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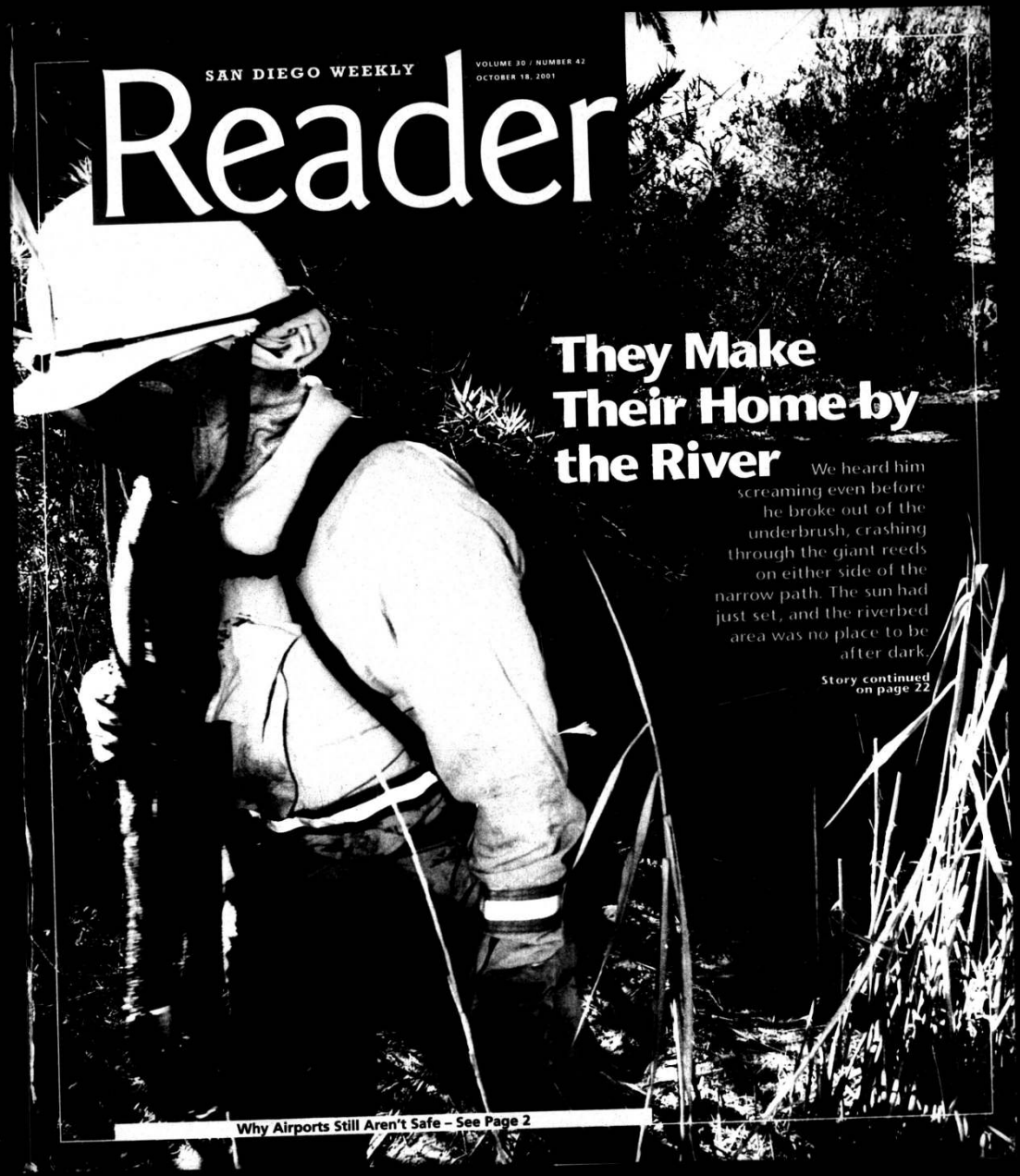

They Make Their Home by the River

We heard him screaming even before he broke out of the underbrush, crashing through the giant reeds on either side of the narrow path. The sun had just set, and the riverbed area was no place to be after dark.

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Traitorous Little Cowards

I'm really glad you printed the article on page three of the "City Lights" ("Who Will and Won't Fight and Why," October 11). It shows really who these traitorous little cowards are that live here in San Diego. They hide behind the skirts of their parents. The street punks sit there and make society completely unbearable. It's really great that you showed these people for what they really are. I really appreciate that. Veterans like us can't stand traitors and cowards like this. And I hope they reintroduce conscription and put their little punk asses on the front line so they can learn about being an American and a man and what it's all about.

Steve Heydrich
San Diego

Grateful For Dove Views

I'm responding to your article "Who Will and Won't Fight and Why" ("City Lights," October 11). I just wanted to say thank you for printing it because it seems like everything is pro war in the paper right now and it reflects my opinions. That's all I wanted to say. I appreciate your printing that article.

Name Withheld
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Send 'Em To Kabul

I was appalled by your article about who will and won't fight ("City Lights," October 11). It was so one-sided, interviewing a bunch of spoiled brats who have no concept of the price paid by our forefathers to give them the freedom and advantage they take for granted.

They should live in Afghanistan for a month or a year, if they could last that long. Maybe then they would understand how great they have it, and they could understand why we must fight terrorism or be taken over and controlled by it.

Pamela Nuccio
North Park

Why?

I just finished reading "Who Will and Won't Fight and Why" ("City Lights," October 11). My "why" to you is, "why" did you publish 17 negative opinions and only one positive opinion? It's obvious to me that those interviewed were young and uneducated.

Willie Welch
WWII and
Korean Conflict Vet

Craven Consciousness

Re: "Who Will and Won't Fight and Why" ("City Lights," October 11). How comforting and conciliatory it is to get such insight into the craven collective consciousness of this broad spectrum of late teen and twentysomethings. Thank you for reassuring us all that we have no cause for concern about the future of America.

Q.L. Mabry
La Mesa

Immigrant Ready To Fight

My name is Efrain Aristigui. I am writing you today concerning the article "Who Will and Won't Fight and Why" ("City Lights," October 11). I come from a Hispanic background (both parents are Mexican), and I spent the first years of my life in Mexico. Although I was born here, my parents were deported. After a few years, my parents decided that it was time to go back because their son, who was a United States citizen, had to grow up in the nation of his birth. So somehow they made it back and put me in school. My father worked in the kitchen at the Surfer (now called "world famous"), and my mother worked as a cleaning lady in a hotel in La Jolla. I went to Bayview Terrace Elementary School, Pacific Beach Middle School, and Mission Bay High. Needless to say, my parents got their green cards, had two more kids, and basically lived the American dream. I grew up, never really worried about much, always wondering what my purpose in life was. When I turned 18, I moved to Texas; after that, it was Arizona, Idaho. I've lived in Mexico.

But every single decision I made in my life was my own. Nobody made me do anything. Nobody forced me to do slave labor, nobody beat me because my ideas differed from theirs. Nobody took away my *freedom!* This right was protected the day my parents made it back to the U.S. Today, at 24 years of age, I have a great job that I am very good at. I make very good income, and my future looks very prosperous.

But I would give it all up and go to war right now, because I feel that my country has given me so much! Yet so many people overlook this simple yet very, very costly privilege called freedom. A freedom that was used against us September 11 of 2001. So, in my opinion, this great nation which I am so proud to be a part of has given me much more than I can ever repay. Most people nowadays are so caught up in their cell-phone-

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Fear of flying A retired rear admiral, ex-SEAL, and military special-ops expert who lives in Coronado has found himself in the middle of the controversy over the nation's airport security. **Cathal "Irish" Flynn,** who saw two tours of duty in Vietnam as a SEAL, later became an admiral, and then was the Federal Aviation Administration's associate administrator for Civil Aviation Security from 1993 until 2000, is a member of the board of directors of Argenbright Holdings Limited of Atlanta. That company is the nation's largest airport-security firm, providing services at some of the nation's busiest airports, including Boston, Dallas–Fort Worth, Detroit, Washington's Dulles International and Ronald Reagan National, and New York's La Guardia. Before Flynn joined its board last May, Argenbright pleaded guilty to two charges of making false statements to the FAA regarding its training, testing, and background checks of its screeners. The government subsequently put the firm on probation and levied a $1.5 million fine. But late last week the U.S. Attorney's Office in Philadelphia accused Argenbright of violating the terms of its probation by handing out airport-access passes to employees who hadn't been given criminal-background checks. Company president **Bill Barbour** told the *Philadelphia Enquirer* he was "puzzled" by the charges and maintained they were inaccurate. The paper reported that Flynn, contacted in Coronado, said that the hiring of ex-felons must have occurred before he joined the Argenbright board and that "his plan to strengthen background checks applied to future employees, not ones already hired." He conceded that "more remains to be done." The allegations say eight employees had been hired by Argenbright since its October 2000 guilty pleas. Their offenses included election fraud, criminal conspiracy, concealed-weapons charges, and various drug raps. In April 2000, speaking to an airport-security conference in Singapore covered by the *Straits Times*, then-FAA security chief Flynn anticipated the need for better personnel. "No matter how much investment we put in advanced equipment, aviation security will not improve unless there are advances in the human element. The accuracy, thoroughness, and response of our intelligence and law-enforcement communities also play an important role. A visibly professional security workforce is of untold deterrence value. Terrorists tend to go to the weakest link, and, once inside the system, they can have considerable latitude to target other aircraft."



Cathal Flynn

Judge by the money District Attorney **Paul Pfingst**, facing a nasty reelection challenge by a host of candidates, has so far raked in more than $22,000 from big names in the local legal and business establishment. His latest campaign-finance report, filed last week, reveals that Qualcomm cofounder **Andrew Viterbi** and his son, **Alan**, founder of U.S. Public Technologies, that controversial red light camera company, each gave $250. **Richard Leib** of U.S. Public also gave $250. U.C. Regent, local attorney, and Republican activist **John Davies** also chipped in $250. Attorney **Lisa Foster**, whose husband is city schools superintendent **Alan Bersin**, gave $500, as did **Greg Vega**, the ex–U.S. Attorney now associated with the Seltzer, Caplan law firm. Both Vega and Foster are members of the City of San Diego's new ethics commission.



Paul Pfingst

Battle ready Just in time for war, the cafeteria at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot has been named "Best Mess Hall" by the "Major General W.P.T. Hill Memorial Awards Program for Food Service Excellence." In reporting the honor, Food Service Director magazine quotes the mess manager, Master Gunnery Sgt. **Edward Trevino,** as saying, "As our customers come through the door, they're expecting every day that everything will be perfect. When that door opens at 1100 [11:00 a.m.], they want that salad bar to have been set up exactly on time, they want the food on that line, they want the pastry on the bar. They want everything ready to go every day — and they want it to be clean and to smell good."... Ex–Chicago White Sox player **Jack McDowell**, who now lives in Rancho Santa Fe where he has a rock band called Stickfigure, is trying to sell his Chicago-area home for $1.195 million, reports the *Chicago Tribune*.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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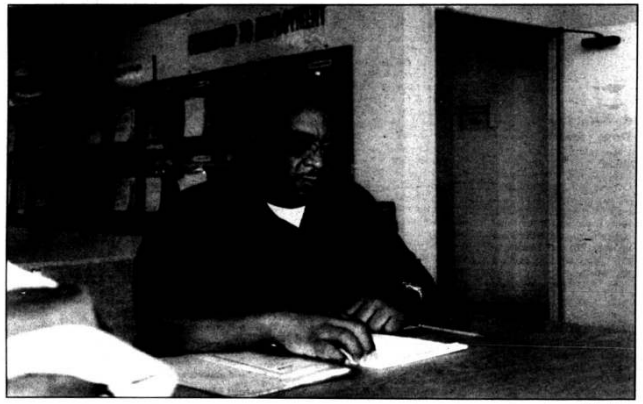
Middle-Aged and Unemployed

By Robert Kumpel

Michael Davis is unemployed, but his motivation is contagious. At 52, he's seen jobs come and go, and he's out of work

again. "I was working for the San Diego Unified School District through a staffing agency called TOPS. They have an exclusive contract with the city schools, and what they do is hire you on short-term assignments, such as when someone is on vacation and/or they're trying to decide whether to fill a position or not with district personnel."



Michael Davis

Davis isn't surprised by his layoff, one of many he's endured in the past few years. "I had 18 years with the Navy in the civil-service wing. I was a network technician and a supervisor of a major communications center. I was an overseer of telecommunications, digital data, voice — you name it, I was hands-on. I was the civilian command duty officer for the Western Pacific. Then the cutbacks came, and the reorganization of the navy here in San Diego. A big command from Washington, D.C., came in and just absorbed all the smaller satellite commands, including communications.

"I went into training as a computer software and hardware technician. This was through the Urban League, which was sponsored by the San Diego Community College District. That didn't pan out because all of the promises that were made were never fulfilled. They said things like, 'You'll get a job right out of class; there'll be people here representing organizations like Qualcomm and Sony; they'll be sending them in to talk to you because you'll be groomed to go into their industry.' It never materialized. Ninety percent of the people that I went to school with never got jobs. I see them from time to time."

Davis believes the deception of bountiful corporate jobs veils a deeper problem. "It's overemployment. These corporations make promises that they can't keep. They'll hire 600 people, then they'll lay off 2500 within three months! And you're caught up in that. With Qualcomm, I was talking to the human resources supervisor, playing phone tag, and she got laid off! It's the same thing with all the big corporations. Because they don't offer decent wages or decent benefits. All they want is some kid off the street who's lost and has no idea what he wants to do with his life. They'll work him to death, and when he says something, it'll be, 'If you don't like it here, you can go. We got 20 other people waiting to replace you.' "

The last of Davis's jobs through the agency ended for seasonal reasons. "I had been doing computer software — Microsoft Word, Excel, things like that — helping out with administrative duties at the Ed Center on Normal Street. I was supposed to assist in a project they had planned, but it never got off the ground, so it lasted about five weeks, then there was nothing to do. I've been with the staffing agency about three years now. But because of the summer break, jobs are few and far between. August is the worst month to be working for the school system, because everyone's gone. Now I'm just waiting for TOPS to call me and say they have an assignment."

Although his own children are grown and out of the house, Davis and his wife are supporting his stepchildren. "They're young kids who can't make it on their own, so they're with us. It's my stepson, his wife, and two babies. I'm not the sole support, but it makes it all the tougher on my wife. She lost her civil service job a year after I lost mine, but she was blessed enough to get back into civil service January of this year. But this time, she's with a different department.

"We don't really have any savings to speak of. I even drew my retirement out. I have a little safety-net nest egg, but it's very small. Our bills run at least $2000 a month. This is my second marriage, and we came into the marriage with an accumulation of our past bills. There's a car payment, mortgage, and the gas and electric from last year — we're still paying on that!" He laughs. "Six hundred percent! Then there's a couple of credit cards." Davis es-

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Tijuana Dream Tracker

By Abe Opincar

"Just like Florence, just like Rome, Tijuana, too, has its monuments." Professor Julio Rodríguez steers his blue

Ford through Zona Rio, gesturing at one statue after another.

"And what are monuments? What do they represent? They represent the dreams, the history, the values of a people, of a culture."

Professor Rodríguez twice circles a roundabout dominated by a statue of Cuauhtémoc, the last Aztec emperor.

"The Spaniards shoved Cuauhtémoc's feet into fire to make him say where the Aztecs hid their gold. Of course, he didn't tell them anything.

"The Mexican government donated an exact copy of this statue to the French government. This Cuauhtémoc stands in Tijuana and Paris."

In late summer, the Tijuana daily *El Mexicano* noted that one of the city's civic organizations presented Professor Rodríguez with an award for promoting "public awareness of Tijuana's historic monuments." In 1998, Professor Rodríguez published the first edition of *La Ruta de los Monumentos Historicos de Tijuana*, a complete guide to the monuments. He's now correcting the galleys for the book's fifth edition.

"There are more than 60 historic monuments in Tijuana. No one knew there were so many. Even *Tijuanenses*, Tijuana natives, didn't know. So my book was quite a surprise."

Professor Rodríguez, accompanied by Asunción, his wife, was eager to take me to several of his favorites, but he first wanted to show me something else close his heart, "a true gem, a marvelous gift to Tijuana." East of downtown in Colonia Corona del Rosal, we turn down Ermita Norte Street and come to a large, new two-story building: the Tijuana Historical Society.

"The story behind this building is actually kind of romantic," Professor Rodríguez says as he ushers me and Asunción inside. He points to a plaque above the auditorium's entrance, "You see that the auditorium is dedicated to Professor Arturo Pompa. Well, Professor Pompa was the elementary school teacher of Ernesto Jimenez, the very successful founder of Jersey Dairies here in Tijuana. Professor Pompa was a member of the Tijuana historical society, and in the late 1980s he invited Jimenez to come to one of the society's monthly meetings and give a presentation on the history of Tijuana's dairy industry. The presentation was well received, and afterward, while talking about the historical society, Professor Pompa explained to Jimenez that since the society was founded in 1976, its 80 members had met in cafés and in members' homes but had no permanent place to hold meetings or for its books and papers. Professor Pompa was Jimenez's favorite teacher, and Jimenez had always remembered him fondly. Jimeñez said to the professor, 'Tell the society to find a piece of land, and I will build you a center for the historical society.'

"This was something very remarkable, because we don't yet really have that tradition in Mexico, the tradition of private individuals sponsoring cultural institutions. So, the society looked and looked for a piece of land. Jimenez created a foundation for the society and the building. In 1997 the State of Baja California donated this land to us, and in 1998 the building was completed. I've heard that it cost half a million dollars. It's a marvel. In it's way, it's also a monument. The only other Mexican city that has a building for its historical society is Veracruz."

Ermita Norte Street is hot and dusty, but the society's rooms are high ceilinged and air conditioned. The floors are of pale marble, and to the right of the receptionist a gallery exhibits a permanent collection of photographs from Tijuana's past. School children in blue and white uniforms race through the building's front door. Waving at them, Professor Rodriguez says, "These are Tijuana children, coming to learn about their city's and state's history. Have you ever seen anything more beautiful? Every month nearly 900 students visit the society to hear lectures or work on school projects."

For many years Professor Rodriguez taught Spanish at Lázaro Cárdenas, one of Tijuana's best public secondary schools, where Asunción taught dance. She is a petite, finely boned woman who unobtrusively smooths her husband's collar and who

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PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Sculpture garden



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Monument of Lázaro Cárdenas



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Monument to the free textbook



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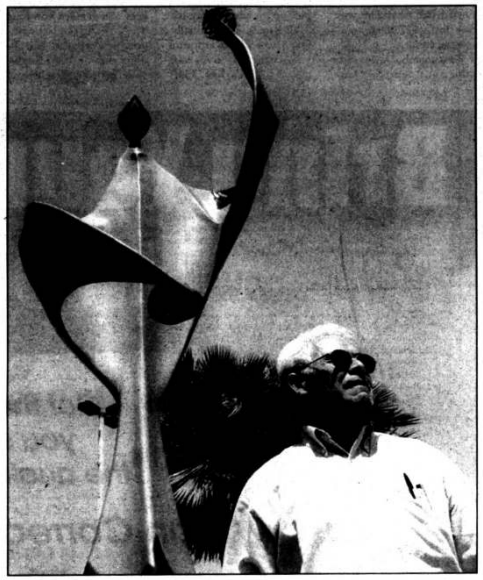
Monument of Abraham Lincoln



Julio Rodríguez, in front of a monument to the teachers of Tijuana

Middle-age

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timates that he and his wife owe nearly $27,000 in commercial credit.

Fortunately, Davis is eligible for unemployment benefits, but they can't begin to cover his family's needs. "As a matter of fact, I pick up my check today. It's $172 a week. They initially give you a dollar amount and spread it over six months, so it's, like, 4300 bucks over six months."

In spite of his predicament, Davis is extremely upbeat. When asked how long he thinks he can last without a job, he blurts, "Not another minute!" and laughs. "I've been jobless before and I've managed. Sometimes it's been odd jobs, minimum-wage jobs — I can remember one time I was making $1.25 an hour; it was maintenance work. I've also shoveled cow manure. I've packed sandbags. I've done everything but fast food."

Davis's game plan is to improve his skills and find work that is less vulnerable to layoffs. "When I leave here, I'm going down to

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Middle-age

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some ROP classes I'm taking to enhance my marketability. Right now I have a multimedia class, which covers production, Web design, the whole nine yards. Some years back I wrote down my goals, achievements, and experiences, and, well, I'm at a point in my life where I don't want to work for anybody anymore. That is, any more corporations who will say, 'That's it. Go home.' I've been through that at least a half-dozen times, and I've reached my limit. I would like to start my own business, and the wave right now is the Internet. That's why I'm in the multimedia class, and I was just calling about a Cisco class. Cisco is the most required programming and network knowledge for computers in the newspaper. Every other want ad will read 'Cisco.'"

Reaching into his folder, he pulls out a sheet describing a school counselor position and the required background. "I even want to be a teacher! When I did a career profile, they said because of my 18-years-plus working with the Navy I was qualified for this. I worked at San Diego High School temporarily as a career counselor/financial-aid person. I looked for college scholarships and helped kids get into college, and we had the best year San Diego High ever had. That was from May 2000 to May 2001. I got more kids accepted into college with financial aid with more success than they had ever seen. And with the state program I'm going through, all I need is a certificate. Here's my application for my certificate. Once I do my training and get my 360 hours, I'm in. I'm ready, and I've done my research."

The folders and checklists Davis carries make him hopeful that he won't be out of work for long. "I don't want to fall back on the 'I'm a 52-year-old black male who finds it difficult to get a position in the youngsters' market." ■

Dream-tracker

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sotto voce reminds him of details he can't recall. She whispers that we should go.

We proceed down Boulevard Agua Caliente, whose median serves as a sculpture garden. Sixteen bronze busts of "Tijuana's founders" — businessmen, lawyers, politicians — stare westward down the boulevard.

"There's room," Professor Rodriguez says, "for at least four more busts. But not all our monuments are of Mexicans. At the intersection of Paseo de los Héroes and Avenida Diego Rivera we have a statue of Abraham Lincoln. In his hands he holds a broken chain, symbolizing the liberation of American slaves. Why does Tijuana have a statue of Lincoln? Because we consider him the greatest American of the 19th Century. Mexicans also remember him because he was the only American senator who opposed President Polk's intervention in Mexico. He said the war with Mexico was unnecessary and unconstitutional."

Professor Rodriguez's 150-page book not only describes Tijuana's major monuments, it also visits those that tourists won't likely see. Way out in the Lomas Taurinas district stands a large bust of Luis Donaldo Colosio near the spot where the presidential candidate was assassinated on March 23, 1994. Near downtown, on Second Street, between Streets H and I, stands a bust of Héctor Félix Miranda, the Tijuana journalist who was assassinated on April 20, 1988.

One of Professor Rodriguez's favorite monuments, however, is one that many Americans on their way home from the racetrack have probably seen but not understood. Where Boulevards Salinas and Agua Caliente converge, seven concrete children scramble up the cover of an enormous concrete book. Pulling his car up beside the structure, Professor Rodriguez explains, "This is the monument to the 'free textbook.'

"One of what you might call the 'cultural fruits' of the Mexican Revolution was that the government decided to print all textbooks and offer them for free to primary and secondary students. Education was no longer for the rich. In 1965, the mayor of Tijuana, Idelfonso Velázquez, had this monument built. He was driven by two noble sentiments. One was his patriotism. The other was his gratitude and affection for his friend, President Adolfo López Mateos, who had instituted the free textbook."

Professor Rodriguez wants me to see Tijuana's newest monument, which was placed across the street from Lázaro Cárdenas junior and senior high schools. Cárdenas was the president who, in 1935, expropriated Agua Caliente casino and on the land constructed the schools. A statue of Cárdenas glares down near their entrance.

"I saw Cárdenas once in Mexico City," Professor Rodriguez says, "and the statue looks just like him. He wasn't an incredibly handsome man."

The professor stops his car beside a small landscaped plaza across from the schools where a tall golden statue looms over us.

"It's an abstract representation of a teacher. It was unveiled in May of this year. A group of teachers felt the city needed a monument in honor of the teaching profession. A statewide contest was held, and this was the winning sculpture. Neither male nor female. In its hands it holds clouds of knowledge. Its head is shaped like a grain of wheat. Wheat, the staff of life, like knowledge, nourishes us. Teachers have done much for this country. This is the city's newest monument, and so far it isn't well known."

As Professor Rodriguez stands and contemplates the statue, a car passes, stops, honks. Inside, two men wave and clap and call out the professor's name.

The professor laughs. "Those are former students of mine. I taught them many years ago. They still recognize me." ■

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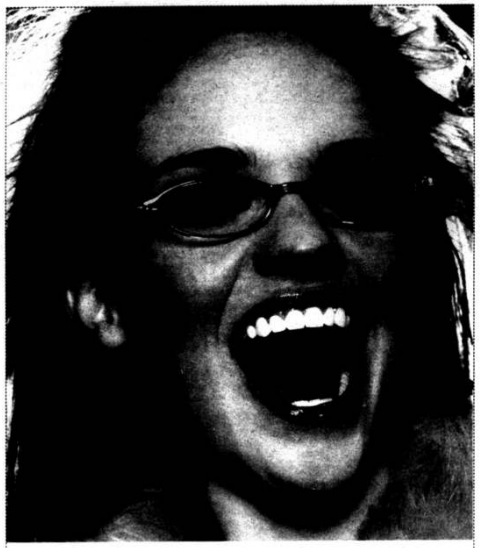

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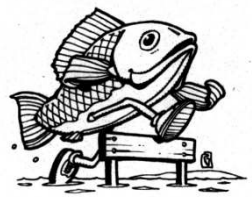

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Dear Matt:
My boyfriend and I recently had a post-sunset picnic at Mission Bay. We observed fish jumping out of the water (really!). I thought they were jumping out and flipping down to scratch themselves. The boyfriend thought they might be eating little bugs. Who's right? Or were we imagining the whole thing?

— Something's Fishy, O.B.

From-the-Hip Matthew:
I have lived in San Diego all my life. I am sitting at the MB Aquatic Center picnic bench. Can you explain why it is that the fish in Mission Bay jump up aerobically and splash/dive back down under? This only occurs at about 4:30 to 6 p.m. Especially when it's quiet and calm, without jet skier activity.

— Unsigned, Mission Bay

Imagining the whole thing? Heck, no. There's even a famous song about it. "Summertime, and the livin' is easy./ Fish are jumpin', and the cotton is high." Or anyway, down at the beach you can bet something is high. The elves dusted off their accordions and composed an answer. And it goes something like this:

(Plaintive chorus of bewildered, childlike voices)
Mission Bay, and the livin' is groovy.
Fish are jumpin'. Can you please tell us why?
Matthew Alice, we ain't half as smart as you are.
Tell us, and we'll each bake you a peach pie.

(Patronizing baritone)
Mission Bay, and the water is funky.
More beach closures every day, every night.
So maybe fish are just tryin' to jump outta there?
Good guess, but we can't say that it's right.

Dinnertime, and the air's very buggy
Right at sunset, when the wind doesn't blow.
Gnats can hover; fish can see, jump, and eat 'em.
And we can't believe that you didn't know.

Yo, Matt:
What does the YKK on my zipper tab stand for? Company logo, material, brand... what?

— A concerned fly-opener (and -closer), San Diego

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Dear Matthew Alice:
Plants grow because you give them good soil and water them, right? So why doesn't the level of soil in the houseplants that I've had for years gradually subside? Aren't the minerals in the soil sucked up through the roots to create new branches and new leaves?

— Green Thumb Danny, the Net

Just out of curiosity, Danny, d'ya ever hear your philodendron weeping in the dark, crying out for nutrients? A ficus sobbing to be put out of its misery? I guess not if you have been able to keep your plants "for years." So from time to time, you must manage to throw your little green friends some fertilizer. Much more important than soil. In fact, almost any plant can be grown without soil. Soil is just a place to stick the roots so it doesn't fall over. You could grow a plant in Styrofoam peanuts, as long as you made sure it is bathed periodically in water and fertilizer. Common garden dirt is just crushed and eroded mountains. Not many nutrients in a stone. Your plants aren't sucking up dissolved dirt through the roots. They're living on the food you supply in compost-enriched soil or in fertilizer. Yikes. No wonder the rainforest is dying. It's all the bad vibes from suffering houseplants.

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

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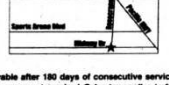

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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Daddy, Read Me A Story

There's been a lot of negative chatter going around lately and I'm sick of it. Hey, people, how about a little *happy talk* for a change! Take Monday's Dallas/Redskins game. It was a perfect piece of football, not only a grand defensive struggle, but an innovative offensive game plan of fumble, sack, and interception.

This morning's *New York Times* reports that "federal investigators say they are now investigating the possibility that followers of Osama bin Laden were behind the anthrax cases around the nation." This occurs 13 days after an American Media employee, Robert Stevens, was discovered to have pulmonary anthrax and 12 days since Stevens checked in with that big guy up in the sky.

Even though San Diego led 26 to 16 halfway through the fourth quarter, they wound up losing the contest to the heretofore lightly regarded New England Patriots. Blowing a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter is a very good thing. This is character building, and that's *exactly* what we need as the season moves on.

At first, federal officials seemed to have a handle on Stevens's anthrax. "The case arose from natural causes and not from an act of terrorism." Made sense to me; Stevens, reportedly, was an outdoorsman. He probably drank contaminated water from a creek while barbequing possum and bottling moonshine.

The genius of San Diego's defensive scheme was shown by the decision to go after the Patriot's second-string quarterback, Tom Brady. The fact that Brady completed 33 of 54 passes for 364 yards, two touchdowns, and no interceptions can be explained as an intervention by the devil. Nothing more. Nothing less.

Wait a second, I was wrong about the FBI investigating whether terrorists are behind recent anthrax attacks. As I write this the Director of the FBI, Robert Mueller, is on TV announcing, "So far, we have not found any direct link between the anthrax letters and organized terrorist groups."

Luckily, from here on the schedule favors San Diego. The Bolts go up against Denver, Buffalo, Kansas City, Denver, and Oakland. Pushovers, every one.

American Media publishes several tabloid newspapers, all of which have been somewhat critical of Mr. Osama bin Laden. "Bin Laden suffers from underdeveloped sexual organs," "Listen up, you lily-livered piece of crap. So how about me and you, one on one, weapons of your choice? If you're too yellow to come out of your hole, dung breath, we can handle that too. It'll make Armageddon look like a Sunday school picnic, you cave-dwelling, knuckle-dragging lunatic."

Look, Kansas City is in last place, not the Bolts. Take a little pride, buddy. Although, frankly, I wish we were the bottom dwellers. Once you're in last place you can sneak up on teams. And that's an advantage!

There is a woman named Gloria Irish. She's the wife of an American Media editor and real estate agent. She rented a unit at the Delray Racquet Club to Marwan Alshehhi and Saeed Alghamdi, terrorists who were on two of the four doomed September 11th flights. FBI spokeswoman Judy Orihuela made this observation about the connection between these men and America Media, "It's just a coincidence right now. I'm sure there will be some sort of follow-up."

After Sunday's game, Chargers offensive coordinator Norv Turner put everything in perspective. "We've got to keep the ball. We've got to keep the defense off the field." Folks, what more do you want?

The *Miami Herald* published a diagram, obtained from sources within the federal task force, which shows photographs of 19 terrorists, a picture of a Florida house, and arrows connecting 9 of the 19 terrorists to said house.

Look, let's not drone on about those pesky third and fourth down situations where you have one yard to go in order to keep a game-winning drive alive. Okay, San Diego has been having a problem with that tiny aspect of the game. But, I'll tell you this, sooner or later we'll get that one yard, and then who's the fool?

Although it is true people suffering from anthrax are not contagious, anthrax spores can be passed from one person to another. Say you are in a room and open a package filled with anthrax. Puff, anthrax spores go everywhere. You can't see or smell them. Now they're in your hair, on your clothes, skin, and shoes. You walk into another room, go to another building, lift a baby, hug a sweetheart, and countless spores are transferred from you to that person. If that person has a cut on his skin or if the spores are small enough to travel down that person's nasal passages, and there are enough spores who make either trip, then, in a short period of time, your friend may develop anthrax and die. Not to worry, they'll be dead, but they won't be dead because anthrax is contagious. Anthrax, as we are told hourly, is not contagious.

Didn't know that, did you? A government trusts its citizens with bad news or decides its citizens are children who need to be lied to. Please pass the pabulum.

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

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Year founded: 1993
Senior Pastor: Reverend Salnave François
Congregation: 30
Staff: 1
Sunday school enrollment: 15
Annual budget: not available
Weekly giving: not available
Singles program: no
Diversity: Haitian
Dress: dressy
Services: Sunday worship, 6:00 p.m.

Last week in front of my neighborhood supermarket, a woman sat selling chocolate. I bought a bar. She thanked me. I noticed she had an accent. I couldn't place it.

"I'm from Port-au-Prince," she said. "We're selling chocolate for our church, First Haitian Baptist Church. Please come visit."

I did. When you walk down the 4100 block of Estrella Avenue you hear Vietnamese, Spanish, Cantonese, Arabic, Cambodian, Somali, and, on early Sunday evenings when First Haitian meets, Haitian Creole.

Even if you're proficient in French, Creole is tough. Creole isn't a French dialect, but a language in its own right, having about the same relationship to French as modern Italian has to Latin. While Creole shares many nouns and sounds with French, it treats articles, pronouns, verbs, and adjectives in a different manner.

"Why do the wicked prosper?" asks Jeremiah 12:12, a verse Reverend Salnave François used in his sermon. In French the verse would read, "Pourquoi la voie des mechants est-elle prospere?" In Creole, "Poukisa zafe mechan yo mache byen konsa?" ("Why do things go so well for the wicked?")

Reverend François is a direct, square-shouldered man, a father of nine, who slaps the podium while he preaches. He mops his forehead with a big white handkerchief. He came to San Diego from Haiti eight years ago and one year later started his church. Last Sunday evening, about 30 people sat and listened to him in the very warm sanctuary. Overhead fans stirred the humid air.

"Why do the righteous suffer?" he asked us. A 29-year-old woman, Magdarline Herard, scooted next to me to translate the sermon into French.

"Better we should ask, 'What purpose does suffering serve?'

"It tests our faith. It makes us into better people. If you have faith in God, you will be able to endure difficult times. And if you follow God, you must expect to suffer. What God wants from us is very different from what the world wants. Living a righteous life isn't easy.

"How we endure suffering demonstrates the quality of our faith. A believer must behave in such a way that everyone around him can see that he's a believer. A believer prays constantly, not only in times of trouble. And when suffering does come, a believer doesn't complain, but tries to understand its purpose. When I was young, the Tonton Macoutes came after me to kill me. It was a terrible, horrible time. But it was through that suffering that I came to God. Suffering can bring us to Him.

"When others suffer, a believer demonstrates his faith by helping them. God has commanded us to love one another, to help one another. By loving and helping others who suffer, we obey God. And a believer doesn't make others suffer. One of the easiest ways of harming another is through speech. The tongue and Satan are great friends. From our own history in Haiti we know this. How many thousands of Haitians died because of something someone said?"


REVEREND SALNAVE FRANÇOIS

First Haitian Baptist Church
City Heights
★★★½

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

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

Following the sermon, the congregation sang a half-hour's worth of French hymns in a forceful, full-throated way. The hymns often mentioned *le Bon Berger*, the Good Shepherd, and several spoke of the hope of being united with God after death.

When the service ended, I sat for a while and spoke with Magdarline Herard. I told her that I'd read that Haiti was 80 percent Roman Catholic. I asked if people looked down on converts to Protestantism.

"Not really. When it comes to religion, Haitians are tolerant. For example, not even the Tonton Macoutes made a distinction between Protestant and Catholic. They killed young, old, rich, poor, Protestant, and Catholic. Protestant families, however, tend to be more authoritarian. Protestant parents really try to make sure that their children follow in the family's religious tradition. Catholics are often not as strict. They're Catholic because they were born Catholic, and because Catholicism is so deep in Haitian culture."

I spoke with her also about the sermon's subject, suffering. I said the sermon made me think that Americans and Haitians might have very different notions of what suffering meant.

"Everyone in the world suffers. In Haiti we've suffered since the French enslaved us and brought us to the island. And in Haiti there are many people who don't have enough to eat. There's illiteracy. Poverty. Unemployment. Disease. In addition to all that, we've had political violence. For many Haitians, life is very difficult. So, I would say there is American suffering, and there is Haitian suffering."

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Dear Aunt Trudy,

My husband is a truly wonderful mate whom I cherish with all my being. My problem is his mother, who lives in the same town and elicits feelings of explosive rage in me. She talks continuously during every activity, every meal, and on the other side of the bathroom door when one tries to escape. Out of devotion to him — and at risk to my own sanity — I share the burden of an every-other-weekly visit to her home. She is sharp and discerning when it serves her and has selective cognition when it doesn't. Although seemingly unaware it is the 35th time she has told you a story, she's hyperalert to your wandering attention for her 36th rendition of it. I believe she holds people captive to her relentless chatter out of sheer rudeness. I therefore feel it's okay to flip on the TV or leaf through a magazine when she starts in. My husband is aghast at my lack of manners. Can you suggest a way to handle this stupendously boring woman without alienating my beloved husband?

FRUSTRATED IN RAMONA

Dear Frustrated,

Novels, plays, and songs dating back practically to the dawn of recorded history lament the infamy of mothers-in-law. Remember long-suffering Darrin on the TV show *Bewitched?* His temperamental mother-in-law Endora (the immortal Agnes Moorehead) expressed displeasure by mumbling magic words that would send him back in time. Suddenly he'd find himself being thrown to the lions with a gaggle of Christians in ancient Rome. Somehow, I survived three mothers-in-law, none of whom suffered me gladly, nor I them. Your annoyance at this woman's incessant gabbing is justified. But take pity. She's a selfish, lonely woman — a sad character with perhaps few years of life left. She's desperate for an audience. Silence terrifies her. She could be suffering from age-related memory loss and hence not recall having bored everyone to tears before with these same tales. You sound like a woman with a nimble intellect. I know it's asking an awful lot, but could you find it in your heart to retreat into your own lively mental landscape whilst she runs on? Amuse yourself. Ruminate, dredge up old memories, solve math problems, silently recite the Shakespeare you memorized in school, write letters in your head, compose the menu for a dinner party you're planning. Just don't make your boredom obvious by channel surfing or paging through her latest copy of *Modern Maturity*, though the temptation be great. Show Herculean forbearance. Be noble. Should you choose to accept this admittedly difficult mission, I trust your husband will be so contorted with gratitude that he'll have to soak in a hot bath for hours to unkink himself, and after that buy you all manner of nice presents. Maybe you could accompany him only on alternate visits to his mother, so that you end up having to nod along with her blatherings half as often as you do now. See how kind you can be to her in spite of the fact that she bugs the Clarence Darrow out of you. You're lucky: you have an interesting mind, an excellent husband, a full life. She has nothing but the drone of her own voice.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

What's up with my friend who keeps inviting me to do stuff and then canceling right before we're supposed to get together? This has happened at least four times in a row. She calls up and wants to go out. We make a date. An hour before we're supposed to meet, after I have already put on lipstick, etc., she calls and says she "doesn't feel well" or has "way too much work to do." I don't need this. After it happened a few times, I made a vow: don't call her. A week goes by, and then she calls me and says, "Let's get a drink Friday night, wouldn't that be fun?" Friday night rolls around and I'm on the phone hearing another one of these lame-ass excuses at the 11th hour. Does she have walking amnesia? Does she hate me? Why does she keep doing this?

STOOD UP AGAIN IN CHULA VISTA

Dear Stood Up,

Like the perpetually late, chronic last-minute cancelers have some kind of problem they need to work out on their own or with professional help. Step one toward recovery is for you to tell your elusive friend the effects her behavior have on you and your social happiness. Be gentle but firm. Tell her you want this to stop or you are not going to be able to accept her invitations in the future. You look forward to getting together with her and are grievously disappointed when she keeps pulling up lame at race time.

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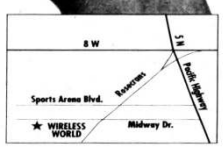

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Dates

by MAX NASH

The day after the catastrophe I went to my favorite market. An armed guard stood at the door. Inside, it was quiet. On usual days robed women, some with covered faces, hustle down the aisles. They chat with each other in Arabic. They sniff melons, weigh eggplants in their palms. Beside them, the occasional Latina in T-shirt and shorts picks through ripe tomatoes. But the day after the catastrophe, only a few male shoppers wandered the store.

A big box filled with "soft" dates — a variety eaten fresh, not dried — sat in the produce section. The market's Lebanese owners were absent. The Vietnamese cashiers, the Mexicans who work the meat counter, stood idle at their stations. Sunglasses obscured the guard's eyes. He rested a hand on his holster.

First cultivated on the Saudi peninsula, dates grow in few parts of the world. Without enough heat, the trees may grow tall but won't produce. Outside the Middle East they're fruitful only in India, Southern Spain, and Southern California. It's a three-hour drive from San Diego to Indio in the Coachella Valley, home to the annual Date Festival. There's an "Arabian Nights Musical Pageant" and camel and ostrich races. The "fairest of the fair" isn't called the Date Queen, but Queen Scheherezade.

Indio's dates are "semi-dry" types that grow sugary when dried. "Soft dates" look like big butter-yellow olives. They're crisp like apples, moist, sweet, and almost unknown in America. I was surprised to find them in my favorite market so late in the year. But this was a strange year. The summer was so cool that the season for many things was delayed or shortened.

Last year on an early Saturday evening, a masked robber shot and killed one of the market's owners, a 64-year-old man. Customers left bouquets by the store's entrance. They wept while they pushed their carts around the store. The man's nephew told reporters that 20 years ago his uncle came to America "for the same reasons everyone else does. He wanted a better life."



Before major Jewish holidays, like Rosh HaShannah, Sukkot, and Passover, I shop at my favorite market. I find things — quinces, pomegranates, soft dates — I can't find at other stores. Shoulder to shoulder with the robed women, I fill my cart. Some won't meet my gaze, others smile. You can't but wonder what's beneath their robes.

Once at the market I was picking through cucumbers, the nubby Mediterranean variety. My hairy knuckles brushed the hand of a young robed woman who was also picking through the cucumbers. She snatched her hand away, turned her face from mine, and tittered. The purple folds of fabric shielding her face jiggled.

"Behold, I stand by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water," begins the story of Isaac and Rebecca in Genesis 24, one of the Bible's great meetings of male and female. There are camels in the story, and Rebecca wears a nose ring and heavy gold bracelets, and at one point when she sees Isaac she covers herself with a veil. "And Isaac brought Rebecca into his mother Sarah's tent, and Rebecca became his wife, and he loved her."

I've heard that story since I was a small child. In my mind I've seen the "daughters of the men of the city" approach the well. They come inevitable like a tide. Nothing can stop Isaac from meeting Rebecca. When the veiled woman at my favorite market recoiled from my touch, I understood her better than she might have thought. But what did she think of me?

After news of the catastrophe settled in, there were calls for tolerance. An Arab film festival in Berkeley was cancelled. Teens threw a skateboard through the window of an Arab-owned shop in Anaheim. A mosque in Texas was firebombed. Locally, a motorcyclist tried to slit the throat of an East Indian woman.

A few days ago, I went back to my favorite store hoping to find more soft dates. Fair-haired Serbians picked over pomegranates. Armenians from the former Soviet Union culled onions. A Mexican janitor rolled his eyes whenever a shopper trod on his freshly mopped floor. The soft dates were gone. One of the Vietnamese cashiers told me that their season had ended abruptly. "You'll have to wait 'til next year," she said.

The season for soft dates is now over. North Park Produce, 3551 El Cajon Boulevard, 619-516-3336, usually carries them from May through August.

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One needs ethics on a daily basis about as much as one needs an umbrella in the sunshine. They're convenient — they give us a comfortable sanctuary from which we can conduct our business — but ultimately they're too awkward. A strictly ethical mind hinders the spontaneous, impulsive judgments we must make just to get through a day. It's during extraordinary times, like these, that we all start citing our ethics — that we start using phrases like "the right thing to do," "the responsible action," "the just response," and so forth. We look to the big, fixed things — such as country or religion — for guidance about enormous problems, like the most ethical way to respond to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Or most of us do anyway (as I write this, 88 percent of Americans have actually turned to George W. Bush for a solution). I've never had, nor wanted, a place where I can turn to find a consistent ethical philosophy, so seeking some ideas about this so-called war against terrorism, I stumbled across the website of the Values Institute (*ethics.sandiego.edu/values/index.html*), a program affiliated with the University of San Diego.

The website is massive. It includes a glossary, transcripts of symposiums, and videos



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of lectures on subjects ranging from animal rights to business ethics. The heart of the site is the Ethics Update, an encyclopedic digest of "ethical theory" and "applied ethics," which considers nothing less than abortion, euthanasia, "pluralism and meta-ethical concerns, Kant and deontology [that branch of ethics relating to duty], and contemporary anti-theory." The mission of the institute is not particularly exceptional. "Its principal aim," according to its director, Professor Lawrence H. Hinman of USD, "is to provide a place where people can come together for the thoughtful discussion of difficult moral issues."

I spoke with Larry Hinman a week after the terrorist attacks about his website, military ethics, and what constitutes a just war. I didn't come away with any definite solutions, but I was surprised to hear that absolutes and consistency are not always ethics' best friends. Maybe Ambrose Bierce got it right in *The Devil's Dictionary*, in which he defines "moral" as "Conforming to a local and mutable standard of right."

I began by asking Hinman about the recent rhetoric surrounding the American response to the attacks on September 11. "One of the things I'm saying is that anger blinds," he said. "A lot of people are angry right now, and they're reaching out, to some extent blindly, in retaliation. I think anger, at the right time and in the right way, is a fine thing, but we need to respond to this with a range of actions. One of those might be some kind of military response, but what if we take a percentage of the $40 billion that was just appropriated for the military action and tag it for peace programs in the Middle East? That's much more likely to serve national and world interests in the long run. Rather than think that there are only two choices — between responding militarily or not responding at all — I really want to broaden that conversation and point out that there's a range of additional responses that are perhaps more appropriate. But I don't think we're a pacifist nation, so I think we will have to respond to some extent with our military.

"I'm very wary of this notion of ridding the world of evil. Forty billion dollars won't cover that one."

"I'm speaking this evening to the NRTC battalion on this stuff, so it will be an interesting audience. One of the things that I feel pretty strongly about is that there is not a lot of public discourse about the specific courses of action that are open to us. I'm very wary of this notion of ridding the world of evil. Talk about a blank check: $40 billion won't cover that one. It will, in fact, rid the world of what we perceive to be the evil of our enemies but not the evil of our friends. We're not going in to wipe out the IRA, and we're not going to wipe out the people who support that terrorist organization. In that sense, the war against terrorism as it's framed right now is not principled.

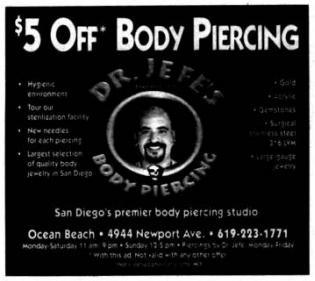
"The 'just war' discussion has been going on for centuries, and some of the things that have emerged are that there has to be — well, let me start again. We don't talk about a just war, we talk about the just conditions under which one might react rather than attack. One of the conditions has to be a reasonable chance of success, and that's not at all clear with some of these proposed military actions. From Engels on, you know, we've got works that suggest that going into Afghanistan is not a smart move. Also, one of the conditions has to be the protection of civilian lives. It's not at all clear how much we're willing to risk the lives of civilians outside of our borders. In the last couple of campaigns that we've waged, we've been willing to trade off high-altitude bombing that protects American lives for civilian casualties on the ground, and that's a suspicious trade-off. There's also a principle that says retaliation has to be the last resort, and one of the questions that I would ask is, 'Is it, in fact, the last resort?'"

I asked Hinman if there was any way to ethically condone an offensive, if there was any way to distinguish between terrorism and a just attack. After a pause, he said, "I don't have an answer for that one." Who does? It's the crux of the problem. But Hinman offered, "Part of it is that we're entering a new stage of political evolution. Traditional nation-states are becoming blurred, and boundaries are becoming less political and more economic. Eventually we'll have wars between corporations. But today the line between a country and a terrorist group is much more fluid than it might have been. The vacuum in a lot of these theories is that they were designed during a particular stage of political development that we've now left behind."

This last statement, I had a hunch, was related to the so-called anti-theory that I saw as a heading at Hinman's site. "There are a variety of people that represent this point of view," he explained. "What they're saying is that moral theories can't do the job that traditionally they've been billed as being able to accomplish. It may be that as a result of that we need to be theory-less, or maybe that we need some kind of approach that recognizes character. There's a lot of stuff about moral particularity. Traditional moral theories are impartial. Basically, modern ethical theory arose at the same time that the umpire arose in sports — you know, the one who makes the impartial call. But in our lives we have very particular relations, and it's hard to figure out an account that would make sense of all these differences from a moral point, if morality still insists on laying claim to impartiality." ■

— *Justin Wolff*







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They Make Their Home by the River

"Get outta here! Get outta here!"

Then he was upon us: big and burly in ragged jeans and an orange T-shirt, a thick black beard and a short prison haircut, a scarred face that had either seen a lot of fights or had passed through a windshield. He rushed toward my friend, Rex, raising a rusted paint can like a grenade, stopping about two feet away. I was six feet behind.

"You come back here again I'm going to take your fuckin' life, dude! Get outta here or I'm going to kill you!"

We made placating noises and backed away as he kept screaming and waving his fist. It seemed at any moment he would charge. As far as I could see we had done nothing to upset him and so his actions appeared entirely irrational, which meant we couldn't anticipate what he might do next. Then the man abruptly turned and stomped back into the underbrush, still shouting. With some haste we returned to the Morena Boulevard bridge over the San Diego River and climbed up through the rocks, mud and plant life to Hotel Circle North and Rex's yellow Ford Mustang.



Jeff Viator

Fifteen minutes earlier the man had been friendly, moderately. Our last exchange had been when he had told me to buy him a sandwich, bring it back and leave it on the trail so he could find it later, then we had heard him storming through the brush shouting to himself. This was the Mission Valley Preserve, about ten acres along the San Diego River bordered by the Sefton Park Little League field in the east to Interstate 5 in the west, then from Friars Road in the north to Interstate 8 in the south. The Coaster, trolley and Morena Boulevard bridges cross overhead, as well as the two interstate bridges. The preserve is packed with vegetation — a variety of giant reed called Arundo donax (often confused with bamboo), swamp grass, bulrushes, cattails, young willows, Mexican elderberry, coast live oaks and cottonwood trees, palms, castor bean, Brazilian pepper trees, salt cedar, fennel, ice plant and much more, so much in fact that at times you can only see two feet ahead. In addition, there is a network of crisscrossing paths as complicated as the cracks on a Chinese porcelain vase.

We had first seen our murderous friend scrounging through a mound of debris from a recently abandoned camp looking for bedding. Already he had found a purple sheet, a gray blanket and a piece of foam rubber. The camp was on the ruins of another camp that seemed to be on the ruins of still another so that the bottom layer — cardboard, newspapers, mattresses and old clothes was slowly turning back to compost.

"Caltrans took my stuff and sleeping bag," he told us. "I've only been away two hours. I don't live here or nothing. I've only been here a couple of days. I'm just passing through." Even then he was excitable and he kept mumbling to himself between the sentences he threw in our direction. "You got to talk about Caltrans taking the possessions of homeless people and throwing it out as junk. I got to get me up in Orange County on Tuesday and see my father. It'll be my birthday [February 6th]. I'll be 38." Then he ripped a blanket off a branch, which had served someone as a wall, and headed down the trail. When he walked, he lifted his boots high, as if he were marching.

When Rex and I had met him for that last time, we had been looking for a naked man, or nearly naked, who we had come upon a little earlier walking gingerly through the Arundo donax. It seems that one often has peculiar encounters in the riverbed area. This naked man had been wearing only a jockstrap with a leopard skin pattern — a tall, blond man in his 30s, with bright blue eyes. He was carrying a folded pile of clothes. The word "startled" does not quite express exactly how startled we felt.

"Hey," Rex had said.

The man turned right, broke through the brush and disappeared. We backed away. Although he had appeared dry, it seemed possible that he might have been bathing in the river — a counterproductive enterprise it would seem given the color of the water. Or he might have been returning from an assignation. Earlier still Rex and I had stumbled upon a homeless couple in a small tent wrapped in an embrace. Or the man might simply have been a nature lover, but the path was muddy, full of sharp sticks and the Arundo was prickly.

We had continued down the path discussing the oddity of the leopard skin jockstrap. Then, turning another corner, we came upon the man once again walking toward us. This second appearance was so unexpected that my first thought was that this was the other man's twin brother. However, the leopard skin jockstrap was a tip-off. Without pausing to chat, he once more leapt into the undergrowth.

"Hey," said Rex, "it's okay." But the man was no more than a distant crackling.

Again we had made our way through the Arundo and shortly we met our murderous friend gathering blankets.

"Did you just see a naked man?" Rex had asked.

In retrospect this was probably the wrong thing to say.

"I'm not scared of any fuckin' naked man," our friend had said.

We chitchatted a bit as already described and passed on. A minute later Rex had found a worn black wallet lying in the path. Inside was a driver's license, a speeding ticket, three check-cashing cards and miscellaneous documents, two fifty-dollar bills and some other smaller bills. The picture on the license showed a blond, blue-eyed man in his 30s who vaguely resembled the man on the path, but lacked his deer-caught-in-the-headlights expression. His name was Robert. So we had bushwhacked back our way into the undergrowth and maze of paths to look for the naked man — hoping he had put on a few clothes — and to see if he was Robert. In the next ten minutes we found four hidden camps and had heard the shouting of our murderous friend, but we saw no blond, blue-eyed man, naked or dressed.

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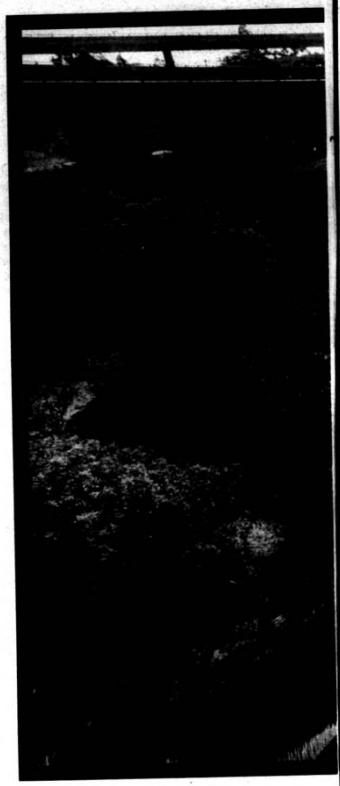
"I'm going to kill you, man! You come back here again you're dead meat!"

Well, that put an end to our search. I took the wallet to the Western Division Police Headquarters at the corner of Napa and Friars roads on the edge of the preserve where I explained to a young woman officer what had happened. She looked at me skeptically. Fortunately, I had already talked to half a dozen police officers in the station while doing this story and so I could drop a few names.

Oddly, Robert's driver's license showed that his birthday would be the next day, February 4, 2001. He would be 37. He was a year and two days younger than the other man. Perhaps less of a coincidence was the fact that my own birthday was two weeks further on. I would be 60. But it made me think of my good fortune compared to theirs. At least I wasn't living in the riverbed. I wasn't homeless.

The Mission Valley Preserve is one of the most beautiful areas in San Diego. It also is one of the ugliest and that is part of the problem. It has native plants, like the cottonwoods and willows; and invasive exotics





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San Diego River

We had bushwhacked back our way into the undergrowth and maze of paths to look for the naked man.

like the Arundo donax, salt cedar and palms. It has giant blue heron, Least Bell's vireos, yellow warblers and feral cats and stray dogs. The river has largemouth bass and green sunfish, as well as shopping carts and Styrofoam containers. Historically, it supplied water to the first mission in 1769 and irrigated the crops of the first settlers. At times the riverbed area is home to more than 100 homeless people. The five bridges that span the river within the preserve afford cavernous arches and walls that serve as canvases for dozens of taggers. Hundreds of empty spray cans litter the area, but form a fraction of the debris. In their massive trash pickups the city's Environmental Services crews have taken out up to 100 tons of debris. And it doesn't take long for the trash to build up again.

I knew none of this when I first visited the riverbed two weeks before meeting the fellow who threatened to kill us. Rex had told me that over 100 homeless people lived down there and they had a mayor. He said that a man he knew had had his bike stolen so the man got some friends, went down to the riverbed, wrecked some shacks and a little later the mayor and a bunch of other homeless men wheeled the bicycle up the hill and apologized. I thought it would be interesting to talk to the mayor.

On that first day Rex had parked his yellow Mustang on Hotel Circle North and we made our way over a pile of rocks and down the hill. Almost immediately a small, dark, ragged man came hurrying toward us out of the brush waving a machete. "Don't worry, don't worry," he shouted. "I got to put a handle on this here machete."

His name was Petey and he had lived in the riverbed for 20 years. "It's a nice place. No trouble." He was in his mid-40s and uniformly gray, as if he had been dipped in something nasty. He told us that that morning 30 "Mexican kids" had come down looking for a chrome bike, which had been stolen. "I sure didn't want to get my ass beat," he added. "I didn't take it, I know that much."

We asked about the mayor.



Firefighters under I-5 bridge

"Is he a big guy?" asked Petey. "About six feet six? We used to have a mayor but his legs got all inflated. He's in a hospital up in North County. They're going to have to cut them off." All this time he was edging by us. "I gotta go, I gotta go. I gotta get myself a handle." He gave a friendly wave of his machete and disappeared.

Minutes later we met a woman in her late 40s who was in an even greater hurry. She said she couldn't talk, because she was looking for her boyfriend who she hadn't seen for three days. She waved vaguely toward the bridges and told us to go see a red genii. Then she trotted away.

Soon we saw a large blue tarp stretched between several trees set back from one of the small streams running into the river. As we approached two dogs charged out at us barking and carrying on: a pit bull and a black lab. Voices shouted out from the shelter: "They're friendly! They're friendly!" The dogs did their best to deny that but at least they didn't bite us. Under the tarp were two couples, one perhaps in their 20s, the other in their 50s. They had a single Arizona tea bottle that they were passing among them. Each person was holding a puppy. Two more puppies were rolling on the ground. The two couples gave us suspicious looks and did not look conversational.

Rex and I wandered around for another half hour and met no more people, though we saw at least a dozen camps where people were living. About every ten feet along the path was another path and about every ten feet along that was still another, as if the whole thing was a massive drawing of the central nervous system. And because of the density of the underbrush we probably saw less than 10 percent of what there was to be seen. We also saw the debris of perhaps 20 former camps — great piles of old mattresses, cardboard, Styrofoam containers, cans, bottles, plastic jugs, moldy blankets, sheets of plastic, bicycle parts of every description, newspapers, magazines and books. The bridges afforded at least 12 great walls for the taggers. Some had left quick scrawls, others elaborate multicolored names. Lunek and Certs had been particularly active. On one wall was a red genii at least 20 feet tall, which is what the homeless woman had described to us. Next to the genii were painted the words "The Medow in the Getto," which is just one of the names for the riverbed area, another being 5200 Friars Road, which I will get to shortly. However, we could also count four levels of gray paint, showing that previous graffiti had been effectively painted over.

On the way out we came upon a vacant camp belonging to Stephen H. It was hard to say if it was deserted or if he was coming back. There was a court notice mandating him to go to Narcotics Anonymous meetings, deposit slips from a bank in Phoenix, a picture of a pretty blond girl of about 12 and a note to remember her birthday in February, a work schedule for some dishwashing job with some days X'ed out and others circled, a half dozen poems written on scraps of paper on the moon and solitude, on depression and the beauty of plants, and several science fiction paperbacks.

Rex and I climbed the hill onto Friars Road. Across from the Napa Street trolley station and the Western Division Police Headquarters was a kiosk with information on the Friends of the Mission Valley Preserve, nature walks, conservation projects, plantings of native trees, removal of invasive weeds, trash cleanups and other projects. I thought of the debris I had just seen and the number of encampments. Good luck, I thought.

The seeds of the Friends of the Mission Valley Preserve were planted back in 1996 by three officers from the Western Division: Patrick Vinson, Teresa Kinney and Robb McCracken who worked under Sgt. Robert Gilbert, the officer in charge of the riverbed area, though because of other duties the area could only receive a small part of their attention. At the beginning of 1996 the riverbed was in fact a sort of city for the homeless with tree houses, tents and two-story structures made from lumber and Arundo. Suspended

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beneath the interstate bridges were highway crew inspection hatches, spaces like small apartments where six or seven people could live. There were no routine police patrols and only occasional sweeps when people would be cited for illegal lodging and those with outstanding warrants would be arrested. The next day many who had been forced out would be back again. At times Environmental Services (the agency responsible for waste management) would accompany a police sweep, but their workers could only carry away a fraction of the debris. Crime in the area was increasing. Despite the lack of routine patrols, in a two-year period between July, 1994, and July, 1996, the police made nearly 100 arrests and gave nearly 150 criminal citations.

"The problem was that a lot of folks down there were crooks," Vinson told me. "There were small-time drug dealers and mentally unstable people." Vinson, now a sergeant, had been stationed at Western Division for 15 years. He is 39 years old, with short red hair, a red mustache and glasses. I talked to him in the Western Division parking lot. "The area provides concealment and it's a good area if you're a crook — there're lots of stores nearby, lots of places to rob. Some of the folks would take copper wire from construction sites and burn off the insulation with gasoline. Then the fires would spread and the fire department would have to drag their hoses down there. The area was a mess. Not only do the homeless fill it with debris, but the taggers leave their cans around and the paint goes into the river. And it was full of stolen property. There was a guy called Bicycle Terry who had one whole wall of his dwelling made entirely of bikes. It was taller than a person. Another guy made a dock with quality lumber and a barge out of a garage door and barrels. We'd go down there and make arrests, give citations, conduct field interviews of people suspected of illegal activity. Folks would be given court dates and never show up. But really the police went down only a couple of



times a year. And that's a historic area. If it were cleaned up, we could see how things were 250 years ago, what the plants were, what the animals were. You can see how San Diego was when people first came here. Richard Henry Dana who wrote *Two Years Before the Mast* spent time here [in 1835]. That was where he collected firewood.

"Well, the crime, the destruction of the environment, the increasing number of homeless people, the fires — it was going on all the time and it was getting worse. We asked ourselves what we could change about this. So we went up to the University of San Diego and talked to Professor Michael Mayer in the biology department to see if the area was worth saving. He started educating us about the plant environment and how the nonnative plants were pushing out the native stuff. It turned out that he already had an interest in the area. And that led to other people with an interest in the area. It seemed a lot of people were thinking of the same thing at the same time. I mean, we thought it would make a really nice nature preserve and when we went up to talk to Mayer, he turned out to be thinking the same thing. It wasn't just one person who began it."

Before meeting with Mayer, Officers Vinson, Kinney and McCracken had conducted a cleanup and sweep with Environmental Services code compliance officers in June, 1996. One hundred tons of trash were taken out and another three tons were taken out each week thereafter. Arrests were made and social workers talked to the homeless offering them help. However, it was clear to the police and Environmental Services officers that other solutions were necessary and so they began to discuss the possibility of some kind of park.

