saturday, October 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. — can be found on Ray Street, at University Avenue (off 30th Street). Among the attractions: "Sex and Religion," a group show at the North Park Studio; ceramics by Paul Berger at Planet Rooth Studios; pottery by Eric Woods at Lost Your Marbles Too; oils on canvas by Irene Marie Patton at Galleria dell'Aria; and process art by Sue Nyazi McDevitt at the Expressive Arts Institute, and many others. Free. For more information, call 619-295-7346. (NORTH PARK)

What's a Pochade? It's a plein-air painting term for small oil paintings. See "New Work" by Pat Kelly — including pochades and a few larger landscape paintings taken from pochades — at the Santa Ysabel Art Gallery through Sunday, November 25. Meet Kelly at the reception planned in her honor on Saturday, October 13, at 4 p.m.

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

"Funerals of Distinction" features work by Lori d, Bill Pierce, JJ Martin, Poor Al, Douglas Thompson, Cameron Hunter, Tim McCormick, Perry Vasquez, Peter Halasz, and Andi Brandenburg. This show, curated by the online art gallery Radioactive Future, opens with a reception on Saturday, October 13, at 6 p.m., at the Emporium Gallery.

See the exhibition through October inside Ducky Waddle's Emporium (414 North Coast Highway 101). Call 760-632-0488 for details. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. (LEUCADIA)

"Open Space/Closed Space" is an exhibit of photographs by Phel Steinmetz focusing on "many of the ambivalent attitudes we have toward the land and our place on it." The exhibition opens with a reception for the artist on Wednesday, October 17, 3 p.m., in the library courtyard at CSU-San Marcos. Steinmetz studied with Ansel Adams and Bennett Meyers and founded the photography program at UCSD.

The campus is found on Twin Oaks Valley Road. For viewing hours and other information, call 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

"Ancient Whispers," an exhibit of paintings by Swiss native Claire-Lise Matthey Anderegg, opens with a reception at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, at Golden Pacific Arts (520 Fifth Avenue). The artist is said to paint "with unin[illegible] imagination." See the show through Tuesday, November 6. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 619-235-0700. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Brown Bears of the Alaskan Peninsula and small birds of Nebraska are captured in the latest collection of limited-edition photographs by Thomas D. Mangelsen. Meet the artist during a reception next Thursday, October 18, at 5 p.m., at the Images of Nature Gallery (7916 Girard Avenue). 858-551-9553. (LA JOLLA)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, over the past four decades, lunar explorations, space probes, and land-based telescopes have given us dazzling images of the earth, the planets and moons, distant galaxies, supernovae, and stellar nurseries. "To the Moon and Beyond: Astronomers and Photographers Explore the Heavens" features more than 75 photographs, ranging in date from the 1969 Apollo 10 mission to more recent images from ground-based observatories and orbiting spacecraft.

The exhibit includes a selection of 19 large-scale black-and-white and color digital photographs from San Francisco artist Michael Light's book *Full Moon: Apollo Mission Photographs of the Lunar Landscape*. The works of astrophotographer David Malin (*View of the Universe*) are also represented in this show.

Our vision of outer space was shaped by popular culture long before Neil Armstrong took his first steps on the moon. More than 100 examples of pop culture's most interesting representations of outer space and space toys are gathered in "Blast Off! Space Toys and the American Imagination." The toys, made between the 1930s and 1969 (the year of the first moon landing), reflect America's fascination with space travel and exploration.

Both exhibitions close on Sunday, January 13, 2002. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, "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, artist Alexis Smith and poet Amy Gerstler are exhibiting "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" beginning on Sunday, October 14. The exhibit includes sculpture, collage, wall text, and dozens of brooms, addressing themes such as fairy tales and their archetypal characters, witchcraft and folk beliefs and their relationships to sexuality; domestic life and drudgery; how women and girls have been cast as the custodians of everyday existence; and the varied meanings of the word "sweep" and related metaphors. See this collaborative sculptural installation through Tuesday, January 22, 2002.

Surveying the depth and range of the museum's holdings, "Selections from the Permanent Collection: The 1970s," on view through Tuesday, January 22, 2002, suggests the variety of approaches employed by artists in the U.S. during this decade. It was a "decade of tremendous experimentation and innovation." The exhibit includes works by sculptors and painters associated with minimalism, such as Donald Judd and Robert Mangol, as well as conceptual art pieces by Barry Le Va and Bruce Nauman.

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, entering this new millennium, contemporary art is more diverse than ever before. Newly accessible information and communication technologies have provided fresh materials for artists. "Lateral Thinking: Art of the 1990s" highlights the significant works the museum has added to its permanent collection over the last decade. Approximately 40 new paintings, sculptures, photographs, installations, and videotapes trace the museum's engagement with the art of our time in the exhibit.

A special selection of works from the permanent collection by artists featured in UCSD's Stuart Collection are on view in "Cross References: Celebrating the Stuart Collection." Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Stuart Collection is a renowned group of 15 site-specific commissioned works of public art located on the UCSD campus.

Both shows close on Sunday, January 13, 2002. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Museum of Art, the powerful medium of etching is the focus for the exhibit "The Age of Rembrandt: Etchings from Holland's Golden Century," opening on Saturday, October 13. The show boasts 49 works by Rembrandt and other Dutch artists who produced etchings during one of the most creative periods in the medium's history. According to curator Steven Kern, these works on paper cannot be exhibited very often for long periods of time "due to the extreme fragility of the etchings and their sensitivity to light," so catch the show before it closes on Sunday, January 13, 2002.

Considered one of the preeminent American painters of his generation, Frederick Carl Frieseke is featured in a major retrospective exhibition. The show includes more than 70 paintings drawn from public and private collections. Chronicling his life and work, the exhibit reveals the full breadth of Frieseke's genius through examination of the three phases of his artistic evolution, from 1897 to the 1930s. An expatriate, he built an international reputation on his light-filled paintings of women at leisure, indoors, and out-of-doors. "Frederick Carl Frieseke: The Evolution of an American Impressionist" closes on Sunday, November 11.

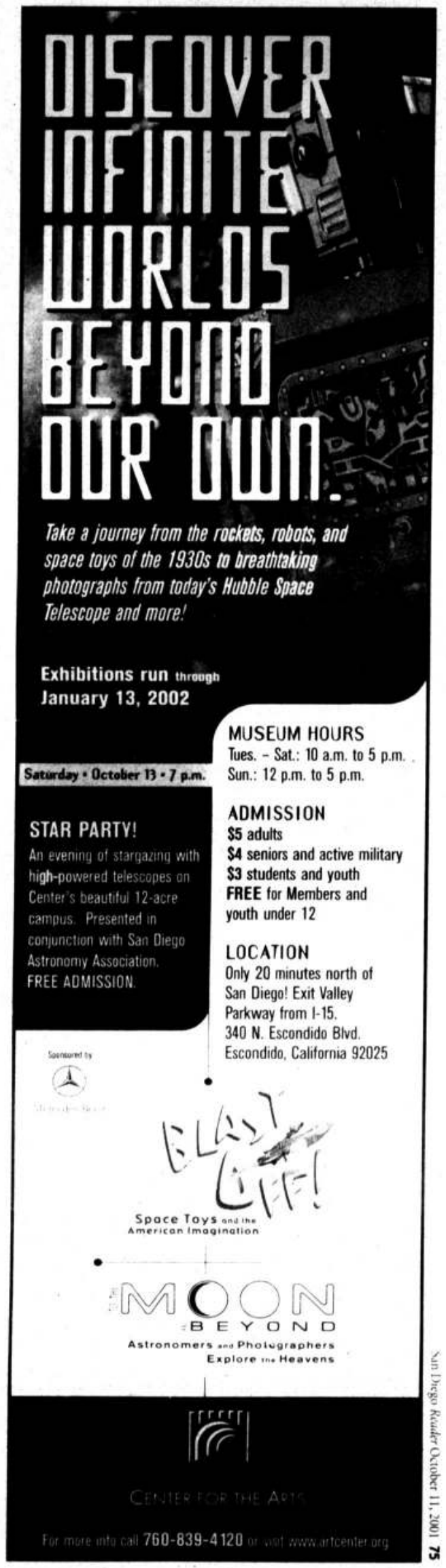
Also on exhibit is a special installation of a three-dimensional *Shi Tro* mandala of Universal Peace. This three-dimensional mandala is on view through Sunday, November 11.

"I-5 California: Four Decades of Contemporary Art" has been reinstalled for viewing through Monday, March 18, 2002. The exhibit surveys art in California since 1960, with works grouped by media, thematic displays based on an idea, historical period or style, and a selection of works from the 1990s by artists who have gained national and international attention, along with a space for viewing film and video.

The second rotation of Indian miniature paintings, gathered in "Krishna: Lover and Hero," picks up the story of the Hindu god Krishna (where the previous exhibition of Krishna's childhood left off). These paintings tell stories of Krishna's exploits as a young man — as an amorous playmate, ardent husband, and a heroic counselor in war "called upon to manifest his divine nature." Enjoy these paintings through Sunday, January 27, 2002.

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

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



THEATER LISTINGS

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Diva

California Suite
The Coronado Playhouse offers Neil Simon's comedy about four sets of guests at a posh Los Angeles hotel. D. Larry Steckling directed.
CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH OCTOBER 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Can-Can
The Welk Resort Theatre stages the popular Cole Porter musicak set in 1893 Paris.
WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 10; TUESDAY, AND THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SUNDAY, AT 1:45 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.

Daddy's Dyin', Who's Got the Will?
PowPac presents Del Shores's comedy about the estate of Buford "Daddy" Turnover and a will no one can find. Brent A. Stringfield directed.
POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, THROUGH NOVEMBER 4; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE 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.

Diva
A hundred years from now, a grad student of the arts, desperate for a thesis subject, will study the movies, plays, and TV shows — from, say, 1955 to 2005 — about the making of movies, plays, and TV shows. Everyone, from Sam Shepard to David Mamet, wrote about Hollywood. The thesis won't get done, however, because *(a.)* the scripts are too numerous and *(b.)* few add to what everyone knew all along. Throw Howard M. Gould's *Diva* onto that pile. It's about a successful TV series, behind-the-scenes throat-cutting, and you could look all day and not find a SAFER TARGET for a writer. Gould's gimmick: like Pinter's *Betrayal* and the musical *Merrily We Roll Along*, he tells the story backwards, from experience to innocence. The play has funny moments and a couple of observations about Hollywood, but it's less subtle than a sitcom and, by moving backwards, dramatic irony gets piled so high it squashes all interest in Gould's one-note characters. Susan Blakely plays the diva, Deanna Derringer, with a blunt, gun-'em-down style à la Candace Bergen and Cybil Shepherd. You hope Blakely's just acting and this isn't her usual repertoire. The play is more concerned with good lines than well-developed characters. The most revealing line about show biz, though, comes from the La Jolla Playhouse program: in *SoCal*, Jerry Belson writes, "Albert began to feel ...real fear of never working again. Real fear of not having the one thing he needed — the love and respect of the people he hated."
LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE ARTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 14; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M., SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Dr. Faustus
Lamb's Players Theatre stages Christopher Marlowe's mighty drama about a man who sold his soul to Lucifer for 24 years of power, money, and fame. Robert Smyth directed.
LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Enter the Guardsman
The Actor and his wife, the Actress, have been married six months. Though hype claims "they're the perfect man and wife," he swears she's looking elsewhere. After all, he reasons, she plays autumnal Chopin on the piano. So he poses as a guardsman and woos her. But could he fool his wife for one minute? If he does, he loses. If he doesn't, he also loses, because his thespian ego would get smashed. That's the gist of Ferenc Molnar's play *The Guardsman* (1911). A new musical based on the play drops the acting subtext, and comic opportunities. It also adds a character, the Playwright, who is writing the script as we speak. He gets more focus than the lovers, which guts the musical of immediacy. The score — by Craig Bohmler, with lyrics by Marion Adler — is imitation Sondheim: staccato riffs and sudden, steep intervals. The songs fit their places, though don't linger beyond their singing. The production does have a calling card: James Barbour is one of musical theater's reigning stars (he played Rochester in the La Jolla Playhouse's *Jane Eyre*). As the Actor, he sings with majestic ease. And in "True to Me," in which the Actor and the husband debate, Barbour does a dazzling, bipolar workout. *Enter the Guardsman* doesn't inspire thoughts of longevity, though Barbour performs unforgettably.
LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Etiquette for a Murder
Murder Mystery Players' new interactive thriller asks, "Which patient killed the popular Dr. Mortis?" He was head of Better Mental Health Through Social Grace Adjustment. Frances Palmer directed.
DAVE & BUSTERS, 2931 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH NOVEMBER 17; SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-280-7115.

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.



A Midsummer Night's Dream

Hold Please
Annie Weisman, who wrote *Be Aggressive*, has a new play opening at the South Coast Rep. Four women in a large corporation answer incoming calls and counsel each other. Mark Rucker directed.
SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SECOND STAGE, THROUGH OCTOBER 21; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 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.
CULY THEATER, 336 WEST SEVENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

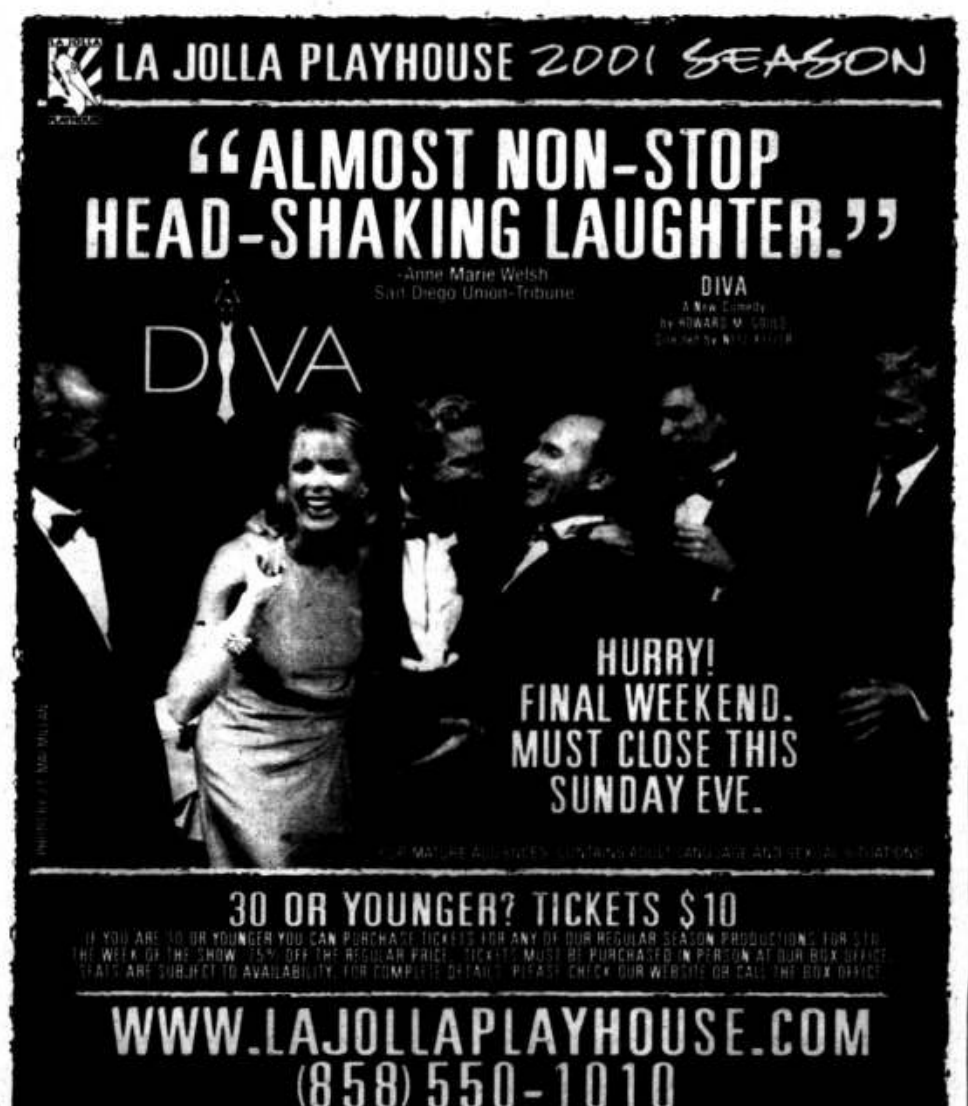
Joey and Maria's 25th Anniversary Party
Dillstar Productions presents a sequel to its interactive dinner theater show *Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding*. (Note: the show plays one Friday a month.)
CULY THEATRE, 338 WEST SEVENTH, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN, FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL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

Knucklebones
Octad-One Productions stages Douglas Anderson's romantic comedy about "two nerds making the courageous attempt" at experiencing intimacy. Wayne Alan Erreca directed.
OCTAD-ONE PRODUCTIONS, THROUGH OCTOBER 21; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

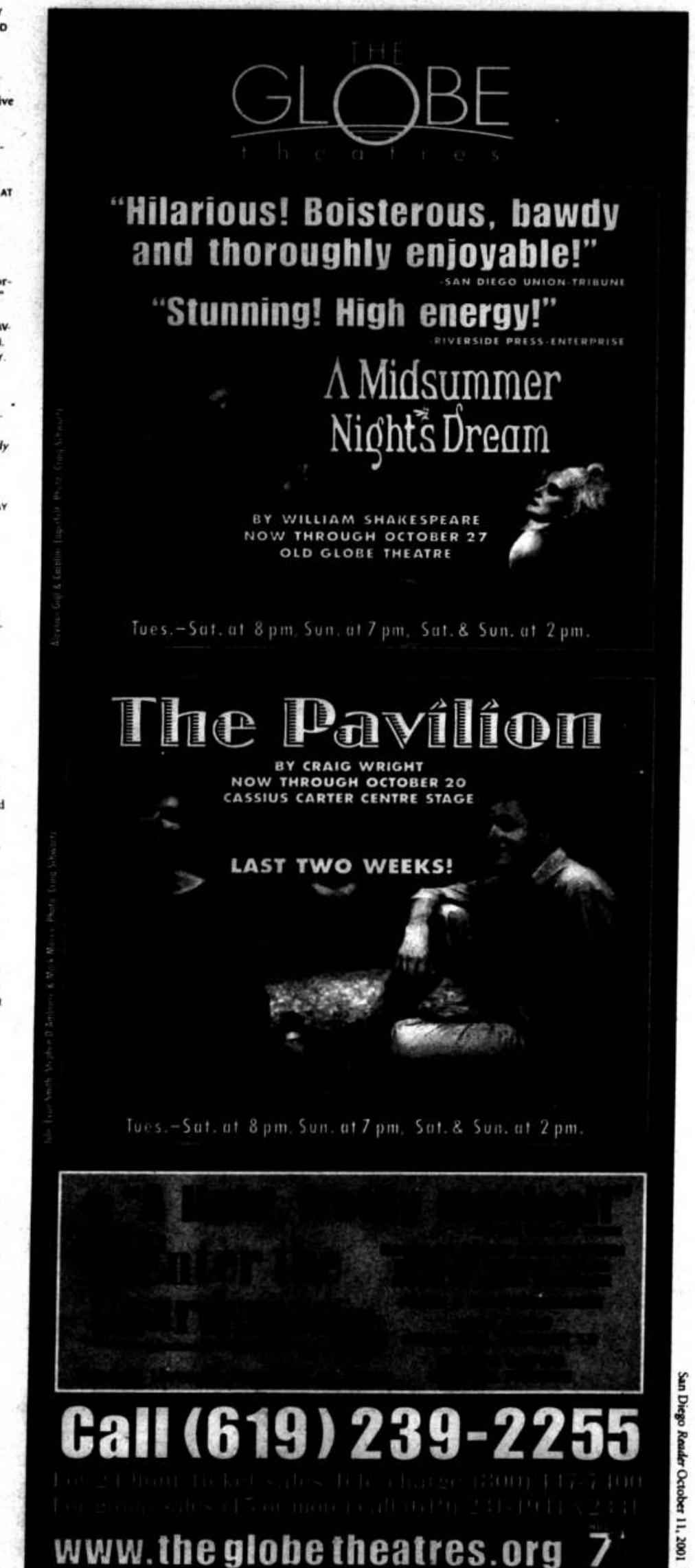
Love, Janis
Best show in town! The San Diego Repertory Theatre opened its 26th season with Randall Myler's musical tribute to Janis Joplin. It's based on a white-washy biography by Janis's sister, Laura. The book reads like a revisionist palimpsest, overreacting to Janis's "superhypermost, let yourself go" image (the truth's either in between or, more likely, outside both). Even with a lame book, *Love, Janis* is outstanding. Want to know what the scene was like at the Fillmore in 1966? Check it out. Janis used to sing five sets a night. For the Rep, given the excessive vocal demands, Beth Hart and Kacee Clanton-Iniquez perform on alternate evenings as Janis-the-singer. Hart exploded on opening night. Like Janis, she tore into her songs like a famished lion with fresh kill. Amelia Campbell plays Janis-the-person (and quotes from Joplin's humble, wide-eyed letters home). Campbell looks, acts, and dresses just like Janis. The tight, blazing backup band, with musical arrangements by Big Brother and the Holding Company guitarist Sam Andrew, is so good it's almost too polished for the music. The story's got the depth of a *People* magazine profile. But it does suggest what Leo Braudy wrote in *The Frenzy of Reknown*: "Fame is a contract between the audience and the famous, where the seeker knows less about it than the appreciators."
Critic's pick.
SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 4; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. TUESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

A Midsummer Night's Dream
Most productions of Shakespeare's great comedy favor cherubic charm, a dreamworld full of cowslips, eglantine, and spritely fairies all in a row. Some interesting stagings, by contrast, have read









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Enter the Guardsman

Bruno Bettleheim and explore what Shakespeare called "hateful fantasies," i.e., the potential for nightmare (if Hermia disobeys her father, Athenian law could have her executed; Oberon and Titania rule nature. When they quarrel, chaos could ensue). Kyle Donnelly, UCSD's czar of acting, gives us a rambunctious, neo-punk, anti-romantic caterwaul. Everyone's kind of bumbling, which makes sense, given that the love-clobbered powers that be — ruling rigid Athenian law, and all of nature — aren't in their right minds either. Along with the play's external forces, Donnelly unleashes enough pent-up sexual energy to illumine Balboa Park. Not everyone speaks speeches tripplingly (some, in fact, treat whole lines as a single word), but the production's real heat is in the staging. And the design work, which includes numerous round objects — a gigantic silver moon, a big ball made of smaller red ones, and a VW bug painted to look like a giant green apple — and an Indian summer palette of reds, yellows, and oranges for a midsummer night like few others.
Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 27; 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 AstroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Lime," 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.

Otherwise Engaged
Simon Gray dedicated his warped comedy-drama to Harold Pinter. But it doesn't have Pinteresque pauses. It's almost Pinter done as farce, as a stream of disgruntled people intrude on Simon Hench's day off. Like Pinter's work, however, *Engaged* takes place more in us than on stage, as our impression of Simon undergoes strange subtextual shifting. One of San Diego's finest actors, Ron Choularton, makes Simon both seemingly open and inscrutable. It's a tribute to Choularton's skill that, even if you've seen the play before, his Simon suggests conflicting interpretations throughout. Is he the sanest person on stage, or an iceberg headed for a mighty thaw? This is one of the, now homeless, Fritz Theater's best productions in some time. Every actor contributes, especially David Kornbluth as Jeff Golding, slash-and-burn pundit on a collision-course with comeuppance, and David Radford, as Simon's older brother, Stephen, up for a promotion he's certain he won't get. *Engaged* resembles farce, the way doors open and slam around Simon. It also has the shape of Greek tragedy, as one Fritz actor after another brings news to Simon who, as stationary as Oedipus, has nowhere to run.
Worth a try.

6 @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH OCTOBER 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

The Pavilion
When Peter and Kari got voted "Cutest Senior Couple" at Pine City High, everyone swore they'd cruise happily into the sunset. But they split up, overnight, and all the gossip in the small Minnesota town couldn't account for their separation. Now their class is having its 20th reunion. Both attend, and both have been on hold since 1981. Craig Wright's play is obsessed with time's inexorable linear flow. Onto Kari and Peter's painful reunion Wright grafts thick, pseudo-poetic ruminations about time, so many, in fact, he bludgeons you with import. But take away the overt philophizing — spoken by a narrator on loan from *Our Town* — and Wright hasn't much of a play. Kari and Peter are one-dimensional pawns. She won't budge; he's all for rapprochement. And both must be this way or the narrator can't chautauqua half the night. Craig Noel has been Wizard-in Residence at the Globe for 66 years. Although he uses his abundant theatrical resources, *The Pavilion* is a sugar-coated pill, and Noel's direction doesn't meld the pill and the sugar, or Wright's manipulation of both. Stephen D'Ambrose keeps the narrator from being too patronizing — no mean feat — and shows versatility by playing everyone else at the reunion, be they male, female, drunk, stoned, irate, or vapid. As Kari and Peter, Julie Evan Smith and Mark Moses merit better roles. They will never work with a better director.
CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 20; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

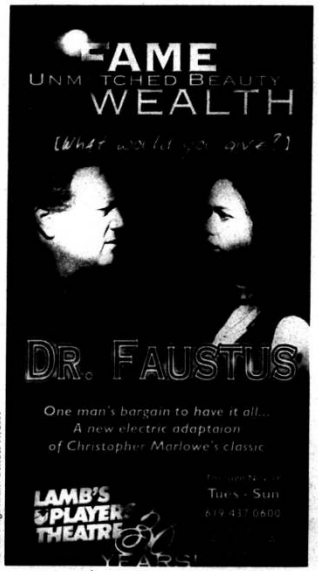
The Pirates of Penzance
Point Loma Nazarene University's music department presents the popular Gilbert and Sullivan operetta.
CRILL PERFORMANCE HALL STAGE, COOPER MUSIC CENTER, POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH OCTOBER 12; THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-849-2336.

The Queen's Rain
Suahi Performance & Visual Art and Ghost Town present a "surrealistic slapstick love story" about two characters "struggling towards an understanding of their origins, in a world on the verge of total destruction."
SUSHI PERFORMANCE & VISUAL ART, THROUGH OCTOBER 14; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY 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.

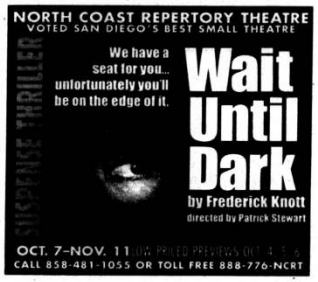
Shotgun Wedding Anniversary, or, Who Wants to Murder a Multimillionaire?
Let's get this straight: Basil and Petals Wilcox Smythe will renew their wedding vows on their 25th anniversary? Hey, call me daft, but do they even like each other? And who invited Brenda Socrates, cosmetics mogul and Petals's 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 Jeffrey 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 out side, and they're suspects in a multiple homicide. Each has enough motivation to make you question not who — but who didn't — dunnit. Mysters 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). He's hair an orangish red not found in nature — maybe on Mars — Diane Thrasher's a scream as Petals, who never met a situation she didn't yearn to control. Gerry MacKinnon, William Fredrick, Megan McLeod, and Crystal Verdon (whose middle name should be "Talent") keep the show rolling, even when the script lulls.





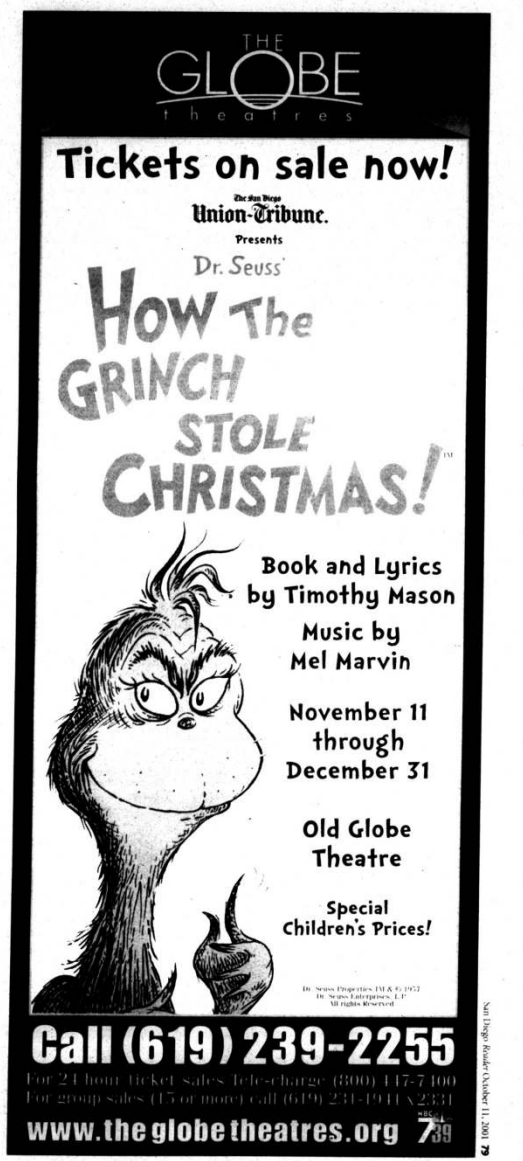












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MYSTERY CAFE. OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-544-1600.

Sign of Four

Due to popular demand, OnStage Playhouse has extended the run of this mystery-melodrama, in which Sherlock Holmes investigates the disappearance of the Agra Treasure. James M. McCullock directed.

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE. THROUGH OCTOBER 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

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.

The Taming of the Shrew

The La Jolla Stage Company opens its 22nd season (and a new theater space) with Shakespeare's comedy about wiving wealthily in Padua. Tim Heitman directed.

LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY, THE STAGE, 5661 LA JOLLA BOULEVARD, LA JOLLA. THROUGH OCTOBER 21; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Theatresports

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

Worth a try.

REHEARSAL ROOM THEATRE, MARYLAND HOTEL, 644 F STREET, DOWNTOWN. FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-465-SHOW.

Tongue of a Bird

SDSU Women's Independent Productions presents a work in progress version of Ellen McLaughlin's new play. Admission is free (donations requested).

EXPERIMENTAL THEATER, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, THROUGH OCTOBER 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

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

Wait Until Dark

North Coast Repertory Theatre offers Frederick Knott's thriller about three con men wanting to steal Susy Hendrix's heroin-stuffed doll. She's blind and doesn't know about the doll; they underestimate her abilities. Patrick Stewart directed.

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"We...have clubs knocking down our door to book us," wrote Frank Sinatra tribute artist David Patrone in a letter to his former employer, the Pala Casino, who canceled Patrone and his band unexpectedly.

Patrone said he was booked for three afternoon gigs a week through September 30 at Pala's Promenade Lounge. His last gig at Pala was September 4. He said the cancellation of ten contracted gigs at Pala cost him and his band more than five figures and that he is prepared to go to court with Pala.

Patrone said his dismissal had to do with two harmless remarks he said onstage.

"The first incident was in July when one of the female employees mistook one of our jokes. I said, 'Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Pala. This is David Patrone, and don't forget to tip your bartenders and waitresses. They deserve every last penny in your pocket. But just the pennies. Keep everything else.' It was just a joke designed to get people to tip. I got a call two days later from Samantha Mansell — she's the entertainment manager — that one of the bartenders had complained that we were telling people not to tip. I said that was ridiculous. I told her what I said and she laughed. She said she knew it was just a misunderstanding, but she said she had been told that if there were any other incidents, we wouldn't be brought back. I said, 'All right, whatever.' "

Patrone said his combo was so well received at Pala that they were given a raise and that their Sunday and Monday set was expanded to Sunday through Tuesday.

"They personally told me they had received a lot of good comments and e-mails."

But then came September 4.

"Some employee, and I'm pretty sure it's the same bartender, made another complaint about something that was not even complainable. I said, 'Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Pala Casino. If you like our show, fill out your customer survey form, and if you don't like it, I don't really give a damn.' It was said in jest and it was taken in jest by everyone standing around the bar. Two days later Samantha Mansell reads the whole thing back to me, verbatim. I asked her if we were being taped, and she said they don't do that....It's not like I made any racial or politically incorrect slur."

Patrone said he turned down other gigs in September



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

RAT PACK CRACKS GET PATRONE SACKED

including a Sunday wedding because he was booked at Pala. He says he'd rather reach a settlement and finish his gig than sue. "I'm there to entertain customers. I'm not there to entertain some bartender who has a bad attitude and who doesn't want to be there in the first place."

Pala general manager David Fendrick had no comment.

David Patrone appears tonight at Croce's, Friday at Monzu's in La Jolla, Saturday at On Broadway downtown, Sunday at the Typhoon Saloon in Pacific Beach, Tuesday at Martini Ranch in Encinitas, and Wednesday at Martini Ranch downtown.

— *Ken Leighton*

"We transformed a sleepy beach town into a hotbed of alternative culture."

Ex-hippie Wayne Wieboldt recalls the days of the mid-'70s when New Age bookstores, progressive record shops, and health food cafés sprouted up on Highway 101 in Encinitas, and the La Paloma Theater became a major-name showcase.

From 1973 to 1976, former L.A. record exec Joel Maiman brought Jerry Garcia, Kingfish, the Tubes, the New Riders of the Purple Sage, John Mayall, Chuck Mangione, John Klemmer, and Maria Muldaur to the La Paloma. The Ramones and Robert Palmer played their first San Diego County dates at the 70-year-old theater.

Maiman died unexpectedly at his Solana Beach home on September 29. He was 58.

"It was a magic decade," said Mark Dean about the days when Leucadia was nicknamed "Quaaludia." Dean was a co-owner of La Paloma Theater when Maiman's Moonlight Productions brought big names to the small theater. "It started with [underground] KPRI radio. We were all having fun finding new ways to do things. Joel was right in the middle of it. North County was just coming alive. The La Paloma had been closed and filled with rats for years. We brought it back."

Maiman first established himself as manager of the Grass Roots — who had hits with "Midnight Confessions" and "Let's Live for Today." As co-owner of Shelter Records, he guided the careers of Leon Russell and J.J. Cale.

"George Harrison used to come down a lot and stay with Joel," said Dean. "Through Shelter Records, Joel knew everyone with the Mad Dogs and Englishmen tour. A lot of those people would not have come down

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here if it wasn't for Joel. Joel made coastal North County an enclave for artists to get out of L.A."

For the last 15 years Maiman had worked as a mortgage broker.

Jerry McCann played at some of those La Paloma shows, and he performed at Joel's funeral last week.

"The older we get, the more we get to see of this passing of the old school," said McCann.

— *Ken Leighton*

It's tough times for big media. Because of the terrorist attack, Clear Channel (the corporate owner of 11 local stations) announced that it lost $20 million nationwide on September 11 due to ads bumped by news coverage and that it lost another $25 million in subsequent ad cancellations.

A spokesman for Viacom/CBS (owner of the Planet and KYXY) said revenue may be down for that company by as much as $200 million for the third quarter of this year and $300 million for the fourth quarter.

The terrorist attack plus a slumping economy have led radio stations to look for NTR bucks. That's an industry term for "nontraditional revenue." In the past, KYXY has organized a bridal bazaar in order to earn NTR, while Clear Channel stations staged their own job fair. The stations made money by selling booth space at each event.

Now Spanish station La Nueva (KLNV 106.5 FM) has found a new way to shake money out of the economy. Instead of just selling commercials to bars that have live music, La Nueva comes to specific bars and gives them free advertising. Those two cantinas, Club Caliente in San Marcos and Lydia's Café



EL SUPER GRUPO CORAJE

in Imperial Beach, get the benefit of a packed house each night they partner up with La Nueva. The catch is that the radio station keeps the $10 per person cover charge. The bar keeps its liquor sales but does not have to pay for advertising. La Nueva even pays the bands.

"In times of economic slowdown, these are the types of things that allow us to accomplish what we need to do," said Thomas McSweeney, La Nueva's general sales manager. He says this arrangement works because the station can count on La Nueva's loyal listeners.

"The Latino listener lives vicariously through their radio station," said McSweeney. "I like rock and roll, but I can't remember the last time I said, 'So-and-So rock band is gonna be playing somewhere, and I have to go see them.' The Latino consumer does not mirror the Anglos. They have ready cash money, and they spend more in times of recession than Anglos."

McSweeney said he plans to duplicate the plan with La Nueva's sister station K-Love (KLQV, 102.9 FM) by starting a similar night at Olé Madrid in the Gaslamp. La Nueva plays norteño and ranchero "Mexican cowboy" music, while K-Love plays romantic ballads and pop.

Tomorrow night Banda La Incontenible appears at Lydia's Café in Imperial Beach and El Super Grupo Coraje performs at Club Caliente in San Marcos.

— *Ken Leighton*

"If I have to, I'll take it to the bus stop," says Vista country singer Jack Johnson, referring to a possible legal battle with another Jack Johnson over rights to the "Jack Johnson" name.

Country singer Jack met surfer Jack (the Santa Barbara–based singer/songwriter who used to be a competitive surfer) about five months ago.

"I went down to see him at an event in Cardiff," says country Jack. "After he was done playing, I went up and introduced myself to him and let him know that there was another Jack Johnson, and how funny. I didn't see a real problem because he was up in Santa Barbara, and I'm down here, and I do a Hank Williams tribute show."

Country Jack continued to see surfer Jack's name in the newspaper and on flyers. Then country Jack got booked on KUSI-TV on September 7, the first day of this year's Street Scene. (He was promoting a show in San Diego the following weekend.) Country Jack set the gig up with KUSI producer Adrienne Bergeron, whom he forwarded a promo packet about his Hank Williams tribute show. He'd been on KUSI six months prior, but he says she still wanted another packet.

"She called me and said, 'Yeah, I got your stuff in the mail, and it looks good, and I look forward to seeing you on the 7th,'" says country Jack. "The next time I heard from her was on the 5th of September, and she said, 'I heard you canceled, your publicity person said you canceled, how come you canceled?' "

According to country Jack, Bergeron hurriedly ended the conversation — after finding out that he wasn't the Johnson booked for Street Scene — claiming she had only two days left to find a new guest.

