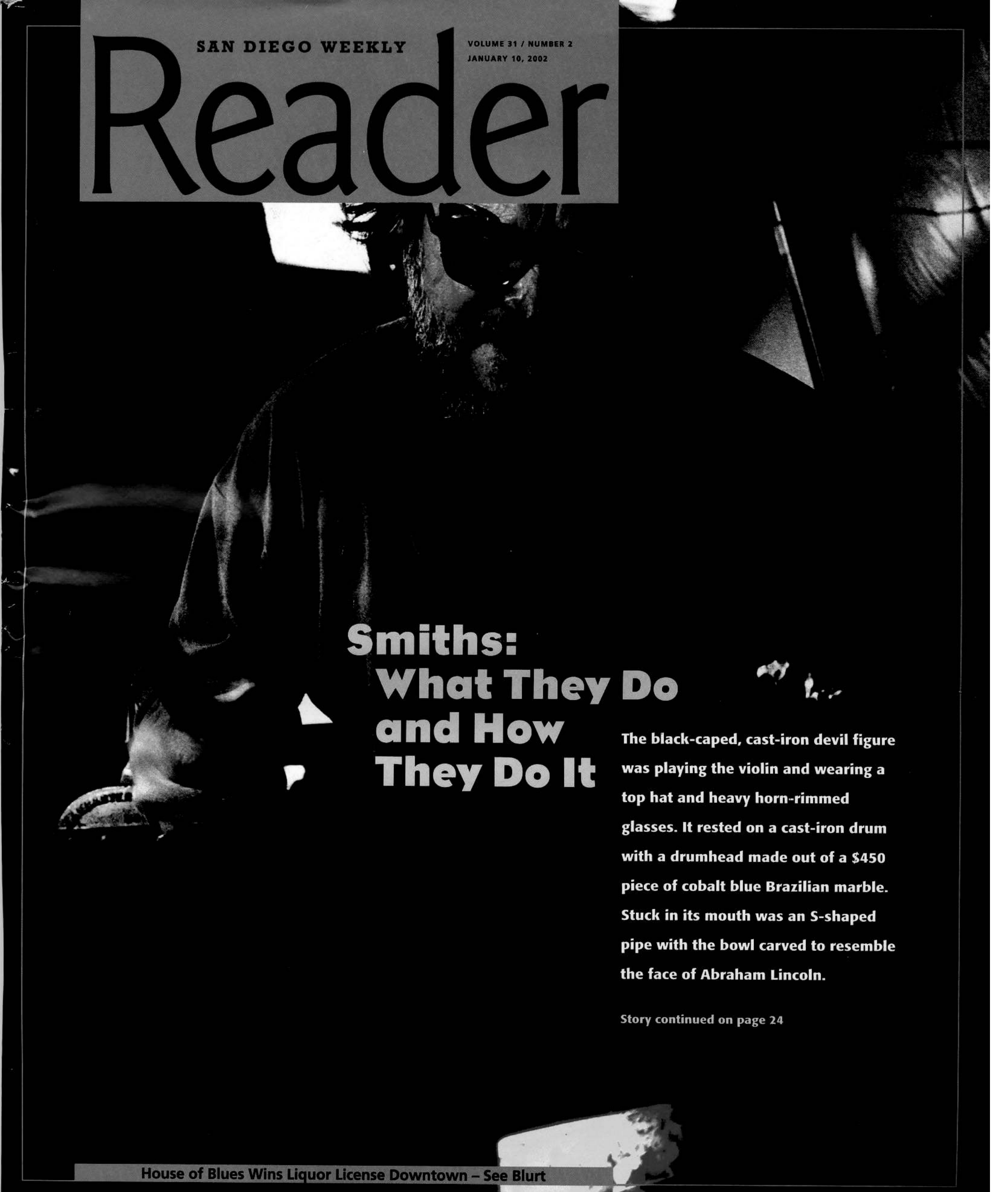
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Smiths: What They Do and How They Do It

The black-caped, cast-iron devil figure was playing the violin and wearing a top hat and heavy horn-rimmed glasses. It rested on a cast-iron drum with a drumhead made out of a $450 piece of cobalt blue Brazilian marble. Stuck in its mouth was an S-shaped pipe with the bowl carved to resemble the face of Abraham Lincoln.