"I'm a history buff," Vinson told me, "and at the beginning I mostly focused on the historical aspects of San Diego River, because that's my main interest."

Vinson is very modest in describing his role in the project, insisting that it was a group effort. One day I talked to Vinson's supervisor at the time, Sgt. Robert Gilbert, a tall man in his 40s who is so big that he could probably take a pair of crooks in each hand and play them like castanets. He told me that it was Pat Vinson who first identified the problem and tried to define the solution. Then he developed it into a POP Project — Problem Oriented Policing — which are projects developed in police departments all over the country. The Mission Valley Preserve project received a prize for runner-up as one of the best projects of the year.

"Pat initiated it," Gilbert told me. "Robb and Teresa did a lot of work, but Pat put in all the legwork outside the department. He did a lot of things on his off time. It's one of the reasons he was promoted sergeant. It's just the kind of guy he is. He spearheaded this, but he's a very modest man. He wouldn't take credit for it. He hates to get up before a bunch of people, but he started it."

Vinson, Kinney and McCracken had to find out who cared about the area — who were the stakeholders. That's when they went to Dr. Michael Mayer.

"Pat Vinson and Robb McCracken just showed up at my office," Mayer told me, "two uniformed policemen just standing outside the door. They wanted to talk to me about something. I said, Oh, come on in. And they started talking about their interest in the creek area down here and how interested I was in the ecology or the botany of the area. They thought they could do their policing job better if the place was taken care of better and if people were able to enjoy it and go down there more. They also had the idea that if we removed exotic plants there would be less room for homeless people to hide and folks to do illegal activities — particularly remove the Arundo donax. And so I said yeah that's a nonnative and it would be great to get it out of there. So it kind of started from there. They thought they could put together a pretty interesting idea that would have historical appeal, have environmental and botanical appeal, would have recreation appeal, and have a crime-prevention appeal as well. And I thought it was wonderful, because it is a resource that's right here at the foot of our hill and we've taken students down there and it would be even more wonderful to take them down there without fear and show not only the wildlife and plant life of the area, but also be able to talk about ecological issues involving restoration, exotic versus native plants, habitat degradation and such. So frankly when they said are you interested in this, I said well sure, because it's a pretty good slice of riparian habitat and, yeah, I'll help in whatever way I can."

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Oh, yes, and what is 5200 Friars Road? About this time the Police Department Crime Analysis Unit decided that in order to overcome data problems when making arrests in the riverbed area, the river needed an address. Consequently, 5200 Friars Road was chosen — ten acres of riparian habitat with a street address.

After talking to Mayer, the three police officers went to Valerie Stallings, the councilwoman for the area, and were invited to give a presentation of their analysis and research at a meeting of her River Task Force in July, 1996, which was made up of prior members and people brought in by Vinson. They included Mayer, representatives of Environmental Services, park rangers from the Department of Park and Recreation and Marilyn Mirrasoul, an aide to Valerie Stallings.

"The task force got together," Mirrasoul told me "and originally they were looking at the issues of the homeless and crime in the area and how to deal with it because in the past what had happened was that the police and the city had gone down there and had done big cleanups and then they would just have to start all over again. And Valerie didn't want to see it just go on like that and then a little later you'd go back and have to take out another 100 tons, plus having all that crime going on. And then when Valerie was down there she said, 'Well this is really an incredible resource. Let's see what we can do with it. Let's see if we can turn it into a park for the community.' "

Ten days later was an even bigger meeting which included the Metropolitan Transit District Board (which runs the trolley), U.S. Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Fish and Game, the California Regional Water Quality

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There were a lot of questions and a lot of disagreement. Who owned the land? Who would pay for the development? How would the public be involved? And it was complicated. The five bridges belong to four separate agencies — Caltrans, the city, MTDB (the trolley), and the Coaster — and each removes its own graffiti. Caltrans spends $20,000 a week throughout the state to remove graffiti from its bridges. And there were conflicting aims and regulations. Let's clear out the underbrush, said the police. You can't remove the native plants, said Environmental Services. Let's build paths, said Park and Rec. You can't build on a floodplain, said the Army Corps of Engineers.

"An area like that is supposed to flood out," said Vinson. "It's an environmental floodplain, so nobody can build down there. We want to impact it as little as possible, leave it as pristine as possible, but that makes it fine for the homeless people. A lot of the people down there are mentally unstable. We'd take down people from social services who'd try to solve the problems of the homeless in a positive way, but none of the people down there wanted it. So what can you do? I can't take away a person's freedom just because he's not taking advantage of the programs that are available to him."

I also talked to Mike Kelly who was at both July meetings representing the California Native Plant Society. Kelly had worked in projects in the Rancho Peñasquitos Preserve so had experience with the problems that might arise in the riverbed area. He is also the proprietor of a medical publishing business and the proprietor of Kelly and Associates, a habitat restoration business, which he started about four years ago.

"Pat Vinson and his team put together a big task force with Councilwoman Stallings," he told me. "And I became involved because they had a problem: they couldn't get the resource agencies that regulate habitat areas to sign off on the plan. So I got involved because I know these issues and work with these agencies and I've worked with open space parks and habitat areas before and still do. And eventually we were able to get everybody's agreement on the concept of the type of the park we wanted. And we moved ahead and with the help of former Councilwoman Stallings' office we were able to get a number of the parcels of land handed over to the parks department. They were already owned by public agencies, but not being managed in a significant way, just being neglected basically.

"The ultimate goal of the project is to acquire as much of the publicly owned land — and occasionally perhaps a private parcel — on San Diego River as possible in order to do two things: one is to connect up the habitat areas and to restore them and, two, to provide trail linkages. Hopefully, all the way from Ocean Beach up to Mission Trails Regional Park, which is a good 16 miles up the river. The idea is to provide public access to the river on the one hand and on the other hand to help restore it. It's a pretty degraded river. So much so that the businesses along it typically put their walls to it, whereas in any other city the river would be the focus of the valley and your businesses and restaurants would face onto a very pretty and aesthetically pleasing river area that had some habitat value worth looking at.

"And we have several fairly immediate goals. We have several other parcels of land that we have been approached to manage. We hope to acquire these for the park. They would become owned by the city and we would help the city manage them. One of these parcels is adjacent to the existing park. The other is a couple of miles upstream. So that part of the goal looks realistic that we can acquire more property over the next 10 to 20 years. I see this easily as a 20-year project.

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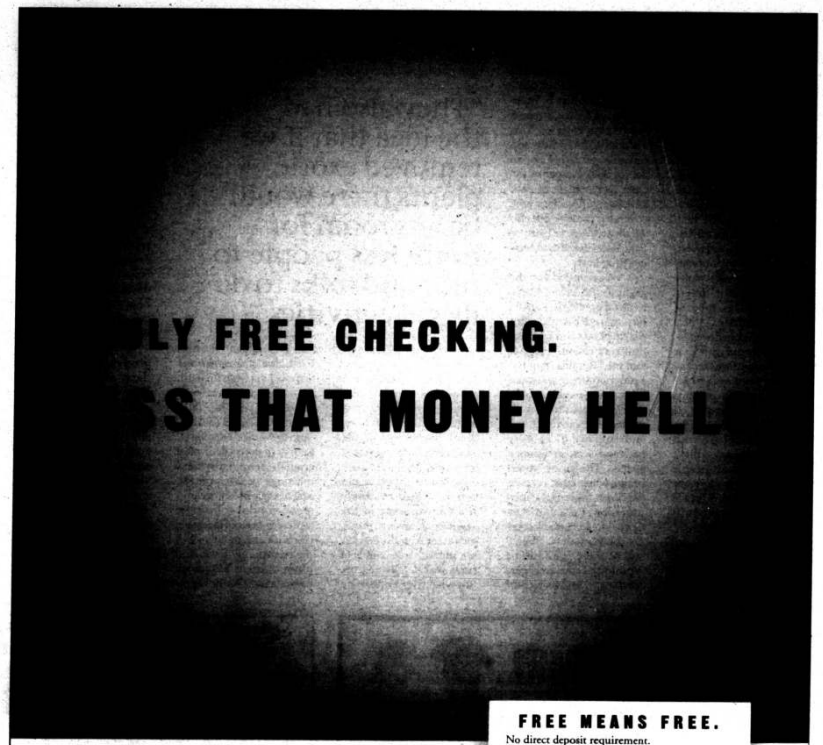
Another immediate goal is to take the plethora of trails that are there now, that have been made by the homeless and other people over the years, and make sense out of them, reduce their number — there are far too many for that small an area and that sensitive an area — and come up with a trail for public access that will connect with trails to the west that already exist. There are some really nice trails along the San Diego River from the beach up to about I-5 and Pacific Highway, that's where they stop. We want to extend them further upstream at least into our area and make it possible to take a nature walk and to visit the river.

"A very important goal this year is the development of a master plan to restore the natural resources on nearly 12 miles of the river. That's a proposal our organization came up with and I helped write it. The proposal is now being funded, and that's the good news. The city agreed to accept it as a supplemental environmental project as mitigation for its sewerage spill that it's being fined for. The city was found guilty by the regional water quality board of allowing about 36 million gallons of sewerage to pour into the San Diego River for over a week. This was about a year ago February. If it had been a spill the city had gotten on top of right away, no problem, but it was determined there was negligence involved and there was a fine, a big fine — about three and a half million dollars. In other words, ten cents a gallon, something like that. Typically, in a situation like that the Regional Water Quality Control Board may let you have the option of working off part of the fine by agreeing to do some supplemental environmental projects that improve the water quality of that body of water. So the city proposed a list of projects. The water quality control board accepted some, rejected others. And the bottom line is that one of those is our project.

"Right now that means a master plan will be developed for the river all the way up to Mission Trails. And the idea behind this is that the master plan will be reviewed by all the regulatory agencies who will sign off on it and then it will become a plan that has to be followed and we can systematically organize these mitigation projects to make more sense of them than we currently can. I expect about $430,000 will go into our project which will be divided up into really three different projects. One is the master plan — that would cost about $94,000 — which involves getting low-level aerials of the whole river and then paying consultants, or city staff, to map the habitats unit by unit and come up with a plan for restoring each section of the river. A second is a smaller one costing about $6,000 to develop a concept trail plan for the river. The rest of the money would go for actually beginning some of the restoration work — implementing the plan — which would probably cover about 10 to 20 acres of the river. And there are a number of other projects approved to restore Adobe Falls where the sewerage spill occurred."

I asked Kelly to define mitigation projects.

"When a developer or a public agency puts in a project in California they typically have to mitigate for the environmental impact that the project makes. If the project is going in on some good habitat that is going to be lost, typically they have to mitigate that by replacing that habi-



tat. There are two ways this can happen. They may be required to purchase some mitigation land elsewhere. For instance, let's say they impact ten acres of coastal sage scrub, they may be required to buy ten acres somewhere else in order to make up for that loss. Or they might buy credits in a mitigation bank. The city of San Diego and some private companies, businesses, have mitigation banks where they have purchased a big piece of land and they sell credits to developers — all public entities that need those credits so they can go forward with their projects. That's one type of mitigation — when you purchase elsewhere to make up for the land that you're impacting with your trolley line, your courthouse, your housing development and so on.

"The other type of mitigation is what's called 'riparian enhancement' where you help restore a piece of land that's degraded — perhaps it's been bulldozed — and you come in with your contractor and you recontour the land and plant native plants. Or perhaps you restore it by simply getting rid of 50 percent of the exotic invasive plants, such as Arundo donax — that's the one that most people see — that's degrading our riparian areas. You get rid of the exotic trees or plants and you plant with natives."

When the transit board put their trolley bridge over the preserve and the San Diego River, their mitigation project was to clear a certain area of Arundo donax and other non-natives, plant native willows and install an underground sprinkler system. Unfortunately, the homeless often break off the brass heads of the sprinklers and sell them, as well as breaking into the sprinkler system for water.

Another development so far this year has been a Park Bond Grant from the Urban Corps of America Training Program awarded through the State of California Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Restoration Program. This was applied for by Kelly and Carla Frogner, Tri-Canyon Senior Park Ranger of the city's Department of Park and Recreation. Her area covers the preserve but also Tecolote Canyon Natural Park, Rose Canyon and Marian Bear Park.

"We applied for the grant to the Urban Corps to clean up debris, remove non-native plants, plant native plants and work on trail restoration," Frogner told me. "But this would be a program where we would be training workers to do this. Our main focus is to protect the environment and enhance it, to bring back and clean up the open spaces. The grant would bring a whole bunch of people down there. But truthfully I don't think the Urban Corps would have any effect on the homeless. They'll still be there. We'll just be cleaning up the area, performing a maid service for them."

"The project is actually very modest," Kelly told me. "It's about a $45,000 training grant and Carla and I have volunteered to help train the Urban Corps team. We'll train them in two things: how to clean up the trash on the river — and I don't mean picking up little pieces of paper, although that's part of it — but the big part of it requires equipment in order to do light dredging. There's a ton of shopping carts and everything else in that river. It's extremely dirty. So we'll buy a flat-bottom boat and equipment necessary to do light dredging. And of course they'll have to get all the usual permits. Even to clean up a river you need permits. The other part would be training them to identify and remove some of the major exotic invasive plants, such as the Arundo. Frankly, not more than a couple of acres will be cleaned up. But what they hope to do is with the teams and equipment — and I helped develop an equipment list — is they will then be able to apply for other grant money to allow them to do much bigger projects."

The original River Task Force finished its work in 1998 and the riverbed area was designated as part of the Park and Recreation Department. At that point the Friends of the Mission Valley Preserve was formed and began monthly meetings at Western Division Police Headquarters in order to move its projects forward.

"The preserve was dedicated as a park last fall," Dr. Michael Mayer told me, "and the work is ongoing by a corps of pretty dedicated civilian people. In these meetings we don't see the police officers come anymore, nor do we have the representatives of the agencies showing up. It's all of the community folks. And often Marilyn Mirrasoul comes as sort of the representative of the city. Marilyn's done a wonderful job. I think she's pretty much doing all that is being done by that office, maintaining a mailing list and mailing these flyers and typing out the agenda for the meetings.

"As it stands right now, I didn't get to go to the last meeting but Mike Kelly, the conservation chair, was to give a report about the status of the trail planning. They're mapping out the existing trails and the river with Global Positioning Satellite technology. You see because it's a floodplain the Army Corps of Engineers wouldn't allow any kind of permanent structure to be put down in the habitat itself, mainly because the banks of the river can overflow very easily and change over time. So the trail system that we've designed is not going to involve any permanent structures. The kiosks would be up out of the floodplain area and there would be no lighting."

"We want to have a good trail system going in there," said Mirrasoul. "And we want to expand the preserve a little bit, taking on other parcels if possible. Also some of the members of the Friends would like to start leading hikes down there. The same type of events as some of the other open space parks so people from USD can come down and do some of their studies and we can acquaint the neighbors with the events, teach them the names of all the different animals and birds and plants."

But even as these plans are going forward, it struck me that other factors are dragging them back. Let me state that differently. Perhaps they were only slowing them up or possibly they are causing more serious damage. I'll try to explain.

Some of the people who were first active in the project have been forced, by other demands, to become less actively involved. Dr. Michael Mayer, for instance, told me several times that he wasn't able to attend meetings as often as he used to.

As for Pat Vinson, the dedication and hard work that he originally put into the project and which led him to be promoted sergeant also led him to be transferred out of the area to Northern Division Police Headquarters. Although he remains interested in the preserve, he now has other duties and concerns. In addition Officer Robb McCracken has moved to Oregon, while Teresa Kinney has had her shift changed and is now unable to attend the Friends' meetings. Talking to her, I felt she seemed rather far away from the project. She was pregnant at the time with a baby due in August.

The sergeant in charge of the area now is Richard Schnell and the two officers who work under him are Robert Roche and Will Morris. In the time I spent with them they struck me

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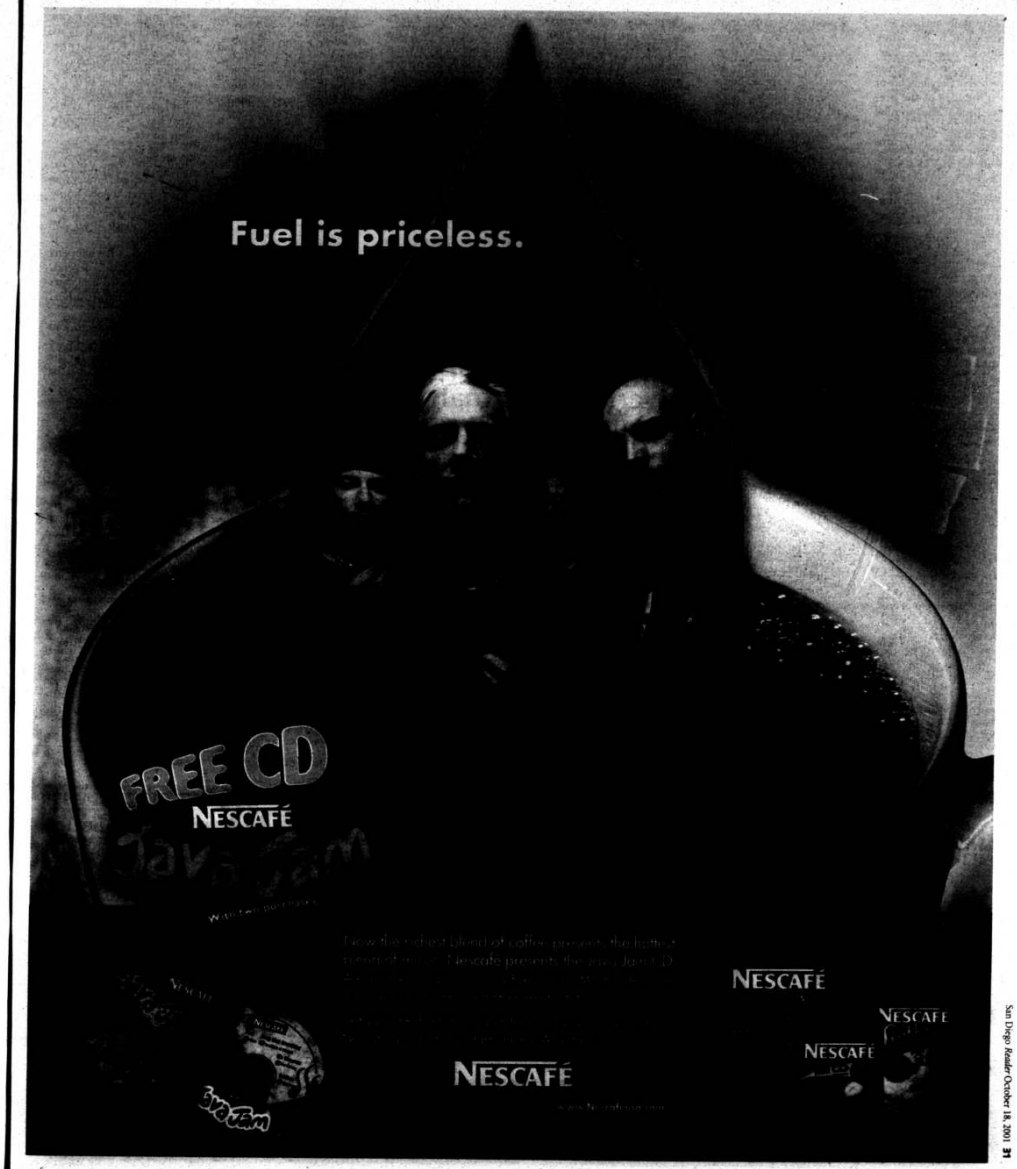

as extremely serious and professional, but they seemed to have little interest in the history of the riverbed or the plant life or even the idea of the preserve. Indeed, they seemed skeptical of the idea of family hikes through the area and an event called "Kids' Day at the Mission Valley Preserve." After Rex and I were threatened by our murderous friend, I was rather skeptical myself.

And Officers Roche and Morris have many other duties — Roche said they had to spend most of their time "shagging radio calls" — and can only go down to the riverbed every couple of weeks or less. They assumed that the ranger in charge of the area was Carla Frogner, but they had never seen her in the preserve. This seemed understandable to them because she would be one woman down there alone and the area was unsafe.

However, Frogner said she indeed went down there and in any case the ranger in charge of the riverbed was her assistant, Jeff Viator, who patrols all four parks in the Tri-Canyon area. He is in his 30s, about five feet eight, stocky, tanned, with a blond goatee.

"I go down there either by myself or with a volunteer about three times a week," Viator told me, "mostly by myself which isn't smart because there are some rough guys down there. Actually I've never had any trouble. It all depends how you treat them. I've never had a problem but I don't like their dogs. The guys themselves are pretty okay. It's been a homeless area for decades. They're just trying to live down there."

Viator said that if he found a camp with nobody at home, he would tag it and give the person 24 hours to get out. However, if he found the person at home, he would give him two hours to get out. "If I find a fresh camp, I'll clean it up and haul it out. Me and the volunteer drag out all the stuff ourselves. Usually the stuff we find is crap. I've never found anything of value, just trash and clothing."

What struck me as somewhat peculiar is that Viator said he had never seen the police and the police said they had never seen Viator. This may be because they tend to concentrate on different sides of the river or because of the extreme thickness of the foliage or because they work on different days or at different times of day. Roche and Morris have the morning watch, work ten-hour days and four-day weeks. In addition, they have different days off and the preserve is not a good place to go by oneself. Or perhaps there is another reason.

Another discrepancy is the question of trespassing. Bordering the park along Friars Road are about ten No Trespassing signs. However, Marilyn Mirrasoul told me that ever since the preserve was dedicated as a park in the fall of 2000, the No Trespassing signs no longer apply and that people can go into the park without fear of breaking the law. The park rangers, Jeff Viator and Carla Frogner, agreed with this — people can come and go as they please. On the other hand, the policemen I spoke to said the preserve was defined as a non-people park and the No Trespassing signs meant what they said. In fact, while I was with them Roche and Morris warned several men that they were trespassing and one was told that if he was caught down there again he would go to jail.

A potentially more serious blow to the future of the preserve was the resignation of Valerie Stallings from the San Diego City Council on January 29 after pleading guilty to one misdemeanor for failing to report gifts from the Padres and team owner John Moores and one misdemeanor for failing to disqualify herself from council votes on Padres matters. Since she was a major force in getting the preserve off the ground and keeping it going, there was the question how this might affect its future.

By now of course Donna Frye has been elected, but when I originally wrote this story it was still a source of anxiety to many of the people involved. Would the new council member work on the preserve as energetically as Stallings or would he or she just shuffle it aside?

Sgt. Richard Schnell told me that when the homeless were kicked out of the riverbed area, many would move to the canyons off Washington Street.

Then there was the question of Marilyn Mirrasoul who had been extremely active in representing Stallings' interests. She could keep her position until the election, but afterward the new council member could ask her to resign or keep her on. This too has now been settled and Mirrasoul has resigned, but when I talked to people in early February it was a definite concern.

Mirrasoul herself had no idea what would happen, but she remained optimistic.

"I don't know if I'll be staying," she told me. "It depends on who wins and that sort of thing. But I do think this project will continue whether I'm here or not. Since this preserve has been initiated and dedicated, there's a lot more interest in looking at the entire San Diego River and there's a group that's forming to look at the whole river so I just see it as building momentum."

Both rangers I talked to felt the project would certainly continue, but Viator had a few more doubts. "This was Stallings' little baby," he said. "She wanted to make it a park before she left office and all the groundwork's in place. But Marilyn Mirrasoul was really Stallings' right arm in working on the preserve. It'll really be sad if she goes in April. I just don't know how her resignation will affect it."

Mike Kelly was also uncertain. "It's hard to say if her resignation will make any difference. It depends on who gets elected. You never know how much they'll put their heart and soul into it. Stallings put her heart into this park and it showed. Somebody else might not work as hard even though they might support it. If the park seems to have the stamp of a predecessor too much on it, they might want to focus on something else. If it's an important focus for the community, they'll tend to support it and support it well. It's really going to be hard to say. This isn't a park that has a big community buy-in yet."

Sgt. Robert Gilbert who had supervised Vinson, McCracken and Kinney was more direct. "I don't know what will happen. You need someone high up in city government to see it through. So what happens to the project partly depends on who is elected. It all starts at the top. That's just how it is."

A larger problem, and one that will perhaps be the most burdensome for the new council member, is the problem of the homeless. A number of people seem to think that if the non-native plants are removed, then the homeless will have fewer places to hide. The specialists like Mike Kelly and the rangers argue that this is not the case.

"With the homeless, we run them out and they just come back again," said Carla Frogner. "As for what hides them best, the willow and mule fat is just as thick, just as-dense and provides even better cover than the Arundo. The Arundo just strangles out habitat which just makes it so a gray fox can't get from where he wants to breed to where he wants to hunt. But the Arundo doesn't interfere with the homeless and it's not our objective to stop them. We try to have them move on and let them know where they can seek shelter and about city programs, and if they want to take advantage of those, then they can. We hand out cards where they can get help, but that doesn't eliminate them being there. As for what might decrease their numbers, that's a federal problem. Get more programs, get more jobs. It's not something that a park ranger is going to solve."

However, in the past few years the number of homeless in the Mission Valley Preserve seems to have been increasing. When I talked to Mirrasoul on the phone, she thought there were about a dozen living in the riverbed area. I told her I had seen about 25 and more than a dozen camps that were being used, including buttoned-up tents. Also it was during the day when one might assume that people wouldn't be at home. Also I had seen only a small part of the area. I estimated there were at least 50.

"Fifty? Hmm," she said. "The more you utilize these areas then the less issues you have with the homeless. The rangers need to be patrolling more and the police. Also I didn't know that there were 50 down there. I hadn't heard that from them and I will be reporting it to the lieutenant as soon as I get off the line with you."

I had already spent several days with the police and had talked to a number of the homeless. First I had talked to the man currently in charge of the area, Sgt. Richard Schnell. He told me that when the homeless were kicked out of the riverbed area, many would move to the canyons off Washington St., then come back again later. "A lot of these guys are backpacking. They can pack up in an hour and be back after Environment Services have gone."

He too felt the numbers of homeless would be reduced if the Arundo were taken out, as well as some of the other foliage. The difficulty was that the environmentalists had blocked the removal of any of the indigenous plants used by the homeless as shelters. At one point some years before, the police had been able to go in and simply clean out the camps, but a few of the homeless had successfully brought suit against the city, claiming that the police had thrown out valuable heirlooms, and so now the police had to tag and photograph the camps with notices saying they would be removed on such and such a day. However, some camps were buried so deep that they were impossible to find.

"One-armed Randy, a heroine addict pretty much, almost got decapitated last year... and Jungle Jane was murdered."

Sgt. Schnell also told me that arresting the homeless had no lasting effect. "All we can do is to put them through the system, but the system doesn't do anything. It just spits them out again."

Then Schnell introduced me to the two officers who patrolled the area and did the sweeps — Robert Roche and Will Morris. I spoke mostly to Roche who is 60, about six feet tall, tanned, white-haired, glasses — a handsome, rugged face with dimples when he smiles. He is originally from New Mexico, has a cowboy way about him and plans to go back to New Mexico when he retires. He came here 30 years ago in the service and has been a cop since about 1972.

"The majority of homeless we run into as police officers down there are people in the criminal element, parole violators or on parole with the stipulation that they're supposed to be indoors somewhere, living in a residence, having a job and maintaining themselves like regular citizens and not living in riverbeds and doing their dope and things and alcohol. These folks don't want to live in shelters. They want their space. They don't want to be regimented. They want total freedom and still have access to restaurants and facilities in the area. Sometimes we find new faces of folks who are not in the criminal element — people who are homeless, but don't have the funds for the first down payment on rent, such as the first month, the last month and the deposit. And sometimes maybe their credit record isn't so clean so they have a hard time getting housing. So they hear that you can live down in the riverbed and they find themselves down there sooner or later. We've found ex-military guys who didn't have the funds for housing. They built themselves little hooches, had their laundry clean, everything was packed neat. They had makeshift chairs out of bamboo, bedding out of bamboo. Everything was arranged like you would find in a regular house or apartment.

"The people we deal with down here are basically your drug users — usually heroin, meth and marijuana. They've had so much of the drug that they can no longer function as a working person. They can't hold a job. They don't want to work. They go panhandle at a corner for some money. They get 20 bucks and go buy some dope. And we try to find out who their suppliers are but they won't give us that information. 'Who's selling you this stuff?' They don't want to talk about it. We had information a year or so ago about a guy in a nice red shiny car and a nice polo shirt and slacks who pushed dope on these guys up at the trolley station. There was a one-armed transient, a known narcotics user, who was buying narcotics from the guy in the car and selling it out here on the streets. Then the transient got murdered. The day he died he'd made a score. He had about $800

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in his pocket that he'd just made off his dope. We don't know who killed him. He was found lying alongside the ditch up by the Morena bridge. We looked around for the guy in the red car but in a marked police car you just don't see him. And we'll never see him until one of those guys down there says, 'That's him.' Somebody really pulls a snitch on him. And that doesn't happen. So there's this supplier who's making money on these poor folks — 10, 20, 25 bucks at a time. These are the poor guys that get sick, these are the poor guys that die with that stuff in their arms, while he's over there in some nice condominium probably. There's a guy down there named Dusty that's got one tooth left in his head, just one tooth, and he's about 60 years old. I met him about three years ago. He's been on dope since he's been 14, he said. And he knows he's going to die that way. He'll tell you, 'This is me, this is it. This is where I'm going, you know? Gotta have it. Gotta have it.' And he can't change. He's too messed up. You gotta feel sorry for that kind of guy. Don't know what happened to him, what caused him to go into that, but he started as a youngster, way back.

"I see people coming in here all the time so I didn't think the No Trespassing signs meant anything."

"The laws we enforce, basically, are illegal lodging, illegal fires and then narcotic activity. And at times we find parolees at large that are wanted by their parole officers. What happens is the first time we see a new face we give him a warning. We have an interrogation form that we fill out with their names. It's not an arrest, just a detention. We give them the word not to be in here, not to come back. For some it works, for some it doesn't. And if we come back again and see the same person — this time it's an arrest and we'll give a written citation. This is an arrest, but it's not a physical arrest. And what happens for the most part is that these guys don't go to court. The courts dates are usually set 21 days after the arrest and in that time they seem to forget about it. So the day of the court they're scheduled for an eight o'clock appearance and they're not there and the judge puts out a $5,000 warrant for their arrest for illegal lodging and a contempt of court charge. So now they have two charges against them. So a month or two later we do another sweep. We walk in and we always run warrant checks on everybody we contact. And we'll come by and yeah he's wanted for the 647J — illegal lodging and contempt of court. We take them to jail and they go see the judge. And if it's the first few times it's my understanding that since they don't have the money they'll say, 'I'll do the three days' or 'I'll do five days.' Then they do the time and are kicked loose and they're right back again. And with some of these guys it's been going on months and months. We've arrested them numerous times. But recently our sergeant talked to the judge and proposed that they be sentenced to 180 days' jail time. And the judge said that was fine. And when these guys have come back to that judge they've been told that if they go back in there and then come back into court, then they'll get 180 days. One guy — Anthony Brown — he's in jail right now for that, because when he was given that notice he went back in there and housed himself and he was caught and put in jail. We did another sweep and we saw him and right now he's in jail. So it's 180 days but he might get time off for good behavior. That's up to the sheriff. Once they're in their custody they do what they do. That's the sheriff's business. Sometimes they might serve 80 percent of their time and then get cut loose. If a guy's got real good behavior, they say, 'Hey, you're outta here.' Something like that.

"I came in contact with Brown in the riverbed three years ago. He's married. He's got a wife. Sometimes she's down there. We've arrested her too. But she lives with her parents up in Clairemont. But her parents don't want her husband around. They don't like him. So he can't stay at the house. She can but he can't. So she houses herself at her mom's house; he houses himself down here. She'll bring him money, bring him food, whatever. But again he's a drug dealer, a drug user and so is she and the guys she hangs out with. So the bulk of the guys who are down there are your drug addicts.

"Myself, I didn't get involved with this riverbed until roughly eight or nine years ago. Before that, other officers were involved. So it's been going on a long time. But the movement to start the preserve began in '96 and I became involved in it through our command here, then it became more intensive and we began to do more to enforce the laws. We'd go there as a full squad of guys and gather up 25 guys and we'd bring them to the station and get them all processed for jail. The bulk of those people are gone, most of them have moved out somewhere else. But they'll find spots that we can't go. They'll cross little creeks and things that we won't go across because they're just too dangerous — you can slip and fall. But these guys will walk through the water and make little pathways where they can get through safely without falling down and live in places where we can't get to them. Over by Highway 5 in the channel there are three or four guys and I went there about a year ago. It was hard to get them but we did, but it's almost not worth going down there for that because you're liable to get yourself hurt. And if you get yourself trapped and they turn sideways on you and you have to fight, then you're not going to get any help because the cops don't know how to get in there so you're in trouble. But I've never had a fight down there, never had to take anyone by force. It's never come down to a physical confrontation. Even so, many cops don't want to go down there — they call it a dirty detail. But I like hiking through the brush. Maybe it's because I'm from New Mexico and I grew up with it."

Roche's partner, Will Morris, talked about the stolen property that had been found in the riverbed area — TVs, stereos and countless bikes. He explained that the homeless who lived in out-of-the-way areas like the preserve tended to be on narcotics, while the ones found in the city were more likely alcoholics. The narcotic addicts needed their privacy in order to shoot up, to pursue their drug of choice; the alcoholics wanted to be close to the liquor stores.

Morris is in his 40s, dark-haired and compact. He gives the impression of being able to move fast. He didn't seem to judge the homeless, but of the two policemen he appeared to find their lives even more incomprehensible than did Roche.

Morris also described how when they had the big sweep in 1996 they had brought along social service workers who offered to take the homeless to shelters, rehabilitation centers, whatever they needed. "They made the offer to a lot of them, I don't know the exact number, in the high double digits, but only a couple agreed and then they never showed up." Morris said they were told that the shelters were too crowded, that people had no privacy and they had to leave first thing in the morning. The homeless they spoke to complained about illness, HIV and robbery. "Even now when I offer to take them to a shelter, they say, 'That's a little bit too real for me, officer.' Well, there are lots of alternatives for them and after those alternatives run out, they go to jail."

Morris said that quite a few of the homeless in the riverbed area were "on the SSI," supplemental security income, and could receive up to $700 a month, others got money from the veterans for some Vietnam disability. Some were 51-50. The police, park rangers and a few others used this number as an adjective to mean mentally deranged, but technically it refers to the California mental health Welfare and Institution Code 5150 for the detention and transport of a person for assessment, evaluation and treatment of a mental disorder at a county-designated treatment facility. The person is picked up because there is probable cause that he is a danger to others, a danger to himself or gravely disabled and can be held involuntarily for up to 72 hours. He may be schizophrenic, manic-depressive or suffering from something far more minor.

Most of the encampments had books and most were science fiction, lots of *Star Trek*, but sometimes Dungeons and Dragons workbooks.

Earlier Roche and Morris had come across two homeless men and asked them to talk to me. The men had agreed. They were waiting outside in the lobby and now Morris brought them in. One was Brian Doyle, 47, about five feet ten, long blond hair and beard, blue eyes, jeans and a yellow jacket. He had been living in the riverbed area for four years. The second man, Paul Pepmiller, was a little older, about the same height, wearing a black cap with Fairways Unlimited printed across the front — long brown hair fell from underneath. He had a brown beard, brown eyes, jeans and a red jacket. He had lived in the preserve since about 1988. Their clothes were ragged and dirty, wrinkled and stained. Their creased faces were sun-worn, life-worn. They walked to the table, both jaunty and suspicious with an air of aggrieved innocence. They treated the cops as competitors, members of the opposing team that at the moment happened to be winning.

They first talked about how they made their money, which was by holding up signs at intersections. "We can make $75 to $100 a day," said Pepmiller, "if we don't get hassled by the police." They said they also did some part-time work, odd jobs. Doyle had worked construction and as a painter. Pepmiller had worked at a swap meet for three years and also as a cook.

Morris asked, "Do you guys can at all?" Meaning do you collect returnable bottles. Not often, they said.

"Tell the truth," said Morris, "have you ever stolen copper wire from construction sites and abandoned buildings and sold it or stolen stuff and sold it at a swap meet or sold stuff for other people? I'm just wondering, you won't get in trouble." Pepmiller and Doyle denied it vigorously. "What about drug dealing?" asked Morris. Again there was vigorous denial.

"People sometimes drop off food for us," said Pepmiller.

"And there's a Mexican restaurant that gives us food," said Doyle. "They even give us money sometimes. And Carl's Jr. gives us space. They're real good to us. We get free refills on coffee."

I had looked into that particular Carl's Jr. one day. It's on Morena Boulevard about three blocks from the preserve. A sign on the wall announced that the restaurant had an occupancy limit of 103 people, that there


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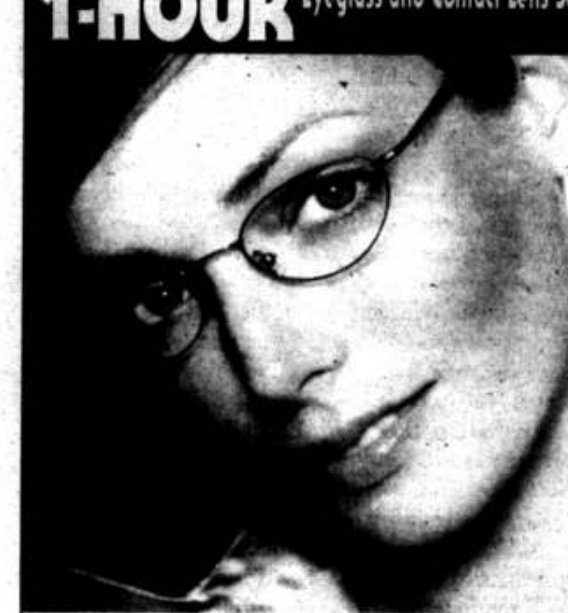

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was a 30-minute limit in the dining room and that a purchase was required. Four homeless men had been sitting at tables drinking coffee. They hadn't been in any hurry.

The longer Pepmiller and Doyle talked, the more at ease they became. They spoke about how some of the homeless broke the heads off the sprinklers and sold them or how they broke the valves to get fresh water. They added that they themselves would never do anything like that. However, after a while Doyle admitted he sometimes turned on a sprinkler in order to wash — "I might be on the street but I don't like being dirty."

Pepmiller was quick to say that he also disliked being dirty. "Twice a year — on my birthday and at Christmas — my parents will send me some money, and me and some other guys will get a motel room and wash."

"We try to stay out of the way down there," said Doyle. "No one can see us. We're just trying to get by. They say go to a shelter. Shit, you'd might as well go back to jail. I'd go off the edge in the shelter. They have all these rules. I like my space. They have too many bottle nuts, alcoholics. It's different down where we are. Meth and heroin are the drugs of choice. My brother's in prison right now for meth possession."

Roche explained that Brian Doyle's brother, Denny, was a "second striker" who was caught down in the riverbed with a pocketful of "meth rock." He was sick and skinny. In a deal worked out with the prosecutor's office, he was sentenced to about two years. Recently he had sent a snapshot of himself to his brother, which Brian Doyle took out of his wallet and passed around. Will Morris whistled. The picture showed five men stripped down to their shorts, marked up with jail tattoos and striking weightlifter poses. All were brawny and muscular, especially Brian's brother.

Everybody agreed that prison had done Denny Doyle a world of good. I found the conversation somewhat surreal. Pepmiller went back to talking about the shelters.

"Anyway, they say there's a one-month waiting list. And there's no respect in there, there's always fights. And you can't trust the alkies. The riverbed's better. I been there too long to move. But a lot of times other people come through for a few days and steal stuff and cause us trouble. But, you know, the wild animals come to depend on us for food — skunks and raccoons."

"But don't get me wrong," said Doyle, "it's not the easiest place to live what with the cold and the rain. It takes survival skills. In the summer there can be a hundred or so people. They all steal from each other, steal from each other's camps. They're all cowards down there. They'd shit in their own back yards."

I asked if there were really a hundred people there during the summer and they said it was true.

"And there been murders," said Pepmiller. "One-armed Randy, a heroin addict pretty much, almost got decapitated last year, and maybe eight years ago Amanda got stabbed 27 times and had her head bashed in, and Jungle Jane was murdered. But there can be as much danger living in a mansion, you know what I mean?"

"Originally, I went down there to goof off," Doyle told me. "I quit my job doing construction and went down there because my brother was down there. He was a parole violator and he was hiding out. Now I'm just taking it day by day. I'm not having no fun anymore. You don't have to come down to a riverbed to get high. It's wearing off. I've had a lot of tragedy in my life. My father was an addict, my sister was murdered, but it wasn't drugs that put me down there. Though right now my big problem is meth. And marijuana. I've always smoked marijuana and I'll probably smoke it until I die. The reason they won't legalize it is they don't know how to tax it. That's the only problem. But with me, I'll smoke it, but it's run its course. I'm too old for that shit anymore. It doesn't do anything for me. Even so I'd rather do time than go to a drug rehab. Sometimes I think that without the police it would be like a kind of commune down there, but then I think that the people down there aren't playing with a full deck. Three out of four have mental problems and even I'm not fifty-fifty...."

Pepmiller interrupted. "I've got chronic manic-depression," he said rather proudly, "and I've made five suicide attempts. I stay down there to keep my head straight. But I don't worry about tomorrow because tomorrow never gets here, right? If I let myself feel fear, it would gobble me up. I just don't think about it. You met Petey, right? He's my stepbrother. Well, he's got prostate cancer and when he dies I'm going to get his inheritance."

"His inheritance?" I asked, thinking of the little man who had been looking for a handle for his machete.

Pepmiller was perfectly serious. "That's right, his inheritance."

Officer Morris asked, "How many times have we given you breaks?"

Doyle was not quite willing to admit that the police had behaved well. "Yeah, you cut us some slack, but you've taken me to jail too." He turned to me. "These guys are too good now, too sly. Even the dog won't bark."

"But do we treat you right?" asked Morris.

"Pretty much," said Pepmiller. "Well, you do your job."

A sergeant came in and gave Pepmiller and Doyle each $5 for agreeing to talk to me. They couldn't believe it and kept looking at the bills as if expecting them to vanish.

"No one's going to believe this," said Pepmiller.

Brian has had quite a few charges for illegal lodging and now had a court date. Morris asked, "Do you mean to keep it?" Brian indicated that he probably wouldn't. Morris said that

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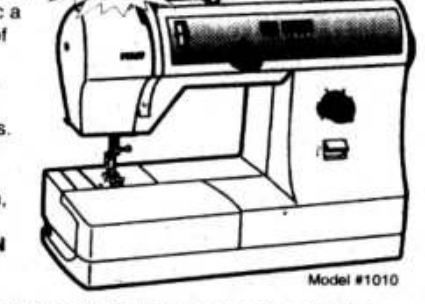
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In our first series, our intrepid diner visited a Harvard professor's widow, an expatriate charity worker in Mexico, a divorced dad, a Rastafarian family, a pair of new homeowners and some downtown loft dwellers. But we know there are lots more of you out there with all sorts of particular domestic orders that make your home unique, and we're still curious! We want to know about your dwelling, your habits, the way you live and the way you eat. If we didn't get back to you the first time, feel free to call again. Call Matthew Lickona at **619-235-3000**, ext. 403.

if Brian was caught down in the riverbed area again, he would get 180 days in jail. He asked, "You plan to go down there again?"

Doyle didn't respond but Morris wanted an answer. Doyle indicated that he would probably go down there again. His main concern, it seemed, was not to make Morris angry, but Morris seemed more perplexed than angry.

"Don't you ever feel fear?" Morris asked. "What if you get sick?"

Both men said that they never felt fear but they didn't seem entirely comfortable with the question.

Morris kept pushing it. "Where do you see yourselves in five years. Do you have a game plan?"

"Hell no," said Peppmiller, "I just don't think about it."

"No idea," said Doyle, "but like I said, it's not fun like it used to be."

him. He didn't want to talk, didn't want to give his name, mumbled his answers so the cops had to ask him to repeat himself. He wouldn't look at the cops, but they knew him. His name was Dave Ruffner. He said he was born in 1951, but he looked ten years older. The cops asked him for his ID. He said he didn't have any ID.

"Don't you even have a social security card?" asked Roche.

Ruffner shook his head. "I never had one." He claimed to have been down there only a day or two.

"Come on, you've lived down here over five years," said Roche.

"Why don't you stay in the homeless shelter?" asked Morris.

"Maybe I'll find out about it," said Ruffner.

The officers said that if he was found down there again he would be brought

> "One day someone ran his name again through the computer and it came back that he was wanted on a murder warrant."

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On a Monday around 8:15 I went down into the riverbed area with officers Roche and Morris who were going to tag and photograph campsites. They would also issue warnings to anyone they found. I could only spend about 45 minutes with them because I had to meet Sgt. Vinson back at the police station around nine. Roche and Morris were dressed in flannel shirts, jeans and boots, though they wore their cop belts. Morris said their uniforms were too expensive to damage them by barging through the underbrush. They parked on Friars by a bridge and we went down a path by a No Trespassing sign.

Within a few minutes we met a man coming out — balding with sandy hair, deeply tanned face, dressed in torn clothes. Morris and Roche questioned

into court for trespassing and illegal lodging. This didn't seem to faze him, though he clearly saw it as unfortunate to run into the police. After being written up, Ruffner was released.

"We call him an arson," said Roche. "He makes the most perfect golden potatoes you've ever seen. The trouble is that he doesn't dig a hole and put rocks around to make a fire pit. He just makes it in the open and the fire takes off. Next thing you've got a palm tree burning and all the brush burning and the fire department has to respond and they have to drag the hoses all the way in. It's a real job. Anyway, he's 51-50.'"

Next we found a huge pile of debris from an old camp. Roche and Morris marked it. Then they found a recent camp surrounded by string.

"Some of these guys will tie string all the way around their campsite to warn them that somebody's approaching," said Roche. "They don't trust each other. They'll trust the guys they run with, but not a guy over here who's out of their group. They rip each other off. If somebody wants something, he'll go take it. And if I'm stronger than you, it's going to be mine — that kind of thing. It's the survival of the fittest. And we've found booby traps where they'd dig holes, then cover them up with shrubbery — right in the middle of the path — so when you walk on that path you're liable to sink your foot and break your ankle, or trip and fall. And we'll find bamboo leaves that are pulled back with a string so if you pull hard it will snap and catch you in the face. Little things that make it harder for the cops, but it may not even be for the cops. It may be to give them a warning that someone's coming up on them, like another transient."

Shortly, in the dense brush we met a man sitting on a log. He was tall, in his 40s with blondish-gray hair, blue eyes, dirty tan pants, a blue plaid shirt and a red backpack. His name was Rolf. Because they have found him in an enclosed space and have to stand close together, Morris handcuffed him. Rolf didn't protest. He seemed more depressed than anxious.

Morris asked if he was camping and if he hadn't seen the No Trespassing signs.

"I'm not camping," said Rolf. "I live in University Heights. I'm not homeless. I like to get away from my house once in a while. It's really close to the neighbors. They make a lot of noise. I'm in between jobs. I'm just sitting here contemplating. I see people coming in here all the time so I didn't think the No Trespassing signs meant anything."

The officers kept questioning him. They glanced into his backpack but didn't search it. Roche explained that he would give Rolf an advisory the first time, a citation the second time and would arrest him the third time.

"Most people don't respect this place," said Rolf. "They leave trash every-place. I always take out trash when I leave." He repeated several times that he was just contemplating, sitting on the log contemplating.

Morris asked him for his social security number and Rolf refused to give it. "I can't do that, it's just a policy."

The police didn't press it. Rolf said he didn't have a driver's license. The police were firm but not unfriendly. Morris found the muddy stub end of a marijuana cigarette under where Rolf had been sitting. Had he been smoking marijuana? Rolf said no and appeared surprised to see it. Morris removed the handcuffs, warned Rolf not to come back and sent him on his way.

"I'm pretty sure he was down here to hit a joint," said Roche.

A minute later we saw a young blond man across the river sitting underneath a tree. The river was about 15 feet wide at that point. He wore jeans and a sweatshirt that seemed clean. Morris called to him. "What are you doing?"

The man was startled. He said he wasn't doing anything; he was just sitting. Presumably, like Rolf, he too was contemplating. Like the place was full of thinkers.

Morris told him to wait right there until they got around to the other side. The man agreed to wait. Later Roche told me that he hadn't waited. No one was surprised.

We moved on down the narrow path with Arundo donax pressing close around us, palms rising above us. We passed another great pile of debris from an old camp, then Morris and Roche marked a tent, which had been closed up.

Soon afterward we came upon a man sitting on the ground in front of a blue tent eating some awful-looking concoction out of a large orange plastic cup. It looked like the papier-mâché gunk I used in projects in grade school. The stuff was so ugly that it was almost the first thing the three of us saw.

"What in the world are you eating?" asked Morris.

The man looked into his bowl. "Cereal."

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His name was Daniel Williams. He was 42, tall, very thin with long brown hair and a beard — a thin, handsome, childlike face. He told me later that he had been in prison and had a record of assault and battery convictions. However, he was so thin that he didn't seem very dangerous.

Roche told Williams that he would be coming back tomorrow with Environmental Services to take away everything they found. They had him hold up the notice, stating that he was in violation, then Morris took his picture in front of his tent with a Polaroid camera. They said that if they saw him down here again, he would be arrested.

As the policemen poked around I talked a little more to Williams. He had lived in the riverbed area since the late '80s and had been arrested many times before.

"I'm fully cognizant so I can talk to anybody," Williams said, "but I'm really very anti-social so I can't deal with people very well. I guess you could say I never got my social integration skills. I earn money by recycling. I don't need much. Sure I'll leave today but I'll be back the day after. I'll just work my way deeper into the bush, that's all; find some deeper place to hide. I've been here 14 years and for me this constitutes a stable environment. Actually, I was raised on Guam so I'm not an American. It's because of that that I don't have American values." Williams said all of this in a matter-of-fact manner. I asked him about living in a shelter and he repeated what he had said about his lack of social integration skills. He couldn't imagine living in a shelter.

When I got back to the policemen, Roche shrugged and said, "51-50." Then he added, "Williams knows the game. We go in, we clean up and he moves out. Once it's cleaned up he knows we're probably not going to be back for another two months, so he moves right back in. And in those two months he accumulates the same type of junk all over again. That's what they do; they steal things and bring them back. In his case, he says he doesn't steal; he just goes out to different trash bins. It could be true. People throw out old stuff, old TVs, old toasters, old clothing. He brings it in, knows what he needs, the rest is just discarded. That's part of the game plan for them."

By now it was nearly nine and I had to get back to meet Sgt. Vinson. In 45 minutes, Morris and Roche had spoken with four men and seen three closed-up camps. On my way out, I saw another man walking along and two more camps, as well as the debris from half a dozen former camps — all this in a fraction of the preserve. Later Roche told me they had talked to three more men and identified about six more camps. And it had been mid-morning, a time when most of the residents of the riverbed area might be expected to be off at work, as it were.

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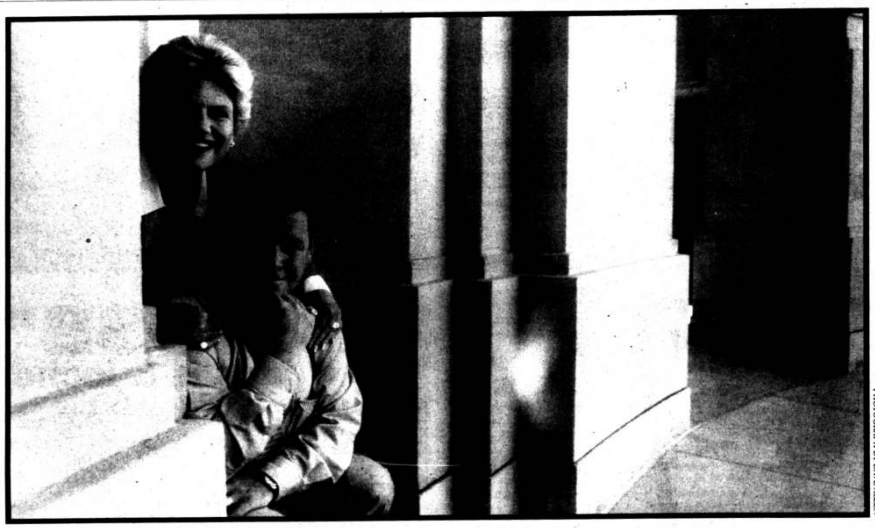
The next morning I met Roche with three solid waste enforcement officers of the city's Department of Environmental Services in the parking lot of the police station about 8:30. This Tuesday was Morris' day off and Roche was working alone. In order to effect the cleanup, Roche had put in a cleanup request to Carla Frogner, who put in a work order request to Environmental Services which had contracts with various groups to do the actual work — sometimes the probation department, parolees working off fines for misdemeanors, people working off traffic tickets. Park and Rec pays the bill. Today the contract was with Alpha Project, a nonprofit organization that works with the homeless in such areas as providing jobs, housing assistance, helping with addiction recovery and educational counseling. These particular workers came from the project's Casa Raphael in Vista which offers a 9- to 12-month program to recovering alcoholics and addicts, most of whom are also homeless, where they can work, be housed and attend training and 12-step programs. Over 100 men live in Casa Raphael and if they complete the program they leave with jobs and a minimum of $1,500 in the bank.

The three solid waste enforcement officers were Sylvia Sowadski, who is pretty and dark-complected with a profusion of brown hair; Luis Sainz, a solidly built young man wearing a Padres cap; and L.C. Wright, a trim African-American with a tidy goatee, who had accompanied Pat Vinson into the area five years ago when they dragged out 100 tons of trash. He has been back innumerable times since. When I made some reference to having been briefly lost within the maze of paths, he said, "I been in there so many times, it's like second nature to me. If I'm ever homeless, I know where I'm going. No, I could never do that."

The three crowded in the back of the patrol car, I got in front and Roche drove down Friars to the preserve. Sainz and I discussed baseball and how we'd like to see the Yankees get whipped. Roche meant to take the environmental officers to the places he had tagged yesterday so they could show them to the Casa Raphael workers.

The 20 or so men from Casa Raphael ranged from their early 20s to about 50 and carried shovels, pitchforks, rakes and great canvas tarps. I followed two of them into the brush and right away, hidden behind some trees, they found a camp that Roche and Morris had missed the day before. They began to pull out coolers and duffel bags, but then were told to put them back since the camp hadn't been tagged.

Five men were breaking down a big encampment covered by a roof of large blue tarps stretched between the trees. It seemed abandoned but I found a newspaper that was only three weeks old. The camp contained sheets of cardboard, plastic, sleeping bags,



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Bruce Moravec: I was an officer at Miramar, and going to the Officer's Club to find a wife was almost a cliché. I wanted to cast into a bigger pond.

Tamara Moravec: My New Year's resolution was to meet new people, so in January I met almost a dozen men through the *Reader*. I gave Bruce my phone number on his machine, but by then I was so tired of going out every weekend, I didn't return his messages. The only reason we got together is because he was so persistent.

Bruce: The first time we talked it was for several hours, so I knew something was there. Our first date was at this restaurant in Carlsbad where friends of hers were playing in a band. But by the time Tamara got there, the band was breaking down.

Tamara: So we sat talking in my car with the radio on for so long that the battery died. Bruce waited there with me until AAA came at 3:30 a.m. He had to report for duty two hours later.

Bruce: That was on February 9, 1993. We got engaged on May 9 and married on June 9. Both of us just knew it was right.

Tamara: Our wedding was in Carmel. Bruce wore his full dress military uniform.

Bruce: Unfortunately, our camera cracked open and the film got exposed. The only people who have pictures of our wedding are these German tourists whom we never saw again.

Tamara: After Bruce left the service we bought an avocado ranch with 10 acres and 1180 trees. It was a peaceful existence, but weeks would go by where we wouldn't see anybody.

Bruce: After we sold some of our property, it piqued our interest in real estate. We knew we wanted to work together as a family business.

Tamara: Working together teaches you how to argue, whether it's personal or business. We get things over with very fast and never hold grudges. We do everything as a couple. It works for us.

Bruce: Seven years is a pretty good run.

Tamara: People are always asking us how we met, and sometimes I end up helping them write an ad. I just tell them to be really honest.

Bruce: I think there's someone out there for everyone. You just can't be afraid.

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A young man named Randall from Casa Raphael, who said he had been homeless himself, kept looking around at the junk as he tossed it onto an opened tarp. He was jumpy and talked fast. "When you're tweaking [using crystal meth] anything makes sense, like having five TVs that don't work makes sense. If you're tweaking, you'd take half this stuff home with you. I been clean for three months, but maybe I'm not an addict, maybe I'm just crazy. These people living down here, I don't have a problem with it except for the pollution. They make a real mess." He turned to a coworker. "Wouldn't you take most of this stuff home with you if you were tweaking?"

The coworker was scornful. "Are you kidding? I wouldn't touch it."

Apart from this camp most of what was being pulled out was old camp debris, piling it up on the canvases, then dragging it through the brush to the truck. It was heavy, dirty work. Another camp was found that had been missed yesterday. Williams' tent was gone. Roche led the environmental officers to different spots, telling what needed to be done. They appeared daunted by the amount and said only a small part could be done that day. Standing among the debris of another camp, Roche described a couple in their 50s from Lemon Grove who had lived in this area with all their possessions for two years because they couldn't afford housing, had furniture and everything, then had been forced to move out with 72 hours' warning. Then he told us about another man with hair like felt and his shoes full of maggots. He led us to another camp.

Plastic tarps, cardboard, blankets, cooking utensils, pieces of clothing — this camp still might be occupied. The environmental officers looked around as Roche began a story.

"There was this transient, George, that cut the guy's ear off. He was taking the man's suitcase and the man said, 'That's mine.' And George said, 'No it's not.' And because George is meaner, powerful and stronger and an ex-army paratrooper — and in the army that was his reward for a kill to take off the enemies' ears and he carried that over here to the streets — so he took the man's ear off. Then he beat him and took his property and threatened to kill him if he didn't put his head up there on the railway track until George was out of sight. And the guy did what he was told because he didn't want to die. And once George walked away, the guy went and got help, but he's minus an ear. And George is the one who raped and killed an 80-year-old lady in Oakland and I don't know if he was ever arrested for that mayhem down here or that murder. But the time he was living down in the riverbed we didn't know that. We had contact with him week after week and we'd see him on the street and we'd say, 'How're you doin' George?' And he'd say, 'Okay.' We'd taken a gun from him and he'd come right up to the front counter asking for his gun we'd impounded. He'd say, 'Can I have my gun back?' And the officer on duty would say, 'Nah, go down to the gun desk downtown and talk to them.' But he'd come up for three weeks straight asking for that gun. I mean, it didn't even work. Then one day someone ran his name again through the computer and it came back that he was wanted on a murder warrant. But he was already gone. Nobody here had seen him for over a week. Then we started looking for him — we got to find this guy, you know. But he never turned up. Just left town, I guess. Haven't seen him since. Gone. And who knows, maybe he's in prison now, maybe somebody caught him. We don't get that information. He could have gone to another state or city, because that warrant was all over the nation, Canada and Mexico. If he did any kind of theft, even petty theft, even steal something to eat, cops get hold of him and do a warrant check, then it would pop up that he was wanted for the murder warrant. That's how a lot of them get caught."

We went back to the patrol car to drive to the other side of the river. A fourth environmental officer joined us and all four were in the back. No one looks their best locked in the back of a patrol car and all four looked seriously squeezed together and thoughtful. Roche joked about the time when he had had six drunken Navy pilots back there. "They were all good guys, meant no harm. Completely smashed. They all looked exactly the same, had these little mustaches."

Once across the river, Roche drove along Hotel Circle North, then down a narrow road toward the entrance to Sefton Park Little League field. The tall, chain-link gate was blocked by U-Haul trucks. Roche got someone to move them. The manager of the rental office, a grinning gray-haired man, stuck his head in the police car and said without preamble, "You hear about how Minnie Mouse took Mickey Mouse to court for calling her crazy? So Mickey Mouse tells the judge, I didn't say she was crazy, I said she was fucking Goofy." The man guffawed and walked away. Roche made a noncommittal noise that might have been a cough or a laugh. For a moment there was silence in the backseat, then Sylvia said, "Can't he see there's a woman in here?"

Roche drove onto a dirt road around the Little League park and into the preserve. After about 200 yards he stopped. We climbed over a wooden rail fence and walked through a stand of young willows. L.C. Wright explained that it was a mitigated area — non-indigenous plants had been taken out and the indigenous willows had been put in, as well as an underground sprinkler system and a number of ponds. It was part of the trade-off with the trolley people. We walked along the river and in ten minutes found the debris of three old camps and one newish camp. The environmental officers said there was no way to remove any of it that day. We are more than half a mile from where I will be threatened five days later and where I'll see half a dozen other camps.

Fifteen minutes later we were back to the other side of the river by a new tent belonging to an absent

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homeless person. Around it were a new battery-powered portable TV, a gas camping stove, new sleeping bag, new Coleman lantern, new flashlight and some clothes. The boxes for the camping stuff were scattered around the tent. Sylvia took photographs, then put the stove, TV, etc., back in their boxes. Valuable articles are impounded for safekeeping and can be reclaimed.

As the environmental officers collected the camping stuff, Roche talked about how some transients got their stuff washed away in the floods. "We've found guys down there who had a little bit of smarts about terrain and will put their tent or whatever on high ground, or doing things where the water actually goes around them." Then he talked about the guys out here drinking and shooting heroin. "Dope is cheap nowadays, uncut Columbian, so they can get $5 packages, $10 packages. The problem is that it's bad quality and we've had guys die."

Roche identified two more camps and the debris from three former camps — mattresses, clothes, cardboard, ping pong balls, more poems and drawings, more science fiction books, Dungeons and Dragons workbooks. A pocket New Testament with the name Alvarez on the inside cover. An unsigned poem entitled "All Alone." L.C. Wright said they could do about a quarter of what had been tagged. He said they would try to schedule another pickup day next week. Everyone sounded frustrated.

I went off to join the workers who were pulling out the debris. It was now early afternoon. I talked to Bartholomew who was a supervisor for Alpha Project. "I've had a drug problem but I've been clean for eight years and this keeps me busy. When we came in here this morning it was all trash and now it looks different. It's a day's work and it makes us feel good."

He said they had crews working with Environmental Services five days a week — street maintenance, cleanup crews and other projects. In order to get into Casa Raphael a man had to be alcohol and drug free for at least two days. A lot of the people in Casa Raphael are "coming off the bush," he said.

A handsome man named Greg in his early 30s said, "We're just trying to get our lives back together.

"I lost my job, lost my family. Right now I'm trying to change my life."

I got a couple of DUIs because of drinking. I lost my job, lost my family. Right now I'm trying to change my life. Everything we get is free and they give us a small stipend each week. The work we do — it's about giving back to the Casa."

I was struck by the fact that the police had told me that representatives from social services had offered help to nearly a hundred homeless in the riverbed area, but had been turned down. On the other hand, several who I had talked to from Casa Raphael had said that a number of them had once camped in the preserve.

So the next day I turned my attention to whatever organization might be keeping their eye on the homeless in the riverbed area, as far as social services were concerned.

After a few false starts I wound up at the North Central Mental Health Clinic at 1250 Morena Boulevard, about five blocks from the Mission Valley Preserve, which provides the offices for one of the county's four Homeless Outreach Teams. I first talked briefly to a young man at the desk who was an unlicensed trainee with the team. He told me he had recently been on a police sweep in Chula Vista where police had cleared out a large camp of homeless people and another Homeless Outreach Team had helped the homeless with social service information.