"It was a miscommunication," says Bergeron. "I had left messages for [Santa Barbara–based] Jack Johnson in hopes to have him on the show to promo Street Scene. Around the same time Jack Johnson [of the Hank show] called to see if he could be booked on the show. I heard the name and confused him with the Jack Johnson of Street Scene.... We have had 'Hank Show' on the weekend show before, and the producers and I have decided to pass on having him back on the weekday show."

Country Jack then got a call from surfer Jack's lawyer.



ONE OF MANY JACK JOHNSONS

"He briefly said on the message that he wanted to discuss my activities," says country Jack. "So I had my lawyer call him, and that's when he said that he was going to be filing a trademark on the Jack Johnson name and that he also thought that I was using his name to get a spot on TV. I thought that was kinda cheap."

Out of curiosity, country Jack did a Web search on the name "Jack Johnson."

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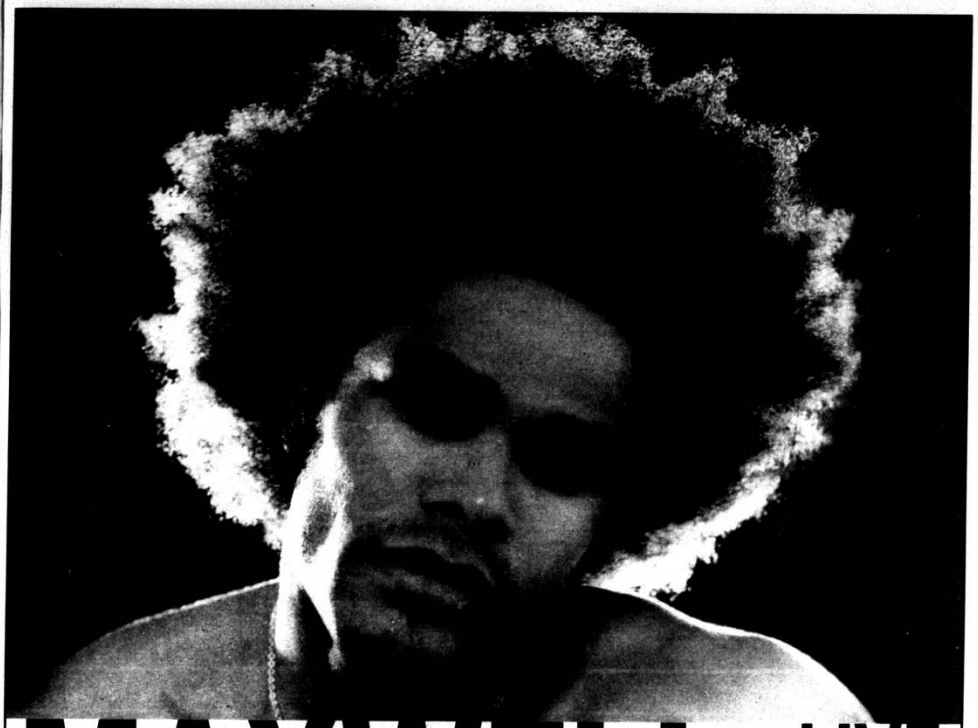
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in it," says country Jack. "There is another Jack Johnson, a…blues singer, in San Diego."

Country Jack said he found a number of other Jack Johnsons, including a young musician in L.A. and a land-planning firm in Park City, Utah. He's considering forming a class-action suit with the other Jack Johnsons if there is more legal trouble.

Surfer Jack and his lawyer could not be reached for comment.

— *Russell Bauder*

While some news organizations speculate about a massive New York–to–California migration following the September 11 attack, the transplanted New York punk band Nixon Rules had been planning its move to San Diego for months. The band was based in the Long Island community of West Islip, 45 minutes east of New York City.

"There aren't a lot of places to play on the Island anymore," said bassist Brian McInerney. "The scene has really deteriorated."After postponing their departure three different times, the band gave itself an ultimatum: They would leave September 15 or not at all. The attack four days earlier made it tough to say goodbye.

"Three of us went to high school with someone who died," said drummer Wally Cordiner. "Our parents knew a lot of people who died."

"I didn't know where my dad was for five hours," said McInerney. "He works construction and he had worked at the World Trade Center. He lost two of his friends. It was hard to leave. We had a lot of New York pride. We didn't want to leave the city in rubble. It's like you're leaving your family behind at an unsure time. You don't know what's going to happen next."



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NIXON RULES IN OCEANSIDE

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: OCEAN BEACH

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



But McInerney said no family members gave the band any guilt. "My dad said, 'Go. It's just what you gotta do.' "

The band says it moved west for one reason: to play punk rock.

John Murphy, who hams it up as a punk Dick Nixon in the band, says the California temperament has made the move easier. "We talked to a 50-year-old woman at the parking lot in the Price Club. That would never happen back home. We saw a 45-year-old guy riding a shopping cart like a skateboard. Back home people look and act old."

There are some minor cultural adaptations.

"You hear 'right on' and 'stoked' a lot," said Meder. "I actually heard the word 'gnarly' the other day."

"The handshake took a little getting used to," said McInerney. "It's the shake, the slide, and the punch. I was a little confused by that."

Nixon Rules, the band that used to live 15 minutes from Oceanside, New York, will play its first local show tomorrow at the all-ages Rendezvous Café in Oceanside, California.

— *Ken Leighton*

CD review: Bruce Dale Betz, *Emotional Express Lane,* Pseudocool Records PSDO 8032

"I was born in Ostop, Connecticut, in 1938. My father was a prick, my mother was a cunt." So begins Jean-Paul Sartre's long-suppressed autobiography, *Kicking Fools While They're Down,* which since the late '70s has been available only in the pirate edition published by Lisbon's Malvolio Press. And why do I mention this? Well, read on, I'll get to it.

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Ain't life funny?!?!

— *Richard Meltzer*

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"Wow, you guys don't have a lot of listeners."

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In the five years I worked at a local rock station, there were lots of questions I'd hear with regularity, but the most common question was, "How come I can never get through on the phone when you guys give stuff away?"

Our station, which was always rated around number nine — at least back in 1990 — had only two incoming lines for listeners. A lot of DJs there would take the first two calls — "Sorry, you're caller one. Caller two, try again" — then, the next call they'd take, which would be the third, they'd say, "Oh, you were close, you're caller 9." The next call would be, "Congratulations, you're going to see Supertramp."

The reason the DJs at our station often did this was because they wanted to come out of the spot break saying, "Congrats to Rick Root of Encinitas…" before going back into music. But normally there were only four 60-second commercials during the time the DJ has to get a winner. Four minutes isn't a lot of time to get the winner info and explain to them how to pick up the tickets. With only two phone lines, you could actually have a situation where the first caller hangs up and tries again and is the third. They hang up, try again, and they are the fifth. When they are the eighth caller, they say, "Wow, you guys don't have a lot of listeners."

We had a DJ named D.Z. (all names have been changed) who worked the 7 to 11 p.m. shift. A gal called up on our hotline number (which is not supposed to be given out to listeners), asking me for tickets. She said, "Come on, just give me tickets for Aerosmith."

I replied, "I don't even know you. And, you're supposed to call the request line, not this number."

She said, "Well, what D.Z. does is, I call this number, and he puts me on hold. Then, he'll take callers seven, eight, and nine live. When it's time for the tenth caller to win, he goes to the line I'm already on. He told me to make sure I act surprised, and yell and scream."

The first time I witnessed anyone at our station do this, it was our news director, who was part of the morning show. He was always trying to pick up on women who called in. I actually was glad he did, because I was the producer of the morning show. Most producers have to screen the calls, and I always felt as though that was lame. I liked writing bits and editing. We could get an intern to answer phones. But with this guy, he'd answer phones so he could talk to the women. I heard him putting the moves on one gal. He said, "Sure, I'll get you tickets for the Who."

It was one of the many Who reunion tours, and I had just bought two $40 tickets a few days before.

Lots of people would call the station with sob stories, trying to get free tickets. One guy was telling me his brother died, and they both loved [the band] the Damn Yankees so much, and how great it would be if I could give him tickets. He was even crying. I said, "Well, you're so distraught by this, I'd hate to waste the tickets on you. You wouldn't even be able to enjoy the show because you'd be thinking so much of your brother."

I hung up on him as he started to say, "No, no, I would be able to enjoy…"

There were people we called "radio pigs." They would call you constantly, wanting to know when the next giveaway was. And, when they'd win, you'd actually remember their name from the last time they won. They would admit that they just go through all the stations on the dial until they hear a contest going on.

I always pushed the trivia angle. You're giving away tickets to the Who, why not say, "Who designed the album cover for *The Who by Numbers?*" Only a real fan would know that drawing was done by Who bassist John Entwistle.

I had one near-disaster when it came to trivia. Our morning show was giving away a trip to the Super Bowl. For a week we would have a Super Bowl trivia question each morning. The winner would get some lame prize but be in the running for the Super Bowl tickets. The last day, I couldn't think of a trivia question off the top of my head, so I called a buddy from my Mira Mesa high school days. He couldn't think of a question, so I told him to go into his stash of football cards. He found one of Ken Stabler, and on the back it said he threw the longest pass in Super Bowl history. So, "Who threw the longest pass in Super Bowl history?" was the question.

The first 20 callers were all wrong. Usually with trivia, somebody will get it within the first five, unless you're asking for Joe Namath's mother's maiden name. My program director said, "Are you sure this is correct?" I said it was, but every caller is guessing Doug Williams. My PD now asked, "Could he be the answer?"

I started thinking, and it occurred to me that this Ken Stabler card was from the '70s, and Williams played in Super Bowls after that. He could have broken the previous record. When I explain this possibility, the PD looked like Fred Sanford when he was about to have one of his heart attacks. He starts to rewind the tape, because he wants to give the prize to the first guy that guessed Doug Williams. We find it on the tape, but we didn't get his name or number, so we have no way to contact him. As we're trying to decide what to do, a caller says, "Ken Stabler." We all look at each other and then say to him, "Ah, you're the winner, we think."

We asked how he knew the answer, and he said he's looking at a football book that came out last year and it says Stabler threw the longest pass in Super Bowl history. I was off the hook, and we finally had a winner. (Brett Favre later beat that Super Bowl record in 1997.)

There were only two times I rigged contests. One time I did it for a listener who always called. He was really nice and knew a lot about rock 'n' roll. He always wanted something free and was always unemployed. He and I were talking about rock pictures, and I mentioned a Pete Townshend photo that Annie Leibovitz had taken where Townshend has blood dripping from his hands. The next day, he brought that picture for me, framed. He also had painted a picture of Jimmy Page with our radio station logo mixed in. So when I mentioned on the air that I had a pair of Pat Travers tickets to give away, he called and begged for them. I figured, why not? I think the tickets were only going for nine bucks.

The weird part was that his car was being repossessed, so he wanted me to bring him the tickets. When I went to his apartment, he wasn't home. I left them in an envelope at the nearby 7-Eleven, with a note on his door explaining that he needed to go see the 7-Eleven clerk for the tickets.

The second time I rigged a contest was when we were giving away U2 tickets. Our station was going from classic rock to heavy metal. Anytime we played U2, people called and complained that they hated them and asked why we didn't play more Metallica. At the same time that I had the


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U2 tickets to give away, I had gotten six pairs of tickets to give away for an upcoming Joe Walsh concert at the Coach House in San Juan Capistrano. Our promotions director freaked, saying I didn't have the authority to make a deal like that (that was his department). He also said, "We don't even have Walsh in our rotation right now." I said, "Well, most of our listeners would rather hear Walsh, a great guitarist, than Bono talking about war and peace."

Since our morning show couldn't give those Walsh tickets away, I wasn't going to give away the U2 tickets either. Instead, I just filled out the form with a friend's name and address for the U2 tickets.

One time during a movie premiere that our radio station was having, a promotions guy was supposed to tape different prizes under the movie theater seats. The grand prize was a three-day cruise to Metico. He forgot to tape that prize, and when the DJ who was hosting the event was telling people to look under their seats, nobody could find the grand prize. The promotions guy ran out to the van, grabbed the prize, and ran back in. Two of my friends were just walking in. He handed them the prize and said, "This is a cruise. Just tell him you found it under your seat."

There was a short period of time we had a program director who always came up with lame ideas for our morning show. During the Iraq thing, he said, "Do a game called 'Between Iraq and a hard place.'"

During presidential debates he insisted we have listeners debate a topic and call it "the master debater." During the Chinese New Year, he wanted listeners to call in with their favorite Chinese restaurant. The new morning guy and I would pick one winner and have lunch with them at their Chinese restaurant. We pick this guy, and he says he's also going to bring his wife. The station gives us 40 bucks. The couple never showed up. After 45 minutes of waiting at Panda Country on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, we decide to eat. Near the end of the meal, the new morning guy, Derek, says, "The bill is only 18 bucks. The station is going to know four people didn't eat. Let's order more, so it doesn't look suspicious." We take a couple of orders to go. Derek tells me if anyone at the station asks, let him do the talking.

"He told me to make sure I act surprised, and yell and scream."

So, our PD asks us how the lunch went, and Derek replies, "Great."

Two days later, the PD says, "I want to know about that lunch." He sounded pissed, and we were both quiet. Derek wasn't doing the talking like he was supposed to, so I said, "It was okay. The husband was kind of rude though. He told the waiter there wasn't enough shrimp in his food. He also went outside to smoke a cigarette, so we were trying to talk to his wife, and she wasn't the most talkative person."

My boss is looking at me, then he looks at Derek, then he asks Derek.

Finally, Derek replies, "Ah, they never showed up."

The week before I lost my job we had done a bit with a guy who made caskets for $29.95. He made them because he said people spend too much at funeral homes. We ordered one, but we didn't know what to do with it. A listener suggested we turn it into a go-kart. We had listeners come and help design it, paint it, and put their work logos on it, like a real race car. The "Roadkill Rocket," as we called it, was even taken out for a spin, with lots of listeners showing up. We figured if we crashed in the thing and died, it would be convenient for our families.

Derek suggested that we give the casket go-kart away to the child under ten who writes the best essay asking for it. We only got three entries. We could tell they were written by adults.

Derek said, "I have a neighbor who has a little boy. I'm just going to give it to him."

It turns out that somebody who lived on that street was a listener of our morning show, and they knew Derek lived on the street. After they saw the kid in the go-kart, this person called the station and complained about the contest being fixed.

This is the second time I was caught. I now work at the post office. ■



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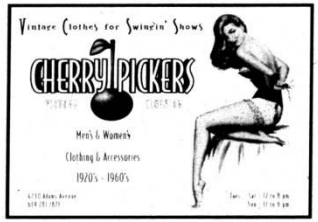

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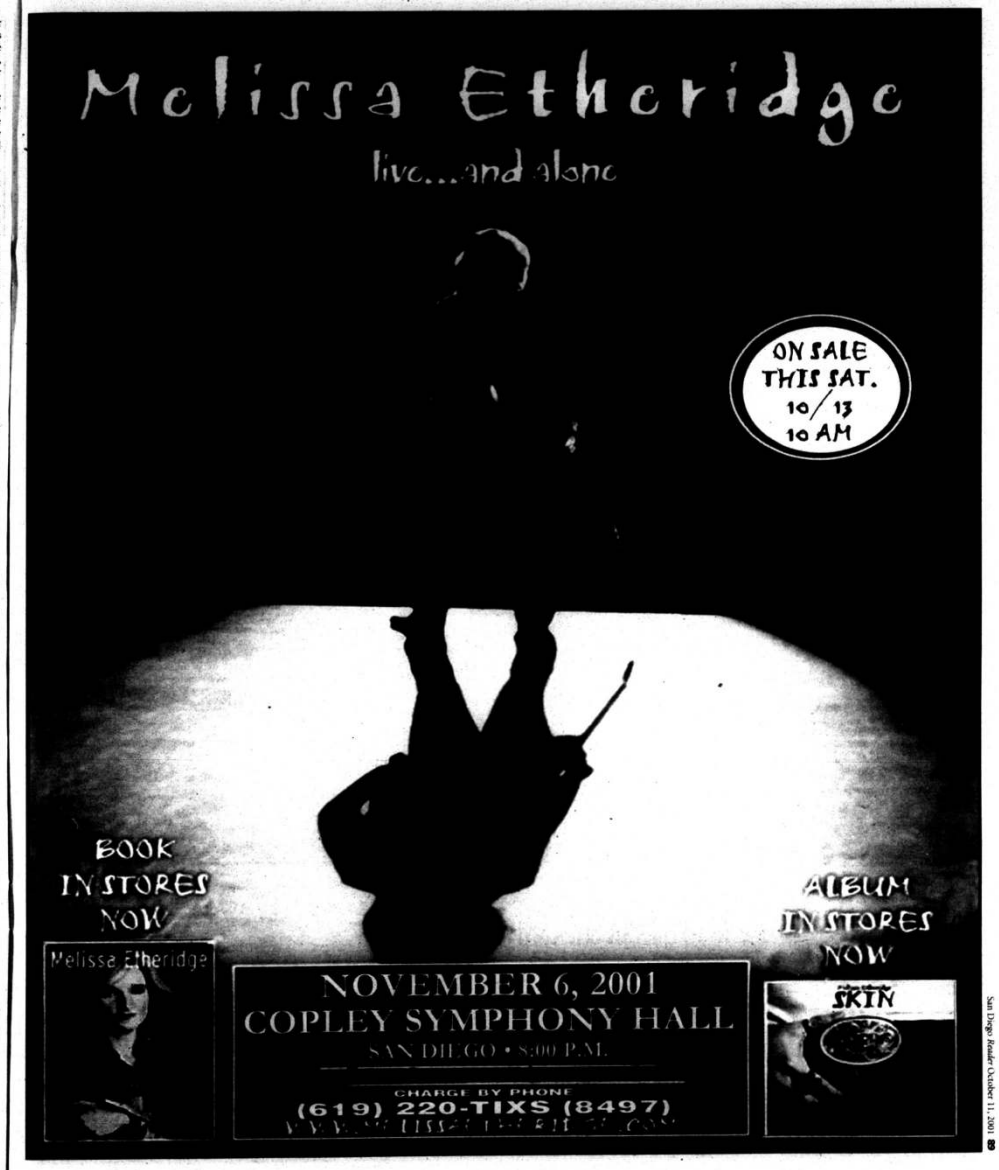

Human Knife

Muddy's music was devil music, all about hoodoo and sex.

When the Rolling Stones visited the United States in 1964, part of the so-called "British Invasion," they traveled to Chess studios in Chicago to record most of their second and part of their third album. Their principal musical influence at the time was the great Mississippi Delta bluesman, gone north and electric, Muddy Waters. In the studio were Phil Chess and the engineer, Ron Malo. Painting the ceiling in white coveralls was a 50-year-old black man. "Oh, by the way," the young rockers were told, "this is Muddy Waters."



Muddy Waters

The Stones learned something about the music business that day. And, over time, they, along with performers like Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, Jimmy Page, and Alvin Lee, began popularizing the work of Muddy for the vast, middle-class, white American youth culture. As for the guy painting the ceiling, well, it probably wasn't where he wanted to be, but Muddy Waters was a survivor and he knew how to work; he'd been hard at it in the cotton fields long enough that slapping a couple of coats of paint on his boss' ceiling wasn't going to plunge him into despair.

He was a hard man. Anyone who survived that life in Mississippi and hadn't succumbed to poor health, prison, or drink was bound to be hard. But by 1964, Waters' career was headed south and had been inclining in that direction for some eight years, even though the performer was at the top of his game. By 1956, rock 'n' roll had become the fashion, and performers like Chuck Berry (whom Waters brought to Chess Records), Bo Diddley, the Moonglows, and the Flamingos were the hot acts among the young black audiences.

After a string of big hits in the late '40s and early '50s, Muddy was still putting up fancy numbers on the R&B charts with songs like "Mannish Boy" in 1956 and "She's 19 Years Old" in 1958. "Young Negro kids now," Muddy told one writer, "they're so used to what they hear on the radio, they just turn away from the old blues. It's not the music of today."

In 1958 (a great year for American music), Muddy's first album, *The Best of Muddy Waters*, came out from Chess. We tend to forget, in the age of CDs 45 years later, how early Muddy's *Best Of* would have come in the history of the LP, the long-playing record. Muddy Waters' R&B hits, exclusively for the black audience (what was called race recordings) had been issued as 78s and later as 45s and sold, for the most part, in the "Negro Triangle": Chicago, St. Louis, and Detroit (also, I should think, in Memphis and even back home in the Delta). In the black communities, these discs would be sold not only in record shops but in places like barber shops, beauty parlors, variety shops, and to train porters, who, in turn, would resell them to passengers or take them to distant cities and move them there. When Muddy's first big hit came out in '48 ("I Can't Be Satisfied," with "Feel Like Going Home" on the flip side), it was released on a Friday afternoon and sold out by Saturday evening, with stores cranking the price up from 79 cents to an alarming $1.10.



Rolling Stones

Muddy Waters continued to live comfortably in 1958, but the best gigs were becoming harder to find. Those were going to the rockers. Meanwhile, in Britain, there was a revival of "trad jazz" (Dixieland and Chicago-style), along with something called "skiffle," a blues-and-folk hybrid. The Brit musician Chris Barber, a "trad jazz" exponent, had begun bringing over acoustic blues artists like Big Bill Broonzy, Josh White, and Brownie McGhee, who would play in small clubs. At Broonzy's suggestion Barber brought over Muddy, whose big electric sound, with the formidable Otis Spann on piano, horrified the British audiences, especially at his first gig in Leeds. Muddy, always quick to catch on, lowered the decibel level and his tour wound up a success.

The success of the British tour, in that backasswards way it often does, wound up bringing Muddy's art to the attention of the American audience, and Muddy actually played Carnegie Hall in April of 1959, with James Cotton and Memphis Slim. In 1960, Muddy was invited to bring his full band to headline the blues program at the Newport Jazz Festival. Muddy killed them dead, and there's a disc of his performance, *Muddy Waters at Newport* (Chess 9198), that will give you the reason why.



Jimi Hendrix

The great blues writer (and architectural scholar) Paul Oliver describes Muddy in performance: "His band was his instrument and he sang unhampered, stamping, hollering, his whole body jerking in sheer physical expression of his blues. He would double up, clench his firsts, straighten with a spring like a flick knife, leap in the air, arch his back, and literally punch out his words whilst the perspiration poured down his face and soaked through his clothing." After this particular performance, Muddy was still in a trance-like state when he came off the stage at 4:00 in the morning. He spent most of the next day lying in a dark room with an ice pack on his forehead.

This isn't Donny Osmond or even Eric Clapton, folks. This is deep-bottom Mississippi stuff, usually sung on the south side of Chicago to black audiences in places like the Zanzibar, the Squeeze Club, the Du Drop Lounge, and the Boogie Woogie Inn. And the chief paying customers were women. Muddy's music was devil music, all about hoodoo and sex. Routinely, women passed out at his live performances. To get a sense of what Muddy sounded like among his own, try *Blues from Big Bill's Copacabana*, a 1967 release from MCA/Chess.

I finally got to see Muddy live, probably in 1970, at a blues club in Madison, Wisconsin. He had been in a near-fatal car crash the year before and was not at full voltage. He would, at the time, have been 55, only a few years older than I am now. It was one of the electrifying musical experiences of my life.

Muddy continued to perform and record, almost up to his death in 1983. He was always a hard worker and a stern taskmaster onstage. He wanted his sidemen alert, clean, and sober. Over the years he watched his sidemen come and go. He'd steal a harpist or second guitar from Howlin' Wolf and vice versa, or one of his men would get killed by an angry girlfriend or another would be sent to jail, and yet another would start up his own group and compete with Muddy. Drink laid low a goodly share of Muddy's sidemen. But Muddy seems to have been a good boss, and when Junior Wells or Otis Spann or Jimmy Rogers went off to head their own bands, Muddy customarily wished them well.

The south side of Chicago and the black club world is rough now and was rougher then. If Muddy wasn't packing heat, then he had a friend close by who was. Knives, razors — none of those guys would have passed through airport security without a commotion. And there was plenty of sex, fueled by the music, booze, and whatever else was on hand.

Muddy Waters drank but, unlike many of his blues contemporaries, seemed able to manage it, switching over from hard liquor to champagne in his middle years. He drank a *great deal* of champagne, but it seemed to agree with him, or at least not disagree with him violently. His Achilles' heel was much younger women, and it cost him over time.

Jimi Hendrix once told *Rolling Stone*, "The first guitarist I was aware of was Muddy Waters. I heard one of his records when I was a little boy and it scared me to death." Like Bob Wills and Bill Monroe, Muddy Waters did nothing less than invent a new kind of music, interactive electric-blues ensemble playing rooted in deep-bottom Mississippi Delta blues. I like no sound better. ■

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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

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Randy Travis /783: Viejas Casino. Concerts in the Park, tonight. Thursday, October 11, 8 p.m. 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

John Mayer and **Shea Seger:** Belly Up Tavern, tonight, Thursday, October 11, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Derailers /771: The Casbah, tonight, Thursday, October 11, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

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.

B.B. King /949; Buddy Guy /934; John Hiatt & the Goners /900; and **Tommy Castro /938:** Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, October 12, 6 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

"Miles Davis & John Coltrane: A Celebration" featuring **Herbie Hancock, Michael Brecker,** and **Roy Hargrove:** East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, October 12, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 619-220-8497.

Apples in Stereo, the **Minders,** and the **Starlight Mints /206:** The Casbah, Friday, October 12, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

The Young Dubliners /438: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 12, and Saturday, October 13, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Gregory Page /186: Jave Joe's Coffeehouse, Saturday, October 13, 9 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

SUNDAY

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.

TUESDAY

Richard Elliot /662 and **Marc Antoine /665:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, October 16, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

WEDNESDAY

Bob Dylan /400: RIMAC Arena, Wednesday, October 17, 8 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 619-220-8497.

Smashmouth, Lenny, and **Parker Theory:** Coors Bar and Grill, Wednesday, October 17, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

"Athenaeum Jazz at the Neuroscience Institute" featuring the **Lee Konitz Quartet:** Wednesday, October 17, 8 p.m., 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

Ellis Paul /890 and **Susan Werner /405:** Jave Joe's Coffeehouse, Wednesday, October 17, and Thursday, October 18, 9 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

EXTENSION 4001
UPCOMING CONCERTS

OCTOBER

The Hatchet Brothers and the **Million Dollar Playboys /407:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, October 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Jonny Lang /953: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 18, and Friday, October 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Electric Light Orchestra /451: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, October 19, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Rod Piazza & the Mighty Flyers and **Eric Sardinas /969:** 4th & B, Friday, October 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Blonde Redhead: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 19, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Steve Poltz /815; Anya Marina /718; and **Russell Hayden:** The Casbah, Friday, October 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Terry Riley, George Brooks, and **Kristina Boutt:** Spruce Street Forum, Friday, October 19, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

Youssou N'Dour: California Center for the Arts, Friday, October 19, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The Backstreet Boys /603: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Soulcracker /306; Sourpuss, and the **Firemits:** The Casbah, Saturday, October 20, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club, the **Warlocks /399;** and **Lovelight Shines:** Brick by Brick, Saturday, October 20, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

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"One Love Unity/Peter Tosh Peace Concert" featuring **Sister Carol, Don Carlos /751; Tribe of Judah,** and the **Able Minded Poets:** WorldBeat Center ReinCarnation Project Building, Saturday, October 20, 2 p.m., 333 Tenth Avenue, San Diego. 619-230-1190.

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Travis and **Remy Zero** /*595*/: Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, October 21, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion /*126*/: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, October 21, 7:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

The Jazz Mandolin Project and **Agent 22** /*542*/: 4th & B, Sunday, October 21, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Julio Iglesias /*629*/: California Center for the Arts, Wednesday, October 24, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The Odean Pope Quartet featuring **Dave Murray:** WorldBeat Cultural Center, Wednesday, October 24, 7:30 p.m., 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. 619-230-1190.

Jackpot, Billy Midnight /*414*/, and **Forever Goldrush** /*169*/: The Casbah, Friday, October 26, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Konk Pack: Spruce Street Forum, Friday, October 26, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

"Athenaeum Jazz at the Studio" featuring the **Los Angeles Jazz Quartet:** Saturday, October 27, 8 p.m., 4441 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 858-454-5872.

Jane's Addiction /*222*/ and the **Stereo MC's:** Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 28, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Bahamadia and **Ming FS:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, October 28, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Butthole Surfers /*243*/ and **Kid 606:** 4th & B, Monday, October 29, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

The Dropkick Murphys /*481*/, **Sick of It All,** and **Tigers Army:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Monday, October 29, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Tool /*424*/ and **Tricky** /*324*/: Cox Arena, Wednesday, October 31, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

"Fifteenth Annual Casbah Halloween" with **Rocket from the Crypt** /*237*/, **El Vez** /*854*/, **Ziggy Shuffledust & the Spiders from Mars,** the **Black Heart Procession** /*179*/, **Bartender's Bible, Frank the Baptist** /*108*/, **Transit Aural Assault, Sin Sin 77,** and more: Westin Horton Plaza Ballroom, Wednesday, October 31, 8 p.m., 910 Broadway Circle, downtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

NOVEMBER

George Benson /*604*/: California Center for the Arts, Thursday, November 1, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.



John Mayer, October 11, Belly Up Tavern

Brian McKnight and **Tyrese:** 4th & B, Thursday, November 1, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Dave Wakeling: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, November 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Leftover Salmon /*816*/: 4th & B, Friday, November 2, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Gregg Allman & Friends /*966*/: Viejas DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, November 3, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers /*770*/: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, November 3, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Mary Black /*826*/: Mandeville Auditorium, Saturday, November 3, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Gene Loves Jezebel /*484*/: Dream Street, Saturday, November 3, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131.

Fuel /*318*/: 4th & B, Thursday, November 8, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Bouncing Souls /*332*/ and **Flogging Molly** /*316*/: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, November 9, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Jaguares /*354*/: Civic Theatre, Saturday, November 10, 7 p.m., Third Avenue at B Street, San Diego. 619-570-1100 or 619-220-8497.

The Misfits /*496*/: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, November 13, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Don Williams: East County Performing Arts Center, Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 619-220-8497.

Death Cab for Cutie /*392*/, **Prom,** and **Buellton:** The Casbah, Wednesday, November 14, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

The Doobie Brothers /*455*/: Pechanga Entertainment, Friday, November 16, 8 p.m., 45000 Pala Road, Temecula. 888-732-4264 or 619-220-8497.

New Found Glory /*304*/, **H2O** /*281*/, and the **Rx Bandits:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, November 17, 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, November 18, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Manhattan Transfer /*465*/: Poway Center for the Performing Arts, Sunday, November 18, 15498 Espola Road, Poway. 858-748-0505.

Tori Amos /*468*/: Copley Symphony Hall, Tuesday, November 20, 750 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497.

Weezer /*184*/: Cox Arena, Tuesday, November 20, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Stereolab /*301*/ and **Rebecca Gates:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, November 23, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Robin Trower: 4th & B, Tuesday, November 27, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Incubus /*104*/ and **onesidezero:** RIMAC Arena, Wednesday, November 28, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 619-220-8497.

Neil Diamond /*616*/: Cox Arena, Thursday, November 29, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

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"Athenaeum Jazz at the Studio" featuring **Adam Rudolph, Arthur Blythe,** and **Gust Tsilis:** Saturday, December 1, 8 p.m., 4441 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 858-454-5872.

The Robert Cray Band /*926*/: 4th & B, Sunday, December 2, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Mannheim Steamroller /*992*/: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, December 6, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-220-8497.

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Riders in the Sky: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, December 7, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 619-220-8497.

Arturo Sandoval /*507*/: Poway Center for the Performing Arts, Saturday, December 8, 15498 Espola Road, Poway. 858-748-0505.

Diana Krall /*654*/: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, December 11, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

"The Colors of Christmas" featuring **Michael McDonald, Peabo Bryson, Sheena Easton,** and **Oleta Adams:** Civic Theatre, Wednesday, December 12, 7:30 p.m., Third Avenue at B Street, San Diego. 619-570-1100 or 619-220-8497.

Kevin Burke /*864*/: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Sunday, December 16, 7:30 p.m., 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach. 858-689-2266.

"New Year's Eve at the Fairgrounds" featuring **Super Diamond,** the **Psychedelic Furs, Dave Mason, Dave Wakeling** (of General Public and English Beat), **Wise Monkey Orchestra** /*101*/, and six tribute bands: **Wild Child** (Doors/Jim Morrison), **Sticky Fingers** (Rolling Stones), **Aqualung** (Jethro Tull), **Pink Froyd** (Pink Floyd), **Mad Dogs & Englishmen** (Joe Cocker), and **Fasttimes** ('80s costumed cover band): Monday, December 31, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. 619-220-8497.

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Bedhead Blonde: Blind Melons
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The Minders: The Casbah
Mutes: Brick By Brick
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356 **The Pharcyde:** 'Cones Bar and Grill
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622 **Robberacht the Pianoman:** The Westgate Hotel, Roger's on 5th
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740 **Psydecar:** Winstons
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732 **The Revelations:** Winstons, Buffalo Joe's
747 **Semisi & Fulabula:** The Beach House
Sunchild: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

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771 **The Derailers:** The Casbah
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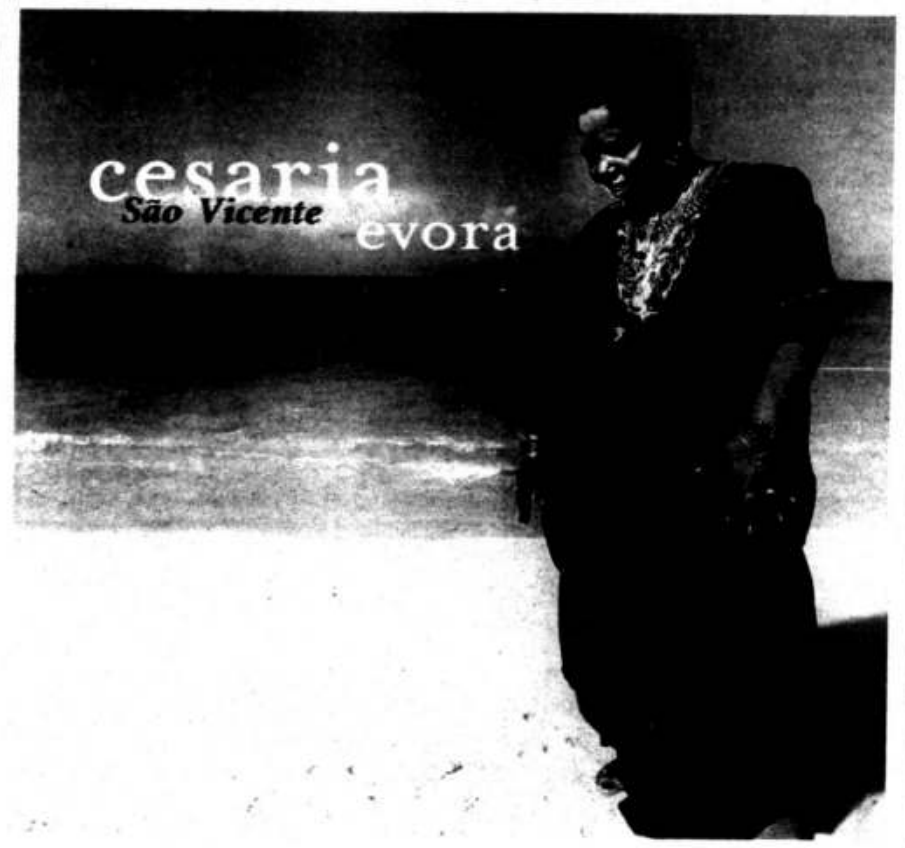

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930... **Lafayette & the Loosebreakers:** Blind Melons
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947... **The Bill Magee Blues Band:** Patrick's II

404... **Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors:** Coyote Bar and Grill, The Kraken
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Chive: Fridays, DJs Parallel Mechanics, downtempo music, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 558 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-4483; recorded information, 858-831-1820.

Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan Pollard, Richard D, and BCZAR spin the best of 80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic; 21 and up. Shoutery, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744; recorded information, 619-465-5827. *www.klubs.com*

Club London: Sundays, DJs Chronicle and DJ Alf spin the best of Brit pop, new wave, mod, '60s, and indie rock along with BBC and Brit pop videos. Second Shoutery, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. *www.popnetwork.com/clublondon*

Club 911: Fridays and Saturdays. Top 40, house, and trance. 2000+ capacity multi-level venue. 18 and up. Red Mill Entertainment Complex, 1340 Broadway, 11th floor. Recorded information, 619-441-1800.

Club Pulse: Saturdays, local and nationally known DJs spin the best in house, trance, drum 'n' bass, and hip hop. Room 1: ages 18 and up. Room 2: ages 21 and up. Rooftop deck overlooking the ocean, smoking patio, three full bars, plenty of free parking. Cantes Bar & Grill, 3103 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. Recorded information, 858-488-1780.

Club Retro: Tuesdays, DJ Dementia and Esoteric spin the best of 80s and '90s new wave, synthpop, industrial dance, and more. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2253. *www.retrobar.com*

Club Tropics: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. DJs Kaos, Sandman, and guest spin hip hop, R&B, old skool, and reggae. Wednesday, October 31, Halloween costume contest with DJ Shawn B. All ages, high school ID required for admittance. 2754 Main St., Lemon Grove. 619-463-1221.

Club Ultra: Saturdays, superstar disco DJs. Saloon setting, smoking section, laser light show. 3333 Harbor Dr., Suite 202, Coronado. 619-522-1555.

Cosmic Cafe: Thursdays, DJs Jeff Gordon and Jeff Hall spin a mix of house, trance, drum 'n' bass, and hip hop. Fridays, DJs Jeff Gordon and Jeff Hall spin a mix of house, trance, drum 'n' bass, and hip hop. Saturdays, DJs Jeff Gordon and Jeff Hall spin a mix of house, trance, drum 'n' bass, and hip hop. 3702 Adams Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2233. *www.cosmiccafe.com*

Crazy Burro: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, DJs spin popular dance music. Fridays, karaoke outside, hip-hop inside. Saturdays, DJ events. 6996 El Camino Real, Carlsbad (across from La Costa Theater). 760-438-3373.