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Sarcastic Thanks

Thanks so much for the article "A Month's Worth of Batteries" (Pop Music, December 20). I really wanted to know what the homeless like to listen to rather than work for a living. Maybe your next story can pose the question, "Which weekly publication do you use as toilet paper?" (Bet you already know the answer.)

B.L. Roberts

Poor Duncan

It is not a crime for Duncan Shepherd not to read *The Shipping News* (Movie Review, December 20), but he should keep the snot of his tone where it belongs. (I ain't never read a goldern book except for comics, and I'm proud of it!) Poor Duncan.

I'm sorry you're so dern iggerant!

Dimitri Ligosky
La Jolla

Duncan Knows Too Much

I'm always a little amused when I read letters complaining about Duncan Shepherd and his movie reviews. I'm also not a big fan of Shepherd's, but I'll be the first to admit to his encyclopedic knowledge of all things cinematic.

Which seems to be the problem with Shepherd — he just knows too damned much. His knowledge puts him on the level of a Stephen Hawking trying to explain the intricacies of quantum physics to common folk: sure, we all appreciate that he's a genius, but we can't understand a damn thing he's saying.

Shepherd's thoughts have to stumble and bumble through such prodigious amounts of movie trivia that what eventually filters out onto paper (though quite possibly brilliant) is largely incomprehensible. Take an excerpt from one of his current reviews; in comparing the movie *The Man Who Wasn't There* to earlier Coen brothers' works, Shepherd comments, "That's not to say it's not good, certainly not to say it's not even as good as their first..."

What? I've worked on calculus problems that were easier to untangle than this conundrum. I'm sure *he* knows what he means, but that's exactly the problem: Shepherd's reviews speak to himself, and maybe a fringe elite of intellectual movie aficionados. But they leave the rest of us scratching our heads, wondering what the hell we just read, and waiting for Sunday evenings at 6:30 so we can tune in to *Ebert and Roeper.*

David Wolfson

Great Sheep

I want to thank the *Reader* for "Sheep and Goats." The holidays have given me time to catch up on my back issues of the *Reader,* and the first thing I turned to was "Sheep and Goats." For the past year or so I have tried to clip out and save as many of the columns as I can. Abe Opincar is a good writer, and what he has to say about the place of worship he visits is always interesting. Many of my friends at church also know about and read the column.

Abe Opincar's recent column (December 20) about the Jehovah's Witnesses was very interesting. I've lived near the Adams Avenue Kingdom Hall for many years, and I've been aware of Jehovah's Witnesses all of my life. But I never knew anything about their history or their beliefs. I'd never heard about their persecution during World War II until I read Abe Opincar's column.

At a time when there's so much intolerance in the world, I think the *Reader* and Abe Opincar are providing an important service. We need to know about and understand our neighbors.

Jay Kimball
University Heights

Arrogant Rigidity

I was very disturbed when I read the article "Irma Is Allergic to Life" (December 20) by (Dr.?) Jim Eichel in your December 20 issue. In addition to being arrogant and ignorant, he withdraws the nurturing, supportive hand of the medical arts from thousands of patients who are truly sick and incapacitated from the multiple chemical sensitivity syndrome (MCS). MCS is not a disease due to poisoning by a toxic substance, nor is it an allergic condition. In MCS, an initial chemical exposure generalizes into a persistent heightened sensitivity to and disability from a much broader range of unrelated environmental chemicals often in concentrations so low as to have no effect on this person previously or upon the general population. I am a family doctor in the general practice of medicine in San Diego for over 20 years and have cared for a goodly number of these patients.

This is emphatically not a psychiatric disorder. I have among my patients many stalwart and energetic people who find themselves ill and handicapped on a reproducible basis from small amounts of environmental substances including formaldehyde, perfumes, newsprint, paints and varnishes, diesel fumes, and pesticides among others. My patients include (1) an MD neurologist and former UCSD professor who caught the illness from an exposure at the National Institutes of Health. She has had to move to rural North

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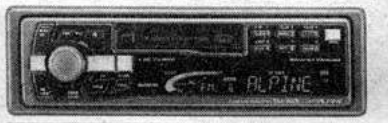
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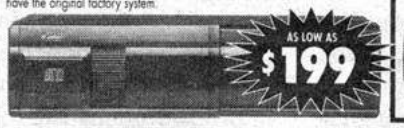