There were supposed to be four members to the team, but there was presently a vacancy. The other members were two social workers: Sally Dunn and Alma Porley. I spoke an even shorter amount of time with Porley who said she had never been down in the preserve. However, she believed that some of the homeless had come to their office for assistance. Protocol was very strict and it was clear that she didn't want to talk to me.

Then I talked to her supervisor, Deborah Malcarne, a social worker and program manager at North Central Mental Health. Malcarne didn't want to talk to me either and insisted several times that I talk to Piedad Garcia, Clinical Director for Mental Health Services for the County of San Diego. However, Malcarne said the team didn't go down into the riverbed area because they didn't think it was safe for women. She hadn't heard of the Friends of the Preserve, the efforts of Valerie Stallings, the activities of the police and the park rangers, the sweeps and the cleanups. But she seemed very interested and wanted to know who to get in touch with. I gave her the necessary phone numbers.

When I spoke to Piedad Garcia on the telephone, she told me that the Homeless Outreach Team helped the homeless in such areas as obtaining bus passes, ID, food, employment, and also helped the mentally ill. However, its members didn't go down in the riverbed area. "We might go down with a male team, but not with a female team where there is a safety issue. These people have been homeless for quite some time and are very, very anti-establishment, anti-system. They don't want to be worked back into the mainstream. They're very distrustful. So you have to build up the relationship over a long period and in the riverbed we've had to look at the safety issue and it's hard to

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have relationship building in the riverbed area."

She too knew nothing of the Friends of the Mission Valley Preserve or the activities of the police. All in all it was a rather frustrating exchange.

What will happen to the preserve is hard to say. It seems the numbers of the homeless are growing. It seems more trash is coming in than is going out. While there are many dedicated people working for the preserve, there are fewer dedicated people than originally. And it is hard to know what the new council member will do. Simply by appearing to be busy elsewhere, he or she can let it die a slow death.

What the project needs, unfortunately, costs money. It needs another park ranger and it needs additional sweeps by the police, which means more police officers. It also needs all that Mike Kelly discussed and more. At the moment it is no place for a third-grade field trip.

Yet the homeless cannot be simply driven off. That solves nothing. After all, there are more than 9,000 homeless in the county. They can't be dealt with by keeping them on the run. So it was heartening to watch the workers from Casa Raphael and to realize that some had lived in the riverbed and were trying to change their lives. Yet they can't do it on their own. As Carla Frogner had said about the problem, "Get more programs, get more jobs. It's not something that a park ranger is going to solve."

Earlier I mentioned finding an unsigned poem in a campsite called "All Alone." This is how it went.

Sitting all alone, in this
home away from home,
I think of times of happiness and being loved by others.
A kind of love that heals wounds of loneliness,
This love of friendship is hard to explain,
It seems funny to me how people stay focused on one
Subject and remember only half of what they wrote down.
I learned as a man on this earth there are certain things
You need. Money is the first thing, second is a source
Of income, and third, goals. Being all alone in this tent
Gives me too much time to think especially when
I can't think of anything. I hate being alone.
It sucks. All I'm thinking now is how bored
Cave men were. Ha, Ha, Yeah…Fuck that.
Sitting here alone I realize how lucky or easy
My life is. It may be easy, but if I'm not happy
What's the use in trying to keep it easy? Well,
Self, life gets harder every second I live.

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A newspaper story gives its readers a sausage slice of time, but obviously time moves on. I visited the Mission Valley Preserve for several weeks in February and as the months passed I wondered what had happened to some of the people I had spoken with and what new developments had occurred.

The first person I talked to again was Randall from Casa Raphael who had been part of the cleanup crew hired by Environmental Services to clean out the debris from the homeless camps. It was three and a half months later. He was still at Casa Raphael and still getting up before 6:00 a.m. to go out and cut brush, remove graffiti, do roadside cleanup and remove debris from homeless camps. But Randall was very different, no longer jittery and fast-talking. He seemed at ease with himself with a sense of what he wanted to do with his life. His mother had died while he had been at Casa Raphael and he had been able to deal with it without needing to take a drink or a drug.

"My family doesn't want my apologies," he told me, "they want me clean. They want me to take care of my business. Once you know about recovery it's hard to go out and use again. It'd be a bummer. And I'm happy now, I'm happy as fuck. There's nothing tugging at me now. When you were using and down to your last line, you were always worrying about how you were going to get your next one. But I'm pretty peaceful now and it's cool and hopefully I can resurrect what's left of me and get on with my life."

Then at the very end of September I called Mike Kelly of the California Native Plant Society. First I asked him about the new council member, Donna Frye.

"Soon after being elected," he said, "Donna came to a restoration workshop that the Friends of the Mission Valley Preserve hosted and she assured us that she supported the preserve and our goals for the San Diego River. So she made it very clear from the beginning that she thought it was a high priority. In general she's been very outspoken on any issue to do with water quality and restoring habitat, whether it was Mission Bay or any of the creeks or rivers that flow into it, like the San Diego River."

Kelly was extremely optimistic about the future of the preserve and spoke of a number of new developments. For instance, representatives of the transit board had offered the Friends of the Preserve the ownership and management of 25 acres of its mitigated land on both sides of the river and bordering the preserve. This is presently being worked out through the parks department.

The supplemental environmental projects that the city funded in lieu of paying the $3.5 million for the sewerage spill have gotten under way, with the first step happening on September 27 when a contract was signed with one of the aerial photo agencies to do a low level flight over the city's portion of the river in order to begin the mapping.

In addition, state Assemblywoman Christine Kehoe, formerly a San Diego city council member, worked with Kelly and several others, including one of the mayor's senior staff members and representatives of the Storm Water Unit of the City, which is involved with water quality, to put together a package for state money for additional restoration work on the river. Called the Clean Beaches Initiative, this has now been funded to the tune of $1.5 million.

"So we're talking some serious money. And that's going to be used to do some additional restoration projects on the river. Now two days ago, coincidentally, [9/26] a press conference was held at several places on the river at which Mayor Murphy and council members Donna Frye, Jim Madaffer, who is upstream in the Mission Trails area, and Byron Wear, who shares part of Mission Bay with Donna Frye, plus Chris Kehoe and Charlene Zettel from the assembly and two members of the county board of supervisors attended. So a lot of politicians and a lot of community groups up and down the river were represented, such as our friends from the Mission Valley Preserve. Of that new money our priority is to start up high in the watershed and use the initial restoration monies to systematically work our way top down. That's always the best way when you're dealing with invasive plants and water quality issues. Much better to cure your problems upstream and move downstream. So we don't know if any of it will be spent in the Mission Valley Preserve. But it's considerable money and I think we're going to get a lot done on the city's portion of the river."

When I spoke to Donna Frye, she expressed great interest in the river.

"I've been working further downstream as far as the mouth of the San Diego River and then further up towards the headwaters,

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some of the Santee-Lakeside area. So I've been working on this for a long, long time so we actually have a connected river. The one thing you don't want to happen is to have fragmented areas. You want to have something that actually flows all the way from the headwaters down to Ocean Beach. Unfortunately there hasn't been any sort of continuity and there hasn't been any sort of unity so it's been everybody sort of has their own little plans and no one's really started thinking about what happens further downstream or upstream and started looking at the impact. So for me the whole area is critical, that whole habitat area, that whole river corridor, and until now there's been nothing that looked at a whole watershed-type management-type plan, which is really why it's been difficult to get to where it needs to be. It's going to take a long time, but the interest is there and certainly the funding is there, which it had not been before. The mayor is very, very committed to doing this and so is Councilmember Madaffer who is in District Seven, which is further upstream, and then the cities of Lakeside and Santee are getting involved with some very strong groups of people up there. So it's going to happen, I know it."

Donna Frye had no particular thoughts on the Mission Valley Preserve itself, which she saw as simply a piece of the entire river, one of those fragmented areas that eventually would be worked into the entire plan, rather than a preserve or a park with unique problems. Valerie Stallings, on the other hand, had a passion for the preserve. And so for the Friends of the Preserve this would seem to be a mixed blessing; the river will gradually be improved while their particular preserve will be overseen by the needs of the whole. As for the homeless, Frye saw them as a general problem: they caused fires, they littered.

Yet in the Mission Valley Preserve the homeless appear to be decreasing, according to Kelly, and this was in large part a result of the $43,000 Urban Corps training grant that Kelly and the Friends of the Mission Valley Preserve had been able to get.

"I went out in the field with them and helped train the crews," said Kelly. "First they did simple trash cleanup. They took out two and a half 80-cubic-yard dumpsters of trash in about two weeks of cleanup work. And let me tell you, they could take out another five, but we switched at that point to start to do some training and how to identify native plants and to identify exotic plants and some training in how to remove a variety of the highly invasive plants that are displacing natives, such as the giant reeds. And they're still working there. This is their third month and this training is enabling them to position themselves to work on other public projects — city projects — and they're already being hired by the city parks department to work on two other projects.

"And their presence has an effect on the homeless. Whenever they encounter an encampment they call a city ranger, they post it, they clean it up — of course the biggest telltale sign of a camp is the trash. Once in a while you have a homeless person who's not on drugs or alcohol, who's just genuinely poor. There was one fellow I knew living in a little tent in one of the canyons who was attending community college and couldn't afford an apartment — a spotless campsite. And you know what? Everybody cut that person slack. But with the other camps, good Lord, you've got trash and you've got toxic recycling going on and things that are very harmful to the environment. So the Urban Corps people — about six to eight of them — come across these camps, they get posted, the homeless move out and the Urban Corps team comes in and cleans out the trash."

But, of course, the only effect they have on the homeless is to move them to other locations and when they are driven from there they often come back to Mission Valley. It made me think of my homeless poet alone in his tent, writing, "Life gets harder every second I live."

During the summer I also talked to Tony Phillips, a grant writer and part of the administration of Alpha Project, of which Casa Raphael is a part. He told me:

"If I were an agent from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and every year I was reading an application from the City of San Diego for homeless assistance dollars, the first thing I'd say is, 'By God why are there still 15,000 homeless people in San Diego County?' And the second question would be, 'Are those the same 15,000 people?' And honestly we would have to answer, 'Yes.' Our public records document 52 million public dollars spent directly on homeless services in this county alone in 2000. And that much and a half again in private dollars. If you run that back, it doesn't take you long to add up that in the past five or six years a billion dollars has been spent on 15,000 homeless people. And they're still there!" ■

— Stephen Dobyns

Stephen Dobyns has been a reporter for the *Detroit News* and is the author of 10 volumes of poetry and 20 novels. His most recent work of fiction is a book of short stories, *Eating Naked* (Picador).

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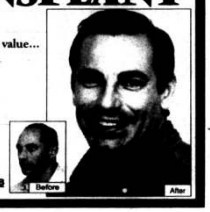

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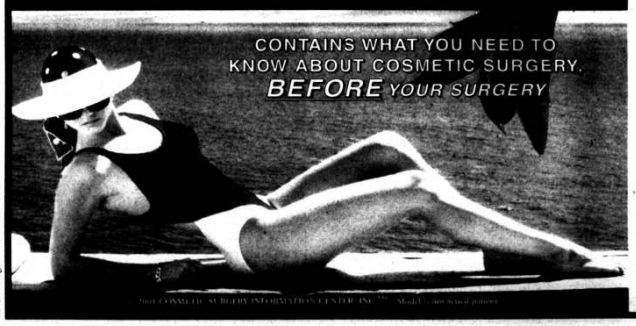

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Efrain Aristigui

Stupid White Fear

I find it ironic that this piece ("City Lights," October 11) *only* seemed to ask mostly white boys would they be willing to fight in this supposed war. No black men were featured, and they will probably disproportionately be the grunts sent to the front lines to protect these cowardly white boys' way of life. And black men have an absolutely *legitimate* reason *not* to go fight other people of color for this country. We get treated like third-class citizens during times of peace but are expected to run over and shoot to kill other people of color who are just as much victims of U.S. imperialism as we are. Thanks for showing how stupid people seem who are screaming for blood in Afghanistan but don't want to get up off their comfortable rotund asses to do the dirty work. They want to send somebody else, preferably somebody else's son and not their own. The military is made up of mostly poor and lower-class men and women who couldn't find opportunities in the private sector, and it continues to do the dirty work of rich, old white men who are too cowardly and feeble to do the grunge work themselves. I personally wouldn't fight off a cold for this country. What you put out into the universe will eventually come back to you. That is a fact of the universe. The U.S. is not exempt from this law although all these red, white, and blue fools seem to think so. God bless America, in the same way that He blessed Rome, Sparta, and ancient Egypt — and they eventually fell too.

Nat Turner
National City

Sackless Wonders

Regarding the October 11 article "Who Will and Won't Fight and Why" in the *Reader* ("City Lights"), I find it interesting that the question was not posed to any females. As a male sailor stationed aboard the aircraft carrier USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN-74), which is here in San Diego, I work along with many women who show more fortitude and genuine character than any of the men (term used loosely) that you questioned.

It's amazing how 17 of the 18 guys you asked were able to philosophize about why they felt we should not go to war...some even going as far

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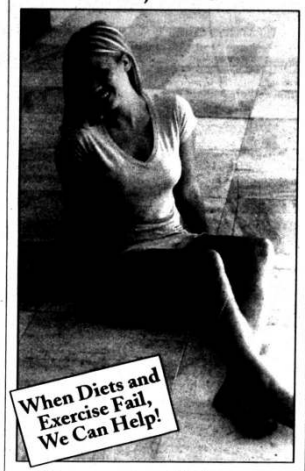

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as saying that the horror of September 11 was justified.

Basically, I feel they were all deluded by their solipsistic attitudes. When I consider all of the sacrifices that veterans have made during previous wars, I'm also curious if these "dudes" realize that the only reason they are able to hang out at the mall or the shops and have the freedom to answer your question is more than likely due to what they owe to military veterans.

I would advise all of those sackless wonders that in the future, if they are approached to give another response to the same question that they give the only response that they are qualified to give, which is to thank the men and women who love their country and in many instances are willing to die at the cost of ensuring our nation's future. Otherwise, keep your smug mouth shut and keep walking.

David-Michael Ross
San Diego

Be Very Afraid

I'm very surprised after reading the replies of those young men in "Who Will and Won't Fight and Why" ("City Lights," October 11). But I'm not surprised that these kids are afraid to fight. They should be afraid, be very afraid. World War III began on September 11.

On American soil.

What I'm surprised at is that Mr. Kumpel obviously chose to use the interviews of those who wouldn't fight under any circumstance, or only if they "had to." And those in the editor's office didn't question Mr. Kumpel's slant on the topic.

At the "When Bands Attack" show last month, I spoke with a group of 22- to 23-year-old Marine and Navy guys getting ready to ship out. These boys are *ready to rock*. They know that what they are doing *is* the right thing to do. This is Good against Evil.

I'm 35, too old to go defend my country in uniform. But after meeting these guys, they don't need me, and they certainly don't need those that don't have any sense of *what is just*. Like those guys whose *names* and opinions you published. I just wanted to say to you guys that I believe you've misrepresented the issue and that you should consider making Mr. Kumpel get all perspectives before submitting his story.

Lance Bagley
San Diego

Ready To Jump

It saddens me that the vast majority of the interviewees of "Who Will and Won't Fight and Why" ("City Lights," October 11) would not fight for our country. I'm 40 now, but at 17 I volunteered for six years of active duty as a hospital corpsman with Special Warfare in the U.S. Navy. Honorably discharged at the age of 23, I now live in North County and I have two businesses here.

I would agree that this enemy is not as apparent as in the past, but freedom is never free, and there are times when we must defend America. I have no problem in handing over the reins to my business partner and in the black of night jumping out of a perfectly good airplane. It might anger some readers that these young people feel the way they do, but the ability to speak out as these men did, well, that's what makes the U.S.A. the greatest country in the world. I served to protect that type of freedom, and I would do it again.

Brad Needham
Oceanside

Send 'Em To TJ

Those pathetic excuses for Americans you interviewed ("City Lights," October 11) are one reason why this country is in the mess it is in. Except for one individual (Ivan Dominguez), the rest of them don't even deserve to be here, and if it wasn't for the many in the last 60 years who had the courage to do what they are too pathetic to do (fight for their country), they wouldn't even be here. These kids are the perfect example of parents that don't care, a school system that gave up teaching for liberal indoctrination, and their own selfish attitudes. I vote we send them down to Tijuana to live for a few years (or longer) so they learn to appreciate what they have up here. I'm sure there are many kids down there that would love to exchange places with them.

Richard H. Kolb

Worth Fighting For

Though I am sure the sample of young men Robert Kumpel chose to interview ("City Lights," October 11) is not an accurate representation of the general population, I am appalled by his findings nonetheless. I am both saddened and angered that my fellow youth are so spoiled and complacent that they would find some way to get out of fighting if they were drafted. America may not be perfect, but as its citizens we are blessed with countless freedoms. One need only watch the news stories about life in Afghanistan to realize that the lifestyle and opportunities we enjoy on a daily basis are well worth fighting for.

Cindy Rubin
Leucadia

American Lice

That is a fine bunch of American citizens Robert Kumpel interviewed in "City Lights" ("Who Will and Won't Fight and Why," October 11). I'm damn glad this country doesn't depend on these guys for security of our great nation. No, America and the government are not perfect. It must be better somewhere else. In another country, perhaps. Some of these guys are even educated, 18 years old, ha, and don't understand this country was born out of war. I would be ashamed and embarrassed to put my face in any publication along with some of the points of view these punks have. Actually, I would be afraid. These American "sponges" who live under our great flag and have their opinion, and it is a free country to have an opinion, should be sent off to some other place, and the list of places is long, to experience that great world out there. Where the hell are these guys' parents, and what are they being taught? School is not the only place you learn this shit. I bet you would have gotten some different responses if those planes had slammed into the Copley Towers or Downtown Hyatt. These "dudes" need the wake-up call. I will answer the call and I have. Could Robert Kumpel go to NY and do a very similar interview and publish the results? I praise your report on "Who Will and Won't Fight." There is no acceptable reason why they won't, but we need to know there are non-contributors in our society. I would put my picture with the comments I've made here. Peace is king. War sucks. Go ride your skateboards and have your Starbucks, you American lice. We'll protect you. We'll make sure you are free and can have any opinion you want to have. We'll make sure you are able to protest and write articles about this country without being shot in front of a government firing squad.

David E. Herring II

Disgusting Garbage Pieces

I just finished reading "Who Will and Won't Fight and Why" ("City Lights," October 11). I am completely appalled and disgusted with everyone but two of the people in this article. I am 40 years old and would still, to this day, fight for my country. The people in this article have taken for granted the freedoms and privileges they have for living in America. They have named the places where they work, and the owners of these companies should fire them immediately. As for the two beggars, Steve Henson and Travis Riehl, you are pieces of garbage, and I would challenge you to a fight anywhere, anyplace, anytime. If you don't like this country, *leave now*. Shame on the parents of these "boys" (yes, "boys," they are not men) for not teaching their children the importance of patriotism, pride, and responsibility. I would kick my son's ass if I saw his name in the paper saying these things.

Boys, be careful what you wish for, you just might get it.

Norman Clayton
San Diego

Please Leave

I challenge you 17 boys who said you wouldn't fight for your country ("City Lights," October 11) to go and live — live, not just visit — for a minimum of four weeks, in China, Macedonia, Romania, Poland, Estonia, Mexico, Pakistan, or even Afghanistan. Then tell me you won't fight for the USA. If you don't like it here, please leave. I've lived in several of these countries mentioned for short periods of time, and believe me, I'm happy to live here. I shudder to think that you are the future of our country. Do you really want to live in mud huts with no potable water and little to eat? At least you wouldn't have to worry about showers, shaving, or haircuts!

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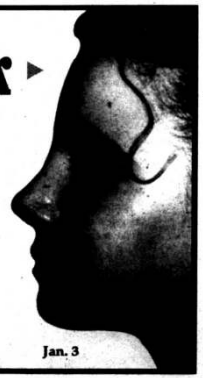

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was especially dismayed at the opinion of the student of Grossmont College, history major, who feels no allegiance to our country and feels that people who go off to die for our country are "silly."

This student has never known what it is like not to have freedom. The freedom to choose his life's occupation, the freedom to go to school, and the freedom of expression without repercussions. These freedoms were not free. Men had to die to obtain these freedoms he so easily takes for granted. I find no "silliness" in men dying for these freedoms. I was appalled that he had the audacity to belittle the brave men that gave their lives for these freedoms. I have no problem with his choice of fighting or not fighting, but to insult the men who made the ultimate sacrifice to give him all the rights he enjoys as an American, especially the right of freedom of speech which he so enjoys, is just unthinkable.

P.S.: I wonder if this man would feel it was worth fighting if foreign soldiers broke into his home to murder and rape, as happened to the Kuwaitis in 1990, or would he pray for these "silly" American men to come and save his ass.

Anybody who advocates war is insane, but there is a time and place for everything.

Dave Dickinson

Ex-Punk Sounds Off

I'm calling about the October 11 *Reader* ("City Lights"). I don't know why you guys put those street punks and listen to their points of view on who will fight and why, but I think it's a total waste of space. I'm an old-school street punk. I was in the service. I'm 38 years old, and I *always* work. And, you know what, they don't know anything about social studies, social history, anything, and I can't believe that you people are so leftist over at that communist *Reader* that you're putting their points of view in there. You guys need to set out with some real Americans what they think because you go out to these street f**kers over on Fifth, and all you're going to get's a bunch of junk. I've got retired World War II and Korean vets over here in my bar up on Broadway right next to the courthouse, and we don't play that game, so. You probably won't print this, but, you know what, next time quit being so leftist about your paper. Thanks.

Name Withheld

Nothing

Congratulations to Ivan Dominguez and Troy Hawks for being Real Men, as opposed to the rest of the Hillcrest hairdressers you selected for your "Who Will and Won't Fight and Why" feature ("City Lights," October 11).

If your home were infested with termites, what could the termites offer to you that would lead you to accept their existence? What could European Jews have given to Hitler that would have compelled him to abide their presence?

Answer: Nothing.

The leadership of militant Islam views the United States of America with the same contempt that Hitler or the Terminix man hold for those they deem to be a threat. Islam Fundamentalists, collectively, view our very existence as a scourge upon the earth. Their actions on 11 September demonstrated the lengths they will go to in order to remove us as a world power.

Ryan Elrod, if your "education" convinces you that the system you live in is not worth fighting for, will your life be worth fighting for when another system is forcibly delivered at your doorstep?

Sean Higby, your letter of "financial hardship" would probably break my heart — not. If you want to know about financial hardship, talk to the people who worked at BofA, Instinet, Cantor-Fitzgerald, or Unicom Capital on 11 September — if there are any of them remaining.

Albert Orti — how many occupants of the World Trade Center do you think were willing to sacrifice their comforts or leave their families on that Tuesday morning?

Do any of you actually believe that you enjoy the freedoms that you have today because on 4 July, 1776, Our Founding Fathers signed the "Declaration of You're Not Being Nice and We Don't Like It, So Please Stop" and the King of England immediately backed down? Not a chance — the Colonists had to take a stand then — much like we're being called to do now.

I was on active duty when our embassy in Tehran was seized in 1979; I re-enlisted in 1991 when America again needed her privileged to staud for her; I currently have friends and business associates whom I am forced to get by without because they've been called to stand on the front line — my respect for them is exceeded only by my contempt for you.

Ray Schultz
Vista

Fry-Bread Unfairness

We wish to thank your publication for our inclusion in your "Best 2001" edition but take strong exception to your writer's social comment, which was uncalled for and totally inaccurate.

First, fry bread is truly a Native American food as much as flour tortilla is a Mexican food, spaghetti sauce an Italian food, or potatoes an Irish food. Native American food did not stop evolving but rather absorbed and fused with what they learned from the European settlers and visa versa. It is still evolving just as any cuisine might.

Historically there is a question as to just when fry bread was first developed. Native Americans freely traded for flour, sugar, salt, and cooking utensils. For sure the introduction of the reservation system and "commodities" enhanced the adoption of fry bread and other breads. There is absolutely no evidence that fry bread "recipe" was stamped on the flour sacks.

As for the fry bread link to Native American diabetes, your writer states unfounded and simplistic reasoning. I would like you to correct these inaccuracies, not only for the sake of our restaurant, but in fairness to Native Americans and their food.

James Buel
Executive Chef
Burning Tree Native Grill

Bill Manson responds: *Michael Connolly, a member of the Kumeyaay Campo Indian reservation, who first talked to the writer about the origins of fry bread, suggests reading the article "Killing Us Slowly: The Relationship between Type II Diabetes and Alcoholism," by Ann Dapice, Ph.D., Clark Inkanish, ICADC, and others, at* Native Times.com *(or at* www.okit.com*). Part of that article reads: "Fry bread — made from refined wheat flour — was not traditional either. Many dishes now considered to be 'Indian' are the result of Indians losing their lands and cultural ways. Forced to live on commodity rations, Indians made recipes from what they had in order to survive. Unfortunately, these wheat-based, sugared, refined foods keep us sick." No slight against the gastronomically adventurous Burning Tree was intended.*

Self-Hatred Regimen

It was encouraging to see you take on the issue of America's obsession with the perfect stomach and body ("Belly," October 11). Although many people certainly exercise for the physical and mental lift, there are many men and women who put their psyches and their bodies through a harsh regimen of self-hatred and torture in the name of the "perfect body." However, I was disappointed that the article only catalogued the different viewpoints on the issue without examining profoundly the underlying causes and deleterious effects of this mania. Also, not to be hypersensitive, but I can't help but see the writer's decision to include one respondent's comment — "They're probably gay" — as a bit irresponsible. The issue of body image in the gay community is a serious social problem, and the comment seemed insensitive and promotive of stereotyping. The article could have been more analytical of the issue for the problem that it can be in people's lives.

Randy Beach
South Park

Less Abs, More Anthrax

I am very disappointed with this week's *Reader*. Your top story is a weight trainer? ("Belly," October 11) People who prefer a cut stomach? Is the *Reader* completely lost in what's going on in the world that you need to talk about an abdomen? Please understand. I believe it is important to keep good health and a decent weight, but, honestly, this is embarrassing.

I want to hear about today. How anthrax is passed through our system. We want to hear about some of the precautions San Diego is doing. Tell us about the San Diego airport changes. Don't scare people, tell them facts. Positives — rain, sun kill biological air after a certain amount of time. Tell people about that, not weight training.

Please, once again, I appreciate the very sexy bod on the cover and the article, but not now! We are in war.

It may not sound like it, but I do love the *Reader* very much and never miss an issue, but this week is a joke.

Kelly

Lesbian Judgement

In response to Matt Potter's disclosure that the *U-T* made no mention of Bonnie Demanis's status as a lesbian judge ("City Lights," October 11). My question is, does a lesbian judge judge lesbians, or does a lesbian judge belong to a lesbian-judge society? Does it really matter what the sexual orientation is of a judge? I doubt it, and I wish that your newspaper would be a little more sensitive to the sexual orientation of public and private officials.

Hirch Gottschalk
Park West

Doesn't Get Meltzer

I'm calling regarding Richard Meltzer's latest extrusion here on page 106 of the October 11 *Reader*. You know, when I saw that it was a preview of a Lee Konitz show, I was going to read the "Of Note" thing because Lee Konitz is one of the top bebop alto saxophone players. He was a member of the group with Warne Marsh and Lennie Tristano, who basically invented free jazz in one of the most formative periods of his career. But when I saw that the "Of Note" was authored — I use the term loosely — by Richard Meltzer, I didn't waste my time reading it because I knew it would have nothing to do with Lee Konitz. Apparently his

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name — I see it in bold here — his name does appear in the first paragraph of the thing. But I'm not going to read it, I don't have to read it, I have no intention of reading it, because I know it has nothing to do with Lee Konitz and there would be no information in there about Lee Konitz that I didn't know, and if there was, how would I know whether it was correct or not?

I mean, I really don't understand, does Richard Meltzer know so much about music that he can't even lower himself to actually write about something that he's been assigned to write about? You guys pay his salary so I don't know why it bothers me. It only bothers me to the extent that every once in a while I start reading something and I get about a paragraph and a half into it and I go, like, what is this nonsensical crap all about? and then I look and, oh, it's a Richard Meltzer thing I accidentally started reading. You know, please, why don't you fire that guy? Do you not read his stuff before you print it? To call it absolute bullshit is to aggrandize it. His stuff is crap. It's like random babbling. Christ, you could go to a mental institution and just find someone talking to themselves and they would have a lot more substantive contribution to make about any question that you'd ask them than anything Richard Meltzer's ever done. He thinks he's God's gift to music criticism. I don't understand it. I don't get the joke. Currently there's one joke that he keeps doing over and over again, like, hey, look, I'm going to write an article about a guy but it's really going to be about absolutely nothing at all. Enough, OK, enough, if anybody was ever going to laugh at it, I think they already have.

Name Withheld

Air-Safety Panic

I am Steve Elson. I recently received a copy of the *Reader* and read with great interest CDR Bill Salisbury's extremely well written, factual, and objective article ("No One Knew I Had a Knife in My Pocket," September 27). I am obliged to write this letter, not to counter any negative comments made about me by Mr. Flynn, but to make a few key points on Civil Aviation Security and what each of us as "We the People" must do to dramatically improve our odds of flying safely. Mr. Flynn's own comments validate my assertion that he was anathema to Civil Aviation Security. If he wants to attack or rebut me, then he has recourse — open debate on live TV before the Congress.

When I first saw the pictures on the front page of the *Reader*, I was struck by the fact that Mr. Flynn looked very official, very pensive, and very much like a man who should be in charge of a corporation. I, on the other hand, had my eyes mostly closed and was looking down. When I showed the paper to some friends, inevitably the first question was "Why are your eyes closed, and why do you look so sad, so 'beaten up'?" Reflecting a moment, I stated that I was emotionally drained, that a ferocious battle between despondence and rage was taking place inside of me, and that I was perhaps reflecting on some very quick, easy, and inexpensive measures Mr. Flynn could have taken to dramatically reduce the likelihood of a successful air terrorism event — if only he had cared and listened to the many good special agents in the FAA. But, he didn't and now 6500-plus bodies of innocent men, women, and children are burned forever into our memories. I was reflecting on days past when I held ADM Flynn in high esteem for his personal integrity and how he gave it over to the FAA Cult at the expense of the lives of the flying public entrusted to him during his tenure as head of FAA "Security." He broke his oath; he broke the faith!

The most basic/absolutely essential elements in aviation security are not technology, not money, but people — properly selected, well-trained, highly motivated, inspirationally led, and closely supervised people. It is that simple, that easy, and that cheap. I am one of the most fortunate people in the country for I have worked with the best people in the country — my teammates in the SEAL Teams. I have friends in or have worked with virtually every major law enforcement and intelligence organization in our country. Not a single one of them has the overall quality/motivation/dedication of people that I worked with in the SEALs, particularly the enlisted SEALs. Mr. Flynn had this same opportunity but apparently failed to learn from the Teams. I learned so much as an enlisted man working for the chiefs and petty officers in the SEAL Teams; I probably learned even more as an officer "working for" the chiefs and petty officers in the SEAL Teams. Thank you, gentlemen. That's why I know I have a good feel for people and what one can do with people. I know that people form the solid foundation needed to enhance security. Then technology is merely an adjunct to those people. Many "experts" and elected officials tend to be derisive of security checkpoint screeners. Checkpoint screeners in the end are "just people" and like other "populations" in the country have mostly good, decent people simply looking for leadership and a chance to contribute.

One of the big problems in FAA Civil Aviation Security is that most people in the organization know nothing about security. FAA management tends to confuse law enforcement with security; they are *not* the same thing. FAA special agents go to school, not to learn security, but to learn security regulations and administrivia. In Mr. Flynn's own words, "FAA Security is not a security force but a regulator of security." I agree. But how can FAA "Security" personnel regulate something they have never been taught, are discouraged from learning, and for which they are punished when "thinking outside the box"? They can't!

In order to effect and regulate good security, one must understand security concepts. In his own words in the article, Mr. Flynn made it abundantly clear that he does not understand security concepts. Two comments in the article are particularly instructive. Salisbury writes that "He [Flynn] said he simply could not have been expected to foresee the chain of events that has plunged us into a national crisis," and "Flynn said the FAA conducted such [brainstorming] sessions, but again, nobody envisioned the extraordinary facts of these terrible events: maniacal terrorists armed only with knives and box cutters...." (Perhaps Mr. Flynn was too busy, in his own words, "whil[ing] away the time" with his Swiss Army knife at that brainstorming session to envision any disaster.) It was not necessary for Mr. Flynn and his staff to envision the results of this "terrible event." It was his job only to "envision" keeping bombs and hijackers off the planes. That's all. The results matter not from an FAA Security perspective. Had he merely tried to keep bombs, weapons, and hijackers off the plane, the results might never have occurred. Ergo, his comment is a non sequitur. Once the hijacking had taken place and the terrorists had control of the plane, FAA "Security" had already failed, irrespective of whether the terrorists had gone for a joyride, landed, gone to Cuba, or crashed the plane into a building.

It seems to me that Mr. Flynn, like much of the public, looks at the security screening checkpoint as security. The checkpoint is only one small, discrete part of a much greater and all-encompassing security system. In my estimation, Civil Aviation Security should begin that system at a point some 5000 feet above the altitude that a shoulder-fired missile can bring the plane down. That system goes all the way to the ground and then literally everything from outside an airport perimeter must be part of that system, e.g., the airport physical plant, the runways, the terminal, the parking garages, the curbside check-in, the check-in area, the screening checkpoint, the halls, the gate desks, the jetway doors, the airplane, the wheel wells of the airplane, the cabin of the airplane, the cockpit of the airplane, the lav in the airplane, caterers, all service personnel, pilots, passengers, CNN Airport TV, all employees, all equipment, all facilities, etc. Security should be focused around the target — the airplane, be it passenger or cargo. Security has to follow a "defense in depth" concept or concentric circles (or more accurately, polygons) around the airplane. Nominally this is done; realistically the main focus seems to be solely on the screening checkpoint.

I see FAA security responsibilities ending, in the case of a hijacking, only when the hijackers have control of the cockpit/controls. There are many options that flight crews have at hand to defeat a terrorist or other miscreant. FAA agents and pilots have addressed these issues for years. It appears that no one heard or cared. I believe Mr. Flynn's contention that in the FAA staff "brainstorming" sessions "nobody envisioned the extraordinary facts of these terrible events" is probably true. That is because his staff had absolutely no clue about security concepts and is dedicated to the FAA management's cult's core "values" of self-aggrandizement, personal profiteering, and, above all, protecting management no matter the cost — even the horrific loss of life as we now see at the WTC. But — there are many agents in the field and some senior headquarters personnel who knew that there was only a Civil Aviation façade of security. Mr. Flynn ignored them or allowed them to be abused and threatened.

If Mr. Flynn had listened to his field agents and followed all FAA and DoT guidance (ACS Campaign Plan, FAA Strategic Plan, Model Workplace 2000, FAA Values) on how to treat employees (give them the tools and let them do their jobs), maybe, just maybe, we could have thwarted the events of September 11. Maybe there was no way to stop the hijacking; maybe we could have stopped one, two, three, or all the hijackings. We will never know because we (the field agents) were never given the chance to "do our jobs." Instead, Flynn managers (still in FAA "Security" and making over $100,000 per year). Mr. Flynn knew how bad these managers were from

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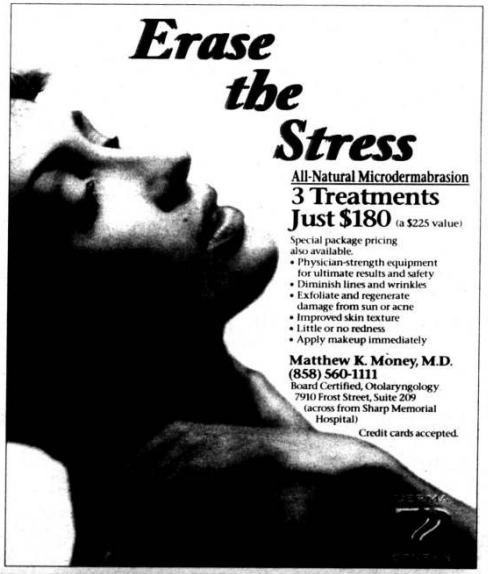

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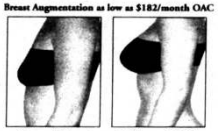

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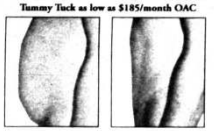

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One quick vignette is instructive here. Interestingly enough, the "knife" has played the prominent role in recent events. In the February 19, 2001, *U.S. News* article, Jim Morris described me walking through a security screening checkpoint several times with a "hunting" knife. It did not set off the metal detector, and I forgot I had the knife. Mr. Flynn knew this very knife did not alarm the metal detectors because shortly after taking over as head of FAA Security he went through the screening checkpoint at Dulles and commented to one of the FAA agents accompanying him that screening seemed pretty good. That agent then whipped out the same model of knife I had. When I assisted the Fox 25 Undercover News reporter on the assessments she did at Boston Logan in April of this year, a Leatherman tool (with knife blade) made it through the checkpoints every time. And then the hijacking featured box cutters/knives. Now the government wants FAMs (federal air marshals) on flights to deal with such issues. Here is a small excerpt from a FAM on Mr. Flynn's guidance to a FAM team when discussing knives, rules of engagement, and use of deadly force:

"So anyway, Flynn walks in while we're watching a film of a guy that stands up in the aisle of a plane brandishing a large knife (like a Bowie knife or butcher knife). He's yelling and screaming some nonsense about dying for his maker and slashing at people as he starts walking down the aisle. One of the FAMs asks Flynn, 'At what point can we shoot this guy?' and Flynn states (and I quote exactly, as his comment is seared into my memory), 'Well, the point at which you could draw and shoot is when he initiates his downward thrust with the knife.' "

Mr. Flynn mentions the many e-mails and letters I wrote to the White House, SEC, DoT, Congress, FAA, and at one point in the article says, "Steve is nuts." He confuses "nuts" with frustration and concern. What he didn't mention is that I addressed virtually all these problems (and proffered solutions) up the chain of command while in the FAA. People laugh when I say I am not one of the world's more patient people. But I was patient. I worked inside the chain of command long after I left the FAA. I repeatedly pled for someone to pay attention, because a number of us simply had that "gut" feeling about an impending disaster. My "strident" writings were not always so. They became more strident as I became more panicky that "something" terrible was going to happen and that it might easily be averted if someone just listened and cared. I twice went to Congress in 2000 taking literally hundreds of pages of well-organized, indexed, subindexed, and frightening documentation. Only one Congressional staffer took action. Sadly, he wasn't enough. So, Mr. Flynn, if you think I am "nuts," it is because you simply didn't care, didn't listen — to me and others trying to tell you so you could "envision" the attack. I pled with you and others to do something when I promised you and Kay Payne that I would go as high as I had to in order to try to prevent a disaster. I even threatened to go to the press, which I never did; they came to me. I told you, DoT, and Congress that the type of material I would have to reveal did not belong in the public domain, but in the end the public had to know *if* none of you cared, listened, or took action. None of you did!

And you the reader can greatly improve his/her own safety and security by reading analytically, paying attention, and HOLDING YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS ACCOUNTABLE. Those in Congress, DoT, and FAA all took an oath to "support and defend…well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

The White House and the Congress will remove Civil Aviation Security from the FAA if We the People demand it. We only get what we tolerate. Let us do our jobs as citizens.

Steve Elson

Glossy Waste

I'm wondering why you have to do a glossy cover. It seems like newsprint recycles easier and keeps the cost down. I liked the newsprint.

Name Withheld

Dump Meltzer

Get rid of Meltzer. Really bad writer. Anybody who writes about somebody's death ("Of Note," October 4) before they've even died doesn't deserve to have anything printed in any type of magazine whatsoever. I'm really appalled by this. I think that he should write a retraction and print it so that people can view it, and write a public apology to Jim Brickman.

James Roth
Hillcrest

Somewhere In The Shadows

Cheers to the brave veterans who took me to the woodshed about my letter of September 27, in which I voiced regret about the Palestinians' plight. I appreciate the history lesson and must admit that my letter was written after obsessing too long over a scene spotted on TV months ago. And, too, my letter was flavored by my own history.

My venting might be understandable had you had my experiences, maybe not. Anyhow, I saw a Palestinian man sitting on the ground with his young son in his arms. Standing over him, gun in hand, a young soldier slapped his face and kicked him repeatedly. Later the young boy was shot through the head in an "accidental" crossfire.

Have you ever sat, helpless, on the ground while someone slapped your face and kicked your ass? I hope not. It is not easy to forget.

When I discovered alcohol at age 16, I swore this would never happen to me again, and it has not. What did happen is not pretty. After I returned from WWII, on crutches, hooked on hospital morphine, already an alcoholic (but didn't know it at the time), I had a world of trouble. Finally, at age 27, with a wife and three kids, I found help for a time in a wonderful program. But then success clobbered me! Good job, first of my life, new car, nice clothes, little home for my kids, sudden BIG SHOT drank again, lost family, sober again, family returned, other great jobs.

But, the final alcoholic chapter deposited me in state prison doing a hopeless life sentence for murder. Totally whipped, sincerely sought help, got really sober, finally released after years of voluntarily speaking to youth groups under guard! (Of course.)

But, now, sober a long time, successful again, the fatal flaw of standing up for the underdog has landed me in a few fights. It seems that my brutal childhood has followed, somewhere in the shadows. But thanks to you brave men, I have taken another hard look at reality and feel much better, personally, though I have had to stop watching world news and have gotten off this damn computer, for the most part. In closing, I will share a little prayer that helps:

"God grant me the Serenity to accept things I cannot change, Courage to change things that I can — and Wisdom to know the difference."

Disabled Vet,
Learning STILL!

Bad Ray

We went to see, based on your review, *The Vertical Ray of the Sun* in La Jolla. We were amazed at how packed the theater was (11th of October) but more amazed at how~nobody seemed to like it. So we don't agree with your review and look to you to be a little more serious about which movies you give four stars to.

Alan and Sheila Silberman

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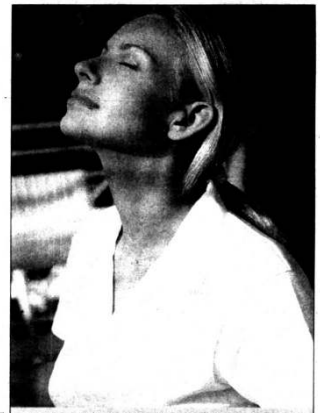

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Marjory Bowles, president of San Diego Mensa, isn't chatty, much less glib, despite the claim on her club's website that most of its members have "good vocabularies." She answers a reporter's questions but doesn't volunteer much information beyond them. (To wit: Do you have any hobbies? "My primary hobby is crocheting.")

She does open up a little when she is asked why anybody would willingly take such a test as Mensa offers on its Annual National Testing Day this weekend. Beyond being able to boast to those who care about such things, what are the benefits of discovering that one is Mensa material — i.e., in possession of an I.Q. in the upper two percentile of the general population? True, there are bike rides and bridge dates and lunches organized by the so-called High I.Q. Society. But you could engage in those same activities if you joined any number of other organizations.

LOCAL EVENTS

"A lot of people who join Mensa want to talk to somebody who would understand what they're talking about," says Bowles. "They like to tell jokes to people who would get the punch line. For myself, one of the weaknesses I had when I was growing up was learning how to behave in social situations. And every month we have a party, and I get to practice in a safe environment with people who aren't necessarily good at socializing, either."

Is she saying that Mensa members as a rule have social difficulties?

"Some do, but not all."

What prevented her from acquiring social skills when she was younger?

"I was more interested in reading and doing my homework well than going out."

Bowles works as a secretary for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Born in 1956 to a Marine Corps family that moved around a lot, she attended Orange Glen High School in Escondido. After graduation, she joined the Navy. She joined Mensa when she was in her early 30s but didn't have to take the Mensa test to do it. "I used my Navy Basic Test Battery score," says Bowles. (For a list of tests and scores that may serve as "prior evidence" of qualification, see *www.sandiego.us. mensa.org*.) A few months later, she convinced her husband, Dave, to apply. The unemployed technical writer, who got in on prior evidence of his own, is currently on the local group's board. The Lakeside couple have children from earlier marriages. The offspring, in their early 20s, aren't Mensa members but "probably qualify," says Bowles.

A girl of eight is the local chapter's youngest member; its oldest is a woman in her "upper 90s." Their most famous member is Richard Lederer, the Scripps Ranch resident who writes books about language and cohosts the KPBS radio show *A Way with Words*. The 800 or so others include a patent attorney, a nurse in the psychiatric wing of a veterans' hospital, a florist, a police officer, a real-estate manager, a retired Navy photographer, and an antique-car restorer. There are numerous educators, physicians, artists, homemakers — "and a lot of computer-type people who write programs," says Bowles.



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE ALLEN

Mensa members

The test on Saturday features questions involving logic and deductive reasoning. Test-takers must also listen to a recorded story, then answer questions about what they have heard. "It's a memory test," says Bowles. "If you miss something, you can't listen to the story again."

The Mensa test as a whole is a one-shot deal. If failure is your result, you cannot retake the test.

"We do provide a practice test that you can take in the privacy of your own home," says Bowles. "You can order it on the national website": *www.us.mensa.org*.

Mensa also provides a long list of qualifying tests you can take through other organizations. Or you could take one given by a private psychologist. Of course, being tested in these ways may be more expensive than putting yourself through Mensa's rigors.

If you are younger than 14, you must go one of the alternative routes, since Mensa itself hasn't devised tests for brains any younger.

If you aren't feeling up to test-taking on Saturday, the local chapter offers monthly testing, every third Saturday, without benefit of the national organization's publicity campaign.

One of Bowles's favorite Mensa activities is the discussion that it sponsors every fourth Friday. "We cover the controversial issues of our day," she says. But testing itself is a controversial topic. In fact, a discussion that drew more members than gun control was one about recent changes in the Scholastic Assessment Test. The group's enthusiasm for the SAT topic is understandable, considering that test scores brought them together in the first place.

— *Jeanne Schinto*

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BAJA

Classical Music is promised when the Orchestra of Baja California presents a concert tonight, Thursday, October 18, at 8 p.m., in the Calafornia Theater (Calzada Tecnológica, Fraccionamiento Tomás Aquino). Tickets are $12 U.S. For more information (in Spanish), call 011-52-66-82-1055. (TIJUANA)

"Tequila Expo 2001" — an event featuring more than 200 different brands and kinds of the drink, along with music and lectures — runs from Thursday October 18, through Sunday, October 21, at the Jai Alai Palace (Avenida Revolución). Admission is $3.50 U.S. Call 011-52-66-87-3337 for more information. (TIJUANA)

Spanish Photographer Chema Madoz has an exhibition of work on view through November at the Tijuana Cultural Center. The show opens with a reception on Friday, October 19, at 7 p.m. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Rio. For more information, call 011-52-66-87-9600. (TIJUANA)

Thirty-Two Beethoven Sonatas may be heard when pianist Daniel Nolly joins the Orchestra of Baja California for a concert on Friday, October 19, at 8 p.m., at the Casa de la Cultura (Avenida Paris #5, in Colonia Altamira). For additional details, dial 011-52-66-87-2604. Admission is $5.50 U.S. (TIJUANA)

Latin American Music is planned when Oscar Chavez and Trio Los Morales play at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, October 19, at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Rio). For more information, call 011-52-66-87-9600. Free. (TIJUANA)

Flavors of Guadalupe Valley, travel to Tecate for some of the town's famous *pan dulce* and coffee, then head out to Guadalupe Valley to tour two renowned small wineries during an outing hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, October 20, from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Afterwards, participants will journey to some larger established wineries to compare flavors and production methods and later enjoy a paella dinner. The $79 fee for nonmembers includes transportation. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to register. (TECATE)

Hit the Beach for the San Felipe Off-Road Poker Run and Beach Festival, slated for Saturday, October 20, beginning at 8 a.m. Organizers plan an off-road race for all kinds of vehicles, beach volleyball and soccer, music, food, and entertainment. Questions? Call 011-52-66-12-2525 for answers. (SAN FELIPE)

Wine and Dine in Ensenada when Baja California Tours hosts an outing on Saturday, October 20. The event includes tours and tasting at Pedro Domecq, L.A. Cetto, and Chateau Camou wineries in Valle de Guadalupe led by wine expert David Clark. The $75 fee includes lunch (on the veranda at L.A. Cetto) and round-trip bus transportation from San Diego. Dial 858-454-7166 for reservations. (ENSENADA)

The Queen of Fado, Cesaria Evora, performs at the Tijuana Cultural Center at 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 20. The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Rio. For more information, call 011-52-66-87-9600. Tickets are $45 U.S. (TIJUANA)

A Demolition Derby sponsored by the Tijuana Chapultepec Lions Club to benefit its scholarship program is slated for Sunday, October 21, at noon, at Campo Deportivo Romero Manzo, Mesa de Otay. Call 011-52-66-81-7726 for more information. (TIJUANA)

The Comedy *Don Juan Tenorio* may be seen at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Rio). Tickets are $27 U.S. Dial 011-52-66-87-9600 for additional details. (TIJUANA)

The Busy Orchestra of Baja California will present "From Middle Age to Mambo" on Wednesday, October 24, at 9 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. For information, call 011-52-66-87-9600. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Rio. (TIJUANA)

Omnimax Films, currently showing: *Oasis in the Sea,* featuring treasures of the Sea of Cortéz and the Baja California Peninsula; *Dolphins, 3-D Mania,* and *All Access* — with concert footage of B.B. King, Carlos Santana, Sting, and others.

The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Rio. For showtimes and other information, call 011-52-66-87-9600. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Leaves Are Beginning to Turn in coastal San Diego County's riparian woodland and oak woodland habitats. In response to a lackluster past rainy season and a bone-dry summer, the green crowns of willows and sycamores are already fading to yellow and brown. Beneath the oaks, the deciduous poison oak is flushing red. Good places for autumn walks this month and next include San Clemente Canyon (Marian Bear) Park adjacent to Freeway 52, Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve north of Mira Mesa, and Wilderness Gardens Preserve County Park east of Pala in North County.

The Moon Returns to the evening sky tonight, Thursday, October 18, its pale thin, tilted smile showing just above the dying glow of evening twilight in the southwest. With every successive day this week, the crescent fattens and brightens. By Tuesday, October 23, the moon at first-quarter phase (half-lit) stands next to reddish Mars over the south horizon during evening twilight.

Explore "The Wild Side of Blue Sky" when naturalist Annie Ransom leads an informative hike in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on Saturday, October 20. The topic is "Tracks and Scat: What Animal Left That?", on Sunday, October 21; naturalist and trained tracker Dave Kiser leads this easy outing. Both outings begin at 9 a.m. and last about 1.5 hours. Find the park on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. For information, call 858-679-5469. Free. (POWAY)

Explore One of Southern California's Few Remaining Salt Marshes when the Canyoneers head to Tijuana Estuary on Saturday, October 20, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Bring binoculars to observe the variety of water birds during this easy walk. For directions to the trailhead, call 619-232-3821 x203. Free. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Nature Around Us, view a variety of trees and plants that grow in the Indian area and learn fascinating facts about some of our local birds in a slide show presented by docent Suzy Bartlett on Saturday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m.& at William Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). Call 858-694-3049 for information. Free. (JULIAN)

Walk with the Birds and Bees at Dos Picos Park on Saturday, October 20. Lex Bakarich and Neil Connelly from the Iron Mountain Conservancy will lead this walk to meet aquatic and terrestrial insects and birds. Dos Picos, 17953 Dos Picos Park Road. 858-694-3044. Free. (RAMONA)

A Horse Hike led by local trail riders and naturalist Kris Preston in Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Reserve is planned on Saturday, October 20. Bring a lunch, lots of water, and your equine pal to the trailhead parking lot at 8:30 a.m. To register, call 619-956-4707. Find the park at 19324 Santee Lane. Free. (VALLEY CENTER)

Enjoy the Charming Neighborhood of Little Italy when MiraCosta College offers an excursion to the area on Saturday, October 20. Anthony Davi will lead a walking tour exploring the history, culture, and culinary traditions of the community. Highlights include lunch, backyard gardens, and browsing in shops. The $49 fee includes lunch, transportation, and the tour. Buses will depart from both the Oceanside and San Elijo campuses. To reserve a spot on the bus, call 760-757-2121 x6820. (LITTLE ITALY)

Practice Your Detective Skills to find out which wild animals live in Mission Trails Regional Park during a tracking workshop led by ranger Barrett set for Saturday, October 20, at 7:30 a.m. The workshop starts in the Kumeyaay Campground's day-use parking lot (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Call 619-668-3275 for detail.. (MISSION GORGE)

Go Birdwatching with Bryan Sharp and David Kisner during an outing in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, October 20. Join the group at the kiosk located at the corner of Calle de Vida and Colina Dorado. 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Protect the Endangered Otay Tarplant! Cut and remove weeds and sow native plant seed with California Native Plant Society and San Diego Zoological Society volunteers on Saturday, October 20, at Otay Sweetwater U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Join the group at 8 a.m. in the parking lot at Sweetwater Summit County Park (off San Miguel/Bonita Road off I-805). For more information, dial 619-271-5767. (CHULA VISTA)

Nothing Like a Workout in Nature, increase your heart rate on a strenuous three- to five-mile hike with Clif in San Dieguito River Park on Saturday, October 20, 9 a.m. to noon. For reservations and directions, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (SAN PASQUAL VALLEY)

Tree Time, OFFshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees on Saturday, October 20, at 10 a.m., starting from the park's visitors' center. Free. Dial 619-235-1121 for additional details. (BALBOA PARK)

OB Is an Attitude, Not a Zip Code, according to Patty Fares, who plans a three-mile Urban Safari exploring this time-warp town on Saturday, October 20 at 10 a.m. The fee is $10. For reservations and directions to the starting point, call 619-944-9255. (OCEAN BEACH)

The Monthly Beach Cleanup hosted by San Diego BayKeeper is set for Saturday, October 20, between 9 a.m. and noon, starting near the Ocean Beach Pier. Bags and gloves are provided for volunteers. For information, call 619-758-7743. Free. (OCEAN BEACH)

Bird Watchers and Nature Lovers are beckoned to take a nature walk at the Famosa Slough on Saturday, October 20, starting at 1 p.m. Expect an easy walk with good views of a variety of migrating ducks and shorebirds and salt marsh habitat. Meet at the kiosk at the intersection of West Point Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. Free. Bring binoculars. 619-224-4591. (POINT LOMA)

Love Those Lichens, learn about these unique organisms that tell us about the quality of the air we breathe when naturalist Gina leads a leisurely two-mile hike on Saturday, October 20, at 8:30 a.m. Join the group in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive) with water and hiking boots. 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

The Orionid Meteor Shower, one of the year's five best annual showers, peaks this weekend during the wee hours of Sunday, October 21. For best results, look during the hour or two before dawn, roughly 4 to 6 a.m. on that day, though the day before and after will be nearly as good. Under ideal conditions (dark skies, unobstructed horizon) you may spot up to 20 meteors per hour. The Orion ids "radiate" from the constellation of Orion, and many leave long-lasting trains, or glowing trails. Comet Halley is believed to be responsible for this shower. Every year at this time, the Earth plows through a stream of icy particles presumably shed by that comet in the past.

A Dusk Hike is planned in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Sunday, October 21. Participants may spy wildlife during this moderately paced four-mile walk to the waterfall and back. The outing starts at 4:30 p.m. at the kiosk located at the intersection of Camino Ruiz and Park Village Drive. Wear hiking boots and insect repellent, and bring water. Free. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Healing Walks for those who have experienced grief and loss are offered by the Elizabeth Hospice, so that participants may "enjoy the beauty of nature while moving in a healthy direction." Walkers meet on Monday mornings at 9 a.m. in Del Dios (across from Hernandez' Hideaway, 19320 Lake Drive) and at 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings at the Carlsbad seawall (take I-5 to Tamarack, exit and head west to the parking lot at the foot of Tamarack).

Each gathering opens with an inspirational reading and includes a picturesque walk. To make the requested reservations, call 800-797-2050. Free. (ESCONDIDO, CARLSBAD)

Ever Spotted an Acorn Woodpecker? Join the Audubon Society in Peñasquitos Canyon East for autumn birdwatching on Saturday, October 24, from 8 to 11 a.m. Possible species to see: Western bluebirds and white-tailed kite. Meet at the east entrance to Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Black Mountain Road. Expect minimal hiking of a moderately strenuous

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DANCE

Bellydancing and live Middle Eastern music is promised at Claire de Lune coffee lounge tonight, Thursday, October 18, at 8 p.m. Featured dancers include Cyrena, Julia, Nagwa, and Kamlesh; you'll hear music by Al-Kime. Admission is $5. Find the coffeehouse at 2906 University Avenue, 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Salsa Dance with David and Espie at Mind Body and Soul Dance Studio (2971 India Street). Group classes begin on Thursdays and Sundays. No partners necessary. The fee is $9 per class. For times and other information, call 619-364-6846. (MIDDLETOWN)

Contradance, Steve Barlow calls and the Old Twine String Band plays the music for the contradance on Friday, October 19, 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)

Jump, Jive, and Swing It Live when the Bobby Gordon Trio performs for this month's Champion Swing Party on Saturday, October 20. Doors open at 8 p.m., with shag lessons at 8:30 p.m.; the band performs from 9:15 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. at the Champion Ballroom (3580 Fifth Avenue). Admission is $10, and all ages are welcome. 858-603-3784. (HILLCREST)

Swing and Jitterbug Dance Party, Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center hosts dancing on Sunday, October 21, for singles and couples of all ages. The DJ plays music for dancing from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Find the center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. Call 619-275-3533 for information. Admission is $5; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

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 18, see *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?

With a screenplay by Carl Sagan, *Contact* explores the profound impact that contact with extraterrestrials has on a dedicated scientist, played by Jodie Foster. This film will be shown next Thursday, October 25.

Discussions are 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, continuing at the Museum of Photographic Arts through November 8. Tonight, Thursday, October 18, enjoy live music by Gilbert Castellanos and the B-3 Organ Trio and then see *The Wonderful World of Louis Armstrong*. Next up: Peter Sprague opens the evening and is followed by *The Buena Vista Social Club* next Thursday, October 25. Tickets are $15 general. For more information, call 619-238-7559 x302. (BALBOA PARK)

The International Film Series continues with the Peruvian film *The Lion's Den* on Friday, October 19, at 7 p.m., in room 3601 at MiraCosta College (at One Barnard Drive). For more information, call 760-795-6612. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

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 19 and 20. 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)

"Film School Confidential" is a showcase of San Diego student films, an event curated by the San Diego Film Critics Society. The festival boasts 15 short films by 13 different students from four schools; all films were made in 2000 or 2001. All of the events take place at the Museum of Photographic Arts.

Events begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 19, with screenings of *Sigh, The Choices We Make, The Egg Incident, Starring into the Sun, Green Fly, Killing Time,* and *Trudy*. Martin Scorcese's student short *Is That You, Murray?* will be screened following the students' efforts.

Films slated for Saturday, October 20, at 7 p.m., include *A Tribute to Lumiere, L'Amour, A Perfect Order, Transit, A Drop of Red, Stash, Gas Station,* and *Omega Shell,* followed by the early François Truffaut short *Les Mistons*. Both evenings include a dessert buffet and reception for the filmmakers. Admission either night is $5.

Sunday's filmmaking seminar starts at 2 p.m., with filmmakers, industry professionals, and festival programmers on hand to answer questions. The seminar is free for anyone who purchases ticket to Friday or Saturday events. The programs are recommended for mature audiences. For more information, call 858-874-1900 x274. (BALBOA PARK)

Cine Mexicano, the Mexican film series continues with *Delores del Rio: Belleza Mexicana* on Saturday, October 20, at 5:15 p.m., at the Mann Hazard Center 7 theaters. Also on tap: the newly released romantic comedy *Demasiado Amor* (To Love, Too Much), running Friday, October 19, through next Thursday, October 25.