Darkwave Garden: This month, Wednesday, October 31, a special Halloween DJ event with surprise guest DJs, prizes, and giveaways. The Hole, 2820 Lytton Street, Loma Portal. 619-226-9019; recorded information, 619-465-5827. *www.klubs.com*

dfh: Mondays, *Jalil & Friends in the DJ Pool*, hip-hop and late night house with weekly guest DJs. Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140. *www.dfhpresents.com*

Fusion: Mondays, fusing techstep, electro, dnb, and experimental electronic music. Room 1: DJs Box and Puppeteer. Room 2: open turntables and pool table. 18 and up. Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street (at El Cajon Boulevard), North Park. 619-584-3720.

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The Good, the Bad, and the Dirty: Tuesdays, R&B, hip-hop, old skool, and dancehall reggae. 8 p.m. Kindred Spirits Tavern, 3641 Madison Avenue (at Cherokee), Normal Heights. 619-281-1484.

Hollywood Star: Thursdays, house music with Dino. Fridays, *The Tunnel*, hip-hop and R&B. Saturdays, hip-hop and R&B. Sundays, *Private Stock*, hip-hop and R&B. Wednesdays, house music with *Underground Vibe* All events.

9:15 pm, *the Young Dubliners*, rock. Also, Friday, *Something Corporate*. Also, Saturday, *the New Breed Orchestra*, pop, jazz. Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *the Old 97s*, alt-country, and *Minibar*. Wednesday, 9 pm, *Dilated Peoples* and guest, alternative.

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

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 pm, *John "Keoni" Trino*, Hawaiian guitar. Saturday, 7 pm, *Jean-Luc Ponty*, jazz violin.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Hydroplane*, rock/alternative. Saturday, *Animal 32*, rock.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Jeff Lee*, acoustic. Saturday, *Andrea's Fault*, pop rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Blue Largo*, blues. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Saturday, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, *the Boogie Woogie Duo*, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Billy Thompson*, blues. Sunday, 2 pm to 4:30 pm, *Blue Largo*, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Peter Sprague*, jazz. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Jonny Viau & the Blue Allstars*. Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Northstar*, classic rock.

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

The Filling Station, 9522 Miramar Road, San Diego. 858-578-0757. Friday, *the Chupas*. Saturday, *Rock Dogs*.

Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Friday and Saturday, *Detroit Underground*, rock, soul.

Henifin's Irish Pub, 13314 Poway Road, Poway. 858-486-0764. Friday, *Dave Howard*, alternative folk.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic. Saturday, *Matt Sundstedt*, folk rock.

Jolt'n Joe's, 717 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 760-743-7665. Thursday, *None Today, 1924, Cryin' Blue Wine*, and *Frequency Organization*. Friday, *Lobster Tank Divers, Bad Experiment, Seven Hills*, and *18 Bonez*. Saturday, *Soul the Present Force, System Decay, As I Lay Dying*, and *Of One Mind*.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors*. Friday, *Secret Weapon*. Saturday, *Gear*.

La Casa del Zorro, 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs. 760-767-5323. Fox Den: Thursday through Saturday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Tony Lencioni*. Sunday and Monday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Dick Matson*, piano and vocals.

La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are from 7 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *John Lowery*, folk. Saturday, *Linda Sargent*, folk.

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, *Sunchild*. Monday, *Ghris Torres Band*. Tuesday, 6 pm, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Call club for information.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Friday, *Two of Us*, contemporary.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *In4Rhythm*, folk. Saturday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Brian Koehler*, folk. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Ned Landau*, jazz.

Mocha Marketplace, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Linda Sargent*, folk.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, *Boomshaka* and *Brethrenz*, reggae. Saturday, 10 pm, *4Play*, trance, house, hip-hop.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Steel Wave*, contemporary. Saturday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Calima*, Flamenco, jazz.

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Here's **Martyn Leaper** talking about his Portland-based band the **Minders**, in the pages of *Magnet*: "Pop music is pretty much at a standstill. They've sucked everything they could out of the '60s...and we are as guilty as anyone. But it's the only way I know how to communicate; it's the only music I know how to make."

It's an odd thing to say in the pages of a national magazine where you're trying to promote your new album. It goes beyond the usual social modesty of a transplanted Englishman, such as Leaper, and into the realm of pathological self-deprecation. And it's not necessary: Leaper's music is nothing to be ashamed of. But the comment isn't inaccurate. Leaper and his wife/bandmate **Rebecca Cole** are associated with the Elephant 6 collective, a group of bands who, metaphorically speaking, don't just wear their '60s influences on their sleeves, but tattooed on their faces.

The Minders' first album was produced by Rob Schneider, the Apples in Stereo singer who treats the Beatles and the Beach Boys like sacred texts. But listening to the Minders' latest album, *Golden Street*, you don't need to identify the vocal harmonies as Beatlesque or the psychedelic touches as *Pet Sounds*-esque to hear that they are beautiful. Let the record collectors pick apart the influences behind the Minders' song "Right as Rain"; everyone else can simply enjoy its irresistible melody and rhythm. What's more, in the weirder, noisier songs such as "Nice Day for It," Leaper and Cole show they are less reverential than many of their peers; they aren't afraid to mix "Revolution No. 9" with Can and see what happens.


THE MINDERS

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THE MINDERS, The Casbah, Friday, October 12, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497. $8 advance; $10 door.

The Roadhouse, 2102 Main Street, Ramona. 760-788-1944. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Natural Selection* and *Sprung Monkey*, rock.

Solana Beach Coffee Company, 437 South Highway 101, Solana Beach. 858-792-1553. Sunday, 11 am to 2 pm, *Linda Sargent*, folk.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Surf Report*, rock. Saturday, *Vertibird*, rock.

Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Friday, 7 pm, *Ben Powell*, blues, or *Andy Villas-Boas*, Brazilian jazz. Wednesday, 6 pm, *Kate Monreal*, classic/Flamenco guitar or *Reiko Obate*, Japanese koto music.

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, *IR* and *Stonelikgod*. Friday, *Twin Dynamo, Zero Day*, and *Bedhead Blonde*. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *Maypole*, 8 pm, *the Smooth Hounds, 8 Ball Rack*, and *Fryday*. Sunday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *Chris Weathersby*, 8 pm, *Lafayette & the Leasebreakers* and *Big Tubba Mista*, blues. Monday, *Handful* and *South of Houston*. Tuesday, *the Blues Invaders*. Wednesday, *Black Mambo*, jazz.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Severely Misunderstood, May River, Ricksha*, and *Stout*. Monday, *the Pharcyde, Souls of Mischief, Planet Asia & Rasco*, and *Pep Love*. Wednesday, *Smashmouth, Parker Theory*, and *Leroy*.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, *the Heroes*, pop, dance. Saturday, *Un Solo Son*.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues. Friday, *Paul & Shirleen Nichols*, blues.

The Crescent Shores Grill (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday, *Judy Chamberlain* and *Bob Hamilton*, contemporary. 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. Thursday, *Psycho Traction, the John Wilde Band, the Lost Disciples*, and *Plug Spark Sanjay*, rock. Friday, *Innocent Bloodshed, Saturday's Child, Evilution*, and *Zone 4*, alternative/metal. Saturday, *Glow Bull Scar, Elmer, Blow Up Betty*, and *Filth Juggernaut*. Sunday, *Superdank, RDG*, and *Riziouie*. Monday, *Unit*. Tuesday, *Marquinho Pagodinho*. Wednesday, *Atcor, Cannon*, and *Afterblack*.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, live band. Saturday, *the O'Brien Brothers*, Irish folk.

Il Forno Bistro, 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010. Call club for information.

Java Joe's Coffeehouse, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356. Thursday and Friday, *Jason Mraz* and *Toca Rivera*. Saturday, *Gregory Page*. Wednesday, *Ellis Paul* and *Susan Werner*.

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, *Eve Selis*, 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*.

The Tavern, 1200 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-6066. Tuesday, 10 pm, *Wonka Bar*, acoustic.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Red Channel Revue*, rock. Friday, *the Rockin' Blues Hounds*, blues. Saturday, *Lot 13*, and special guests. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open-acoustic night.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Friday, 9 pm, *Fryday* and *the Mad Hatter*. Saturday, 9 pm, *Agua Dulce*. Latin jazz.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *the Price of Dope*, acid jazz. Friday, *the Revelations*, reggae. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *Elijah Clark*, 8 pm, *Psydecar*, reggae, funk. Sunday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *the Shelltown Horns*, 8:30 pm, *the PhDs*, R&B, jazz. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, rock. Tuesday, *Soulhat*. Wednesday, *Double Wide Pussy*.

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.

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, *Tom Griesgraber*, Chapman stick.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Motus, Pity the Fool*, and *Kara Su*. Friday, *Square Circle*. Saturday, *Nimbus, Luna*, and guests. Sunday, *Crowbar, Brickbath, Daemon*, and *Chaotic Culture*. Tuesday, *Mulday Shadow, Cryin' Blue Wine, Mud People*, and *Socket 7*. Wednesday, *Innocent Bloodshed, Ring Underground, Severely Misunderstood*, and *Metalmorphosis*.

Chaser Cocktails, 3615 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-280-9379. Friday, *Ben Powell* and *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues. Saturday, *Johnny & the Gotters, the Million Dollar Playboys*, and guests, alternative.

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, *the Crackheads, Jailbait, the Avoidance, Conflict Theory*, and *the Distants*. Friday, *Sparta* and *Lovelight Shine*. Saturday, *Underminded, Decidedly So, Rudiger, Audio Karate*, and *Liquid Shwartz*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday, 9 pm, *Avalanche*, rock. Saturday, 9 pm, *Beyond Blue*, blues, rock. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *Lady Star & the Bustin' Loose Blues Band*.

Four Points Hotel/Sheraton San Diego, 8110 Aero Drive, San Diego. 619-277-8888. Skies Lounge: Friday and Saturday, disco, funk, pop, and Latin music. Sunday and Wednesday, *Ray Correa*, variety.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *the Boogie Men*, blues. Saturday, *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*, blues, soul.

The Gospel Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Thursday, *Agazul*, Brazilian jazz, and *Sonrise*, jazz. Friday, *the Leigh Tailor Band*. Saturday, *Jim Earp*, acoustic.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Steal Dawn*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Stilettos*, rock. Wednesday, *Earth Rule*, reggae, jazz, Latin funk.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 pm, *Carol Ames*, country rock. Friday, 9:30 pm, *Calvin Romance*, soul and dance. Saturday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *Cheetah with Sobra*, 9:30 pm, *Viva Santana*, classic rock. Sunday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *5 O'Clock Shadow*, blues, swing, jazz. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, *Quano*.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Thursday, *Donna & Michael Hill*, standards, oldies, and classic rock. Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *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*.

The Inn at the Park, 3167 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-296-0057. Monday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, vocals.

Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Friday, *Beer Mutt, FOB, the Mice*, and *Awall*, alternative.

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. Thursday, *Max Flapping Jet*. Friday, *Machine Gun* and *the Creepy Creeps*. Saturday, *Social Disease*.

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Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Friday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Acoustic Underground*. Saturday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *the Wild Oats*. Sunday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Elijah Clark, the Dimestore Poets*, and *Kevin Tinke*. Tuesday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Jason & Jane*. Wednesday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Linda Sargent* and *Jim Breggs*.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Roxx*, rock. Saturday, *the M4 Review*, blues.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Joe Byrnes*, Irish folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Hot House*, R&B.

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, live rock and roll.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *Pure Flow*, rock and roll.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Friday, *Driver Jake*. Saturday, *Blizzard*.

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* with *the Sleepwalkers*, rockabilly. Friday, *Powerthud*, rock. Saturday, *Hellbound Hayride, the Irish Brothers*, and *the Bandits*.

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*.

Downtown

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Buffalo Joe's, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz. Friday, *the 80s All Stars*. Saturday, *the Disco Pimps*. Sunday, *Whitey Conwell*. Tuesday, *Latanya Lockett Band*. Wednesday, *the Revelations*.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Derailers*, country rock. Friday, *Apples in Stereo, the Minders*, and *the Starlight Mints*. Saturday, *Zeke, Furious IV*, and *the Nits*. Sunday, *the Get Hustle, Love Life*, and *the Peppermints*. Monday, *Smog, Neil Michael Haggerty, Ted Led*

OF N!TE

BY RICHARD MELTZER

As a card-carrying member of Thirst First!, it is my pleasure to receive the org's snappy newsletter, *Quencher*. In the October issue, alto sax great **Lee Konitz**, Thirstperson of the Month, sez:

"Water is important, you better believe it! 75 percent of Americans are chronically dehydrated. In 37 percent of Americans, the thirst mechanism is so weak that it is often mistaken for hunger. Even *mild* dehydration will slow down one's metabolism as much as 3 percent. One glass of water shut down midnight hunger pangs for almost 100 percent of the dieters in a U-Washington study. Lack of water is the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue.

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LEE KONITZ QUARTET, Athenaeum Jazz at the Neurosciences Institute, Wednes-day, October 17, 8 p.m. 858-454-5872. $23.


LEE KONITZ

Pharmacists, and *the Free*Stars*. Tuesday, *Gogogo Airheart* and *Convocation of Glass Candy*. Wednesday, *the And/Ors, A.M. Vibe*, and *the Landslide*.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz. Friday, *Hollis Gentry's Neon*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *Hollis Gentry*, jazz. Monday, *Glen Fisher con Alma*, jazz. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*, jazz. Wednesday, *the Jorge Camberos Quintet*, Latin jazz.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Candye Kane*, blues. Saturday, *Ruby and the Red Hots*.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Bands start at 8 pm. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll. Saturday, *NRG*, high-energy dance. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*, rock. Monday, *the Soul Persuaders*. Tuesday, *Bottomline*, rock and roll. Wednesday, *Private Domain*.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Alessandra Belloni* and *Andy Villas-Boas*, Brazilian jazz. Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Amber Whitlock, Peter Sprague, Kevin Hennessy, Kevin Koch*, and *Tripp Sprague*. Tuesday, *the Tin Hat Trio*, jazz.

Fio's Cucina Italiano, 801 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-3467. Friday, 7:30 pm, *Jerry Melnick*, jazz, solo. Saturday, *the Jerry Melnick Trio* featuring *Georgi Streetman* and *Phil Sterling*, jazz/variety.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Call club for information.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Jazzmag* featuring *Tim Maglione*. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 pm to 11 pm, *Mystique*, jazz, funk, R&B. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, *Higher Ground*, pop.

Juke Joint Cafe, 327 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-SOUL. Friday, *Shelle*, blues. Saturday, *Latin a Go-Go*. Sunday, *Regina & Comina*, gospel music.

Lilo's, 1125 Sixth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-1969. Music is jazz. Friday, 7 pm to 9 pm, *the Gilbert Castellanos Hammond B-3 Trio*. Saturday, *the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet*, jazz. Sunday, 11 am to 2 pm, *the Rob Thorsen Trio*, jazz.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Wednesday, 9 pm, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues. Thursday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*. Friday, *Jimmy Woodward and the Swingin' Kings*. Saturday, *the Nik Simon Band*. Sunday, *the Texas Twisters*. Monday, *Small Town Heroes*. Tuesday, *Surprise Band*. Wednesday, *the Blues Brokers*.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday, *D.J. Miles*, rock. Saturday, *Quiet Storm*, jazz, blues.

Roger's on 5th, 835 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday and Saturday, 6 pm to 11 pm, also, Friday and Wednesday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Robberecht the Pianoman*.

Tsunami Beach Club, 802 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-WAVE. Call club for information.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Thursday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Leslie Gold*. Friday, Monday, and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Robberecht the Pianoman*. Also Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 pm, *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Monday, 8 pm, *Julio de la Huerta*, guitar and vocals. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 pm, *Karen Giorgio*, piano and vocals.

The Wyndham Emerald Plaza, 400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. The Sidebar Lounge: Thursday and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Joe Tarrantino*, jazz piano, solo. Friday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Carrie Landsgaard* and *Joe Tarrantino*. Saturday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Stellita* and *Joe Tarrantino*, contemporary.

South Bay/Coronado

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Danny Lopez*, contemporary.

Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Friday and Saturday, *Streetheart*, rock and roll.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday and Sunday, 4:15 pm to 8:15 pm, also, Monday through Wednesday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Tony Lasley*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 4:15 pm to 8:15 pm, *Jordano*, Flamenco guitarist, 8:30 pm to 12:30 am, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz.

Palm Court: Thursday through Saturday, 5:30 pm to 12:30 am, *James Parrish*. Sunday through Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *John Cain*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 pm, *Ramona Unwin*, harpist.

Prince of Wales: Thursday and Sunday through Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Daniel Jackson*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Jim Trousdale*.

Sun Deck: Sunday, 2 pm to 6 pm, *Rainmaker*, contemporary.

The House of Munich, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, *Gordon Kohl, Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Furball 25*, rock. Saturday, *Sweet Blue Onion*, blues.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday and Friday, *the Stilettos*, blues, rock. Saturday, *the Offbeats*, rock.

East County

Borders Books & Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 8 pm, *John "Keoni" Trino*, Hawaiian guitar.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, rock and roll.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *George James*, country.

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *the Scavengers*, country rock. Saturday, *the Blues Invaders*, blues.

Flinn Springs Inn, 15505 Highway 80, El Cajon. 619-561-3015. Friday and Saturday, *Smith & Western*, country.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 pm, *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark*.

Magnolia Mulvaney's, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, *Wishbone*, country.

On the Rocks, 518 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-579-3537. Friday, *the Tall Dudes*, rock. Saturday, *Altered Time*, rock.

Pine Valley House, 28841 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley. 619-473-8708. Friday, *Big River*, country. Saturday, *Old Hwy 80*, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *6one9*, rock and roll.

Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Friday, 8 pm, *Saturday Night Special*, 10:15 pm, *the Blues Brokers*, blues. Saturday, 9 pm, *Stayin' Alive*, disco. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *the Ron Jerman Big Band*.

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South in the North

"How-deee!" I felt like calling out from my perch on a hay-bale in front of a slightly dusty Mercedes. No, I don't look like Minnie Pearl, although I was wearing my new straw hat (without the dangling price tag) and I admit to entertaining a hankering for good southern cooking. As I inhaled the hunger-rousing aroma of hickory smoke, I watched folks moseying toward the door by fours and sixes, the older ones in loose shirts and the younger ones in loose shorts — everybody hangs loose at Big Jim's. Most flashed me conspiratorial grins as they passed, as though we all belonged to the same secret society — maybe called the LOABEs, for the Loyal Order of Alabama Barbecue Eaters.

"Howdy!" my sweetie hollered as he finally ambled up, and in we went to the sprawling, woodsy building, where a B.B. King oldie was playing softly as we entered. The central eating area is a spacious patio that's roofed along the edges, with high, wide mushroom-cloud umbrellas sheltering the center from light rain or fierce sunlight. Toward the back there's a smallish indoor dining room, and off to the side is a little barroom (serving beer and wine only). Every room has a big-screen TV, and when there's any kind of football or baseball game playing, the host or hostess will ask you which team you want to watch and seat you accordingly. Being sun-lovers, we settled on the patio at one of the shiny, bare maple tables. Each table bore a roll of paper towels and a bucket of plastic utensils. The food, we soon found, is served in styrofoam bowls or heavy paper plates. It's just like a tailgate party, except that you've got a pro tending the grill.

"I'll have a bowl of them bald peanuts," said my boyfriend, mimicking the Missouri accent of his ex-mother-in-law. "Bald peanuts?" I asked. "The Rogaine didn't work on 'em?" Well, silly me, he meant *boiled* peanuts, a favorite snack of the small-town south — peanuts poached in their shells in heavily salted water. They turn out to be seriously addictive. It's surprising they haven't spread countrywide; any bar serving them at happy hour could just about triple its beer sales.

We shoulda gotten a starter of grilled jalapeños, stuffed with smoked mozzarella and sausage meat, wrapped with bacon, and covered with Cajun remoulade sauce. (Hey, the menu did n't say what the stuffing was, so I figured them for ordinary "poppers.") And we oughta have tried some sweet corn muffins with honey butter. Maybe we coulda gotten down some BBQ wings, too. But pixilated with the smoke aroma, we went straight for the "Q."



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Big Jim's Jim Wade

Big Jim's Old South Barbecue
★★★ (Excellent)

190 North Coast Highway 101 (two blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas; 760-633-1166

HOURS: Open seven days, 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Saturday/Sunday, "country breakfast" 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

PRICES: Appetizers $3–$8, entrées $7–$20, combos $2.50 extra. All-you-can-eat specials Mondays (pork ribs, $16) and Tuesdays (fried catfish and hush puppies, $13). Beer $3.50, wine $5 a glass (Robert Mondavi only).

CUISINE: Hickory-smoked barbecue, mesquite-grilled steaks, Southern side dishes and desserts.

NEED TO KNOW: Location is a short walk north of Amtrak's Coaster.

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The entrées come with your choice of two side dishes, but there are some great extra deals as well. For $2 over the cost of your entrée, you can get soup or salad, and for $3 extra you can add a quarter of a barbecued chicken or a skewer of shrimp. We did it all, you-all. The soup we chose (a choice of soup or chili) was an extraordinary Brunswick stew, a world apart from any you're likely to find in today's pragmatic southern cooking. Originating in the Ozarks, it's traditionally made with squirrel meat (which, Big Jim tells me, "tastes like chicken"). Most modern versions substitute bone-in chicken pieces for the critter. Owner "Big Jim" Wade's family recipe is a much longer and more interesting story, with three days of slow-cooking behind it. It has pork shoulder, beef brisket, and chicken, all poached to shreds, mingling with tomatoes, corn kernels, coffee, and who-knows-what-all in a deep, thick, complex broth, with flavors that are faintly sweet, faintly smoky, and as sheerly satisfying as a favorite comfort food from your own childhood. It alone would justify Big Jim's slogan, "Put Some South in Yo' Mouth!"

REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

When Big Jim first decided to open a barbecue in San Diego, he had in mind just a "rib shack" serving only pork ribs, sauce, and white bread. Once he found the sprawling space in Encinitas, an abandoned outstation of Kansas City Barbecue, he realized he had to tackle a bigger menu — not just ribs but chicken, beef, shrimp, and occasionally other seafood items.

Each meat gets its own special treatment. The large pork ribs (from a loin slab) are lightly parboiled, but you'd never guess it (except by their tenderness) once they've set a spell over slowly smoking hickory wood imported from the South. Their flesh blushes a trace of pink at the center and is imbued with that sweet smoke flavor. Barbecue like this is an art — you can do it or you can't, and Big Jim's can.

Unless you say otherwise, pork and chicken come with a tangy Alabama-style barbecue sauce sparked with vinegar and mustard — but somehow the vinegar's been morphed into something mellower. It's closer kin to South Carolina's mustard sauce than to the heartier, sweeter molasses-tomato Texas sauce that's become our national BBQ stereotype. But a mild version of Texas-style sauce is on hand as well, to pair up with the beef ribs and the tri-tip steak. (It's unusual in itself for a "Q" joint to offer two different sauces.) The beef bones look as if they came from Paul Bunyan's blue ox, and they get the Texas treatment all the way — they're grilled over a mesquite fire with soaked hickory chips scattered on top to sweeten the smoke. Beefsteaks (which chef/manager Chris Burkes cuts himself from a rib subprimal — a large, wholesale cut) go on the grill, too, after a quick marinade in a bottled sauce (called Dale's) imported from the Deep South.

The cut that spends the longest in the smoker here is Big Jim's specialty: Pulled pork is made from shoulder butts smoked overnight until they're tender enough to be ripped into shreds. It's served traditional style as a sandwich on a big, soft white bun, preferably dressed with the vinegary sauce (the server may bring both sauces for you to dress the pork yourself). Chicken gets similar treatment, and you can order a big portion as a barbecue plate, a smaller helping as an "extra" in a combo, or as a sandwich of pulled chicken. Its meat is smoky but almost moist, again with that hint of sweetness that hickory smoke confers on everything it touches. Oh, I near to forgot one of the best treats: Skewered shrimp come off the barbie tender and savory with a subtle rub that brings New Orleans to mind.

And Lordy, the side dishes! Hush puppies are the real thing, tangy and oniony and as light as they ought to be. I've found most restaurant hush puppies in San Diego County so heavy and tough, the only way they could quiet a pesky hound would be if you used 'em as slingshot ammo. Sweet-potato fries are fingers of garnet yam, a little caramelized and with a spicy afterburn. Coleslaw is near-perfect to my taste, chunky and balanced, with a little carrot for sweetness. The non-Bostonian baked beans are pintos, molasses-sweetened but not too heavy, slightly spicy and flecked with pulled pork (in place of New England's fatty salt pork). You can also choose fresh white corn on the cob in season, or mashed-potato fries, or a baked potato.

And if that's not enough, the desserts are more than worthy of consideration. The enchanting peach cobbler changes form from time to time — sometimes a crumble topping, sometime a piecrust lattice. Praise the cook, the filling isn't oversweet. Sweet potato pie (baked by a lady in Carlsbad) is fully spiced and gingery over a thin, dense lard crust. Jim's own favorite is the berry bread pudding, so you'd better try that one, too.

Saturdays and Sundays, Big Jim's serves "country breakfast." Those of you who hate big breakfasts should be relieved that it's an à la carte menu, not a buffet, so you're not obliged to stuff yourself until you waddle unless you want to. I went the purely southern route with biscuits and gravy — two light, puffy, yeast-raised "cat's head" biscuits in a sausage-imbued milk gravy, rich but not too rich, thickened to creaminess but not to pastiness. It's right up there with the best I've eaten in the South (and beats Denny's version to pieces). Unreconstructed Dixiephiles can go even deeper south with Fried Boys and Girls, a.k.a. bacon-fried cornmeal grits topped with jelly. Yankees will also find an array of waffles, scrambles, and three-egg omelets with a choice of 18 fillings, including build-your-own. (My sweetie unfortunately chose the "Mobile Bay" omelet with "crab" filling — fake crab, it turns out. I'd advise that you choose anything but.)

We loved the pulled pork so much that, the day we left Encinitas, we stopped by for another sandwich to take home. "Takeout?" said the hostess at the desk. "You order that at the bar." We slipped into the barroom while the hostess ducked through another door — and then reappeared behind the bar. "Takeout?" she repeated. "What'll y'all have?" she asked.

ABOUT BIG JIM'S AND BIG JIM

While we waited for our takeout order we looked around the bar at the old-time photos of small towns in the Old South, with a "Big Jim's BBQ" painted on the central building in every scene. You'd think from looking at them that Jim comes from an ancient barbecue clan. "The photos are real pictures of rural Alabama," says Jim Wade. "I had the University of Alabama Library send me photocopies of a bunch of pictures. I picked out six, and I got 'em to digitize them and send them to me. I took 'em to a company here in San Diego and got 'em to put 'Big Jim's' in there, just to give it that Old South feeling. People look at the pictures and we go, 'Yeah, we've been cooking barbecue since the turn of the century — *this* century.'

"I'm from Clanton, Alabama, in the middle of the state — famous for peaches. I've been in sales and marketing all my life. I came out here for something totally different, to help a friend here open up a credit-card company. After about six months it wasn't workin' out, so I said, 'What am I gonna do now? Let's open up a barbecue joint! I haven't had good barbecue since I've been out here. How hard is it?' My original idea was just ribs, white bread, cold beer, 'cause that's all you get at those little places by the road in the South. I figured any fool could do that. But I spent about a year searching for a location and researching. When I saw this place I knew we'd have to add to that menu, so I just put in some Southern dishes, things I was used to eating back home — those baked beans, the boiled peanuts, the Brunswick stew...

"We got a smoker from Mesquite, Texas. It's pretty high-tech. We can throw wood in there and set the thermostat, and it will keep that temperature right on the nose. We put the pork shoulders in there 10:00 at night, at 200 degrees, and the next morning you can literally jerk the bone out of there, it's that tender. We only use hickory from the Southeast, that's another thing we do different from other people out here. And when we started doing the ribs, I had every salesman in the world knockin' on the door tryin' to sell me stuff. They'd go, 'Here, we got baby backs,' and my comeback was, 'Big Jim don't kill no babies. We do BIG ribs.' We use big ol' four-, five-pound racks." Chef/manager Chris Burkes adds that another virtue of the ribs is that they're from an Iowa farm that sets a maximum age limit on its sows, so the meat is tender and not too fatty.

"You try the boiled peanuts?" Jim asks. "Back in the South, just about anywhere you drive down the road you see a sign that says 'Hot Boiled Peanuts,' and you pull over and you get you a paper sackfull. We've got a sign now! And we got a turkey-cooker to make the boiled peanuts. Ever hear of fried turkey? We're gonna put out the 'Hot Boiled Peanuts' sign and sell 'em from the parking lot, and we're gonna make fried turkey out there in the lot at Thanksgiving.

"You know Bubba Blackwell, the guy that jumped 21 cars out at the Del Mar Fair — and was supposed to jump 22? He's from Alabama, and he'd been in here three or four times, and he and his whole crew were wearing my T-shirts that fateful night... About three days after his accident I called the hospital, his wife answered the phone, told me Bubba had just come to and the doctor asked him if there was anything he wanted. He said he wanted some of Big Jim's sweet [iced] tea. The next day I brought him five gallons. We even named it on the menu, 'Bubba's Sweet Tea.' And the little rib tips we cut up and serve at happy hour, we call that 'Bubba's Broken Ribs.'"

Two months ago, Jim realized he needed somebody to manage the kitchen and help him expand the staff, so he took out an ad. "Chris was working in Tahoe and wanted to move back closer to where his family was, in the Encinitas-Oceanside area. He answered the ad, we talked, and he spent a weekend here in the kitchen, and I said, 'Yes, we can do this!'"

A self-taught chef, Chris Burke, 29, has been cooking professionally for 12 years, most recently at Tahoe and as banquet manager in Squaw Valley. "When I came," he said, "I added all the beef dishes and the sauce for them, the catfish and hush puppies, the desserts and most of the appetizers. Those stuffed grilled jalapeños have just been flying out of here, people can't get enough of them." He loves to cook gumbo and jambalaya, too, but as distinctive Louisiana specialties they stray too far from the exacting regional scheme. "We're not just Southern food," he says, "we're *Alabama* food." ■

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TIN FORK
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We shouldn't be here. This is Friday night. Park Boulevard. All these sleek dames and glossy males pouring in from some Corporate Canyon. Hank and I feel like bums, standing here at the lectern, waiting to be seated.

And yet the place itself has good vibes. People walk in and let out end-of-week sighs. A lot at least semi-know each other. The barman everyone calls to — "Don! Over here!" — is, like, the master of Friday night ceremonies.

But me, I'm panicking. My eyes are scanning the menu. "Mississippi Mustard catfish, $11.95." "New Orleans style BBQ Shrimp, $17.95." "Cajun Strip, $19.95."

"Hope you know what you're doin', Hank buddy," I say. A crumpled Jackson is all that sits between me and Father Joe's till tomorrow.

"Wassatime?" says Hank.

"Quarter after six."

"Gaad. It ends 6:30. Come on."

Finally a breezy-looking guy you'd take for a lawyer comes up.

"Gentlemen?"

I leave it to Hank.

"We still in time for Happy Hour?"

"Absolutely. Inside or out?"

The choice is either the big square bar just inside or the street-side balcony outside. The two big inside rooms are for serious eaters only. Hank and I agree. Outside. Watch the boulevard go by. K.C. — turns out this is none less than the owner — leads us out under the shelter of, yup, an upside-down Danish power boat that acts as the place's entrance canopy. The whole patio has a planky, bollardy, pelicany, ropey, brassy, cozy, jokey feel. K.C. says the table planks were taken from a World War II Liberty Ship's hatch cover. The bollards? "OK. They cut up telephone poles for us," he says.

I like the patio. Has flowers, trees, hanging lanterns waiting to be lit at dusk, and the "out-crowd," sharing conversation between tables. A waiter guy comes up. "Happy Hour or full dinner menu?"

"Happy Hour."

"No problem," he says. Guy's being sporting. "Everything comes with sourdough bread or corn muffins." He leaves us the small Happy Hour menu. Ah! At last prices that talk to me. "Sassy Southern and Southwest cuisine," it says. "Gulf Greens — the house salad — $2.95. Caesar salad. $2.95." With the bread, and a beer, that could almost do it.

"All ra-ight!" Hank's saying. "Wanna know why we're here? This is why we're here." His finger's stabbing the menu at the Baja Clam Chowder ($2.95). "It's different! Got a kick. I had it here the time my client took me out to lunch. Back when I had clients..." his voice trails off. His website business is, uh, faltering.

But I'm already looking at the solids. Grilled vegetable quesadilla, cornmeal-crusted brie cheese, half a doz fried oysters — how 'bout that with the bread? Also chicken wings and spring rolls. All of these are $3.95. Or, "Hey hey!" I say. "Lookee heah! 'BBQ baby back ribs. $5.95.' "

"We need to have a serious talk, and quick," says Hank. "How much you got?"

"Jackson. You?"

"Hamilton."

"So we've got to have a beer, right? Plus I ain't leaving without the chowder."

"And I ain't leaving without the ribs."

The waiter guy's coming. We do a quick tote-up. Looks like about $25.00 if we go whole hog.

We go the whole hog. Order two clam chowders, two ribs, two pints of Stone Brewing's Smoked Porter ale.

"Whew," says Hank when it all comes. Partly because we squeaked under the 6:30 wire, partly because — heck, there's so much. And it looks so classy. It's on white china. You've got a plate of sliced sourdough bread with butter balls, and they brought little yellow corn bread muffins too. You've got fine china soup plates loaded with chowder, but orange-colored. Little golden croutons try to swim across it. No luck, fellers. Too thick. Then, Lord! The ribs arrive, six on Hank's plate, seven on mine (heh heh), with a dollop of cole slaw on the side. And finally the two big pint handles filled with glorious-looking black porter ale.

"Good choice."

It's K.C. He's talking about the ale. "They make it up in San Marcos."

"Can I ask one question?" says Hank. "How come he's got seven ribs and I've only got six?"

"Ha!" says K.C. "Because pigs have 13 ribs. One more than man. So each time we split them, there's a winner and a loser. How do you like the sauce?"

Turns out he asks for a reason. He and his wife Gail have owned and run the place since it opened three years ago, but their original partner was a guy named Darrell. "Darrell created the sauce. It's Southwestern. Jalapeños, a little sweet, a bit of heat. Darrell put so much energy into creating this place. Then the night we opened, he died, tragically. We could hardly believe it. But I'm sure he's still around. I've had tarot readers tell me there's an extraordinarily positive white light in here."

Whoa. We talk and gnaw on. The ribs, and Darrell's sauce, are great, and the porter is perfect. But truly the pièce de résistance is, like Hank said, the chowder. "Northeast meets Manhattan meets South of the Border," says K.C. "The recipe has stewed tomatoes, spices, potatoes, and bacon, but that's as far as I'll go. The Food Channel wants the recipe. We're not even telling them."

We pay, all in all, $25.50. As we leave, they're lighting the lanterns.

"Jimmy Buffet," says Hank, looking back.

"Jimmy Buffet," I say. "Uh, can you front me two George Washingtons?" ■

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MATTHEW LICKONA

Last week we heard from Dr. Chris White, owner of the yeast bank White Labs Inc., who presented the case for inoculated yeast fermentations — fermentations carried out by specific added yeasts, selected for their ability to produce some particular character and to protect against the negative influence of certain wild yeasts and bacteria. The opposing practice is called "natural yeast fermentation," wherein the crushed grapes are fermented by whatever yeast happens to be present. As Dr. White noted, such fermentations are perhaps more common in Europe, where tradition has a greater length and a greater influence — the age-old practices are maintained because they have sufficed for ages.

Paul Draper, winemaker and CEO of Ridge Vineyards, started making wine in the mid-1960s — in Chile. "We simply brought the grapes in and crushed them and they started fermenting," he recalls. "It just never occurred to me that there was any risk involved." Before that, he had spent time at various wineries in France and Italy. When he came back to the States in 1969 and became winemaker at Ridge, he had both history and habit steering him toward natural fermentations.

He also had his educational background in philosophy, a background that lent itself to ruminations such as the following: "Wine is the only alcoholic beverage that is made by a natural process — that is, if you allow it, everything that is needed to turn that fresh fruit into wine is in or on those grapes. Man is simply in the role of guide; he is not in the role of maker. Probably the worst thing the Aussies and Americans did was to invent the English word 'winemaker'. It doesn't exist in French; it doesn't exist in Italian; it doesn't exist in German. It exists only in America and Australia and maybe South Africa, where you actually call the guy in charge of this process the creator.

"In the other countries, the title has more to do with guiding a natural process. They know that with the finest wines, you can simply step back and guide the process; you don't need to turn it into an industrial process. But if you're big, and you're a typical Westerner who must be in charge and must be the creator, then you blend vineyards together to create the flavor you want, you add yeasts, you use a spinning cone, you use a centrifuge, you use a sterile filter, and you do your process and you've got another nice industrial product."

I am usually suspicious of such abstract considerations, but this is Paul Draper, and this is Ridge, which has one of the finest track records in California wine — 30 years of results lend weight to the lofty suppositions. And it's not as if Draper is dismissing the industrial wines outright: "[That's] not to say that [industrial wines] can't be very good wine or that there's no excuse and no justification for it. If your job is on the line [and] you're just unsure, it's always safer to [step in]. We used to laugh about the high levels of sulfur dioxide some of the larger producers used" to neutralize unwanted bacteria and yeast. "But if you're the bottling foreman, and your job is on the line, why not dump in another hundred parts per million? There's a lot of that that goes on, depending on size and depending on the focus on quality."