Screenings begin at 5:15, 7:30, and 10 p.m., with additional screenings on the weekends (at 12:45 and 3 p.m.). Tickets: $7.50 general. For more information, call 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Delayed Delivery of a Guillotine forces a stay of execution for a murderous stranger in an isolated French colony off the Newfoundland coast in *The Widow of St. Pierre*, screening on Sunday, October 21, at 2 p.m., for the Sunday Matinee at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). This film, based on a true story, stars Daniel Auteil and Juliette Binoche. Free. 619-236-5800. In French with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

The History of Radio in the U.S. is traced in the documentary *Radio: Out of Thin Air,* screening for the "Fast Forward" film and discussion series on Monday, October 22, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library. Professor George Lipsitz will lead the following discussion. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Mountainfilm Festival, take in these mountain, adventure, cultural, and environmental films when highlights from Telluride's renowned festival are screened on Monday, October 22, at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Tickets are $10 in advance, or $12 at the door. For reservations, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

An Icy-Cool Portrayal of Emotional Dissolution is offered in *La Separacion*. Christian Vincent's 1995 film starring Isabelle Huppert and Daniel Auteuil. See this "hypnotic portrait of emotional meltdown" when it's shown for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library on Tuesday, October 23, at 6:30 p.m. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. In French 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 25, see *The Cook, the Thief, His Wife, and Her Lover*. 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. (SAN MARCOS)

LECTURES

Inspiration, Ideas, and storytelling techniques are on offer when Karen Kenyon leads a memoir-writing seminar at the Book Works. The three-week class begins tonight, Thursday, October 18, at 7 p.m. The fee is $40. The bookstore is located in the Flower Hill Mall, at 2670 Via de la Valle. Call 858-755-3735 for the required reservations. (DEL MAR)

"Test Your Balance for Preventing Falls" when Wanda Crook and a team from Sharp Rehabilitation Center visit the Retirement Living Class planned at 1 p.m. on Friday, October 19, at Elderhelp (4069 30th Street). Expect screenings and testings and individual advice. Free. Call 619-284-9281 for additional information. (NORTH PARK)

"I Luoghi di Canne al Vento" is the topic when SDSU profetsor Richard Guidotti discdsses the Italian island of Sardinia and its native author Grazia Deledda. The lecture begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 19, at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Call 619-237-0601 for information. Free. (LITTLE ITALY)

As Part of Disability Awareness Month activities at UCSD, a lecture and panel discussion is scheduled for Friday, October 19, at 7 p.m., in the Price Center Theatre. The topic is "Stem-Cell Research: Where Science Meets Politics and Ethics." Free. For information, call 858-534-6744. (LA JOLLA)

Above and Below, underwater photographer Stan Strauss presents a lecture and slide show entitled "The World of Underwater and Outer-Space Photography" for the Sierra Club on Friday, October 19. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of the zoo's main entrance). Call 619-299-1744 x1040 for information. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Paintings and Sculptures created by David Beck-Brown between 1995 and 2000 are currently on exhibit at the Galerie D'Art International. Meet Beck-Brown when he presents an artist's lecture at the gallery on Saturday, October 20, at 4:30 p.m. Find the gallery at 592 Carlsbad Village Drive. 760-434-2282. (CARLSBAD)

"Pacific Beach in the 1980s" is the subject for a slide show planned for the Pacific Beach Historical Society on Saturday, October 20, at 1 p.m., at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library; 4275 Cass Street). 858-272-6655. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Smart Growth in the Inner City" is the topic when urban planner Gary Rose Weber presents a slide-illustrated lecture for the Friends of San Diego Architecture at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 20, at the New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). For information, call 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. A $3 donation is requested. (DOWNTOWN)

Let It Rot, a composting workshop is set for Saturday, October 20, from 8 to 9:30 a.m., at the Escondido Community Garden (just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway; park in the park and ride lot). The workshop will be led by master composters and will include instruction and demonstration in the building and maintenance of a backyard compost pile and worm bin. Free. 760-839-4818. (ESCONDIDO)

Polly Has Pizzazz, learn about the widely differing personalities of parrots commonly kept as companion birds when the Parrot Education and Adoption Center presents a seminar at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 20, at the Golden Hill Recreation Center (2600 Golf Course Drive). $10. Call 619-287-8200 for information. (GOLDEN HILL)

This Is the End? The Center for Neurologic Study hosts Ray Biller of San Diego Hospice when he focuses on "Making End-of-Life Decisions" on Saturday, October 20, at 1 p.m., at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library; 4275 Cass Street). 858-272-6655. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Tracing Ancestors Who Lived in Cities" is but one of the topics when the North San Diego County Genealogical Society hosts its fall seminar on Saturday, October 20. Other subjects up for discussion include "Pre-1829 Census Records," "Tracing the Ladies in Your Pedigree," "How to Find Bird, Marriage," and "Death Dates Prior to 1900." Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. The seminar continues until 4 p.m. The fee is $20, plus $6 for lunch. To reserve a spot, call 760-630-5720. (CARLSBAD)

What Is the Psychic Significance of animals in dreams and symbols? Find out when Jungian analyst Neil Ruzsack speaks for the Friends of Jung on Saturday, October 20. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (334 14th Street). Admission is $15 for nonmembers. For more details, dial 858-587-4651. (DEL MAR)

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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 on Sunday, October 21, at 2 p.m. The lecture is included in regular museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Class-Action Lawsuits Cost You," according to the San Diego Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, who will have a representative on hand to speak for the Libertarian Supper Club meeting on Sunday, October 21. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at Coco's Restaurant (4280 Nobel Drive). $5. Call 858-759-8389 for information. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

Bring Your Instrument to the House of Strings on Sunday, October 21, when U.S. National Mandolin Champion Radim Zenkl hosts a guitar and mandolin workshop on a variety of topics and mini-concert at 4 p.m. Find the House at 3411 Ray Street. For more information, call 619-280-9035. Free. (NORTH PARK)

A Poetry Writing Workshop is set for Sunday, October 21, by Jim Miller for the Magee Park Poets. The workshop will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. For more information, dial 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

Now's the Time to Plant, so join the Lake Hodges Native Plant Club on Monday, October 22, when Greg Rubin focuses on "Landscaping with Native Plants." Rubin is the owner of California's Own. The talk starts at 2 p.m. in the upstairs seminar room of the Rancho Bernardo Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). Free. 760-741-0829. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Traditions behind El Dia de las Muertos will be explored when San Diego Museum of Man curators and staff present "Community Traditions — Dia de los Muertos" on Monday, October 22, at noon. Participants will aid the staff in decorating a traditional Day of the Dead altar with customary foods, flowers, and remembrances. Admission is $6 for nonmembers. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Climb the Family Tree, reference librarian and amateur genealogist Jane Hesse will conduct an "Introduction" to Genealogy" class on Monday, October 22, at 1 p.m., at the Oceanside

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"Small Wars and Military Records" will be illuminated when Clancy Boyd speaks for the North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, October 23, at 10 a.m. in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-723-1342. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"Shakespeare Today" will be delved when the San Diego Shakespeare Society gathers on Tuesday, October 23, at 7:30 p.m., at the Cassius Carter Center Stage Theatre. Radio show hosts Richard Lederer and Charles Herrington Elster will challenge a panel from the society including Thomas Leech, Fred Lewis, Craig Noel, and others. J. Joe Craft, director of the Denver Public Schools Shakespeare Festival, will make a special presentation. The suggested nonmember donation is $10. Questions? Call 619-255-1401 or 619-233-5400 x1602 for answers. (BALBOA PARK)

If All Goes as Planned, a spacecraft named *2001 Mars Odyssey* will land on Mars on Wednesday, October 24, to map the planet and search for minerals and water. Hear the latest on this mission when JPL "Solar System Ambassador" Earl Towson presents "2001: A Martian Odyssey" for the Eyes on the Universe series at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24. Admission is $6.75 general. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Arrangements Using Bamboo will be presented by *sensei* Haruko Crawford of the Ichiyo School when members of Ikebana International gather on Wednesday, October 24, at 10 a.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. 619-223-8879. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Challenges of the Western World" will be explored by Moshe Arens, who has been a member of the Knesset since the early days of the state of Israel, when he speaks on Wednesday, October 24, at 7:30 p.m., at Congregation Beth Am (5050 Black Mountain Road). For more information, dial 858-481-8454. Free. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Where Do We Locate Jesus on the variegated and confusing map of First-Century Palestinian Judaism? For almost 200 years scholars have been engaged in the search for the historical Jesus. John P. Meier, theology professor at the University of Notre Dame, will focus on "Jesus the Jew — But What Sort of Jew?" at 8 p.m. next Thursday, October 25, in Peterson Hall room 108 on the Thurgood Marshall Campus at UCSD. Free. Call 858-452-0285 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

Gardener Extraordinaire and Del Mar resident Pat Welsh will focus on what needs to be done in the garden right now when she visits the Book Works to dispense tips on Thursday, October 25, at 7 p.m. Bring your questions! Find the shop in Flower Hill Mall, at 2670 Via de la Valle. Call 858-755-3735 for more information. Free. (DEL MAR)

Learn How the Topography of S.D. Was Formed when Pat Abbott visits the San Diego Natural History Museum next Thursday, October 25. "The Making of the Video *Written in Stone: The Rise and Fall of San Diego*" starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are $8 general. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

"Stalking: An Old Behavior, a New Crime" is the topic when forensic psychologist Reid Meloy speaks at 12:15 p.m. next Thursday, October 25, in the auditorium at the California Western School of Law (350 Cedar Street, at Third Avenue). Meloy will discuss the nature and dynamics of stalking, with a particular focus on the interface of legal, clinical, and forensic issues. Free. Call 619-525-7645 for details. (DOWNTOWN)

IN PERSON

Self-Proclaimed "Word Drunk" Billie Dee will read from her work for No Borders at 8 p.m. tonight, Thursday, October 18, at the Other Side (4096 30th Street, at Polk). Dee will be followed by an open reading, with sign-ups starting at 7:30 p.m. No cover — donations appreciated. 619-521-0533. (NORTH PARK)

Epidemiologist, Amateur Botanist, Musician, and author Rebecca Rothenberg died in 1998, with an unfinished manuscript for her book *The Tumbleweed Murders*. The work has been completed by her friend and colleague Taffy Cannon, who will sign and discuss the book at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, October 18, at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

Hot Jazz and Cool Films, stellar musicians and jazz-inspired films are featured in MoPA After Dark, continuing at the Museum of Photographic Arts through November 8. Tonight, Thursday, October 18, enjoy live music by Gilbert Castellanos and the B-3 Organ Trio, and then see *The Wonderful World of Louis Armstrong*. Next up: Peter Sprague opens the evening and is followed by *The Buena Vista Social Club* on Thursday, October 25. Tickets are $15 general. For more information, call 619-238-7559 x302. (BALBOA PARK)

"Salsa Dura," or hard salsa, is the bailiwick of trombonista Jimmy Bosch, who brings his hot Latin jazz and salsa band to UCSD's Price Center Ballroom on Friday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 general. Call 858-534-8497 for information and reservations; tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Billed as a "Visionary," an "innovative businesswoman, singer, artist manager," and mother of singer Jewel, Lenedra J. Carroll will sign and talk about her book *The Architecture of All Abundance* on Friday, October 19, at 7 p.m., at Bridge Way Books. Find the shop at 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, suite A-30, and by calling 760-943-7875. Free. (ENCINITAS)

She's Preparing to Move to India to open her International Institute of Higher Knowledge, but before departing, motivational speaker and author Terry Cole-Whittaker will present a program entitled "21 Days to Personal Riches." The talk starts at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 19, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). The fee is $20. For more information, call 619-667-5700 x306. (MISSION VALLEY)

Fresh Sounds, the Fresh Sound Music Series at the Spruce Street Forum continues with a concert by the Bhatt/Riley/Brooks Trio on Friday, October 19, at 8 p.m. This promises to be an evening of minimalism, jazz, and raga; the performance will draw on the centuries-old Indian classical music raga forms and melodic improvisation combined with modern American jazz. Tickets: $20. Find the Forum at 301 Spruce Street. For reservations, call 619-295-0301. (HILLCREST)

Vampire Hunter Anita Black returns to St. Louis to battle monsters in Laurell K. Hamilton's book *Narcissus in Chains*. The author will sign and discuss and sign his work at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 19, at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. Call 858-268-4747 for information. (CLAIREMONT)

Hooray for Hawaii, can't get to the islands this year? Head to the Del Mar Hilton on Friday, October 19, when Hawaiian singer Darlene Ahuna performs with San Diego's own Keni. Also on tap, performances by dancers from four of "San Diego's best *halaus*" (hula schools), a Hawaiian craft fair (5:30 p.m.), and a Hawaiian plate ($6). The concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are $20 in advance, or $25 at the door. Find the Hilton at 15575 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. Call 619-426-1953 for further information. (DEL MAR)

The La Jolla Writers Conference — "conceived and planned by writers for writers" — includes author signings open to the public. Meet Catherine Ryan Hyde, author of *Pay It Forward*, when she signs at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 19.

On Saturday, October 20, science fiction writer David Brin will be joined by 1999 International Reading Award winner John H. Ritter, mystery writer Martha Lawrence, Alan Russell, Sara Lewis, Chet Cunningham, and many others, who will be signing at 6 p.m. Both events take place at the La Jolla Cove Suites, 1155 Coast Boulevard. Free. Call 858-350-8657 for details. (LA JOLLA)

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)

"Reading, Writing, and Rhythm: World Music Series" — enjoy the rich repertoire of Celtic music including song melodies, dance tunes, and original compositions when Todd Denman and Aniar perform on Friday, October 19. Denman is described as "a master of the uilleann pipes, the most sophisticated and complex instrument in Irish traditional music."

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)

Traditional Music of South America may be enjoyed when Sariri performs for the Fall Concert Series at the First Unitarian Universalist Church on Saturday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m. Sariri is a word from the Aymara culture, meaning a ceremonial musician, a keeper of traditional music, who travels from place to place. The group uses three types of instruments: winds, percussion, and strings.

Find the First Unitarian Universalist Church at 4190 Front Street. Admission is a suggested $10 donation. For additional details, dial 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

"We Are All Wounded in Some Way," according to singer, artist, and incest survivor Cici Porter. Head to the Seaside Church of Religious Science on Saturday, October 20, for the "Cici Porter Journey to Wholeness Kick-Off Concert," beginning at 7 p.m. The series is dedicated to the healing and prevention of childhood sexual abuse. Find the church at 1010 South Coast Highway 101; call 858-592-6858 for more information. Tickets are $20. (ENCINITAS)

"Bodacious Women: The Bold, the Bad, and the Beautiful" is the theme when Barbara McBride-Smith presents a storytelling concert on Saturday, October 20. McBride-Smith is known for her "uptown, down-home Greek myths, her postmodern folktales," and personal tales.

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

The Second Annual Gala Concert hosted by the San Diego Vocal Arts Chorale is set for Saturday, October 20, at 8 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). The program promises performances of classical, spiritual, pop, and patriotic tunes. Tickets range from $11 to $21. For more information, call 619-670-1856. (EL CAJON)

"Pride in Heritage Month" celebrations continue with poetry and storytelling by the African-American Writers and Artists on Saturday, October 20, 7 p.m., at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). For more information, call 619-641-6100. Free. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Laugh and Giggle at the improvisational puppetry of Margaret Katchur when she brings her "zany and loving characters" to life at Lestat's Coffeehouse on Saturday, October 20, at 2 p.m. The show is interactive and appropriate for all ages. Find the coffeehouse at 3343 Adams Avenue. Call 619-282-0437 for more information. Admission: $2. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Music from Around the World" may be enjoyed when the North Coast Concert Chorale, Chamber Chorale, and San Elijo Chorale gather for concerts on October 20 and 21. The choirs will perform music from Africa, South America, Canada, Japan, Australia, and Romania, along with African-American spirituals.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Tickets are $7 general. For reservations, call 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

The Gaelic Musical Tradition comes alive when Men of Worth — Donnie Macdonald from Scotland and Jimmy Keigher of Ireland — arrive for appearances hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage on Sunday, October 21. The duo will present a workshop entitled "Cultural Presentation on Ireland and Scotland in Language and Music" at 4:30 p.m.; admission is $10. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.; tickets are $15. The events take place at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. For reservations, call 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Private Eye Matthew Scudder Creator Lawrence Block visits Mysterious Galaxy Books on Sunday, October 21, at 5 p.m., to sign his 15th Scudder book, *Hope to Die*. Find the shop at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and by calling 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Scottish and Irish Music may be enjoyed when Scottish harpist William Jackson performs on Sunday, October 21, at 2 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Jackson was a founding member of the Scottish band Ossian. Tickets are $15 in advance, $18

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"America Sings!" It's the theme when the Paris Festival Choir of the San Rafael Catholic Church performs patriotic songs on Sunday, October 21, at 4 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street). The group will also sing songs of the American heritage and those expressing friendship and harmony. An offering will be received. For more information, call 858-487-4314. (LA COSTA)

Author David Brackney will sign copies of his latest book, *Mexico's Baja California*, on Sunday, October 21, at 1:30 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Free. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

An Eclectic Program — including music from the synagogue, sanctuary, studio, salon, stage, screen, and saloon — is promised when baritone Vincent Martin is joined by Robert MacLeod on organ/piano for a concert on Sunday, October 21, at 3 p.m., at Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church (at Girard Avenue and Kline Street). Donations will be accepted for "any number of charities related to the events of September 11." For information, call 858-566-4466. (LA JOLLA)

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.

This equestrian theatrical experience was created by Gilles Ste.-Croix (co-founder and artistic director of ten Cirque du Soleil productions). Thirty horses of 17 distinct breeds perform in the center ring, demonstrating a wide variety of skills and movement. The animals are guided by 27 humans, to original music and lyrics.

Find the big top at the southeast corner of Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Performances continue through October 21, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, at 3 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, and at 1 and 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets start at $25 for children, $46 for adults, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (BALBOA PARK)

Jazz at Seagate, this series opens when **Blurring the Edges performs for this Seagate Concert on Sunday, October 21. The ensemble includes** Peter **Sprague (guitar), Fred** Benedetti **(guitar), Tripp Sprague** (sax, flute), **and Hal Sprague** (percussion). The concert begins at 2 p.m. at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Tickets are $15 general; there's a family rate at this concert only of $25 for two adults and at least one child. For reservations, call 760-436-8744. (ENCINITAS)

Gospel Pianists and Artists the Bowker Brothers will present a Sunday-night concert on October 21 at 6 p.m. at College Avenue Baptist Church (4747 College Avenue). Admission is free. Call 619-582-7222 for information. (COLLEGE GROVE)

Play Time, the Carlsbad Playreaders will present *The Boys Next Door* by Tom Griffen on Monday, October 22, at 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Admission is a $5 donation. For information, call 760-729-3383. (CARLSBAD)

Live with Passion, Energy, and honesty after taking up the challenge set out by Oriah Mountain Dreamer in her book *The Dance*. Meet the author when she signs and discusses her work at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 22, at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. For information, dial 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Open Poetry, sign-ups begin at 7:30 p.m. and open readings run from 8 to 10:30 p.m., on Monday, October 22, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison); 619-296-0616. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Folk Music of Finland and Appalachia may be heard during programs beginning at 6 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 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)

Whaddaya Say? *Ask: The Revolutionary New Guide for Getting Total Customer Satisfaction* will be signed by local author Barbara Roßin on Tuesday, October 23, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar). Free. Dial 858-755-2707 for more details. (DEL MAR)

Child Advocate Betty L. Mahmoody, author of *Not without My Daughter*, speaks for the 13th annual Women Together luncheon slated for Wednesday, October 24, at 11:30 a.m., at the Hyatt Regency (One Market Place). Tickets are $60, benefiting three community agencies. Call 619-741-2650 for space availability by October 19. (DOWNTOWN)

Student Ensembles at San Diego State University perform for the concert starting at noon on Wednesday, October 24, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. For information, call 619-594-6060. Free. (SDSU)

History of Big Bands, this lecture and concert series offered by the San Diego Jazz Quartet continues with a look at classic swing at the San Diego Museum of Art at 7 p.m. next Thursday, October 25. Listen for sounds by Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie, Charlie Barnet, and Glenn Miller. Tickets are $15 general. For reservations, dial 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

SPORTS

Big on BMX? The Del Mar Fairgrounds host the ABA Fall Nationals of BMX October 19-21. Competition takes place from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free for spectators. Call 480-961-1903 for information. (DEL MAR)

Free! The 2001 FPA Freestyle Frisbee World Championships run October 19-21 at Mariner's Point. In freestyle, players do tricks, catches, and manipulations with the disc while combining dance and gymnastic movements. More than 60 of the top-ranked Frisbee pros in five divisions are expected to compete. Between rounds, a diverse group of masters will demonstrate juggling and Goalitmate, and canines will be on hand as well.

Tournament play is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with finals from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Child/parent classes are offered on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. For more information, call 619-223-3472. (MISSION BAY)

Walk, Run, Skate, or Bike during the event hosted by the Fifty-Plus Fitness Association on Saturday, October 20, starting at 8:15 a.m. in Fanuel Park (located on Pacific Beach Drive, at the south end of Fanuel Street, on Sail Bay). Participants travel approximately four miles in an hour, ending up with coffee or breakfast (bring money for the optional food). 619-273-5614 or 858-457-0602. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Gulls Hockey, the home opener for the San Diego Gulls takes place against the Bakersfield Condors on Saturday, October 20, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from $5 to $17.50, available by calling 619-224-4625. The games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

Learn the Basics of Rock Garden Paddling and explore caves and rock formations when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts a family kayak trip to the La Jolla Shores on Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21. Participants are likely to see sea lions, leopard sharks, and pelicans in this underwater marine reserve.

Both events run from 9 a.m. to noon. The nonmember fee is $60 per person in a double kayak, or $80 per person in a single kayak. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (LA JOLLA)

Light the Night Against Crime, this 5k starts promptly at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 20, on Pacific Highway (at Broadway). Bring a flashlight and wear a costume! 858-792-2900. (DOWNTOWN)

You're Gonna Get Muddy, Soldier! Slippery military training obstacles, knee- to waist-deep murky water, slimy mud pits, and rugged terrain are all part of the fun when the tenth annual Camp Pendleton Armed Services YMCA 10k Mud Run takes place on Saturday, October 20. Events begin at 9 a.m.; allow a minimum of 1.5 hours to drive from front gate, park, shuttle to Lake O'Neill, register, and check-in. There is no race-day registration. For information, dial 760-385-4921. (CAMP PENDLETON)

Walk for Animals, the 11th annual installment of this event is set for Saturday, October 20, at the Helen Woodward Animal Center (6525 Calle del Nido). Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., with the walk stepping off at 9 a.m. Music, food, and demonstrations follow the walk. For information, call 858-756-4117 (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Bolt Football, the San Diego Chargers host the Denver Broncos in Qualcomm Stadium on Sunday, October 21, at 1:05 p.m. Fan information: 858-455-1984/85/or 86; regular season ticket information 877-CHARGERS. Games can be heard in English on KFMB (760 AM) and in Spanish on XEXX Radio (1420 AM). (MISSION VALLEY)

More Mountain Meanderings, do the Mount Laguna-Lake Cuyamaca loop with the Knickerbikers on Sunday, October 21. This 48-mile bicycle ride for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. in the parking lot behind Major's Coffee Shop and promises fall colors and lunch at a restaurant next to the lake (so bring money). Call 858-689-8407 for more information. (PINE VALLEY)

SPECIAL

"Tales from the Ship" — specifically, pirate tales — provide the theme for this year's Haunted *Star of India*, running from Friday, October 19, through Wednesday, October 31 (dark October 22 and 23). Visitors will be led through the ship on lantern tours, meeting costumed characters portraying victims and shipmates of famous pirates. This event is not a "scare house," catering instead to families and young children.

Hours are 6 to 9 p.m. weeknights, later on weekends. Prices: $6 for adults, $4 for those ten and under. Find the spooky *Star* at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero (at Ash Street). 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

Quilt-o-Rama, the El Camino Quilters host a quilt show Friday through Sunday, October 19-21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Rancho Guajome Adobe (2210 North Santa Fe). Expect to see quilts, wearable art, musical entertainment, and fashion shows (on Saturday and Sunday). Admission is $5, which includes self-guided tours of the adobe. Call 760-724-5789 for information. (VISTA)

Toast the One-Year Anniversary of the Museum of History and Art during an event set for Friday, October 19, at 5 p.m. Chef Larry (Banares) will broadcast live from the museum (at 6 p.m.) and offer wines from the Mexican winery Château Camou. Attendees may also tour the museum. Admission is $5. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 to reserve a spot. (CORONADO)

Fleet Week Is Here, bands, color guards, fire trucks, Pearl Harbor survivors, sports figures, and community and military leaders will take to the streets "in a display of patriotic support for our military" during the Fleet Week Parade of Patriotism. The parade starts at 3 p.m. on Friday, October 19, following Harbor Drive along the waterfront from Grape Street to Market Street.

"Bands and Booms" takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. at Seaport Village following the parade, with musical entertainment by military and civilian bands, and fireworks (7:30 p.m.). Free. For more information, dial 619-858-1545. (DOWNTOWN)

How Fast Can You Bring One Liter of Water to a Boil using only the power of the sun? Find out on Saturday, October 20, when the Boiling Water Recipe Contest takes place at Agua Caliente County Park (39555 Great Southern Stage Route S-2). Solar oven-building clages will begin in the morning and continue all day. The boiling-water competition begins at noon in the amphitheater, followed by the solar-cook-off; the judges will announce their verdicts around 5 p.m. The day-use fee for the park is $5. For more information, dial 858-694-3049. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

"What in the World Do We Do at Scripps?" Explore Scripps Institution of Oceanography during UCSD's open-house celebration on Saturday, October 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Scripps Pier will be open for self-guided tours, and Scripps' historic buildings will host tours

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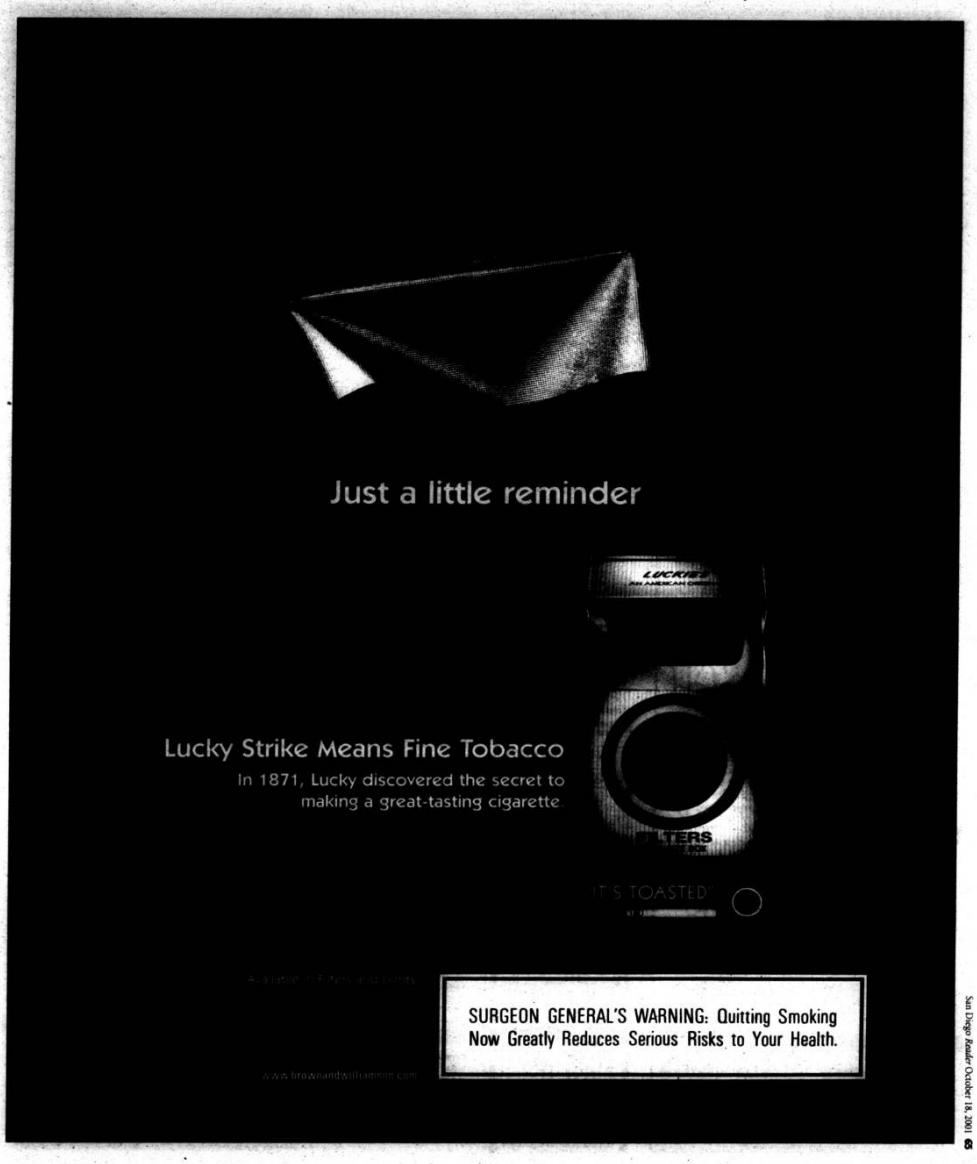

(both sites are normally closed to the public). There will be a plankton lab, live entertainment, and a surf clinic with instruction from Scripps scientists (surfboards will be provided). Free.

Tidepool presentations take place at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (at the Birch Aquarium-Museum), with the tidepool touch station open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (regular admission is $8.50 general). For more information on these events, call 858-534-3624. (LA JOLLA)

Gator by the Bay, this Cajun, zydeco, and gospel music and food festival is slated for Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days, at Bayside Marina Park. Featured bands include Chris Ardoin and Double Clutchin', Leroy Thomas and the Zydeco Roadrunners, Willis Prudhomme and Bonne Musique Zydeco, Andre Thierry and Zydeco Magic, Lisa Haley and the Zydecats, J.C. Labbie, and the San Diego Cajun Playboys; among the nine gospel groups booked to appear are Charles Hill, First Commandment, Expressions of Praise, and others.

Also on tap: Cajun and Native American storytelling, music workshops on a variety of subjects, dance lessons, food (for sale), and more. Tickets are $24 at the gate ($19 general in advance). Bring blankets and lawn chairs. For more information, call 858-492-8748. (CHULA VISTA)

Watch Some Well-Behaved Dogs when the Hidden Valley Obedience Club holds its annual American Kennel Club-sanctioned obedience trials on Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Felicita Park (742 Clarence Lane). More than 100 dogs from California and Arizona will compete in ten categories. Admission is free, parking is $2. For more information, call 760-599-5353. (ESCONDIDO)

Get Outside, the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation's annual meeting is set for Saturday, October 20, at the Nature Center. Author Jannell Cannon (*Stellaluna, Verdi* and *Crickwing*) will read and sign her books at 10 a.m.; Las Pilitas Native Plant Nursery will host a native plant sale from 10 a.m. to noon.; and Seth Schulberg will present a "State of the Lagoon" speech.

To reach the nature center, take I-5 to Poinsettia, and exit east to Batiquitos Drive. Go right onto Batiquitos, and then right again at Gabbiano Lane, which dead-ends at the lagoon. Park and follow the path to the trailer. For more information, call 760-845-3501. (CARLSBAD)

"Hands across Communities — Unite America" is the theme for this year's Carmel Mountain Ranch Fall Festival, planned on Saturday, October 20, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Carmel Mountain Road (between Highland Ranch Road and Stoney Peak Drive). Organizers plan Halloween costume contests, "Howl-o-Ween" pet contests, children's activities, rock-climbing wall, food booths, and arts and crafts. Admission is free. Call 858-748-2311 x221 or 858-484-2800 for more information. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

The Annual Members' Exhibition by the Lung Hsiang Chapter of the American Artists of Chinese Brush Painting continues through Wednesday, November 7, at the International Self-Defense Centers (12657 Poway Road). This exhibit was judged by brush painter Lucy Wang. Meet the artists during a reception set for Saturday, October 20, at 3:30 p.m.

Regular viewing hours are 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. Free. Call 858-748-5829 for information. (POWAY)

Planting a Quail Tradition, large quantities of drought-tolerant plants, California natives, cacti, succulents, and many unusual plants will be on offer when Quail Botanical Gardens hosts its annual fall plant on Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21. There will also be booths with garden-related items, books, tools, crafts for sale, and demonstrations.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Find Quail Botanical Gardens at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Admission is $3 general for this event. For more information, call 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

The Semi-Annual Threshing Bee and Antique Engine and Tractor Show returns to the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum on Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21 (and October 27 and 28). See blacksmith and wheelwright demos, grist and sawmill operations, and other vintage skills, along with food, gifts, music, train rides, and displays of antique cars and steam engines. Tractor games are followed by a parade of antique equipment at 1 p.m.

Find the fun at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. Gates are open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is $6 general, $3 for those 6 to 12, and kids under 6 free. For information, dial 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Antiques on the Avenue, "genuine antique vendors" will be selling their wares during this event on Saturday, October 20, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the 4900 block of Newport Avenue. Food vendors will be on hand, and there will be live antique auctions (1 a.m. and 1 p.m.) and live entertainment. Appraisers will offer opinions on family heirlooms. Admission is free. Call 619-224-4906 for information. (OCEAN BEACH)

Book Sale, head to the University Community Branch Library, 4155 Governor Drive, for a book sale on Saturday, October 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information, call 858-552-1655. (UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY)

Everything Photographic — from vintage to modern equipment — is on offer during the bargain camera show on Saturday, October 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). General admission is $3; students and seniors, $2; children under 12 and active military free. For information, call 310-578-7446. (KEARNY MESA)

Drum and Flute Circle, bring your drums, flutes, shaker, or other native rhythm instruments. (But if you don't have one, there are some available to borrow.) There's free instruction at all levels. This is the next event in a series that has been going on for about two years. Meet at Hilltop Center, 331 East Elder Street, on Saturday, October 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. It's organized by Tom Rondeau of Rainbow Designs. Free. 760-723-1899. (FALLBROOK)

Family History Month is being commemorated by the San Diego Genealogical Society with an open house at its library, found at 1050 Pioneer Way, suite E, on Saturday, October 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. Activities include tours of the library's holdings and demonstrations of genealogical computer programs. Free. Call 619-588-0065 for information. (EL CAJON)

Something for Everyone, head to UCSD for open house on Saturday, October 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be llama rides for kids, live musical entertainment, fast-pitch baseball, campus tours, dancing, demonstrations by the Magnetic Magician at the Center for Magnetic Recording Research, glass blowing, faculty presentations, food (for sale), and much more. For more details, dial 858-534-1577. (LA JOLLA)

Everything under the Sun, visit 15 homes and businesses in San Diego, Vista, Poway, and Oceanside during the San Diego Solar Home Tour, slated for Saturday, October 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. For information and registration, call 619-595-5630. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Butterfly Encounters, go behind the scenes at the Butterfly Vivarium, where live butterflies are reared, when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts a family program on Saturday, October 20. Encounters begin at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The fee is $8 general (free for those four and under). To reserve a spot, dial 619-232-3821 x203. (ENCINITAS)

Let's Get Psychic, a psychic fair and metaphysical conference is scheduled at Alexandra's BookStore from noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts will be featured; pay $20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Jiternice, Klobásy, and Koláce will be offered for sale when the House of Czech and Slovak Republics hosts the lawn program at the International Cottages beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 21. Music will be played by the Accordion Lover's Ensemble, with entertainment by the Devin Dancers and the Balboa Park Dancers. Free. For more details, call 619-236-9616. (BALBOA PARK)

When in Little Italy...the seventh annual Little Italy Italian Festa is set for Sunday, October 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., on India and Date Streets. The theme this year is "La Strada," celebrating the completion of improvements along India Street.

Organizers will host the Little Italy bocce ball tournament, an Alfa-Romeo car show, live entertainment on three stages, a children's area, crafts, and food. Visitors may also take part in Chalk La Strada, an Italian street-painting tradition using chalk as a medium (October 20 and 21, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Free. 619-233-3898. (LITTLE ITALY)

The Silver Buckle Quarterhorse Show takes place on Sunday, October 21, at the Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. For more information, dial 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

Hit the Street for the Escondido Fall Street Fair, Sunday, October 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Grand Avenue (between Center City Parkway and Ivy). Expect to find arts and crafts vendors, a fine-art exhibit, bands, international food fair, and children's rides. Admission is free. Call 760-9454-9288 for details. (ESCONDIDO)

"When Words Are Not Enough!" Head to CreativityMatters! on Sunday, October 21, 1 to 4 p.m., for the opportunity "to come together and express through painting, collage, and discussion...with regard to what is going on in our nation and in the world." Find the spot at 1054 2nd Street; call 760-479-1945 for information. Free. Children are welcome. (ENCINITAS)

Step Back in Time when the 15th annual Laguna Mountain Man Rendezvous takes place October 23-27. Organizers promise "an authentic 1700s to 1840s Rocky Mountain fur trader's encampment," featuring demonstrations of primitive survival skills such as cooking, tool making, tomahawk throwing, and black-powder target shooting.

Gates open at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. (with hours extended until 8 p.m. on Friday). Admission is $3 for day visitors (no dogs). The grounds are one mile up Mesa Grande Road (from the intersection at Highway 79). For more information, call 760-741-8073 or 619-390-0614. (SANTA YSABEL)

Models Now Open! The Lux Art Institute announces the first phase of the Avian Sanctuary for its four-acre site on the Encinitas/Rancho Santa Fe border. New York artist Joan Bankemper has created the first 3 out of 20 birdhouses for the Avian Sanctuary. The houses are covered in ceramic shards of pottery reflecting early Americana and the decorative arts of the last century.

View the birdhouses through October at the Rancho Santa Fe National Bank (6110 El Tordo Road) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 858-756-2140. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

"Animal Whimsy: A Wildlife Garden" is the theme for the third annual exhibit at the Carlsbad Sculpture Garden. Among the nine participating artists are DeLoss McGraw, Ron Tatro, James Watts, Lisa Schirmer, and the late Italo Scanga. Find the garden behind the Carlsbad Arts Office (2955 Elmwood Avenue, next to the Cole Library). 760-434-2920. Viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through November. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Laine vs. Littler! Singer Frankie Laine and golfer Gene Littler face off across the lanes at Sunset Bowl next Thursday, October 25, to raise money for the New York Fireman's Fund. They'll be bowling against each other, and there will be entertainment and refreshments, from noon to 3 p.m. Admission is a $5 donation. Find the bowling alley at 3093 Clairemont Drive. Call 619-276-2240 for information. (CLAIREMONT)

"Vespers — Twilight Impressions of the California Missions" is a new suite of 18 nighttime photographs by author and historian Terry Ruscin. The exhibit is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Luiseño Room at Mission San Luis Rey de Francia (4050 Mission Avenue). Admission to the mission museum, church and cemetery is $4, which includes the exhibit. Call 760-757-3651 for more information. (OCEANSIDE)

Frightening Fun is promised when the Del Mar Fairgrounds host the Scream Zone; the 25 rooms are "filled with thrills and chills" and 15 specially designed 3-D rooms designed by former Disney artist R.J. Ogren.

Hours are 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 7 p.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday. Visit the Scream Zone (designed for those older than nine) through October 31. Admission is $9.95. For information, call 858-755-1161. (DEL MAR)

Time to Scream, start 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)

FOR KIDS

The Irish Folk Tale *Gobbaleen*, adapted by Pat Platt and performed by the Puppet Guild Players, continues through October 21 at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. *Who's Afraid of Peter Pumpkin?* Find out when comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble performs October 24-28 and 31.

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)

Please, Sir, I Want Some More, the San Diego Junior Theater opens its 54th season with *Oliver!* on Friday, October 19. With book, music, and lyrics by Lionel Bart, the story is based on the Charles Dickens classic *Oliver Twist*. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday through November 4 in the Casa del Prado Theater. Admission: $7 to $10 adults, $5 to $8 seniors and children 13 and under. For reservations, call 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

Just Build It, San Diego youths are building their best scale-model cars and exhibiting them at the San Diego Automotive Museum from October 19-21. Entries may be made either of plastic or built from wood or non-kit plastic/resin. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl. For details on entering the competition, call 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

"Angelina Ballerina" by Katharine Holabird may be heard during the story time planned at Barnes and Noble Bookstore at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 20. Expect a craft. Find the shop at 10775 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Meet the Bear of Very Little Brain when Winnie-the-Pooh visits Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real) for story-time events at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 20. 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Art Field Day is set for Saturday, October 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Jamul Primary School (14567 Lyons Valley Road). Cartoonist Jon Pearson will discuss "Creative Learning" and using the arts to help children learn; the day also features six art workshops taught by professional artists and a gallery walk with fun art activities for kids. Free. For information, call 619-669-7711. (JAMUL)

Celestial Bodies in Outer Space, explore the solar system and your own creativity in a space-based workshop planned on Saturday, October 20, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Cardiff Cards Community Creative and Cultural Center (766 South Coast Highway 101, upstairs from Giovanni's Restaurant). The $60 fee includes materials. The class is geared for those 6 through 13 years old. To make the required advance reservations, call 760-634-0314. (ENCINITAS)

Critter Costumes and Animal Disguises, the Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts classes on Saturday, October 20, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Children aged four through kindergarten learn about "Critter Costumes" with storytelling, live animal encounters, and an aquarium tour. Those in grades one through three explore concepts of how and why animals use camouflage during "Animals in Disguise."

The fee for either class is $20. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. For the required reservations, call 619-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

"Met a Morphosis, Lately?" Discover how a creepy crawling caterpillar turns into a butterfly and explore the four stages of metamorphosis, become a monarch, and take a quick "imaginary trip south to Mexico" during this San Diego Natural History Museum class slated for Saturday, October 20, at 10 a.m. The fee for nonmembers is $20 (for children four to six with an adult). Call 619-232-3821 x203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

Wear a Costume for Halloween Family Day festivities planned at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum on Sunday, October 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be Halloween crafts, face painting, "ghoulish" refreshments, and a "ghostly guest" will tell a haunted railroad story. Admission is $4 for adults, free for children under 15. For information, call 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

Combining Light, Color, Juggling, music, movement, and magic — it's "Luma: Theater of Light," performing on Sunday, October 21, at 2 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Luma "takes light and sculpts it into forms that spin, dance, orbit, and enchant the viewer." Tickets are $9.50. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Val-

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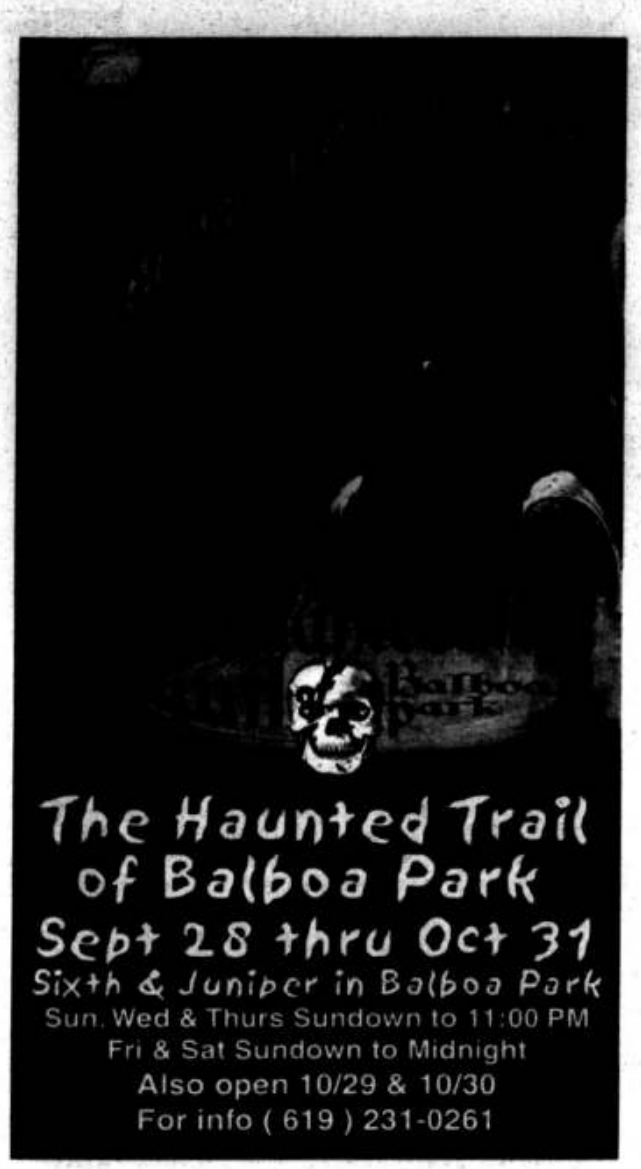

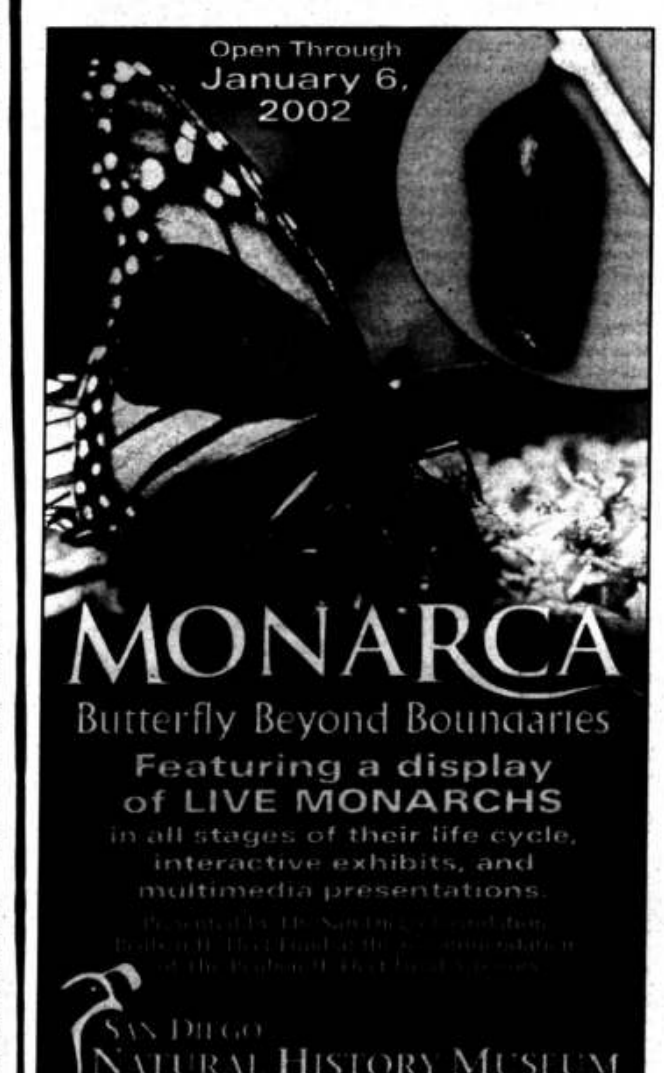

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Another Planet: A Year in the Life of a Suburban High School



Elinor Burkett

HarperCollins, 2001; 325 pages; $26

FROM THE DUST JACKET: In the wake of the disaster at Columbine, one question haunted America: What's going on in our suburban high schools? Journalist Elinor Burkett went back to school in suburban Minneapolis to find out. For nine months during the 1999–2000 school year — from the opening pep rally through graduation — she attended classes, hung out with students, sat in on teacher gripe sessions, and interviewed both parents and administrators. With a novelist's eye, she takes readers behind closed doors, revealing a world of mixed messages, manufactured myths, and political hype.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Elinor Burkett was born and raised in suburban Philadelphia. She graduated 35 years ago from Harrison High School in Rosemont, Pennsylvania. Burkett earned a doctorate in history from the University of Pittsburgh in 1975 and spent 13 years as a college professor. In 1987, she quit academia and, after earning a degree from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, joined the staff of the *Miami Herald*. She left the *Herald* in 1992. She is author, now, of four nonfiction titles and co-author of two nonfiction titles. Burkett currently is a Fulbright professor, teaching journalism in Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan, a country approximately the size of South Dakota. She and her husband, when in the United States, make their homes in Manhattan and Hobart, New York, in the Catskill Mountains.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR ABOUT HER BOOK: On the day that we talked, it was morning in California and 13 hours later — 10:00 at night — in Bishkek, 350 miles from the northern border of Afghanistan. Almost one month had passed since the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center. Burkett said that her friends in the United States had written, via e-mail, to her and her husband, saying how concerned they were for them. But Burkett said that she felt quite safe in the capital of this former Soviet Republic, safer indeed than she would in Manhattan. "Our whole map of danger and safety has to be readjusted in some way that we don't understand yet. So I keep wondering why I'm supposed to worry about myself when I'm so worried about everybody at home."

As the locale for her school year-long study, Burkett chose Prior Lake High School in a town of 16,000 outside the Twin Cities because it was a typical high school that yet was "above average in e·ery way, including income and test scores." Ninety-eight percent of Prior Lake High School students are white. On her first day of school Burkett, an attractive blonde, wore a black dress and patterned tights. I asked if she carefully planned the outfit. She did, she said, explaiing, "The teachers are very middle-American, and if you wear anything outrageous, you know that you'll be banned right away. But you've got to say to the kids, 'I am not an ordinary adult.' Or they'll treat you like one. So one of my really fun moments was to figure out what to wear."

To make a coherent book-length manuscript from *Another Planet*'s cast of characters and those characters' stories, I said, must have been an organizational nightmare.

It was, Burkett said. "Because I was very concerned to make sure that everybody always knew that I was a reporter, I always had a notebook and 3 x 5 cards and pens for writing things down. And I had thousands of these cards. And my husband and I drive home from Minnesota, and I dump it all on the floor and go, 'What do I do now?' How you do it? You just work and work and work and you have some pictures in your mind that are so clear that make the points that you want to make, and then they become the centerpiece, and it just becomes, bit by bit, a matter of weeding and weeding, because, of course, good reporters probably throw away 90 percent of their material. And, certainly, I threw away 99 percent of what I had, or I would have had a 750-page volume, which I would not have wanted to read."

I asked Burkett about her high school. She said, "I'm from Philadelphia, suburban Philadelphia. I grew up on the main line in Philadelphia in an extremely...it was an area of Philadelphia that was extremely upper-class, where Philadelphia's wealthy always lived. And in the postwar years, a few Jews managed to break through the barrier and move in and that was us. So I went to high school with some of the most wealthy people in the country. They were all these nice proper Episcopalians who had coming-out parties. And we were the nouveau riche. My high school was very organized around those people. The important sports for girls were lacrosse and field hockey. So it had that kind of tone to it. It was an entirely Republican community. I remember when my parents would go to vote, you always knew who my parents were because they always voted either for the Democrat or for Norman Thomas [a Socialist and pacifist], and everybody else voted Republican. I was a beatnik wannabe. But I was too young to be a beatnik. I was too old to be a hippie. I was just in that funny moment. So they all wore circle pins and Peter Pan collars and stitched-down pleated skirts. I wore baggy, loose skirts, a green book bag, and tried very, very hard to look like, oh, a Jack Kerouac kind of person."

"And," I suggested, "you must have worn black tights."

"I wore black tights; my hair was as long and as straight as it could be."

I asked Burkett about one of the students, Nick Busse, a saturnine Prior Lake student who, assessing his teachers, said to Burkett, "It was like they wanted to run a school but were afraid to teach us anything." Talking about the teaching of self-esteem, young Busse asked, "Where's the line between self-esteem and self-delusion?"

"He's incredibly smart," said Burkett. "He's trying to write a novel. I sent in some of his stuff to friends at HarperCollins, and they were like, 'Where did this kid come from?' I didn't find it surprising that I became friends with Nick. I found it surprising that I became friends with Tony Lorenz. Because I would have despised Tony in high school. I would have thought he was the devil. And in fact, I discovered that he's really smart, he's really got an edge, and he writes beautiful poetry. So what was nice about going back to high school a second time was that I wasn't as defensive as I was when I was 17. I could see that some of the kids I would have liked then, I saw as simple whiners now, and kids I would have despised then, I could see as more complicated personalities than I could have. So it's not just that it let me learn about these kids, but then it made me reflect about myself and my own high school experience and who I hated and how defensive you get at that age and why. So in a sense it was very healing for me."

The popular group, said Burkett, tended to be fairly similar to the popular group of 35 years ago in Burkett's high school. "They tended to be kids from more affluent families, who could afford nicer clothes. So they had a sense of entitlement that other kids didn't have. But this time around, I saw different things in them. Like the girl in the book named Lyndsay Schumacher, Tony Lorenz's girlfriend — she is a person I would have despised when I was in high school. But this time around, when I got to know her, I didn't, particularly when I discovered that when she was in a different district, in junior high school, she was the fat kid whom everyone teased. She was determined to change herself when she came to Prior Lake, and she did. So I could see that she was, in fact, trying really hard to make up for always having been the outcast. Maybe that was true of some of the cheerleaders when I was in high school, too, but I didn't know it. Or even if I had known it, I wouldn't have let myself see it in the same way."

One thing that has changed, said Burkett, is that nowadays popular teenagers are nicer to the unpopular students than they were 35 years ago in Burkett's high school. "Everybody, in fact, is nicer. The boys were not beating up on the nerds like they did when I was in school. And the teachers would not have tolerated it like when I was in school. The girls weren't as mean to each other in that kind of petty way that I remember from high school. Or, then I stop and ask, 'Were they really pettier, or was I more sensitive to it?' But I do think that the kids are nicer because there is much more pressure on them from adults to not be so intolerant."

I said that I, who had a tolerant attitude toward "swear" words, nevertheless was shocked by the "fuck you" sort of language used in Prior Lake's classroom. Burkett had written about a day when a student rambled late into U.S. History teacher Joe Goracke's class. Goracke reminded the student of the school's tardiness policy. But the student felt the punishment was not fair. "Suck my dick, you motherfucking son of a bitch," the boy said to Mr. Goracke.

"When that kid said that, I was sitting there. It frightened me. And so many of these kids, this is the way they talk to their parents. My husband one day was substitute teaching. One of the boys, a junior, was misbehaving, wouldn't sit down, was running around the classroom. My husband was sarcastic to him about his behavior, which the kids were not used to. Finally, my husband turned to this boy and said, 'Are you aware that you are behaving like a six-year-old?' And afterwards the kid came to my husband and said, 'You owe me an apology.' And Dennis — that's my husband — said, 'What are you talking about?' And the kid said again, 'Well, I'm having a bad day and you were really sarcastic with me.' I was a pretty gutsy kid, but I don't think when I was 16 or 17 that I would have had the nerve to demand an apology from an adult. But because these kids nowadays seem to feel they have a God-given or school-given right to self-esteem, they have much more of a sense of entitlement."

Burkett talked then about the self-esteem movement. "Somebody comes up with the notion that people who feel good about themselves will achieve better. And then they carry it to this extreme that is so absurd, and then they don't stop and pull back and look at what they've done to the kids. So there were kids in this Prior Lake school who had nowhere near a realistic sense of self. And how do you go out into the real world, then, if you don't know where you fit? I guess I always thought high school was supposed to do that a little bit.

"But the self-esteem stuff makes the parents feel really good. And my sense is that it really backfires in so many ways. Not just academically and intellectually, but when the kids reach high school and reality catches up with them, and they have this sense that they're wonderful and perfect, then the dissonance really is disconcerting, and it makes people angry. That's what all the studies show. And it makes such intuitive sense. But God forbid that you should say that. And even when they're punishing kids, teachers and administrators are encouraged to also say, 'You're a really good person, but...' Well, I think that's a very confusing message to send to kids.

"But all that stuff then made me feel like some old fuddy-duddy. This reporter from the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* in St. Paul interviewed me the other day. He was a young guy. And he said, 'I don't mean to get overly personal,' as if he doesn't have the right, 'but you sound like a real political conservative.' Like I've been on the left since I was born. And the notion that saying these things means I'm a conservative? It just was quite shocking to me."

At the end of her book, Burkett summarizes what has become of the students who graduated during the year she attended Prior Lake High. Reading these summaries, I noted that many of the higher-achieving students did not do well once they arrived in colleges.

"Yes. Some of the best and the brightest of those kids have now dropped out of school. My husband felt the whole year that we were at Prior Lake that there was a sense of malaise, almost depression, among this generation. It wasn't passion and anger, it was passive aggression. That was their major tool of rebellion. And this malaise...I found it so troubling for them. I think that's why I liked Nick Busse so much, because he had pure anger. And sometimes it was displaced, but at least he had passion. And I liked the Christian kids because they had passion for something. I almost didn't care what they had passion about. But just that they cared about something outside of themselves because that experience is so important to growing up."

"There were kids in this high school who had nowhere near a realistic sense of self. How do you go out into the real world if you don't know where you fit?"

I was appalled, I said, at how many activities students had. Plus, many of them also worked after school. Their lives, I suggested, "were like those of a busy executive."

The students were busy, said Burkett. And she felt this busyness would not end in high school. "You're just going to go to college and do the same thing, and then you're going to become a fast-paced adult. But of course they're becoming just like their parents, overscheduled. And, of course, for the parents, a lot of this gives them

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ley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

"Odyssey to Mars!" Family events are planned on Sunday, October 21, noon to 5 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Participants will explore the mysteries of Mars through hands-on activities, storytelling, astronomy workshops, and solar observations with the San Diego Astronomy Association and Escondido Children's Museum.

Admission is included in regular museum entry. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (Valley Parkway.) Call 800-988-4253 for information. (ESCONDIDO)

Will He Gnash His Terrible Teeth? Head to White Rabbit Children's Books when the Wild Thing — a.k.a. Max — visits the story time starting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 21. Find the shop at 7755 Girard Avenue; 858-454-3518. For children three and older. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Young Aviation Enthusiasts are entering their models in the "Scale Model Aircraft Exhibition" at the San Diego Aerospace Museum. Judges will evaluate the entries, in five categories, based on the quality of the model only. The entries will be judged and awards will be presented to winners on Sunday, October 21, at 3 p.m. All blue-ribbon models are on exhibit at the museum through October 2002. The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area; 619-234-8291. The competitors must be aged 5 to 18 years old. (BALBOA PARK)

Children's Museum of San Diego, artwork by over 150 children from 4 to 15 years old who have physical and educational challenges is on exhibit in a "Special Show for Special Kids," on view through November 1. The show features original artwork in all media.

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

MUSEUMS

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

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

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, "A Clay Experience" continues through Saturday, October 20. The show features work by eight local clay artists.

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, the museum is located in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden, including a statue of Confucius, a waterfall, stream, and a large Chinese gate. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

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

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

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with "some classics and a concept car."

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. For more information, call 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, vintage photographs, books, desks, cafeteria menus, and other school paraphernalia are on display in "From Barn to Cyberspace: Lemon Grove Schools Evolve." The current Lemon Grove School District has its roots in the town's once-thriving orchards. William Hurst, an early pioneer in the local fruit-growing industry, offered his barn in 1893 as a schoolroom, and a district was born. See this show through Sunday, March 31, 2001.

The work of marine and aviation painter Richard DeRosset is on exhibit through Saturday, December 22, as part of the museum's ongoing "Noted Regional Artists Series." The Lemon Grove artist is known for his epic, "super-realistic," paintings of U.S. military history, and he's currently painting a six-part mural in the chapel of the Veterans Memorial Center in Balboa Park.

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

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "ExploraZone 2," the newest round of exhibits from the Exploratorium in San Francisco, boasts more than 40 exhibits designed to make science, math, and technology engaging and fun. These interactive exhibits involve learning about hearing, speaking, seeing color, electricity, and magnetism and continue on display through June, 2002.

A range of topics including communication, problem solving, and gender stereotypes are explored in "Psychology: It's More Than You Think." Over 17 interactive experiments are included in the exhibit, addressing fundamental questions about how people behave, learn, and develop. Delve in through Friday, January 4, 2002.

Ongoing exhibitions include "Technovation" (through 20031, "About Faces," and "Skyscapes." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. For further information, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Automotive Museum, San Diego youths are building their best scale model cars and exhibiting them at the museum from October 19-21. Entries may be made either of plastic or built from wood or non-kit plastic/resin.

"Small Cars, Big Ideas" examines the history and ideas behind what most consider small cars. The exhibit features over 20 little known, small-built autos, in which "small" is a relative term. Featured vehicles include a 1959 BMV Isetta, a Fiat 600 Multipla, and a 1958 Metropolitan, a 1959 Swift Cat, and 1949 Crosley Hot Shot, among others. See these vehicles through Sunday, January 27, 2002.

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the illusion that they'll keep the kids safe if they're in activities."

"Right," I said, "they're not having sex or doing drugs."

"But of course they *are* also doing sex and drugs."

The *St. Paul Pioneer Press* had recently written, about *Another Planet*, that the book "will undoubtedly provoke a lively response not only for its harsh take on high school academics but also for some of its detailed glimpses into teen-age life."

"How," I asked, "are people in Prior Lake responding to the book?"

"A lot of people haven't read it yet because it just got into the community about a week ago. Remember that while Prior Lake is a third-tier suburb, it's almost a small town. Rumors are racing about what I said and didn't say. I think the reaction is pretty predictable. People, at least for the moment, aren't reading the issues that the book confronts, they only read the personalities. And so that's most of the reaction I'm getting. And they're lining up with one side or the other. The people who feel like they don't look good are mad at me and are saying, 'Oh, she wrote terrible things about our school.' And the people who feel that they look good are happy. And then there are a handful of people who are writing me e-mails saying, 'Oh, boy, did you raise the issues I wanted you to raise!' So, the reaction is predictable: people are alternatively defensive and proud, and a few are really grappling with the issues.

"What's most interesting is I have not heard one complaint from a student. I'm hearing indirectly that some parents are upset, and I think they're upset because their kids told me things that they think don't make their kids look good. Of course, I had their permission to print. I had permission from everybody in the school. And so they're embarrassed, the parents are, but not one kid has complained. I got a lovely note from a kid the other day saying, 'Reading the book took me back, so I thank you because the book made me remember not only the bad things, but also some of the good things.' That note was from a person who hated high school. Frankly, I care much more about what the kids think than what the adults think.

"The superintendent of schools sent out a fax to a bunch of local reporters claiming that I only portrayed the bad kids, which is ridiculous. Some of the most outstanding kids in the school are prominent in my book. And I think I did a pretty good job picking kids from each crowd. That was the hardest thing. Because with a project like this you had to figure out the landscape and social geography of the school during the first two weeks of school. You couldn't miss the beginning of school, because the book needs to start the first day. I was lucky in kind of getting the landscape and getting a representative sampling of the school."

"At graduation at Prior Lake, I gave the graduation speech. I tried to talk to the students about creating a conscious life. And if I were designing American education that would be part of what I would teach kids. Because I think that it's a very important concept. You can choose to have a conventional life. You can choose an unconventional life. These are choices. I think that we teach people a lot of self-esteem but not a lot of choice."

Finding an end for her book, Burkett said, was not easy. "That was my biggest problem, coming up with a conclusion to the book, because how do we change these high schools if we don't change society? If we live in a society that has contempt for ideas, then how are we going to teach our kids to have respect for ideas? There was a substantial group of teachers who knew how to do this, but they'd just given up, because the parents were undermining them right and left. And there was no support for their doing it. The principal was supportive. But the whole atmosphere of the place conspired against good teachers. The guy who was the choir teacher, whenever he did a concert or anything, it was always beautifully done. He had unbelievably high standards. Things were always very professional. And beautiful. But nobody else cared. And he did it just because it was his sense of pride. But I think a lot of the good teachers just get beaten down. I think a lot of those teachers are going to retire early because they've had it."

We talked, a bit, about Kyrgyzstan. How she and her husband happened to be there, Burkett said, was that after they returned to New York from Prior Lake, they said to themselves, "Wouldn't it be nice every two or three years to go have an adventure? So I applied for a Fulbright professorship to teach journalism in Central Asia." She added that since September 11, "it has been a strange time to be here. The U.S. embassy has done a voluntary evacuation of American citizens. They sent the Peace Corps volunteers home last week. We're not inclined to leave at the moment because we feel like they're overreacting. But it's a fascinating time to be in Central Asia because everybody is discussing the issue of the day from a very different perspective."

Kyrgyzstan, she said, "is a Muslim country. But they tend to be really bad Muslims. It's unusual to see a woman with her head covered. And if her head is covered, she might be wearing a miniskirt. It's very watered-down Islam. It's only the south of the country the embassy is worried about, where there is a bin Ladin group called the Islamic Movement of Pakistan that operates on the border between Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan, coming out of Afghanistan. So down in the far south, where I'm actually going in a couple of weeks, it would be a bit dicier. I'm just going to go for a few days as a reporter because I want to go into northern Afghanistan."

Burkett said that she had tried to explain to a newspaper reporter in Minnesota who recently had telephoned to interview her that being in Kyrgyzstan was a lot like being in Minnesota. She laughed, saying, "I think they took it wrong. I hadn't been to suburbia since I was 17. I haven't lived in a community where there were no Jews, no Italians, or Black people ever before. And so, in a sense, Prior Lake was very exotic for me. And my book was a piece of anthropology. And being here in Kyrgyzstan is just a slightly more exotic version of what I did two years ago.

"The population here is about 50 percent native Kirghiz, which is like a central Asian, traditional, nomadic people, and 40 percent Russian. The young people are growing up in this time warp. Their mothers look like the stereotype of the Russian babushka. They're wearing scarves and heavy coats, and the girls are wearing tiny little miniskirts, very revealing blouses — they look like the front of *Vogue* magazine. I've never seen a generation gap as wide."

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the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, created in 1905 when an irrigation project backfired, the Salton Sea has had a "boom and bust" history. Developers in the 1950s and 1960s dubbed this desert area "California's New Mediterranean," envisioning a tourist haven. The sea's salinity levels have increased dramatically in recent years, driving away many of the tourists and boaters. "In Search of El Dorado: The Salton Sea" features black-and-white photographs by Christopher Landis, digitally reproduced by Nash Editions. See these haunting works through Monday, December 31.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, the museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. Call 619-234-2544 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, examples of ships from the 14th Century to the present are included in "Masterpieces in Miniature: A Precious Collection of Tiny Yachts." Nearly 50 tiny and elaborate models are included, ranging in size from three inches to three feet. The exhibit, continuing through Monday, December 31, also includes ships in bottles.

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

San Diego Museum of Man, spiritual paintings, vivid sequin banners, and papier-mâché, wood, and iron sculptures are included in "Voodoo: Spirits in Haitian Art." The exhibit features a variety of objects relating to the voodoo religion, which evolved from a mixture of African religions and Roman Catholicism. See the show through Sunday, January 27, 2002.