The attitude of guide vs. maker finds explicit expression in the question of natural vs. inoculated yeast fermentation, and Draper has never wavered from his principle of doing as little as possible to interfere with a wine's generation. The historical success of Ridge is vindication enough, but the 1997 vintage — widely hailed as a fantastic year in California due to the ripeness that was achieved for some varietals, particularly Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay — provided a particularly gratifying affirmation.


Paul Draper, c. 1977

That year, "A lot of [wineries'] fermentations were sticking," that is, the yeasts were stopping their work of converting sugar to alcohol before they had finished the job. Not surprisingly, the worst trouble came with high-alcohol wines, where the alcohol started to kill off the very yeasts that produced it, but, says Draper, the problems were "not just with high-alcohol Zinfandels. There were all kinds of wines where the nutrients weren't there" for the yeasts to eat. Eric Baugher, vice president of winemaking at Ridge, takes up the account. Because of the ripeness of the fruit, "We had these high sugars. Certain amino acids that are preferred by yeasts — aspartic acid is one of them — will drop off dramatically as sugar increases in the grape, to the point where the yeast has to scavenge for other amino acids.

"So, people were adding large doses of inoculates. Once you do that, the yeasts will begin to want to multiply, and they just sequester all the nutrients, all the amino acids." Once all the nutrients were assimilated, the yeasts got hungry and, eventually, too weak to work. Fermentations stuck. Panicked winemakers added nutrients, but to no avail. "When you do the nutrient addition," observes Baugher, "it can help, but in many cases, that just doesn't do it. What you're adding isn't natural. It's giving the yeasts something that's very easy to assimilate; [so] they assimilate it quickly and all the nutrients are gone [again]." The fermentation sticks, to use Draper's phrase, "even more deeply."

Baugher then presents the contrasting case. "With the natural yeast fermentation, you start off with non-wine fermentation yeasts like *Kloeckera* and many other strains. These are just the yeasts that come in with the grapes, and they are what generate the fermentation in the first couple of days. You have this progression; you don't start off with this very large quantity of organisms fermenting at once. So, they don't ever get to the point of sequestering all the amino acids. As one generation of yeasts ferments out, they die and release nutrients back into the juice. That then allows the *Saccharomyces cervisiae* [the wine yeast] to continue the fermentation out to dryness. It's a much slower process, but the yeast is never having to stress for nutrients."

Draper draws the conclusion: "All of the people that had stuck fermentations were using commercial yeasts. We had not a single stuck fermentation that year, and we used natural yeasts. So our feeling is, unlike what you'll hear from [UC] Davis — which is, of course, industrial process-based, [since] that's where they assume people are going to — it is in fact a greater risk to use commercial yeast than it is to use [natural] wine yeast." ■

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The Reader's Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Ambrose Martin, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Individual restaurants will appear once or twice a month. A complete searchable list is available online at **SanDiegoReader.com**. *Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée.* **Inexpensive:** *below $10;* **moderate:** *$10 to $19;* **expensive:** *$20 to $24;* **very expensive:** *more than $25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

ANTHONY'S FISH GROTTO For its fresh seafood salads, its fish and chips, and its daily fresh fish specials, Anthony's still goes to the head of the class for stability of product, good-sized portions, time-honored preparation, and low cost. Open daily, lunch through dinner. No reservations. Inexpensive to expensive. Locations: 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368; 11666 Avena Place (off Bernardo Center Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-2070. — *E.W.*

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, 619-291-2665. — *E.W.*

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN Here's a good family restaurant where you can take your children and grandchildren for salads, pasta, or 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. 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; La Jolla Village Square, 3363 Nobel Drive, 858-457-4222; and Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, 858-675-4424. — *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, 858-485-8370; 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-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout 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 gimme caps) but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," 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.*

ROCKIN' BAJA LOBSTER 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. At the birthplace of San Diego's Rockin' Baja Lobster restaurant chain, the decor is Puerto Nuevo lobster house. All palm frond thatch, green wood-slat bar, support poles with green painted iguanas climbing them, signs on the ceiling joists like "Viva Bonita!" and "Work is for people who don't surf." The menu's big draw is the "big Baja bucket" (stuffed with slipper lobster tails, marinated chicken, grilled *carne asada*, and Baja-style shrimp) plus beans, rice, tortillas, and a Caesar salad. And wraps are great. Try the Chinese chicken wrap: grilled chicken, salad greens, crispy noodles, scallions, orange pieces, and oriental dressing in a "cilantro tortilla." Open seven days. Friday happy hour free buffet 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. Other locations: 310 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-6333; 3890 Twiggs, Old Town, 619-260-0305; 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos, 760-744-7550; 258 Harbor Drive South, Oceanside, 760-967-6199. — *E.B.*

SAMMY'S CALIFORNIA WOOD-FIRED PIZZA You have a vast choice of wood-fired pizzas here, including many exotic toppings. Salads are popular and are available as half-orders. Same menu lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Open daily. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 858-456-5222. Inexpensive. — *E.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.*

NORTH COASTAL

THE ARMENIAN CAFE 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. Located in a cottage with a view sun deck, this Armenian café prepares authentic specialties such as gyros cooked on the premises. Best bets are breakfasts that include omelets with shish kebabs. Music and belly dancing Friday and Saturday. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner, Tuesday through Sunday. Closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BARONE'S TRATTORIA DEL MARE 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Pleasant interior, 27 pastas, low prices, huge portions of tasty food make this a winner for all bargain seekers. On weekends, try the paella, large enough for two. Linguine rustica and chicken Marsala best bets. Lunch, Tuesday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

THE BRASSERIE La Costa Resort & Spa, Costa Del Mar Road off El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111, x4500. This hotel dining room offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All-you-can-eat Sunday buffet brunch with champagne is $32.00. Seafood buffet Friday, from 5:30 p.m. Outstanding service. Reservations recommended. Pisces Delicacies of the Sea is also located in this complex. Expensive. — *E.W.*

CAFE 101 631 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. Inexpensive. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The cafe is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone, from truck drivers to movie stars, would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) omelet, the 101 original cheeseburger on a grilled bun with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the great Depression dish, biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

D.B. HACKERS SEAFOOD CAFE AND GRILL 101 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. This simple dining room is enhanced by beautiful watercolors on the walls, and the fish and chips are terrific. The fish (New Zealand hoki) arrives in a golden crust, is well drained and delicious. Fish tacos are also available. If you would like small portions, try the "kiddie" serving. Fresh fish, pastas, and daily specials also worthwhile. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

FIDEL'S CARLSBAD 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. A sister restaurant to the venerable establishment in Solana Beach, the stars here are *carnitas*; quesadilla with chicken, beef, or pork; tostada *suprema*; and breast of chicken Milanesa. Open daily lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

HILL STREET COFFEE HOUSE 524 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. The menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. After 11:00 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

MILTON'S DELICATESSEN, GRILL AND BAKERY 2660 Via de la Valle, Flower Hill Mall, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. You'll find 200 items on the menu. They include Jewish deli; Chicago-style pizza; and grilled ribs, steaks, vegetables. Two recommended items: Chinese chicken salad and skirt steak sandwich. Not the greatest Jewish deli; not the worst. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

OSCAR'S 1505 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-632-0222. Here's a good place to take children or to enjoy a low-cost, unpretentious meal. The menu consists of pizza, barbecue chicken and ribs, sandwiches, salads. The best bet is the chicken-rib combination for two with salad-in-a-bowl large enough for four and hot bread sticks. Fun for a casual meal. Same menu lunch and dinner, continuous service. Branches in Carmel Mountain and Mission Valley. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

PACIFIC COAST GRILL 437 South Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Many dishes here are under $10.00. Best bets: baby back ribs, fresh fish, variety of burgers served with salad and fries presented in a paper bag. Sunday brunch from the menu, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Warm, casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

RED TRACTON'S 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Truly mammoth portions of prime rib, steak, chicken, and fish are served in lovely surroundings. Dinners come with corn on the cob (when in season) or baked potatoes or vegetables. Salads are à la carte, but are enough for two people. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SPICES THAI CAFE 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Cafe at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

SUSHI @ LA KAZ 3870 Valley Centre Drive, Carmel Valley, Del Mar, 858-792-5509. Outstanding, sophisticated sushi includes caterpillar roll (eel and avocado), soft-shell-crab roll, tempura roll. Good hot dishes include "Dynamite" and sukiyaki. Elegant sushi. Closed Sunday. Open for lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

THE VILLAGE GRILL 2833 State Street, Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays, to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays. Breakfast and lunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

TORREY PINES CAFE 2334 Carmel Valley Road, 858-259-5878. The menu is similar to the sister restaurant, the Bird Rock Cafe, with many salads, pastas, and an excellent Sunday brunch. But there are terrific new additions: paella and tender short ribs cooked in a barbecue sauce plus mashed potatoes and vegetables. Neither is to be missed. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

150 GRAND CAFE 150 West Grand Street, Escondido, 760-738-6868, *www.150grand.com*. In a comfortable setting, with three dining areas to suit every taste, chef Riko Bartolomei is exploring a genre that can only be called "worldwide adventure food." Elements from all over the globe (Asia, France, North Africa, etc.) appear in fresh, startling combinations that work brilliantly together. The menu changes daily, but many favorites recur over time with slight variations to reflect seasonal produce or creative inspiration. Inventive desserts run light, fresh, and fruity, e.g., mango tart tatin with sweet basil syrup. If you love the food at Parallel 33 or Marine Room, you'll find a meal here easily worth the trip. Lunch is a bargain, with the same ingredients as the evening's menu in slightly different combinations. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner seven days. Reservations strongly advised. Expensive. — *N.W.*

A LITTLE BIT OF GERMANY 1717 East Vista Way, Vista, 760-941-4626. Authentic German menu offers most of your favorites: chicken in champagne sauce, *sauerbraten* (beef in wine-vinegar sauce), Wienerschnitzel. Hot potato salad, made-on-the-premises *spaetzle*, and strudel major pluses. Call for directions. Closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BERNARD'O RESTAURANT 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. The restaurant is elegant in food, service, and ambiance. The cuisine is California-French, menus change seasonally. Best bets are rack of lamb, filet mignon, daily fresh fish, and crème brûlée. You'll have a good experience here. Lunch weeknights, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

EL BIZCOCHO Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. You get what you pay for at one of San Diego County's premiere dining destinations — stunning new French cuisine in a lovely, civilized room. The left side of the menu lists traditional golf-and-tennis-folk favorites (lobster bisque, filet mignon), but the right side is a daily-changing array of creative dishes by chef Patrick Ponsaty, including a five-course tasting menu. These dishes are not merely luxurious, they're the food of thrills and revelations, with flavor combinations that are intense and balanced, audacious and refined. The wine list is awesome and pricey, with numerous half-bottles and some near-bargains in the higher realms (the legendary Chateau Grillet Condrieu at $126). Dress rules aside, the atmosphere is anything but stuffy: A charming room captain puts you at ease and servers are pleasantly attentive. It's an ideal restaurant for a special night out — and the Sunday brunches are lavish, too. Jacket required, ties usual, women's attire chic or prosperously dowdy, reservations essential. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

DELICIAS 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excellent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

DICRESCENZO'S 11625 Duenda Road, Westwood Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. Should you be in Rancho Bernardo and seeking great Italian sandwiches or pizzas to eat in or take out, keep this Chicago-style "deli" in mind. The Italian beef and Rocco's Imperial sub are knockouts. Closed Sunday. Open Monday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

HERNANDEZ' HIDE-AWAY Rancho and Lake Drives, Del Dios, Lake Hodges, 760-746-1444. The popular bargain priced breakfast/brunch on Saturdays and Sundays offers steak and eggs, *chilaquiles*, sausage, beans, and omelets. At dinner, most tables sport pitchers of margaritas to wash down standard So-Cal gringo-Mex dishes. Reservations urged, especially for weekends (when non-reservers may have to wait over an hour for a table); ask for driving directions when you call. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

HIDE AWAY CAFE 150 South Acacia Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-3388. Here's where your mom met your dad the day he bought a long board. The Hide Away is the classic forties California beach cafe. You have to look carefully down the tiny tree-shaded street to spot their big blue-and-yellow sign. It's a homey little place, with a corrugated iron roof, wooden porch, and a green mantle of gnarly old ivy. Flap through the swing doors. Inhale the good smells from the kitchen. Sit down at one of the intimate tables. Order the jalapeño and grilled red onion omelet with avocado and jack cheese. Or the delicious "Kaleidoscope" scrambled eggs, cheese, bell peppers, onions, and home fries. Finish up with a slice of homemade pumpkin nut bread. Breakfast and lunch only, open [illegible] to 2:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

MANDARIN GARDEN RESTAURANT 8242 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-566-4720. From the *dim sum* served Saturday and Sunday to its variety of exotic dishes, this restaurant is worth seeking out, especially at dinner. Located in the Mira Mesa Mall, it offers many unusual and hard-to-find appetizers. The noteworthy main dishes are steamed whole fish, twice-cooked pork (spicy), fresh eel served in brown sauce. The extensive menu includes standard dishes favored by Americans. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

MIIKI JAPANESE RESTAURANT AND SUSHI BAR 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

REAL TEXAS BBQ 6904 Miramar Road, 858-566-5235. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, and links that are smoked rather than cooked over a fire. The room is unadorned but very clean. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily, continuous service. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

SAND CRAB CAFE 222 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

TONG SZECHUAN 609 North Broadway #E-F (Albertson's Shopping Center), Escondido, 760-480-9438. The "New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao*, *ma la*, etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low moderate. — *N.W.*

TONY'S GIANT PIZZA 122 El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-9121. Tony's claims to serve "New York pizza" and they're not that far off — the crust is thin enough (if not quite crisp enough), but what's special here is the honest, gooey mozzarella — it doesn't get stringy when hot or rubbery when cool. You can get plain or pepperoni pizza by the humongous slice (it laps over the plate), and fancier (if still pretty basic) toppings on pies of up to 28 inches. There's also a mean meatball sandwich with small flavorful balls and an okay sauce swathed in that yummy cheese. There are video games for the kids and a neighborly atmosphere, although most orders are take-out or delivery. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

VINCENT'S SIRINO'S 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. (Closed annually from third week of June to third week of July.) Expensive. — *N.W.*

LA JOLLA

AESOP'S TABLES 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Shopping Center, #106, 858-455-1535. The chief attributes of this Greek and Mediterranean restaurant are fresh food, tasty preparation, and low cost. The salads are a good buy. Entrées are large



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RESTAURANTS

enough for two. All items available for takeout. Lunch, Monday through Saturday. Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

AZUL LA JOLLA 1250 Prospect Street, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

CHOPAHN 8935 Towne Center Drive #111, Renaissance Towne Center, Golden Triangle, 858-677-0100. Located in a romantic, elegant dining room, this Afghan restaurant offers first-rate food — possibly the best Afghan menu in the city. Be sure to order two or three appetizers and the house specialty Kabob-E-Chopahn, lamb loin chops on a skewer or lamb and chicken kabobs. Rice and vegetables are a good choice for vegetarians. Loving ownership; personalized service. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

ELARIO'S BISTRO & SKY LOUNGE 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, Hotel La Jolla (formerly Summer House Inn), 858-459-0541. The 11th floor view carries this restaurant. Good preparation of gourmet American food, fish, seafood, steaks, and chicken. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and weekend brunch. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

FLEMING'S STEAK HOUSE AND WINE BAR 8970 University Center Lane, Aventine Complex, La Jolla East, 858-535-0078. Beautiful atmosphere, excellent service, very fine preparations. Very crowded weekends. Steaks and chops first rate. Vegetables a la carte. Open dinners only nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

FOREVER FONDUE 1295 Prospect Street #201, upstairs, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. If you stay with the cheese fondue, house salad, or shrimp with spicy cocktail sauce, you'll have a good meal. Steel plates make the food cold. The prix fixe dinner for two is very affordable, but not necessarily a best buy. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily for dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

THE MARINE ROOM 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas, high prices.... With the arrival of chef Bernard Guillas, the romantic Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. The wine list is sublime, too; just bring your trust fund. Reservations required; resort-casual to dressy. Call ahead to arrange wheelchair access. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

ROPPONGI 875 Prospect Street, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 21 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, the niçoise salad at lunch, or the excellent Sunday brunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for brunch or dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — *E.W.*

SANTE RISTORANTE 7811 Herschel Avenue, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W.*

SUSHI ON THE ROCK 7734 Girard Avenue, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot, a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back, draws a lively, twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative *futo-maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well-conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. The one-time menu of cooked dinner entrées, however, is now minimal. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for Happy Hour specials. Moderate. — *N.W.*

LA TAVERNA 927 Silverado (at Girard), 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's husband) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — *N.W.*

TRATTORIA ACQUA 1298 Prospect Street, 858-454-0709. You'll do fine if you stay with the simplest dishes: marinated grilled chicken breast on pizza dough, grilled portobello mushrooms, or pasta dishes. Entrées from shores other than Italian don't fare as well. The restaurant is located two flights down and offers an ocean view and patio as well as indoor dining. Elevator located at garage below on Coast Boulevard. Open daily. Moderate (some pastas) to very expensive. — *E.W.*

CLAIREMONT & KEARNY MESA

94TH AERO SQUADRON 8885 Balboa Avenue, 858-560-6771. One of Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is Happy Hour — pig-out heaven! Weekdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., the free buffet might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, plus raw veggies, nacho chips, and salsa. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud to "feed" two of you.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WW I French farmhouse taken over by the 94th, a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of Fokker Triplanes, Nieuports, SE-5s, and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield, so you can fly in and park outside, if you have your own plane. Come at sunset — it's a trip. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

BACI RISTORANTE 1955 West Morena Boulevard, 619-275-2094. If you have been eating low-fat, low-calorie food, consider this place a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken. Excellent fried squid and the best *zabaglione* (dessert) in the city. Salt may be more than usual. First-rate service. Open Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

EMERALD CHINESE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 3709 Convoy Street, Pacific Gateway Plaza, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. San Diego's best Chinese restaurant for fresh seafood and fish. Live fish, prawns, and lobsters are kept in tanks and prepared minutes after you order. Superb dim sum, served daily, is especially fine on Saturday and Sunday, when 100 items are available. Open daily. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

HSU'S SZECHUAN CUISINE Hazard Village, 9350 F-G Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-279-9799. This restaurant is noted for its hot and spicy Szechuan dishes as well as for its Mandarin specialties. For Mongolian barbecue, you have a choice of beef, pork, lamb, or turkey with stir-fried vegetables (barbecue is not available Sunday morning). Extensive menu with many unusual dishes. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

PHO TAU BAY RESTAURANT Full name: *La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay*. 7604 Linda Vista Road, Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscotting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *Mi Ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken. Or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. He will explain all. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

PHUONG TRANG 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Don't miss this excellent Vietnamese restaurant where 232 items are offered. The cuisine is healthy, offers great variety, and is pleasing to the eye as well as the palate. Best bets are egg rolls, char-grilled shrimp on sugarcane, ground beef wrapped in grape leaves, prawn salad, rice in earthenware pot, grilled whole fish, spring rolls. Service is swift, the food very tasty—it's low-fat and wonderful. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

SAN TONG PALACE 4690 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions tastiest styles. Their Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. Their seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for Westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

SHOGUN KOBE 5451 Kearny Villa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-7399. This restaurant specializes in well-seasoned Japanese-style steaks, either by themselves or in combination with lobster, shrimp, or scallops. All entrées arrive with soup, salad, rice, and Japanese-style vegetables. Seating is communal at the *teppan* tables. There's also an attractive, well-stocked sushi bar. Open 7 days, moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE BEACHES

GUAVA BEACH BAR AND GRILL 3714 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-6688. Old-fashioned American cooking such as meat loaf with mashed potatoes and macaroni and cheese (on children's menu) are prepared here, along with Mexican and seafood specialties. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

HARBOR'S EDGE Sheraton Harbor Island Resort, 1380 Harbor Island Drive (across from airport), 619-291-2900. The restaurant has a stunning bay view and contemporary interior. Good California cuisine includes fish, chicken, pastas. For inexpensive diversion, try the Bakery (adjacent to the dining room) where sandwiches and pastries are served. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

HUDSON BAY SEAFOOD 1403 Scott Street, 619-222-8787. Fresh fish and seafood, burgers, and salads served in room on the dock. Great view and you may eat on the outside deck or inside. Very casual. Best bets: fish and chips and fresh fish sandwiches. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

HUMPHREY'S 2241 Shelter Island Drive, 619-224-3577. California coastal cuisine in a newly renovated room with a beautiful bay view. Among the well-prepared dishes, black Angus "baseball cut" steak, grilled vegetable tower, seasoned crusted ahi, prawn cocktail parfait. Excellent service. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Sunday buffet brunch. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

JARED'S 880 East Harbor Island Drive, 619-291-1028. The house specialty is steak, offered in a room directly on the harbor. Presentation, in the manner, of Morton's, is to show you the entrées raw. Price of entrée includes nothing else; vegetables, potatoes à la carte. Excellent appetizers, especially five-onion tart. First rate bread and bread pudding. Closed Monday. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

LAMONT STREET GRILL 4445 Lamont Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. Most entrées here include salad or soup, potatoes, vegetables, and fresh fruit dipped in chocolate. This restaurant boasts a genuine fireplace on the heated outdoor patio. It's really romantic. Dinners only, nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *E.W.*

SAM CHOY'S HAWAII AT THE BALI HAI 2230 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-222-1181. Unpretentious Hawaiian/Chinese creations emphasize seafood here, in a family-friendly setting with spectacular views. Dinner prices include soup and a salad with an addictive sesame dressing. Simpler entrées are best. Try the coconut-stuffed halibut in pineapple cream sauce or a sashimi-lover's sampler of three different fish species, seared "ahi-style." The weekly specials can be risky; wokked entrées run to old-fashioned "Cantonese-American" fare. Full bar, with well-made "umbrella drinks," pitiful wine list. Champagne brunch buffet Sundays. Reservations get a view table. Noisy on Sundays. Moderate. — *N.W.*

SPORTSMEN'S SEAFOODS 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Bay, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish and chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. Open seven days, lunch/early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

THEE BUNGALOW 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884; *www.theebungalow.com.* The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore's charming, comfortable historic "cottage," where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pate to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like *grandmaman* used to make. And like *mamhre's*, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pates and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — *N.W.*

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

EL AGAVE 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks Margarita with fresh fruit juices. Moderate. — *N.W.*

GEORGIA'S GREEK CUISINE 3550 Rosecrans Street, Grosvenor Square Center, 619-523-1007. This small, immaculate Greek restaurant serves food that will please anyone on a budget. Lunch is an especially good buy. All entrées, as well as sandwiches and appetizers, are prepared for takeout. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

OLD TOWN MEXICAN CAFE 2489 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-297-4330. This boisterous café is noted for its excellent breakfasts, served from opening to closing. Try also the rotisserie-roasted chicken, the carnitas, or the fajitas. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

BARNES BAR-B-QUE 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. The sign on the window reads: "Soul Food: 99 cents"; inside is the homey solace of good cheer and excellent Memphis-style barbecue. Pork gets star billing: in a sandwich, it appears as tender chunks laced with smoke; on ribs, as luscious, multitextured strips slathered with sauce that balances sweet smoke, citrus tang and a mild, persistent spice. BBQ beans are a revelation, creamy yet substantial, swimming alongside rich bits of pork in a sauce that delivers a sweet molasses bite. Macaroni and cheese is gooey and gummable, a mild counter to the murky, sour/salty greens. On Fridays, you can get Southern-fried catfish or red snapper, plus hush puppies. Inexpensive. — *A.M.*

DULZURA CAFE Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Breakfast and lunch seven days, dinner Friday through Sunday. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 30s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse-collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Listen for speeding cars rounding the corner as you cross into the dirt parking lot — and watch for the scorpion in the counter-top. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

GRINGO'S BREW HOUSE 40601 Old Highway 80, Boulevard, 619-766-4030. The signs outside read "American-owned" and "Check guns at the register." We're out in border-country here, folks. But just ask for Elizabeth, a spunky black-haired Italian-American, who explains that the signs are "a joke for the Border Patrol." For dinner, try the house-rolled ravioli or lasagna. At breakfast, play "stuff-your-own omelet" with onions, peppers, tomatoes, mushrooms, ham, sausage, bacon, or cheese. Pool tables and a smoking room add to the rustic charm. You can now camp overnight in their yard, or park your RV. Inexpensive, open daily. — *E.B.*

THE LIVING ROOM COFFEEHOUSE 5900 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Later in the day, try their turkey lasagna with fruit and bread. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

LY'S GARDEN 6011 El Cajon Boulevard, 619-265-1885. Although the extensive menu offers Chinese as well as Cambodian specials, it's best to order the Cambodian food. Be sure to ask Mr. Ly for suggestions. Live crab and lobster as well as fresh oysters and shrimp available. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

THE MOUNT SIGNAL CAFE 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

OWL CAFE 674 Main Street, El Centro, 760-352-3951. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. (Bar open until 2 a.m.) Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

SALA THAI 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, Campus Plaza, 619-229-9050. You will find this Thai restaurant as charming as its owner. The menu is extensive, the service attentive. Try the spicy seafood combination or the Chinese specialties. Loving experience and gastronomically satisfying. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner. Sunday dinner only. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

SUNNY GARDEN CUISINE OF CHINA 5500 Grossmont Center Drive, La Mesa, 619-464-2288. This neighborhood restaurant (formerly Chang) offers 18 chicken preparations at low cost, plus diced chicken in lettuce cups and smoked chicken with fried greens — the last two are appetizers. Good neighborhood restaurant in gorgeous surroundings. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

TOMMY'S PIZZA 1164 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-440-2676. This old-fashioned pizza house also prepares superb Italian sandwiches that include Italian roast beef, meatball, sausage, and various combinations. Call for hours. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

TYLER'S TASTE OF TEXAS 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9297. Insomniacs and lovers of barbecue! Tyler's offers a seven-page menu with Texas specialties available 24 hours a day. Big Texas breakfasts, great barbecue chicken and ribs, chili (no beans!), grits, all-you-can-eat catfish on Wednesday and Friday. Excellent bakery serves homestyle pies. Go ahead, make a fool of yourself. Open every day, 24 hours a day. New branch: 7868 El Cajon Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-466-9295. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

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CHICKEN PIE SHOP OF SAN DIEGO 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, 619-295-0156. You'll get lots of fried chicken, chicken and turkey pies, mashed potatoes, and desserts for prices that don't seem to have changed much since the shop opened over 50 years ago. A great bargain. Steaks also available at low cost. Very large seating area; no frills. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

KENSINGTON VILLAGE CAFE 4090 Adams Avenue, 619-283-7546. This small, friendly cafe, a great favorite with the locals, is often filled with local politicians and folk from the nearby Kensington Library. Best morning bet: the Village Breakfast (three eggs, thick bacon, sausage, potatoes, onions, peppers, cheese, cooked frittata style) or the half-pound Village Burger with fries, potato salad, macaroni salad, or coleslaw. Lighter standards include Caesar salad with grilled chicken, or a Polish sausage on a roll with sauteed peppers, onions, and cheese. Open Tuesday to Sunday, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

KHONG TEN QUAN 4658 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-282-7615. Look for a mini-mall with bright-yellow signs, including "Karaoke Cafe." In this functional space next door to a sometimes-loud karaoke bar, the basic menu — *pho*, noodles, et al. — is cheap, fresh, and delicious, arriving with heaps of fresh herbs for do-it-yourself wrapping and/or garnishing. But there's a separate menu of house specials (you'll have to ask for it, or get the take-out menu and look for the section labeled "*Món Nhâu*/Our Specialties") on which you'll find unusual dishes from Central Vietnam that you're unlikely to encounter in Saigonese restaurants. These include venison, goat, frog legs, and snails. Not everything will be available — the kitchen staff is picky about quality and price. Staffers speak very little English, but point-and-shoot works. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

MAMA'S BAKERY AND LEBANESE DELI 4237 Alabama, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made *saj*, (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of *fool mudamas*, or slow-cooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and *baba ghanoush* (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

OLD MILL CAFE 3949 Ohio Street, North Park, 619-294-3804. The best-kept secret in North Park looks like a Swiss chalet inside, but serves 1950s American eats in big platefuls. Breakfast buffs should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three sausage links rolled in hot cakes with powdered sugar). The lunch and dinner menu is also good and cheap — for instance, golden fried chicken with vegetables and rice or baked potato. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

RED SEA RESTAURANT 4717 University Avenue (Euclid), 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Open daily, very inexpensive. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. — *N.W.*

SOUL FOOD EXPRESS 840 South 47th Street, Southeast San Diego, 619-264-0202. The careful kitchen at Soul Food Express provides masterful home-style Southern cooking that makes you feel cared for, looked after. It is the deep-frying, endless slow-simmering, barbecuing, and so on that gives this American regional cuisine its soul. And you will taste it in Soul Food Express' collard greens, candied yams, beef ribs, fried catfish (an excellent example of Southern technique), and their potato salad, corn bread, and sweet potato pie. Soul Food Express has less to do with style and panache than with comfort, and with pleasure. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

UPTOWN

ALEX'S BROWN BAG 2550 Fifth Avenue, Suite 171, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building), is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese-steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the "Italian Stallion" (Genoa salami, capocolla prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, and grilled pastrami cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It's, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and early dinner weekdays. Closes 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. — *E.B.*

ALADDIN'S CAFE 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111; *www.aladdin_cafe.com*. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean if rather generic Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

BREAD AND CIE 350 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. Twelve varieties of bread are baked daily in a 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Outrageously good because of the crusty exteriors and density. Among the best are multi-grain, sourdough wheat, and fig-anise. Baguettes, brownies, and biscotti are first-rate. The sandwiches to eat in or take out are spectacular. Don't miss this one. Open daily. — *E.W.*

BUSALACCHI'S RISTORANTE 3683 Fifth Avenue, 619-298-0119. If you like old-fashioned Sicilian-style cooking — tons of tomato sauce, olive oil, and garlic — then try this converted cottage which serves it. Lots of pasta dishes, veal, chicken, and fish. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

CAFE ON PARK 3831 Park Boulevard (Park and University), 619-293-7275. Gigantic portions and good food make this a standout for people with large appetites and slim purses. Be aware that there are long waits on weekends for breakfast and lunch (served simultaneously) and dinner. The place seats 40; the cooking is called eclectic American comfort food. It's home-style rather than slick. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

CITY DELICATESSEN 535 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Jewish specialties available here include brisket of beef, chicken-in-the-pot, chopped liver, and a wide variety of sandwiches and vegetarian items. Breakfast specials weekdays; early bird dinner for $9.95. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, to midnight during the week and to 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

CREST CAFE 425 Robinson Avenue, 619-295-2510. Onion rings served in a loaf, homemade potato chips, chicken, steak, pasta, and a variety of extra-lean charbroiled hamburgers, plus the continuous service from breakfast to late night keep this café crowded. Breakfast omelets particularly good. Desserts are homemade. Noisy and high spirited, this café is open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

EL INDIO SHOP 3695 India Street, 619-299-0333. The shop has an indoor dining area, or you may brave the elements (such as they are in San Diego) on benches across the street. You won't be disappointed by the pungent, mouth-watering specialties. The entire menu is available for takeout, as are huge bags of tortilla chips. A good value and very good, inexpensive food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

GELATO VERO CAFFE 3753 India Street, 619-295-9269. A fine spot for Italian sorbettos and ice creams, pastries of all kinds, and coffees. Diners can read undisturbed indoors or, weather permitting, outside. Open daily. — *E.W.*

LAUREL RESTAURANT 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth Avenue), 619-239-2222. Douglas Organ's French provincial restaurant is sophisticated and stylish, featuring an ever-changing seasonal menu of fresh, appealing dishes and a superb wine list (as you'd expect from the sister of the North County's Wine Sellar Brasserie). The crowd, many coming straight from work or business conventions, are on the dressy side. Dine early in the week for quiet, as weekends are jumping. Reservations are a must. The site now includes a small gourmet market, open from 4:00 p.m. Expensive to very expensive. — *E.W.*

LIAISON 2202 Fourth Avenue (Fourth and Ivy), 619-234-5540. This French restaurant with its romantic atmosphere offers an a la carte menu and fixed-price meals. Pleasant food, excellent service. Patio dining, weather permitting. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner. Low moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

PRADO House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. Despite the mixed ethnicities, the food brings few surprises, but is generally flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana Tres Leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Dinner reservations vital. Interior is vast and prone to loudness, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W.*

SAFFRON NOODLES AND SATE 3737 India Street, 619-574-7737. Casual Thai food, noodle dishes, soups, *saté* (grilled chicken, beef, pork) to eat in or take out. Best bet: chicken noodle soup and curry served Wednesday only. Gorgeous artwork. Open daily, same menu all day. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

TASTE OF SZECHUAN 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be prepared upon request in advance. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

DOWNTOWN

BROADWAY PIZZA 1008 Broadway, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers good, no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not mean: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches, portions are generous and filling. The sausage link sub (Louisiana-style hot sausage link, marinara sauce, and melted cheese) is great grub, but if you like a full dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies plus garlic bread and salad. But the main thing is while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10:00 a.m. to to 3:00 a.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

BUCA DI BEPPO 705 Sixth Avenue, 619-233-7272. Family-style, Southern Italian cooking in a dining room seating 305 people. Food is simple (one sauce fits all), portions are huge, and ambiance is child- and teenager-friendly. Go for plain fun, not for gourmet dinners. Meatballs and spaghetti are your best bet. Dinner nightly, lunch Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LA CAMPANA MEXICAN RESTAURANT 2479-A Broadway, Golden Hill, 619-232-8756. Don't be fooled by the strip mall location. *Jefe* Arturo's wonderful specialties include *cochinita pibil*, roast suckling pig in sauce; a nice, thick *pozole*, pork and hominy soup; and tacos filled with various odd parts of the steer, including the sweet meat of the cheeks. Decor includes *campanas*, traditional bells, and old photos of Arturo's hometown, Tepic, the riverport capital of Nayarit. While you wait, listen to Arturo belt out songs from the kitchen. He has a great voice. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

THE CHEESE SHOP 401 G Street, 619-232-2303. This café offers outrageously good sandwiches of which my favorites are the Black Forest ham and the roast pork. Muffins and cookies are baked on the premises. Paper plates for food but real mugs for coffee and tea. Open daily. Inexpensive. Branch in La Jolla, 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-459-3921. — *E.W.*

CHIVE 558 Fourth Avenue, 619-232-4483. This downtown hot spot is sleek, stark, dramatic, a restaurant in which to "be seen." Their "cuisine moderne" is Asian and Caribbean influenced and succeeds the atmosphere. I found the salmon and pork *osso bucco* outdone by their sides, but recommend the beef filet and rack of lamb, which Chive's generous kitchen roasts to perfection. Behind the artifice, Chive's staff is cordial and efficient, its kitchen talented, if a little arty and uneven. — *E.W.*

DIM SUM KINGDOM 730 Broadway, 619-239-1782. It's a great place to eat if you're low on cash and crave some Chinese-American food. Breakfasts range from shrimp egg soufflé with rice to pork chops with three eggs, rice, and toast. One of the best deals has to be the breakfast steak, two eggs, home fries, and toast. And the steak is bi-ig. Three meals to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, to 2:00 p.m. Sunday. — *E.B.*

FIO'S 801 Fifth Avenue (corner of F Street), 619-234-3467. This handsome Gaslamp old-timer serves rich, comforting, serious North Italian cuisine in a civilized atmosphere, with the bar glassed off from the dining rooms, keeping the sound-level low. High-quality ingredients (fine fresh fish, free-range chicken, genuinely ripe tomatoes, great gorgonzola) are employed in well-executed dishes that are creative without going off the deep end. Great small details include fine bread with rosemary butter and an impressive wine list. There's plenty of life in this old girl yet. Full bar, heated patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W.*

GARDEN COFFEE HOUSE 634 Broadway, 619-231-6494. Come around nine in the morning and you're in the tower of Babel. You hear French, German, Japanese — double-kissing foreign students from the language school next door come here for pre-class breakfast. Raziq Fani, an Afghan poet, runs the place. Breakfasts can be "health," "continental," or "American." The "American" promises two sausages, hash browns, and eggs with toast and coffee or tea. It's worth it for the fennel-herbed sausage. "The flavor comes from the valleys of Afghanistan," says Mr. Fani. Relax in the library section, or play chess, or stay for lunch. Try *quabely*, a rice dish with currants and raisins and carrots and meat, or spaghetti with Fani's own sauce. Closes 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

GRANT GRILL U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, 619-239-6806. As always, this restaurant serves quality meat in a traditional room that uses tableside service. Best bets are spinach salad, lobster paella, shrimp-and-scallop risotto, and, of course, the mixed grill. Open daily. Breakfast, lunch, and brunch, moderate. Dinner, expensive. — *E.W.*

HENRY'S BBQ 1300 Market Street, 619-239-3919. The outside's a little tatty, but inside — Aladdin's Cave! A dining room of gold-framed pictures, mirrored golden-wood booths, and cushions, tables, walls, and carpet all in blue. Pork ribs are the thing here, guaranteed slow-cooked overnight for ten hours. Also beef, turkey, lamb, and ham. Try them together in combo sandwiches. Full plates come with barbecue beans and macaroni, potato, or coleslaw salad. "We haven't changed the menu since 1953," says Lorens, grandson of the original Henry. Closes 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

HOME QUEST COFFEE HOUSE 1010 Broadway, 619-232-3222. Okay, it's toward the scuzzy part of Broadway, and caters mainly to people struggling with substance problems, but the place is full of life and positive energy. You can hear it from the sidewalk — people sitting on stools at high tables loudly chewing the fat, chowing down, and smoking. Anybody's welcome, and almost anybody can afford the rock-bottom prices for a breakfast egg with hash browns and toast, or three pancakes, or three slices of French toast, or even a piece of chicken and toast. The dinner menu includes liver and onions, pork chops, or three pieces of chicken plus mashed potatoes and vegetables. Open 6-1/2 days (closes after lunch Sunday). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

ISLAND SPICE 2820 Market (29th), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook less-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escoveitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy "brown stew." Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get take-out. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

KANSAS CITY BARBECUE 610 West Market Street, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. Follow your nose. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun*. But guess what? It *is* kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 to 6.30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

LAEL'S RESTAURANT Hyatt Regency Hotel, One Market Street, 619-687-6066. All-you-can-eat fish-and-seafood buffet, Friday nights only, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., $21.95. All-you-can-eat prime rib buffet, Thursday night, $18.95. Wednesday night, all-you-can-eat Italian buffet for $14.95. Worth trying for lovers of buffets. — *E.W.*

MAMA GUCCI'S HOME-STYLE ITALIAN FOOD 1157 Sixth Avenue, 619-338-0400. Mama Gucci did so well here, she retired back to Italy; now her son-in-law, George, runs the restaurant. A pretty interior with blonde wood chairs, checkered tablecloths, yellow walls, red shutters, and window-box flowers brings in the downtown office crowd between noon and 1:00 p.m. — but join the in-crowd sitting out in the sun, drinking wine and scarfing up spaghetti Bolognese or chicken Chianti (chicken on fettuccine, with mushrooms and red-wine sauce). Lunch only, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

OCTOPUS GARDEN 314 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-1653. Not to be missed Japanese and Continental preparations. Superb sushi and sashimi; unique hot appetizers; fish with continental sauces. Ahi tuna steak and sea bass outstanding. Upstairs seating for large parties. Delightful atmosphere and service. Open nightly for dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

OLD WORLD RESTAURANT 452 Eighth Avenue, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

THE PARROT GRILL 802 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-231-9981. Insomniacs take note. Dinner is served nightly to midnight and Wednesday through Saturday a light menu (sandwiches, salads, appetizers, desserts) is available to 2:00 a.m. Food is Floridian, some spicy, some not. You can make a meal from appetizers. Best bets: barbecue ribs, honey-glazed duck, pork chop, key lime pie. Gorgeous interior and service. Dinner only, Wednesday through Saturday. Upper moderate. — *E.W.*

RAINWATER'S 1202 Kettner Boulevard, 619-233-5757. Though this attractive restaurant is noted for its fine steaks and chops, the live Maine lobster and fresh fish (especially the salmon in parchment) are outstanding here. For a low-cost meal, try meat loaf and creamy mashed potatoes. Open daily. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner seven nights a week. Expensive. — *E.W.*

REI DO GADO 939 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. This classic *rodizio* (Brazilian barbecue house) serves you more than you can eat — an assortment of salty, simple rotisseried meats and poultry, and a huge, ever-changing buffet. Along with side dishes, salads and heaps of fresh fruit, you'll find an array of hot entrées, including Brazilian-style seafood (e.g., shrimp in coconut milk) and meat stews. There's always a pot full of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). Each table sports a wooden cone with one end red and the other end blue-green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of pork, chicken, ribs, sausages, numerous cuts of beef, etc., including delicious skirt steak and garlic-rubbed "top sirloin cap." Turn the cone red side up when you want a break from the protein procession. The traditional beverage to wash down the meat-fest is the *Caipirinha*, a tangy, fresh lime cocktail. Moderate. — *N.W.*

SEVILLA 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979, *www.cafesevilla.com*. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but Euro-civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — *N.W.*

SISTER PEE WEE'S SOUL FOOD 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafes in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

THE SNACK GALLEY Greyhound Depot, 120 West Broadway, 619-234-4522. At 4:00 in the morning you don't expect Cordon Bleu, Pink, or any other color. The great thing about Snack Galley is that it's open at all. If you can get past the sleeping bodies, ask for the breakfast sandwich: bread stuffed with egg, cheese, and bacon, sausage or ham. Sausage is best — it feels like you get more to munch. Order a large coffee to wake you up, or sober you up, whatever you need. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

STAR OF INDIA 423 F Street, 619-544-9891. This Indian restaurant is most popular for the all-you-can-eat buffet, available weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3:00 p.m. The weekend brunch includes champagne. Vegetarians should make note of the many vegetable and rice dishes with innovative preparations. Restful atmosphere, good service. Be aware that breads are à la carte. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive (buffet) to expensive. — *E.W.*

STAR OF THE SEA 1360 North Harbor Drive (Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-7408. This is not your father's Star of the Sea. In a chic new setting with the same romantic view, a talented new chef offers superb sea catch in fresh flavor combinations that are bold but sane. Menus change seasonally, but one constant is an always-ravishing chef's tasting menu, which can include a cleverly paired wine flight. A la carte dishes are equally alluring, and wines are interesting, mainly affordable, and poured generously into good large goblets that show off their noses. Service is very considerate. Is this perfection? Quite possibly so. Somewhat dressy, reservations urged. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W.*

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LA BELLA PIZZA GARDEN 373 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

BUON GIORNO 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-475-2661. The menu includes antipasti, soup, salad, pasta, pizza as well as chicken, meat, and fish. Try the Caesar salad topped with grilled fresh chicken breast, or linguine al pesto. Fish does very well here. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

CROWN ROOM, HOTEL DEL CORONADO 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611, ext. 7284. Open only for Sunday brunch and special events. The food is competent, but the room is outstanding, especially the crown-shaped ceiling. Expensive. — *E.W.*

D'LISH PIZZA AND PAS[illegible] H Street, Chula Vista, 61[illegible]. The pizzas and pastas are t[illegible] salads are huge and fresh service. Inexpensive to m[illegible]erate. — *E.W.*

GRANDMA'S PANTRY [illegible]RANT AND BAKERY 87[illegible] Drive, Imperial Beach, 619[illegible] Kids will appreciate Gran[illegible] rice — pinned above a heap [illegible] cakes, pies, and cakes — thr[illegible] joy Life More Eat Dessert [illegible] menu ranges from Belgia[illegible] waffles heaped with straweb[illegible] cream to "Hot Juan" fr[illegible] chorizo, onions, cheese, [illegible] salsa, and sour cream) to [illegible] meat loaf with mashed pot[illegible] goes, a roll, and chilled pudd[illegible] and Saturday nights, try thes[illegible] Fish-You-Can-Eat" specia[illegible] and have your second desse[illegible] walk it off on IB's pier. Bre[illegible] early dinner six days, Sunda[illegible] only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

KARIHAN RESTAURANT [illegible] Plaza Boulevard, Suite B, Grove[illegible] ter, National City, 619-470-[illegible] Philippines (USA), Miss Sw[illegible], and Miss Argentina ate here, so [illegible] bad. It looks like a grass hu[illegible] tures about 16 different d[illegible] markably low prices. *Hamo[illegible]* goongan, and *sinampalukan* [illegible] be sweet and sour pork in pineapple sauce, pork with salted s[illegible] chicken in tamarind soup. *Ed[illegible]* to mix sweet and savory f[illegible] *kare kare*, beef tripe and ox [illegible] in peanut butter sauce. And loves *pancit*, Filipino chow [illegible]. Wash it down with a lumpy brow[illegible]

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CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ANTIQUE ROW CAFE 3002 Adams Avenue, 619-282-9750. Breakfast, served all day, offers at least 30 items. These include a variety of omelets, eggs Benedict or Florentine, egg burritos, and biscuits and gravy. One portion is enough for two. Dinner offers burgers, Philly steaks. In-loor and outdoor seating. Open daily. Morning hours vary. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

CHICKEN PIE SHOP OF SAN DIEGO 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, 619-295-0156. You'll get lots of fried chicken, chicken and turkey pies, mashed potatoes, and desserts for prices that don't seem to have changed much since the shop opened over 50 years ago. A great bargain. Steaks also available at low cost. Very large seating area; no frills. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

KENSINGTON VILLAGE CAFE 4090 Adams Avenue, 619-283-7546. This small, friendly cafe, a great favorite with the locals, is often filled with local politicians and folk from the nearby Kensington Library. Best morning bet: the Village Breakfast (three eggs, thick bacon, sausage, potatoes, onions, peppers, cheese, cooked frittata style) or the half-pound Village Burger with fries, potato salad, macaroni salad, or coleslaw. Lighter standards include Caesar salad with grilled chicken, or a Polish sausage on a roll with sauteed peppers, onions, and cheese. Open Tuesday to Sunday, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

KHONG TEN QUAN 4658 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-282-7615. Look for a mini-mall with bright yellow signs, including "Karaoke Cafe." In this functional space next door to a sometimes-loud karaoke bar, the basic menu — *pho*, noodles, et al. — is cheap, fresh, and delicious, arriving with heaps of fresh herbs for do-it-yourself wrapping and/or garnishing. But there's a separate menu of house specials (you'll have to ask for it, or get the take-out menu and look for the section labeled "*Món Nhâu*/Our Specialties") on which you'll find unusual dishes from Central Vietnam that you're unlikely to encounter in Saigonese restaurants. These include venison, goat, frog legs, and snails. Not everything will be available — the kitchen staff is picky about quality and price. Staffers speak very little English, but point-and-shoot works. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

MAMA'S BAKERY AND LEBANESE DELI 4237 Alabama, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made *saj*, (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of *fool mudamas*, or slow-cooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and *baba ghanoush* (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

OLD MILL CAFE 3949 Ohio Street, North Park, 619-294-3804. The best-kept secret in North Park looks like a Swiss chalet inside, but serves 1950s American eats in big platefuls. Breakfast buffs should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three sausage links rolled in hot cakes with powdered sugar). The lunch and dinner menu is also good and cheap — for instance, golden fried chicken with vegetables and rice or baked potato. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

RED SEA RESTAURANT 4717 University Avenue (Euclid), 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Open daily, very inexpensive. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. — *N.W.*

SOUL FOOD EXPRESS 840 South 47th Street, Southeast San Diego, 619-264-0202. The careful kitchen at Soul Food Express provides masterful home-style Southern cooking that makes you feel cared for, looked after. It is the deep-frying, endless slow-simmering, barbecuing, and so on that gives this American regional cuisine its soul. And you will taste it in Soul Food Express' collard greens, candied yams, beef ribs, fried catfish (an excellent example of Southern technique), and their potato salad, corn bread, and sweet potato pie. Soul Food Express has less to do with style and panache than with comfort, and with pleasure. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

UPTOWN

ALEX'S BROWN BAG 2550 Fifth Avenue, Suite 171, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building), is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese-steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the "Italian Stallion" (Genoa salami, capocolla prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, and grilled pastrami cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It's, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and early dinner weekdays. Closes 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. — *E.B.*

ALADDIN'S CAFE 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111; *www.aladdin_cafe.com*. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean if rather generic Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

BREAD AND CIE 350 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. Twelve varieties of bread are baked daily in a 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Outrageously good because of the crusty exteriors and density. Among the best are multi-grain, sourdough wheat, and fig-anise. Baguettes, brownies, and biscotti are first-rate. The sandwiches to eat in or take out are spectacular. Don't miss this one. Open daily. — *E.W.*

BUSALACCHI'S RISTORANTE 3683 Fifth Avenue, 619-298-0119. If you like old-fashioned Sicilian-style cooking — tons of tomato sauce, olive oil, and garlic — then try this converted cottage which serves it. Lots of pasta dishes, veal, chicken, and fish. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

CAFE ON PARK 3831 Park Boulevard (Park and University), 619-293-7275. Gigantic portions and good food make this a standout for people with large appetites and slim purses. Be aware that there are long waits on weekends for breakfast and lunch (served simultaneously) and dinner. The place seats 40; the cooking is called eclectic American comfort food. It's home-style rather than slick. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

CITY DELICATESSEN 535 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Jewish specialties available here include brisket of beef, chicken-in-the-pot, chopped liver, and a wide variety of sandwiches and vegetarian items. Breakfast specials weekdays; early bird dinner for $9.95. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, to midnight during the week and to 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

CREST CAFE 425 Robinson Avenue, 619-295-2510. Onion rings served in a loaf, homemade potato chips, chicken, steak, pasta, and a variety of extra-lean charbroiled hamburgers, plus the continuous service from breakfast to late night keep this café crowded. Breakfast omelets particularly good. Desserts are homemade. Noisy and high spirited, this café is open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

EL INDIO SHOP 3695 India Street, 619-299-0333. The shop has an indoor dining area, or you may brave the elements (such as they are in San Diego) on benches across the street. You won't be disappointed by the pungent, mouth-watering specialties. The entire menu is available for takeout, as are huge bags of tortilla chips. A good value and very good, inexpensive food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

GELATO VERO CAFFE 3753 India Street, 619-295-9269. A fine spot for Italian sorbettos and ice creams, pastries of all kinds, and coffees. Diners can read undisturbed indoors or, weather permitting, outside. Open daily. — *E.W.*

LAUREL RESTAURANT 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth Avenue), 619-239-2222. Douglas Organ's French provincial restaurant is sophisticated and stylish, featuring an ever-changing seasonal menu of fresh, appealing dishes and a superb wine list (as you'd expect from the sister of the North County's Wine Sellar Brasserie). The crowd, many coming straight from work or business conventions, are on the dressy side. Dine early in the week for quiet, as weekends are jumping. Reservations are a must. The site now includes a small gourmet market, open from 4:00 p.m. Expensive to very expensive. — *E.W.*

LIAISON 2202 Fourth Avenue (Fourth and Ivy), 619-234-5540. This French restaurant with its romantic atmosphere offers an à la carte menu and fixed-price meals. Pleasant food, excellent service. Patio dining, weather permitting. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner. Low moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

PRADO House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. Despite the mixed ethnicities, the food brings few surprises, but is generally flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana Tres Leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Dinner reservations vital. Interior is vast and prone to loudness, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W.*

SAFFRON NOODLES AND SATE 3737 India Street, 619-574-7737. Casual Thai food, noodle dishes, soups, *saté* (grilled chicken, beef, pork) to eat in or take out. Best bet: chicken noodle soup and curry served Wednesday only. Gorgeous artwork. Open daily, same menu all day. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

TASTE OF SZECHUAN 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be prepared upon request in advance. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

DOWNTOWN

BROADWAY PIZZA 1008 Broadway, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers good, no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not mean: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches, portions are generous and filling. The sausage link sub (Louisiana-style hot sausage link, marinara sauce, and melted cheese) is great grub, but if you like a full dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies plus garlic bread and salad. But the main thing is while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10:00 a.m. to to 3:00 a.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

BUCA DI BEPPO 705 Sixth Avenue, 619-233-7272. Family-style, Southern Italian cooking in a dining room seating 305 people. Food is simple (one sauce fits all), portions are huge, and ambiance is child- and teenager-friendly. Go for plain fun, not for gourmet dinners. Meatballs and spaghetti are your best bet. Dinner nightly, lunch Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LA CAMPANA MEXICAN RESTAURANT 2479-A Broadway, Golden Hill, 619-232-8756. Don't be fooled by the strip mall location. *Jefe* Arturo's wonderful specialties include *cochinita pibil*, roast suckling pig in sauce; a nice, thick *pozole*, pork and hominy soup; and tacos filled with various odd parts of the steer, including the sweet meat of the cheeks. Decor includes *campanas*, traditional bells, and old photos of Arturo's hometown, Tepic, the riverport capital of Nayarit. While you wait, listen to Arturo belt out songs from the kitchen. He has a great voice. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

THE CHEESE SHOP 401 G Street, 619-232-2303. This café offers outrageously good sandwiches of which my favorites are the Black Forest ham and the roast pork. Muffins and cookies are baked on the premises. Paper plates for food but real mugs for coffee and tea. Open daily. Inexpensive. Branch in La Jolla, 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-459-3921. — *E.W.*

CHIVE 558 Fourth Avenue, 619-232-4483. This downtown hot spot is sleek, stark, dramatic, a restaurant in which to "be seen." Their "cuisine moderne" is Asian and Caribbean influenced and succeeds the atmosphere. I found the salmon and pork *osso bucco* outdone by their sides, but recommend the beef filet and rack of lamb, which Chive's generous kitchen roasts to perfection. Behind the artifice, Chive's staff is cordial and efficient, its kitchen talented, if a little arty and uneven. — *E.W.*

DIM SUM KINGDOM 730 Broadway, 619-239-1782. It's a great place to eat if you're low on cash and crave some Chinese-American food. Breakfasts range from shrimp egg soufflé with rice to pork chops with three eggs, rice, and toast. One of the best deals has to be the breakfast steak, two eggs, home fries, and toast. And the steak is bi-ig. Three meals to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, to 2:00 p.m. Sunday. — *E.B.*

FIO'S 801 Fifth Avenue (corner of F Street), 619-234-3467. This handsome Gaslamp old-timer serves rich, comforting, serious North Italian cuisine in a civilized atmosphere, with the bar glassed off from the dining rooms, keeping the sound-level low. High-quality ingredients (fine fresh fish, free-range chicken, genuinely ripe tomatoes, great gorgonzola) are employed in well-executed dishes that are creative without going off the deep end. Great small details include fine bread with rosemary butter and an impressive wine list. There's plenty of life in this old girl yet. Full bar, heated patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W.*

GARDEN COFFEE HOUSE 634 Broadway, 619-231-6494. Come around nine in the morning and you're in the tower of Babel. You hear French, German, Japanese — double-kissing foreign students from the language school next door come here for pre-class breakfast. Raziq Fani, an Afghan poet, runs the place. Breakfasts can be "health," "continental," or "American." The "American" promises two sausages, hash browns, and eggs with toast and coffee or tea. It's worth it for the fennel-herbed sausage. "The flavor comes from the valleys of Afghanistan," says Mr. Fani. Relax in the library section, or play chess, or stay for lunch. Try *quabely*, a rice dish with currants and raisins and carrots and meat, or spaghetti with Fani's own sauce. Closes 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

GRANT GRILL U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, 619-239-6806. As always, this restaurant serves quality meat in a traditional room that uses tableside service. Best bets are spinach salad, lobster paella, shrimp-and-scallop risotto, and, of course, the mixed grill. Open daily. Breakfast, lunch, and brunch, moderate. Dinner, expensive. — *E.W.*

HENRY'S BBQ 1300 Market Street, 619-239-3919. The outside's a little tatty, but inside — Aladdin's Cave! A dining room of gold-framed pictures, mirrored golden-wood booths, and cushions, tables, walls, and carpet all in blue. Pork ribs are the thing here, guaranteed slow-cooked overnight for ten hours. Also beef, turkey, lamb, and ham. Try them together in combo sandwiches. Full plates come with barbecue beans and macaroni, potato, or coleslaw salad. "We haven't changed the menu since 1953," says Lorens, grandson of the original Henry. Closes 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

HOME QUEST COFFEE HOUSE 1010 Broadway, 619-232-3222. Okay, it's toward the scuzzy part of Broadway, and caters mainly to people struggling with substance problems, but the place is full of life and positive energy. You can hear it from the sidewalk — people sitting on stools at high tables loudly chewing the fat, chowing down, and smoking. Anybody's welcome, and almost anybody can afford the rock-bottom prices for a breakfast egg with hash browns and toast, or three pancakes, or three slices of French toast, or even a piece of chicken and toast. The dinner menu includes liver and onions, pork chops, or three pieces of chicken plus mashed potatoes and vegetables. Open 6-1/2 days (closes after lunch Sunday). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

ISLAND SPICE 2820 Market (29th), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook less-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escoveitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy "brown stew." Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get take-out. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

KANSAS CITY BARBECUE 610 West Market Street, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. Follow your nose. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun*. But guess what? It *is* kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

LAEL'S RESTAURANT Hyatt Regency Hotel, One Market Street, 619-687-6066. All-you-can-eat fish-and-seafood buffet, Friday nights only, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., $21.95. All-you-can-eat prime rib buffet, Thursday night, $18.95. Wednesday night, all-you-can-eat Italian buffet for $14.95. Worth trying for lovers of buffets. — *E.W.*

MAMA GUCCI'S HOME-STYLE ITALIAN FOOD 1157 Sixth Avenue, 619-338-0400. Mama Gucci did so well here, she retired back to Italy; now her son-in-law, George, runs the restaurant. A pretty interior with blonde wood chairs, checkered tablecloths, yellow walls, red shutters, and window-box flowers brings in the downtown office crowd between noon and 1:00 p.m. — but join the in-crowd sitting out in the sun, drinking wine and scarfing up spaghetti Bolognese or chicken Chianti (chicken on fettuccine, with mushrooms and red-wine sauce). Lunch only, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

OCTOPUS GARDEN 314 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-1653. Not to be missed Japanese and Continental preparations. Superb sushi and sashimi; unique hot appetizers; fish with continental sauces. Ahi tuna steak and sea bass outstanding. Upstairs seating for large parties. Delightful atmosphere and service. Open nightly for dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

OLD WORLD RESTAURANT 452 Eighth Avenue, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

THE PARROT GRILL 802 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-231-9981. Insomniacs take note. Dinner is served nightly to midnight and Wednesday through Saturday a light menu (sandwiches, salads, appetizers, desserts) is available to 2:00 a.m. Food is Floridian, some spicy, some not. You can make a meal from appetizers. Best bets: barbecue ribs, honey-glazed duck, pork chop, key lime pie. Gorgeous interior and service. Dinner only, Wednesday through Saturday. Upper moderate. — *E.W.*

RAINWATER'S 1202 Kettner Boulevard, 619-233-5757. Though this attractive restaurant is noted for its fine steaks and chops, the live Maine lobster and fresh fish (especially the salmon in parchment) are outstanding here. For a low-cost meal, try meat loaf and creamy mashed potatoes. Open daily. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner seven nights a week. Expensive. — *E.W.*

REI DO GADO 939 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. This classic *rodizio* (Brazilian barbecue house) serves you more than you can eat — an assortment of salty, simple rotisseried meats and poultry, and a huge, ever-changing buffet. Along with side dishes, salads and heaps of fresh fruit, you'll find an array of hot entrées, including Brazilian-style seafood (e.g., shrimp in coconut milk) and meat stews. There's always a pot full of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). Each table sports a wooden cone with one end red and the other end blue-green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of pork, chicken, ribs, sausages, numerous cuts of beef, etc., including delicious skirt steak and garlic-rubbed "top sirloin cap." Turn the cone red side up when you want a break from the protein procession. The traditional beverage to wash down the meat-fest is the *Caipirinha*, a tangy, fresh lime cocktail. Moderate. — *N.W.*

SEVILLA 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979, *www.cafesevilla.com*. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but Euro-civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — *N.W.*

SISTER PEE WEE'S SOUL FOOD 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

THE SNACK GALLEY Greyhound Depot, 120 West Broadway, 619-234-4522. At 4:00 in the morning you don't expect Cordon Bleu, Pink, or any other color. The great thing about Snack Galley is that it's open at all. If you can get past the sleeping bodies, ask for the breakfast sandwich: bread stuffed with egg, cheese, and bacon, sausage or ham. Sausage is best — it feels like you get more to munch. Order a large coffee to wake you up, or sober you up, whatever you need. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

STAR OF INDIA 423 F Street, 619-544-9891. This Indian restaurant is most popular for the all-you-can-eat buffet, available weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3:00 p.m. The weekend brunch includes champagne. Vegetarians should make note of the many vegetable and rice dishes with innovative preparations. Restful atmosphere, good service. Be aware that breads are à la carte. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive (buffet) to expensive. — *E.W.*

STAR OF THE SEA 1360 North Harbor Drive (Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-7408. This is not your father's Star of the Sea. In a chic new setting with the same romantic view, a talented new chef offers superb sea catch in fresh flavor combinations that are bold but sane. Menus change seasonally, but one constant is an always-ravishing chef's tasting menu, which can include a cleverly paired wine flight. A la carte dishes are equally alluring, and wines are interesting, mainly affordable, and poured generously into good large goblets that show off their noses. Service is very considerate. Is this perfection? Quite possibly so. Somewhat dressy, reservations urged. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W.*

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BUON GIORNO 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-475-2661. The menu includes antipasti, soup, salad, pasta, pizza as well as chicken, meat, and fish. Try the Caesar salad topped with grilled fresh chicken breast, or linguine al pesto. Fish does very well here. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

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TIJUANA

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SAVERIO'S MEDITERRANEO Avenida Carlos Robirosa 260, 686-3604 or 681-8496. This "in" restaurant attracts a young crowd. Pastas and pizzas are available, but the best bets are the fish and chicken dinners that arrive with soup or salad. Top price is $14.00. Crowded and noisy weekends. Open daily, same menu noon to 11:00 p.m. Sunday to 10:00 p.m. Low to moderate. Take Revolución until it turns into Boulevard Agua Caliente. Continue until you see the Hotel Grand on your right. There, turn left onto the side street Avenida Carlos Robirosa. You'll see Blockbuster Video. Saverio's is across the street. — *E.W.*

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REVIEW
DUNCAN SHEPHERD

Still more choices, still slim pickings....

My First Mister. Christine Lahti's first movie. As a director, that is. At feature-length. Not that that persuades her to pace herself. Overemphasizing and over-explaining her points with wide-angle and computer-graphic distortions (the English teacher's vampire fangs, the high-school bimbo's ballooning lips), she pretty much punches herself out before she ever arrives at the movie's central situation: the meeting, and eventually the meeting-halfway, of two opposites, an all-in-black, seventeen-year-old Goth with a pincushion face, a few minor wounds of self-mutilation, Sylvia Plath and Anne Rice on her bedside table, and an all-in-brown, forty-nine-year-old schlemazel who manages a Century City clothing store. At first it is startling, and never really convincing, to see the demure Leelee Sobieski done over for the S&M dungeon, whereas it's highly promising (at first, once again) to see Albert Brooks taking the part of a home-by-nine stick-in-the-mud, especially now that he seems less inclined in his own films to detach himself from his on-screen persona, more inclined to flatter and coddle himself (*Mother, The Muse*). Certainly in Jill Franklyn's script he has some good Brooksian lines, or anyhow he has a good weary-whiny Brooksian delivery of them, most of them divulged ahead of time in the coming-attractions trailer: e.g., "This is supposed to be an experience where we share. I share my taste with you, and you torture me with yours." But hard as it is to believe that the chasm between the two principals could be bridged, it is still harder to follow the road that leads these two friendless loners to an idyllic meadow of general fellowship, family feeling, and warm fuzzies. The road that leads, in effect, into a different movie. The progress along that road has a forced-march quality: that's where we're going, to be blunt about it, because that's where the screenplay says we're going. And every step of the way is haunted by *Ghost World.* Same world, same relationship, filtered through Hallmark Cards.

Bandits. A crime-does-pay comedy, told in flashback, following the transparent bluff that the two bank robbers known as the Sleepover Bandits (Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton) have now been shot dead. Their getaway driver's sideline as a would-be Hollywood stuntman provides a dead giveaway to the "surprise" ending. Mid-spree, they pick up a willing and eager hostage (Cate Blanchett), a disaffected Oregon housewife, "mentally unbalanced to a spectacular degree," who transforms the outlaw gang into a roving *ménage-à-trois.* The competition between Willis and Thornton had already got underway with their respective hairpieces (modified Paul Revere vs. Frank Sinatra *circa* 1970), not to mention their various vaudeville disguises for the bank jobs. Thornton's character, the hypochondriac brains of the operation, upstages Willis's tight-lipped man of action (if that's what he's supposed to be) at every turn, but that's no great distinction in a movie that reaches so far out to the audience that it loses its balance and topples off the screen. Barry (*Diner*) Levinson,



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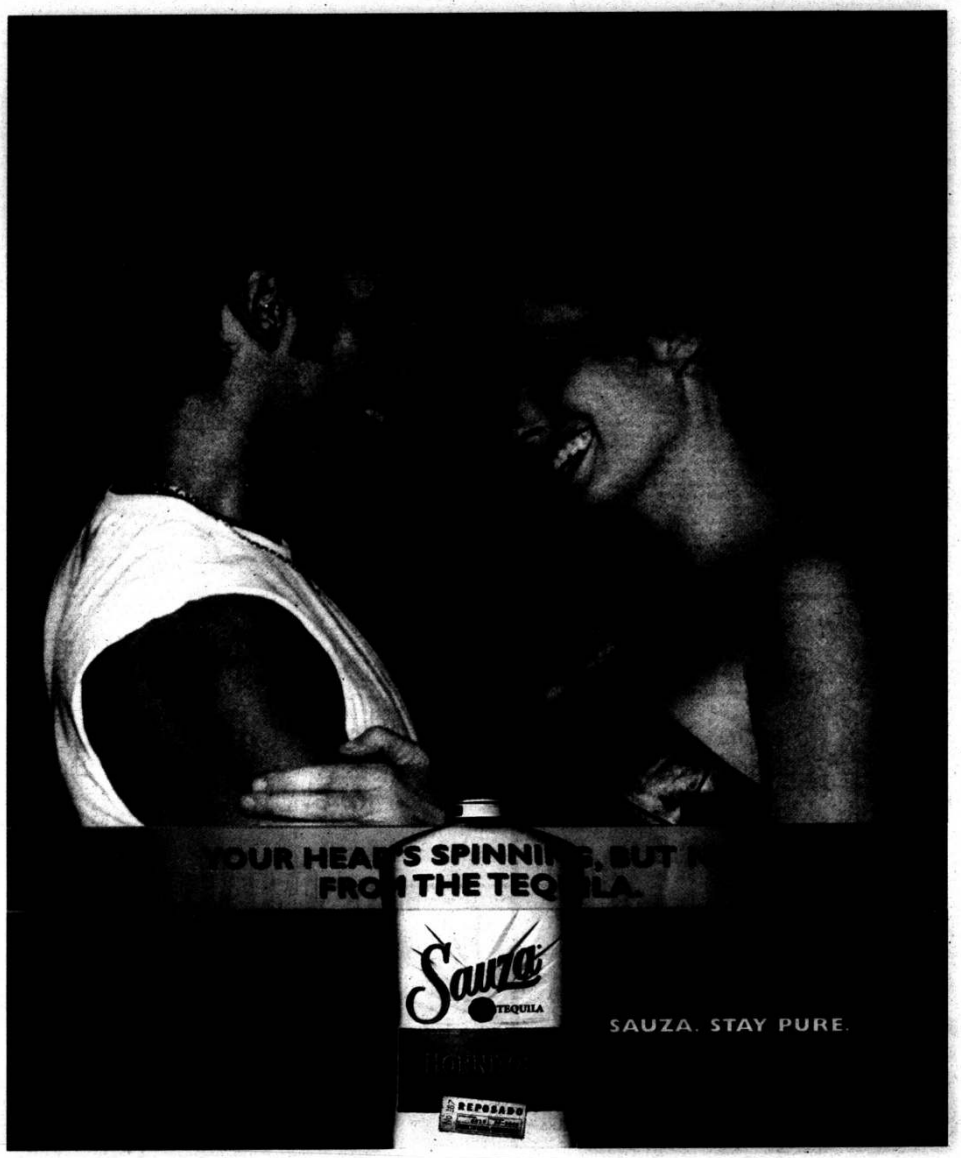

giving it a shove from behind, appears to have decided that the most crucial function of a film director today is to fill up a soundtrack album with a selection of catchy tunes.

Iron Monkey. Eighty-some minutes of martial-arts inanity, an earlier, unearthed directorial effort by the fight choreographer of *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, Yuen Wo Ping. No doubt we have the Ang Lee film to thank (if so inclined) for its exhumation, and perhaps also for its wide release with English subtitles in place of dubbing. The story tells of a Zorro-like masked vigilante in the mid-19th Century, a pretext to exhibit such mano-a-mano maneuvers as the Grappling Hands, the Shadow Kick (Chinese trash-talk: "I *invented* the Shadow Kick." Snappy comeback: "I'm going to kick *you* into the shadows"), the Buddha's Palm, and the Flying Sleeves. The nonlethal action is at once frenetic and futile, a bit like watching moths flinging themselves against a porch light. The final battle on wooden poles over a pool of flame produces a couple of fatalities only because — what's to keep the combatants from flying away as before? — the movie has to end sometime.

Liam. An anecdotal ragbag detailing the life of a "skint" Catholic family in Depression-era Liverpool, principally from the point of view of the stuttering seven-year-old title figure (Anthony Borrows, a fresh face, almost featurelessly smooth in repose, expressively dented in action). The fear-mongering Catholicism is laid on a bit thick, even if it hadn't been stale from the start. (Jimmy McGovern, the scripter, is the grudge-holder who also wrote the anticlerical *Priest.*) A profitable offshoot, however, is the little boy's mental torment after he barges in on his mother at her bath and spies the triangular thatch inconsistent with the marmoreal nudes in his Art History book. A budding John Ruskin, as it were, till his confessor sets him straight. Even richer is his older sister's complicity in an illicit love affair within the walls of the well-to-do Jewish household where she toils as a maid. The gradual turning of the decent and affable father (Ian Hart, unfailingly poignant at all degrees of the turn) to xenophobia, antisemitism, and fascism, can only have a bad end — and we must fault the advertising campaign, not the movie itself, for attempting to whip up a kind of *Billy Elliot* feeling: "Big heroes come in small packages." (Maybe so, but you'll find no heroes of any size here.) The milieu has much in common, down to the communal sing-alongs, with that of *The Long Day Closes*, though without Terence Davies's transformative and unifying vision. Even so, it's a fine-looking movie, flexibly directed by Stephen Frears, shiveringly atmospheric, with an image simultaneously soft and gritty, and a somber yet colorful palette somewhere in range of Degas. All in all, your best option among post-WTC arrivals, but one you would need to move fast to catch. With a reduced number of daily showtimes, its second week is its last week. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed.