Skeletal remains reveal fascinating stories from the past in "The Bones Don't Lie: Stories from the Grave," on view through January 27, 2002. The exhibit explores everything from bone recovery and identification techniques to uncovering evidence of nutrition, disease, and trauma, to the use of skull and bone imagery in popular culture. The exhibition includes hands-on learning and interactive displays.

Rare rock art from eastern California is explored in "Echoes of Antiquity: Rock Art of the Volcanic Tableland," an exhibit of color photography on display through January 6, 2002. The show features work by San Francisco photographer Jean Allsworth highlighting the petroglyphs of the southwestern edge of the Great Basin north of Bishop. Some of these rare petroglyphs may date back to early archaic times, perhaps as much as 10,000 years ago.

Fetishes are carved objects representing animals or other beings revered by American Indians and others for their beauty and power. The exhibit "Zuni Fetish Carving: Past to Present," available for viewing through June 2002, celebrates contemporary fetish carving. Expect to learn about fetish history, symbolism, process, and materials.

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

San Diego Railroad Museum, over 80 pieces of vintage railroad equipment are collected here. Among the pieces: five antique steam locomotives, seven large diesel electric locomotives, a number of small switchers, old freight cars and cabooses, a U.S. Army kitchen car used on troop trains during World War II and Korea, and a variety of passenger cars.

The museum also offers train adventures through San Diego's backcountry. Miller Creek trains depart every Saturday and Sunday from the Campo Depot at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Find the Campo Depot off Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road. For information, call 619-595-3030 or 619-478-9937. (CAMPO)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. A narrated slide show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. A self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. Call 760-737-2201 for additional details. (ESCONDIDO)

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

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Guided walking tours, focusing on the history and architecture of the Gaslamp Quarter depart the museum each Saturday at 11 a.m. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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Morena Butte's three-peaked summit plateau presides over a diverse landscape of V-shaped canyons, rock-strewn ridges, and grassy depressions known as *potreros* (pastures). All three peaks are attractive photographically, as they consist of great slabs and boulders of pink-tinted granitic rock weathered into sometimes-surreal forms.

The starting point for this 8-mile hike to and from the butte is Lake Morena County Park, 12 miles south of Pine Valley via Interstate 8, Buckman Springs Road, and Morena Village. Start hiking at the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) parking lot, at the entrance to the county campground.

Follow the PCT as it ascends west on the slope overlooking Morena Reservoir.



During wet cycles, the lake expands to nearly fill this two-square-mile former *potrero*; while in drought as we are now, the water surface may shrink to only one-tenth that size. Fine views of the blue water can be had for a while, but presently the trail swings away, generally south over and around several hilltops. Good displays of blooming ceanothus liven things up in the springtime, but this time of year the chaparral-draped slopes look somewhat drab.



Morena Butte

At 1.8 miles the trail starts descending generally west into a shallow tributary of Hauser Creek. You cross that ravine at 2.7 miles and then gently ascend to a saddle on the southeast shoulder of Morena Butte (3.0 miles). From that point find and follow a rough and sketchy path going northwest up the ridge 1.0 mile to the summit area. Climb all three of the rocky peaklets on top for great views in various directions.

Return to where you left the PCT, retrace your steps for 0.2 mile, then stay left on a path (old roadbed) that slants north, gains about 100 feet, and attains a broad divide. There you meet a dirt road that will take you northwest through a beautiful valley, graced with live oaks and Coulter pines, right beneath the stony gaze of Morena Butte. Then continue to Morena Reservoir's shoreline road, and follow it 2.0 miles back to your starting point.

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REVIEW
JONATHAN SAVILLE

The Philadelphia Orchestra (which celebrated its centenary last year) became a world-class ensemble some seven decades ago under Leopold Stokowski, maintaining its stature under Eugene Ormandy and Riccardo Muti. But it was Wolfgang Sawallisch, music director since 1993, who brought the Philadelphians to San Diego's Civic Theatre, as the opener of the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's "Celebrity Series."

The program — Strauss's *Don Juan*, Smetana's *The Moldau*, and Beethoven's "Eroica" — could have been designed expressly to show off the orchestra's brilliance. What can one say about this magnificent musical organization? The woodwinds are as good as they get anywhere. Passages featuring the principals have the commanding quality of solos in a concerto for their instrument: the first oboist's prolonged lyric meditation ("very sustained and full of expression") in the slow, gorgeously romantic G Major episode of *Don Juan* was probably the best single piece of music-making of the evening.

The unmistakable sound of the Philadelphia strings — smooth as butter, rich and deep as buried treasure, luminous as a Turner seascape — is due not only to the taste of Stokowski and Ormandy (the latter was a cellist who went on playing the orchestra like his instrument) but also to the remarkable size of the section. With that many fiddles, all of them top-notch players and all playing with incredible unanimity, no wonder sheer sensual pleasure can carry the listener away. The playing of the brass section is as close to perfection as any human achievement can come, with the horns particularly impressive: the heroic, technically daunting, unison E Major horn motif in the Strauss work has never been played better. The principal tympanist is a master in his own right, notable for the variety of tone colors and articulations he attains with his large collection of sticks. His flawless rhythmic precision may not surpass that of the orchestra's other musicians, but it is certainly more exposed. The same subtlety and pinpoint rhythm characterize the rest of the percussionists.

Have I left anyone out? The harpists — about whom the highest compliment one can pay is to remark that they absolutely belong in the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Everything I have said so far is indisputably true; but I have to confess that not all of it was fully discernible at the Civic Theatre. The fault, of course, was not with the orchestra but with the hall. I know what this orchestra sounds like. When they performed at Costa Mesa's Segerstrom Hall some years ago, they sounded the way they should. In the Civic, on this visit as on their previous one (in 1998), they sounded like the Philadelphia Orchestra on a cheap hi-fi set: clear enough, but with a shallow, glassy sonority that quite belied their real nature.

Well, what are you going to do? This is San Diego. We build ballparks, not libraries and concert halls. America's Finest City, in fact, does not have a large concert hall worthy of the Philadelphia Orchestra. (There are suitable venues in El Cajon and Escondido, but most San Diego music lovers don't want to travel that far.) So the wise course at the recent concert was to give up all expectation of sensual thrills, to let one's ears adjust to the sound (such as it was), and to enjoy the plentiful delights that remained — for the Philadelphia Orchestra on a cheap hi-fi is still the Philadelphia Orchestra, with its superb musicians and its glorious discipline, and we had reason to be thankful for their presence.

Similarly, Wolfgang Sawallisch is still Wolfgang Sawallisch wherever he conducts — but that is less of a cause for gratitude. He remains a solid, four-square, reliable, intelligent conductor, one who makes no mistakes and indulges in no eccentricities. He has a fine sense of structure, and knows how to convey it to the orchestra. He demands — and gets — utterly perfect attacks and cutoffs, and extremely lucid textures. He balances the orchestral forces beautifully. If you want a note-perfect, intelligible exposition of a score, orchestral or operatic, Sawallisch will give it to you (whether with the Philadelphians or with the many other orchestras he has conducted over a long and distinguished career).

The higher reaches of interpretation remain pretty much closed to him, however. When he conducts standard works (which is what he did at the recent concert here), most seasoned music lovers will inevitably recall a dozen non-Sawallisch performances of the same works that were deeper, more moving, more colorful, more vivid, more passionate, more exciting, more memorable — in short, truer to the inner reality of the score.

Sawallisch's *Don Juan*, for example, was a thoroughly respectable reading — meticulous in its execution of the composer's overwhelmingly detailed instructions — that made the work sound like the established classic that it has become. One listened to it in a state of generalized and abstracted enjoyment, without feeling obliged to pay close attention to any of the familiar things that go on in the composition. It would be hard to guess from this performance that Strauss's first great tone-poem entered the world like an explosion. In its language, in its expressiveness, in its attitude toward dramatic evocation, this music is extreme, on the edge, over the top, a self-willed creator of its own universe — just like Don Juan himself, whose passion, violence, and (in the end) despair are not to be measured by ordinary human standards. A performance that does not in some way renew that initial experience cannot do justice to the work's boldness and freshness, or to its depth of meaning.



ILLUSTRATION BY CHARLES BOWELL

Wolfgang Sawallisch

Philadelphia Orchestra; Wolfgang Sawallisch, conductor
Civic Theatre (La Jolla Chamber Music Society)
Strauss, Don Juan, *Opus 20; Smetana*, The Moldau; *Beethoven, Symphony No. 3 in E-flat, Opus 55 "Eroica"*

The Moldau is not as ground∑breaking a composition as *Don Juan* — Smetana remained closer to his Lisztian origins than Strauss did. But there is more to it than the pleasant, picturesque, episodic ramble that it became in Sawallisch's hands. By pointing and underlining, by maintaining tension, by heightening imaginative effects, by treating the music as a re-creation rather than as an illustration, a conductor can communicate the grandeur of the river's flow, the earthiness of the peasants, the uncanniness of the misty, moonlit night scene, the stupendous turbulence of the rapids, the proud nationalism embodied in the fortress of Vyšehrad as the river enters Prague, the whole ineluctable movement from pristine nature to noble civilization and history — all of this to a far greater degree than what Sawallisch gave us.

If you want to hear what *The Moldau* can be, I urge you to seek out one of the recordings by Ferenc Fricsay, either with the Berlin Philharmonic or with the South German Radio Orchestra. The latter includes an hour-long rehearsal which, if you understand German (and even if you don't!), will give you some indelible insights into *The Moldau* and into what great conducting is all about.

The second half of the Philadelphia Orchestra concert was devoted to Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony, which seemed more productively amenable to Sawallisch's approach and temperament than the Romantic tone-poems that had preceded it. For one thing, the "Eroica" is a considerably greater work, and its essential values tend to speak for themselves. Moreover, structural logic — Sawallisch's strongpoint — is more important here. But I think it's also correct to say that Sawallisch understands Beethoven's music more intimately, that there is something in the "Eroica" to which this imperturbable conductor responds with a hint of deeper personal involvement.

Like much of the audience at the Civic Theatre, I found the performance as a whole satisfying, with a powerful forward momentum and a sturdy (if not electrifying) realization of the symphony's complex emotional and dramatic content. The second movement was especially strong. But even at his best, Sawallisch is always Sawallisch. Under his leadership the extreme radicalism of the "Eroica" — that earthquake in the history of the symphony — came across as more or less beside the point, just as the imaginative and formal breakthroughs in *Don Juan* had done.

It seems appropriate to sum up by quoting Byron's prophetic lines (from HIS *Don Juan*, Canto 18):

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He's got lots of Polish —
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UCSD Faculty Violinist Päivikki Nykter will be joined by UCSD students Reynard Rott (cello) and Yvonne Lee (piano) to perform the Schubert "Piano Trio in B Flat Major" during a concert tonight, Thursday, October 18. The trio will also present the "Piano Trio No. 1 in B Major" by Brahms. The recital begins at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. Tickets are $8 general. (LA JOLLA)

Masterworks Series, this San Diego Symphony series continues with concerts on October 18-20. Conductor James DePreist will be joined by 2001 Van Cliburn competition winner Stanislav Ioudenitch to perform Mozart's "Concerto for Piano No. 21," "The Masks" by Ronald LoPresti, and Mahler's "Symphony No. 1."

Tonight, Thursday, October 18, enjoy the concert at 8 p.m. at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets range from $19 to $49. Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

The music begins at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets range from $15 to $70. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

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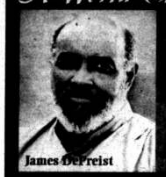

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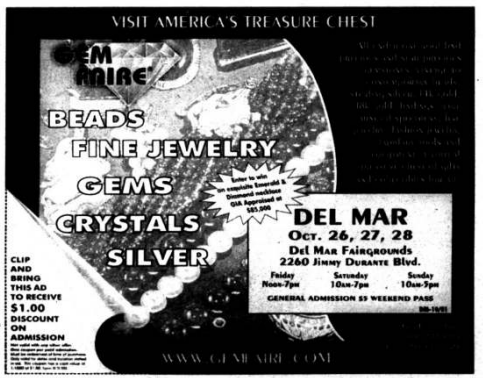

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Opera in O'side, the San Diego Opera Ensemble will present "Operafest: The Glory of Opera," today, Thursday, October 18. Each performance will feature a different program. The music begins at noon at 401 Mission Avenue (in front of the Regal Cinemas). For further information, call 760-439-1319. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

A "9-11 Fundraising Music Concert" is planned by cellist Paul Tseng and pianist Fontaine Lang on Friday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the Taiwanese American Community Center (7170 Convoy Court). Admission is free; donations will be accepted for various relief funds. For more information, call 858-560-8884. (LINDA VISTA)

"Dido and Aeneas" is being presented by the San Diego Youth Opera October 19-21 at the Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). The story is based on the four books of Virgil's *Aeneid* and tells the story of Dido, Queen of Carthage, and her love for Aeneas, the Trojan leader. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are $10. Dial 858-259-0340 for reservations and information. (CARLSBAD)

A "Sparkling Array of vocal and piano solos and duets of operatic arias, Chinese folk songs, and Mexican tunes" is promised when soprano Sylvia Wen, tenor Jose Medina, and pianist Bryan Verhoye gather for a concert on Friday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the La Mesa First United Methodist Church (4690 Palm Avenue). The suggested donation is $10. Call 619-466-4163 for information. (LA MESA)

A Festival of Music and Dance from India is taking place at UCSD. The festival opens on Friday, October 19, with an open dialogue at 6:30 p.m. A concert featuring guest artists Subhra Guha (voice), Ananda Gopal Banerjee (tabla), Tejendra Majumdar (sarod), and Tanmoy Bose (tabla) begins at 8 p.m.

The next event is set for Saturday, October 20. The dialogue starts at 6:30 p.m. Guest artists at the concert (8 p.m.) include Vijay Kumar Kichlu (voice), Ananda Gopal Banerjee (tabla), Kartik Seshadri (sitar), Tanmoy Bose (tabla), and Arup Chatterjee (tabla).

Find the festival in Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets for either event are $10 general. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

Recorder Players are invited to join the San Diego County Recorder Society when the group meets for instruction and playing on Friday, October 19, at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center. Recorder basics begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by warm-ups at 7 p.m., with a guest conductor leading the group from 7:30 to 9:45 p.m.

Find the center at 1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (two miles east of I-15). For information, call 619-466-6058. The first visit is free. (TIERRASANTA)

The Faculty New Music Ensemble at San Diego State University presents a recital at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 19, in Smith Recital Hall. Admission is free. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (SDSU)

"Melody of Taiwan — Traditional Taiwanese Opera" may be heard when the North American Taiwanese Women Association perform on Saturday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the Taiwanese American Community Center (7170 Convoy Court). Tickets are free. Call 858-560-8884 for more information. (LINDA VISTA)

The Chimes Atop UCSD's Geisel Library will ring out at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 20, in conjunction with the campus wide open-house events. Listen for back-to-back premieres of Andrew Buffington's "Blue" "...and Gold." After that, the chimes will ring with short works previously commissioned for the carillon. University carillonneur Scott Paulson will play requests at 4 p.m. The chimes may be heard by anyone in the general radius of the library. Free. For information, call 858-534-8074. (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 will perform an abridged version of this tale on Saturday, October 20, at 5 p.m., at All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard at Chatsworth). The suggested donation is $10. For more information, call 619-223-6394. (POINT LOMA)

Longtime Music Library Patrons will join the staff of the UCSD Music Library in Geisel Library for live performances of music works pulled from the music library shelves during UCSD's open-house events on Saturday, October 20. Performances will last 15 to 20 minutes, beginning at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. Featured resident ensembles include the Geisel Library Bassoon Quartet, the Geisel Library Toy Piano Duo, and the Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra. Free. For more information, call 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

All-Russian Concerts are promised when the Palomar Symphony Orchestra performs on October 20 and 21 in the Howard Brubeck Theatre. Listen for Borodin's "Symphony No. 2 in B Minor" and Kalinnikov's "Symphony No. 1 in G Minor." Tickets are $10 general. The concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Find the Palomar College campus at 1140 West Mission Road. For further information, call 760-744-1150 2453. (SAN MARCOS)

In Memory of Those Who Died on September 11, Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem" will be presented on Sunday, October 21, by members of the San Diego Symphony, (former civic) organist Robert Plimpton, and choristers from ensembles throughout San Diego County. Soloists include Virginia Sublett and John Polhamus, under the direction of Stephen Sturk. Guests will also hear pieces by Barber and Bach.

An offering will be received, to be donated to the American Red Cross. The concert begins at 4 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 4761 Cass Street. For more information, dial 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH)

The Fall Concert Series hosted by the Carlsbad City Library continues with a performance by the Gennaro Trio on Sunday, October 21, 2 p.m., in the library's Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove, Lane). Ensemble members include violinist Ronald Goldman, cellist Mary Lindblom, and pianist Ilana Mysior. Free. Questions? Call 760-434-2881 for answers. (CARLSBAD)

Chamber Music for Clarinet, Violin, cello, and piano may be enjoyed when Steve Gray is joined by San Diego Symphony members for a concert on Sunday, October 21, at 7 p.m., for the Clairemont Lutheran Vesper Concert Series. Teresa Tunnicliff, Igor Pandurski, and Mary Szanto will present Beethoven's "Trio for Clarinet, Cello, and Piano," and the "Quartet for Clarinet, Violin, Cello, and Piano" by Hindemith.

Find the church at 4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Nursery care is available. An offering will be received. For information, dial 858-273-7423. (CLAIREMONT)

The String Quartet Ensemble Exaltum, visiting here from Paris, plans a concert with selections by Mozart and young Czech composer Krystof Maratka on Sunday, October 21, at 3 p.m., at the Tierrasanta Lutheran Church (11240 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Tickets are $10 general, benefiting the Gustavo Romero Music Scholarship Fund at Mesa College. For more information, call 619-388-2809. (CLAIREMONT)

Operatic Winners, the winner's concert for the 43rd Year of Metropolitan Opera Auditions begins at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 21, at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). This year's first-place winner and audience choice awardee is Georgio Gonzalez; five other winners will also perform. Call 619-479-8184 for more information. The requested donation is $5. (LA JOLLA)

The Pleasure of Your Company Chamber Music Series continues when pianist Irina Bendetsky plays pieces by Tchaikovsky, Glinka, Rachmaninoff, and Mussorgsky on Sunday, October 21. Eric Bromberger will provide background and explain the selections. The concert begins at 2:30 p.m. at the Scripps Ranch Public Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). 858-538-8158. Free. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Fall Concert, the San Diego State University Symphony Orchestra plans a concert on Sunday, October 21. The concert features pianist Karen Follingstad performing Beethoven's "Second Piano Concerto." Masters student Jeff Eckstein will conduct the Beethoven piece, as well as the opening selection of the concert, the "Festival Overture" by Shostakovich. The program also features Donald Barra conducting the first four of *The Planets:* "Mars," "Venus," "Mercury," and "Jupiter" by Gustav Holst.

The music begins at 7 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall on the San Diego State University campus. Tickets are $10 general. Call 619-594-6042 for information. (SDSU)

Choristers Evensong, the Harold Drake office in F and the Larry King anthem "Glory to You" may be heard when the men and boys choristers present evensong on Sunday, October 21, at 5 p.m., at St. Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg). An offering will be received. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

San Diego Has a New Civic Organist — her name is Carol Williams, and she comes from Workingham in Berkshire, England. She's the first female ever to hold the position of municipal organist in the U.S. Williams offers her debut concert in the position on Sunday, October 21, at 2 p.m., in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For further information, dial 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Mozart's "String Quartet No. 10" may be heard when the Festival Strings perform for the San Diego Mini-Concert at noon on Monday, October 22. Also on the program; Shostakovich's "Quartet No. 8." Quartet members include violinists Mary Karo and Robie Evans, violist Mary Gerard, and cellist Jenny Nolson. Free. The music lasts approximately 50 minutes in the Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. For more details, call 619-236-1980. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Glory of Opera" may be enjoyed when the San Diego Opera Ensemble performs at the College Avenue Senior Center on Tuesday, October 23, at 1 p.m. Soprano Laura Portune, mezzo- soprano Kelly Gebhart, tenor Andrew Truett, baritones Paul Bower and Scott Toperzer, and bass-baritone Mark-Edward Wadley will sing selections by Mozart, Bizet, Puccini, Strauss, and Verdi.

Find the center inside the Beth Jacob Synagogue, at 4855 College Avenue, and by calling 619-583-3300. Admission is $4. (SDSU)

Celebrating Its 15th Anniversary, Westwind Brass presents a gala concert on Tuesday, October 23, at 6 p.m., at the James S. Copley Library (1134 Kline Street). Tickets are $20 for one, $25 for two, or $30 for three (for advance reservations). For information and reservations, call 619-337-2848. (LA JOLLA)

Post 23 Candles on the Birthday Cake when the UCSD contemporary music ensemble Sonor celebrates its 25th season this year. The fall Sonor concert is slated for Wednesday, October 24, at 8 p.m. (following a pre-concert lecture at 7 p.m.), in Mandeville Auditorium.

In selections ranging from improvised to performer-composed to formally notated music and in shifting ensembles from solos, duos, and trios up to large ensembles, this program explores the levels of performer influence on what is perceived as the musical work. All of the pieces to be performed were selected by the individual performers involved and include works by Roscoe Mitchell, Arnold Schoenberg, Pauline Oliveros, John Zorn, Matthias Pintscher, THE (Harkins and Larson), and Wadada Leo Smith.

Tickets are $10 general; parking permits are $3. Dial 858-534-4830 for details. (LA JOLLA)

Czech, Please, the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library presents a concert of Czech music, performed by the aforementioned composer Krystof Maratka and his ensemble Exaltum, next Thursday, October 25. Exaltum members include Pierre-Olivier Queyras (violin), Karine Lethiec (viola), Veronique Mann (cello), and Maratka (piano).

The program includes Dvořák's "Piano Quartet No. 2" (first movement) and his "Dumky Trio" (fifth movement); "Madrigals," by Martinu, Janáček's "Pohadka (Fairy Tale)," and five compositions by Maratka himself: "Poémes," "Six Sonatas," "Horoscope," "Labyrinth," and "Exaltum."

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street and by calling 858-454-5872. Tickets are $20 general. (LA JOLLA)

Piano for Lunch, Ron Morebello and Karen Kaenel present a duo piano recital for the Concert Hour at Palomar College next Thursday, October 25, 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)

A Faculty Chamber Music Recital is set for next Thursday, October 25, at 12:15 p.m., in French Parlor (located in Founders Hall at the University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park). Free. Call 619-260-2280 for information. (LINDA VISTA)

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Excitable Surfaces

Like most American artists, Frieseke came to Impressionism when in Europe it was just a memory.

REVIEW
W.S. DI PIERO

This column will be about an early 20th-century American Impressionist painter, but first I need to take a walk around the barn.

Robert De Niro Sr. was one of a group of distinguished American painters born in the 1920s that included Paul Resika, Nell Blaine, Leland Bell, and Louisa Matthiasdottir. De Niro worked in a sensuous, colorist, School-of-Paris mode. His motifs — nudes, flowers, landscapes, interiors — were traditional. He was a "Southern" painter, big-gestured and loose, playing a high-keyed palette of reds, yellows, and purples. His paintings express a love of physical reality brought directly off his nerves onto the canvas, and that love was indistinguishable from his love of the history of painting. But for all his impressive gifts, even as a mature artist he never succeeded is exorcising from his work the ghost of Matisse. His bold sinuous lines and gestural evocations of the figure remained hostage to Matisse's practice. To De Niro, this might have been high praise. In the end, it put a pinching frame around his achievement.

Frederick Carl Frieseke, born in Michigan in 1874, was one of the better-known painters of his time, both in France, where he spent most of his adult life, and in America, where his paintings — certain kinds of them, at least — were much in demand. As a boy, Frieseke possessed impressive drawing skills; as a young man, he aspired to earn a living drawing cartoons for periodicals, but that soon gave way to his decision to become an artist. Like many young American artists at the time, he went to Paris to study at the Académie Julian, where he trained in classic academic technique (which emphasized draftsmanship and fidelity to the motif), and at the Académie Carmen, overseen more or less by James Abbott McNeill Whistler, then at the peak of his fame as a painter and dandy, who occasionally showed up at the school in full dress — hat, frock coat, cane, and gloves that he would sometimes soil by correcting students' paintings with his finger. A factotum stood by to provide a fresh glove.

Until his encounter with Whistler, Frieseke produced watercolors of a remarkable deftness and grace, evident in *Dutch Landscape,* included in the exhibition currently at the San Diego Museum of Art, "Frederick Carl Frieseke: Evolution of an American Impressionist." The older painter persuaded him to work in oils. By 1901 Frieseke was launched and had a painting accepted for the Salon of the Société Nationale des Beaux-Arts. By 1904 he was winning medals at international exhibitions. He lived in Paris, but starting in 1906 he spent summers in Giverny in Brittany — Monet was a neighbor — until 1920, when he bought a country home in Normandy, where he lived until his death in 1939.

The exhibition is a timely, smartly selective, and informative follow-up to an earlier show, "American Impressionists at Home and Abroad," which I reviewed early this year. It tracks the patterns of change in Frieseke's work so clearly that you leave the galleries feeling you've got your mind around a lifetime of work. In Frieseke's case, this is made easier by his fairly narrow range of motifs and styles.

His early paintings show his teacher's influence. The subdued palette, sfumatura effects, and subtle tonal modulations of the 1901 *Brittany Landscape* are very much in Whistler's manner. Later in his life Frieseke told a reporter that an artist shouldn't be bound to one style. The move to Giverny in 1906 resulted in something like a conversion experience to Impressionist technique. The sheeted, becalmed surfaces of his earlier paintings become more excitable. Like most American artists, Frieseke came to Impressionism when in Europe it was just a memory. (He was born the year Impressionism made its debut.) In 1914 (!) he spoke of himself as a true Impressionist and great ad-



Lady in a Garden, 1912

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mirer of Pierre-Auguste Renoir, whose influence is apparent in the sensuous, fluttery brushwork of an almost titillating nude, *Venus in the Sunlight*, and the lush boudoir picture *Before Her Appearance (La Toilette)*, in which a woman sits at her vanity applying lipstick, a loosely draped peignoir slipping off her shoulder.

Frieseke was a virtuosic stylist who passed with uncanny ease from Whistler's way of giving a painting an opaque skin that was a bearer of pure mood to a crustier Impressionistic surface built up from choppy, stabbing brushwork. His Impressionist pictures have a different theatricality, not performative or "framed" but emergent, breaking forth beyond the proscenium of the picture plane. In a painting such as *Garden Umbrella*, the most eye-catching work in the show, jabs of pigment drizzle and pelt across the surface, both building up and passing through the scene. The woman in this picture is caught in, and created from, anxious color platelets. After 1906 color definitively becomes an agent, not a medium, of feeling, and it registers degrees of excitability. The movement of the pigment on canvas, in true Impressionist fashion, is itself the object of vision.

Frieseke's favorite motif, which eventually diminished his market in a still rather prudish American art scene, was the nude, which he often dramatized in a Renoiresque way. (He also did many portraits of women dressed to disclose, sometimes voyeuristically, a breast, aureole, or nipple.) In *Venus in the Sunlight*, the nude is *in* nature; in the bathing scene *On the Bank*, she's *of* it.



Reflections, 1909

By 1915 Frieseke had begun to practice now and again the flat style of the Nabis, who followed the lead of post-Impressionists like Gauguin in creating ritualized decoration. Pierre Bonnard and Édouard Vuillard were the best known of the group — *nabi* is the Hebrew word for prophet — and their influence is visible in a 1913 interior, *The Robe*, where the pattern of the woman's kimono (draped to reveal her breasts) picks up the wallpaper striping and armchair upholstery. Nabi painting doesn't have the thrills of Impressionism, which in its purest form catches the sensation of the instant in every mark; it's more deliberate and emblematic. Impressionism doesn't take us out of time, it delivers us to time's particulars, to the ticking of instants registered in forms. A Nabi-ish picture by Frieseke, like the panoramic *Afternoon at the Beach*, where bathers, horseback riders, children, and hovering striped umbrellas are all pushed forward and flattened, is stop-time, a stilled processional.



Before Her Appearance (La Toilette), 1913

As he aged, Frieseke devoted much of his energy to gently expansive domestic scenes. His palette darkens a little, as a singer's voice darkens with age, so that a quiet picture like the 1926 *Practice Hour*, of a girl playing the piano, bears ever so lightly a shadowy mantle of mortality. His very late paintings of women in modern dress, which are among my favorites, are subdued, worshipful presentations of an entire female presence, not just a celebration of flesh. The best picture in the show, however, may be the 1931 *Night Scene*, a Nordic expressionist vision of reality in which a feeling for transcendence creates a pitch of mystery few of his earlier pictures achieve.

I began with De Niro not to match him up against Frieseke but to illustrate how a derivative painter can be a very good painter, not inconsequential or deficient, merely lesser, one who offers intense sensations even while we know we're seeing through the veils of better pictures by greater painters. ■

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GALLERIES

"Local Color" by Kraig Cavanaugh goes on exhibit at the Porter Troupe Gallery with a reception at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Thursday, October 18. The show continues, along with "Neo Relics" by Einar and Jamex de la Torre, through November. Regular gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and by appointment. Find the gallery at 301 Spruce Street; 619-291-9096. (HILLCREST)

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"A Sense of Radiance" imbues the work by Nancy Kittredge going on exhibit at the David Zapf Gallery with a reception on Friday, October 19, at 6 p.m. The show continues through Saturday, November 17. Regular hours are noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and by appointment. Find the gallery at 2400 Kettner Boulevard; 619-232-5004. (DOWNTOWN)

Tropical Wetlands Where Earth and Water Meet and mangrove swamps are highlighted in the contemporary photographs by Cheryl Van Hooven gathered in "Wetlands." The photographs are printed in extreme colors and on an enormous scale, and the prints are said to "have the tactile quality of impressionist painting." Meet Van Hooven when she visits the Joseph Bellows Gallery for a reception marking the opening of this exhibition on Friday, October 19, at 6 p.m.

View "Wetlands" through Saturday, November 24. Regular viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment; find the gallery at 7661 Girard Avenue. For information, dial 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

New Paintings from the "Tantra" series by Ellen Salk go on exhibit at Quint Contemporary Art during a reception on Friday, October 19, at 6 p.m. The exhibit includes several of Salk's brightly colored compositions, but the main exhibition space features all-white paintings. In addition to the more traditional oil and acrylic paint, Salk incorporates wax, Xerox transfers, and collages into her works to impart textural complexity. See the show through Saturday, November 24.

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"The Necessary Beauty," a group exhibit featuring work by 16 artists, begins at the R.B. Stevenson Gallery with a reception on Friday, October 19, at 6 p.m. Find the gallery in suite 103 at 2400 Kettner Boulevard. View the show through Thursday, November 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. 619-595-0558. (DOWNTOWN)

Judged and Juried but Open to All, the Olde Ramona Hotel Gallery hosts its 12fth annual fine arts show beginning with an awards reception on Saturday, October 20, at 5 p.m. The judge was San Diego artist Robert Kelsh. For more information, call 760-789-3682. Find the gallery at 845 Main Street. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. (RAMONA)

Marine Life Artist and Muralist Wyland will be on hand for art shows and painting demonstrations on October 20 and 21. Meet Wyland from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday at the Wyland Gallery located at 1025 Prospect Street, suites 100 and 200; call 858-459-8229 for information. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Busy on Saturday? The artist will also visit the Wyland Gallery at 855 West Harbor Drive, suite A, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Free. 800-995-2635. (DOWNTOWN)

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." 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)

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

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, hailed as a "Living Treasure of California," master furniture maker Sam Maloof has an exhibit of work on view at the museum. Maloof has been hailed as a major influence in the development of the American Studio Furniture movement; his work has been featured in a number of important exhibitions. Enjoy "Sam Maloof: A Tribute to Freda" through Sunday, November 4. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way. For more information, call 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

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." 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.

"1-5 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)

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Strange Circles

Each play has enough violence for a Three Stooges *retrospective.*

REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

The world according to Martin McDonagh: Bartley didn't want it known that he killed Jack Ellery's goose and Pat Brennan's cat. Why? Then they wouldn't pay him. Bartley tells Helen — we're in Helen's shop on the rustic Isle of Inishmaan — his tactics for the kills. He "stomped" the goose but needed an axe for the kitten ("takes more than a stomp to polish a cat off"). After gossip about how Jim Finnegan's daughter murders worms, discussion turns to Mrs. Osborne. She talks to a stone and listens for what it says ("stone doesn't say anything…because stones they don't say anything"). Helen wants to hide the stone "and see if Mrs. Osborne has a nervous breakdown." Bartley says, "That wouldn't be a very Christian thing to do."

A breathtaking leap of logic — but then again, McDonagh's *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, which played recently at San Diego State, catapults like that throughout. With one exception, everyone is cruel, half-mad, and acutely aware of everyone else's failings, yet blind as a bat to their own. Everyone practices extreme, un-Christian behavior while claiming to be Christians in thought and deed.

Bartley plays no favorites: "Jesus drove a thousand pigs into the sea one time, did you ever hear tell of that story? They always seem to gloss o'er that one in school."

To which Kate, who talks to the stone, replies, "I didn't know Jesus could drive."

The nonviolent exception is 17-year-old Billy Craven. He's Inishmaan's "cripple" — deformed left leg and arm. Billy says he got this way because his drunken father punched his pregnant mother (there was no punching, replies his doctor; "don't go romanticizing it"). By the end of act one, he's been tugged, poked, and clobbered so much he's a walking welt.

Billy stares at cows. At first you'd agree with Babbybobby that this is not sanity's height. And Billy admits it's no fun, especially since cows just look at you "like fools." But he also says there are 100 things worse, and by the end of *Inishmaan*, you've seen dozens.

McDonagh's humor resembles spiked Halloween candy. It looks sweet, but check inside. Like his *Beauty Queen of Leenane*, *Inishmaan* makes inhumane acts as natural as breathing. Each play has enough violence for a *Three Stooges* retrospective, but with no cartoony veneer. The pain is real, even if the reactions are oddball, as when the Doctor asks Johnnypateen how his mother got "lying at the foot of your stairs." A "kind-hearted Christian man" — his words — Johnnypateen replies, "By falling down them! How d'ya usually get lying at the foot of a fella's stairs?"

When a studio wants to make an "authentic" film about a neighboring island, Billy auditions in Hollywood. Now most playwrights would turn this one-in-a-zillion shot into Bottom's Dream — the lowly has a vision beyond the ken. Not so. The studio rejects Billy (he can't act, so they hire a blond guy from Fort Lauderdale). And nothing goes according to plan, as is its wont in the world of Martin McDonagh.

The playwright overtips his hand only once. Billy observes, "There are plenty round here just as crippled as me, only it isn't on the outside it shows." McDonagh does the same needless articulation of the obvious in *Leenane* — to which all you can reply is, duh….

San Diego State opened its new season with a theatrically aware production of *Inishmaan*. This play has as many traps and potential pitfalls as a day in the life of Billy Craven. Director Peter Larkham, however, dodged a majority, and his cast — most with Irish accents in place — walked McDonagh's skinny line between humor and horror.

Inishmaan is the middle of the three Aran Islands. To stress its (and the play's) primitive qualities, Amanda Stephens's set was half-store, half-cave. Tabletops sat on boulders. The play takes place in 1934, and Brandon I. Moss's lighting created the sense that electricity was a recent, underutilized commodity.

As Johnnypateen, the reporter without a newspaper, Nathan Hedrick showed an instinctive urge to communicate, regardless of content. Emily Mitchell's Helen, the egg-breaker, was a flashpoint of violence. And Jomar Tagatac's Billy was touching, without being sentimental in this, one of the least sentimental plays ever written.

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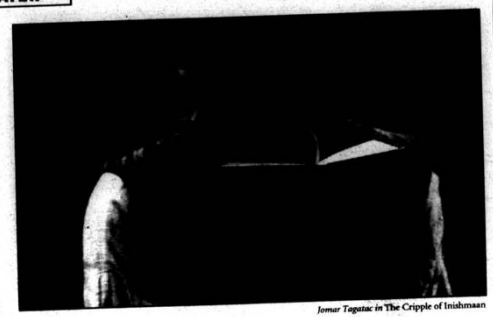
In a program note, director Patrick Stewart boasts that, in his staging of *Wait Until Dark*, "Every hair on the back of every neck in the audience is sure to be on end." Stewart talks the talk, but his North Coast Rep production never walks the walk.

Surely you've seen the 1967 movie: Audrey Hepburn as blind Susy Hendrix, Alan Arkin 49 kinds of meanie. The dark apartment is Hepburn's ally against thieves, until a refrigerator door cracks open. And just when you're certain she's home free, Arkin makes that last, desperate dive.

Wait Until Dark, which began as a play, is surefire stage material: contained space, darkness on both sides of the proscenium, a protagonist you'd love to help, except that she's better equipped than you. Plus, the audience wants its wits scared out — anything for a release these days. But the bland acting, even when the cast doesn't shuffle its feet, waddling in strange circles, is far too generalized: we get types of thugs rather than specific people. And the staging is almost suspense-free.

The North Coast Rep's designers made a fitting home for horror. Thanks to Marty Burnett's set, apartment 27B on Grogan Street brims with everyday objects that could become lethal in the wrong hands. George Ye's sounds and original music can tingle spines. And, most of all, Karin Filijan's lighting includes a cobalt blackout worthy of the script. All you can see are three EXIT signs. If the show worked, they'd be a comfort. Since the show doesn't work, they shine as beacons of escape. ■



Jomar Tagatac in The Cripple of Inishmaan

The Cripple of Inishmaan, *by Martin McDonagh*
San Diego State University, *Experimental Theater*
Directed by Peter Larkham; *cast: Lee Ann Payne, Jill MacLean, Nathan Hedrick, Jomar Tagatac, Adrian Alia, Emily Mitchell, Zach Diestler, Jordan Guzzardo, Caprice Woosley; scenic design, Amanda Stephens; costumes, Marcie Morgan; lighting, Brandon I. Moss; sound, Lindsay Byrne*
Run concluded.

Wait Until Dark, *by Frederick Knott*
North Coast Repertory Theatre, *Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach*
Directed by Patrick Stewart; *cast: Jyl Kaneshiro, Marty Hrejsa, John Garcia, Charlie Riendeau, Kirk Bradley, Rebecca Masci, Jason Hascall; scenic design, Marty Burnett; costumes, Shulamit Helson; lighting, Karin Filijan; sound and original music, George Ye*
Playing through November 11; *Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. For information call 858-481-1055.*



Charlie Riendeau, Jyl Kaneshiro in Wait Until Dark

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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 musical, 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.

Cheval Theatre
The "equestrian extravaganza," created by Gilles Ste.-Croix (artistic director of Cirque du Soleil), has been held over.
BALBOA PARK, PARK AVENUE AND PRESIDENTS WAY, THROUGH OCTOBER 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 877-528-0777.

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 AV ENUE), NORMAL HEIGHTS; FIRST OR SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-280-5177.

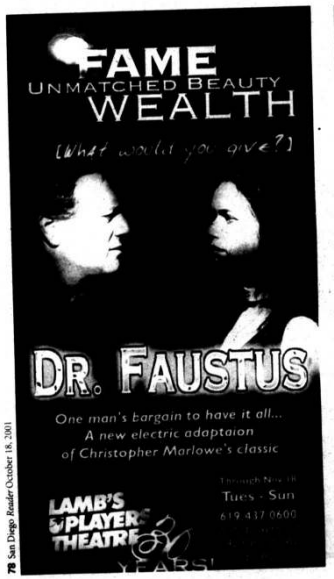
Daddy's Dyin', Who's Got the Will?
PowPac presents Del Shores's comedy about the estate of Buford "Daddy" Turnover and a will no one can find. Brent A. Stringfield directed.
POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, THROUGH NOVEMBER 4; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

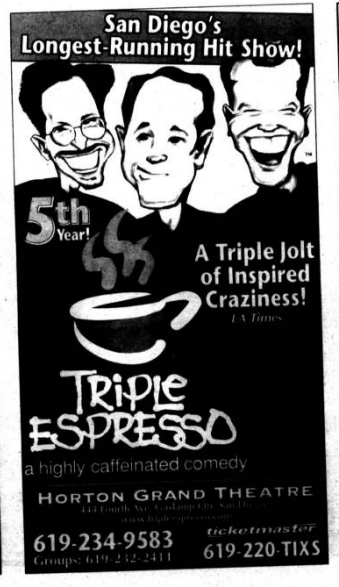
Death Rides the Stage
HIT Productions new interactive comedy-mystery, written by Beth and Scott McNeilen, is set in Texas: "You survived a stampede, Lucy Tyler is looking for your underwear…and there's a dead body in the next room."
SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Dracula, the Musical
The La Jolla Playhouse concludes its 2001 season with a world-premiere musical based on the legendary count. Des McAnuff directed.
LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE ARTS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

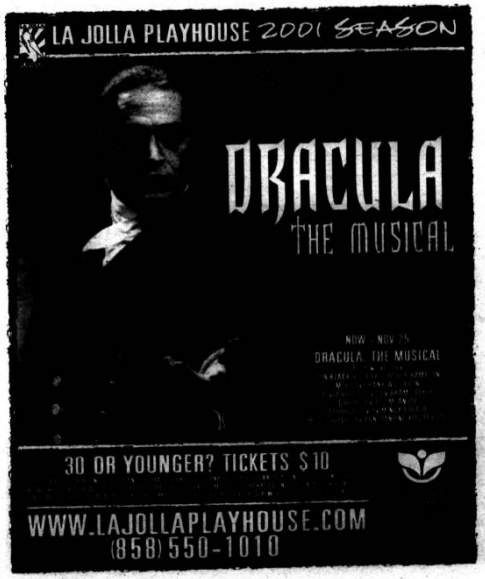
Dr. Faustus
Lamb's Players Theatre stages Christopher Marlowe's mighty drama about a man who sold his soul to Lucifer for 24 years of power, money, and fame. Robert Smyth directed.
LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE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

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.











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Heaven Rocks
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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.

The Homecoming
South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Harold Pinter's drama about a seedy house, full of a seedy father and sons, and the arrival of a third son with his attractive wife, who enjoys all the attention. Martin Benson directed.
SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, MAIN STAGE. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN. DAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

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; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

I Do! I Do!
Patio Playhouse presents Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt's musical chronicle of a marriage, from wedding day through retirement. Jay Mower directed.
PATIO PLAYHOUSE, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, THROUGH NOVEMBER 11; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE 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!"
SHIRLEY'S, 7866 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA. OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 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, 338 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.

Lot's Daughters
Diversionary Theatre presents Rebecca Basham's drama about "the romance of two young women, united against a hostile world."
Rosina Reynolds directed.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, THROUGH NOVEMBER 17; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, NOVEMBER 4, AND NOVEMBER 11 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 is 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-Injiquez 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 Renown*: "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.

Luna: Theater of Light
For one performance only, the one-of-kind group, famous for manipulating light, performs at the California Center.
CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ESCONDIDO, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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 Bruno Bettelheim 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 trippingly (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.


Dracula, the Musical

Naked Sacred Cows
Victor and Riley (Don Victor and Allison Riley) present a "neo-zeitgeist comedy" that satirizes "the human experiment."
THE FAULTLINE THEATER, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-804-3647.

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 Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.
MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS. OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-295-4999.

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.

Our Lady of the Shoulder of the Road
6th @ Penn Theatre presents Judy Montague's drama about a series of events in a small town: does a teenage girl have mysterious powers? Katie Rodda directed.
6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18; 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 coldn'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; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Redwood Curtain
The San Diego Asian American Repertory Theatre presents Lanford Wilson's drama about a young Vietnamese girl's search for the natural father she lost after the war. Robert Dahey directed.
SAN DIEGO ASIAN AMERICAN REPERTORY THEATRE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Shear Madness
Mystery dinner theater minus the meal. The longest-running non-musical 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

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joke. Then in a *volte face*, the house lights come up, and the audience becomes the detective. The show's core, and obviously the cause of its longevity, lies in the give-and-take between cast and audience. During the interrogation the actors become re-actors. They ad-lib and trounce hecklers. Although many ad libs sound scripted ("You don't have a butler? How do you eat?"), the cast, especially Rick Meads as top cop Nick O'Brien, is at its best in this format. *Shear Madness* began in 1978. Along with physical comedy and malaprops (one character gets labeled a "genital liar"), the play derives humor from topical and local references. Several topical references need updating (when was the last time you equated Sandy Duncan with Wheat Thins?). The show bills itself as mindless fun. Much of it is, and no more. But some local references — negative remarks about Lakeside and Paradise Hills, for example — raise nagging questions about the anything-for-a-laugh mindset behind the production.

Worth a try.

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN: TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M.

Shotgun Wedding Anniversary, or, Who Wants to Murder a Multimillionaire?

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

Worth a try.

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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 black-out best) to make the hits more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Impro*) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

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"Music director Ben Allen has turned the North County station into a locals-only venue for artists and students to experiment with their creativity," gushed the latest edition of *San Diego* magazine about the student-run Palomar College radio station KKSM (1320 AM). "He's playing anything musical sent to him by anyone who lives in the county," said the magazine about the free-spirited music director.

The only problem is Allen, 22, left KKSM three weeks before the magazine hit the stands.

"He just wanted to do his own thing all of the time," said KKSM program director Rich Clements. Clements said that Allen's music selections sometimes were a bit inaccessible. "We had some things on there that sounded like sound effects, like machines running."

Allen became music director in January, pledging to play any and all offerings sent in by local artists.

"I want to get the station 100 percent local music by the end of the summer," Allen said six months ago. But Allen said station management resisted and he left September 10.

Allen thinks free-form expression is the whole point of college radio. "It's a college station. It should be open to experimentation.… They didn't really want me there in the first place. I saw a memo sent out by Mr. [Rob] Branch [KKSM's faculty advisor] that was sent out to people who worked there. It said, 'Maybe we should reconsider before putting him on the air.' I figured [Branch] was going to be a barrier to progress. Some of his ideas were outdated, and he didn't keep up with communications in general."

Allen describes his first official reprimand. "They suspended me for two weeks because I was messing with the computer. They didn't know how to use it. I just wanted to get more use out of it. I was there a year, and they never taught us how to use it."

KKSM broadcasts with live DJs about eight hours a week and relies on computer automation the rest of the time. KKSM assistant program director Zeb Navarro said Allen's computer retoolings meant that the once-an-hour station identification would not have aired, which is an FCC violation. "He could have cost us our license," said Navarro.

"There was just one day I didn't get [the station ID function] into the system," said Allen. "I think they were just looking for a way to get rid of me. I don't want to say anything bad about them. I hope the staff is still into local music."


PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

KKSM LOSES MUSIC DIRECTOR

Allen said after his suspension he just decided to leave. "I'd like to start my own Internet station."

Clements said KKSM is still actively playing local artists. "If [local artists] want to get on the air, all they need to do is send us a single or a CD," said Clements. (The address to send it to is 1140 W. Mission Road, San Marcos CA 92069-1487.) He said KKSM now has a "more straightforward alternative" format.

— *Ken Leighton*

"It seems like a big PR event with safe winners," said Adam Allen of the band Counterfit about the San Diego Music Awards held last week at Humphrey's. Allen and other local musicians wondered out loud why P.O.D. and blink-182 would still be honored at the ceremony dedicated to local artists when they have already reached multiplatinum status.

Guitarist Tom DeLonge was on hand to accept two awards for blink-182. His acceptance speeches were pleas to give other local bands a chance to win.

"Tom was really humble," said Allen. "He said there were a lot of other bands who were starting out who deserved it more. He said he felt strange winning with all the success they already have."

But Allen understands that it's all show business and that blink-182 is big business. "People capitalize on the fact that blink is huge. People are more apt to write stories about it and show up if Tom is there and [if] P.O.D. is up for an award. But don't get me wrong. I'm not upset that my band didn't win. I just think it wouldn't hurt to rethink the event and be more accommodating for all the great artists we have in San Diego."

"Of course the bands that sell eight million records are going to win," said Kevin Hellman, executive director of the SDMA. "It's the same


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thing at the Grammys. Generally the band that sells the most records ends up winning.... In my opinion it doesn't matter who wins. What matters is that we raised money for a good cause." He said over $42,000 was raised to purchase musical instruments for public schools in Alpine, San Diego, and Encinitas.

The Oakland-based Bammie awards were named after the now-defunct *BAM* magazine, which stood for "Bay Area music." The Bammies mix national and unsigned artists in the same category.

"I agree it can get kind of strange," said Jim Herrington, who covers pop music for the *Oakland Tribune*. "You have Carlos Santana competing in the same category with guitarists who play in bars." But Herrington adds that the Bammies are no longer just for Northern California artists. "The Bammies are statewide now. It's now a California music awards show."

Counterfit appears October 30 at the Casbah.
— Ken Leighton

"We were the first local hip-hop group to play that venue," said Frosty of the Icons about their first show at the Casbah. But the big question is: Will they also be the last?

"I would have to look long and hard before we rebook them," said Casbah co-owner Tim Mays. Although Mays admitted he "loved the band," he said the Casbah management was not happy with the graffiti left after their October 1 show. "It was nasty," Mays said of the scrawlings that were written and painted on tables and walls inside the club and on the exterior of surrounding offices. "It was not the band, it was their fans," said Mays.

The October 1 show was part of a pre-awards showcase for the San Diego Music Awards and also featured Rochelle, Rochelle and Via Satellite. The Icons performed at the San Diego Music Awards ceremony last Tuesday at Humphrey's, where they won the best hip-hop album award for their CD *Capture the Flag*.

"The stigma surrounding hip-hop is that these things are gonna happen," said Frosty. "That's why a lot of hip-hop acts don't get to play venues like that. But they decided to give us a chance. Everybody's pretty pissed off. We offered to clean it up. We conducted our own investigation to make sure this would never happen again, but we couldn't find the source. We really felt let down."


FANS TAG ICONS WITH A BAD RAP
PHOTOGRAPH BY EVAN LOVED

The tagging incident comes just as the five-year-old band is starting to get some love from the local music scene. "From what we could tell, everybody wants to give us a chance. We were the first rap group to play at the San Diego Music Awards. We were even told by Kevin [Hellman, SDMA organizer] that 'we had a lot of good bands, but people weren't paying attention until you guys went on.' "

Meanwhile, as reported in a previous story, the Icons are still dealing with a Seattle company named Pig Pen that Frosty says sold T-shirts with the Icons logo. Frosty said the first cease-and-desist order he filed himself had no impact, but now the band is using an attorney to go after Pig Pen. "It's all just a matter of money at this point. It's all court costs. They're up in Seattle so we have to file it up there as well as down here."
— Ken Leighton

"I just got fed up groveling for $30 coffeehouse gigs."

Singer/guitarist Steve Denyes played his first acoustic gig when he was 16. After 15 years Denyes says he is ready to break away from the coffeehouse circuit. "One guy at Café Crema in Pacific Beach told me I was too country. I was speechless. I just packed up and went home."

Denyes, who teaches music at a Del Mar elementary school, has released three CDs. A regular at the Del Mar Fair, Denyes has played colleges and cafés up and down the coast. He still wants to play music. But not for people who won't listen.


SAVING THE WORLD ONE LATTE AT A TIME
PHOTOGRAPH BY EVAN LOVED

"I played at an opening for a downtown art gallery. There was this guy who was down and out and living in the Pickwick Hotel. He came in for the free wine. He proceeded to get soused.... I knew this guy from the old days when I played the Miracles Café [in Cardiff]. He was relentless. The whole night he would follow me around."

Denyes said he has noticed the pay for acoustic performers is not what it was a decade ago. "I came to the conclusion I needed to approach it differently."

So Denyes has written his own one-man musical, *Waiting on Arleen*, which was also released as a CD.

"Our hero, which is me, works in a coffeehouse in Havasu, Arizona. He is trying to win back the love of his high school sweetheart, who is getting married to someone else." Denyes admits, "I did the coffeehouse thing for 15 years. Artistically I'm sick of it. It's ironic that this musical is based about a guy who works in a coffeehouse.... I don't drink coffee either."

So far he has staged *Arleen* at Twiggs, Dizzy's, and at the Encinitas Artist's Colony. "My only prop is a park bench. My wife takes the ticket money."

Sample lyrics: *I'm saving the world one latte at a time.... I make the mornings of the movers and the shakers /I tell jokes to the coffee breakers / I serve high tea to the PTA / Yeah, they all come to me to jump start their day / I make a living turning water and beans / Into this town's daily dose of caffeine.*

Steve Denyes will perform *Waiting on Arleen* at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the Encinitas Artist's Colony at 25 East E St. Admission is $6.
— Ken Leighton

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In addition to being the executive director of the San Diego Music Awards, Hellman also publishes *SLAMM*, a biweekly music magazine. According to an e-mail sent out by *SLAMM* columnist Ed Decker, Hellman demanded that Decker change his column and take out a reference to Clear Channel, the media conglomerate that owns close to 1200 radio stations nationwide and controls 11 stations locally.

Decker writes "Sordid Tales of a Bartender in Heat" for *SLAMM*. His column, published October 3, was originally titled "When I Own Clear Channel." It was devoted to the list of song titles that Clear Channel had sent to its stations suggesting that they not be played due to the September 11 attack.

In the column, Decker wrote how he was confounded that songs like "Imagine" and "Bridge over Troubled Water" would be considered for censorship. He wrote: "This list is a disgusting mess…it's bad, bad, bad that Clear Channel owns all these stations — because they don't know the first thing about music or the people who care about it."

In an e-mail that Decker sent out to friends and fans, Decker wrote that Hellman "wanted me to change the column so that Clear Channel would not be offended…. At the final hour, we sort of agreed on the changes because we had to. We changed the title of the column [to "When I Own the Media"] and replaced every mention of 'Clear Channel' with something generic like 'a certain unmentionable media conglomerate….' My column against censorship has been censored." Decker also added, "Before you go blaming *SLAMM*, remember that I agreed to the changes, and I inserted the changes myself, and I have no one else to blame but me. *SLAMM* has the right to dictate its content as it pleases."

Decker's original, unedited column can be read on his website at *www.edwindecker.com/rants*.

Decker said he will still write his column "Sordid Tales," partly because *SLAMM* allows him the journalistic freedom to use words like "fartknocker" and "dickworm."

Except for the statement at the beginning of this story, Hellman would not comment.

Ed Decker did not return requests for comment.

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, the highly publicized Clear Channel list was actually put together by Jack Evans, who happens to oversee the programming for all Clear Channel stations in San Diego.

— Ken Leighton

CD review: *Tarbox Ramblers*, Rounder 82161-9051-2

According to a quite reliable source, the Tarbox Ramblers WOWED THEM at BioSite 2001. And what the merry DEUCE was BioSite 2001?

"BioSite 2001," my source reports, "was a big biotech party, very annoying except that we got to take home free stuff for the kids. There were too many drunks trying to act important, how that everyone's biotech stock was in the toilet. It was at the Convention Center, I seem to remember. Or maybe some hotel — um — I was drunk too."

Well, this stuff is PLENTY OKAY. You can see how come they wowed 'em. Pre-WW2 folk and blues… "traditional music" or whatchoo wanna call it…pre-gospel gospel and pre-Roy Acuff country. And what's interesting is these guys're only HALF acoustic — no fear (or loathing) of 'lectric guitar — the best of both worlds, or at least of TWO.

More than anything, tho — except for the fiddle — they remind these ears of some second-unit white blues bands of the late '60s, early '70s, like Siegel-Schwall or Coldwell-Windfield…MINUS, that is, a certain (ooh, I hate to say it) "commercial" edge…a certain hand-as-*truly*-dealt visceral mammal whatcha-callit (a little bit o' sonic CRASS, perhaps?)…and by second-unit I mean first-unit BAR BAND…bars not sleazy biotech parties… which is whatfor and where this stuff could, and should, really dig its heels in.

It's good that little units like the TR's exist. Preserving and celebrating non-contempo et cetera, even if it's mostly familiar non-contempo et cetera, is a NECESSARY endeavor. But why can't they be less *solemn* about it? An tad — a jot — an IOTA less would be jes' fine!

A perfect example of less: Dave Alvin.

— Richard Meltzer

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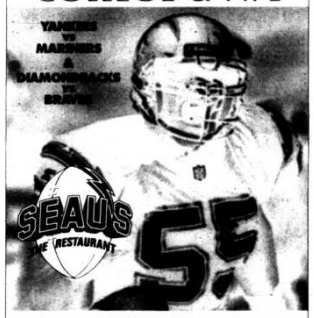

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"You know, anything over 100 decibels can get you a ticket."

SCENE
ROBERT KUMPEL

As Danny Jovanovich barrels down Ardath Road in his Toyota Tacoma pickup, he weaves around slower-moving cars, determined to beat the first traffic light. When he fails, everyone knows he is there. Even at five cars behind him, the vibrations from his truck's stereo throb underfoot. Roll down the windows and the hip-hop rage of an angry man spewing obscenities dominates all other ambient sound.

When Jovanovich parks at La Jolla Shores beach, his stereo keeps playing after the motor is turned off. He tilts the seats forward in his truck bed to reveal a solid wall of sophisticated-looking speakers. "I spent $7000 on it. It's all Alpine. I have special woofers with amplifiers."

Jovanovich brags, "I've had tickets from the police when we're out making bonfires down by the bay. I'd just open up my truck and, you know, anything over 100 decibels can get you a ticket."

Employing 3000 watts of power, Jovanovich claims his stereo can hit 800 decibels, a suspicious number, considering the loudest rock concerts hover in the 120 decibel range.

A graduate of Madison High School, Jovanovich now works as a mechanic at Mercedes-Benz of San Diego. His equipment was stolen several times while in high school, but Jovanovich believes his stereo is safer now that he has a car alarm.

"It's all protected. If you can afford it…you should do it."

Mark McCullough is a 15-year police veteran and has worked for SDPD's traffic division for the past 10 years. McCullough says that loud stereos have always been a problem, but the volume levels are much higher now than they used to be.

"Fourteen years ago when I just started, it was just little JVC types with the three-channel graphic equalizer that you could buy at Radio Shack. Now it's become a huge power boost that takes up a backseat or a trunk. With the increased volume and the actual feeling of the beats, we've seen increased calls because of it, as well as distractions to other drivers just sitting at the lights."

The complaints about car stereo noise come from any place where people gather, but especially parks. "On evenings and weekends, people park their cars in the parking lots and walk over to a table which, could be anywhere from 10 to 100 feet away. They pop the hood of their car and turn up these big old speakers. …On Friday and Saturday nights it used to be calls complaining that someone was drinking in the park, but now it's that the music is too loud."

Playing the car stereo too loudly can get you a ticket, but the severity of the fine depends on which one of two laws you are cited for violating. "The first violation is the vehicle code that says any audible amplification device cannot be so loud that it can be heard more than 50 feet from your vehicle. If I'm at least 50 feet away and I can hear your radio, I can give you a ticket. The city enacted a municipal code violation that's even stricter: 35 feet. The fine for the vehicle code violation is relatively small, and it's a nonmoving violation. It's just like a fix-it ticket, except there's nothing to fix other than turning down the stereo, and it does not get dismissed in court. You simply plead guilty or not guilty, and if found guilty, you pay a small fine. The fine would vary on the mood of the commissioner that day. It's supposed to be a $50 fine, but the commissioners, many of whom grew up in the '50s and '60s, did a lot of this stuff, so they tend to be lenient because it's not an act that causes problems for traffic safety. It's a pestering thing. If we cite you under the municipal code, it's not a violation against your driving record, it's basically a criminal act below a misdemeanor and the fine is up to $300. It's the officer's discretion as to which violation they write."

Being defiant can get expensive. "One guy I stopped wanted to see my decibel meters, wanted to know my training in law enforcement, wanted to know how I was trained to judge distance. He was a Code 3 flaming jerk. I wrote him for the municipal code violation, and he kept it up all the way through court. He brought in a cart full of books and equipment, and he wanted to show all this stuff — and we were in traffic court! The commissioner had no time for this. He just asked, 'Did you have your music on?' 'Yes.' 'How far away was the officer when he first saw you?' 'I dunno, about a block.' 'Thank you. End. Stop.' 'No your honor…' and for 30 minutes he went into a tirade. Finally the judge said, 'Sit down and shut up or you're going to jail.' The commissioner then said, 'It's my practice when I see this violation to offer the officer a chance to amend the violation to a vehicle code violation and give you the benefit of the doubt and a lesser fine. Sir, there is no way on God's earth that I will even consider giving you this option, and you've ruined it for everyone behind you. Now when I see one, I'm just going to find you guilty when I look at the evidence. Three hundred dollars and you can pay the bailiff on the way out.' End of case."



DJ Fmgaz and his car stereo

While not every officer is willing to cite drivers whose stereos are too loud, some can't wait for the chance — a chance that sometimes leads to multiple violations or arrest. "Cops are real busy in this city, and we can't stop everyone who does this, and some cops won't because they're not aware of some of these other violations they can get into. But the traffic officers and motor cops are quite aware of it, and they live for days when they can go out and have nothing else to do, all the other complaints are handled, and they can pick off some of these smaller ones. These generally lead to bigger violations. If you're that disrespectful of people around you, you may not have insurance, you may not have kept your license current, and you may have problems with your vehicle. Sometimes we get some really good information about criminal activity out of those kinds of stops."

Citing noise violators doesn't bother McCullough one bit. "I've written lots of these tickets, and for court, I've written up the municipal code and the vehicle code. To me, it comes down to 'I'm going to stop you for the violation, and now we're at a crossroads. Are you going to be receptive to what I have to say? If you are, I can write you the vehicle code violation, let you off with a light fine, you've learned your lesson, now let's move on. Or I may have stopped you before, or I get up to you and you are a jerk. You don't care what I have to say, and you don't give a rat's butt about anybody else's rights. Then I have to choose to take a harder line with you and give you the municipal code.' I've written mostly vehicle code tickets, and it's rare that I've had to write municipal code tickets."

There is no defining demographic for the most egregious violators, but one music genre is prevalent. "It's mostly hip-hop/rap type of music, but it crosses all ethnic boundaries. Rarely do you see a pickup truck with a four-inch lift and Bubba stickers in the back cranking out Garth Brooks so loud that people complain. It tends to be younger drivers between 16 and 26. If I go to the beaches, I'll have every color of college kid cranking music. If I'm in Southeast, I'm gonna see mostly African-Americans, and when I'm in the South Bay along the Otay/San Ysidro area, I've got really loud Hispanic music played by Hispanics."

The profanity of rap lyrics is almost never an issue. "There is also a violation against using profane language in public that could be found offensive, but it's much easier to prove that the music was too loud than another citizen thought that the music was obscene. We all know what it is, but you can't prove to seven justices what 'profane' or 'obscene' is, so we choose the easier way. But it's also the more effective way. It's 'I've stopped you because your music is too loud,' and I don't care what kind of music it is. We do get a lot of this obnoxious and rancid music that uses a lot of profane language, but we stop because it's just too loud."