Apocalypse Now — The biggest asset of Francis Ford Coppola's thirty-million-dollar Vietnam War movie is the curiosity it stirred up while keeping the public cooling its heels for four years. Without that, there would be little to propel the viewer through this desultory up-river excursion, unimaginatively patterned after Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*, bogged down along the way by a kind of photography that can best be described in words out of the glutton's lexicon (stuffed, gorged, bloated, heavy, chock full, and brimming over) and by a first-person narration written in the hard-boiled idiom of the fictional private eye ("Charging a man with murder in this place was like handing out speeding tickets at the Indy 500"; "It was a way we had over here of living with ourselves. We'd cut 'em in half with a machine gun and give 'em a Band-Aid. It was a lie"; and so on), and capped off by the ghostly appearance of Marlon Brando, carrying permanent and impenetrable shadows around his shaven head wherever he goes, like the planet Venus carries clouds, and whispering with his last breath his mystical insight into the Vietnam experience, "The horror, the horror" — a general-purpose insight which served Conrad earlier on his excursion into the Dark Continent, and which should serve the moviegoer as well, as he staggers out of the dark theater where he has witnessed this movie. With Martin Sheen, Robert Duvall, and Dennis Hopper; original screenplay by John Milius and narration by Michael Herr. 1979.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Atlantis: The Lost Empire — Imitation Jules Verne adventure yarn, spun from the Disney animation factory, about a pre-WWI expedition in search of the legendary sunken city. Sketchily drawn (in a deliberately retro style) and swiftly paced, but slowed down eventually by moral-mystical-political-anthropological grandiosity. With the voices of Michael J. Fox, James Garner, Cree Summer, and Leonard Nimoy; directed by Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise. 2001.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Bandits — Reviewed this issue. With Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, Cate Blanchett, and Troy Garity; directed by Barry Levinson.
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Bread and Tulips — Licia Maglietta, a more loosely wound and comfortably upholstered Natalie Wood, warm and womanly, with a lived-in face and body but an undimmed sparkle, plays a Pescara house wife and intermittent klutz who gets separated from her tour group, including her husband and teenage son, while fishing an earring out of the toilet bowl at a rest stop. The occasion affords her an opportunity to go off on one of those nonradical feminist odysseys, in fact quite a conservative and conventional feminist odyssey, to Find



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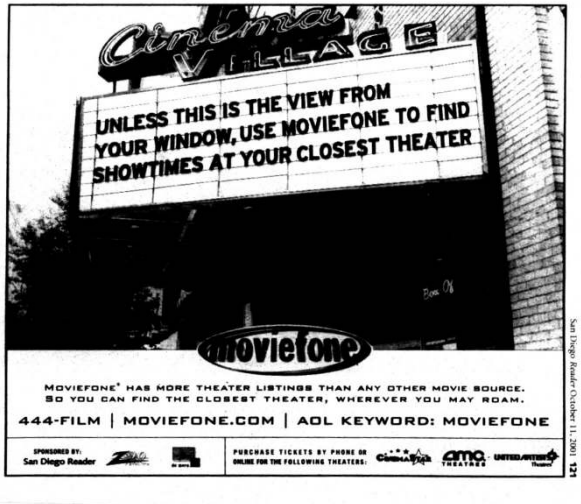

Herself: hitchhiking to Venice where she has never been, landing a job with an incapacitated old florist, gaining lodging with a suicidal Icelandic waiter who speaks a torturously stilted brand of Italian (it comes out in the English subtitles like so: "What engenders such uncertainty?"). The novice private investigator on her tail, whose only qualifications for the job are the detective novels he devours and his trench-coat, is conventional as well, and he takes away too much time from the heroine. But director Silvio Soldini keeps the movie light on its feet, with a fill-in-the-blanks method of narrative that makes judicious use of blackouts and ellipses, and doesn't get bogged down in unnecessary details. (No need to spell out, for example, why the heroine might want to get away from her blowhard husband and withdrawn son.) And he moves in and out of dream scenes with a smoothness and seamlessness that surpass Fellini and approach Buñuel. Bruno Ganz, Giuseppe Battiston. 2000.
★★ (COVE)

Captain Corelli's Mandolin — Scenic World War II romance between a Greek island beauty (the Spanish Penelope Cruz, with her unaltered native accent) and a music-loving Italian officer (Nicolas Cage, with an unsteady Italian one). Shades, or shimmers rather, of *Mediterraneo* — though it ultimately turns much darker. Slow, somewhat soggy, but rewarding in modest amounts: some complexity of character and emotion; some interesting discomfort and open conflict between Axis "allies." Based on a novel by Louis de Bernières; with John Hurt, Christian Bale, Irene Papas, and David Morrissey; directed by John Madden. 2001.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Corky Romano — Mob comedy with Chris Kattan, Fred Ward, and Peter Falk, directed by Rob Pritts.
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The Deep End — The lady-in-distress storyline, unspooled on a smallness of scale that could nowadays be maintained only in an independent film, is agreeably old-fashioned, as you would expect when you know that it's a remake of a top-drawer 1949 melodrama by Max Ophuls, *The Reckless Moment*. The introduction of an explicit homosexual angle might seem not so old-fashioned, yet the portrayal of one of the homosexuals as a total and thorough degenerate is nevertheless old-fashioned to a degree, just not quite as old as the Forties. Collaborative screenwriters and directors Scott McGehee and David Siegel have come a long way toward level-headedness from the jokey mistaken-identity hijinks of *Suture* (a minibudget *noir* homage shot in black-and-white), even though they're still prone to touches of the arty and the fancy: a character's entrance into a kitchen captured in a drop of water from the faucet. The image in general is crisp and clear and cool, if a tad decorative, and the scenery around Lake Tahoe shows more than the local Board of Tourism would approve. Tilda Swinton, whose pale papery skin, rodenty little teeth, and vaguely death's-head visage can have an unnerving effect in any context, gives a rigorously controlled performance in a part that could easily have slopped over the top: a Navy wife who, with her husband away at sea but her fussbudgety father-in-law underfoot, stumbles over the corpse of her adolescent son's gay lover, pries an anchor out of his chest, makes the mistaken assumption that her son planted it there, and takes it upon herself to dispose of the body in the lake. The body soon surfaces, followed closely by a pair of blackmailers with an X-rated video of the victim and her son. The spectacle of this woman juggling her daily motherhood duties while trying to scrape together fifty grand in hush money — no superwoman, she, but a sturdy vessel of maternal instincts — is in equal parts amusing, absorbing, and exasperating. Or to put it a different way, the overall thrust is debilitatingly disunited. Because she's so much alone, we don't have full access to her thoughts on the crisis, and these seem gapingly open to second-guesses. Nor do we learn as much as we'd like about the blackmailers' relationship to the victim — how did they ever come into it? — or to each other. None of this detracts from the therapeutic usefulness of the film as an illustration of why parents and their children should *talk*. "Honey, you can tell me. I promise I won't be mad. But have you possibly murdered anybody lately?" Goran Visnjic, Jonathan Tucker, Peter Donat. 2001.
★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA, FROM 10/12)

Don't Say a Word — "Absurd" kidnap scheme, to adopt the adjective of the psychiatrist-hero (Michael Douglas) to describe his one-day task (or else…) of unlocking the subconscious of a ten-year mental patient (Brittany Murphy) and retrieving a six-digit figure of unknown relevance. No less absurd is the idea that the kidnappers themselves would know its relevance, to say nothing of the idea that they would know the digit is embedded in the patient's subconscious to begin with. There are other absurdities, such as the surreptitious installation of closed-circuit cameras throughout the doctor's apartment to monitor the movements of his bedridden wife — but why go on? The real point of the enterprise is simply to demonstrate, by means of *Traffic*-like tints and jostled camerawork, that director Gary Fleder is as up-to-date, as cutting-edge, as hip and happening as anybody else in Hollywood — a sheep in Versace clothing. With Sean Bean, Jennifer Esposito, Oliver Platt, and Famke Janssen. 2001.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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)

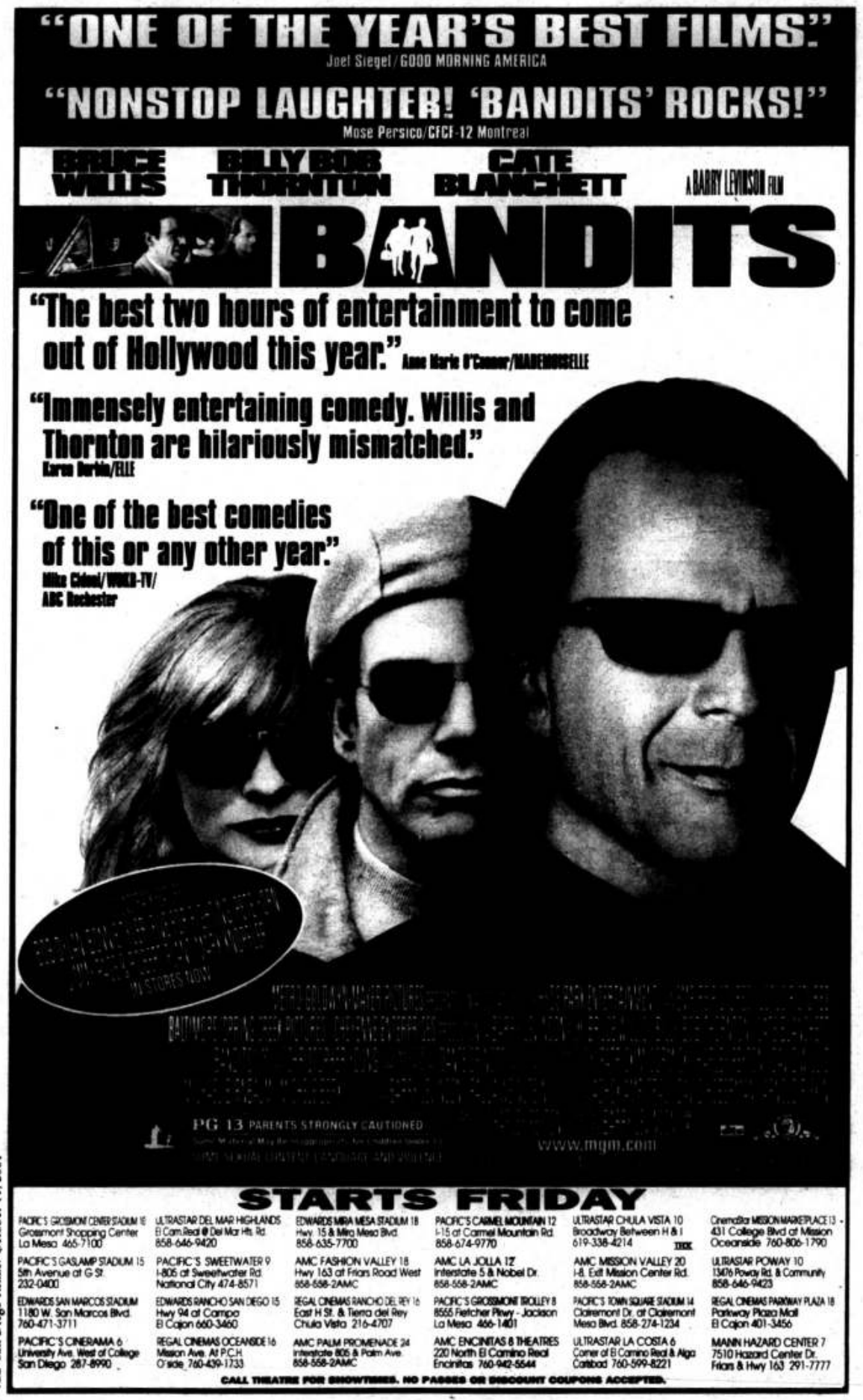
Funny Girl — Streisand's coming-out party, devoted totally to pumping up its pre-sold star and providing a definitive definition of prima donna. For a story set in the Ziegfeld Follies, there is a queer absence of alternative females. The movie's males, meantime, are reduced, one and all, to passive star-gazers. Omar Sharif in particular, required to smile suavely at Barbra's every quip, looks as if he's going to be sick. Directed by William Wyler. 1968.
● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 10/11)

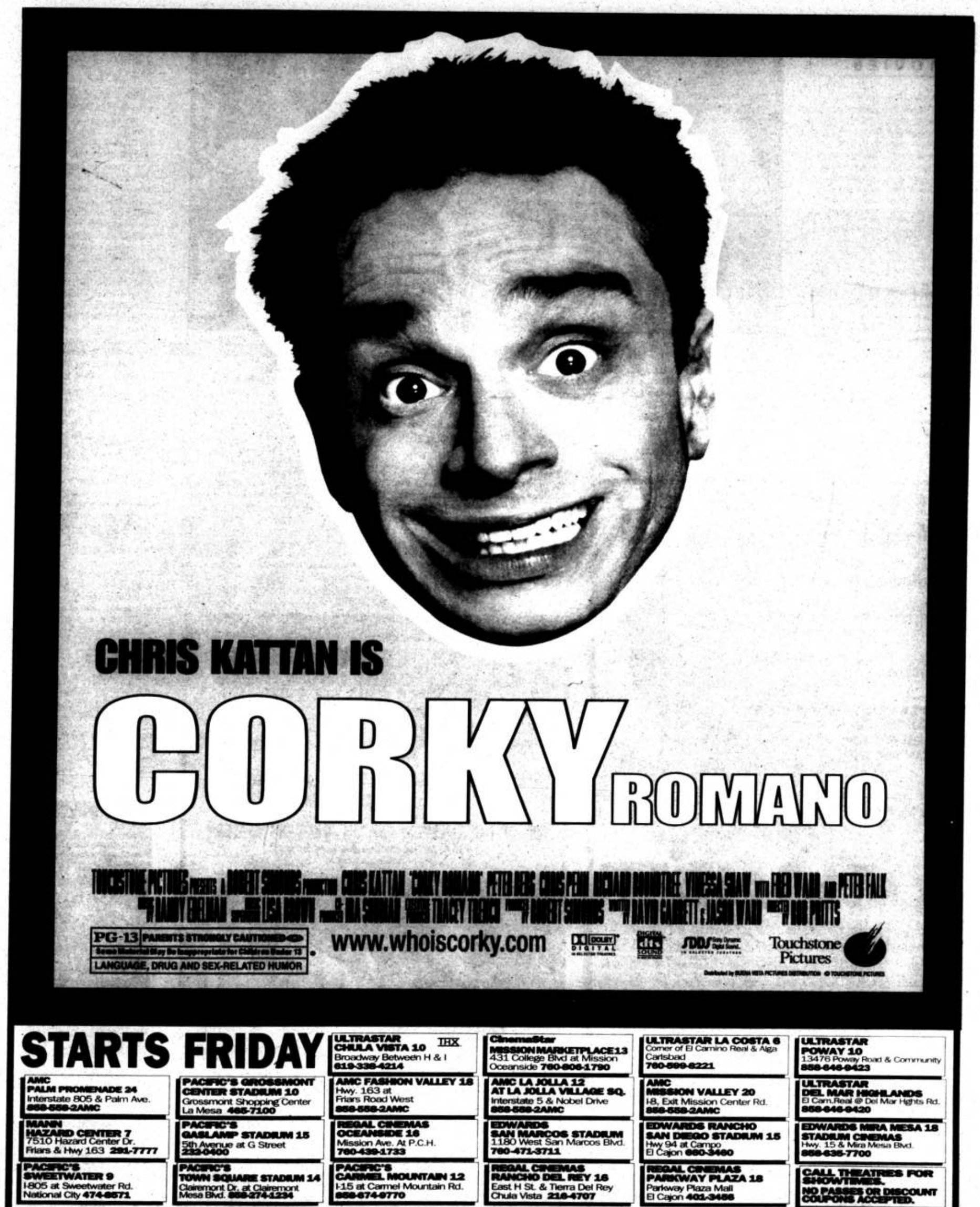
Ghost World — The heroine, out of a comic book by Daniel Clowes, is someone a critic could love. Not *only* a critic, rest assured. Fresh out of high school — or rather, jaded out of high school — she can produce an equal sneer for the wheelchair-bound valedictorian ("High school is like the training 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.
★★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Glass House — Slow-moving, contrived, and (to make matters worse) obvious thriller about two powerless orphans (particularly the lightbulb-fragile Leelee Sobieski), their $4 million inheritance, and their scheming guardians. With Stellan Skarsgard, Diane Lane, Bruce Dern, Kathy Baker; directed by Daniel Sackheim. 2001.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

Grateful Dawg — Documentary on the friendship and musical collaboration of the late Jerry Garcia and mandolinist David Grisman; directed by Gillian Grisman.
(KEN, 10/12 THROUGH 18)

Happy Accidents — Fey relationship comedy revolving around an unlucky-in-love New Yorker (Marisa Tomei) whose new suitor (Vincent D'Onofrio) claims to





be a "back traveller" from the year 2470, where, it develops, he had fallen in love with a photograph of her (how romantic!) , and whence he has come to rescue her from an untimely death: or more cosmically, to "break the causal chain." The camerawork of filmmaker Brad Anderson is not as aggressively annoying as in his *Next Stop, Wonderland*, but it's still restless and rocky enough to make you wish you could get your hands on the time traveller's stash of Dramamine. 2001.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Hardball — Keanu Reeves coaches an inner-city youth baseball team, directed by Brian Robbins.
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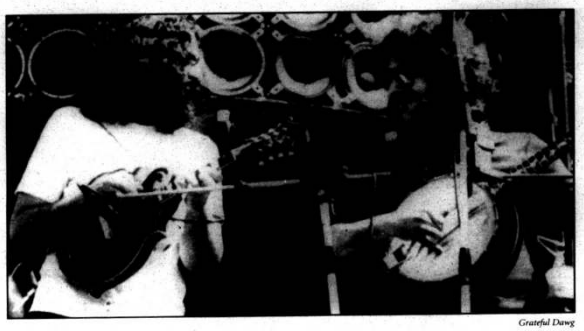
Hearts in Atlantis — Stephen King in a sentimental mood: the same coming-of-age cornfield as *Stand by Me*, with the same complement of goldie-oldies, but with a moderate supernatural element as well (a psychic upstairs boarder, hiding out from a shadowy army of "low men"). It's all pretty thin, though the dawning consciousness of



Grateful Dawg

the pain and evil in the world delivers a lash or two. Fastidious direction by Scott Hicks, and arty photography by the late Piotr Sobocinski. (Late since the finish: no supernatural element there.) With Anthony Hopkins, Anton Yelchin, Hope Davis, Mika Boorem, David Morse. 2001.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Innocence — Former lovers rekindle the flame after forty-plus years. Paul Cox's civilized film is certainly an uncommon notion of screen romance (he had given the elderly their due in *A Woman's Tale* as well), but it is not without its dips into bathos. The simple-minded and largely redundant flashbacks to youthful bliss provide frequent shoves in that direction. The fact that the woman happens to be currently married provides helpful complication. Charles Tingwell, Julia Blake. 2001.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 10/11)

Iron Monkey — Reviewed this issue. With Donnie Yen, Tsang Sze Man, and Jean Wang; directed by Yuen Wo Ping.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/12)

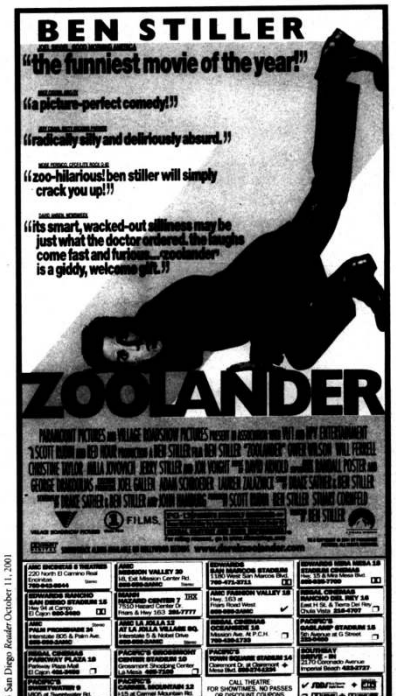
Jeepers Creepers — Sophomoric horror show about a couple of college kids — a bickersome brother and sister — terrorized by the bogeyman, no less, on a lonely country road that connects to an incongruously populous diner and police station. Limited means and imagination, though a surplus of let's-put-on-a-show enthusiasm. With Justin Long and Gina Philips; written and directed by Victor Salva. 2001.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

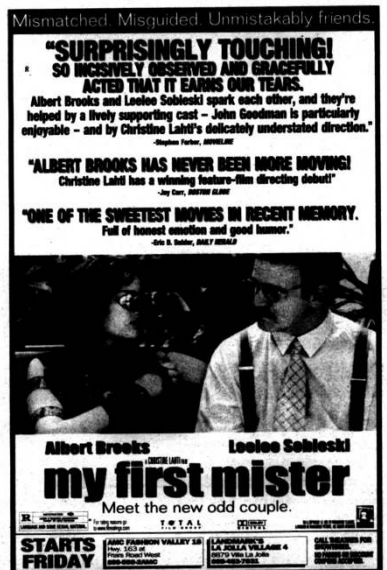
Joy Ride — A sort of retro-tech thriller, a nice change from high-tech thrillers, in which two brothers, driving cross-country in a vintage '71 Chrysler Newport equipped with a CB radio, play a practical joke on a trucker self-dubbed "Rusty Nail," sending him for a romantic rendezvous to the motel room of a burly brute. The joke backfires — the trucker tears off the brute's jaw — and the butt of it now seems ready to devote the rest of his life to chasing down the jokesters. The whole show is gleamingly photographed by Jeffrey Jur; and the first act of it, at least, is tightly constructed; and the moral stain on the two heroes (Steve Zahn, Paul Walker) is not glossed over. But thereafter their nemesis balloons to the dimensions of an omnipotent, omnipresent, mythological monster. And interest shrivels in inverse proportion. An above-average teen movie, maybe, but nothing to lift it out of the declining reputation (*Unforgettable, Rounders*) of the prématurely overrated (*Red Rock West, The Last Seduction*) John Dahl. With Leelee Sobieski. 2001.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

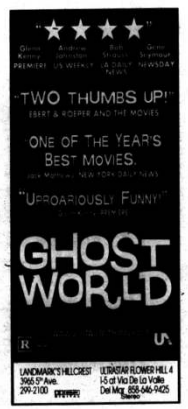
Liam — Reviewed this issue. With Anthony Burrows, Ian Hart, Claire Hackett, Megan Burns, and David Hart; directed by Stephen Frears.
★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

L.I.E. — Rancid little "indie" begins in Larry Clark territory (teen larceny, incest, voyeurism, profanity — what, no drugs?), adds the ingredient of middle-age pedophilia ("I'm the best cocksucker in the whole Western Hemisphere"), but then tapers off into mere tedium. The title is an abbreviation of the Long Island Expressway as well as a capital-letter comment on life in suburbia. Paul Franklin Dano, Billy Kay, Brian Cox, Bruce Altman; directed by Michael Cuesta. 2001.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Max Keeble's Big Move — Grade-school comedy with Alex D. Linz, Larry Miller, and Jamie Kennedy, directed by Tim Hill.







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Mulholland Drive — David Lynch investigates Hollywood's dark side, with Justin Theroux, Naomi Watts, and Laura Elena Harring.
(FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 10/12)

The Musketeer — It hadn't been that long (eight years) since somebody (Stephen Herek) endeavored to do a youth-appeal version of the Dumas classic. But now someone (Peter Hyams) has thought to add the element of Hong Kong-style anti-gravity fight choreography. A rather puny inspiration, and a rather poor one on the face of it, though the sloppy direction and muddy color tend in any event to diminish the differences from the old Douglas Fairbanks gymnastic style of swashbuckling. Justin Chambers, the supercilious snot in the lead role, is no Douglas Fairbanks, however. With Mena Suvari, Tim Roth, Stephen Rea, and Catherine Deneuve. 2001.
● (GASLAMP 15; VOGUE)

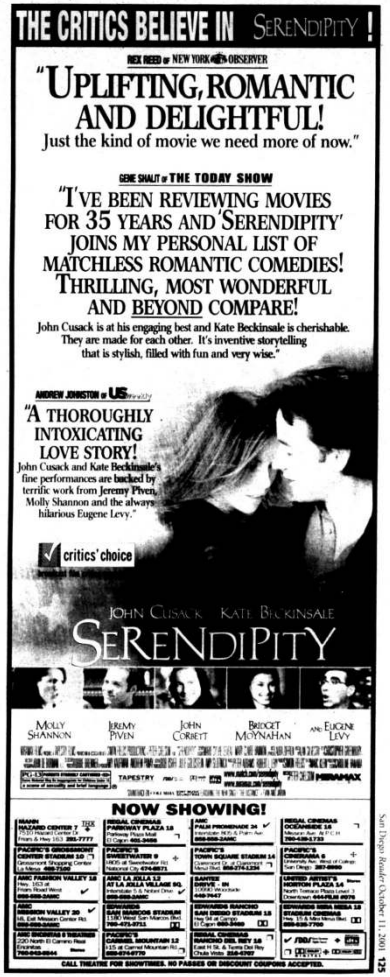
My First Mister — Reviewed this issue. With Leelee Sobieski, Albert Brooks, Carol Kane, Mary Kay Place, and John Goodman; directed by Christine Lahti.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 10/12)

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.
★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Our Lady of the Assassins — After thirty years, a homosexual writer returns to his hazardous hometown of Medellin, Colombia, to await death, but in the meantime to have a fling with a trigger-happy young prostitute. A topical shocker, instructive, provocative, but slackly plotted between shootings ("All this butchery leads nowhere"). Barbet Schroeder filmed it on location under difficult conditions (without his trusted cameraman, Luciano Tovoli), as well as under a digital-video haze. German Jaramillo, Anderson Ballesteros, Juan David Restrepo. 2001.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 10/11; HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 10/12)

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 myth-





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cality of it all.) Sure, the ape makeup, to say nothing of the beetly 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 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



Hearts in Atlantis

Bonham Carter, Tim Roth, Michael Clarke Duncan, Paul Giamatti, Estella Warren. 2001.
★ (VOGUE)

The Princess Diaries — Fairy-tale success story: from little nobody to big some body, 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 Doolittle), this dish of milk-toast is for either very little girls or very old girls ónly. 2001.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: 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.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

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.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Serendipity — Unbotherosme fluff to do with romance and destiny and the One Right Person. Jonathan and Sara, meeting cute at a glove rack during Christmas rush (the shopping for his current girlfriend, she for her boyfriend), spend several magical



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hours together, and then separate without knowing the other's name: he writes his on the back of a five-dollar bill, she writes hers on the flyleaf of a Garcia Márquez novel — both to be re-entered into general circulation — and they leave their fate to fate. Seven years later, the week before they're to wed their respective new partners, they desperately try to give fate a hand. The total concoction is supremely precious, which is not to say "of great value." (Slightly less value, even, than director Peter Chelsom's earlier comedy from the same year, *Town and Country*.) John Corbett steals his scenes, if not the show, playing a dippy, Yanni-haired, New Age musician who is nonetheless a feasible fiancé for the heroine, Kate Beckinsale. The preferable, after all, is only John Cusack. With Jeremy Piven, Molly Shannon, Eugene Levy. 2001.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK WAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 pre

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La Jolla Village
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
Liam (R) Fri.-Wed. (4:55) 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 4:55, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (4:55) 9:55; **Mulholland Drive** (R) Fri. 1:45, 3:30, 5:05, 6:30, 8:05, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:35, 10:45, 1:45, 3:05, 8:05; Mon.-Tue. 1:45, 3:30, 5:05, 6:30, 8:05, 9:35; Wed. 1:45, 3:30, 5:05, 8:05, 9:35; Thu. 1:45, 3:30, 5:05, 6:30, 8:05, 9:35; **My First Mister** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:10, 9:45; **The Vertical Ray of the Sun** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:10) 7:20

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
American Pie 2 (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:50 (4:45) 7:20, 9:45; **Atlantis: The Lost Empire** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:40; Mon.-Thu. 2:05; **Bandits** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 2:10, 4:25, 5:05, 7:20, 8:00, 10:15, 10:50; Sat. 11:05, 1:30, 2:10, 4:25, 5:05, 7:20, 8:00, 10:15, 10:50; Sun. 11:05, 1:30, 2:10, 4:25, 5:05, 7:20, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:40, 2:25 (4:25, 5:40) 7:10, 8:30, 10:05; **Corky Romano** (PG-13) Fri. 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:05, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:05, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. 2:05 (5:15) 7:35, 9:45; **Don't Say a Word** (R) Fri. 12:15, 2:10, 2:55, 4:55, 5:40, 7:40, 8:20, 10:25, 10:55; Sat. 11:25, 12:15, 2:10, 2:55, 4:55, 5:40, 7:40, 8:20, 10:25, 40:55; Sun. 11:25, 12:15, 2:10, 2:55, 4:55, 5:40, 7:40, 8:20, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. 1:40, 2:30 (4:50, 5:45) 7:25, 8:25, 10:15; **The Glass House** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. 2:10 (5:00) 7:25, 9:50; **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. 2:20 (4:55) 7:30, 9:55; **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) Fri. 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:10, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:10, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:25 (4:40) 7:05, 9:35; **Joy Ride** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (5:35) 7:55, 10:20; **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) Fri. 1:10, 3:25, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 1:10, 3:25, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:55 (5:05) 7:15, 9:25; **My First Mister** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:45, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 1:35 (4:35) 7:10, 9:50; **The Others** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:15, 5:15, 7:50, 10:35; Mon. 1:35 (4:05) 9:30, Tue.-Thu. 1:35 (4:05) 7:00, 9:30; **Rush Hour 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:15 (5:30) 7:45; **Serendipity** (PG-13) Fri. 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. 1:45 (5:25) 7:45, 10:00; **Training Day** (R) Fri. 1:25, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:25, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 1:30 (4:30) 7:15, 10:10; **Zoolander** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:45 (5:20) 8:00, 10:20

Hazard Center 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-291-7777)
Bandits (PG-13) Fri. 1:00 (4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00 (4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Corky Romano** (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 2:45 (5:00) 7:30, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 2:45 (5:00) 7:30, 9:50; **Don't Say a Word** (R) Fri. 11:30, 2:15 (4:45) 7:20, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15 (4:45) 7:20, 10:15; **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:10, 9:45; **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) Fri. 1:10, 3:50, 5:50, 8:05, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 1:10, 3:50, 5:50, 8:05, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. 1:40, 2:25 (4:25, 5:40) 7:10, 8:30, 10:05; **Joy Ride** (R) Fri. 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:05, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:05, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. 2:05 (5:15) 7:35, 9:45; **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; Sun. (11:15, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:55) 7:05; **Serendipity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:20) 5:20, 7:20, 9:20; Sun. (1:20, 3:20) 5:20, 7:20, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:20) 7:15; **Training Day** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:20, 7:00, 9:55; Sun. (1:00) 4:20, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:25

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Calle 54, Thursday: **Grateful Dawg** (PG-13) 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

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
Ghost World (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:35, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:35) 4:10, 9:50; Tue.-Wed. (1:35) 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; **Happy Accidents** (R) Fri. 1:30, 4:00, 7:20, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:00, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:00, 7:20, 9:45; **L.I.E.** (NC-17) Fri. (1:40) 4:15, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:40, 4:15, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:15, 7:30, 10:00; **Mulholland Drive** (R) Fri. 1:45, 3:45, 5:00, 7:00, 8:15, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 1:45, 7:00, 10:10, 10:30, 1:45, 5:00, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 3:45, 5:00, 7:00, 8:15, 10:10

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
The Power and the Glory, Friday, 7 p.m.; **Diamond Jim**, Friday, 8:30 p.m.; **The Sin of Nora Moran**, Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m.; **Prison Train**, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 8:20 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Amazing Journeys (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Mon. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Wed. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **China: The Panda Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 6:00, 8:00; Sun.-Tue. 2:00; Wed. 2:00, 6:00; Thu. 2:00; **Journey into Amazing Caves** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 4:00, 6:00, 9:15; Sun. 12:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Tue. 12:00, 4:00; Wed. 12:00, 4:00, 8:15; Thu. 12:00, 4:00

Hardball (PG-13); **American Pie 2** (R); **The Others** (PG-13); **Rush Hour 2** (PG-13)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Bandits (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:15, 7:25, 9:25; Sun. (1:40) 4:15, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:00) 7:35; **Hardball** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:55) 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (1:30, 3:55) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 4:55) 7:50; **Joy Ride** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Sun. (1:50) 4:30, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:30) 7:50; **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; Sun. (11:15, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:55, 4:55) 7:05; **Serendipity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:20) 5:20, 7:20, 9:20; Sun. (1:20, 3:20) 5:20, 7:20, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:20) 7:15; **Training Day** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:20, 7:00, 9:55; Sun. (1:00) 4:20, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:25

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Calle 54, Thursday: **Grateful Dawg** (PG-13) 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

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
Ghost World (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:35, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:35) 4:10, 9:50; Tue.-Wed. (1:35) 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; **Happy Accidents** (R) Fri. 1:30, 4:00, 7:20, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:00, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:00, 7:20, 9:45; **L.I.E.** (NC-17) Fri. (1:40) 4:15, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:40, 4:15, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:15, 7:30, 10:00; **Mulholland Drive** (R) Fri. 1:45, 3:45, 5:00, 7:00, 8:15, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 1:45, 7:00, 10:10, 10:30, 1:45, 5:00, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 3:45, 5:00, 7:00, 8:15, 10:10

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EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Bandits (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 1:00, 4:00, 4:30) 6:50, 7:30, 9:40, 10:25; **Corky Romano** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 12:30, 2:15, 2:45, 4:45, 5:15) 7:05, 7:55, 9:30, 10:15; **Don't Say a Word** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:00, 4:15, 4:45) 7:00, 7:45, 9:50, 10:40; **Hardball** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:30; **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 4:15) 7:15, 9:45; **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 10:00; **Joy Ride** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 2:25, 2:55, 4:50, 5:20) 7:15, 8:00, 10:05, 10:35; **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 1:10, 2:40, 4:10, 5:10) 7:10, 9:45; **The Others** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:45, 10:20; **Serendipity** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; **Training Day** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 12:45, 4:00, 4:30) 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; **Zoolander** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:40, 2:20, 2:50, 4:40, 5:10) 7:10, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
Call theater for program information

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
Bandits (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:10; **Corky Romano** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:40, 8:05, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:30, 5:40) 7:50, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (1:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Don't Say a Word** (R) Fri. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Serendipity** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Shrek** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sat. (10:00, 12:00, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sun. (10:00, 12:00, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Training Day** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Bandits (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 1:00, 4:00, 4:30) 6:50, 7:30, 9:40, 10:25; **Corky Romano** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 12:30, 2:15, 2:45, 4:45, 5:15) 7:05, 7:55, 9:30, 10:15; **Don't Say a Word** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:00, 4:15, 4:45) 7:00, 7:45, 9:50, 10:40; **Hardball** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:30; **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 4:15) 7:15, 9:45; **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 10:00; **Joy Ride** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 2:25, 2:55, 4:50, 5:20) 7:15, 8:00, 10:05, 10:35; **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 1:10, 2:40, 4:10, 5:10) 7:10, 9:45; **The Others** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:45, 10:20; **Serendipity** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; **Training Day** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 12:45, 4:00, 4:30) 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; **Zoolander** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:40, 2:20, 2:50, 4:40, 5:10) 7:10, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
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LA MESA

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Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
Bandits (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:10; **Corky Romano** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:40, 8:05, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:30, 5:40) 7:50, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (1:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Don't Say a Word** (R) Fri. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Serendipity** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Shrek** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sat. (10:00, 12:00, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sun. (10:00, 12:00, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Training Day** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In
32nd and D (619-477-1392)
Corky Romano (PG-13); **The Princess Diaries** (G)

Sweetwater 9
1900 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)
Bandits (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:35) 7:20; **Corky Romano** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:05; Sun. (1:20, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:20; Sun.-Mon. (1:20, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:45, 5:45) 8:00; **Don't Say a Word** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (1:20, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00; **Hardball** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30) 5:45, 8:00; **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:30) 5:20, 7:20, 9:20; Sun. (1:20, 3:30) 5:20, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:20) 7:15; **Training Day** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:20, 7:00, 9:55; Sun. (1:00) 4:20, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:25

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Serendipity (PG-13) and **Hardball** (PG-13); **Training Day** (R) and **Don't Say a Word**

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
555 Broadway (619-338-4214)
Bandits (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Corky Romano** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Don't Say a Word** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Joy Ride** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 12:00, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; **Serendipity** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Training Day** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30) 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; **Zoolander** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:45, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
Bandits (PG-13); **Corky Romano** (PG-13); **Iron Monkey** (PG-13); **Serendipity** (PG-13); **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG); **Joy Ride** (R); **Training Day** (R); **Don't Say a Word**; **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13); **Zoolander** (PG-13); **Hardball** (PG-13); **The Others** (PG-13); **American Pie 2** (R); **Rush Hour 2** (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16
1025 Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
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tense 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.
★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13)

Tortilla Soup — Change of locale, and of cuisine, for *Eat Drink Man Woman*: now Los Angeles, and Mexican. An appetite has been found, or created, for food films, and they've got to be kept coming even if they have to start being remade. The change here works well enough, despite the broad acting and the relentless Bill Conti music. With Hector Elizondo, Jacqueline Obradors, Elizabeth Peña, Tamara Mello, Paul Rodriguez, Nikolai Kinski, and Raquel Welch; directed by Maria Ripoll. 2001.
★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY)

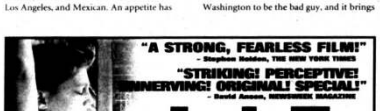
Training Day — A slicker, mainstreamier *Bad Lieutenant*, tanging along on an interminable work shift with a crooked L.A. narc. Even if you are prepared to believe the worst of the police (even if, perchance, you were a member of the O.J. Simpson jury), it's a stretch to believe that any cop would parade his badness quite so openly in front of a first-day trainee, no matter how eager to please and needy of endorsement the trainee might be. It's a stretch of another sort for Denzel Washington to be the bad guy, and it brings out his less commanding — his showy and flourishy — side. Ethan Hawke, as the greenhorn, is too light a weight to hold his own, even so. Toward the end, director Antoine Fuqua engineers a couple of tense sequences, when the dirty cop abandons the squeaky-clean one in a den of cutthroats, and when the latter sets out to get even. But the relief of tension in that first sequence is so laughably miraculous (or in the vernacular, "some trippy-ass shit") that it rather dampens the tension of the second into the bargain. Scott Glenn, Cliff Curtis, Macy Gray. 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Vertical Ray of the Sun — Tran Anh Hung re-locates to Hanoi, by all appearances a deeper burg than the Saigon of his previous films, *The Scent of Green Papaya* and especially *Cyclo*. The action, to use the term loosely, centers around three grown sisters (thoughts of Chekhov begin to form) and the several men in their lives. Relationships are in some cases a little slow to come clear, and there is not much in the way of narrative incident to propel momentum: just a series of moments strung between two family milestones a month apart, the anniversary of the mother's death and the anniversary of the father's. A mystique of perfection, a veritable legend, now surrounds the memory of the parents' lives together, a standard against which to measure the lives of the offspring: the secret affairs, double lives, unfulfilled longings. The emerging theme would seem to have to do with the imperfection of life as a rule: imperfection, that is, except in fleeting moments, brief snippets from the time-line, frozen photographs for the memory album. The movie immediately immerses us in another place, another tempo. Its opening scene — of a sister and brother slowly waking up and going through their morning routines of stretching, pull-ups, tai chi — draws us into a far-away fictional world as deeply and as magically as any descent down a rabbit hole or any forward leap in a time machine. This and countless other moments of comparable size are played out without haste and without impatience. They are the opposite of the greased-pig moments that Hollywood dispenses in mortal terror of tranquility, repose, focus, and other such natural enemies of mindlessness and soullessness. They cultivate the art of noticing and appreciating. The filmmaker holds on to them, as the saying goes, for dear life. And the artful cinematography by Mark Lee Ping-Bin — the observant and appreciative cinematography — is as much the "point" of the film as is any larger "theme." Tran Nu Yen-Khe, Nguyen Nhu Quynh, Le Khanh. 2000.
★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)



Max Keeble's Big Move

Zoolander — More a facial expression than a movie. The expression is called Blue Steel (but of course there already was a movie called that), the trademark crinkled brow and puckered-lip look of the "three-time male model of the year," Derek Zoolander. (He's working on a new look called Magnum, but it isn't yet ready for public display.) The feeling persists that the director and star, Ben Stiller, has more to offer than most *Saturday Night Live* alumni, although that feeling finds little support here. The search for laughs among pop songs, cinematic allusions, and celebrity cameos is chintzy and lazy; the re-emergence of the pup-tent boner from *Flirting with Disaster* is positively impoverished; Will Ferrell is, as always, an albatross; and the blowing-up of a TV sketch character into a feature-length protagonist could not be triter. Still worse, the political-assassination plot (if not the underlying motive to preserve and protect the Malaysian sweatshops) takes us far afield from the fashion world. The professional rivalry between the pushing-thirty hero and a young gun called Hansel (Owen Wilson) seems more fruitful, but there's no evidence the crop could feed an entire movie. Christine Taylor, Milla Jovovich, Jerry Stiller, Jon Voight. 2001.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; 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)









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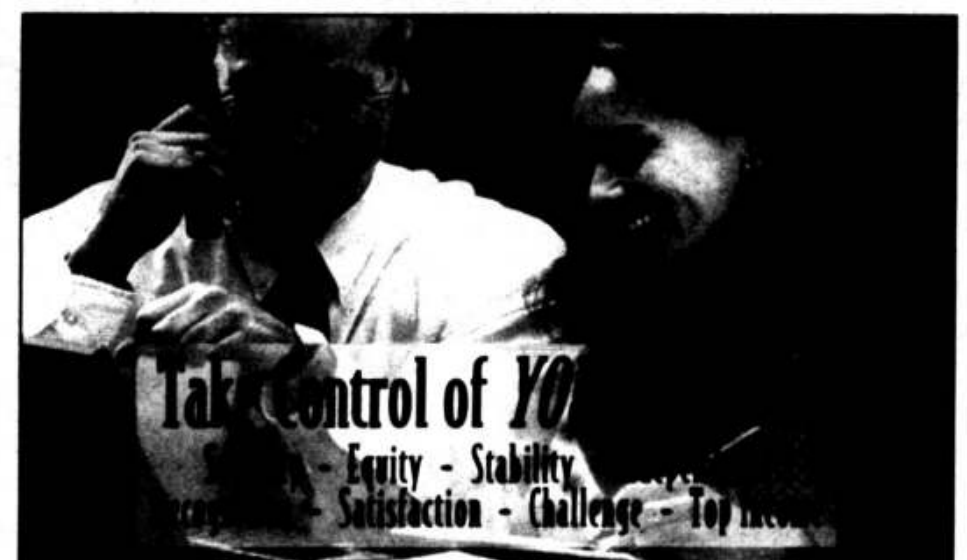

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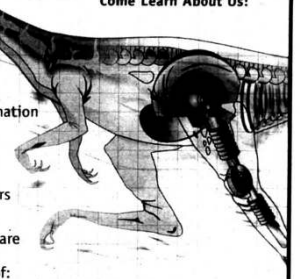

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KATIE from North County/Rancho Peñasquitos. Met 9/30/01 at Ocean Beach Spring Fling 2. Had bearded gecko on hand. Please respond in this column. Chris

KOBEY'S SULTRY SUNGLASS senorita. Struck by you instantly. You busy with your uncle to notice me. Will you even? I can only sigh and smile

REMEMBER, God has all the time in universal hindsight, nonlinear continuum. The angels highlite all events not the event itself. That is measured. Allan

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Matches

SHARED INTERESTS

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CHRISTIAN SOJOURNER SEEKS sold-out male. Me: 41, petite, long brown hair, brown eyes, great smile, 5'2", 105lbs., single mom, two teens, two dogs, fun. (10/17) ☎70967

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FLIRTY, VIVACIOUS, ADVANCED degree desires handsome, Jewish, sexy guy for good conversation, coffee, karaoke, line dancing, hiking, ethnic restaurants. Interested in law, health, world politics. (10/24) ☎70995

AN ATTRACTIVE, RETIRED, classy lady ready to go places and do things with retired, classy gentleman. (10/24) ☎70986

COMPASSIONATE, SMART, CUTE and funny, worldly woman seeking same in male companionship. Short (body and hairstyle), confident, and ready for adventure with the right guy. (10/17) ☎70960

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 40s, outgoing, adventurous, enjoys movies, dining, comedy clubs, weekend getaways, great conversations. Seeking outgoing, romantic, fun loving, emotionally stable. Let's explore city together. (10/24) ☎90041

35-YEAR-OLD, EAST COAST blonde, easily amused by life's absurdities, seeks liberal vegetarian who's not afraid to snort when he laughs! (10/17) ☎70953

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH! Seeking adventurous, generous, humorous man of substance. This smart, sexy, witty black beauty awaits. Enjoy nature, travel, arts, music. Unique, childless. (10/24) ☎90038

COOL, WHITE, CAPRICORN, 42, brown/brown, 5'5", 91X, reggae concerts, movies, animals, jogging, pool, beach, boating, mountains. You: White, 42+, good-looking, compatible. La Mesa. (10/17) ☎70942

PASSIONATE MUSE SEEKS unique individual. Want this? Look elsewhere. Want beautiful, creative, intense, sensual, connected, open minded, unique, witty? Call me. Let's embrace life! (10/24) ☎90033

GORGEOUS, VIVACIOUS, petite, feminine fireball seeking male, 38-53. Italian, French, Greek, etc. Educated, gorgeous gentleman, sexy, playful, financially stable, extremely chivalrous, for synergy/fun. (10/24) ☎90006

HOTTIE WANTED! You: Great looking white male, nice body, 21-34, 5'11"+ (no kids). Me: Pretty brunette with long legs, sweet, passionate, sensual and very fun! (10/24) ☎90011

PRETTY BLACK FEMALE, 48, seeking white or black Christian. Christian values, possibly relationship. Looking for someone to talk with: walk, movies, jazz, bowling. Let's meet. (10/24) ☎70988

LOVE, LAUGHTER, ADVENTURE. Hiking boots/heels, Dutch oven/gourmet meals, passport/picnic basket. Mom, 38, seeking tall friend, partner for conversation, exploration; long, loving relationship. (10/17) ☎70959

TWO SEEKING TWO. Us: Two cute, professional, outgoing girls, 25/24. Looking for two cute, professional, fun, outgoing guys to show us the town. (10/24) ☎90021

RHYTHM NATION WITHIN this very attractive, slim, 5'4" Cajun lady. Seeking long-term relationship with sincere, honest gentleman, 40-55, who is fun, hip and fit. North County a plus. (10/24) ☎70991

BEAUTIFUL, BLONDE/HAZEL, 5'7", 40s mom. East County, prefers mountains to beaches, seeks ruggedly handsome, sensually motivated man for adventures and quiet times. Let's enjoy! (10/24) ☎70990

SLIM, PRETTY, BLUE-EYED brunette, baby boomer, fun loving. You: Smart, trim, fit professional, 45-58, 5'9"+. Enjoy dinners, movies, theatre, jazz, conversation. Dancing and/or sailing a plus. (10/24) ☎90044

PROVERBS 31 WOMAN looking for her partner. You: 5'10"+, age 45-60, entrepreneur or professional. Me: 5'8", 47, entrepreneur. Lucille Ball/Elizabeth Taylor combination. (10/24) ☎90030

NORTH COUNTY, ATTRACTIVE, 49, young, 5'6", 13 lbs. Enjoy concerts, traveling, dining, beach, sushi. Seeking tall, trim, white nonsmoker, 45-55, adventurous, witty, fun, sincere, honest. (10/17) ☎70972

BLACK, ADORABLE, sweet female, educated, 5'4", 123lbs., resides North County, from Midwest, 48, artistic, seeks confident male, 45-60 years, educated, giving, secure, kind. Any race. (10/17) ☎70962

BLACK, ROMANTIC BRAZILIAN, 53, 4'9", 100lbs. Looking for male up to 60, good lover, for long-term relationship. No ethnic preference, speak English or Spanish. (10/24) ☎90010

HAPPY GIRL, 41, 5'6", 135lbs., into dogs, hiking, camping, 4-wheeling, outdoor fun. Seeking sweetheart not handicapped by insecurities, football or children for lighthearted adventure. (10/17) ☎70984

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE into water sports, music, desert. If you are easygoing, active, fun loving, e-mail me and let's start a new friendship. (10/24) ☎70997

WOMAN WITH BRAINS— oh, what a concept. Me: 44, in total control of myself. Seeking fun-loving man with low mileage and no baggage. (10/24) ☎90014

WHERE ARE YOU? Want man who lives large, tries anything, smiles a lot, desires commitment, kisses great, warm/affectionate, weekend trips, eats anything. Let's go! (10/24) ☎90034

VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, great legs, easygoing, wants to meet very attractive guy, 37-48, healthy, financially secured, nonsmoker for friendship or possible relationship. (10/24) ☎70992

WELL-ROUNDED NURSE, 54, widow, nondrinker/nonsmoker, childless, vivacious. Seeking intelligent gentleman for movies, theater, concerts, dinner, trips, outings. 50-65, nonsmoker, outgoing, flexible, kind, available. (10/17) ☎70944

PRETTY, BLONDE, professional, white female, child-free, personable Christian seeks humorous, stable, sincere, attractive, white Christian professional, 42-52, for companionship, dinner, fellowship. San Diego activities. (10/24) ☎90017

PETITE, FIT, 40s RN. We value loyalty, partnership, learning, nature, play, music, communication, companionship, chemistry, outdoor adventure (hiking, biking, swimming), mutual growth, each other (46-53). (10/17) ☎70949

ENJOY LAUGHING, fresh coffee and relaxing mornings of salt air while kayaking on the bay. The touch and scent of a woman looking for you. (10/24) ☎90037

SEEKING QUALITY GENTLEMAN to share fun things with. Me: 36, vegetarian, auburn/green, professional, Survivor fan. You: Professional, not stuffy, spiritual, 30-41 (young heart/soul). (10/24) ☎70998

HISPANIC FEMALE, 37, 5'5", Catholic, never married, no children. Seeking Hispanic male, 34-40, for a committed relationship. (10/24) ☎70989

PULL ME OVER, OFFICER. Passionate, warm, slender, athletic woman hopelessly hung up on cops, 44, white. Seeking a 45-58-year-old cop. All in fun. (10/24) ☎90025

I'M LONELY, PLEASE HELP! 28, white full figured but very attractive and outgoing. Seeking white male, 25-40. Must be serious minded and play no games. (10/17) ☎70977

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REAL WOMAN SEEKING real man. 48, 5'6", full-figured, feminine, not feminist. Conservative, not limited. Spiritual, not religious. Reliable, not boring. Partner to share life. (10/17) ☎70971

ONE FALLEN ANGEL LOOKING for that special light to shine on me. Latina female, attractive, intelligent and full of life, 24 years young. Join me. (10/17) ☎70982.

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, creative, fit, spontaneous, spiritual and optimistic, searching for mature, 35 to 45, smart, fit, humorous, financially and emotionally secure man. Nonsmoker please. (10/24) ☎90018

ASIAN-AMERICAN FEMALE, 49, attractive, youthful, metaphysical, spiritual, health-conscious, daughter grown, educated, home owner, optimistic, seeks male companionship for quality conversations, friendship, growth. (10/24) ☎70996

PARTNER IN PARADISE! Life's pleasures are bountiful with special someone—you? Quiet, sincere, loving woman wants compassionate, self-confident man to share fun, quiet times. (10/17) ☎70956

COWGIRL NEEDS COMPANION. 44, curly, sun-bleached blonde, single mom looks good in jeans. You should too. Rodeo, hiking, dancing, movies, history. Nonsmoker, military preferred. (10/24) ☎90016

ATTRACTIVE, 40s BLONDE seeks educated (lawyer, I'm studying law) for dinner dates, running, etc. Fun, workaholic needs social life. Prefer nonsmoker, nonlight drinker. Let's meet! (10/24) ☎90004

UNIQUE REDHEAD, ATTRACTIVE, 39-year-old. I love accents, long hair or something that makes a man stand out in a crowd. Are you different? (10/17) ☎70948

TEACHER, PRETTY, 35, childless, outgoing, athletic North County resident seeks single white male with good attitude who's fairly handsome and athletic for long-term relationship. (10/17) ☎70941

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COURTENEY COX LOOK ALIKE, attractive, 30s, petite, active, 109lbs., 5'2", seeking attractive, intelligent counterpart. (10/17) ☎70980

NICE, SERIOUS, ASIAN female, middle age, very educated, seeking successful marriage and career. Only gentlemen, white, 6'+, 41-59, Ph.D., need respond. No games please. (10/24) ☎90028

HAPPY DEL MAR MOM (son, 8), stunning in black, yet warm and homey, seeks Fraser (but with intimacy skills). Let's enjoy food, music, laughter, life! (10/24) ☎90040

FUN, BEAUTIFUL, 40, WHITE, educated, loyal, exciting, eclectic, spiritual, humorous. You: Tall, handsome, white, humorous, educated, kind, shyish with passionate streak, financially/emotionally secure, spiritual. (10/24) ☎90012

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GOOD-LOOKING CAUCASIAN, East County, petite, fit, brunette, unencumbered, looking for white, single, 40s to 50s for sharing quality times. (10/24) ☎90024

PROFESSIONAL, EBONY female looking for professional, ivory male, 45-60, 5'9"+, looking for partner/companion for committed relationship to share quality time, entertainment, picnic and Disneyland. (10/17) ☎70978

SEEKING COOL MALE FRIEND! Friendly, fun, attractive, much younger-looking female, 38, seeks together guy for talking, hanging out, having fun. No heavy drinkers/drugs. (10/17) ☎70950

SINGLE ATTRACTIVE FEMALE. Let's have some fun. Must be down-to-earth male, 30-40 years old. Let's keep it simple. (10/24) ☎90015

TIRED OF SITTING ALONE with your TV after work? 53, tall, blonde, slender, happy, healthy girl-next-door needs honest, dependable, Mr. Nice Guy. (10/17) ☎70968

I Suck At This

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BLUE-EYED, CURVACEOUS, full-figured blonde beauty, 44, searching for generous, successful, fun man with brains and an adventurous nature. Let's talk and explore. (10/24) ☎90001

EUROPEAN LADY, CLASSY, professional, tall, slim, 46, independent, attractive, great personality, likes music, sports, cooking and more. Seeking tall, professional, African-American gentleman, 45+, relationship. (10/24) ☎90026

ACTIVE, ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, divorced Caucasian, 53, enjoys dancing, sports, family, travel, meditation, outdoors. Seeking similar, nonsmoking/drugs, 45-58, strong values, into personal growth, monogamous relationship. (10/24) ☎90009

AT 50 I CAN LAUGH, love and listen. Want to explore interests? I'm 5'5", average body, with a sense of style. Someone worth experiencing. (10/17) ☎70964

SIMPLY SENSATIONAL, SEXY, sultry, beautiful Asian, exotic jewel, 5'3", 115lbs., childless, homeowner. You're fit, successful, generous white professional, 33-53, nonsmoker. Let's enjoys summer and more... (10/17) ☎70970

ARE YOU ITALIAN? Or Italian-American? Have a boat or plane? Handsome, open, honest communicator between 35-45? I'm gorgeous, tall, slender, intelligent, open minded. (10/24) ☎90023

GENUINELY GORGEOUS brunette, optimistic, cheerful, seeking my man I have loved all my life and haven't met yet. 50-60. Where are you? (10/17) ☎70938

BIG VOLUPTUOUS VIXEN, 34, 5'8", seeks teddy bear, tall, 30-45, strong, soft, able and adventurous, to walk through life's forest and forage. (10/24) ☎90031

LOOKING TO HAVE FUN. Single mom looking for great guy, 21-30, 5'7", 120lbs., red/blue. Looking to go out/have fun. Give me a call. (10/24) ☎90032

45, GRACIOUS, STRONG, athletic, degreed woman seeks man, nonsmoker, over 5'9", fit, civilian, degreed, happy, interesting, secure, adventurous, humorous and emotionally available for a relationship. (10/24) ☎90007

INTELLIGENT. Sensuous, fun-loving, 5'10", blonde, ex-New York fashion model, 55, seeking attractive Italian/American, 45+, that's strong/gentle, tender, compassionate, humorous, kind, emotionally intelligent. (10/24) ☎90000

BLACK BEAUTY, SWEET, slim, seeks attractive, professional, nonsmoker, 5'4", 120lbs., college grad, jeans to silk. You: 30-40, tall, athletic, savvy. Enjoy sports, fun, romantic getaways. (10/17) ☎70966

WANNA DATE? I'm bored. How about you? Single white female, 50s, easygoing, loves music, movies, sightseeing and just having fun. Let's talk! (10/17) ☎70945

SOMEONE WHO HAS LOVED and committed and been betrayed, dedicated his life to raising the children, who wants to love and trust again. (10/17) ☎70961

DO YOU ENJOY LIFE? Tall, vivacious vegetarian, 29, seeks fun, genuine, dashing, intelligent nonsmoker under 40 for shared experiences. Food, wine, theater, movies, baseball, travel. (10/24) ☎70999

WILD-AT-HEART, Aquarian, voluptuous beauty. Soon 32. Brunette/blue. 6', big beautiful woman. Seeking taller, truly macho, highly affectionate sweetheart to love. Age 26-39. (10/24) ☎90042

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE professional seeks someone mid-40s on up who is comfortable, intelligent and enjoys life a lot. I'm 5'8", 130lbs. Single dads OK! (10/17) ☎70976

I'M GOING TO RETIRE, in two or three years and travel. Would you like to come along? Call me. (10/17) ☎70943

BLACK MALE WANTED by Latin lady, 40, attractive, shapely, thick, junk in my trunk. You: 35-43, sincere, honest, spontaneous, romantic, enjoy sports, jazz, coffeehouses, movies. (10/24) ☎90043

INTELLIGENT, HONEST, CUTE, 53, long blonde/blue, 5'2", curvy, seeks honest, confident, degreed, over 5'8", successful, selective, respectful, special man for our best relationship ever! (10/17) ☎70939

BLONDE, BLUE-EYED, athletic, 44-year-old in search of fun partner. Must be handsome, fit, dog lover, 40-55. (10/17) ☎70952

PASSIONATE, PLAYFUL, pretty, fit, spontaneous. Seeking nonsmoking, educated, handsome professional, 40-48, for dinners, movies, kayaking, romance, sharing life. Enjoy animals, motorcycles, good conversation. No baggage. (10/17) ☎70979

FRIENDS FIRST, then everything else will fall into place. Walks at the beach, sunsets, bonfires, movies, dancing, rock and roll concerts, enjoying life. No drugs. (10/17) ☎70965

GOOD-LOOKING, VERY attractive Indian female from India, new to the area. Seeking an educated gentleman, age 45 to 52. (10/24) ☎90039

CLASSY, ATTRACTIVE, educated, athletic, established lady, professional, in her late 30s, would love to meet an engineer for dinner and dating. (10/17) ☎70954

WANTED: HUMOROUS, fun-loving guy, 55+, to share walks on the beach and finer things of life with petite, cute, sensual, hazel-eyed blonde. (10/24) ☎90027

ATTRACTIVE WHITE FEMALE, 27, looking for same in male. I am 5'9", 165lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes. Looking for male over 6' between ages 24-30. (10/17) ☎70983

STUNNING, CHINESE, PETITE, warm, vivacious, professional. Seeking handsome, successful, degreed professional who's considered, kind, confident, funny and outgoing. Nonsmoker, 36-46, 5'9", prefer Asian/white. (10/24) ☎90020

PRETTY, REDHEAD, TALL, extra full figure, lovable, upbeat, established, loves family and friends, outings, baseball, San Diego, fun. Seeking tall, similar, affectionate, established, committed 45+. (10/17) ☎70946

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

GENTLE, DEPENDABLE, HONEST, home owner, handyman, 57. Nonsmoker willing to get to know me to share life's simple pleasures. (10/24) ☎80507

SWING DANCER SEEKS similar/baby boomer, fit, educated, sense of humor, reliable, honest, healthy emotionally/financially/physically, unencumbered, enjoys nature, love to travel. You're 40s. (10/17) ☎80437

TALL, DARK, HANDSOME, 1/2 Italian seeks smart, fun, attractive 25-45 for weekend drives, dining, movies, rock music, conversation. A fun, secure, serious relationship wanted! (10/17) ☎80466

LATINO, SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL, harmless to normal people, however! Liberal, mindful, thoughtful, humor, enjoy solitude. I'm 39. (10/24) ☎80505

HELLO, I'M 32 AND FINISHING my college career. I'm looking for fun, conversation and possible connection. I like music, dancing and Halloween. Care to chat? (10/17) ☎80481

ICE SKATE, ROLLERBLADE, workout? I'm physically fit, easy to look at and completely available. Please be the same! White male, 43, brown/brown, 5'11", 187lbs. (10/17) ☎80450

ATHLETIC, UCSD DOCTORATE, 29, blond, blue-eyed Renaissance man with no baggage, multidegreed, professional. Into art, music, science, law, travel. Seeking adventurous Caucasian lady. (10/24) ☎80553

COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE EYES, very affectionate, attractive, unencumbered, degreed professional, 37, 6'1", 210lbs., clean cut, conservative appearance. German-Irish Catholic seeks monogamous, romantic relationship with warmhearted, unencumbered female, 22-35, slender curvaceous, possessing exceptional inner and outer beauty. (10/17) ☎80462

STEADY EDDIE. I like trips to Cabo, Washington State, the desert. Hiking, golf, dining out and good music are a plus. Care to join in? (10/24) ☎80518

SCINTILLATING, MONOGAMOUS, romantic, sensitive, distinguished, 58, unencumbered, athletic, psychotherapist/writer, Jewish-Buddhist. Cook, dig jazz, deep conversations, tennis, hiking, biking, expanding, enriching, loving, more. Well? (10/17) ☎80473

GOOD-LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered nice guy (approximately 6', 180lbs., 45) seeks slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty (32-42) for balanced, long-term relationship. (10/17) ☎80395

JEWISH GUY SEEKS JEWISH gal. I'm 50, tall, still slender. Seeking someone to cook dinner with, watch movies, hold hands, fall asleep with and more. (10/17) ☎80456

BLACK ARTIST, 53, GOOD sense of humor and easygoing. Night owl. Like gallery openings, good food, conversation and movies. Looking for someone to share with. (10/17) ☎80402

MINI SKIRTS, GORGEOUS LEGS and high heels. Are there women still out there like this? I'm 35, handsome, secure, athletic, looking for open-minded lady. (10/24) ☎80506

SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE girl, 4, 45, 5'10", 170lbs., blond/blue, Chula Vista. Seeking lasting relationship with loving, caring, easygoing, thin woman. (10/24) ☎80538

ITALIAN-AMERICAN, 5'11", 55, financially secure, passionate, gentle, self-assured, nice-looking, educated, gives back rubs, roses, seeks slender, sexy woman, 45+, love, laughter, life. (10/17) ☎80418

NEW TO TOWN, SHOW ME around. 20. Enjoy music and travel. Classical guitarist, passionate, intelligent, athletic, tan, looking for shared interests and memories to come. (10/24) ☎80485

ARE HONESTY, TRADITIONAL values, lasting relationship important? Professional, 50ish, intelligent. Seeking nonsmoking woman who enjoys weekend adventures, casual entertainment, good food, my cooking life. (10/24) ☎80554

HIP, BRIGHT, WITTY, FIT, attractive 6'3", brown/brown. Interests: Arts, independent/foreign films, alternative music, Hillcrest Cinema. Educated, professional, home owner. You: Mid-20s-early 30s. (10/24) ☎80510

ARE YOU OVERWEIGHT OR FAT, but not obese, fair-looking, modern, active, feminine, happy, 21-40, white female seeking a handsome, loveable, fit, 37, black male. (10/17) ☎80393

THE GOOD LIFE: Loving, caring, traveling, sailing, hugging, smiling, sharing understanding. That is what I want in a petite, pretty woman in her 40s-50s. (10/24) ☎80540

FAT, BAWDY WENCH sought by singular coastal sybarite, 40s, surfer's physique, dancer's grace, carpenter's smarts. Love nature/high tech. Financially solvent. 5'10", 155lbs. (10/24) ☎80552

I'M 29 AND SEARCHING for nonconventional woman with a punk rock attitude. Similar interests should include new wave/punk music, art house flicks and literature. (10/24) ☎80520

GERMAN RETIRED ENGINEER, 62, 5'7", 160lbs., grey/brown, honest, romantic, home in San Diego/Germany, seeks self-assured, attractive female, travel, romance, fun time, companionship. (10/24) ☎80566

YOU ARE TALL, tall, slim, attractive, intelligent, educated, unencumbered, active vegetarian and have celebrated between 40 and 57 birthdays. Me too. (10/17) ☎80453

ASIAN WOMAN, 30-35, honest, loving, nice, likes holding hands, loves sports. Me: 29, preschool teacher, loving, nice, honest, likes holding, loves sports/money. (10/17) ☎80445

LOVE, RESPECT, SUPPORT; healthy, happy, 45, white, average looks. Looking for the last love of my life. Good times, bad times, let's share them all. (10/24) ☎80555

TEMECULA COMMUTER, 45, seeks a romantic partner who enjoys wine tasting, animals, walks on the beach and travel. All replies answered. (10/24) ☎80515

REAL MAN, NOT A PROJECT, searching for smart, funny, adorable woman. Let's have fun together and let me charm you. (10/17) ☎80409

CHRISTIAN COWBOY, 46, seeks nice, affectionate woman for date, camping, hiking, fishing. Must like rodeos, NHRA, drag racing and just having fun, possibly marriage. (10/24) ☎80482

NEW BEGINNINGS. Young, 40ish, active, enjoys sports, beach walks, theatre, movies. Fun-loving, easygoing, secure, optimistic, driven at work seeks lively female. (10/17) ☎80424

BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 51, participatory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, home owner, social, Midwest values. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (10/24) ☎80489

HONEST, UNSELFISH, EMPLOYED man (6'2", trim, nice-looking) seeks heels and hose wearing, warm lady (45-60), good music, conversation, committed relationship. You'll like my voice. (10/24) ☎80563

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HANDSOME, HUMOROUS, WHITE male, 40, enjoys all types of activities. Seeking healthy, happy female, 25-45, for long term in the 760 area code. (10/24) ☎90585

VERY ATTRACTIVE, selective exec. executive seeks attractive white or Latin female. You are thin or petite figure, enjoy travel. I desire long term monogamous relationship. (10/17) ☎90431

ATTRACTIVE BLACK FEMALE, 30s-40s, desired by attractive, tall, romantic white male, 38, nice shape. Must like time with children and time to hold each other. (10/24) ☎90487

OUTGOING, LAID-BACK, 28, white, Buddhist with quirky sense of humor seeks educated, adventurous, creative female, 26-32, who can at least balance her own checkbook. (10/17) ☎90455.

FINE GENTLEMAN, good-natured, outgoing, slim, 5'8", middle-aged, caring, kind, loving. Seeking mature, senior, woman companion. (10/24) ☎90536

HIGH ENERGY, ATHLETIC and metaphysically inclined 47-year-old, 5'7" Want partner with knowledge of Ickis Hoagland, Art Bell, Rense... live outside in the 760 area code. (10/24) ☎90585

WHERE ARE YOU? Is finding a woman 20-25, nice, warm, sensitive, athletic, down-to-earth, too much to ask for? I'm 25, kind, intelligent, healthy. (10/24) ☎90511

ATTRACTIVE WHITE MALE, 42, 5'8", 165lbs., great body, brown hair, green eyes, likes sailing (has sailboat), movies, outdoors, successful, nonsmoker. Call, let's have some fun. (10/17) ☎90428

SCIENCE, HIKING ENTHUSIAST, 27, 150lbs., 6', blue eyes, sincere and easy-going, fun guy enjoys classical to trance. Seeking friend for local hikes and conversation. (10/24) ☎90488

HARRISBURG-BOUND, handsome, white professional, young-looking 55, 5'8-1/2", 180lbs., kindhearted, romantic, urbane, unencumbered, financially secure. Dancing, tennis, travel. Seeking attractive, fit, loving mate. (10/24) ☎90535.

BIG, TALL, 62-YEAR-OLD white male, kind, perceptive, loyal, interested in attractive, fit woman for possible long term relationship. Photo on the internet. (10/24) ☎90483

36, WHITE MALE, 5'10", attractive, great shape, owns successful small business. You're 25-35, smart, sexy, thin, no hang ups. Let's play and go from there. (10/17) ☎90431

ALL GOOD MEN AREN'T TAKEN. 5'7", 155lbs., attractive black male, jeans to tux, seeks honest, professional, attractive, active female, enjoys life, sports. 30s-40s. Any age. (10/24) ☎90531

NURTURING, SECURE, SUCCESSFUL Playful? Mischievous? Fit? Sensual? Seeking long term? Ditto! Discover amazing facts about mutual respect, friendship, communication. Seeking attractive soul mate, 35+, with integrity. (10/17) ☎90497

LOOKING FOR A punk rock chick. (10/24) ☎90557

HONEST, DIVORCED WHITE male, young 40, adventurer, would like to meet white or Asian woman who has poss/ole toes. Thanks. (10/24) ☎90496

DOCTOR, HUMOROUS, CREATIVE, 38, Jewish, attractive, tall, down-to-earth, quiet, guitar playing, writer, meets few single females, seeks sensitive, intelligent female for meaningful relationship. (10/24) ☎90537

UNDER YOUR THUMB, 6'1", 185lbs., 45, strikingly handsome, emotionally/financially secure, trainable. Seeking strict, sublime woman to love, honor, respect and do what you say. (10/17) ☎90389

VERY SUBSIBLE BACHELOR. White male, 28, fit, attractive, successful. Enjoy the outdoors. Comfortable going out or staying home, dressing up or casual. Looking for same. (10/24) ☎90504

GOOD-HEARTED, GOING WHITE gentleman, 42, 5'7", 170lbs., emotionally/financially secure. Best owner enjoys waterskiing, boating, camping, outdoor activities. Looking for one special woman. (10/17) ☎90447

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LATINO MAN, 5'11", athletic, 5'8", 48, friendly, outgoing, college graduate. Seeking happy, easygoing woman with a nice personality. (10/24) ☎90482

I LOVE THE SPIRIT of San Diego just as I love the fire in a woman. That ignites the fire within me. 38, genuine, adventurous. (10/24) ☎90464

LADY, 30-35, JUST CALL. Male, 36, honest, caring. Homeowner. (10/17) ☎90407

Desert Girl

Wanted: Someone with same interests, into buggies and bikes. Long hair, East County guy, 30, 5'10", 175lbs., looking to go big this season, October 31. (10/17) ☎90443

EARLY 30s, SINGLE DAD looking for someone to have fun with. Love outdoors and movies. Seeking 30-43 gal who's fun and not marriage minded. (10/17) ☎90467

LET'S MEET. Single white male, 41, 195lbs., friendly, fun, nice guy. Enjoy reading, computers, playing guitar, piano, museums, quiet evenings. (10/24) ☎90496

FUNNY, ATTRACTIVE Buddhist boy, 33. Let's have fun, explore nature and get to know each other. Love hiking, gardening, music, dancing, kissing, movies, learning, life! (10/24) ☎90556

OLDER WOMAN WANTED. Me 29, 6'2" blond 175lbs. Attractive, intelligent, sincere, open. Enjoy outdoors, movies, music, computers, snowboarding. More. You 30+, attractive, intelligent. Smoke OK. (10/24) ☎90534

41, FIT, 5'11", brown hair/eyes, intelligent, active, career professional, loves all outdoor activities, seeks basically same, attractive, fit, independent, stable, fun-loving, 28-37 woman. (10/24) ☎90503

BLACK MALE SEEKS A LADY 33-43 for holding hands, going movies, attractive. Searching kind, real woman. Good man. Want to love? Me too. Race unimportant. (10/17) ☎90435

HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL executive, 5'7", trim, & 10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, happy, fun, exciting committed relationship. (10/17) ☎90391

GENEROUS, KIND, NOT MUSICAL, young, Smart, funny, balding, not open Like kids. Gentle, listener but sensible. Spiritual not humble. I'm a man not a saint. (10/24) ☎90545

LET'S GO SURFING! Or just to the beach. I'm 35, North County Coastal, physically fit. Interests include music, ethnic restaurants, sporting events, theater, movies, you. (10/17) ☎90412

THIS EX-SEATTLE GUY seeking black female for long term. 27-45. This chief 6'4", 44, likes cooking, beaches, nightclubs & Bo that seventh caliber meet for coffee. (10/24) ☎90490

NORTH COUNTY, HANDSOME Spanish male, 45, degreed. San Diego native, seeking a petite, shapely Blonde or brunette female for dating and a possible relationship. (10/17) ☎90425.

HEY YOU, CALL ME. I'm 41, European-born, 5'11", 170lbs., brown hair/eyes. Love quality woman, music, sensitivity, nature. You're 25+, 5'4"+, educated, stable, free. (10/17) ☎90390

BLUE-EYED DEVIL SEEKS shapely, earthy goddess You 24-36, fit 5'-5'8" intelligent, vegetarian? Me, 30, fit, health conscious, can hold meaningful conversation, honest no baggage! (10/24) ☎90500

TUMBLE WILDLY THROUGH this world with handsome, romantic, humorous white professional, 6'1" Seeking Caucasian for conversations, dancing, dining, tickling mind/body/souls, maybe steamy nights. (10/24) ☎90544

INTELLIGENCE, SENSUALITY, sought by handsome, commitment-oriented, tall blond doctor, 45. Let's talk, share, laughing, movies, fine dining, shopping, workouts, road trips, kids. (10/17) ☎90431

I WANT FIRST TO MEET THAT someone for coffee, wine. Could it be with you? I'm so out of practice at this, feel vulnerable, too. (10/24) ☎90416

NICE LOOKING, 40s, honest, happy, loving, caring, stable Music, beaches, mountains, dinners out. Active lifestyle. Counterpart Me Caucasian, trim, children. You. The same! North County. (10/17) ☎90415

NICE GUY SEEKS NICE GIRL. Single white male, 23 years, seeks attractive, down-to-earth, easygoing lady. Must be honest and fun to be with. (10/24) ☎90541

ART-MINDED FUTURIST, 24, loves for ward music, dancing, new media. Seeking 23-26, creative, enlightened, single unprohibited, single, unprohibited female with dare edge. (10/17) ☎90457

HANDSOME COMPANY PRESIDENT, 40, 5'11", 185lbs., Caucasian, brown hair and eyes, romantic, loyal, affectionate, intelligent. You, 25-35, fit, enjoy restaurants, travel, movies, music, conversation, adventure. (10/24) ☎90502

FIT WHITE MALE, financially stable, 39, 5'8", blue/brown Seeking drifter loving petite/fit, for romantic/erotic lady. Multi-western values, family oriented and hiker are big pluses. (10/17) ☎90436

WHY STRUGGLE? Handsome, Del Mar sophisticated, fun, white, wealthy, tall, tan, lean wholesome athlete seeks lovely, classy, unencumbered, live-in girlfriend 25-40 Best friends first. (10/17) ☎90449

CARLSBAD, KIND, HONEST, 43, white never married, healthy, childless, non-smoker, nondrinker Seeking white, North County Coastal lady, 38-42, for long term relationship. (10/17) ☎90433

SUCCESSFUL, EUROPEAN, intellectual handsome, charming and emotionally stable, wishes to make happy a sensitive, attractive and educated lady in her 30s No baggage please. (10/24) ☎90493

CHRISTIAN TEACHER ENJOYS dancing tennis, biking, theater, working out, guitar Seeking 27-33 Christian, attractive, good shape, sense of humor, loves life, and marriage minded (10/24) ☎90508

BORING GUY HERE. Asian 33, 170lbs, fit Motorcycle riding, rockabilly listening, bar hopper 49 Ford Shoebox building guy Any Betties out there? (10/17) ☎90423.

82, 6'1", GOOD LOOKING, cute, trim sense of humor. Seeking lady for fun/play Must like to be with sexy man, be adventurous. Play safe. (10/24) ☎90499

YOUNG SENIOR SEEKING voluptuous lady Tall, curvious a plus. Long/Carlsbad a plus Area 619. Me Tall, Swedish-English, easy going, very open. Hurry. (10/17) ☎90464

FUN, CUTE, BIG SMILE. Want someone who can appreciate life's little things? How would treat my lady? Compliment her, cuddle, romance, protect, love, wine and dine, buy things, support, go to the ends of the earth for you? (10/24) ☎90495.

POSITIVE PERSON WHO LIKES to laugh Like movies, art music and dancing Sweet and active. (10/24) ☎90509

PLAYFUL, AFFECTIONATE, thoughtful, sensual, creative, handsome(?) 5'2 5'9 160lbs. (619) Love nature, romantic comedies, soft rock Desire cute(?), skinder, 45ish counterpart to love for ever. (10/24) ☎90491

HANDSOME, ATHLETIC professional, 31 (looks 31) 5'9" 160lbs. muscular body, honest, sensitive, romantic, spiritual Seeking attractive, fit and thin, outgoing spiritual woman (20-35) Let's talk! (10/17) ☎90448

23, ATTRACTIVE, SUCCESSFUL and intelligent who likes seeking 21-31 female for romance and fun. (10/24) ☎90494

THIS MAN KNOWS HOW TO treat a lady Let's become friends, go from there Me, 34, 5'11", 165lbs., fit, attractive, educated You, 24-36, nice, unimportant (10/17) ☎90427

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40s, in-shape, brown hair/eyes, have soul. Love to frolic— beach to mountains. You: Hot, nostalgic, romantic dream-catcher. An athlete prefers to do it, intellect derives and heads the list, and you'll know me. (10/24) ☎80533

MARTIAN, 62, PART-TIME dad, looking for emotionally available soul mate, likes concerts, dinner, movies, family times, camping. Looking for honest, committed relationship (10/17) ☎80400

BLACK'S BEACH. White male, 38, looks 28, attractive, fit, slim, seeks 18-45, height/weight proportionate female to enjoy sun and beach as they were intended (10/17) ☎80444

ROOMMATES

BALBOA PARK/DOWNTOWN. $25/night. Temporary housing available. Renovated historic home. Near zoo, museums. Furnished with antiques, TV, linens, etc. Provide references. Nonsmokers only. 619-235-8372. 619-235-2415, x18847.

BARGER'S HILL/STC. $560 includes utilities. $250 security deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors, laundry. Near downtown and Balboa Park. Call. Available now. 619-322-8849, 619-235-2415, x29409

BARGER'S HILL. $600 +utilities, deposit. 2 bedroom Spanish apartment. Harbor views, sunny, laundry, jacuzzi. Walk to Downtown. Have cat. Nonsmoking female, short term OK. 619-606-0063, 619-235-2415, x20480

BONITA. $500, 1/4 utilities. Share huge 4 bedroom home. Pool, jacuzzi, washer/dryer. Great neighborhood. Close to shopping, parks, easy freeway access. No pets. Available now. 619-656-0641.

CARDIFF. $595 private entrance, plus utilities. Community living with privacy. Vegetarian kitchen, organic garden, beach, jacuzzi, laundry, distilled water. Nonsmoker/pets. 760-753-0321.

CARDIFF. $500, includes utilities. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. Room for rent. Pool, laundry facility. No drugs or smoking. Available now. 760-943-9356.

CARDIFF. $500/month, 1/2 utilities plus deposit. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Quiet, upscale neighborhood. Private parking/laundry. Near shopping/beach. No smoking, pets, drugs. 760-635-0478

CARDIFF. Seeking third roommate for 3 bedroom home. Private bedroom, garage. Near shopping and freeways. No pets. Available 11/1/0. Call Deanna. 760-479-0185.

CARLSBAD. $450/month. Female, 16'6"x10'6" bedroom. 6'10" mirrored closet. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, newer 2 story home. Yard, garage, washer/dryer. No smoking/drugs. 877-593-6275.

CARLSBAD. $695. Available 11/1. Bedroom/private bath, fireplace, washer/dryer, garage, near beach, pool, jacuzzi, tennis. No pets or smoking. 760-931-5440.

CARLSBAD. $750, 1/2 utilities. Share 3 bedroom house 2 bedrooms and 1 bath are yours. Close to Downtown and beach. Call Sarah. 619-520-0785.