One incident McCullough remembers illustrates what drivers who play their music too loudly can look forward to. "I was fairly new to traffic division, and I pulled over this lowered truck. I go up and the guy still has the music on. It is cranked and I can barely hear myself asking for his driver's license and registration. I get the information from the guy. It's in Logan Heights in the middle of the

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night, and I'm a single officer alone with my car and you can hear this guy for blocks. He still hasn't turned anything down yet. It's a real low, bassy thing and you could feel it. If he'd had a cup of water on his dashboard, it would look like Jurassic Park. I finally got him to turn it off by making gestures. I'm in shock that this guy can even hear me, then he reaches up behind his ears and puts in his hearing aid.... He is 22 years old and he is almost totally deaf in his right ear.... He's really cooperative.... He lifted his camper shell [for me], and the whole back bed of his truck was speakers. The equalizer and amplifiers were the size of small foot lockers.... I asked him when he lost his hearing, and he said, 'Oh, about a year ago.' I asked if he was in a collision or fight or had a head injury, and he says, 'Oh no. The doctor said I listen to music that's too loud.' I asked him why he still did it, and he just said, "Cause, man, it's the thing to do.' "

Audiologist Kathleen Bulley tests and evaluates hearing at Scripps Hospital in La Jolla. She has noticed an increase in young adults coming forward with hearing loss. "Whether there really are more with hearing loss is hard to say. Actually, when President Clinton admitted he had a hearing problem — and not being an elderly president — it inspired a lot of people in their 30s and 40s to come forward."

Bulley says there is a very real danger to listening to loud music, especially in an enclosed area like a car. "When people expose themselves to excessive noise levels, the ear is being bombarded with the pressure of the sound and, depending on how long they're exposed, the volume level of the sound; it can result in a temporary hearing loss. Over time, with repeated exposures, it can result in permanent hearing loss. It usually starts out in the high-frequency range — like how your ears feel stuffed after a loud concert."

To show specifically how hearing loss can be incurred by listening to loud music, Bulley cites OSHA guidelines for noise exposure. "This is their criteria, but it is a government guideline. It can vary because people are individuals. For example, it says that 90 decibels for eight hours can cause permanent hearing loss. It drops pretty fast after that. At 100 decibels it's two hours. At 105 decibels, one hour. At 110, 30 minutes. At 115, 15 minutes." What does this mean for the people McCullough mentioned who regularly listen to 160 decibels or more? "The hearing may not go on one drive. Did he really say 200 decibels? Because at 180, people start to feel like they're coming apart." ■



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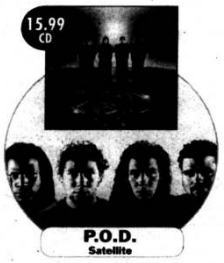

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The blues could be heard at family gatherings or among cellmates at prison farms.

REVIEW
AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

Muddy Waters, whom I have been celebrating these past weeks, had company at the top of the Chicago blues scene in the 1950s and '60s, company come north like himself from the Mississippi Delta. It's amazing what that merciless crescent of land — stretching 200 miles from Memphis south to Vicksburg and 70 miles across between the Mississippi and Yazoo Rivers — yielded in blues, not to mention cotton and misery.


Howlin' Wolf

Since performers such as Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Elmore James, and Sonny Boy Williamson II dominated the urban-blues scene and learned their stuff on the Delta, it's worth looking at the Delta tradition and how it evolved into its electrified northern form. Both varieties of the blues, urban and rural, are played by blacks for blacks, with few exceptions. The subject matter often involves relations between the sexes. The venues vary: in the South performances might be at fish fries, picnics, barbecues. The blues could be heard at family gatherings or among cellmates on prison farms. As often as not a blues musician would be playing for his own satisfaction.

In the city, the venues tended to be bars, theaters, and ballrooms — in other words, more crowded and noisier locales. In order to get heard, amplification became necessary through electrified instruments and larger ensembles. With a solo musician, much of the expressiveness and art of the blues was caught up in complex, subtle shifts in texture, dynamics, tempo. With texture, there was a world of possibility in tonal slides, dips, twists, and bending notes. In the country or rural blues the basic structural formula of the blues is often played by skipping a beat or entire measure or dropping sung phrases. Much of the nuance possible for a solo performer in a quiet environment will go out the window when his guitar is electrically amplified.

With urban blues, electrified ensemble playing replaces the solitary, acoustic musician. Each instrument becomes more specialized. The volume and density of the music increases. There is a greater use of what jazzmen call the "bridge" or "release," contrastive sections that may involve codas, breaks, tags, vamps, and other devices that extend structure. Rhythm takes precedence over texture, often incorporating R&B elements. The nasal sound one hears among Delta solo performers, so strong in many instances that the lyrics are incomprehensible, is dispensed with. Diction becomes clearer. There is more use of melisma (a group of notes sung to a single syllable), borrowing a page from gospel singing. The vocalist's vibrato becomes broader. Urban blues is louder, more dramatic, and a good deal less subtle.

Like the other great electric bluesmen — Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, Elmore James, Robert Nighthawk — Howlin' Wolf (born Chester Burnett) grew up on the Delta working the land and learning acoustic guitar, and in Wolf's case, the harmonica. Five years older than Muddy Waters, Wolf heard the legendary blues pioneer Charley Patton while still a boy in West Point, Mississippi. Charlie Patton, with his cement-mixer vocal style and hijinks performance, made an enormous impression on young Howlin' Wolf, who would later emulate both attributes. Wolf began playing guitar and harmonica before he even knew *how* to play, such was his enthusiasm. He never became a first-rate instrumentalist on either instrument but relied on his overpowering voice and stage presence. Many consider him the finest blues shouter of all. Wolf learned harmonica from none other than Rice Miller, later to become the great Sonny Boy Williamson II, who first courted then married Wolf's sister.


Sonny Boy Williamson II

Like his brother-in-law, Wolf began his career relatively late, finishing military service and then working as a disc jockey in West Memphis, where he also pulled together his own band, a rough-and-ready young outfit that included two Willie Johnsons: one a wild, bebop-influenced guitarist who overamplified his instrument and developed the fuzz effect (later to be much imitated); the other Johnson a rambunctious piano player — so rambunctious, in fact, that his nickname was Destruction, later shortened to 'Struction.


Elmore James

Wolf would show up for his radio gig directly from work, still in his farm overalls. At the time the fashion in blues around Memphis was a smooth, jazz-influenced variety that came through town in package shows, featuring performers like Tuff Green, Phineas Newborn Sr. (father of the jazz pianist), and Luther Steinberg, among others. On his own local station, Wolf played country blues, the stuff usually reserved for country suppers, fish fries, and juke joints back home on the Delta and the outlying communities around Memphis.

The show consisted of farm forecast, pitches for seed companies, 78 recordings, and the Wolf giving forth with his own live, tortured-sounding blues. It was Wolf singing over KWEM that caught the ear of Sam Phillips, then a talent scout for the Bihari brothers of Los Angeles, who owned RPM and Modern Records. Over time, Phillips would become famous for his Memphis-based Sun label, but in those days there was no Sun, with its hits by Elvis, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Carl Perkins, and Jerry Lee Lewis. That was still years away. This was 1951, the Wolf was already 40 years old, and Phillips was in competition with none other than Ike Turner for who would record Wolf first. Both Phillips and Turner recorded Wolf; I won't bother you with the contractual details. Ultimately, Howlin' Wolf wound up with the Chess brothers in Chicago.

The sides Howlin' Wolf cut for Sam Phillips in Memphis are available on two discs from Bear Family Records. They're raw, powerful-sounding music, and one can make out the beginnings of rock 'n' roll in the up-tempo boogie numbers, which alternate with the more traditional blues fare. Phillips has always considered Wolf to be his greatest discovery. He had already recorded Delta bluesmen like B.B. King, Joe Hill Louis, and Walter Horton, but the Wolf was something else. "A disc jockey from west Memphis told me about Chester Burnett's show on KWEM," Phillips says in one interview, "and I tuned him in. When I heard Howlin' Wolf, I said, 'This is for me. This is where the soul of man never dies.' " More Wolf next week. ■

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Jonny Lang /953± Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, tonight, Thursday, October 18, and Friday, October 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

FRIDAY

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** /118±, and **Russell Hayden:** The Casbah, Friday, October 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Eve Solis /410± and **Patty Z:** Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Friday, October 19, 9 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

Terry Riley, George Brooks, and **Krishna Bhatt:** Spruce Street Forum, Friday, October 19, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

SATURDAY

Soulcracker /306±, **Sourpuss,** and the **Fire Ants:** The Casbah, Saturday, October 20, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club and the **Warlocks** /399± Brick by Brick, Saturday, October 20, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

"Songwriter Showcase" with **Gregory Page** /186±, **Berkley Hart** /680±, **Jason Mraz, Carlos Olmedo,** and **C.J. Hotchkiss:** Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Saturday, October 20, 9 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

"Gator by the Bay — the San Diego Cajun-Zydeco Festival" featuring **Leroy Thomas & the Zydeco Road Runners, J.C. Labbie et Ses Amis Cajun, Willis Prudhomme** (with **Bonne Musique Zydeco**); **Theo & the Zydeco Patrol** /979±, **Chris Ardoin & Double Clutchin'** /990±, **Lisa Haley & the Zydekats, André Thierry & Zydeco Magic,** the **San Diego Cajun Playboys** /997±, and more: Bayside Marina Park, Saturday, October 20, and Sunday, October 21, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Chula Vista. Festival info, 858-492-8748; tickets, 619-234-8612. *www.sandiegozydefest.com*

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Travis and **Remy Zero** /595±: Sprockets Theatre, Sunday, October 21, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

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The Jazz Mandolin Project and **Agent 22** /542±: 4th & B, Sunday, October 21, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

WEDNESDAY

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.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

OCTOBER

The Dirty Dozen Brass Band /709±: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, October 25, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Jackpot, Billy Hildebolt /414±, and **Forever Goldrush** /169±: The Casbah, Friday, October 26, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Kenk Pucks: 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 Quartets:** Saturday, October 27, 8 p.m., 4441 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 858-454-5872.

Swoop the Leg Johnny, Album Leaf /984±, **Carrageted,** and the **and/ors:** The Casbah, Saturday, October 27, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

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.

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 **Tiger Army:** Cane's Bar and Grill, Monday, October 29, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Taxi /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, Six Six 77,** the **Incredible Moses Leroy** /102±, **Ten Pound Bruno's,** 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.

Brian McKnight /605± and **Tyrese** /612±: 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.

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Pinback /**398**/ and **Autolux:** The Casbah, Friday, November 2, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Gregg Allman & Friends /**960**/ and **Jeffrey Gaines:** Viejas DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, November 3, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Maldita Vecinidad and **Aterciopelados:** Open Air Theatre, Saturday, November 3, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 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.

Wayne "the Train" Hancock /**760**/: The Casbah, Saturday, November 3, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Gene Loves Jezebel /**484**/: Dream Street, Saturday, November 3, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131.

Reel Big Fish, Sugarcult, Something Corporate, and **Suburban Legend:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Monday, November 5, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Melissa Etheridge: Copley Symphony Hall, Tuesday, November 6, 8 p.m., 750 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497.

Fuel /**318**/, **Saliva,** and **Breaking Point:** 4th & B, Thursday, November 8, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Bouncing Souls /**332**/, **Flogging Molly** /**316**/, and **One Man Army:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, November 9, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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Jaguares /**354**/: Civic Theatre, Saturday, November 10, 7 p.m., Third Avenue at B Street, San Diego. 619-570-1100 or 619-220-8497.

Pete Yorn and **Remy Zero** /**595**/: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, November 10, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Mother Hips /**419**/: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, November 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.



Travis, October 21, Spreckels Theatre

Maxwell: Copley Symphony Hall, Tuesday, November 13, 750 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497.

The Misfits /**496**/: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, November 13, 7 p.m., 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.

Five for Fighting /**225**/: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, November 15, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

The Doobie Brothers /**455**/: Pechanga Entertainment, Friday, November 16, 8 p.m., 45000 Pala Road, Temecula. 888-732-4264 or 619-220-8497.

The Tommy Castro Band: 4th & B, Friday, November 16, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

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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.

Flickerstick, Phantom Planet, and **Rubyhorse:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Monday, November 19, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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.

Zwan (featuring **Billy Corrigan** from Smashing Pumpkins): 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, November 20, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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.

Robert Walter's 20th Congress /**692**/ and **Rotator:** The Casbah, Friday, November 23, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Robin Trower /**400**/: 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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Mannheim Steamroller /**992**/: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, December 6, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-220-8497.

"Latin Legends Xmas Party" featuring **Tierra-Sapo** and **Bobby Espinoza** (of El Chicano): 4th & B, Friday, December 7, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Arturo Sandoval: 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.

Tower of Power: Pechanga Entertainment, Friday, December 14, 8 p.m., 45000 Pala Road, Temecula. 888-732-4264 or 619-220-8497.

The Paladins /**962**/ and **Deke Dickerson & the Eccofonics:** The Casbah, Friday, December 21, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys /**343**/: The Casbah, Saturday, December 29, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

"New Year's Eve at the Fairgrounds" featuring the **Psychedelic Furs, Dave Mason, Dave Wakeling** (of General Public and English Beat), **Wise Monkey Orchestra** /**101**/, and seven tribute bands: **Super Diamond** (Neil Diamond), **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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- **Botch:** Canes Bar and Grill

119 **Buckfast Superbee:** Blind Melons
- **Burning Star:** The Kensington Club
- **Changing Names:** Chaser Cocktails

389 **d.fRost:** Winstons
- **The Downtown Strutters:** Dream Street
- **Drag the River:** Live Wire

115 **The Dragons:** The Casbah
- **Electronic Animal:** Dream Street
- **Electrolbe:** Blind Melons
- **Ensign:** Canes Bar and Grill
- **Exhibit F:** Brick By Brick
- **5 Star Degenerate:** Canes Bar and Grill
- **Fat Boat Squad:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- **The Trevor Forgeson Experience:** The Casbah

192 **The Fiction Engine:** Dream Street
- **The Firearms:** The Casbah
- **Five Crowns:** Java Joe's Coffeehouse
- **The Fixtures:** Jolt'n Joe's (Escondido)
- **44 Double D:** The Casbah
- **The Frustrators:** Chaser Cocktails

346 **Ghoulspoon:** Winstons
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- **Goodbye, Blue Monday:** The Casbah
- **The Graveyard Farmers:** The Casbah
- **Grey Eighteen:** Dream Street
- **Grift:** Brick By Brick
- **Heroes No More:** Epicentre
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- **Larger Than Life:** Canes Bar and Grill
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- **Lovelight Shine:** Brick By Brick

118 **Anya Marina:** The Casbah
- **The Mediums:** Live Wire
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337 **Naked Lunch:** Jolt'n Joe's (Escondido)
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- **Seven Train:** Sham Rocks Shack
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306 **Soulcracker:** The Casbah
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208 **Supersnooder:** Blind Melons
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- **Tall:** Sham Rocks Shack
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- **Boxxx:** Dream Street
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582 **Call Box:** Blind Melons
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- **Chess Set:** The Pine Valley House
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483 **Deep Banana Blackout:** Belly Up Tavern
- **Enuff Z'Nuff:** Dream Street
- **Frontline:** Epicentre
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- **Glissando:** Brick By Brick
- **The Groove Cats:** On The Rocks
- **Harmony 24:** Blind Melons
- **The Hex Rios:** Dimond Jim's Nightclub

461 **Hera's Olive:** Dick's Last Resort
- **The Horton Brothers:** Tia Leo's Lounge
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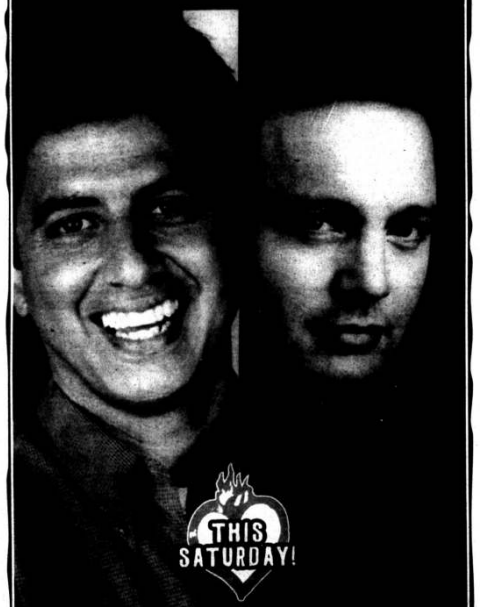

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622 **Robberecht the Pianoman:** The Westgate Hotel, Roger's on 5th
Ralph Rodriguez: Dizzy's
Two of Us: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
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JAZZ/ BIG BAND

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Frank Alves: Wildwood Restaurant
Ignacio Arrango: Dizzy's
649 **The B-Side Players:** 'Cones Bar and Grill
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
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703 **John Cain:** Hotel del Coronado
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The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
Bruce Cameron: Coyote Bar and Grill
667 **Gilbert Castellanos:** Dizzy's
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638 **Glen Fisher con Alma:** Croce's Jazz Bar
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660 **The Shep Meyers Quartet:** Croce's Jazz Bar
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643 **Peter Sprague:** Dizzy's
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706 **Jaime Valle and Equinox:** U.S. Grant Hotel
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740 **Psydecar:** Victor's Restaurant & Bar
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732 **The Revelations:** 'Cones Bar and Grill, Buffalo Joe's
749 **Semisi & Falabula:** The Beach House
743 **Skapic:** Neimans Bar and Grill

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Ron's Garage: Island Sports & Spirits, Dick's Last Resort
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821 **The Strange Woods:** The Camelot Inn
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965 **Whitey Conwell:** Buffalo Joe's
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932 **Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters:** Chateau Orleans
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Aubrey Fay Band: Juke Joint Cafe
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Angel Hayes & Uncle John's Big Roll Band: Etta's Place
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977 **Lady Star & the Bustin' Loose Blues Band:** Humphrey's
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947 **The Bill Magee Blues Band:** Patrick's II
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Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill
918 **Ruby & the Red Hots:** Humphrey's
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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. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744; recorded information, 619-465-3827. *www.klubs.com*

Club Flux: Thursdays, DJs Mylar, Jecs, Dubz, Marlino, Rage, Style, and guest DJs spin the best of hip-hop and R&B. Weekly giveaways. No cover before 10 p.m.; 21 and up. The Blue Tattoo, 835 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-7191; recorded information, 619-333-2000.

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Club Tropics: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, DJs Kool T, Stiffy, and guests spin hip-hop, Latin, old skool, and reggae. Wednesday, October 31, Halloween jam. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-9402.

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Darkwave Garden: This month, Wednesday, October 31, a special Halloween event with surprise guest DJs, prizes, and giveaways. The Hole, 2820 Lytton Street, Loma Portal. 619-226-9019.

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OF NOTE

BY RICHARD MELTZER

Anatole France, former bassist for the **Jon Spencer Blues Explosion**, has a swell, nifty outgoing message on his answering machine:

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Halloween jam featuring Shawn B. All ages; high school ID required for admittance. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Joli'n Joe's: Different DJ events every Thursday. Two locations: 717 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-743-7665; 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-466-2591.

Karma: Thursdays, hip-hop from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., house until 4 a.m. Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, midtown. 619-294-9590. *www.clubmontage.com*

Old Madrid: Fridays, *Biba Club*, cutting edge electronic rhythms and pulsating grooves. Saturdays, *100% Pure Ole*, global sounds. 751 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-557-0146.

Over the Border: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Luis Armas mixes the best of rock and pop en español and house; alternating with *rock en español* bands. 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889.

Plan B: Thursdays, *Club Lithium*, DJs Shawn Temple and Noel Reidy. No cover with *Reader* ad before 10 p.m. Saturdays, *Harmony*, DJ Scooter, Kingsley, and guests. Wednesdays, DJ Scott Martin spins hard house. 945 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-9921.

Potion: Thursday events with resident DJ Brian Porterfield and guests. 9 p.m. Cannibal Bar, Catamaran Resort Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-539-8661.

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. 'Canes Bar & Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. Recorded information, 858-488-1780.

Red C Lounge: Thursdays, *Milkcrate Mathematics*, hip-hop and reggae. Fridays, house music. Saturdays, *House*, deep house and hip-hop. Sundays, *PM Sessions*, downtempo. Never a cover. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown (beneath Alambres). 619-233-2830.

The Room: Thursdays, *Club 909* with DJ Chris Marcovici spinning the best of Global Grooves. Fridays, deep house/world music with Duane, Johnnie Knight, and international guests. Saturdays, *Privilege*, house and lounge music, hosted by Kevin and Elie. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Il Forno Bistro, 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-459-5010.

Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Eric Hart, Marc Brueland, and Adam Atom. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744; information, 619-296-1301.

Seville: Fridays, *Latin Euro House* with DJ Valo Amezcua. Saturdays, *Euro House* with DJ Guerrero. 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979.

Skies Lounge: Thursdays, *Salsa Fever* with DJs Carlos and Juan. Fridays, DJ Regin spins *Party Mix*, old skool, house, hip-hop, and Latin. Saturdays, DJs Juan and Beto spin *Kaliente Mix*, salsa, *rock en español*, and Latin house. Four Points Hotel/Sheraton San Diego, 8110 Aero Drive, San Diego. Recorded information, 619-596-9777.

Studio 5th Avenue: Fridays, DJ Dementia spins outrageous disco, funk, retro, and glam music; decadent go-go dancers groove amidst lasers, bubbles, fog, and videos; crazy trapeze girls, hoola hoops, and weekly balloon drops with prizes. 10 p.m. Lips, 2770 Fifth Avenue, uptown. Recorded information (toll free), 877-295-0380. *www.studio5thave.com*

Studio 66: Fridays, hard and progressive house music with a separate hip-hop room. Three floors and five rooms, with three separate smoking patios. International guest DJ superstars weekly. 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, midtown. 619-294-9590. *www.sr6.com*

Therapy: DJs Bryan Pollard, DMNR, and special weekly guests spin industrial, EBM, fetish, gothic, and darkwave. First Friday of every month at Club Vortex, 5215 Adobe Falls (I-8, exit Waring Road), 619-858-8888; remaining Fridays at the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego, 619-295-4163; recorded information, 619-465-5827. *www.klubs.com*

Voodoo Lounge: Fridays and Saturdays, house, trance, and club music spun by DJs Kary, Sandman, and guests. Dance, drink, and smoke on the rooftop terrace. 10 p.m. Redfish, 731 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-234-7226.

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

There are a couple of things you have to get out of the way if you're going to talk about **Blonde Redhead.** First, the band started off sounding a bit too much like Sonic Youth. The fact that Sonic Youth's Steve Shelley released Blonde Redhead's first album on his label Smells Like Records didn't help matters. But over the years, Blonde Redhead has outgrown those comparisons and developed its own style. I recently saw a band that could be described as a Blonde Redhead clone.

The other thing is Blonde Redhead's lineup. The band is made up of twin Italian brothers and a Japanese woman. One of the twins and the woman are lovers. They met in New York and named their band after a song from the obscure band DNA, a leading light in New York's '80s no-wave scene. That arty influence still pops up in Blonde Redhead's music even as the songs have grown more melodic and accessible.



The band's albums have titles that read like the names of surrealist paintings: *Melody of Certain Damaged Lemons. In Expression of the Inexpressible.* An EP reworked songs from *Lemons*, this time in French and Italian. Despite the international approach, is there any place in the world other than New York that might have produced Blonde Redhead?

New York is one of those rare places where we defy all the forces dividing us and come together to experiment with new ideas — where we are Americans and also citizens of the globe. Six weeks ago, it would have seemed ridiculous to say this, but it doesn't seem so ridiculous now: Going to see Blonde Redhead is a patriotic act.

BLONDE REDHEAD, Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 19, 9:15 p.m. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497. $10.

LOCAL MUSIC

If you wish to submit a listing, call 619-235-3000, ext. 405, night or day by 5 pm Friday, the week prior to publication. To send weekly or monthly schedules, fax to Lynne Houts at 760-788-0329 or mail to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. Upcoming concerts, underground club listings, or performances that are not at a club should be directed to 619-235-3000, ext. 261, faxed to 619-881-2401, or e-mailed to scotte@adnc.com.

North County

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Performances are from 9 pm to 1:30 am. Thursday and Friday, *the Rhythm Dogs*, pop, jazz. Saturday and Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop.

The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Performances begin at 7 pm, except Sunday, 5:00 pm. Thursday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Friday, *Trio du Jour*, jazz. Saturday, *the Justin Brothers*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Semisi & Fuladula*, reggae.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Friday, *Blonde Redhead, Unwound,* and *Pullilap.* Saturday, 9:15 pm, *Deep Banana Blackout* with *Makrush*, rock/alternative. Sunday, *Primo*, Latin jazz. Wednesday, *the Roundtable MC's*, and special guests.

Bear Creek's, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Bottomline*, rock and roll.

The Book Works/Panzikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall. I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, *Harmonija*, folk.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1414. Friday, 8 pm, *Elijah Clark*, country rock. Saturday, 8 pm, *Red Velvet Slide*, acoustic, rock.

Bob's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday and Saturday, live rock and roll.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Live music most nights. Call club for featured guests. Sunday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *Samba Jazz.*

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

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Laguna*, classic rock. Saturday, *the McNallys*, rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Rhythm Method*, classic rock. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Borderstown*, rock and blues. Saturday, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, *Billy Watson*, blues, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Gumboyaya*, funk, blues. Sunday, 2 pm to 4:30 pm, *Red Lane*, blues, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Bruce Cameron*, jazz. Monday and Wednesday, call club for information.

The Del Dios Country Store, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733. Friday and Saturday, *Hell's Bells*, country rock.

The Filling Station, 9522 Miramar Road, San Diego. 858-578-0757. Friday, *Triple Shot.* Saturday, *Sensations.*

Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, *Uptown Groove.* Wednesday, *Identity Crisis.*

Henifin's Irish Pub, 13314 Poway Road, Poway. 858-486-0764. Friday, *Lisa Campbell*, acoustic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday and Saturday, *Power House*, rock.

Insert's, 1234 South Santa Fe, Vista. 760-941-4744. Saturday, *Tim Maglione*, jazz. Sunday, *Susie Burns with Billie Fowler*, jazz.

Joli'n Joe's, 717 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 760-743-7665. Friday, *Souls of Present Force, System Down, As I Lie Dying,* and *Of One Mind.* Saturday, *Loose End, Sic Waiting, Naked Lunch,* and *the Fixtures.*

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors.* Friday, *Street Heart.* Saturday, *Blue Heat.*

La Casa del Zorro, 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs. 760-767-5323. Fox Dën: Thursday through Saturday, 5 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, *Brian Koehler*, folk. Saturday, *Lisa Campbell*, 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, *the Fat Beat Squad.* Monday, *Chris 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. Saturday, *Bill Mayes*, acoustic folk.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Linda Sargent*, folk. Saturday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John Lowery*, folk. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Brian Koehler*, folk.

Mocha Marketplace, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John Foltz*, folk.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 10 pm, *Quino* and *Manic*, reggae/ska. Saturday through Monday, call club for information.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Diversiti*, jazz. Saturday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Calima*, Flamenco, jazz.

The Roadhouse, 2102 Main Street, Ramona. 760-788-1944. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *the Working Cowboy Band*, country.

Solana Beach Coffee Company, 437 South Highway 101, Solana Beach. 858-792-1553. Sunday, 11 am to 2 pm, *Calima*, Flamenco, jazz.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Vivid*, rock. Saturday, *Secret Weapon*, rock.

Tomikas 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 Obata*, 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 Exot*, 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, *Wick, Harmony 24* and *Call Box.* Friday, *Supernumloader*, power rock. Saturday, *Sprung Monkey, Buckfast Superbee* and *Mewer*, alternative. Sunday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *the Four Kings*, 8 pm, *Electrovibe* and *Pensativa*, rock. Monday, *Brother Love*, pop. Tuesday, *C.J. Hutchins*, acoustic blues. Wednesday, *Hurricane Jenny* with *Blue Spring.*

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Suicide Machines, the Story So Far, Big Wig,* and *Ensign.* Saturday, *the B-Side Players* and *the Revelations.* Sunday, *the Jon Spencer Blues Explosion* and *the Bell Rays.* Monday, *5 Star Degenerate, Larger Than Life, Troy's Bucket,* and *Twelve Under.* Wednesday, *the Murder City Devils, Botch,* and *American Steel.*

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, 9 pm, *the Steely Damned*, rock. Saturday, *Un Solo Son.*

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday and Friday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, 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 Wofford/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, *Enuff Z'Nuff, Grey Eighteen, Bent Circus,* and *Push*, alternative/rock. Friday, *Idiot Wind, the Fiction Engine, Ricksha,* and *the Million Dollar Playboys*, alternative/rock. Saturday, *the Downtown Strutters, Boxxo, Ludwig,* and *Stout*, punk. Sunday, *Herbs' Root* and special guest. Wednesday, *Juiced* and *Wick.*

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, live band.

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Saturday, *the O'Brien Brothers*, Irish folk.

Java Joe's Coffeehouse, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356. Thursday, *Ellis Paul* and *Susan Werner*. Friday, *Eve Selis* and *Patti Z.*. Monday, Wendy's open-mike night. Wednesday, *Five Crown*, alternative.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, and Sunday through Wednesday, 6:30 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *NZ Rough*, reggae.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Club Tremors, call club for information.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Jack Pollack*, piano. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Stephen Knight*.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *Surf Report*, and guests. Saturday, *the Big Provider*, rock. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open-acoustic night.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Friday, 9 pm, *Psydecar* and *Lifted Roots*, reggae.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *the Om Trio*, jazz, funk. Friday, *d.fRost*, *the Mix Mob*, and *Ghoulspoon*, alternative rock. Saturday, *the Wise Monkey Orchestra* and *Spaceman Spiff*, jazz. Sunday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *the Shelltown Horns*, 8:30 pm, *Liquid Foundation*, blues. Monday, *the Big Wu*. Tuesday, *Urban Evergreen* with *Gnolis Run*. Wednesday, *the Gomango Invasion*, world beat.

San Diego

Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday and Friday, 5:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Duo*, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the O'Brien Brothers*, Irish folk.

The Blue Agave, 6608 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego. 619-521-3194. Call club for information.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm, *Steve Hale*, acoustic rock.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Hank Williams III* and *the Scotch Greens*. Friday, *Vocoder*, *Exhibit F*, and *Three Time Lucky*. Saturday, *the Black Rebel Motorcycle Club*, *the Warlocks*, and *Miranda Lee Richards*. Sunday, *Grift* and *the Big Bang Theory*. Tuesday, *Glissando*.

Chaser Cocktails, 3615 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-280-9379. Friday, *the Influents*, *the Frustrators*, and *the One Time Angels*, alternative. Saturday, *Changing Names* and *Raymond DiGiorgio*.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Wednesday, *Holly Figueroa* and *Erica Luckett*.

Club Bombay, 3175 India Street, downtown. 619-296-6789. Friday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *the Water Gypsies*, folk.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *Sprung Monkey*. Saturday, *Uncivilized*, *Heroes No More*, *Frontline*, and *Mediocre Youth*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday, 9 pm, four rock bands. Saturday, 9 pm, *Release the Hounds*. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *Angel Hayes & Uncle John's Big Roll 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, *Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones*, blues. Saturday, *Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers*, swingin' blues.

The Gospel Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Thursday, *Sonrise*, jazz. Friday, *Facing West*. Saturday, *the Paul Cierley Quartet*.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Steal Dawn*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Stilettos*, rock. Wednsday, *Earth Ride*, 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, *Quiet Storm*. Friday, 9:30 pm, *Lady Star and her Bustin' Loose Band*. Saturday, 6 pm, *Patty Zlaket Band*, 9:30 pm, *Eve Selis Band*. Sunday, 7:30 pm, *Livin' Out Loud*, jazz. Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Eve Selis*, roadhouse rock. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, *Quino*, reggae.

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, call club for information. Saturday, *Saturday's Child*, *Nothing to Lose*, and *South of Houston*.

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. Friday, *Teacher's Pet*, alternative. Saturday, *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz, and *Burning Star*.

King's Fish House, 825 Camino De La Reina, Mission Valley. 619-574-1230. Friday, *the Circuit Breakers*, rock. Saturday, *L.A. Jones & the Blues*.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Radioactive Player*. Friday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Allison Lonsdale*. Saturday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Kev*. Sunday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *the Dirty Hippies*. Tuesday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Jason & Jane*. Wednesday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Johnny Love*.

Live Wire, 2103 El Cajon Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-291-7450. Saturday, *the Mediums* and *Drag the River*, alternative.

North Park Deli & Coffee, 3823 Thirtieth Street, San Diego. Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Tony Taravella*, acoustic folk.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *the Blues Invaders*. Saturday, *Fish & the Seaweeds*, funk, 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, *Kemosabe*, rock and roll.

The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. Call club for information.

Sante, 7811 Herschel, La Jolla. 858-454-1315. Friday and Saturday, *Bill Beyer*, variety, jazz.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, rock and roll.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Thursday, *Sprung Monkey*, rock. Friday, *Tall*, *Bleed Street*, *My Middle Finger*, and *Seven Train*, alternative. Saturday, *Blue Spring*.

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*. Friday, *Rocket 350*, *the Horton Brothers*, *Russell Scott & His Red Hots*, and *the Luxurious Panthers*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Hornswaggled*. Wednesday, *Big John Bates*.

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, *the Joey Bowen Band*, rock and soul. Friday, *the 80z All-Stars*. Saturday, *the Disco Pimps*. Sunday, *Whitey Conwell*. Wednesday, *the Revelations*.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Ilya*, *Victory at Sea*, and *Goodbye, Blue Monday*. Friday, *Steve Poltz*, *Anya Marina*, and *Russell Hayden*. Saturday, *Soulcracker*, *Sourpuss*, and *the Fireants*. Sunday, *Turbo AC's*, *Throw Rag*, *44 Double D*, and *the Graveyard Farmers*. Monday, *Denison Witmer in Back*, *Transit Aural Assault*, and *the Arsonists*. Tuesday, *Sprung Monkey*, *the Dragons* and *the Shiverz*. Wednesday, *the Heroine Sheiks*, *Tori Cobras*, and *Viking Pacific*.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Thursday and Friday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz. Saturday, *Primo*, Latin jazz. 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, *the Shelltown Horns*, blues. Saturday, *the BelFonics*, swing.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Bands start at 8 pm. Thursday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll. Friday, *NRG*, high-energy dance. Saturday, *Chill Boy*, blues. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*, rock. Monday, *the Soul Persuaders*. Tuesday, *the Four Kings*, blues. Wednesday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Kay Etheridge*, *Peter Sprague*, *Sue Palmer*, *Ken Dow*, *Lisa Lemay*, *Duncan Moore*, and *Chris Hassett*, jazz. Saturday, 8:45 pm and 10:30 pm, *Kokopelli* featuring *Dave Millard*, *Tureya Mareya*, *Steve Feierabend*, *Skip Howlett*, *Irving Soto*, and *Ignacio Arrango*. Tuesday, *Gilbert Castellanos*. Wednesday, *Rick Helzer* and *Ralph Rodriguez*.

The Field, 544 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-9840. Sunday and Wednesday, live traditional Irish music.

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. Friday, 8 pm, *Rod Piazza & the Mighty Flyers* with *Eric Sardinas*, and guests, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8 pm, *the Jazz Mandolin Project* and *Agent 22*, rock. Wednesday, *Damian Marley and the Ghetto Youth Crew*.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, *Mystique*. Friday, *X-Cel*. Saturday, *NRG*. 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, *The Edge*.

Juke Joint Cafe, 327 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-232-SOUL. Friday, *Aubrey Fay Band*. Saturday, *Black Mambo*. Sunday, *Charles Hill*.

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 Nate Souders Trio*, 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, *Peter & Mercy Malick Blues*. Saturday, *Family Style*. Sunday, *Red Lane*. Monday, *Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz*. Tuesday, *Jonny Viau & the Blue Allstars*. Wednesday, *the Blues Brokers*.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday, *Jungle Boogie*. Saturday, *the Brat Pack*, pop rock.

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*.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Music is Latin. Thursday, *Primo*. Tuesday, *Latin Fusion*. Wednesday, *La Combinacion*.

U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Grant Grill: Friday and Saturday, 9 pm, *Jaime Valle and Equinox*, Latin jazz.
Hotel Lobby: Friday and Saturday, 2 pm to 5 pm, *Ping Hu*, classical harpist and pianist.

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.

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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.
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Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Late Edition*, rock and roll.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Elmore Jennings*, country.

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Flinn Springs Inn, 15505 Highway 80, El Cajon. 619-561-3015. Friday and Saturday, *the Blues Brokers*, blues.

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, *Emerald River*, country.

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Highway 101, Revisited



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Cinch up your helmet, hop on your bike, and let's head down Old Highway 101. Along the foggy, funky, laid-back-beachy blacktop, from Swami's on through Leucadia, you're literally on the other side of the tracks, traveling a remnant of pre-freeway Southern California. On one side you hear the hoot of the train whistles, on the other's the whisper of the surf, and between them are the snarls of the big bikes cruising Motorcycle Alley, where the scenery's pretty and the leisurely winds don't rip your face like the gritty gales up on I-5.

Bikers get hungry, too, so you've got to stop and eat — and, oh, the eating! My mission in Encinitas was to see what's changed since the last time that we took a tall taste of the town. One thing different is they're currently destroying the road south of Encinitas Boulevard in order to repair it. This means you may have to park on the opposite side of the street from the restaurant you aim to eat at, or even (heaven forbid) half a block away, and then make like it's the Old West and trudge on loose dirt where the sidewalk used to be. The food we sampled in a week's stay more than justified a little dust on our shoes. Our 18 meals — not one dud among them! — barely began to survey this fertile territory. The coastal road marks one long, skinny, paradoxically urbane small town, a dozen different cuisines for every mile. It holds such a cornucopia of good, affordable, *interesting* eateries that when we drove past the La Paloma movie theater, and I saw its marquee advertising *Tortilla Soup*, I grabbed my sweetie: "Pull over, stop, let me run in and grab a menu!"

In future weeks I'll be writing full reviews of several of the "destination" restaurants, but rather than burying the smaller jewels back in the capsules section, I thought I'd first put 'em up front where you can see them and start to work up an appetite. This is the first of two parts, so let's start rolling on the west side of the highway.

REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

Rosanna's

The dominant cuisine of Encinitas is Italian. Across the street from the Lumberyard (the artiest mall in town) is Rosanna's (806 South Coast Highway, Encinitas, 760-942-0738, open 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. six days, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Sundays). This Italian bakery and deli may just be the town's secret Italian weapon — some of the best local eateries admit to serving Rosanna's breads (and I suspect some may buy additional items, too). The house-made sausages, available in both "sweet" and hot modes, are Sicilian-style classics of coarse-ground, fennel-seasoned, moist, fresh pork (not useless, juiceless, precooked turkey meat, the kind supermarkets sell). A bright-green pesto (sold frozen) tastes remarkably fresh and delicate, a flattering dressing for pasta, pizza, or veggies. You'll also find frozen pizza dough and ravioli (with fillings such as lobster, wild mushrooms, or eggplant, as well as cheese) plus all the usual cold cuts, salads, and imported foodstuffs you'd expect from the genre. I was almost shocked with delight by a *sfogiliatelle*, a multilayered breakfast pastry. Moist and faintly lemony, it was so light, the first nibble quite erased my nostalgia for Manhattan's famed Italian bakery, Ferrara's. Rosanna's eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, and deli sandwiches — but all that is about to change during the next month or two.

The deli is under renovation to expand into a full-service restaurant. Right now, lunch customers can picnic on a couple of sidewalk tables in front, but once the transformation is complete, the deli space will become a dining room — while all the retail goods will move to Rosanna's inland branch (at 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546, open daily 10:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m.). The coastal Rosanna's will continue serving the current lunch menu but will add dinner service, with a more formal atmosphere and ambitious dishes. "After 15 years in the same business, I wanted to do something more," says French-born co-owner Jean-Louis Martin, who assists his Italian-born wife in running the operation. (I think you can guess her first name.)

D.B. Hackers

Continuing northward, just past Encinitas Boulevard, we dashed (you'd best hurry!) across the highway to stop in at D.B. Hackers Seafood Cafe and Grill (101 North Coast Highway, Encinitas, 760-436-3162, *www.encinitas101.com/dbhackers.htm*, Monday–Thursday, 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., weekends to 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon–9:00 p.m.). Next door to a surfboard shop and with the train tracks right at its rear, this cute little place is periodically shaken by the roar and clatter of freight cars pounding by. They've been serving superb British-style fish 'n' chips here for 25 years. The fish is New Zealand hoke, a codlike species with fine flavor, carefully fried in an airy, greaseless batter. (Sprinkle on some malt vinegar and sit back and think of England.) The "chips" are thin, oval potato slices, a hybrid of French fries and potato chips. The New England clam chowder is a textbook Bostonian rendition, the best I've had in a long while — very clammy, with nice potato chunks and a velvety blend of milk and cream. The menu also offers fish tacos, seafood quesadillas, and salads and pastas, even a few substantial marine entrées. But when we looked around us, everybody was chowing down on fish 'n' chips. It's a contagious dish — catch that aroma, and resistance is futile.

Teriyaki 101

Back on the west side again, and a couple of blocks further north, you encounter two small restaurants that share the same address and the same devotion to the grill — but the first offers teriyaki and the second cooks Turkish kebobs. Teriyaki 101 (250 North Coast Highway, 760-632-8813, 11:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday) is a surfer hangout hole-in-the-wall with a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio running the length of the building, decorated by a full wall's worth of tropical mural showing island life above and below the water. You order at the counter, and if you get bored you can surf the magazine rack. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it — but this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. My favorite was the "Maui chicken" skewer of tender dark meat steeped in the teri marinade, and I also enjoyed the delicate, moist ono kebob (Hawaiian pink snapper). Other choices include pork, veggies, numerous combos ("The Big Grind"), and charbroiled burgers (made of beef, veggies, turkey, or chicken breast). Skewered items come with your choice of white or brown rice. After the '70s, I thought I'd never willingly eat another grain of brown rice, but here it's lightly flavored with teriyaki sauce and is actually pleasing. Another pleasing point is the price: The range runs from $3 to $8, tax included.

Bird House Grill

Next door to Teri 101 is Bird House Grill (250 North Coast Highway, 760-944-2882, Monday–Saturday, 11:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Sunday, noon–7:00 p.m.). This pretty café takes its name literally — it's avian mania, with birdcages and birdhouses and birds' nests all over. There's also one wall hung with decorative plates, and another with watercolors of Istanbul scenes. Most people's favorite order (and ours too) is the #14 "Super Combo Plate," which officially consists of charbroiled gyro meat, *kofte* (ground meat kebobs), and chicken kebobs, plus rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and *tzadiki*, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill. The luxury-grade yogurt is thick, creamy, almost sweet — and, alas, available only through a restaurant-supply house. Our chicken kebob was moist and redolent of an engaging, oregano-laden marinade. The meats, too, were tender, with that irresistible char flavor, and the simple pilaf boasted fragrant, fine-quality rice. Unannounced, the kitchen also threw in a veggie kebob (grilled pepper, onions, tomatoes) and a couple of rice-stuffed grape leaves. (Those aren't housemade but are a decent Turkish canned brand, flavored with strong olive oil and lemon juice.)

The Bird House specialty is the Iskender Kebob plate, consisting of a pile of fine-grained halved sausages with savory Middle Eastern seasonings and a texture resembling soft-skinned hot dogs. They're dressed with a tomato sauce that tastes a lot like pizza sauce and with billows of the terrific yogurt. This is the most expensive item on the menu — at $9, a buck higher than the Super Combo. As at the next-door neighbor's, prices are modest to a fault, with main dishes starting at $3.



Rosanna's

Juanita's Taco Shop

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan (290 North Coast Highway, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Open daily 7:00 a.m.–2:00 a.m.). Our readers voted Denny's "best late-night eats." How embarrassing — especially when they could be eating at Juanita's. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this solid little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara in the state of Jalisco. Its local specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up as tender, nongreasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden nonspicy tomato *salsita*. They're available by the plate or by the pound. For a lighter meal, try the "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. We also loved Juanita's quesadilla, which included savory chunks of carne asada dotting the suave filling of melted mild cheddar. Lines spill out the door day and night here. Inside, there are a few cramped tables, but I prefer eating at a big picnic table on the sidewalk (even if it means putting up with the accelerator whines occasioned by the stop sign at this corner). A tiny parking lot in back is mainly occupied by staffers' cars and supply trucks. Why, then, does everybody in the area eat at Juanita's? Probably because the food is quick, very tasty, and ridiculously inexpensive.

Calypso Café

Calypso Café (576 North Coast Highway, Leucadia, 760-632-8252; *www.calypsocafe.net*. Dinner from 5:30 p.m. nightly. Reservations advised). Don't be fooled by the name — this "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music. (It's named after a nightclub in Casablanca, Morocco, that was once owned by the father of Calypso's chef-owner, Gilles Knafo.) A converted beach cottage with tiki-hut nautical-tropical decor, it sports buoy lines, lanterns, a straw

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ceiling, and a fake parrot lounging in the dangling lifesaver of a ship named the *Calypso*. (Was this once Jacques Cousteau's lifesaver?) The food, however, is French — from the old-fashioned French of escargots, onion soup, and *coq au vin*, to a newfangled Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphens-and-quotation-marks French (ahi pissaladiere, penne à la vodka). There's an ambitious wine list and a full bar.

A meal here may begin with warm, soft bread served with a savory roasted tomato and onion "salsa" — a very Gallic salsa, sans chiles or lime juice. Mussels, a specialty of the house, are offered in a cfoice of three preparations. We opted for the one soi-disant Caribbean item on the menu, a "West Indian" curried coconut-milk version. The mollusks were fresh and juicy, and the sauce was soothing. On the other hand, a so-called "Thai" shrimp salad displayed a solo tiger prawn, rolled in sesame seeds and balanced atop a heap of tiny cocktail shrimp and raw vegetation, all dressed with a sweet peanut sauce that was light on peanuts, light on spice, and reminded us of American bottled "French" dressing. A "roast" duck was actually a shrewd combination of a salty confit of the leg plus medallions of sautéed breast meat with an orange-raspberry sauce, all nicely done but accompanied by an oh-no-not-again! zukebroc medley. Large shiitake ravioli in cream sauce were enjoyable until their sheer weightiness wore out their welcome. We enjoyed a traditional apple *tarte tatin* (even if the crust turned mushy in reheating), accompanied by vanilla-bean gelato cleverly sprinkled with powdered cinnamon. There's nothing very startling coming from this kitchen, but the food is generally agreeable. Our waiter was very young, very French, and distinctly patronizing to us provincial Yanks. Local musicians play live and "unplugged" nightly from about 8:00 p.m. onward — it's festive, but if you'd rather converse, ask for a table well away from the band. Reservations are advised. Most entrées run $15 to $20.



Calypso Café

La Especial Norte
La Especial Norte (604 North Coast Highway, Leucadia, 760-942-1040, Monday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.). When I heard that this restaurant was known for its dozen honest, regional soups from central Mexico, I figured it to be a tiny mom 'n' pop. Or maybe just a mom, given the soup specialty. Totally wrong! It's a big, brightly lit roadhouse with a parking lot sized to welcome the world. The decor is highly whimsical, starting at the front of the dining room with a bright-blue ceramic fake pond inhabited by two rubber caymans, two rubber frogs, and a toy shark. The huge menu runs five pages: one page for soups alone, one for seafood, three for the usual suspects and some unusual ones, too.

Service is fast and portions are gargantuan. My "small" (to feed an army) bowl of Mexico City–style chicken soup took me right back to my favorite little lun-cheonette — in Mexico City — where I'd order a very similar *caldo de gallina* as comfort food: Loads of shredded and diced chicken, avocado slices, cilantro, and rice fill it out. My sweetie's *albondigas* soup was perfect, too, right down to the authentic flavor and texture of the meatballs. "Mmmm, gotta come back here," we were purring as we left, hatching plans for a full review sometime down the line. Prices are modest, topping out at $13. (Note that wheelchair access to the bathroom is difficult.)

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Next week, more small gems of Highway 101. To keep you from starving meanwhile: I made th following pizza with the yumm leftovers of the journey, but yo can create a fair copy withou going to Encinitas. Simply bu some supermarket pesto an grill or broil the appropriat veggies and sausages.

DIVINE DOGGIE-BAG PIZZA FROM ENCINITAS EATERIES

Ingredients:
1 Boboli pizza shell or pizza dough from Rosanna's Deli, rolled out
Pesto (defrosted) from Rosanna Deli
Whole milk mozzarella (not skim) or queso Oaxaca
Sweet and/or hot Italian sausag (from Rosanna's or Pete's Meats i Little Italy), cooked and sliced
Grilled bell peppers, onions, an mushrooms from Terryaki 101 o Birdhouse Grill, cut bite size
Grated Pecorino-Romano chee (or Parmesan or a blend)

Preheat the oven according t package directions for your pizz shell. With a basting brush, paint the prepared pizza shell with pesto. Cover thinly with whol milk mozzarella or Oaxaca chees (a Mexican equivalent of moz zarella). Arrange sausage slice and grilled veggies over the sur face. Daub a little more pesto ove everything and sprinkle lightl with the pecorino. Bake accord ing to package directions. Remove from oven and let se for a few minutes before slicing and devouring the pizza. *Buon apetito!* ■

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Carla came home yesterday like she'd just pulled the sword from the rock. "Marmalade, Bedford! Marmalade! They actually make it themselves." She'd just been to Huddle by the Park in Chula Vista. "They cut up the oranges, they cook them and reduce them. It's quite as good as the marmalade I had in England. At Fortnum and Mason's, I think. The duchess of..."

Uh-oh. Here we go. But she knows I'm hooked: me and good marmalade are like cat and good catnip. Already I'm thinking, "Huh. Have to be in Chula Vista tomorrow morning anyway."

Huddle by the Park hunkers low and bricky with green ironwork and outside patios in the olde downtown area. I swing through the door and up onto a counter stool.

Great. Always was a counter man. For me it's like line dancing. You can feel comfortable doing it even if you don't have a partner. And this is a great one because you've got their big open kitchen happening right in front of you, like a morning TV cooking show. Francisco, the cook with the blue-striped chef's hat and the gold earring, flies up and down his grill. Guy sure is at home on the range. Evelyn and Julie, the two waitresses, walk the line with their coffee urns, stop, chat, take orders, but turn on a dime as soon as they hear Francisco give a couple of dings on his "food-ready" bell.

"They actually expect me to eat that stuff?" says the guy next to me. He's talking to Evelyn about sushi bars. "Eatin' live bait? Don't make sense to me."

TIN FORK
ED BEDFORD

"What would you like, sir?" It's Julie. She comes up to me with a coffee urn and a menu. Pours my coffee into a nice, big, fat mug as I peruse. "Hear you have a pretty darned good marmalade here," I say. Julie swings a triad of jams, including a very orange-looking one from behind the salt and pepper pots. "Yes, we do. So you'll be needing toast to go with the marmalade...and what?"

Now I'm smelling a plate of bacon go by. OK. A quick breakfast to build up to the marmalade, right? I look at the first choice: The three-egg "truly vegetarian" omelet filled with mushrooms, bell peppers, tomatoes, onions, and guacamole. Looks good. Comes with home fries and toast, $5.75. They have a pork chop and two eggs and home fries for $5.25, a stack of three hotcakes and two eggs for $4.50, or a short stack for $2.75. All your usual breakfast items, in other words, and this being Thursday morning, a $3.85 special of two hotcakes, two slices of bacon or sausage, and two eggs. And the bargain everybody around me seems to be going for, the $3.25 biscuits and sausage and gravy (other days it's SOS, chipped beef on toast). I remind myself that the muffin's why I came. To try out the marmalade. In the end I opt for the truly vegetarian omelet with English muffin.

As Julie goes to stick the order on Francisco's order wheel, I notice one wall has a mural of the little one-story shops clustered around the park outside. Another wall has dozens of what look like family photos.

"They're our family photos," says Janet, the cherry-cheeked gal who runs this place. She's the daughter of Ruth Henricks, who runs the original Huddle up in Mission Hills. "We opened this branch in 1997," Janet says. "This used to be Harvey's Bakery. My biggest mistake was taking their bakery part from the front and putting it in the back. It was the bakery that attracted customers. But we get plenty anyway. I work seven days a week. Don't know anything else. I've been at it since I was 13. Now my five children come in and help."

Francisco dongs the bell. "That's you," says Julie, and she goes up to get my omelet. I chow into it. It's half-round and well stuffed. It takes up half of my plate. Splots of Tapatio hot sauce help kick it into life. But the bell peppers and onions give it a nice crunchiness, and the generous river of guacamole inside enriches the whole taste.

I plow through the omelet and home fries no problem. But I'm thinking all the time of these three little jars sitting next to my muffin plate. Especially the orange one.

"Those are apple butter, strawberry rhubarb, and marmalade," says Janet. "Mom makes them all up at the other Huddle. She slices the oranges, squeezes them, and reduces them with cooking. Same with the strawberries and rhubarb."

Finally, I grab one of my English muffins and take a swirl of marmalade. Oh man. Look at those orange rinds. Look at that color. I swipe it across the muffin. Slow dissolve as our hero falls into a swoon. Real, home-cooked, chewy-slightly-bitter-rind-twang marmalade that's just sweet enough, thick enough, good enough to have been made by my own grandma.

"This is greatness," I say. "I'll be back for more."

"Thank you," says Janet. "You should come tomorrow afternoon. We have this band every Friday, midday to three. The Daytime Nightclub Band. The drummer is 93 years old. Her name's Miriam. And Lucille plays the piano. She's around 88. Customers sometimes get up and sing. You could just order muffins and marmalade if you like." ■

The Place: *Huddle by the Park, 333 Third Avenue, Chula Vista (619-425-0335)*
Type of Food: *American*
Prices: *"Truly Vegetarian" Breakfast omelet with home fries or hash browns, toast, $5.75; ham, bacon, or sausage and two eggs, with potatoes, toast, $4.75; one egg, potatoes, toast, $2.50; chipped beef on toast, $3.25; biscuits and sausage gravy, $3.25, chicken-fried steak and two eggs, $5.25; lunch also available, dinner Wednesday evenings only*
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Crush
MATTHEW LICKONA

There exists a certain amount of skepticism about natural yeast fermentation — letting whatever yeasts happen to get a hold of your precious grapes have their way with the sugars therein. More than one reputable winemaker eschews the practice. Surely it is more sensible — certainly safer — to inoculate your juice with a known strain, one whose resultant character can be predicted with some accuracy. "Wild" yeasts, after all, may produce "wild" wine, full of curious — not to say off-putting — flavors.

In the first place, there is the question of getting the fermentation started in time. Picture, if you will, the crushed grapes — the carefully cultivated matter from which the wine will rise — sitting exposed and ripe, like Andromeda chained to the rock, awaiting the ravaging sea monster. In this case the monsters have names like *Brettanomyces* and Acetobactor, the first with its power to lend a peculiar stamp to the flavor profile, the second to effect the disastrous transformation into vinegar. The hero Perseus may come in the form of the yeast *Saccaromyces cerevisiae* and his benevolent relatives, but the longer the fermentation takes to get started, the greater the peril.

Paul Draper, winemaker and CEO of Ridge Vineyards, is a staunch believer in natural yeast fermentation, but he always keeps a supply of commercial yeast on hand, should things take too long to get going. "You have a relatively modest inoculant compared to the massive inoculation that commercial manufacturers recommend," he says, so things will take a little longer to get started. "A reasonable length of time for a natural fermentation to get started is between 36 and 60 hours after crush. After that, you begin to say, 'Okay, what's going on here? Did some rain wash the yeast off the grapes? Why aren't I getting a natural start?'

"If you're a normal, careful winemaker, you're not going to have any problems," he asserts. But, "If you're not climbing up and actually looking to see if fermentation has started, checking to see if the smell of the tanks is what you want, then you could be putting yourself at risk. You've got to be in touch with those things physically. If you were [just] taking samples of the juice and measuring them" for a drop in sugar content as the yeasts began converting sugar to alcohol, then, "if anything, the sugar would still be soaking out and going up a little bit. So you wouldn't know if it was actually fermenting unless you actually got in at the top of the tank and checked. You just take your hand and scoop up some air from the top of the tank, and you can smell the carbon dioxide."

You can also smell whether or not the particular strain of yeast that's starting your fermentation is reacting with the elemental sulfur in the juice. "Virtually everyone, to combat the potential of mildew in the spring, is dusting [the fruit] with sulfur. They've gotten more sophisticated in micronizing the dust so that it's very, very fine, and they can put on a tiny amount per acre, compared to what they used to put on. But every year, some of that is going [to be in the juice]."

Sometimes, the vineyard contributes to the problem: "There are some vineyards where sulfur comes up through the roots from the soil. [Or] if the grapes ran out of water in a non-irrigated vineyard and are very stressed, they may lack some nutrients, and you begin to see this reaction between yeasts and elemental sulfur." And sometimes trouble comes from the yeast: "Particularly with natural yeasts, you've got to be checking them, because my feeling is you're shifting your strains somewhat every year." If a given year's yeast is more prone to interact with sulfur, you need to "be in touch with the tank, so if you're beginning to see hydrogen sulfide, you're able to rack and aerate [so] that it doesn't become a problem. I'd say one year in five or six you're going to smell some off odors."

Draper's theory of shifting yeast strains sets him apart from some other natural yeast advocates. "Even though we do [natural fermentations]," he explains, "I'm not one of those people who will say that naturally occurring yeasts in the vineyards are part of the *terroir*, that they're part of what makes for that wine's uniqueness."

"Theory" may be the wrong word; though Draper does his best to leave the winemaking process to nature, he is rigorous in his analysis of that process. Some of that analysis has been done with the help of UC Berkeley Professor Emeritus Robert Mortimer. One of the collaborations between Professor Mortimer and Ridge involved profiling the active yeasts in two separate tanks filled with juice from the same vineyard. "The amazing thing we found is that there are all these subsets of *Saccharomyces* in each tank, and often, the subsets in the two tanks will differ.... The diversity of subspecies is so great that I honestly do not feel it's justified to say that there's a native yeast in a particular vineyard that is different from all other vineyards — especially when you're in Burgundy and there's vineyards right next door. The wind and the bees and everything else is carrying that yeast around. I would say the *terroir* advocates in Europe are taking it a step too far."

That spirit of experimentation has only confirmed Draper's inclination toward natural yeasts. "For at least ten years, on and off, we would split a parcel of Montebello [Ridge's flagship red wine] equally between two small tanks. We would let one start [fermenting] on its own, and we would start the other with our favorite selected yeast. We carried that out just to make sure we weren't kidding ourselves — could we make better wine? Did we prefer the selected yeast strain?" The result: "We've always preferred the natural."

Careful attention and scientific acumen combine in the fight against *Brettanomyces*. "*Brett* is just like yeast — it's naturally occurring, it's there. It's like germs in your system; depending on the health of the wine and the way it's handled and the way it's maintained, something like *Brett* should never become dominant. Not that it doesn't have the potential for doing so, and not that we haven't turned out some wines that have been affected by *Brett* in our 40 years. If we've failed in our cleanliness and the care in topping off and the temperature at which the wine is aged and the minimum but essential level of sulfur dioxide, and we get some *Brett* in the barrels as we approach bottling, that is the one time we will consider sterile filtration." Happily, such an extreme intervention can usually be avoided through proper handling and testing. "We do an analysis here called 4-ethyl phenol — it's something that shows up as a marker before the *Brett* even shows up." ■



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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.*

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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.*

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NORTH COASTAL

CAFE SEVILLA CARLSBAD 3050 Pio Pico (off Carlsbad Village Drive), 760-730-7558. The atmosphere is cozy and pleasant. Dine upstairs for larger tables. Tapas and Spanish specialties of average competence. Music will warm your blood. Lunch Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly, to midnight Friday and Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

DEL MAR PIZZA 211 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-8088. If you've heard about, dreamed about, or were merely curious about New York pizza, the best local practitioner is now in Del Mar complete with New York manners. The hot sandwiches are good, but the pizza is in a league by itself. The secret lies in the crust. Lasagne and stuffed eggplant also available as well as cannoli for dessert. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

EPAZOTE SOUTHWEST RESTAURANT 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

J. TAYLOR'S L'Auberge Del Mar Hotel, 1540 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-259-1515. Early evening dinners, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. nightly, offer a well-prepared bargain-priced four-course meal. Excellent value, good service, relaxing atmosphere. — *E.W.*

KIM'S RESTAURANT 745 First Street, Suite 103, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. For low cost and high quality, Kim's is the best Vietnamese restaurant in North County. From the overwhelming, extensive menu, try spring rolls, stuffed grape leaves, stuffed crêpes, whole roasted Cornish hens, lemon grass chicken, steamed fish. The food is fresh and highly satisfying. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

LE BAMBOU 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. Nouvelle Vietnamese cuisine is prepared here that's fresh, light, delicate. But the portions are small and two people should order three entrées for a satisfactory meal. Soups are outstanding and the imperial rolls, lemon grass chicken, soft-shelled crab, vegetarian rolls, and charbroiled pork do well here. The wine list includes 40 items. Fast service and aesthetic surroundings. Closed Monday. Lunch Tuesday to Friday; dinner Tuesday to Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

NEIMANS 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (corner of Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. The peaked dining room has been refurbished and looks like a circular country inn. All-you-can-eat buffet brunch with all-you-can-drink champagne, mimosa, orange juice, and coffee. Traditional offerings include fried chicken. Daily, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Expensive. — *E.W.*

PACIFICA DEL MAR 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-792-0476. Select the fresh fish prepared in the simplest manner and you'll do fine here. The setting and view remain delightful and the service excellent. Wok items available. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

PARIOLI ITALIAN BISTRO 647 South Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-2525. Italian dishes from every section of Italy are prepared with loving care in time-honored tradition. Specialties are risotto, ravioli, leg of lamb, duck breast, fresh fish. Charming atmosphere with fireplace. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

PISCES DELICACIES OF THE SEA La Costa Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111. This long-established and still-excellent restaurant is located at the spa itself, in a gorgeous room one flight down from the lobby. The menu includes fresh Maine lobster, lobster thermidor, and Dover sole. Abalone and Maryland soft-shell crabs are seasonal. Please call for directions. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, DEL MAR 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — *E.W.*

TOM GIBLIN'S IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT 640-A Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-7234. Opt for Irish rather than American dishes. Recommended are the stew, shepherd's pie, and fish and chips. Boxty dishes added to the menu. A brown bread, baked on the premises, is available for takeout daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

VILLAGE MILL BREAD COMPANY 12845 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley (Del Mar Heights), 858-794-4994. Sixteen varieties of bread, all fine for sandwiches. Best bets are honey sunflower and cinnamon swirl, which makes excellent French toast. The bread is soft with soft crusts; children love it. Open daily. — *E.W.*

VIVACE Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6999. The well-prepared food is no more expensive than the offerings in any upscale San Diego restaurant, but it's an experience to dine in such luxurious surroundings. Menus change seasonally. The appetizer list offers unique selections. For entrées try chicken in clay pot or daily fresh fish. The Four Seasons lounge is a great place to visit and listen to live music. Go see the hotel. It's worth the trip. Open nightly, 5:30 to 10:30 p.m., dinners only. Expensive. — *E.W.*

WILD NOTE CAFE 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-259-7310. Located adjacent to the Belly Up Tavern, this uniquely decorated room offers excellent salads, pasta, fresh fish, and burgers. The new chef adds luster to the new menu. Loving and attentive service. Open daily. Inexpensive to low-moderate. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

ATHENS MARKET CAFE 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza (close to Rancho Bernardo) off I-15, 858-675-2225. The same recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more lovingly prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value and tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

CHICKEN PLUS GREEK 309 West Mission, Escondido, 760-480-1348. This pleasant little spot (mainly for takeout) has multiple personalities. First, there's very basic rotisseried chicken. Then, there are parboiled "barbecued" baby back ribs and a prime rib plate. The latest twist on these dishes is "Cajun" seasoning. But the most savory personality is Greek, with decent gyros (grilled pressed ground lamb and beef), souvlakia (kebabs), *dolmades*, *tyropita*, and good gooey *spanikopita*. Although the salad dressings and *tzatziki* (the cuke-yogurt gyros dressing) taste mass-produced, you get a lot of wholesome food for little money. Lunch and early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

FISH HOUSE VERA CRUZ 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. This family-style restaurant serves seafood and fresh fish that changes daily. Simple but honest preparation, good value. Open daily for lunch and dinner (dinner menu is served from opening to closing on Sunday). Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

KARL STRAUSS BREWERY GARDENS 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739 (behind San Diego Tech building). The garden with bridges, koi pond and outdoor seating are major attractions for summer diners. Cooking is done by first-rate chef and portions are massive. Try Thai chicken salad; oven-roasted salmon; salmon salad; fish-and-chips; filet mignon. Up to a dozen beers may be available. Buffet brunch average. Closed Saturday. Lunch weekdays, dinner Sunday through Friday. Sunday brunch. Additional location at 1157 Columbia Street (between B and C Streets), 619-234-2739. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

MILLE FLEURS 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will, everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — *N.W.*

MING COURT 12750 Carmel Country Road (Country Plaza Shopping Center), North City West (adjacent to Del Mar), 858-793-2933. Elegance describes the interior of this restaurant. Some unusual preparations are cilantro chicken, pungent shrimp, three-mushroom delight, tangerine beef, and items on the Ming Court specialty list. Service is first-rate. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

ONAMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, North County Fair, 760-738-7522. 160-foot Japanese seafood buffet, hot Japanese dishes, salads, desserts, all you can eat. Tons of fresh food. Seats 250. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

RANCHO VALENCIA 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1123. The dining room and surrounding grounds are gorgeous, the meals beautifully prepared. Great place to take a guest to lunch. Best bets, fresh fish. All California cuisine dishes have Mediterranean influence. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SAN DIEGO ARTISAN BAKERS 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-740-5963. The grains are ground daily for this wonderful European-style bread. Every bread has dense consistency and an amazing crust. Among the best bets are the baguette, the sourdough with Greek olives, and the country sourdough. Recipes come from France, Italy, and Germany. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

LA TAPATIA 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish

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LA JOLLA

BARBARELLA 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. Don't miss this lively bistro that offers sandwiches, soup, pizza, entrées. Lively atmosphere. Bib salad and Max's pizza outstanding. Arrive early or late to avoid wait for tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

THE BIRD ROCK CAFE 5656 La Jolla Boulevard, 858-551-4090. Don't miss this small cafe that serves delightful food. Dishes are divided into small, medium, and large plates. Try the free-range chicken, tuna, risotto, crab cakes, or salad. Unpretentious but worth seeking out. Patio available for outdoor dining. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

CAFE JAPENGO 8960 University Center Lane, Aventine complex, 858-450-3355. The decor is smashing and the Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California — is beautiful to behold. Outstanding appetizers. For entrees, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best. Please make note of the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

DAILY'S 8915 Towne Centre Drive, Renaissance Towne Centre, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

DONOVAN'S STEAK AND CHOP HOUSE 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, 858-450-6666. Very noisy room and distracted service tend to make the experience more stressful than relaxing. Average steaks and chops, though nothing memorable. Popular "in" spot. Closed Sunday. Dinner, Monday through Saturday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

HOPS! BISTRO AND BREWERY 4353 La Jolla Village Drive (next to Macy's, University Towne Centre), 858-587-6677. Hops! serves the best food of any brewery in San Diego. The same menu is served continuously from lunch to closing. Best dishes are spit-roasted chicken and penne with salmon and shrimp. All beers are brewed on the premises. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

MAITRE D' 5523 La Jolla Boulevard, 858-456-2111. Two separate dining rooms, an elegant ambiance, and the presence of the owner himself (formerly with the Plaza Hotel in New York) contribute to a fine dining experience with faultless service. The half lobster appetizer is a house specialty, and the rack of lamb or fresh fish are always outstanding. Excellent place for large parties and Russian specialties when available. Closed Sunday and Monday. Dinners only, Tuesday through Saturday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

MARRAKESH 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Dinner nightly, reserve for weekends. Moderate. — *N.W.*

PANDA COUNTRY 4150 Regents Park Row #190, University Towne Centre, 858-552-1345. Gorgeous surroundings and stunning presentations carry the day here. The extensive menu does particularly well with its 11 appetizers and its 30 seafood and fish dishes prepared Mandarin or Szechuan style. Scallops and shrimp receive special treatment. Open daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE PANNIKIN CAFE 7467 Girard Avenue, 858-454-5453. The outdoor seating area is almost always crowded with tea and coffee drinkers who sun themselves, read, or chat. Light meals, including breakfast (steamed eggs, bagels, fruit plates) and sandwiches, soup, salads, as well as beverages and sweets are served. It is a well-known hangout and always crowded. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

ROY'S 8670 Genesee (Costa Verde Center, across from UTC), 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. That is, a potentially fine restaurant is somewhat stunted by celeb-chef silliness, with the staff working too hard to sell us on the place. (Cool out, guys, it's San Diego.) And it takes a few visits to decode Roy's Rules of Ordering, which make all the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters (for starters or mains) — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu *ahi poke*) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks, when the wine list is brilliant. (Try the "Loess is More" with seafood.) The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia*, "Kahana" *shutome* (swordfish), or the chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Open nightly. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

SADAF 613 Pearl Street, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

SKY ROOM Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W.*

STAR OF INDIA (LA JOLLA) 1000 Prospect Street, 858-459-3355. The Indian food is good. The best bet is the all-you-can-eat buffet lunch or the Saturday and Sunday champagne brunch. The *tandoori* chicken and lamb dishes are outstanding, and vegetable specialties are recommended. Somewhat pricey. Open daily, lunch and dinner; brunch Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. — *E.W.*

TAPENADE 7612 Fay Avenue, 858-551-7500. Surely one of the best restaurants in the county, you'll find superb, utterly assured French cooking by famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot. This is the modern style of French cuisine, light and clean to let every ingredient shine, unmasked by heavy sauces. Each dish is perfect. Pork tenderloin, Muscovy duck, foie gras, and the fresh fish are small triumphs. Worth every penny. Expensive to very expensive. — *E.W.*

CLAIREMONT & KEARNY MESA

THE GOOD EGG 7947 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-4244. The menu offers omelets, gourmet pancakes, waffles, and several different kinds of frittatas. Freshly squeezed fruit juices are available, and for lunch there are burgers, salads, and a long list of sandwiches. Good value here. Open approximately 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

HIDEYOSHI JAPANESE RESTAURANT Hazard Village, 9340-B Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-9595. A delightful restaurant tucked away at the far end of a small shopping center. Fine sushi bar, and unusual appetizers. A feast named "Taiko special," for two or more, is worth ordering. Visually and gastronomically a treat. Closed Sunday. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

KOREA HOUSE 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.*

NEW SHANGHAI 4681 Convoy Street, Clairemont Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele, because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "defatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.*

THAI HOUSE CUISINE 4225 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-1800. Not to be confused with Thai House in Point Loma, this attractive and well-decorated Thai restaurant serves fine gourmet Thai specialties. Do try the Thai Boat filled with seafood. The appetizer prepared from ground shrimp and chicken is a delight. Closed Sunday. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

TROPICAL STAR 6163 Balboa Avenue, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Closed Sunday. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

WINE SELLAR AND BRASSERIE 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

THE BEACHES

BALEEN Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham), Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical décor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

CHATEAU ORLEANS 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. The interior of this Cajun and New Orleans restaurant has rarely looked better. All dinners include house salad, a Cajun stuffed pastry, and popovers. The menu offers blackened prime rib, crawfish étouffée, and Cajun-style chicken, fish, and pasta. Very large portions, excellent service. Closed Sunday. Open Monday through Saturday, dinners only. Low moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

KONO'S 704 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB burger (chicken breast, green chili, pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Inexpensive, breakfast and lunch only. — *E.B.*

QWIIGS BAR & GRILL 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-1101. A splendid ocean view, a good sushi bar, sprightly salads, and fresh fish are the main attractions here. Friendly service. Long flight of stairs to the dining room, with an elevator for wheelchair access. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

RISTORANTE MICHELANGELO 2806 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-9478. The vast dining room is a good place for family dining, with children especially welcome. Pizza, pastas, and shrimp fare well here. Recipes cover the range of Italian cuisine. Dinner only, nightly; reserve for weekends. Low moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W.*

SAPPORO JAPANESE RESTAURANT 5049 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals. Particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *Champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables and a swag of rice. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

SASKA'S 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Saska's is the perfect spot for insomniacs. Hearty breakfasts, which can include meat and eggs, are served Sunday through Thursday from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m; the dinner hour extends to 2:00 a.m. as well. Saturday and Sunday brunches offer Mexican specialties. Beachcomber atmosphere. Open daily. Breakfast inexpensive; dinner moderate. — *E.W.*

SUSHI OTA 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea-snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni*, *toro*, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp-heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar-seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled-access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — *N.W.*

THE VENETIAN 3663 Voltaire Street, Loma Portal, 619-223-8197. For bargain hunters who like vast portions and home-style Italian cooking, try this family restaurant. The pizza is marvelous. For entrées, try shrimp scampi over linguine or eggplant parmigiana. One dining room is partially outdoors. Complete menu to go. Reservations taken for parties of six or more. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Inexpensive (pasta, pizza) to moderate. — *E.W.*

WORLD FAMOUS 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Located directly on the boardwalk with an unobstructed view, this casual restaurant offers patio or indoor dining. Food preparation is straightforward — nothing fancy, but fresh, wholesome, and offering large portions. Thirty appetizers available in the bar. Combination dinners with steak and seafood are expensive. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday to 3:00 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

CAFE COYOTE 2461 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-291-4695. Cafe Coyote is a good spot for a light Mexican meal with Southwest influences. Best bets à la carte are black bean chile, quesadilla with papaya relish, *carne asada*, *carnitas*, and Margarita chicken. Breakfast includes blue corn pancakes and American dishes. Young adults gather here. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

FAIROUZ CAFE AND GALLERY 3166 Midway Drive, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

JACK AND GIULIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. The former owners of Giulio's in Pacific Beach now operate Jack and Giulio's. Best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their famous scampi. Old-style chicken cacciatore always on the menu. Outdoor patio is one of the strong features. This is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh, casual food. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service

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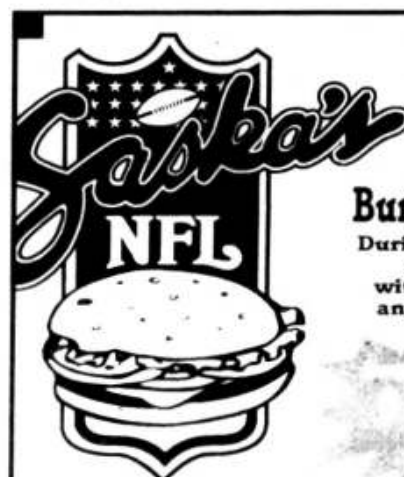

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PREGO Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars Road), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are near-perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisseried meats and fish, but the nightly specials are where chef Josh McGinnis gets to strut his stuff. Service is warm and well-informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W.*

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

ALPINE INN 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. If you're a beef lover, try the Texas burger served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Stay with beef here. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Early bird dinner Monday through Saturday for $7.95. Call for hours. Open daily. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Brunch Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

ARIGATO 5575 Baltimore Drive, Suite 110, La Mesa, 619-469-3157. Here's a great bargain Japanese restaurant. Among the best are the combination plates which contain sesame chicken, tempura, and *gyoza* dumplings. The vegetable and shrimp tempura is outstanding. Closed Sunday. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

BURNING TREE NATIVE AMERICAN GRILL 40080 Old Highway 80, Boulevard, 619-766-3442, *www.nativegrill.com*. This place feels like someone's baronial country retreat. Since 1917, it has sat under a grove of California Live Oaks 60 miles east of downtown. It once housed the Chateau Basque restaurant. Elk heads, dark timbers, mottled yellow windows — you start wishing you'd brought your tie. But don't worry. Jim Buel and his family keep prices reasonable and attitudes casual. They collected Native American recipes throughout the Southwest to create a pretty interesting fusion of American Indian recipes. Try Comanche fried frogs' legs in a cornmeal crust, or hunter's stew with venison and rabbit, sirloin of buffalo, or "Skokomish Huckleberry glazed duck." Open Wednesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive — *E.B.*

MAX DELI AND MARKET 734 12th Street, East Village, 619-239-9568. Architectural students, diesel mechanics, and guys off the street hang out at this restaurant-market in one of Center City's more knockabout neighborhoods. Don't worry. Max is South Korean, a lifelong sea captain. He can handle any little problems. Fact is, this is real neighborhood. Some customers have been coming in 10, 15 years for a sandwich and a beer. Best buys are Max's thick homemade soups and his sandwiches. And at least one regular swears Max serves up the "best hot dogs this side of Coney Island." Breakfast and lunch. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

OLD OAK INN 1367 Dewey Place, Campo, 619-478-9924. Don't blink, or you might miss this hub of way-out-there downtown Cameron Corners, near the Campo steam train depot. Makes a great Sunday drive destination. The family who runs it has been homesteading this patch of country since 1868. So naturally the food is good, solid traditional American fare, from ham, eggs, and hash brown potatoes to barbecued beef "piled high" on a toasted bun with French fries and salad, to the three-piece chicken basket dinner. The great pleasure is to fill up, go outside, and then just listen to the silence. Open seven days, lunch and dinner, kitchen closed from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

RAMON'S SMOKEHOUSE BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. You're 2000 feet up here, and the mountain air sharpens your appetite. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

RODEO BAR AND GRILL 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-390-7996. Agnes and Ildikor are the two blue-eyed Hungarian-born sisters who run this only-in-Lakeside institution. It's a low, red, grapevine-covered onetime produce barn near the rodeo grounds. A dirt parking lot hides under the trees, and an old freezer door is the main entrance to the restaurant, which has decor straight out of Dodge City. The menu has two sides: the A-side features big steaks, while the B-side offers bargain-priced sandwiches like grilled barbecued beef or the Pony burger, a flame-broiled quarter-pounder with steak fries, barbecue beans, and fixin's. On Thursday nights, the sisters' mom cooks one of her special Hungarian dishes, depending on what the customers have asked for — so get on down there and vote! Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

TOSHI SUSHI 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. 17 appetizers, 20 items of sushi, 19 specialty rolls — all excellent and exciting — are served in a modest premise that seats 10 at the sushi bar and holds 12 tables. The hot mushroom special, the "3 of a kind roll," and the Toshi tempura roll are all worth the trip. Dinners are modestly priced, but watch cost of rolls. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinners nightly. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ASMARA RESTAURANT 4433 El Cajon Boulevard (at Fairmount), 619-563-3666, *www.asmara-sd.com*. The fare here is Eritrean (which proves very similar to Ethiopian), and the menu is long and uncommonly interesting. The meat combination platter is a terrific array, including top-notch *tsebhi derho* (known as *ye-doro wat* on Ethiopian menus), chicken and an egg in a rich, dark sauce, a similar dish with beef, *gored-gored* (lightly seared meat cubes in spicy butter), and lamb *al'cha*, a stir-fry in a mild curry sauce. From the à la carte choices, consider *zilzil t'bsi*, char-grilled meat in butter, and *kulwa*, a sprightly stir-fry of lamb, beef, or chicken. Vegetable dishes are luscious, too. Entrées are served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which serves as an edible spoon and edible tablecloth — use pieces of it to scoop up morsels (in your right hand). Meats are cooked (or not cooked) to your order and seasoned to your specifications (understand that "hot" means seriously spicy). Open daily; vegetarian-friendly. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

LAO & CHINESE CUISINE 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncomplicated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pepper, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), *tom yum* soup, and *pho* and *pad si-ew* noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

LUCKY STAR SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 3983 54th Street, corner of University in K-Mart Shopping Mall, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

PAESANO 3647 30th Street (at Landis), North Park, 619-291-4090. Is that Cher pulling up a chair? There's a definite *Moonstruck* atmosphere about this place. Joe Romano and his family started here in 1967, painting the interior to look like you're among the stone arches of some Italian village grotto. Pictures of Italian tourist attractions line the walls, and the music is Italian mandolin ditties. The food is traditional Italian-American, with pittance-priced "daily specials" like eggplant parmesan and spaghetti with meatballs, plus salad and garlic bread. Regular dishes are bargain-priced, too. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

PEKIN RESTAURANT 2877 University Avenue, North Park, 619-295-2610. This old-time Chinese eatery was founded in 1931 by an immigrant from Canton; his grandchildren now run it and it's hardly changed in 70 years. You'll find red-tasseled hanging lanterns with translucent pictures of songbirds, mother-of-pearl wall decorations, and big cushioned booths. The food is Gold Rush-era Cantonese-American: chop suey, chow mein, barbecued pork, bean cake with shrimp and rice — all for a song. Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

PHOENICIA 3381 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree, an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

ZIA'S AFGHAN CAFE 4118 30th Street, 619-285-1635. This storefront café with only eight tables serves inexpensive but very well prepared Afghan food. Try three-bean soup, stuffed pockets appetizers, banana squash with spicy yogurt sauce. Lunch and dinner buffet of basmati rice with six toppings for $6.49. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

UPTOWN

ADAMS AVENUE GRILL 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M.*

BERTRAND AT MISTER A'S 2550 Fifth Avenue, 12th floor, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug of Mille Fleurs has renovated Mister A's. It's like a royal tree house — open, airy, with gorgeous views. It's expensive — appetizers $12 to $22. But the food, service, and atmosphere are first-rate. Should you want to show off the city to visitors, this is the place. The food is American with French and Mediterranean influence. Open for lunch, Monday through Friday; nightly for dinner. Very expensive. — *E.W.*

BOMBAY EXOTIC CUISINE OF INDIA 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest Cinemas complex, 619-298-3155. Don't miss the elegant food, the lovely setting, the loving service. Owned by the former proprietors of Monsoon. You will find the food subtle and sophisticated. This Indian restaurant is a blessing to our community. All-you-can-eat buffet lunch $8.98 daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

COTTAGE CAFE 2321 Fifth Avenue, 619-696-0071, *www.cottagecafe-sandiego.com*. The Polish feel of this midtown cafe is palpable. But you can eat American if you want. The "Farmer's Breakfast" is a roundup of chopped ham or sausage, onions scrambled with two eggs, home fries, and toast. Or go Polish with a grilled Polish sausage sandwich stuffed with peppers, onions, and sauerkraut on rye. But maybe the most Polish is the all-you-can-eat buffet. Expect items like stuffed cabbage, beef stroganoff, sausages and cabbage, and chicken paprika. Try the Polish beer, "Okocim, 1845," but be careful — it's 8.1 percent alcohol. Great patio out back. Open seven days. Inexpensive — *E.B.*

EXTRAORDINARY DESSERTS 2929 Fifth Avenue, 619-294-7001. If you've been searching for a place to have dessert after a movie or other cultural event, keep this dessert café in mind. Baker-owner Karen Krasne prepares sensuous cakes, tarts, cookies, and all manner of chocolate goodies. Teas and coffees are uniformly good. In summer, the patio is especially charming. Open for weekday breakfast, weekend lunch, and until late evening: Sunday through Thursday to 11:00 p.m. and weekends until midnight. — *E.W.*

ICHIBAN 1449 University Avenue, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick udon noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichiban*" means. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

KAZUMI SUSHI 3975 Fifth Avenue, Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054; *sandiego.citysearch.com/E/V/SANCA/0004/13/05/1.html*. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-*san* cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

LOTUS THAI 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegan-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., *satay*, beef salad), featuring a very tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties, try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce "Crazy Duck" salad, or the savory (if slightly dry) "three-flavor" whole fried fish, accompanied by jammy garlic-chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and the vegetarian slant turns too many dishes bland (even when they're spicy), since the kitchen shuns Thailand's fish-based "secret sauce," *nam pla*. It doesn't help that the flesh components (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they've been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with nothing left to give to or gain from the sauces — so if you crave soup or curry, you're best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

MANDARIN DYNASTY 1458 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-8899. A splendid place to order a feast for a large party (give at least four hours notice). Banquet dishes include casserole soup, scallops in pepper, General Tso's chicken, and shrimp in Chinese sauce. New vegetarian menu with over twenty items. Imitation chicken, beef, and pork prepared from soy or wheat gluten. Entrées from the menu may be Americanized and are of average competence. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

THE MISSION NORTH PARK AND CITY BAKERY 2801-2805 University Avenue, 619-220-8992. The two winners are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items under $10.00. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

THE PARKHOUSE EATERY 4574 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays, three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

WHOLE FOODS MARKET 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better, and faster, than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *farofa* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.*

EL ZARAPE 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

DOWNTOWN

A LA CARTE ON SIXTH AVENUE 921 Sixth Avenue, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrées for amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open weekdays 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

AUBERGINE 500 Fourth Avenue (at Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-8100, *www.aubergineon4th.com*. You'll think you've stepped into a chic Manhattan supper club, but the gorgeous young staff — clad in Calvin Klein, no less — are sweet and skillful. The fare is a puzzling melange of Mediterranean roasting, American grilling, and pan-Asian wokking, aimed to satisfy all appetites. Preparations vary unpredictably; safest choices are grilled meats (especially the succulent pork slab) and wok dishes. Slightly dressy; noisy weekends with loud live music; long and busy bar. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

BELLA LUNA 748 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-3222. The chef brings expertise in Italian regional cooking. When available, try shrimp salad, crepe stuffed with salmon, and daily risotto dishes. All breads baked on premises. Best bets are grilled half chicken or daily fresh fish. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE BLARNEY STONE 502 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-255-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8:00 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

BLUE POINT COASTAL CUISINE 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), 619-233-6623. Very classy atmosphere and menu — mostly fish and seafood — to match. You can eat appetizers at the bar, but best bets are nightly fish entrées or steak and crab cakes served with lots of organic vegetables. A welcome addition to downtown. Dinner only, from 5:00 p.m. Expensive. — *E.W.*

EL COMAL 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

CROCE'S RESTAURANT AND JAZZ BAR 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

DAKOTA GRILL AND SPIRITS 901 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5554. First sign that you've arrived in chipotle/chile country: the toddler-sized cowboy boot on your table that serves as vase to a faux agave plant. This kind of cooking runs the risk of losing its focus in a multitude of ingredients, something Dakota does a decent job of avoiding. When everything works, it plays like comfort food with a kick. The seafood ravioli — spinach pasta stuffed with a blend of salmon, halibut, and swordfish planted atop wilted greens and topped with pickled jalapeno relish — melds into a pleasant whole. The blue cornmeal-crusted chicken salad, similarly well-conceived, is gussied up with crispy potato strings, tortilla rajas, and dried apricots that sweetly counter the blue cheese in the dressing. The apricot-whole grain mustard glaze on the pork prime rib makes sense, as do the giant, multiple-straw margaritas. Meat — sizable quantities of it — is usually well-prepared; sides may feel cursory. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M.*

DE MEDICI 815 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-702-7228. Eighteen new fish and seafood dishes have been added to the menu. The seafood chef does excellent work, making this Italian restaurant one of the best fish houses in the city. Open dinners only. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE FIELD IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Forget their dried-out corned beef and cabbage (that's Irish-American, anyway) or the rather overcooked seafood, and try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crepes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

THE FISH MARKET (SAN DIEGO) 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. The Fish Market's sushi bar is one of the best, and least known, in town. Despite its lack of popularity, it's tough to get a seat here. The place is small. But persevere and you can enjoy their fresh, clean-tasting raw seafood, like yellowtail sashimi or highly reccomended oysters. This sushi bar is a place for sushi purists. Moderate. — *M.N.*

LE FONTAINBLEAU Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, 619-238-1818. Best bets: wild salmon, beef tenderloin, rack of lamb; seared scallops and ravioli with wild mushrooms for appetizers. Lunch, Monday through Friday. Dinner, Monday through Saturday. Friday evening, all-you-can-eat seafood buffet. Sunday buffet brunch, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Closed Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

LA GRAN TAPA 611 B Street, 619-234-8272. Here is a good spot for a light meal, especially before or after a cultural event. Tapas, Spanish appetizers, are prepared hot or cold, and the seafood, such as shrimp in sherry sauce and fresh octopus, is always fine. Try *tortilla espanola* (cold potato and egg "pie") and paella. Lively, casual atmosphere. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

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HUFFMAN'S BAR-B-QUE 5030 Imperial Avenue, 619-264-3115. This cafe has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammed Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping up bread. Or libert Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open seven days, lunch and dinner, to 3 a.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

KARL STRAUSS' OLD COLUMBIA BREWERY AND GRILL 1157 Columbia Street (between B and C Streets), 619-234-2739. The star attractions here are the ales and beers brewed on the premises. Up to a dozen beers may be available. Food includes burgers, pastas, soup and salad, fish and chips, grilled sausage. During weekends the noise can be shattering, but it's fun. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. Another branch at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-2739. Call for hours. — *E.W.*

MORTON'S OF CHICAGO 285 J Street, 619-696-1569. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and lousy. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The prices à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N.*

PETE'S QUALITY MEATS 1742-1/2 India, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciuttto, and bread crumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

EL POBLANITO, EL IMPERIO DEL SUPERTACO 549 25th Street (at Market), 619-239-9379; and 3564 University Avenue, 619-281-4181. The owners, from Mexico's Puebla state, deliver good Central-Mexican home cooking. Ask for the cow's lip *buche* taco, with its interesting texture, their savory *adobado* (marinated pork) tacos with red sauce, *birria* (goat-stew) tacos, or *birria* consommé. Or the house specialty that every guy from Puebla asks for — the sweetish *mole poblano* combination with beans, rice, and chicken. The *mole* sauce has raisins, peanuts, chocolate, plantain banana, and four different chiles in it. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

ROYALE BRASSERIE 224 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. Like a theme park for nostalgics yearning for bygone Bohemian Paris, Royale's eye-popping Art Nouveau decor re-creates a *fin de siècle* brasserie — but "re-creation" or no, it makes dinner a recreational activity. You'll find competent reproductions of French bourgeois classics — escargots, frogs' legs, chateaubriand, et al. — with an emphasis on impeccable seafood. The newfangled yellowfin tartare is to die for, the Belgian-style mussels with *frites* to dive into, and the huge cold shellfish platters are to share and to swoon over. To accompany the feast, the wine-by-the-glass choices are super-savvy. Often very noisy; heated patio; reservations necessary. Moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.*

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE 1355 North Harbor Drive, 619-233-1422. Six cuts of steak are available, all cooked in a special broiler at 1800 degrees. The U.S. prime steaks are aged and hand cut daily. They're fabulous, but nothing is on the plate except the piece of meat. Vegetables and eight styles of potatoes are à la carte. Lobster tail, fresh fish, chicken, and chops also available. Gorgeous view and service. Open nightly for dinner. Reservations recommended three to five days in advance on weekdays. Call a week in advance for weekends. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SADAF 828 Fifth Avenue (E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *bamieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. MoCeratic. — *N.W.*

LA STRADA 702 Fifth Avenue (at Fifth and G), 619-239-3400. The setting is lovely, but the Northern Italian food preparation may be uneven. Stay with pasta dishes and low-priced items. Open daily for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Late hours weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

TAKA 555 Fifth Avenue, 619-338-0555. This restaurant is a knockout. Gorgeous food and beautiful setting. Entrées, which combine Asian and Continental elements, can be ordered in half portions. Don't miss linguine and seafood, filet mignon, salmon sauté. Highly satisfying food at prices you can afford. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

TURF SUPPER CLUB 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the tangy kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W.*

THE WESTGATE GOURMET DELICATESSEN Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. The Hawaiian chicken salad (with walnuts, pineapple, chutney, fresh seasonal fruits, and non-fat mayo) is filling and healthy. But the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

BINO'S EUROPEAN COFFEES AND CREPES 1120 Adella Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crepes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

CATHIE'S PLACE CAFE Sharp Coronado Hospital, 250 Prospect Place, Coronado, 619-522-3634. Cathie's may look like a hospital cafeteria. It certainly serves patients, doctors, employees, the retirement home across the road, and the visiting public. But this place is run by a Marriott spin-off. And what meals! Beef burgundy with stuffed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, plantation pork loin with fruit and nut chutney, baked fish with lemon sauce.... Breakfasts are forget-table — lunch and dinner are where it's at. The menu changes daily, but you can call ahead or ask Cathie (she's real and she's Scottish) to fax you the weekly "take out dinner" menu. Weekdays only, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

DA KINE'S PLATE LUNCHES 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Mas!" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the *Kalua* pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *Haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

HANAOKA 1528 C Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-5173. Mr. and Mrs. Hanaoka's Japanese restaurant has the feel of those country inns you read about in a James Michener novel, with a sushi counter, lots of paper lanterns, and sunken tables where you can sit lotus-fashion or drop your legs in the space below. The luncheon specials are a great buy. Try chicken teriyaki and gyoza, with rice, salad, and miso soup. "*Hanaoka*" means "honest," and portions are honestly generous. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

MCDINI'S 105 East 8th Street, National City, 619-474-6771. A historic, sprawling bar with a diverse, mellow family scene — all ages, all races, chatting, playing pool, cozying up to the all-encompassing jukebox, or smoking under a roofed front "patio." Or chowing down on industrial-grade pub grub, made largely of restaurant-supply products (including the vaunted corn beef, bland as packaged ham). But the fresh vegetables are surprisingly good, so choose something that includes the luscious mashed potatoes and look upon the rest as garnish. No wheelchair bathroom. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

MCP'S IRISH PUB & GRILL 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meat-fest breakfast. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

MIGUEL'S COCINA 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. (Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, 619-224-2401.) Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

THE OLD BONITA STORE 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. The menu is strongly influenced by Baja Californian/Mexican cooking. The signature dish is the bucket of Baja-style lobster for two. The bucket includes slipper lobster tails, shrimp, grilled chicken, and carne asada, plus Caesar salad, rice and beans, and tortillas. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

VFW 557 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6917. You may have to get over the feeling you're intruding on a private club here, but boy, is it worth it! One, everybody has a story. Two, the "public, inexpensive" lunches are home-cooking at genuine Korean War prices. Mondays and Wednesdays it's burgers. Tuesdays and Thursdays are "Guess What?" days — typically, enchilada casserole, baked chicken or spaghetti, or a fried-rice dish that's full of good things. Two really tasty occasionals are liver with mashed potato and onions or chicken-fried steak with fried rice. First and third Friday nights of the month, outsiders are invited to join the weekly fish fry from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Check out the photos and memorabilia from wars fought from Siberia to Vietnam. Lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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ANTOJITOS DEL PAIS Gobernador Balarezo, 9750 Fraccionamente America, near Azteca hotel, Tijuana. 686-2424. Open 24/7 except midnight Sunday to 7 a.m. Monday. Hit at lunch hour, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and you'll find 22 waitresses and cooks serving you on the street, stirring huge steaming pots of soup, foot-high clay pots simmering with frijoles, and dark-brown ceramic bowls of meat simmering on the flames. This isn't TJ, it's Central Mexico. Some great choices include *bistek ahumada* (smoked beef) or *cantilla de res* (beef ribs), *pollo en mole*, *lengua de res* (ox tongue), and *carne de cerdo* (pork), all around $3, including soup, dessert, and pleasant culture shock. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

BOTANICA EL PARAISO Avenida Niños Heroes, between 1st and 2nd streets, Tijuana. Health food? This place has everything from healing herbs to curative roots to love amulets. They serve drinks for fivers, kidneys, cholesterol. Diabetics can down cactus concoctions. And they also make a good lunch. Start with a blood-red *jugo de verdura*, a vegetable drink of carrots, beet root, celery, and orange. Then try a thick brown-bread tuna sandwich with avocado, cucumber, ham, and tomato, and end with a fresh fruit salad. So healthy, you won't need a potion (unless you still need that love potion). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

CHIKI JAI 1388 Avenida Revolución (corner of 7th Street), Zona Centro, 685-4955. The new dining room, constructed from the ground up, is lovely to behold and offers old favorites as well as new Spanish dishes. Best bets are fresh cod, fresh nightly fish, paella. All dinners served with hot rolls, Roquefort cheese, soup or salad, dessert. Superb service, loving atmosphere. Open seven days, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

LA ESPADANA 10613 Avenida Sanchez Taboada, Zona Rio, 634-1488 or 634-1489. Beautifully prepared meals that include appetizer, soup or salad, and entrée are available in this structure whose name means bell tower and whose exterior resembles a mission. Best bets here are filet steak on a skewer (*brocheta de filete*), baby back ribs (*costillar de puerco*), and leg of lamb (*pierna de borrego*). The portions are mammoth, and the breakfast is excellent. Superb service, delightful atmosphere. Menus are printed in Spanish and English. Some English spoken. Open Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W.*

PALM GRILL Cantamar (halfway to Ensenada), 614-1203. The A-frame building looks like a thatched hut and has two interior floors and an upper-and lower-level patio. Food is American, French, and Continental with a few Mexican dishes. Lots of atmosphere and fine service. Best bets are daily fresh fish. Watch your costs here as prices rival good American restaurants. Open daily. Take Ensenada Cuota road to Cantamar exit. Turn right. Two toll charges. (Free road: 46-1/2 km Carretera a Ensenada.) Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

EL RODEO 1647 Blvd. Salinas, 686-5640. Steak lovers will have a field day here with a variety of cuts, some cooked right at your table. The accompaniments are wonderful: an appetizer and quesadilla, a crisp salad, beans served in their own liquid — even a dessert is included in the price of the entrée. Cheese soup, burritos, and tripe are also available. *Vaquero* decor, wood-paneled rooms. Good value if you like beef. Open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Take Revolución until it bends to the left to become Agua Caliente; turn left just before the twin high-rise towers, and left again, onto the one-way street, Blvd. Salinas. El Rodeo is on the right side of the street. Highly visible and easy to find. Moderate. — *E.W.*

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Apocalypse Now

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), 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)

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. Midspree, 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 *menage-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, 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. 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; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 housewife 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 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)

Come Undone — Gay summer romance in the south of France, with Jeremie Elkaim and Stephane Rideau, directed by Sebastien Lifshitz.
(KEN, 10/19 THROUGH 25)

Corky Romano — Mob comedy with Chris Kattan, Fred Ward, and Peter Falk.



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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 hg 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. ★★½ (HORTON PLAZA 14)


The Deep End

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.
● (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN)

From Hell — Jack the Ripper revisited, with Johnny Depp and Heather Graham, directed by Allen and Albert Hughes.
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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.
★★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 10/19)

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; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 10/19)

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)

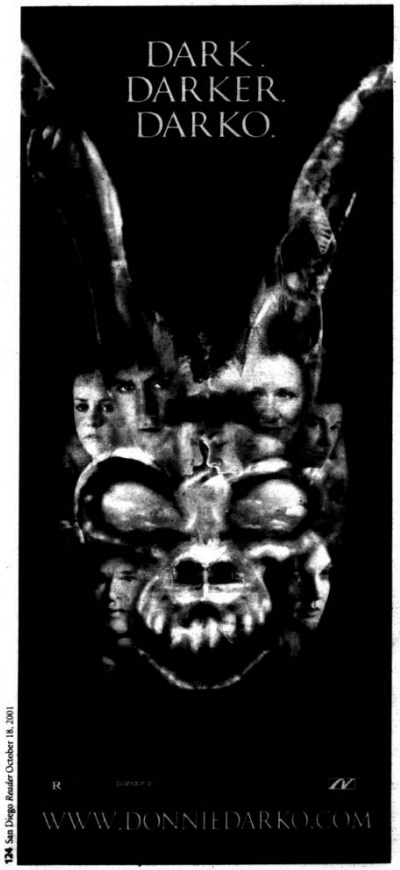
Hardball — Keanu Reeves coaches an inner-city youth baseball team, directed by Brian Robbins.
(HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

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 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.
★ (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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. Donnie Yen, Tsang Sze Man, Jean Wang. 1993.
★ (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 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 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 up the declining reputation (*Unforgettable, Rounders*) of the prematurely overrated (*Red Rock West, The Last Seduction*) John Dahl. With Leelee Sobieski. 2001.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; FROM 10/19; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN)

The Last Castle — Military prison drama starring Robert Redford, James Gandolfini, and Mark Ruffalo, directed by Rod Lurie.
(CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13;









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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 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. With Ian Hart, Claire Hackett, Megan Burns, and David Hart. 2001.
★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 10/18)

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)

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 overexplaining 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: "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. Carol Kane, Mary Kay Place, John Goodman. 2001.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE, FROM 10/19)



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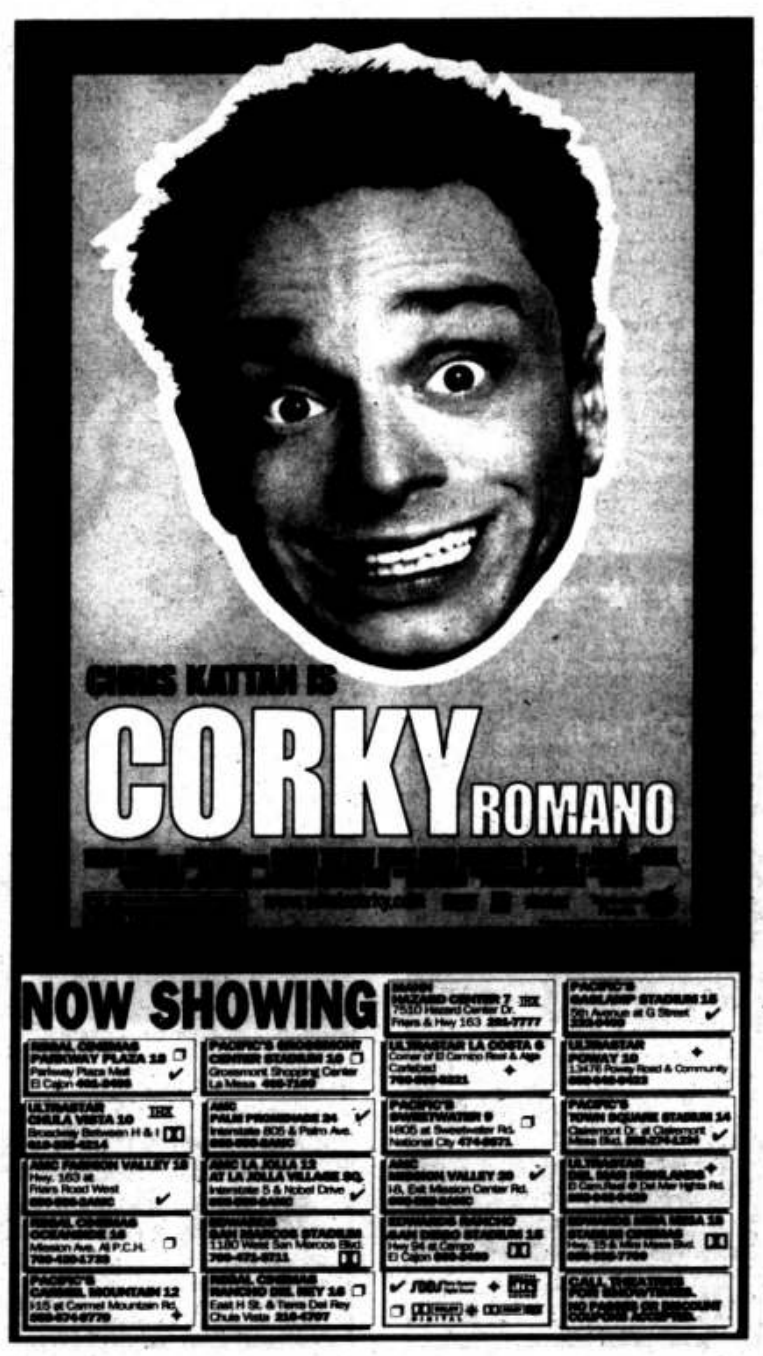




Max Keeble's Big Move

Our Lady of the Assassins — After thirty years, a homosexual writer returns to his hazardous hometown of Medellín, 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.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

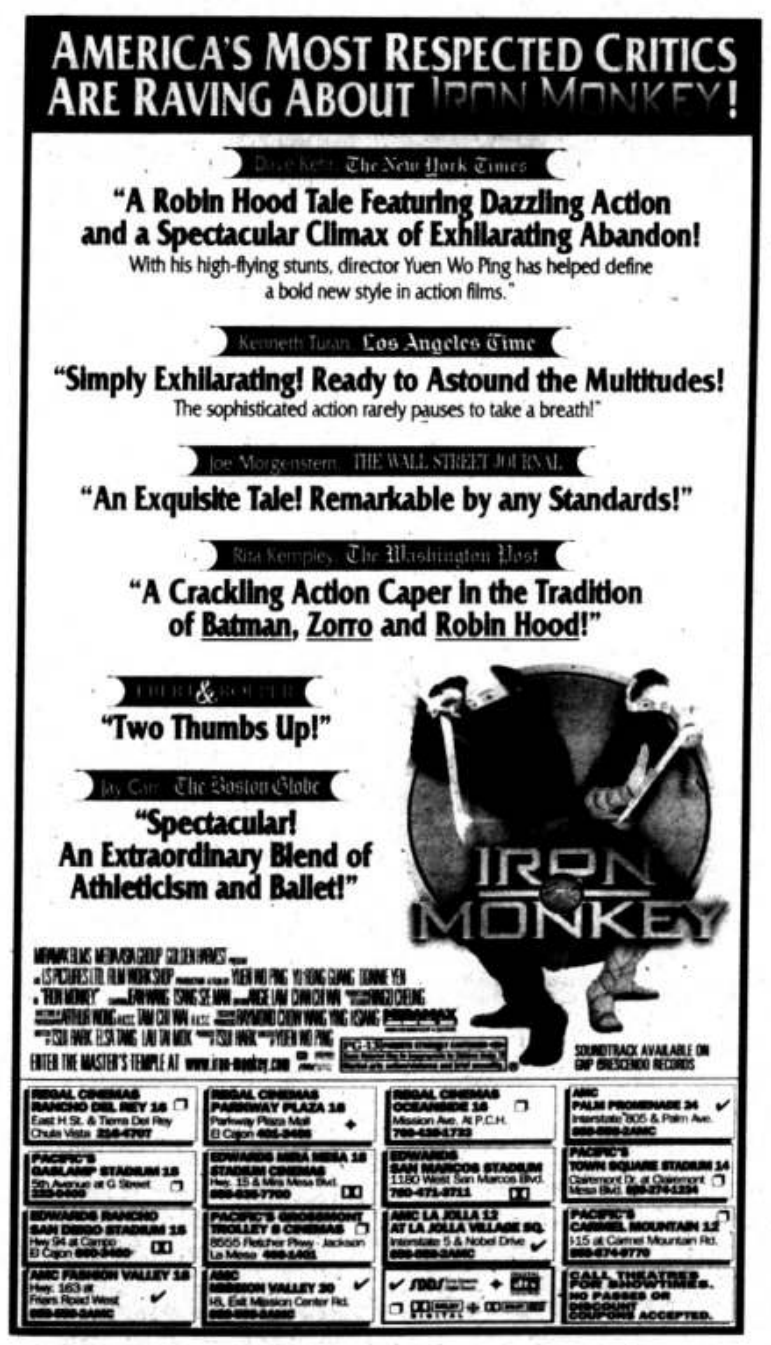
Planet of the Apes — The "unique personal vision" of Tim Burton comes down here to the burgeoning field of science-fiction graphics: a new illustrated edition of an old familiar classic. (Rather dark and murky illustrations, too, with a forest-primeval feel to deepen the timeless mythicality of it all.) Sure, the ape makeup, to say nothing of the 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 Bonham Carter, Tim Roth, Michael Clarke Duncan, Paul Giamatti, Estella Warren, 2001.
★ (VOGUE)

Riding in Cars with Boys — Drew Barrymore ages twenty years in Penny Marshall's adaptation of Beverly Donofrio's autobiographical memoir.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINERAMA 6; 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/19)

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; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Serendipity — Unbothersome fluff to do with romance and destiny and the One Right Person. Jonathan and Sara, meeting cute at a glove rack during Christmas rush (he shopping for his current girlfriend, she for her boyfriend), spend several magical 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 García 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; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; 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 pretense of faith. DreamWorks might like to think they are tweaking the tradition of Disney's animated fairy tales (Snow White and Pinocchio, among others, put in cameo appearances), but in truth they're in lock step with Disney's *Aladdin, Hercules, Beauty and the Beast*, simply a few paces behind. With the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, and John Lithgow; co-directed by Andrew Adamson and Vicky Jenson. 2001.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Tortilla Soup — Change of locale, and of



Rush Hour 2

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 Ripoli. 2001.
★ (LA PAIOMA, FROM 10/19)

Training Day — A slicker, mainstreamier *Bad Lieutenant*, tagging 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.
★ (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS⊄; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN)

Va Savoir (Who Knows?) — Romantic entanglements set against a theatrical backdrop, from veteran French filmmaker Jacques Rivette.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 10/19)

The Vertical Ray of the Sun — Tran Anh Hung re-locates to Hanoi, by all appearances a sleepier 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 accident 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,



The Vertical Ray of the Sun

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 longer "theme." Tran Nu Yen-Khe. Nguyen Nhu Quynh, Le Khanh. 2000.
★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Zoolander — More a facial expression than a movie. The expression is called Blue Steel (but of course there already was a

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
Bandits (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:50, 7:40, 9:35, 10:25; Sun. (2:00) 4:50, 7:40, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:50) 7:40, 9:30; **Corky Romano** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:15) 5:20, 7:35, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:10) 7:35, 9:45; **Don't Say a Word** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40; **From Hell** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun. (1:35) 4:25, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:25) 7:05, 9:50; **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:55) 4:55, 7:25, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:55) 7:25, 9:50; **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:20) 5:30, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:35) 7:50, 9:55; **The Last Castle** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:50, 2:20) 4:40, 5:10, 7:30, 8:05, 10:20, 10:55; Sun. (1:45, 2:50) 4:30, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 2:50, 4:30, 5:40) 7:15, 8:30, 10:00; **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:15) 7:20; **Riding in Cars with Boys** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 2:05) 4:20, 5:05, 7:15, 8:00, 10:10, 11:00; Sun. (1:25, 2:30) 4:20, 5:25, 7:10, 8:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:30, 4:20, 5:25) 7:10, 8:20, 10:00; **Serendipity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:35, 7:05, 9:30; Sun. (1:30) 4:35, 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:35) 7:30, 9:35; **Training Day** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:50) 7:00, 9:50; Sun. (1:05, 3:50) 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:00) 8:40; **Zoolander** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:30) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15; Sun. (1:20, 3:30) 5:35, 7:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:45) 7:45, 9:55

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Bandits (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:35, 2:15) 4:30, 5:25, 7:25, 8:25, 10:15; Sun. (1:35, 2:15) 4:30, 5:25, 7:25, 8:25, 9:55; Mon.-Wed. (1:35, 2:15, 4:30, 5:25) 7:25, 8:25, 9:55; Thu. (1:35, 2:15, 4:00, 5:25) 8:25; **Corky Romano** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 2:10) 4:25, 5:35, 7:10, 8:30, 9:25, 10:40; Sun. (1:20, 2:10) 4:25, 5:35, 7:10, 8:15, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 2:10, 4:25, 5:35) 7:10, 8:15, 9:40; **Don't Say a Word** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:35, 7:05, 9:40; Sun. (1:20) 4:35, 7:05, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:35) 7:05, 9:30; **From Hell** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 2:20) 4:40, 5:45, 7:30, 8:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:20, 4:40, 5:45) 7:30, 8:45, 9:55; **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 5:40, 8:30, 10:35; Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:35, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:35, 9:35; **The Last Castle** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:25, 2:00, 4:25, 5:30, 7:30, 8:40, 10:30; Sun.-Wed. 1:25, 2:00, 4:25, 5:30, 7:05, 8:40, 9:45; Thu. (1:25, 2:00, 4:25, 5:30) 7:05, 8:40, 9:45; **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:20, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:15; **The Others** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:45, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. (1:45) 4:45, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:45) 8:20; **Training Day** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 2:05) 4:15, 5:20, 7:00, 8:20, 9:15, 10:15; Sun. (1:15, 2:05) 4:15, 5:20, 7:45, 8:35, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 2:05, 4:15, 5:20) 7:45, 8:35, 9:15; **Zoolander** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:15, 7:20, 9:35; Sun. (1:35) 4:15, 7:20, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:15) 7:20, 9:20

Horton Plaza 14
475 Horton Plaza (619-234-8602)
Apocalypse Now (R) Fri.-Thu. 3:30, 7:45; **The Deep End** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 4:05, 9:20; **Ghost World** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:05, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 10:10; **Hardball** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:50, 2:25, 4:50, 7:25, 10:15; **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:10, 2:00, 2:40, 5:10, 7:00, 7:40, 10:20; **Joy Ride** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 11:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:35, 9:35, 10:20; **Megiddo** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. 11:00, 1:30, 4:30, 7:05, 9:45; **Our Lady of the Assassins** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:40, 6:40; **Rat Race** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:50, 1:30, 4:05, 6:40, 9:20; **Riding in Cars with Boys** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 11:45, 2:10, 3:45, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:45; **Rush Hour 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Serendipity** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:05, 11:20, 1:50, 2:30, 4:20, 4:45, 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:30; **Shrek** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:55, 1:10

LA JOLLA

Cove
7730 Girard Avenue (858-459-5404)
Bread and Tulips (PG-13) Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Bandits (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00; Sun. 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. 1:25 (4:10) 7:00, 9:45; **Corky Romano** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:50, 3:55, 6:00, 8:20, 10:35; Sun. 1:50, 3:55, 6:00, 8:10, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. 2:25 (5:30) 7:45, 9:50; **Don't Say a Word** (R) Fri.-Sat. 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15; Sun. 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Tue. 1:55 (4:30) 7:05, 9:40; **From Hell** (R) Fri.-Sat. 2:10, 5:00, 7:55, 10:45; Sun. 2:10, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. 2:00 (4:50) 7:30, 10:15; **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; Sun. 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:15; Mon. 2:10 (5:45) 8:15; Tue. 1:35 (4:00) 10:20; **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:40, 3:45, 5:50, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. 1:40, 3:45, 5:55, 8:05, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. 2:45 (5:15) 7:55, 9:35; **Joy Ride** (R) Fri.-Sat. 2:30, 4:45, 7:05, 9:40; Sun. 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 8:00; Mon. 2:15 (5:00) 8:00; Tue. 1:50 (4:05); **The Last Castle** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:25; Mon.-Tue. 1:30 (4:20) 7:15, 10:05; **Riding in Cars with Boys** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:05; Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. 1:45 (4:35) 7:25, 10:15; **Serendipity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Tue. 2:30 (5:10) 7:20, 9:30; **Training Day** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:35, 4:20, 7:40, 10:40; Sun. 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. 1:40 (4:25) 7:10, 10:00; **Zoolander** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:05, 3:15, 5:30, 7:40, 10:15; Sun. 1:05, 3:15, 5:30, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. 2:40 (5:20) 7:40, 9:55

La Jolla Village
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
Ghost World (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:30) 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; **Mulholland Drive** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:40, 3:45, 4:45, 7:45, 9:25; **My First Mister** (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:00) 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; **The Vertical Ray of the Sun** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:20) 6:50

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Bandits (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 2:10, 4:25, 5:00, 7:20, 8:00, 10:15, 10:50; Sat. 10:55, 1:30, 2:10, 4:25, 5:00, 7:20, 8:00, 10:15, 10:50; Sun. 10:55, 1:30, 2:10, 4:25, 5:00, 7:20, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. 1:40, 2:25 (4:25, 5:40) 7:10, 8:30, 10:05; **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:30; Mon.-Tue. 2:15; **Corky Romano** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. 2:05 (5:15) 7:35, 9:45; **Don't Say a Word** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:10, 2:55, 5:40, 8:20, 10:55; Sun. 12:10, 2:55, 5:40, 8:20, 10:50; Mon.-Tue. 1:40 (4:40) 7:20, 10:15; **From Hell** (R) Fri. 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Mon.-Tue. 1:55 (5:20) 8:00, 10:20; **The Glass House** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. 1:50 (5:30) 8:10; **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:25; Mon.-Tue. 2:20 (4:55) 7:30, 9:55; **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) Fri. 1:20, 3:40, 5:55, 8:05, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:20, 3:40, 5:55, 8:05, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. 2:25 (5:10) 7:35, 9:50; **Joy Ride** (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:30, 5:00, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. 2:00 (5:35) 7:55, 10:20; **The Last Castle** (R) Fri. 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:40; Mon.-Tue. 1:50 (4:45) 7:40, 10:10; **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:15, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10, 9:35; Mon.-Tue. 1:55 (5:05) 7:15, 9:25; **The Others** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:20, 4:50, 7:50, 10:35; Mon.-Tue. 1:35 (4:05) 7:00, 9:30; **Riding in Cars with Boys** (PG-13) Fri. 1:10, 2:05, 4:00, 5:15, 7:00, 8:15, 10:05, 11:10; Sat. 11:15, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00, 5:15, 7:00, 8:15, 10:05, 11:10; Sun. 11:15, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00, 5:15, 7:00, 8:15, 10:05; Mon.-Tue. 1:30, 2:20 (4:35, 5:30) 7:25, 8:25, 10:15; **Rush Hour 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (5:45) 8:05; **Serendipity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; Mon.-Tue. 2:30 (5:25) 7:50, 10:00; **Training Day** (R) Fri. 1:25, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. 10:50, 1:25, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. 1:40 (4:30) 7:15, 10:10; **Zoolander** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. 1:45 (5:20) 8:00, 10:20

Hazard Center 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-291-7777)
Bandits (PG-13) Fri. 1:25 (4:05) 7:05, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. 1:25, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 1:25 (4:05) 7:05, 10:05; **Corky Romano** (PG-13) Fri. 1:10, 3:15 (5:20) 7:25, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:10, 3:15 (5:20) 7:25, 9:45; **From Hell** (R) Fri. 1:15 (4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:15 (4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Riding in Cars with Boys** (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; **Serendipity** (PG-13) Fri. 1:05, 3:20 (5:25) 7:30, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. 1:05, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 1:05, 3:20 (5:25) 7:30, 9:50; **Training Day** (R) Fri. 1:30 (4:10) 7:10, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 1:30 (4:10) 7:10, 10:10

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
From Hell; The Last Castle; Riding in Cars with Boys; Bandits; Corky Romano; Iron Monkey; Serendipity; Max Keeble's Big Move; Joy Ride; Training Day; Don't Say a Word; Hearts in Atlantis; Zoolander; Hardball; Rush Hour 2

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Bandits (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; Sun. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 5:20) 7:55; **From Hell** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Sun. (1:00) 4:20, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:15) 7:50; **Hardball** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:50) 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (1:30, 3:50) 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:55) 8:15; **Riding in Cars with Boys** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; Sun. (1:15, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:45) 7:45, 9:45; **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:55) 7:05, 9:45; Sun. (1:10, 3:55) 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:05) 7:45; **Training Day** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:40, 7:25, 9:55; Sun. (1:40) 4:40, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:10) 7:45

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Come Undone (Not Rated) Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
Happy Accidents (R) Fri.-Tue. (1:30) 4:00, 7:20, 9:45; Wed. (1:30) 4:00, 9:45; Thu. (1:30) 4:00, 7:20, 9:45; **L.I.E.** (NC-17) Fri.-Thu. (1:35) 4:15, 7:30, 10:00; **Mulholland Drive** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:45, 3:45, 5:00, 7:00, 8:15, 10:10; **Va Savoir (Who Knows?)** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:40) 4:45, 8:00

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Stagecoach, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; **Scarface**, Wednesday, 7 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. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Mon. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Tue. 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. **2:00, 8:00**; Sun.-Tue. 2:00; Wed. 2:00, 8:00; 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

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
605 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, 4:15) 7:00, 9:50; **From Hell** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Hardball** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 4:50) 7:25, 10:05; **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) 7:40, 10:00; **Joy Ride** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15, 10:05; **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:40, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; **Riding in Cars with Boys** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 2:50, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10

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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.

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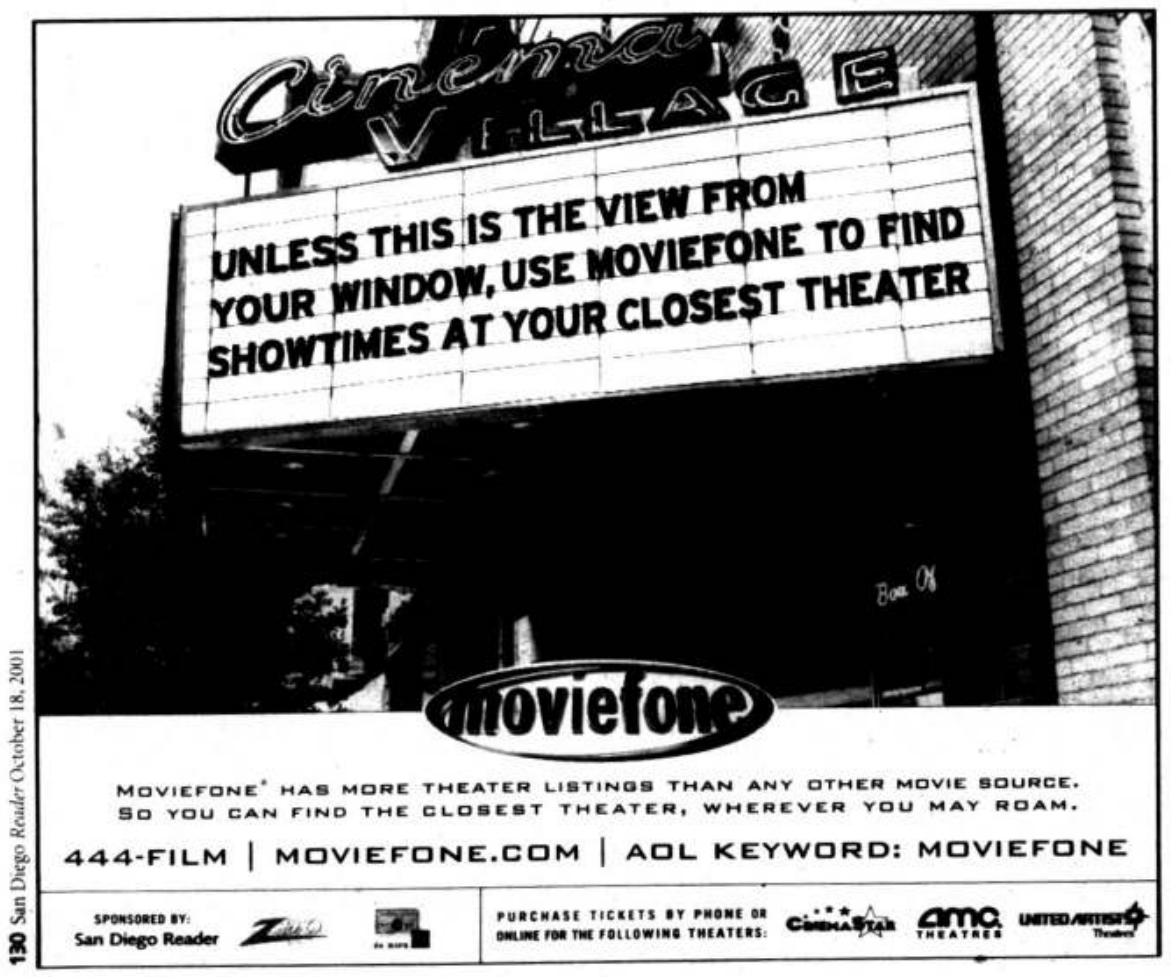



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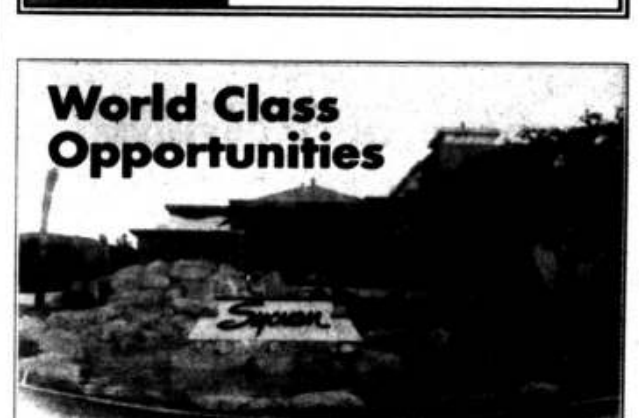

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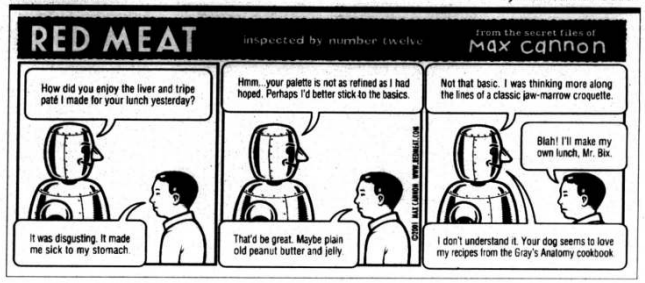

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OFF THE CUFF by Sue Greenberg

What's your opinion about women fighting in war?



Brenda Payne
Legal Assistant
Spring Valley

I wouldn't do it. It's more strenuous for women than it is for men, especially if you have children — I think someone needs to be with the children. My husband is in the Marines, and he's probably leaving to go over there; he hasn't had any orders yet, but it's more than likely. It would be bad on the family if both partners were gone.



June Schlossberg
Retired Interior Decorator
Indianapolis, Indiana

Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays I think women should be shooting right along with the men; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays I think they should stay home and tend to their knitting.



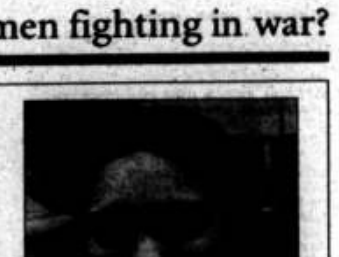
Brian Holwerda
Rock and Roll Singer
Ocean Beach

I don't really like to fight with women, but as far as them fighting in the armed forces, I don't see any problem with it. I think mean boys like to keep it for themselves.



Neil Alexander
Student
Ocean Beach

I think it's okay, but I can see the concern that women may have kids, as far as who would be doing the upbringing. I think it would be hard on kids more so than if you lose a dad. Ability wise, I've seen a lot of women stronger than me; they can beat me up.



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I think it's really great; I think it's a great step for women. I'm a little bit torn because I know women have families, so I would see it as a problem with the children and having to leave and then transition when they come back. I think it's great in terms of women coming forward; we've come a long ways. I think women are really capable; I don't think women being smaller in stature is a problem. I think the military knows what they're doing in sending women into combat. And if they think the women are just as capable, then I'm sure they are.