CARLSBAD. $575, 1/2 utilities 1 block from beach. Beautiful place, nice landscaping. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath with laundry on premises. Call Tom, 760-434-6891 619-235-2415, x16684

CARLSBAD. $525/month, 1/2 utilities. $200 deposit. 5-month lease. Master bedroom/bath. Male wanted. Pool, amenities, parking. No cats. Sean. 760-720-7588

CARLSBAD. $625/month. Large, nice, safe house. Master bedroom/private bathroom with shower, patio, and spa tub. Ready November 1. Community tennis, spa, pool. 760-434-9449

CARLSBAD. $750/month. Master bedroom available. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, new townhome. 2-car garage, pool, spa, fireplace, clean, quiet. Nonsmoking/pets 760-602-9878, 619-734-1979, x4001

CARLSBAD. $595, 1/3 utilities. Walk to ocean. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house near private beach. Huge yard, laundry, new paint/carpet. Available 11/1. Tom. 760-802-5202

CARLSBAD/LA COSTA. $1100, 1/3 utilities. $350 deposit. Roommate wanted to rent 2 spacious rooms (bedroom and office) in new, luxury home in Aviara. Big, screen TV, barbecue island, more. Walking distance to Aviara golf course and lagoon. Nonsmoking, pets, drugs. Available now. 760-931-0515.

CARMEL VALLEY. $1000 plus deposit, including utilities/cable. Luxurious new home. Large, second master bedroom, 16x13. Private bathroom and walk-in closet. No smoking, drugs, pets. 619-301-5467.

CHULA VISTA. $550, all utilities included. Room available in new, fully furnished, 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home in Sunbow II. Full lawn. Nonsmoker, no drugs. 619-235-2415, x29860.

CHULA VISTA/EASTLAKE. $550. Own bedroom/bath in new townhome. $350 deposit. Seeking female roommate, non-smoker, no pets. Near Southwestern College/I-805. Rebecca/dryer. 619-934-1756.

CHULA VISTA. $550/month. Furnished room. 3 bedroom house. Laundry facility, living, dining. Female preferred. Near freeways/Southwestern College. Quiet area. Nonsmoking/pets. 619-421-2288, 858-694-8037.

CITY HEIGHTS. $395 includes utilities. Quiet cul-de-sac, clean neighborhood. Share bath/vegetarian kitchen. First/last, deposit, references. Nonsmoking/drugs. No pets, please. 619-235-2415, x16726.

CLAIREMONT, SOUTH. $550, includes utilities. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 1 bedroom available. Central to freeways. Clean, quiet. Male only. No pets. 619-572-7100.

CLAIREMONT. $400 plus utilities. Centrally located, spacious 2 bedroom in gated condo complex. Pool, spa, laundry facilities. Female preferred. No smoking, drugs or pets. 858-576-6317.

CLAIREMONT/BAY PARK. $500. 1/4 utilities. Share big house. Large bedroom, share bath with 1 other. Washer/dryer, fenced backyard, garage, carport. Pets OK. Available 11/1. 858-274-3110.

CLAIREMONT. $533 plus 1/3 utilities. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Washer/dryer, garage, yard, fireplace. 858-277-1299.

CLAIREMONT. $125/month includes utilities. Trade. Share room in house. Blackbottom pool, pool table, etc. Female only. 619-253-5466.

CLAIREMONT. $465, 1/3 utilities. $400 deposit. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, clean/quiet house on canyon. Washer/dryer, all amenities, easy parking. Nonsmoking, drugs, pets. 858-483-4697.

CLAIREMONT. $425, 1/3 utilities, deposit. House near neighborhood park, freeway buses, shopping, bike. Seeking male. Nonsmoking, drugs, pets. Washer/dryer. Share bathroom. Available 11/1. 858-273-7343, 619-235-2415, x12062

CLAIREMONT. $400, 1/3 utilities, refundable deposit. Nice room in very quiet, clean house. Safe and secure neighborhood. Washer/dryer, garage, etc. No pets, please. 858-278-1068, 619-235-2415, x23393.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. $540, 1/2 utilities. $250 deposit. Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. On-site laundry, bay-view balcony, near everything. Available 11/1. 619-276-1951.

CLAIREMONT. $350/month. $300 deposit. 1/4 utilities. Available October 18. Nice quiet home near I-5. No pets/drugs. Female only. Ask for Bea, Mary. 858-274-7690.

CLAIREMONT. $425 includes utilities. Furnished. Air conditioning, laundry, separate phone line and cable in room. Non-smoking/pets. Pleasant, clean house and yard. Light kitchen privileges. 619-235-2415, x26828.

CLAIREMONT. $650 utilities included. 3 bedroom/2 bath house to share. Newly remodeled. Lots of amenities. No pets. 619-861-3446.

CLAIREMONT. $500, 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath house with 1 other and cat. Near Highway 52/Genesee. No smokers. Female preferred. summerg@san.rr.com.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. $695. Spacious 2 bedroom/2 bath. Private garage, laundry, pool. Upscale serene, secure community. By S. Balboa Avenue. Bay Park. Available November. Noon-4pm 858-270-6481.

CLAIREMONT. $400, 1/2 utilities, refundable deposit. Off-street parking. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath with 1 other female. No smoking, pets, drugs. Lease message. 858-270-7580, 619-235-2415, x13076.

CLAIREMONT. $500, $400 security deposit. Share 4000 square foot home, indoor jacuzzi, cable, near all freeways and shopping. Includes utilities. Available now. Nonsmoking male. 858-270-4243.

CLAIREMONT, NORTHWEST. $495 plus 1/2 utilities. $350 deposit. Furnished bedroom in clean, quiet 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. No pets. 2 golden retrievers live here. Includes water, gardener, cleaning services. 858-272-3842.

CLAIREMONT. $900 1 bedroom, 1 bath in quiet home currently occupied by one Hardwood floors, huge yard, deck, garden. Pet negotiable. Prefer female, nonsmoker. 858-270-5662

COLLEGE AREA. $586/month. Master bedroom in brand new townhouse, all amenities, own bathroom. No pets/smoking. Available 11/1. Call 858-272-9610.

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COLLEGE AREA. $400. One bedroom, one bath in 2 bedroom duplex. Near shopping, transit access. Storage attic, underneath duplex, parking. 619-286-3847.

COLLEGE AREA. $425. Room for rent in beautiful home on quiet, cul-de-sac street. Amenities include air conditioning, laundry and pool. Sean, days, 619-296-5578; evenings, 619-583-5065; 619-235-2415, x20587

COLLEGE AREA. $550. 1/2 utilities, security. Private, furnished bedroom/bath. Pool, hot tub, sauna, barbecue. Off-street parking. No smokers, pets, drugs. Sean, message, 619-269-4310, 619-235-2415, x30689

COLLEGE AREA. $450/month, utilities not included. Large house. Own room. Pool, sauna. Female only. No smoking, no pets. No smoking, no pets. 619-235-2415, x22424

COLLEGE AREA. $650. Home. All utilities. Cox cable, Internet, private phone, washer/dryer. Share bathroom. Separate library, study, living room, safe neighborhood. Deposit. Sandra, 619-286-1421, 619-235-2415, x16828.

COLLEGE AREA. $500/month, 1/2 utilities. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house with yard. Dog OK. References required. 619-582-2224.

CORONADO. $550/month plus deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Quiet. No smoking, no pets. Prefer male. Justin, 619-522-5830; 619-235-2415, x21642

DEL MAR VILLAGE. $900. Large master bedroom in house, share bath. Have dog. Washer/dryer, fireplace. Nonsmoker, no drugs. 858-526-5125, 619-235-2415, x31658.

DEL MAR, EAST. $660. New luxury house. Large, bright, attractive, quiet, views, fireplace, laundry room. Own bathroom. Share utilities. No pets/smoking. 858-259-8628, 619-235-2415, x14963.

DEL MAR, EAST. $600 plus deposit and share utilities. Female to share large, new home. Includes amenities, yard. No smoking, drugs, dogs 858-755-7693

DEL MAR. $750/month plus 1/3 utilities! 1 bedroom available in house. Male only. No pets, no smoking. 619-665-9872.

DEL MAR. $1000. 1/2 electric. Beachfront, Old Town. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Sunny, spacious, clean. Steps from sand/shops. Free laundry. Nonsmoking. Bryan, 858-692-6211, 619-235-2415, x15480.

DEL MAR. $600/month. Bedroom in 3 bedroom condo. Wood and tile flooring, dishwasher, pool, spa. Quiet. Pets under 25lbs OK. Nonsmoker preferred. 858-481-4345.

DEL MAR. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 weeks only, temporary, through November 1. Beach 5 blocks. Share bathroom. Great views, jacuzzi, parking available 619-235-2415, x12138.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. 1 room, $550. 2 rooms, $975. Large, luxury 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath new house. Gated community, pool/spa. Close to beach. Share washer/dryer, garage, etc. No pets. Close. 858-278-1068, 619-235-2415, x23393.

DEL NAR/SOLANA BEACH. $725 plus deposit, shared utilities. Own bedroom and bathroom. Washer/dryer, pool, fireplace. Great location near beach and racetrack. Nonsmoker. 858-720-1308

DOWNTOWN LITTLE ITALY. $700. Female to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath, modern loft. Available 11/1. Call 619-892-1015, 619-235-2415, x26788.

DOWNTOWN. $800 plus utilities. Room-mate wanted to share classic, 2 bedroom loft in Gaslamp. Extremely spacious apartment with beautiful wood floors. Pool, gym. Ask for Bea, Mary. 858-274-7690.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. $550, $550 deposit. 1 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-story townhouse, very quiet. Female preferred. No pets. 619-233-0382.

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ENCINITAS. $600, share utilities. Large house, clean, 1-1/2 bath, fireplace, patio/private entry. Pool, large backyard, gated parking. 619-787-2678.

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ENCINITAS. $600, 1/2 utilities, $500 deposit. One bedroom/private bath in 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Have a dog, no pets please. Yard. 760-633-3844.

ENCINITAS. $700 includes utilities/cable. Own bedroom/bathroom. Washer/dryer, jacuzzi, covered parking. Near freeway, YMCA and beach. No pets/smoking. Available immediately. 760-634-8433, 619-235-2415, x19955.

ENCINITAS. $775/month, $825 deposit. Townhouse. Available 11/1. Beach 1 block. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Enclosed patio, garage. Have cat. Nonsmoker, no substance abusers. 760-944-7395, 619-235-2415, x17130.

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ENCINITAS. $700/month, 1/2 utilities. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo overlooking ocean. Fireplace, cable, washer/dryer, pool, garage, furnished. No pets, smokers, drugs. 760-944-7286.

ENCINITAS. $550, deposit. 1/4 utilities. Newer house. Quiet ocean-view house. Upright, private entrance. Nonsmoking. Moonlight Beach. No pets, smoking. Heavy drinking. Preferred. 760-944-1400.

ENCINITAS. $500 plus utilities. Female preferred. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house near Mi Acosta College/beach. Pool, tennis, expansive available. E-mail responses preferred. nikc704@hotmail.com.

ENCINITAS/OLIVENHAIN. $650. Prefer female, nonsmoker. Share beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath home in wooded area. Jacuzzi, washer/dryer, storage. Share utilities. No pets. 858-756-1268.

ESCONDIDO. $450 plus 1/3 utilities. Roommate wanted to share newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Nonsmoker, no drugs, no pets. Cable, washer/dryer. 760-492-6275.

ESCONDIDO. $600 plus 1/3 utilities, deposit. Room for rent in 3 bedroom, 2 bath house near country club. Quiet neighborhood. Call 831-251-1218 or Nicole, 760-747-4768.

FALLBROOK. $700 includes utilities. 2 rooms, 2 baths with golf-course view and private entrance. Laundry privileges, kitchenette, jacuzzi tub, cedar closets. Private. 760-728-0675.

FASHION HILLS. $500, includes utilities. Female roommate wanted to share house. Ocean view. Washer/dryer. Private, quiet cul-de-sac. No pets. Star 82 858-565-7294.

FASHION VALLEY. $500, $425 deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Own phone. Laundry facilities. Close to beaches and shopping. No pets. Available immediately. 619-297-8817, 619-235-2415, x17788.

FLETCHER HILLS. $600/room. Female nonsmokers. Two rooms available in 5 bedroom, 4 bath house. Private bath/private entry. Pool, large backyard, gated parking. 619-787-2678.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. $450. 1/2 utilities, $450 deposit. 11/1/01. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, fireplace. No drugs, no pets. Wanda, after 5pm, 619-501-8963, 619-235-2415, x32187.

GOLDEN HILL. $475, 1/2 utilities. $400 deposit. Share large 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment with 1 other male. Private bedroom, bathroom, parking. On-site laundry. 619-233-7473, 619-235-2415, x17432.

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KEARNY MESA. $510/month. Male roommate wanted to share 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Very clean. 8008 Donzee Street, San Diego. 858-569-7032, 619-235-2415, x16434.

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KENSINGTON. $1150/month including utilities. Large studio with yard, fireplace, air conditioning, TV, VCR, completely furnished. Pets OK. 619-235-2415, x10353.

KENSINGTON. $625, utilities included. Top floor, vaulted ceiling, fireplace, storage, sauna and jacuzzi in complex. No pets, smoking or drugs. 619-200-9632.

KENSINGTON. $550/utilities. Female to share 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. No smoking, cat OK. Washer/dryer, fenced yard, off-street parking. Beautiful quiet neighborhood. 858-488-2530.

LA COSTA. $600/month. Room for rent, off Poinsettia. Close to beach and I-5. Beautiful condo, quiet veranda. 760-929-1286.

LA COSTA. $600. Designer decorated contemporary. Lush, tropical garden. Koi pond, pool, gardener, fireplace, washer/dryer, walk-in closet. Nonsmoking, pets. drugs. 760-591-0654, 619-235-2415, x18808.

LA COSTA. $495 includes utilities. Room in beautiful light-filled home; quiet neighborhood. No pets, spacious yard. Must see. Available 11/1. 760-931-7878.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. $700 plus deposit. Female nonsmoker to share 2 large bedroom with own bath. Balconies, fireplace, washer/dryer, garage. Available 11/1. 858-587-1016, 619-235-2415, x31353.

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LA JOLLA/UTC. $653/month. 1/2 utilities. $250 deposit. Own phone, washer/dryer, all amenities. Villas of Renaissance. Available 11/1 or sooner. Kathy, 858-587-2730.

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LA JOLLA/UTC. $675/month plus 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Top floor, pool, laundry, reserved parking. Prefer female nonsmoker. Available now. 619-886-4702.

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LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. $600 plus deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Female nonsmoker. Furnished, ocean view, laundry. Available now. Call Connie. 858-456-1017.

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 JOLLA/WINDANSEA. Seeking female to share house near beach with 2 others. Available 11/1. 858-456-7623.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA BEACH. $750 plus 1/3 utilities. Master bedroom/private bathroom. Male nonsmoker. Private balcony with ocean view, laundry. 1/2 block to beach. 858-454-8508.

LA MESA. $555/month plus utilities. Large master bedroom with own bath. Share 2 bedroom apartment in gated complex. 619-463-1740.

LA MESA. $500 plus share utilities. Large, new bedroom with walk in closet and bath. Secured, gated, new house in trees. No smoking/drugs. 619-980-7509.

LA MESA. $350, deposit. 1/4 utilities. Sunny room, hardwood floors. Share quiet comfortable house. Separate, back laundry. No pets, smoking, heavy drinking. Male preferred. 619-466-7500.

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LA MESA/MT. HELIX. $625. Large, contemporary, view home. All amenities, very private. Private entrance and bath. 619-851-7547, 619-235-2415, x19709.

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MISSION BEACH. $900. Own bedroom/bath in 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. 1/2 block from sand. Laundry, own parking space, large patio. kirkdeclark@hotmail.com. 530-304-2373

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DEL MAR. $1495. Condo west of I-5. Beautiful complex, view, pool, jacuzzi, 2 private decks, dishwasher, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Gated complex. 858-794-8129.

DEL MAR. $2600. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-story house with pool, ocean view, large yard. 1246 Highland Drive. Leasing Unlimited. 760-436-7273.

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DOWNTOWN, EAST VILLAGE. $695. Studio. Available now. 1/2 off first month's rent with lease. City views! Near City College. Walk to transportation, shopping. Includes gas, water, trash. Like-new carpet, vinyl. Microwave. Laundry facilities. Intercom entry. Cats OK. 619-234-9989, x15.

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DOWNTOWN. $750/month. Includes utilities. Gaslamp. New studios, new kitchens/tiles and baths. Air conditioned. Show by appointment. 728 Market and 7th Hughes Management. 619-239-1639

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DOWNTOWN. Near Gaslamp. Studio apartments. Private kitchen/bath. $500/month. Rooms, common kitchen/bath. $320-$450/month. Cable TV included. 701 7thAvenue. Horizon Apartments. 619-231-2385.

DOWNTOWN. $335-$450 month. Nice rooms with shared bathroom. Free cable. Near trolley. Gaslamp. shopping, restaurants. C Street Inn. 636 C Street. 619-234-4165.

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FASHION VALLEY. $975. Lower 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath near USD. Parking. Laundry. Centre City Property Management. 619-296-6699.

GASLAMP. $1860. Upscale, office loft in Historic Old City Hall in the heart of the Gaslamp. Overlooking 5th Avenue. Approximately 1200 square feet. 433 G Street. Call for further information. 619-235-6150.

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GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. $700. 1 bedroom. 1 bath in restored Victorian home. Gleaming hardwood floors. Berber carpet. Microwave. Granite countertops. 12th ceilings. 6 months. No pets. Agent 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. $700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. 2631 A Street. Call Sunrise Management. 858-571-1970.

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HILLCREST. $785/$825. Studio, 1 and 2 bedrooms. Parking, laundry room, patios, area. Near all. Pets OK. Bella Vista Apartments. 4201 Sixth Avenue. Centre City Property Management. Manager. 619-296-6699.

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HILLCREST. $925. Gorgeous 1 bedroom. Bath in Mediterranean-style community. Laundry, courtyard, barbecue. No dogs. 3667 Georgia. 619-295-4660.

HILLCREST. $950. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Downstairs unit. 50s charmer Quiet, near zoo/Balboa Park. Laundry. Available 11/1. 3634 Park Blvd. www.cathron.com. 619-295-1100.

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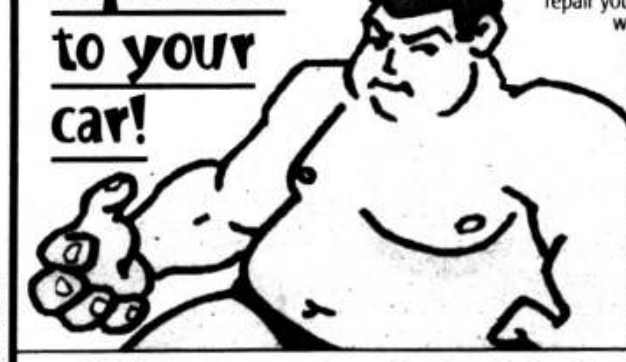

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The men on their backs, it is reasonable to assume, are completely out of their minds.

By John Brizzolara

Poway is famous. I didn't know that. The annual rodeo in that town is known in bronco-busting circles around the country as "The Poway." You'll even find references to it in movies, like that rodeo picture with Luke Perry. Clueless, I set out on Friday night to the Poway Rodeo, thinking, *This will be cute, the Chamber of Commerce is putting on a rodeo-themed cookout for the community; Mom will make the potato salad, Sis will make the cowboy costumes, and Dad's gonna rent a real pony.* Wrong.

Grown men, actual cowboys, guys who grew up roping calves and branding bulls (or is it the other way around?), are on the backs of angry, horned mammals, gyrating, bucking, charging, and seizing up (with a perfect understanding of Newton's Law of Motion), then stopping suddenly and kicking at the air behind them with homicidal intent. The men on their backs, it is reasonable to assume, are completely out of their minds. But when I talk to them, they seem completely sane, polite, normal, and neighborly. They're not like bikers or stunt men or rock stars. They're calm, confident, unimpressed with themselves, friendly, and, apparently, fearless. They're the kind of guy you want in the cockpit on your flight.

Jerry Neff rides bulls. He appears to be in his 20s and is lean and handsome in a rangy and raw-boned way, except he has a couple of front teeth missing. I have really only one question for Jerry: "Why?"

He thinks for a moment, then laughs. "You know, the older I get, the more I don't know." He does not look to be a danger to himself or others. No jury would peg him as insane.

"I would think it would, you know, scare the shit out of you," I conjecture.

Neff maintains a grin. "Anyone who says he isn't scared is probably lyin' to ya." He's squinting now as if this is the first time he's given this real thought. "Ya don't do it for the money, because half the time you don't make any. Sometimes you make a lot of money, though. A lot of it is just bein' with your buddies and the whole rodeo deal. You're travellin', and you got one thing that you're good at, and you kind of want to show everybody you're good at it." His head, cocked to one side, the cowpoke from Ruby Valley seems to ask, *That help you out? Cuz that's the best I can explain it.*

Media relations for the rodeo is handled by Joe Biggers. He's got to be about six-feet-four, even without his boots and hat, and he's helpful as hell, introducing me to Rodeo Committee Chairman Joe Piva, PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association), Animal Welfare Coordinator Cindy Schonholz, KSON "on-air personality" Deb Spring, and several contestants in the categories of Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Wrestling, Team Roping, and other activities I have never once considered recreational on a Friday night — or any other night. Biggers is kind of an African-American Gary Cooper: soft-spoken, polite, not your average chatty press flack. I keep waiting for him to say "shucks" or "podnah," but he never does. At the moment, Biggers is watching a deranged rodeo clown called "The Wild Child" (otherwise known as Troy Lerwill) perform a 60-foot motorcycle jump over the length of a large truck with some serious fireworks going off just inches from his butt at the height of his jump. Biggers is taking this in expressionlessly, as if he were watching someone get a haircut. When Lerwill lands safely, Biggers turns to me and says, "You'll wanna talk to Joe Piva."

Piva's excitement is evident. Here's a man having some fun. "You know," he says, smiling down at the pens. Horses and riders are waiting to be sprung from the gate to do a mean dance on the hard-packed dirt beneath the spotlights. "There's a lot of extreme sports out there," he says, "but this has been around for a long time. This was an extreme sport before they ever came up with the word X-treme. These are the true extremists, the young, radical crazy guys that are out there. We watch these guys on ESPN flyin' motorcycles through the air and stuff. Well, you know what? That motorcycle doesn't want to turn around and smear you into the dirt and stick you. You can control the motorcycle, you can't control the bull, it don't work that way."

Clint Corey, from Powell Butte, Oregon, is a bareback rider entered into the first event, which I missed because I had to park in Des Moines, Iowa. Corey is eating a burrito at a table with a red-checkered cloth when Biggers introduces us. He shakes hands and calls me "sir." He's maybe 10 or 12 years younger than me; he's not a kid. I ask him my question.

"I grew up being a cowboy," he shrugs. "It's always been a part of my life. It's been instilled in me since I was small. I couldn't imagine doing anything else. It's something I love to do. The lifestyle, the people, being able to be around animals, bulls, cows, steers — the atmosphere, to me, is great. You say you lived in New York; well, I can't imagine living in a concrete jungle. That's what it is to me. I've got to live out in the country; it would just smother me to be someplace like [New York].


Jerry Neff

"It's a combination of everything; the thrill of riding, riding a bucking horse and being in perfect rhythm and timing with that horse, doing your job the way you're supposed to be doing it, spurring the horse while he's buckin'. Not everybody gets to be a cowboy."

I ask him if he is famous in rodeo circles and he says, "I've had a pretty good longevity in it. I've been doing this for a living since 1981." I figure that's his way of saying, *Yeah, I guess I am sort of famous.* I thank him and shake his hand again. He calls me sir again.

The "Mutton Busters" event has begun. A full-grown sheep, black faced, black hoofed, black ears, with a fine upholstery of ivory and amber wool, comes charging out of the gate at double time. He's not bucking, but he's moving at a good clip, all right. On the thing's back is a five-year-old kid wearing a bicycle helmet, his arm in a death grip around the sheep's neck. The kid rides for a good 30 yards or so before he's shaken off the animal's back like a stubborn flea. A cowboy scoops up the kid, who waves to the crowd. I'm trying to imagine myself at five, clinging to a jouncing and frightened wild animal beneath spotlights and the gaze of a couple thousand people cheering me on. I can't do it.

It strikes me that this is a fine night to visit this kind of core Americana you don't see every day in cities. Then I get to thinking about current events and certain overseas "elements" who may be mistaking Americans for fat, mean, and frightened cream-puff cowards lobbing missiles from a safe distance. I think about these nice men and women, neighborly as you please and polite as pie, and think that each of them, in their own way, is a kind of fearless but pleasant nut-job. I almost feel sorry for them "elements" overseas.

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Dissecting a whole chicken is dirty work — it's not for the squeamish. I had only engaged in one such battle with the bird, when my local market was — horrors! — out of whole, cut-up chickens. The results were not pretty. Lucky for me, the chicken's destination was the soup pot; the massacred evidence was simmered away, and my reputation as a cook remained unsullied.

But recently, in an attempt to trim the food budget a bit, I decided to start buying whole chickens — considerably cheaper than their precut cousins — on a regular basis. I knew my rusty old kitchen scissors wouldn't do; I didn't want a repeat of the disaster that was my last attempt. I remembered how my husband, Patrick, always said that 85 percent of any job was having the right tools, so I set out to find a weapon — poultry shears — worthy of my opponent.

I popped into the Kmart in Mission Valley — surely, after their big Martha Stewart makeover, they would carry every kitchen tool I could possibly require. In the cutlery section, I found a pair of pro kitchen scissors by EKCO (**$5.99**). Adrenaline pumping through my veins, I rushed home to take on the fowl in my fridge. With my fingers firmly in the loops of the plastic handles, I pushed the scissors into the backbone area of the chicken. I squeezed hard with both hands and made headway, but the handles started digging into my hands. The pain got to be more than I was willing to tolerate. I stopped, slid the bird back into the fridge, washed my hands and hit the road again in search of the ultimate chicken scissors, along with any helpful tips I could scoop up.



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Still stinging after losing round one to the chicken, I stopped into The Cutler's Cupboard in Horton Plaza. The salesclerk, Kirk, showed me some proper poultry shears by J.A. Henckels (two different pairs, normally priced at **$45** and **$36**, on sale for **$29.99** each) and one by Wusthof Trident (**$57.60**). The price and shape both differed considerably from my new EKCO scissors; I was curious. "The curvature of the blades makes it easier to cut up the chicken," explained Kirk. "The regular kitchen scissors just have a nice little pointed tip. Plus, the poultry shears have a notch for the bones."

Kirk informed me that the Wusthof scissors were the top of the line and that the price difference in the two Henckels models reflected the differences in handle design and locking mechanism. I liked the handle better on the more expensive model, and since its sale price was the same as the other pair's, I grabbed it.



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I've learned, however, that the most expensive is not always the best, so I stopped by Bed, Bath & Beyond in Mission Valley for a midrange pair of poultry shears, then headed west to Great News! in Pacific Beach to see what they had to offer. The sales clerk directed me to the red, large-handled, small-bladed Joyce Chen scissors (**$17.99**). "These are wonderful. They have a lifetime warranty, and they're easy to handle. I use them in the garden, [when I'm cutting] wrapping paper, and in the kitchen — like on the ribs of a chicken. They're small enough to get into anything. I've had mine for years and I haven't yet needed to sharpen them. They're made of Japanese steel, so they'll stay sharp for a long, long time."

I was skeptical. The blades were so thin, so seemingly insubstantial. "I know they look small," the salesclerk nodded, "that's why it's hard for me to convince people that they really are a hefty pair of scissors."

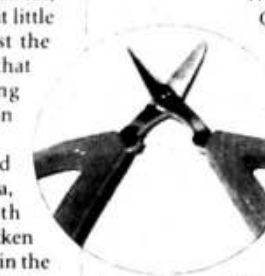
Another clerk, Stacey, showed me the Wusthof model I had seen at The Cutler's Cupboard. "Personally, I wouldn't buy these," because of the spring in them. "I have small hands and tendinitis. As I squeezed the handle, I immediately felt it pulling muscles that shouldn't be pulled on. They're not made for someone like me. I'd go for the Joyce Chen; it's a sharp, powerful scissor." I shared her diminutive hand size, so I took her advice.

My final pilgrimage was to Williams-Sonoma in Fashion Valley. Sales clerk Kato steered me away from the Premax Poultry Shears (**$38**). "They're more trouble than they're worth," she confided. "The design idea makes sense, the blades are nice, and you can get in and break your bone with this little notch. This [fat spring coil] is designed to pull you out of a bad situation; if you've gotten your scissors blade caught in some tendons or fat, it will give you that little added pull against the blade. But I find that that center spring always rusts, even on the best of the best.

"My father was raised on a chicken farm in Sonoma, and I spent every summer with Grandma and learned how to take a chicken down — that little girl running around in the yard — and defeather her, too." For dissection, "I use a good sharp boning knife (J.A. Henckels boning knife, **$49.95**; Wusthof Trident, **$72**). You don't want to cut the bones, because you'll end up with shards. You want to get into the joints and separate it. It's much easier to cut into tendons, muscle, and flesh [than bone]; you just have to find that place and start curling your knife around it. The only place where you need to break bone is the one breastbone, and that's soft. I just place a heavier knife on it and give it a little whack, and it breaks apart. That might be a little easier to do with a pair of shears, but to be honest, a boning knife is my favorite tool for taking a chicken apart."

Kato showed me a diagram in *The Joy of Cooking* (**$35**) that showed a chicken being cut up — the hands in the picture were holding a boning knife. "This will give you so much information on how to take down a chicken, how to find all those nooks and crannies to cut. I just feel that some of the equipment can be a little bit silly. My grandma didn't have all that stuff."

I already had a sharp boning knife at home, so I turned around and headed for my kitchen to test it against my new implements. The first pair of poultry shears that I tried (Hoffritz, **$17.99** at Bed, Bath & Beyond) in my second go-round with the bird scored low. While they had a professional look about them — curved blades, bone notch, coil spring, safety locking mechanism — they failed to cut the chicken's skin. It slid from side to side, making it difficult to get at the joint beneath. But the Henckels scissors, which I tried next, worked like a dream. The sharp, powerful blade razored through the skin and cleaved bones like butter. The only drawback was that they felt clunky in my small hands, and their overall size made it difficult to go after small pockets of tendons and cartilage.



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Where Henckels fell short, Joyce Chen bounded ahead. The petite blades moved fluidly through the skin and made it easy to manipulate tendons and maneuver around bones. To put its strength to the test, I snapped through a thighbone. Just as much power as the Henckels, I thought. The tool did all the work, and the slightly flexible handle felt at home in my hand. I tried it on the center breast bone and was not disappointed.

Per Kato's recommendation, I tried my boning knife. It worked wonderfully, but I realized I would need to bone up on my chicken anatomy before I became truly proficient with it. If you don't have a boning knife — or if you just don't want to have to bother with a second implement for breaking the breastbone — then Joyce Chen seems your best bet for Queen of the Chicken Scissors. And if I ever decide to splurge on crab legs instead of whole chickens, I know my scissors will be able to handle the upgrade.

1. Stacey at Great News!
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Another Lousy Day

I wasn't very rational about the lice. Last Monday, my oldest daughter Rebecca woke up with an itchy head. She had lice. Standing in the kitchen before breakfast, I watched the tiny white insects move through her shoulder-length hair. I examined my other four children. We all use the same hairbrush. I couldn't imagine Angela, Lucy, Johnny, and Ben could avoid having lice too. Their heads turned up clean.

"Still," I explained a half-hour later as I drove to Vons, "I'm going to treat you all as though you've got lice. No one goes to school. I'll wash everyone's hair with anti-lice shampoo. We'll wash all the bedding and your pajamas. I'll vacuum the carpet and the cushions and the couches and the car."

"Do you have to use the lice shampoo, too, Mommy?" Rebecca asked.

"You said you saw little white things in my hair," I answered. Rebecca had examined my head after I'd finished looking at all the kids. "I have lice too. I'll use the shampoo."

I spent the day shampooing heads and cleaning the house. When my husband Jack got home from work in the late afternoon, he remade all the beds and vacuumed upstairs. While I made dinner, I heard Jack moving the furniture to vacuum under beds and chests of drawers. That night, he helped me fold towels and clothes until almost midnight.

As we sat on the couch watching Letterman's top ten, I asked Jack, "Could you check my hair before we go to bed? I want to make sure the shampoo got all the lice."

Jack looked at my head skeptically. "I'll try," he answered. "You know I don't see up close too well."

"Use your reading glasses."

I sat on the floor in front of the couch. Jack turned the halogen light up high and peered at the top of my head. "What am I looking for?" he asked.

"The book says the lice look like tiny white ants. The nits or eggs are slightly smaller than sesame seeds. They cling to the hair shaft near the root. You have to squeeze them between your fingers and pull them down the length of the hair."

Jack ran his fingers through my hair. He looked at my scalp. "I don't see anything," he told me.

"You're sure?"

"I don't see any little white things."

"Thank God," I said. "Maybe the shampoo got them all and we're done."

The next morning, I checked all the kids' heads again. Everyone turned up clean. "Rebecca, can you check my head?" I asked before I drove her and Angela to school. "Daddy said he didn't see anything last night. But I just want to make sure."

I sat on the floor and Rebecca looked through my hair. "I still see a lot of white things," she told me.

"What do they look like?"

"Like little white things."

"Can you pull them out?"

Rebecca tried to extract one of the white things from my hair. "I think I have it, then it disappears," she explained.

That night, I had Jack check my head again. "Rebecca said she still saw things," I told him.

Jack leaned close to my head and looked closely. "Oh, those things," he said. "I thought those were too small. They look like dandruff."

"Are they moving?"

"I don't think so."

"Can you pull them out?"

"They're too small."

I walked into our home office and logged on to the Internet. I read a couple of websites about head lice. "In order to completely eliminate lice, you must remove all the nits," site after site instructed.

Upstairs a few minutes later, I stood in front of the bathroom mirror and looked at my hair. Tears filled my eyes and spilled down my face.

"What's the matter?" Jack asked when he walked through the door.

"I'm going to shave my head and buy a wig," I answered. "That's the only way I'll ever get rid of these things."

Jack laughed hard.

I cried harder.

"I thought you were joking," he said. Jack pulled me into his arms and held me close. "We'll get rid of them," he soothed. "You always take things so hard."

"I feel like writing 'Unclean' on my forehead with a black Magic Marker," I sobbed.

The next day, Jack sent me flowers. After school, I found a few more lice in Rebecca's hair. I found white things in Angela's hair. I washed their hair and mine in more anti-lice shampoo. We all stayed up until 11:00 while I meticulously combed anti-nit mousse through their hair.

By Friday, we had our routine down pat. The kids took turns sitting on the floor in front of me while I searched their hair for anything white. If I paused to pull something out, Rebecca asked, "Nit or louse?"

"I'm not sure."

"If it's too small to tell," Jack told us, "it's neither."

Monday morning, I found nothing white in any of the kids' hair. I breathed a sigh of relief. "Did Daddy find anything in your hair last night?" Rebecca asked.

"No," I answered. Maybe I won't have to shave my head after all.

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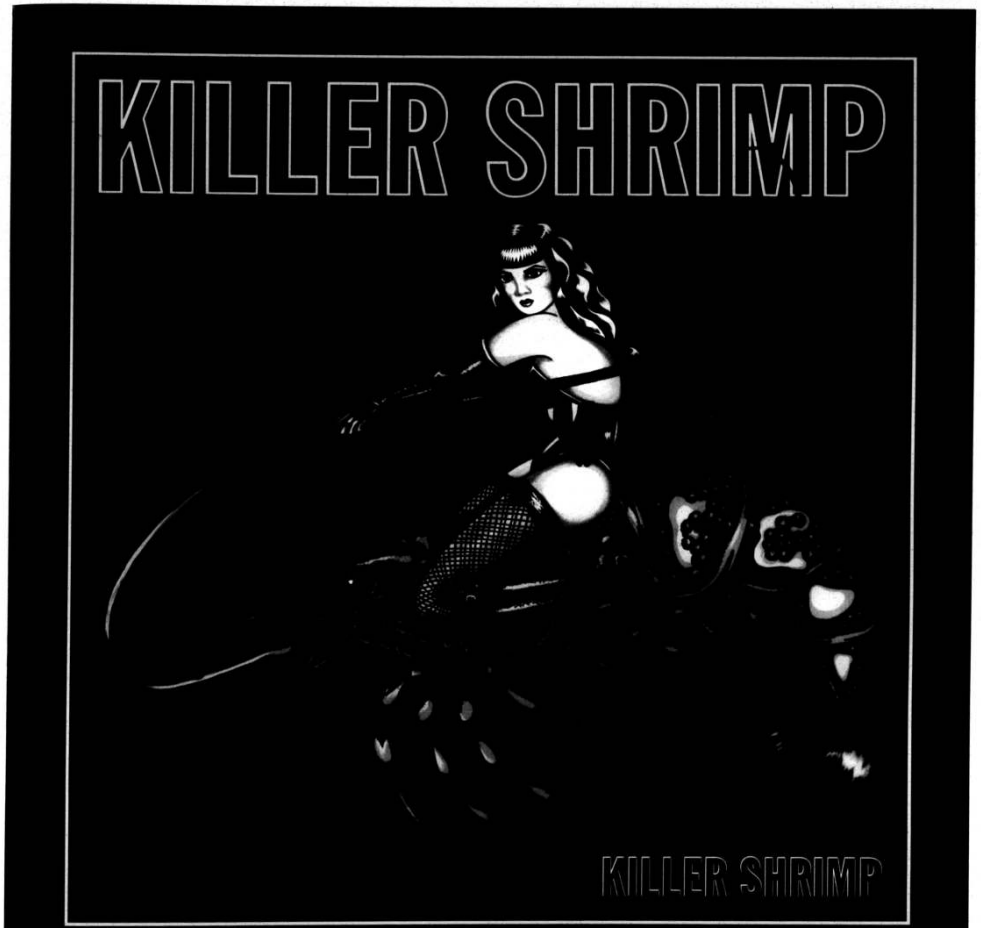

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