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by David Levinson Wilk

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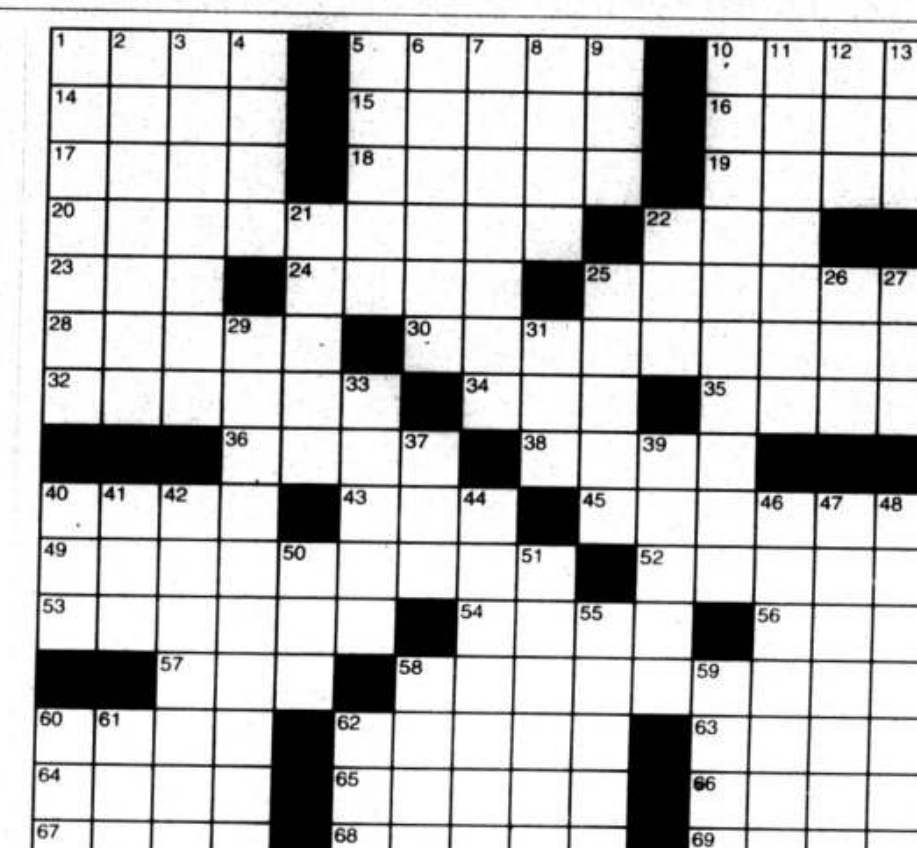
1. Klinger player on "M*A*S*H"
5. Skylit rooms
10. Dads' partners
14. Gen. Robert ____
15. Red vegetables
16. Autobahn sight
17. Hitchhiker's wish
18. One way to be lost
19. Pack ____ (give up)
20. Especially violent situation
22. Chalet site
23. Enzyme suffix
24. One of three squares
25. Behave unihibitedly
28. Metronome setting
30. We live in one
32. Portfolio listings
34. Round Table title
35. Easter paints
36. Duck in a pond
38. Tackle box item
40. It smells
43. Naval initials
45. Hollow-gourd instrument
49. Secondary result
52. Even smaller than Capri, say
53. Donors' group
54. Snobs put them on
56. Sandwich that usually contains mayo
57. Tit for ____
58. Al Gore, as defined in 2000
60. Like Cheerios
62. Southeast Greece island
63. "Chestnuts roasting ____ open fire"
64. Genesis shepherd
65. Napa Valley variety
66. Charlie Parker, to many
67. Pink, as a steak
68. Masterful
69. Lip

Down

1. Prolongation, on a music sheet
2. Puff Daddy and P. Diddy, e.g.
3. Turns in, like a coupon
4. Projection booth item
5. Die down
6. Set of four
7. Does a cobbler's job
8. Big-ticket ____
9. Rep. Hutchinson
10. Post office purchases
11. Score more points, say
12. Start of the 16th century
13. Lust, e.g.
21. Walloped, old-style
22. Waterspout trajectory
25. Meeting place for Claudius or Nero
26. Rocks
27. Songwriter Coleman, et al.
29. Best-selling author of "A Year in Provence"
31. $1,000,000, slangily
33. King Fahd, for one
37. Baton Rouge sch.
39. Mrs. Gorbachev
40. Jazz group, for short
41. Olive of the funny pages
42. Engine cough
44. Like a 3-4-5 triangle
46. Where King Zog ruled
47. Wine-storing places
48. Goes to
50. Ottawa's prov.
51. First-rate
55. Butler at Tara
58. Like the Sahara
59. Large groups
60. Boat maneuverer
61. Dr. J's first league: Abbr.
62. Tax pro, for short



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1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 10/11/01.

Of the 46 entrants, 43 were correct. The winners are:

1. James Mastro, *San Diego*
2. William Cushing, *San Diego*
3. Mary E. Harris, *La Mesa*
4. Grant, *San Diego*
5. D. Struwe, *Del Mar*

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THANK YOU Holy Spirit for prayers answered. Baby.

TRACY and Margaret C (lovely daughter) from North County. Hope all is well. Sorry I lost your number. I miss you. Sincerely, your 6' blonde Valentine.

Matches

Shared Interests

EXERCISE PARTNER. Let's get fit together. Dedicated young female seeking exercise partner, downtown area. Getting back into fitness? Me too! Early mornings preferred. Call me! (10/24) ☎80564

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FRIENDSHIP. Honest, down-to-earth mature, nonmaterialistic, Type B personality seeks male/female: walks/talks, dinners, weekend fun. Me: Female, 40s, nonsmoker/addictions. East County. (10/24) ☎80524

FRIENDSHIP. I'm fun, outgoing female who enjoys music, concerts (especially reggae), travel, festivals, dining, adventure. If you're a female who enjoys the same, let's chat! (10/24) ☎80525

FRIENDSHIP. Classical music. Biomedical scientist, male, 44, seeks female companion for local symphonic or chamber concerts and/or theatre. (10/31) ☎80642

FRIENDSHIP. Guy, 54, average everything, seeks gal pal(s) for movies, lunch, conversation, mutual (emotional) support. Need a nonthreatening guy to confide in? Talk to me. (10/31) ☎80643

FRIENDSHIP. Hey! I'm a single, fun, 26-year-old male new to San Diego looking for female companionship or guys to go drinking with. (10/31) ☎80644

FRIENDSHIP. Want to assemble a small, compatible group of interesting, intelligent singles (male/female), 40-55, for opera, theater, symphony, concerts, dinner parties and board games. (10/31) ☎80645

FRIENDSHIP. I'm so bored. Am I really that bad? No one hangs out anymore, thus I stay at home. Someone please e-mail me. (10/31) ☎80647

FRIENDSHIP. 27-year-old female seeks other outgoing females for singles scene, clubs, movies, exercise, travel, fun, friendship. If you enjoy the same, let's chat. (10/31) ☎80648

FRIENDSHIP. New to area. Fun-loving, nonsmoker, baby boomer female seeking males/females for activities: Jazz, concerts, dining, travel, boating, dancing, rollerblading, snorkeling. Let's chat! (10/31) ☎80649

GIRLFRIENDS, 30ish. Educated, liberal, arty, sweet, single, kindless girl seeking similars: movies, meals, fun, going out. No drugs/smoke, little drinking. Central/East San Diego. (10/31) ☎80646

KAYAKING COMPANION. Female wanted by single, mature male. Usually paddle weekend mornings. Have extra kayaks. Can instruct you if interested. Let's talk. (10/24) ☎80523

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SABBATH COMPANION. Male, 30-45, to share Sabbath plus books, classical music, art, movies, gym, intelligence, spirituality, joy. Liberal attitude, conservative values. (10/24) ☎80526

Matches

Women Seeking Men

NEED SOMEONE TO LOVE YOU? Let me be the one. I have lots of love for you. Plus-size brunette, nonsmoker, 50, very romantic. (10/24) ☎70993

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

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

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

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

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

DREAMER, ADVENTURER seeking romantic guy, trim, fit, handsome, upbeat, spontaneous. I'm 48, charming, funny, pretty, fit, trim, stylish nonsmoker. (10/24) ☎90036

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

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

SWEET, KIND, WHITE woman, 46, brown hair, blue eyes. Desire white, male, attractive, honest, for healthy relationship. I like movies, dining, walks, concerts and dancing. (10/31) ☎90061

ME: CLASSY, SMART, FUNNY, 51, 5'2", 114lbs. You: Tall, dark, handsome, 37-53, young attitude. Like workouts, dancing, movies, dining, travel. No couch potatoes. (10/24) ☎90022

GERMAN-FRENCH INSTRUCTOR, very young mid-50s, attractive, physically fit/active, seeking successful, well-educated male professional for concerts, plays, travel, more. Possible long-term relationship. (10/31) ☎90069

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

22-YEAR-OLD, 5'8" blonde who is active and loves sports and the outdoors. Career oriented and very ambitious. Love to party and have fun! (10/31) ☎90054

TIRED OF SITTING ALONE with your TV after work? 53, tall, blonde, slender, happy, healthy girl-next-door needs honest, dependable, Mr. Nice Guy. (10/31) ☎90067

ON A HEALTH QUEST. Want to come along? Beautiful, tall, blonde lady is in a very happy place in her life. How about you? (10/31) ☎90052

WILD, PETITE, SUCCESSFUL; love fast motorcycles, faster cars, and tall, attractive, wild partner. Levis or lace. I'm a good sports, up for anything. (10/31) ☎90053

BEAUTIFUL, CLASSY BRUNETTE, 5'3", 125lbs., seeking attractive, kind, caring gentleman, 50-60, as my companion. I'm a great catch for someone. If you can hook me! (10/31) ☎90062

PASSIONATE MUSE SEEKS unique individual. Want thin? Look elsewhere. Want beautiful, creative, intense, sensual, connected, open minded, unique, witty? Call me. Let's embrace life! (10/24) ☎90033

JEWISH LADY SEEKS JEWISH gent. Ex-New Yorker, pretty, funny, sexy, bright, unpretentious, hiking, theater, dancing, travel. Be tall, easygoing, unencumbered 50s! Let's fall in love! (10/31) ☎90049

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

AN ATTRACTIVE, RETIRED, classy lady ready to go places and do things with retired, classy gentleman. (10/24) ☎70986

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

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

SECURE, FUN, 5'8", SLIM, active, youthful 56 seeking romantic, honest, tall, masculine, 53-63 Caucasian. Nonsmoker, light drinker, communicator, sharing, traveling and adventure. Theater to fishing. (10/31) ☎90078

STILL TURN HEADS. Classy, professional, black lady, 52, 5'6", 155lbs., North County. Well traveled, well read. Seeking soul mate for quality relationship. Race open. (10/31) ☎90072

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

GOOD-LOOKING, VERY attractive Indian female from India, new to the area. Seeking an educated gentleman, age 45 to 52. (10/24) ☎90039

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

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

CLASSY, FULL FIGURED, Midwestern lady, 45, seeks male, 45-60, for dinner, walks, conversation, music and cultural events. You must know hoe to treat a lady. (10/31) ☎90071

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

AFFECTIONATE, LOVING brunette, 40ish, looking for someone to laugh and love with. I'm 5'8", 123lbs. and full of life. You must be active and outgoing. (10/24) ☎70994

TICKETS AND NO COMPANION. This 53-year-young, spirited professional enjoys travel, spectator sports, theatre, movies, concerts. Want humorous, romantic, sincere counterpart. Age/race open. (10/24) ☎90013

VERY PRETTY BRUNETTE, young 44, petite, thin. Enjoy alternative music, laughter, good conversation. Seeking 35-50, good-looking, good-natured, fit and fun friend, possibly more. (10/31) ☎90056

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

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

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

GOOD-LOOKING CAUCASIAN, East County, petite, fit, brunette, unencumbered, looking for white, single, 40s to 50s for sharing quality times. (10/24) ☎90024

HUSBAND 38-48. Financially secure, liberal, listener, emotionally aware. No smoking, pets, children, alcohol, drugs. Commitment before sex. Dancing, laughing, outdoors. Petite, playful, honest, peaceful, vegetarian. (10/31) ☎90050

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

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

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

SINCERE, ARTISTIC LADY, 43, seeks nonsmoking companion, 35-55, willing to spend time together enjoying art and cultural events, travel, volunteering and supporting each other's dreams. (10/31) ☎90065

SEDONA, ARIZONA TRANSPLANT. Show me nature in San Diego! Long blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'9", 125lbs., 40s, wild, passionate singer of folk. Let's go camping! (10/31) ☎90046

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

ASPIRING PASTRY CHEF looking for an old soul with a record player. 18 to 27. (10/31) ☎90068

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

PRETTY WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE, black, 48, voluptuously put together, desires honest gentleman, tallish, attractive, humorous, passionate, kind. Movies, dining, walking, talking, laughing, music, fun, friendship leading to romantic entanglement. (10/31) ☎90066

CONTENTED, BLONDE tomb raider searching for Asian adventurer into kung fu movies, ethnic food, CD-ROM games, travel. Need to be a treasure, not have one. (10/31) ☎90077

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

DOWN ON THE CORNER, I put a spell on you, better run through the jungle. Wicked woman, writer, 45, wants brilliant, brainy creature. (10/24) ☎90035

SINGLE, ATTRACTIVE BLACK mom, 36, 5'2", in search of financially/mentally secure, fit, attractive man, 37-45, 5'11"+, for friendship, maybe more. Race open. (10/31) ☎90059

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

ATTRACTIVE WHITE FEMALE, 28, looking for white guy over 6'2" to have fun with. I'm 5'9", blonde hair, blue eyes. Call me. (10/31) ☎90055

AGELESS ROMANTIC, SMART, sexy brunette, emotionally available, stable, independent, dance companion, seeks one man for all seasons, personally successful, fit, emotionally affluent, age whatever. (10/31) ☎90060

HUGGABLE, GENTLE, petite, romantic. Like camping, sunsets, vino, movies, music. Seeking healthy nonsmoker, traveler, Mexico. For real fun/bay, choose this ad. She's genuine. (10/24) ☎90019

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

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SINGLE BLACK FEMALE, 44, seeking white male, 30-45, for one-on-one friendship with hopes of more. No games, please. (10/31) ☎90074

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HISPANIC FEMALE, 37, 5'5". Catholic, never married, no children. Seeking Hispanic male, 34-40, for a committed relationship. (10/24) ☎70989

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 enjoy summer and more. (10/31) ☎90063

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

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

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I NEED SOFT-SPOKEN, feminine, thoughtful, approximately proportionate 30-45. You get masculine, muscled, 5'10", 170lbs., 49, brown/blue. North Coastal. Books, wine, travel, gardens, children. (10/31) ☎80620

I AM 42-YEAR-OLD ARTIST who enjoys backgammon and Brazilian jazz. Am looking for companion who enjoys same. Look forward to hearing from you. (10/24) ☎80516

BIG, TALL, 41-YEAR-OLD white male, kind, perceptive, loyal, interested in attractive, fit woman for possible long-term relationship. Photo on the Internet. (10/24) ☎80463

49, 6'4", CARING communicator, sensitive, secure, spiritual, prochoice, entrepreneur, dog lover, sailing, skiing, walking, exploring, camping, computers, KPBS, nature, comedy, movies, cooking. Seeking growth partner. (10/31) ☎80629

ITALIAN/AMERICAN, 40s, 6', 183lbs., attractive. Biking, hiking, tennis, foreign films, arts, comedy clubs. Seeking single Asian female, 30s-40s, very attractive, athletic, north San Diego. (10/31) ☎80597

DOCTOR, HUMOROUS, CREATIVE, 38, Jewish, attractive, tall, down-to-earth, quiet, guitar player, writer, meets few single females, seeks sensitive, intelligent female for meaningful relationship. (10/24) ☎80537

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

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

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) ☎80556

FREE COFFEE. 5'10", 49, sense of humor, good listener, successful, secure, affectionate, seeks 40-48, slender, intelligent professional for ethnic restaurants, barbecues, music, golf, friendship, romance. (10/31) ☎80631

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

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) ☎80565

CARLSBAD, KIND, HONEST, 43, white, never married, healthy, childless, nonsmoker, nondrinker. Seeking white, North County Coastal lady, 38-42, for long-term relationship. (10/31) ☎80609

SEEKING ASIAN FEMALE for mutual chemistry, love and long-term relationship. Challenge me at tennis, golf, workouts or sushi. 5'10", 180lbs., attractive, athletic, successful Asian. (10/31) ☎80582

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MARRIAGE-MINDED, handsome, white professional, young-looking 55, 5'8-1/2", 160lbs., kindhearted, romantic, urbane, unencumbered, financially secure. Dancing, tennis, travel. Seeking attractive, fit, loving mate. (10/24) ☎80535

CAUCASIAN, 50, BROWN hair, 6'3", 195lbs., seeks romantic, affectionate, sensual Caucasian for long-term, intimate relationship. College grad or higher with definite moral compass. (10/24) ☎80500

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) ☎80511

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TRICK OR TREAT! This outgoing, humorous, North County homeowner would love to come knocking on your door. Let's explore San Diego! Mid-40s. (10/24) ☎80549

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) ☎80544

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

I HAVE FAULTS! Yet I am also: Smart, funny, creative, sensual, liberal, eccentric, exciting and successful. I seek: Free-spirited woman, magnificent in all ways. (10/31) ☎80627

ASIAN WOMAN, 20-35, honest, loving, nice, likes holding hands, loves sports. Me: 29, preschool teacher, loving, nice, honest, likes holding, loves sports/money. (10/31) ☎80622

WHITE FEMALE. The invitation: If you've read it, embody its sacred intimacy, are 35-50, sensitively intelligent, sensually aware, spiritually advanced, humanly adventurous— a wondrous welcome. (10/31) ☎80613

HANDSOME, INTELLIGENT, humorous, passionate, 26, 6' gentleman ready for serious relationship. I'm clean shaven, don't smoke and no kids. I'm seeking fit lady without baggage. (10/24) ☎80498

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) ☎80502

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) ☎80484

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 race. (10/24) ☎80531

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YOU LIKE KANGAROOS? Adventurous, affectionate, athletic, easygoing 34 seeks long-legged, intelligent, cheerful, spontaneous counterpart for travels, laughs, cuddles and delightful future (plus kids?). E-mail. (10/31) ☎80598

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ASIAN BEAUTY DESIRED. Spontaneous, handsome male, 6', 43, well-built, seeking attractive Asian female, 30-40, fun-loving, for friendship, dating, travel, excitement, passion, summer romance. (10/31) ☎80639

HANDSOME HISPANIC, 44, young-at-heart, financially secure professional, very affectionate, passionate, loving, intelligent, humorous, fun, 5'8", 160lbs., seeking woman with similar qualities. (10/31) ☎80585

NATURALIST SEEKS ADVENTURER. If you like the outdoors, I'm your guy. I also like the nightlife, so I suppose I am well rounded. (10/31) ☎80615

SCIENCE, HIKING ENTHUSIAST, 27, 150lbs., 6', blue eyes, sincere and easygoing, fun guy enjoys classical to trance. Seeking friend for local hikes and conversation. (10/24) ☎80488

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

YOUTHFUL WHITE MALE, 42, tall, dark and nice-looking, very witty, fun but serious to Christian, seeking fun, fit, cute equal for possible relationship! (10/24) ☎80517

CHRISTIAN COWBOY, 45, seeks nice, affectionate woman for date, camping, hiking, fishing. Must like rodeos, NHRA, drag racing and just having fun; possibly marriage. (10/24) ☎80483

ATTRACTIVE, AFFECTIONATE, athletic, Hawaiian/Italian entrepreneur, 34, seeks natural Asian beauty, 20-30, for dating. Must like the beach, dancing, dining and adventure. (10/24) ☎80548

ADVENTUROUS MD, single parent of preschooler, 40-something, handsome and fit, seeks attractive, companion/partner, 25-55, fun loving and easy to get along with. (10/31) ☎80638

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE, 45. Sincere, honest, healthy, attractive, 5'10", 180lbs. Enjoy music, beach, dining, coffee. Seeking attractive blonde female, 36-41, similar interests, for meaningful relationship. (10/24) ☎80532

SEEKING ASIAN HONEY. Handsome, fit, active, youthful 52, blue/blond, enjoys travel, conversation, life. You: Thoughtful, sincere, trim, loving, sexy Asian lady, 40-50. (10/31) ☎80579

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ATTRACTIVE BLACK FEMALE, 30s-40s, desired by attractive, tall, romantic white male, 38, nice shape. Must like time with children and time to find each other. (10/24) ☎80487

IS THERE A SMART, SEXY, beautiful woman out there that's not in a relationship? Because there's a smart, sexy, beautiful guy looking for her. (10/31) ☎80634

LOVING, DEVOTED, ROMANTIC, 6', handsome, slender Christian, 44, business owner wants relationship with 30-44, stable, attractive, slender, loving lady; likes being treated special and responds. (10/24) ☎80558

SENIOR, YOUNG-AT-HEART guy, seeks senior, young-at-heart gal for 1-on-1 relationship! Let's be young together. Call Johnny. (10/31) ☎80604

COULD I BE THE ONE you're looking for? White male, soon to be 36, seeks attractive white female, 25-50, no hang-ups, for committed relationship. (10/31) ☎80603

FUN, EXCITING GUY, physically fit, financially secure, loves animals, dining, dancing, travel; seeks fit, attractive female that has an outgoing personality and a good sense of humor; enjoys the beach, boating and is full of adventure. (10/31) ☎80623

ATTRACTIVE WHITE GENTLEMAN, 6', 185lbs., fit, kind, romantic, humorous, seeks real, attractive, white, shapely lady, under 60, 5'4"-5'8". Prefer blonde, no drugs, nonsmoker. (10/31) ☎80624

TEMECULA COMMUTER, 45, seeks a romantic partner who enjoys wine tasting, animals, walks on the beach and travel. All replies answered. (10/24) ☎80515

Nice Guy

Tall, handsome, talented, slender, athletic type, 41, brown hair/eyes, young looking, communicative, playful, seeking fit, attractive female for outdoors, music, dancing, movies, workouts, adventure. (10/31) ☎80567

SUCCESSFUL, SENSITIVE, intelligent, good natured, affectionate. Light brown, blue, 5'9", nice appearance, trim and youthful at 53. Relationship minded, financially secure, childless, North County homeowner. (10/31) ☎80600

PLAYFUL, EXTREMELY affectionate, loving, very cute guy that's old-fashioned but bold, adventurous, but levelheaded, seeks brown hair and eyes, fit, sensual woman (30-40). (10/31) ☎80606

HONEST, DIVORCED WHITE male, young 40, adventurer, would like to meet white or Asian woman who has popsicle toes. Thanks. (10/24) ☎80496

GOSPEL SINGER, SONGWRITER, youth minister, 30, childless; loves kids. Deeply involved in my church. Seeking a woman of Jesus. Christian women, please contact me! (10/31) ☎80602

WHITE MAN, 35, 5'9". You like big toys, greyhound, skiing, camping. Enjoy life, you spontaneous adventures. I'm a unique man. Looking very young. Be happy. (10/31) ☎80568

VETERAN COSMIC ROCKER seeking companion. Me: Blue-collar (8-14-50), somewhat behaved, jeans/boots type dude. You: Classy chassis, nonjealous feminist, (40-50) sophisticated, hippie-type chick. (10/31) ☎80569

KINDHEARTED, CARING WHITE gentleman, 43, 5'7", 170lbs., emotionally/financially secure. Boat owner enjoys waterskiing, boating, camping, outdoor activities. Looking for one special woman. (10/31) ☎80574

AS YOU WISH. 6'1", 185lbs., strikingly handsome, emotionally/financially secure. Seeking strict, sublime, mature woman to love, honor, respect and do what you say. (10/31) ☎80570

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

EXTRA, EXTRA! Explorer, educated, expressive, earth entranced, environmentalist, entertaining, eloquent, elemental, energetic, equal, eventful, earnest, exercise enthusiast, 30, eligible! E-mail! (10/31) ☎80593

FINE GENTLEMAN, good-natured, outgoing, slim, 5'8", middle-aged, caring, kind, loving. Seeking mature, senior, woman companion. (10/24) ☎80536

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I'M 20 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

YOUNG LADIES, TIRED OF dating jerks? Time to date an older, mature man. Let me be provider, protector, counselor, friend and lover— God's intended role for man. I'm 48, 6'3", good-looking nonsmoker, gentle, monogamous, personality plus, fashionable, secure, cuddly. You: 30-45, very attractive, sweet, sensual, monogamous, sassy dresser, good heart, likes to be spoiled. I'm a man you can trust. (10/24) ☎80547

NICE GUY LOOKING FOR a nice girl. I'm interested in moving to San Diego from hot Arizona. I am 27, single, white, attractive, honest. (10/31) ☎80578

LET'S WALK, TALK, DINE, dance, attend theatre, concerts, travel and more. But first, let's meet for coffee or a cocktail and see where it goes. (10/31) ☎80594

LOOKING FOR SWEETHEART to share my life with. She must be understanding, sensual, playful; enjoy beach, mountains, sports; not greedy, power hungry. (10/31) ☎80610

GOOD-LOOKING BLACK gentleman, 6'1", athletic, spiritual and financially secure, educated, seeks attractive, spontaneous, sensuous, intelligent, no smoke/drugs, 5'5"+, athleticism a plus, white woman. (10/31) ☎80617

INTIMATE, ROMANTIC encounter with tall, handsome white male, 50ish, very young, father, divorced, lonely gentleman. Paul McCartney look-alike seeks sexy, passionate, stylish woman, relationship. (10/31) ☎80601

YOU ARE 5'2"-5'6", 49-50s, slender/medium build, nonsmoker, nondrinker, sensuous, affectionate, cuddley. I'm same plus beaches, home owner, humorous, lovable, educated, music, semiretired, teacher. (10/24) ☎80539

PLAYFUL, AFFECTIONATE, thoughtful, sensual, creative, handsome(?), 52, 5'9", 160lbs., (619). Love nature, romantic comedies, soft rock. Desire cute(?), slender, 45ish counterpart to love forever. (10/24) ☎80491

WALKS? BEACH? CAMPING? Woman sought who prefers outdoors. 20s-50s, full figured or trim. I'm good-looking 38, affectionate, brown hair, blue eyes, white, friendly, talkative. (10/31) ☎80588

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

LATINO, SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL, harmless to normal people, however! Liberal, mindful, thoughtful, humor, enjoy solitude. I'm 39. (10/24) ☎80505

OLD-FASHIONED GENTLEMAN, 41, seeks sincerity, laughter, friendship, maybe love. Like family, surfing, Beach Boys, classic TV cars, Mexican food. Please no drugs. (10/31) ☎80632

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

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) ☎80508

DOWN-TO-EARTH MUSICIAN seeking a cool, funny girl who I can pamper and read Kurt Vonnegut to at night. (10/31) ☎80633

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. (10/31) ☎80630

ME: GENUINE, KIND, GOOD shape, smart, humorous, loyal, capable, secure, professional. You: Intelligent, serene, pretty, skillful, youthful 50s. Us: Musically, spiritually, emotionally, chemically? Sincerely, sympatico. (10/31) ☎80637

SEEKING DIVA. WHITE MALE, 40, professional, clean cut, fit, attractive, 5'9", 165lbs. Seeking strict, powerful female for mutually fulfilling, alternative relationship. Romantic possibilities explored. You be white, 30-40, slim, attractive, fun, with attitude. I'm cute, safe, experienced, loads of fun with a vivid imagination. Let's play! (10/31) ☎80651

CLEVER DOWNTOWN SLACKER exhausted from the hunt. 25, music lover, professional, attractive, good shape, dry sense of humor. You are smart, funny, reasonable, fit. (10/31) ☎80591

LOOKING FOR A punk rock chick. (10/24) ☎80557

FILIPINA SOUGHT, 25-40, healthy lifestyle, kind, warmhearted, nonsmoker by professional, sincere, honest, fun, attractive guy likes music/travel, doesn't smoke or drink. Let's chat! (10/31) ☎80592

SENSITIVE, WITTY, intelligent guy seeks same in a woman, 25-40 years old for dating, dining and exercise dates, walking, jogging. (10/31) ☎80618

I'M NOT LIKE YOUR LAST boyfriend. I'm caring, a good listener. Honest, truthful, good morals, no baggage, fit, understanding, a real decent guy, 46. (10/24) ☎80530

GENTLE, DEPENDABLE, HONEST, home owner, handyman, 57. Nonsmoker willing to get to know me to share life's simple pleasures. (10/24) ☎80507

YOU ARE TALL, tall, slim, attractive, intelligent, educated, unencumbered, active, vegetarian and have celebrated between 40 and 57 birthdays. Me too. (10/31) ☎80608

WHITE MALE, 51, looking for white female for relationship. Enjoy movies, dining, walks, talks. Me: 5'11", 187lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, sincere, honest. Please call. (10/24) ☎80528

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40s, in-shape; brain works, have soul. Love to frolic— beach to mountains. You: Hot, nostalgic, romantic dream-catcher. An athlete prefers to do it, intellect delves and hearts race, and you'll know me. (10/24) ☎80533

MENSCH, SUCCESSFUL, FIT, enjoys travel, hiking, cultural events; great communicator, down to earth. In search of menschette, 20-30s, for friendship leading to permanent relationship. (10/31) ☎80599

DIVORCED, CAUCASIAN MALE with irrepressible spirit. I have fun at anything I do. 51. Brown/brown, 5'10", fit, health professional. Catch me if you can. (10/31) ☎80611

TALL, ATTRACTIVE professional with infrequent herpes. Dark hair, 6'4", 225lbs., 40s. Seeking attractive, leggy female, 37-47, to share romance, movies, music, workouts, dining, fun stuff. (10/31) ☎80621

NEW BEGINNINGS. Young 40ish enjoy sports, beach walks, theatre, movies, active, easygoing, driven at work. Secure, optimistic, fun loving, seeks lively female. (10/31) ☎80577

IMAGE OVER SUBSTANCE? Matinee idol seeks perfect Barbie doll bimbo! Not! Sincere gentleman, 41, 6'4", muscular, positive, fit, very smart, funny, adventurous, sort of normal. (10/31) ☎80628

CONFIDENT, CHALLENGING, creative, white male, 22. Grad student, UCSD, engineering; enjoy everything. Relaxed, focused, passionate, friendly, listener with a sense of humor... and humble too. (10/31) ☎80583

Time For Us!

Handsome artist, 5'11", trim, very youthful 55, financially secure, excellent dancer, quick wit, easy smile, enjoys music, film, nature, stimulating conversation; seeks smart, slender woman for friendship, laughter and love. (10/24) ☎80550

A REAL LADIES MAN. Me: Single black male, handsome, tannish brown complexion, tall, professional, MBA. Seeking shapely, attractive, race open, 20ish-30ish, friendship/relationship, long term. (10/31) ☎80580

SHARP AND RUGGED, 45, 6'1", dark hair, educated, family and goal oriented. Enjoy all sports and zest for life. Seeking 34-50, classy, independent lady. Nonsmoker. (10/31) ☎80595

FEEL MY VIBE... IN SHAPE. Tall, handsome, thick head of hair. Divorced 4 years! Childless, interesting, fun, funny, passionate, uninhibited. House. Nice toys. Late 30s. (10/24) ☎80551

CANAJIAN, 50-55, INDEPENDENT, shaped, 120lbs., educated, working, fit. Me: 5'9", 190lbs., fair, Midwest work, dry humor, no smoke, light drink, minimalist. No bull. (10/31) ☎80587

GENEROUS, KIND, NOT MUSICAL, young. Smart, funny, balding, not open. Like kids. Gentle, listener but irascible. Spiritual not humble. I'm a man not a saint. (10/24) ☎80545

SWING DANCER OR WILLING to learn. You're educated, fit emotionally/physically, possess integrity, unencumbered, like traveling, hiking; 40s. I'm baby boomer, fit, humorous, home owner. (10/31) ☎80626

CREATIVE, WHITE. Seeking sensual white or Latina for friendship, romance. 35ish-55ish. Some dancing. Enjoy usual dating stuff. Nonsmoker, though moderate drinker; physically, morally fit. (10/24) ☎80529

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

DOUBLE DATE: Two of us would like to meet two of you; romance, travel, snowskiing, dining, dancing, sailing, cooking, communicating, mostly just having fun together. (10/31) ☎80590

LARGE, PROPORTIONED, open-minded, sexy lady sought by mature male for occasional movie, short drives, romantic evenings. Age unimportant. (10/31) ☎80584

HISPANIC, 30, SDSU GRADUATE, nonsmoker, affectionate, playful, silly, loyal, loving, family-oriented, movies, exercise, dancing, anything fun. Seeking same in cute, sexy Hispanic/white, 21-34. (10/31) ☎80616

STOP TO SMELL THE ROSES: Simply put, is there an attractive, trim, loving, unpretentious lady, 40-50, who is burned out with the nightlife, or preferably with little exposure to it, who would be interested in meeting a fun-loving white male professional, 50, who is physically fit and down to earth? It would be terrific to meet a sincere lady, who wishes to be treated with Midwestern values (yes, I am originally from the Midwest!) I am nice looking, youthful in appearance and in heart, honest, thoughtful, financially secure, and enjoy a great sense of humor. If you have been wanting to establish a lasting relationship, I promise you an enjoyable telephone conversation as a beginning. (10/31) ☎80650

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CAUCASIAN, 42, accomplished, physically fit, educated, speaks French/Spanish; enjoys hiking, camping, motorcycles, mountain biking, sailing, flying, gardening, wine tasting, dancing, road travel, flying abroad. (10/31) ☎80575

FUN, CUTE, BIG SMILE. Want someone who can appreciate life's little things! How I 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) ☎80495

HEALTHY, SPIRITUAL, well traveled, adventurous male, 44, would love wonderful woman, 22-39, for fun, romance— beach, mountains, desert. Where are you? (10/31) ☎80607

ATTRACTIVE, SELECTIVE, holistic professional, emotionally available, accomplished, white, Ph.D., 6', nonsmoker, spiritual, aware, financially independent, dream come true. Seeking slender, wholesome, emotionally available, 40s nonsmoker. (10/31) ☎80573

OLDER WOMAN WANTED. Me: 29, 6'2", blond, 175lbs. Attractive, intelligent, sincere, open. Enjoy outdoors, movies, music, cooking, snowboarding, more. You: 30+, attractive, intelligent. Smoke OK. (10/24) ☎80534

BLOND/BROWN, BLUE, 5'10", 165lbs., fit, successful company owner. Intelligent, considered cute, very humorous. You: 22-32, white, under 130lbs., drama free. Must like to laugh. (10/24) ☎80542

MARRIAGE-MINDED, 6', romantic, childless, never married, 37, successful. A very beautiful, spiritual man searching for one special woman. Your call will be returned immediately. (10/31) ☎80619

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

HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL executive, 57, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting committed relationship. (10/31) ☎80571

ATHLETIC, ATTRACTIVE business owner, 48, 6', 180lbs., good sense of humor, fun guy, seeking same. Asian or African-American woman, 35-45. (10/31) ☎80614

INTENSITY AND SOFTNESS; emotionally up-front, handsome, fit businessman, 50, 5'8", intelligent backpacker, intuitive tennis, complex jazz, gut-level meditator, sensual yoga, seeks similar 34-50. (10/31) ☎80635

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PACIFIC BEACH. $767.50 plus 1/2 utilities. 2 bedroom, 2 bath dual master. Cable, dishwasher, on-site laundry, pool, tub, fitness center, tennis courts, beach/bar ball courts. E-mail: lance.goulet@cliffizer.com. Lance, home, 858-272-6314; work, 858-822-9050.

PACIFIC BEACH. $525/month, 1/4 utilities, deposit. Female roommate to share 3 bedroom condo on Soil Bay. Large, laundry, security. Available now or 11/1. 858-483-5053, 619-235-2415, x11771.

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PACIFIC BEACH. $725, 1/2 utilities, deposit. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. Garage, washer/dryer. No pets. Nonsmoker. Kelly, 858-270-4779.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. $800, 1/3 utilities. Large townhome, beach 2 blocks. Washer/dryer, microwave, fireplace. Female preferred. nonsmoking. Private room/bath. After 10/1. 619-235-2415, x26981.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. $700. 3 bedroom, new condo. Private bath, washer/dryer, fireplace, garage. Female preferred. No pets. Available now. Call Lisa, 858-273-5302.

PACIFIC BEACH. $665, 1/2 utilities. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Newpainted/carpet. On-site laundry, quiet complex. Blocks to bay/beach. Reed Street. Nonsmoking. Now. 858-581-1157.

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PACIFIC BEACH. $500 plus utilities in townhouse. 3 blocks from beach. Parking, washer/dryer. No pets. 858-272-1366.

PACIFIC BEACH. $600, 1/2 utilities. Beach 3 blocks, bay 2 blocks. Large 2 bedroom. Jacuzzi, satellite TV, washer/dryer, dishwasher. $250 deposit. No pets. 858-581-2645.

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PACIFIC BEACH. $750. Large master bedroom in newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with wood floors, gated parking. Pool, spa, gym. tennis. Chris, 858-274-2675.

PACIFIC BEACH. $450/month, $450 deposit. Available now. Female. Includes electric, satellite TV, laundry, patio, large kitchen, relatively quiet, near Crown Point Dann, 858-274-7761.

PACIFIC BEACH. $600, 1/4 utilities. 4 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. 2 blocks to beach. Outdoor hot tub, fireplace, washer/dryer. No pets. 937 Opal Street. 858-272-2597.

PARADISE HILLS. $515. Furnished master bedroom, 1/2 bath, own phone line. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house. Utilities included. Male preferred. Available 11/1. Voice mail, 619-256-0674.

POINT LOMA. $450 or $525 plus 1/4 utilities. Choose one of rooms for rent in 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Large yard, great view. Call 619-269-2625.

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SPRING VALLEY. $450/month. $200 deposit. Room for rent, large house. Nonsmoker/female. Quiet, safe area. Nonsmoking pets, drugs. Female only. Available now. 619-741-5269

TIERRASANTA. $550 includes utilities. Laundry. Own room. Large 4 bedroom, 3 full bath home. SDSU. Seeking female nonsmoker. View, pool. No pets. Carol, 858-541-0862; 619-235-2415, x32344.

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TIERRASANTA. $575 plus utilities. Master bedroom available 11/1, with balcony, own bathroom. Great location. New appliances. Very quiet neighborhood. Pool, tennis court. Seeking nonsmoker. 619-235-2415, x20867.

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WANTED. Male with 35lb. dog needs room with storage for tools. Point Loma, Ocean Beach, bay area, Clairemont, Serra Mesa. Gary, 619-263-1763

WANTED: Female seeking room/private bath for rent, central San Diego area for at least 3 months with 1 other. Mission Valley area preferred. 619-606-6446

WANTED: Female seeking male or female to share 2 bedroom apartment in Pacific Beach for under $700. Leave message. 619-977-7462.

WANTED: Female nonsmoker seeking room to share (or share with 1 other town bath). Preferably in Del Mar or La Jolla 858-793-7746.

WANTED: Male seeks room for rent in bay/beach/Mesa area, but will consider all $400-$800 range. Beginning 10/15+. Call Steve, 619-962-9076.

WANTED: Male with dog seeking room, winter until spring. Can work off rent or rebuild house. Tony, PO Box 151265, San Diego, CA 92175.

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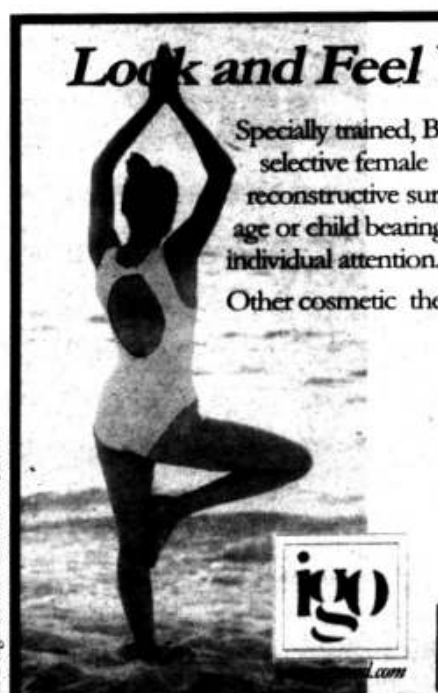

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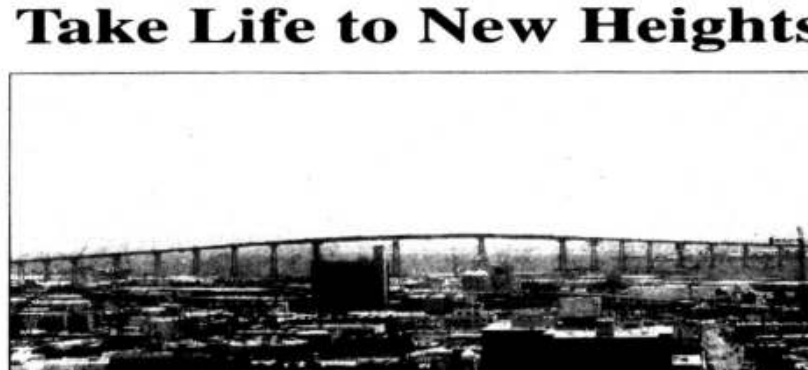

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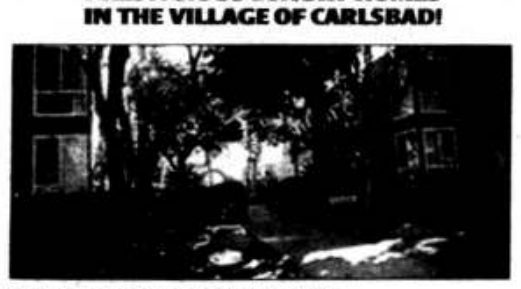

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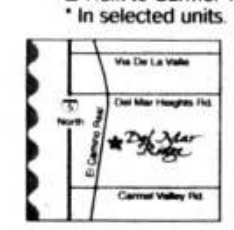

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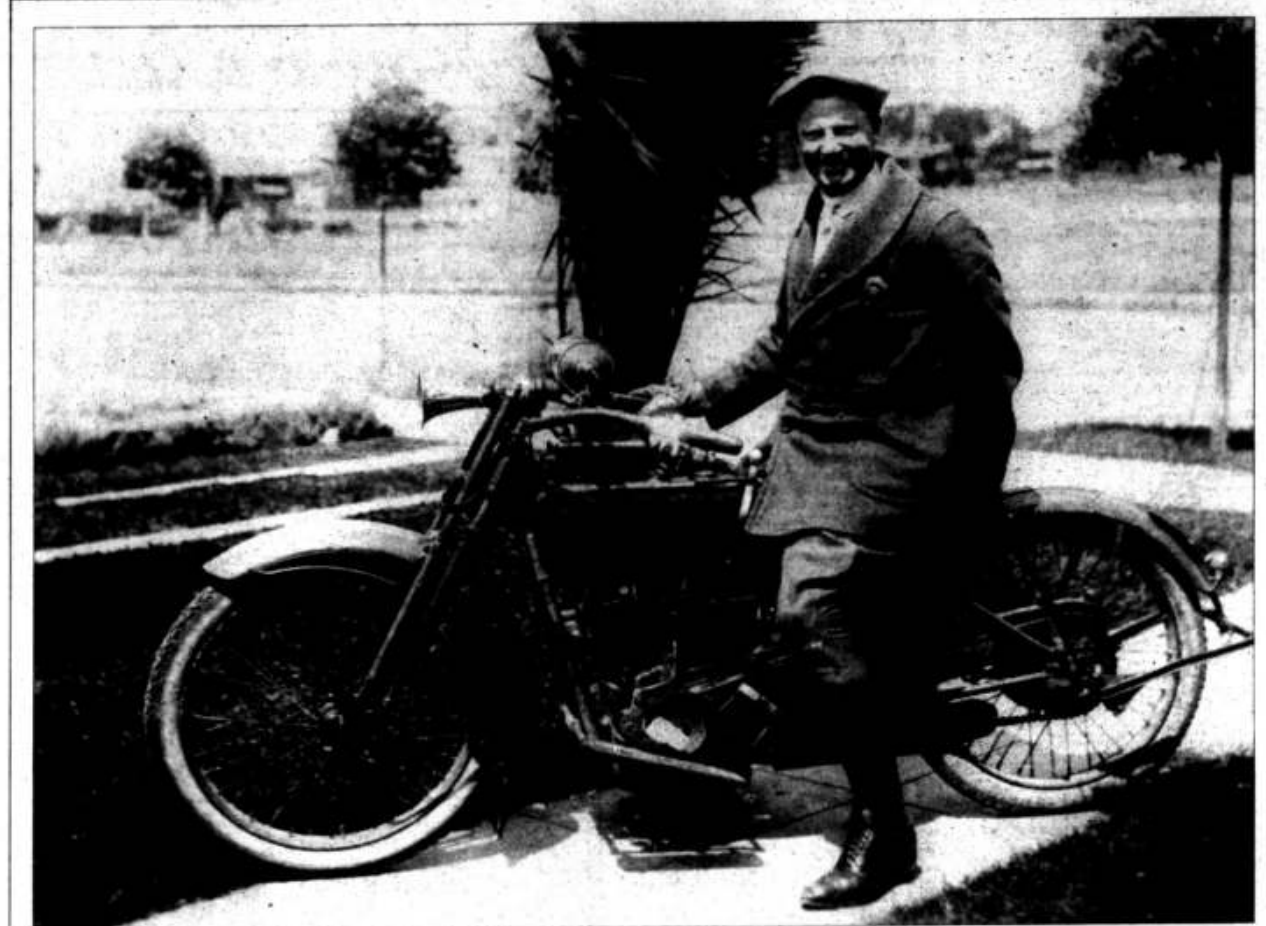

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CLAIREMONT. Garage sale, 7am-1pm, Saturday, 10/20. 2 couches, dining/kitchen sets 4 chairs, buffet, futon, full mattress, dresser/mirror, more. 4151 Nemaha Drive, off Moraga.

EL CAJON. Gem and Mineral Society annual sale, 10am-5pm, Saturday and Sunday, 10/20-10/21. Gems, minerals, beads, lapidary supplies. Masonic Temple, 695 Ballantyne Street.

ENCINITAS. Multifamily garage/moving sale, 7am-noon, Saturday/Sunday, 10/20-10/21. Fine furniture, electronics, appliances, clothing, baby and sporting goods. 300s Winsome Place.

ESCONDIDO. Garage sale, 7am-noon, Saturday, 10/20. Something for everyone. Outrageous deals! 961 West 10th Avenue (corner of 10th and Upas).

HILLCREST. Garage sale, 8am, Saturday, 10/20. Multifamily, some vintage items. 3545-3547 6th Avenue.

KEARNY MESA. Multifamily parking lot sale, 8am-1pm, Saturday, 10/20. Bargains of every kind for every need. 6460 Convoy Court (northeast of I-805/Clairemont Mesa).

LA JOLLA. Garage Sale, 8am-1pm, Saturday, 10/20. Leaving country. Khaki green sofas, TV/VCR, surround. Bed, desks, Herman Miller chair, quality items. 333 Rosemont.

LA JOLLA. Garage sale, 9am-1pm, Saturday, 10/20. Moved 2 homes into 1. Clothes, appliances, furniture, sports apparel, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom items. 2864 Palomino Circle.

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LA MESA. Grand rummage sale, 9am-3pm, Friday, 10/19; 9am-2pm, Saturday, 10/20. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (corner of Lemon and Glen).

LINDA VISTA. Garage sale, 9am-2pm, Sunday, 10/21. No early birds. Everything must go. Futon, formal wear, swamp cooler, cabinet, bike. Corsica Way (off Linda Vista Road).

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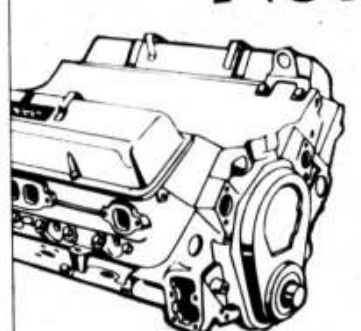

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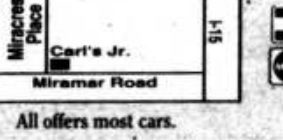

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You will meet a lunging student/actor/employee splashed with blood and waving a chainsaw in your direction.

By John Brizzolara

What frightens you?

If you ask that question among Americans these days, it is safe to assume you would get answers along similar lines; the words "terrorism," "anthrax," or "flying," for example, might well come up. If you're in the business of scary artifice involving monsters, ghosts, fictional serial killers, vampires, etc., you now have some serious competition with reality. What's an old crone with a warty nose on a broomstick got on deluded and fanatical kamikaze mass murders from the formerly friendly sky? Who would you rather have under your bed: Dracula or Osama bin Laden?

So how effective could the Haunted Hotel exhibit on Market Street (one of three spooky exhibits in town for the Halloween season) possibly be in this atmosphere of pervasive paranoia? I was surprised.

Robert Bruce, one of the disturbed minds (you'd never know just talking to him) behind "Frightmare on Market Street," "The Haunted Trail of Balboa Park," and "Haunted Hotel" seems to have a knack for eliciting screams and raising gooseflesh with his artistry, which was learned over the course of his career lighting motion pictures for studios such as Universal. Bruce and his partner, Greg DeFatta, have been in the business of haunted attractions for 11 years.

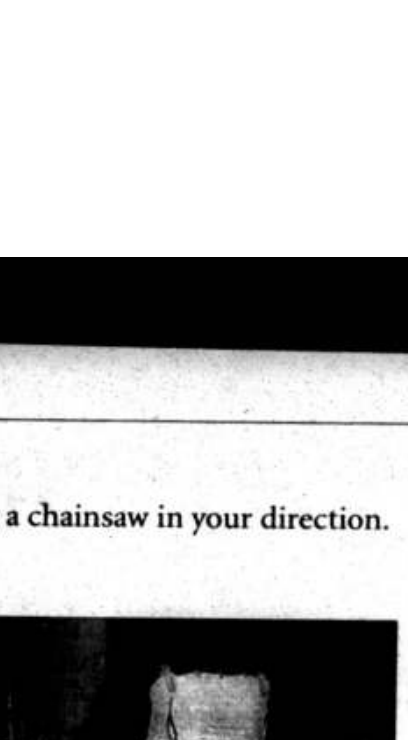
"We usually open here the last week of September," Bruce tells me, "and, depending on the calendar, we'll be open until, say, the first weekend of November. We started in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1991 and '92. We opened Haunted Hotel in '93 and Frightmare in '95. Last year, we opened what is now called The Haunted Trail of Balboa Park." This is the second year of the Balboa Park installation. Last year it was called "The Trail of Terror." It was thought that the phrase might be a little too close to the bone this year.

Though I am hardly fearless, I am difficult to scare with fictional and or movie gimmickry. Stephen King can do it for me at times, and British writers like Ramsey Campbell and Graham Greene, who invoke a kind of moral terror in their work, provide a satisfying, though unsettling experience. Still, I can yawn through a splatter film where teenaged girls are slashed at predictable intervals or diabolic entities possess, say, Patricia Arquette.

I came near to congratulating myself over the past few weeks on keeping a grim but nondebilitating perspective on the WTC and Pentagon atrocities, but I was greatly surprised how close fear was to the surface of my cool. Bruce and DeFatta's strobing images of nightmare shock, blood, and madness looming out of the pitch dark of the Haunted Hotel echoed through a night of troubled dreams as I was pursued by the legions of Hell, arm in arm with the mad dogs of the false jihad.

If you are truly afraid of the dark, you will certainly want to pass on the Haunted Hotel experience. It is blacker than a pawnbroker's heart in there, you literally (and I mean *literally*) cannot see your hand in front of your face until you stumble into a strobe-lit scene of, for example, the pigpen sequence from "Hannibal."

Down the corridor, you will meet a lunging student/actor/employee splashed with blood and waving a chainsaw in your direction. Walking with Bruce behind the group of screaming customers as the chainsaw guy lifted his mask and greeted the boss I could safely laugh — a nervous, giddy laugh — and tell myself there was no blade in that chainsaw, certainly. I didn't think to confirm this with Bruce at the time because my priority was getting the hell out of there with some semblance of dignity. I was, in fact, scared, but I now realize I was sublimating fear for a couple of weeks. Bruce's artfully lit fiberglass skulls emerging from an authentic looking stone dungeon wall, as if they were remains interred in the Hotel's foundation, the pregnant darkness to which you supply your own, private bogeymen, the intensely brutal strobe lights, and half-glimpsed staged horrors open the flood gates to very real ones.



Frankenstein's monster

The price of admission may buy some much needed catharsis in these uncertain days. It seemed to work in my case as I took the bus home through unusually thick fog last Friday night. Along the Silver Strand, the fog became so impenetrable that the driver found it necessary to turn off the lights inside the bus. We moved through complete darkness, broken only by passing taillights and the disappearing beam of the bus' headlights as they were swallowed by mist. The bus cruised past an accident scene lit crazily by flashing red lights from the tops of squad car and ambulances. Three cars seemed to be involved, debris was scattered over the northbound lanes, and I imagined I saw severed limbs and bodies among the twisted, scattered metal and shards of broken glass. The tableau was swallowed by thickening tendrils of fog like ectoplasmic arms reaching from an ocean filled with drowned men.

Staring at the ceiling that night, waiting for sleep and what dreams may come, I kept seeing the monstrous, life-sized figure of the bound Frankenstein monster in the lobby of the Haunted Hotel. The image of Mary Shelley's monster seemed appropriate and linked with the real life nightmare we would all wake to on Saturday morning: bin Laden — made in the USA.

Frankenstein should be required reading for all of us.

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My son Thomas has doe eyes: large, sapphire blue, heavy from a thick bush of lashes cascading around them. My daughter Evelyn's black eyelashes appear to always be curled, a perfect peak just before the tip. Patrick says they get their lovely lashes from me. Maybe. I know that I've never had to curl my lashes. One attempt in college left me hysterical — "My eyes look like suns." But I need to lose my ignorance on the subject because my friend Bernice has a function to attend in Beverly Hills and has asked me to do her makeup.

I tried researching within the family... to no avail. "I'm just not type A," explained my sister Meg. "I curl them, but I don't have any details for you." "My eyes are too bulgy for the curler to go around," laughed my Bette Davis–eyed sister, Nancy. "Won't curling your lashes make them fall out?" asked my sister-in-law, Mary. I moved on to the professionals.



The cosmetic departments of Nordstrom, Robinsons May, and Saks Fifth Avenue all touted the Shiseido brand (**$14.50**). "It's considered the best in the industry." "We sell hundreds of them." The praises just kept coming. I grilled the Robinsons May customer service lady on some beautifying tips. "You should start at the base of the lashes and squeeze it out," she explained. "That way, you will get a curl all the way through the lash, not just at the base. Find a curler that has a gentle rubber, sturdy enough so that it won't wear down quickly but one that does not cling to the lashes. The structure of the curler should form to the structure of your eye. Some of the curlers are too straight and they don't reach around and grab the corner lashes."

Should I worry about my lashes falling out?

"No, as long as you don't squeeze too hard for too long," she answered. "Squeeze for three to five seconds and then as you squeeze out, give it just one little squeeze."

How long should the rubber on the curler last?

"The Shiseido rubber pad will last about a year and the box comes with a replacement. We also sell just the replacement pads" (**$3.00**).

Denise Bithos, owner of Salon Rouge in Pacific Beach, sang the praises of a battery powered eyelash curler. "I bought this battery powered eyelash curler at a hair show. It is called Hot Lashes by Alexandra Richards. I wish I bought 100. You put it on this little machine and the curler heats up. It works wonderfully. I was doing this girl's makeup on Saturday and she was telling me that she takes her eyelash curler and puts the blow dryer to it and heats up the curler. That is the same sort of idea with more time involved. Some people perm their eyelashes, which lasts probably about three weeks. There are people that specialize in that. But I think most people skip curling their lashes, though they really should curl their lashes if they want their makeup to look good."



The final call went to Mayer Studios, downtown on Fourth Avenue. "I have a favorite eyelash curler, it is Shu Uemura," answered the lady. "You can get it at Sephora at Fashion Valley. It is designed by an Asian company, and Asian people have really straight eyelashes. This company knows how to make anyone's lashes curl, no matter how straight they are. It works too well on some people," she chuckled.

Anxious to try out the recommendations, I breezed through Fashion Valley to pick up Shu Uemura (**$13.00**), then on to Robinsons May to buy Shiseido (**$14.50**). Target carried the Cover Girl Make-up Masters (**$4.19**), Max Factor International (**$4.49**), Trim Eyelash Curler (**$2.99**), La Cross Eyelash Curler (**$2.99**), and La Cross Deluxe Eyelash Curler (**$3.99**). Finally, I grabbed the two Revlons: the Revlon Eyelash Curler (**$3.39**) and the Revlon Eyelash Curler Advanced Design (**$4.49**). Wal-Mart carried yet another Revlon, the Beauty Shapers (**$4.88**). Feeling patriotic during this time of war, I picked up the American-made Kurlash/Diamon Deb Eyelash Curler at OK Beauty Supply on University in the College Area (**$2.99**). It was the only one of the bunch made in the U.S.A.

At home, I headed to the mirror to try the cheapies: Trim and La Cross. Both pulled at the lashes and the La Cross barely curled the lashes at all. I decided to dole out the remainder to Bernice and another friend Sarah for outside opinions.

"I have never curled my lashes and they are hardly worth the effort, I am afraid," moaned Bernice as she headed off to the bathroom with the Cover Girl and Max Factor. "I look like a Cyclops," she laughed upon her return, one eyelash curled. "I can't believe how much bigger my eye looks having curled the lashes. Once I put the mascara on my blond lashes, the difference was incredible. I am definitely going to start curling my lashes for special occasions," she exclaimed. "The Cover Girl curled the lashes uniformly better than the Max Factor. The Max Factor seemed to miss some of the inside lashes. I think a curler with a thicker rubber is not good for my lashes because they are so short. The curler can't get at them enough with a thick rubber. So for me, the thin rubber curlers work better."

Sarah, an experienced eyelash curler, tried the rest. "My lashes go all over the place naturally, so I can't put mascara on without curling them first. It is like combing my hair, the eyelash curler gets them shaped and groomed and even. I have used the Revlon Eyelash Curler for years, and whenever I have tried a different one, I am never as pleased with it." She looked skeptical as I gave her the Revlon Beauty Shapers and the Revlon Curler Advanced Design. "The Beauty Shapers has an odd shape to it. It doesn't allow you to get to the inside lashes very well. The Revlon with the spring has a better fit in the socket; the rubber is thicker. The Curler Advanced Design is definitely the best of the Revlons."



The American made Kurlash/Diamon Deb's rubber pad was not as thick as the Revlon, though it gave a decent curl.

The Shiseido and Shu Uemura were the last guinea pigs. "Ooh, this Shiseido is very nice," she purred. "The curve of the metal sits perfectly in the socket. It doesn't pull at the lashes, and the rubber is so thick you can push as hard as you want and not feel like you are pulling the lashes out. It gives a perfect swooping arch to the lashes." "Ouch, this is poking me at the corners," complained Sarah of the Shu Uemura. "The rubber is comparable to the Shiseido but it gives a more square, right angle curl to the lashes. Some people go for that look, though I like the gentle up sweep myself," explained Sarah.

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BY ANNE ALBRIGHT

I Hate Homework

Rebecca spoiled me for homework. My oldest daughter, who is almost nine, is in fourth grade. Ever since Rebecca started first grade, she's done her homework without complaining. Every now and then I have to fuss at Rebecca to finish a special project, like coloring her California missions workbook pages or looking up all 50 state birds for geography. But many afternoons, I will come downstairs after Rebecca and her younger sister Angela have come home from school. Angela will be playing Barbies with five-year-old Lucy. Rebecca will be sitting at the kitchen table, turning through long division or writing a paragraph about California's climatic regions.

Which is why I wasn't ready for Angela. Last year when my second daughter, Angela, was in kindergarten, she didn't have homework. Every week Angela's teacher sent home a packet of photocopied workbook pages. While Angela ate a snack after school, I rummaged through her backpack and pulled out the packet. "Want to do some of your homework?" I asked.

"Nope," Angela almost always answered. "It's optional."

On the few occasions Angela did complete her workbook pages, I praised her as though she'd made some sort of major medical breakthrough. "Look at this," I'd say thumbing through the pages. "You've done a marvelous job. I'll bet Miss Gomez was pleased."

"Mm-hmm," Angela mumbled.

"Why don't you start doing your homework every week just for practice," I suggested. "Next year when you're in first grade, the homework's not optional."

"No thanks," Angela walked away.

This year, much as she'd like to, Angela can't walk away. Angela hates homework. Every day, we have the same battle. Every day I want to scream. Last Thursday, I finally had to run away.

Thursday afternoon, I picked Rebecca and Angela up at school around 3:30. When we got home, I fixed crackers and cream cheese and poured juice for everyone. After their snack, the girls played Barbies in the family room. Johnny tried to shoot Barbie with a gun made out of Tinker Toys. "Mo-o-o-ommm," Rebecca complained, "Johnny's ruining our game."

"Johnny," I said as I unloaded breakfast dishes from the dishwasher, "don't shoot the Barbies."

"But it's not a real gun," Johnny explained. "I don't care," I told him.

"OKAY, MOM," Johnny said and stomped away.

At 5:00, my husband Jack walked in the door. The kids mobbed him. After a five-minute session of "Let's all pile on Daddy and talk to him at the same time," Johnny followed Jack upstairs. I pulled some chicken out of the refrigerator and told the girls, "Time for homework."

"Okay, Mom," Rebecca answered. She carried her backpack to the kitchen table and opened up a book.

Angela threw herself on the floor and moaned. "I hate homework."

"I know you hate homework," I told Angela. "But you need to do it. I'm happy to help."

"I don't want to do homework," Angela continued. "It's the stupidest thing in the world. I wish I never had homework."

"Well, you do," I said. "Get your backpack and start now or you'll have to do it in your room."

Angela shuffled over to the door and picked up her backpack. She walked to the kitchen table, flopped down in a chair, and put her head on the table.

"Open your backpack," I said as I poured teriyaki sauce over the chicken and popped it in the oven. "Take out your assignment book."

I washed my hands and walked to the table. I picked a head was still down. I unzipped the red canvas backpack and opened up the assignment book. "It looks like you've got a few pages of math and a spelling workbook page."

"I know," Angela rolled her eyes as though I'd just made the most obvious statement she'd ever heard.

"Then start it." I placed the math book in front of her.

Angela opened the math book and worked through a few subtraction problems. "This is so stupid and boring," she complained.

Rebecca worked silently. Ben toddled in from the backyard and banged on his high chair. I lifted him into the seat, sliced a few grapes in half, and set them on his tray. I heard Jack talking to Johnny in the front yard.

Angela kept complaining. Every few problems, I walked over to the table to help her. She ignored me or purposely wrote down the wrong answer. By the time I'd poured rice pilaf and water into a saucepan and brought it to a boil, Angela lay on the dining room floor writhing. "I HATE HOMEWORK," she screamed.

I lifted Ben from his high chair, set him on the kitchen floor, and ran out of the house. Angela stopped screaming. She and Rebecca followed me out the door. As I streaked past Jack, I shouted, "I can't stand it anymore. I have to get out."

Jack stopped the girls from following me. The evening air felt cool after the kitchen's heat. The setting sun was just turning a few wispy clouds pink and iridescent blue. I ran to the end of the block and stopped. I could hear voices from other houses and smell a roast someone was cooking for dinner.

When I got home, I sent Angela to her room. When she came out, her homework was done. "You may not throw fits like that anymore," I told her. "Or you'll do your homework in your room every night."

"I'm sorry," Angela said.

"Me, too," I answered.

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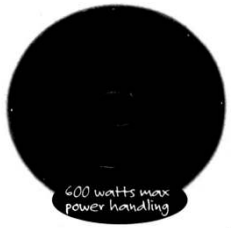

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