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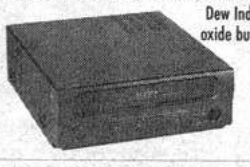
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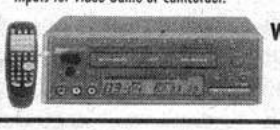
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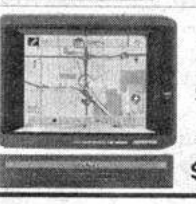
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Inside dope Nationally syndicated columnist **Bob Novak** is out with what he says is the inside story behind the long delay in picking a new United States Attorney for San Diego. According to Novak, staffers at the White House and in the office of Senator **Orrin Hatch** of Utah have been blocking the appointment of **Charles LaBella**, an ex–deputy U.S. Attorney and one-time Clinton antagonist who has been recommended for the post by **Gerald Parsky**, the L.A. venture capitalist and Rancho Santa Fe denizen designated by President **George W. Bush** to come up with a candidate for the job. "The anti-LaBella cabal threatens plans for President Bush to win approval of California federal judges in the Democratic-controlled Senate," claims Novak, who goes on to say that White House staffers, including legal aide **Brad Berenson**, are holding out for **Jeff Taylor**, a justice department lawyer who has been working in Hatch's office. "**Kyle Sampson**, a former Hatch aide who now works in the White House, along with Berenson has kept the LaBella nomination from getting to the president's desk." Novak says Hatch "has told others that Justice Department professional staffers report that LaBella is not a team player. Hatch has also suggested in private that a solution might be making LaBella the U.S. attorney in San Francisco, perhaps on the theory that team players are less needed there." Concludes Novak: "LaBella's supporters in California fear another name is moving through the secret bureaucratic process and soon will be unveiled as a fait accompli. Imagine Senator **Diane Feinstein**'s vexation. Having accepted LaBella and sold him to Senator **Barbara Boxer**, how would she react to a White House veto? Gerry Parsky's carefully wrought plan to win Senate confirmation of a batch of new lifetime district judges, conservative but acceptable to California's Democratic senators, would be a shambles."



Orrin Hatch



Charles LaBella

School news Ex-admiral **Veronica "Ronnie" Froman**, the new head of the San Diego Unified School District's business and facilities office, was listed last week as a speaker at a $100-a-head "campaign skills" training session in Mission Valley held by the Women's Leadership Forum of the Democratic National Committee and the National Women's Political Caucus. Meanwhile, school district public affairs officer **David Smollar**, a former reporter for the *Los Angeles Times* whose late father was once *Union-Tribune* columnist **Neil Morgan**'s personal physician, has quit his job and headed off for a three-week European vacation ... It's not quite David Letterman's Top Ten, but *Lawyers Weekly USA*, a magazine for the nation's attorneys, is out with its top ten American jury verdicts list for 2001. Coming in tenth is the City of San Diego's infamous inverse condemnation loss to Otay Mesa property owner **Roque de la Fuente**, currently under appeal, which could cost city taxpayers $100 million or more. Number one on the list: $3 billion in punitive damages, later reduced to $100 million, against Philip Morris in a cancer case.

Federal largesse A new report by the General Accounting Office says that a "significant breakdown in internal controls" over credit cards at San Diego's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command has cost taxpayers over $68 million in fraudulent purchases. "Neither SPAWAR nor the Navy Public Works Center had effective policies for issuance of purchase cards, establishing credit limits and minimizing the federal government's financial exposure," the GAO says. "Any employee having supervisory approval could get a card. These units did not perform credit checks on prospective cardholders." Five separate investigations into suspects in the fraud are underway ... Who are the biggest beneficiaries of federal agricultural subsidies for San Diego County farms? **Phil** and **Heather Rheingans**, whose base is in Winchester, just north of the county line. They took in over $150,000, according to a new website set up by Washington's Environmental Working Group. **Peter J. Verboom, Sr.**, of Pala bagged $67,156.13. Others who took federal money to run their farms included Ramona's Valley View Dairy ($50,172.96); S & C Vander Woude Dairy, San Marcos ($34,511.73); and Mesa Chiquita Ranch, Santa Ysabel ($28,565.70), the site says.

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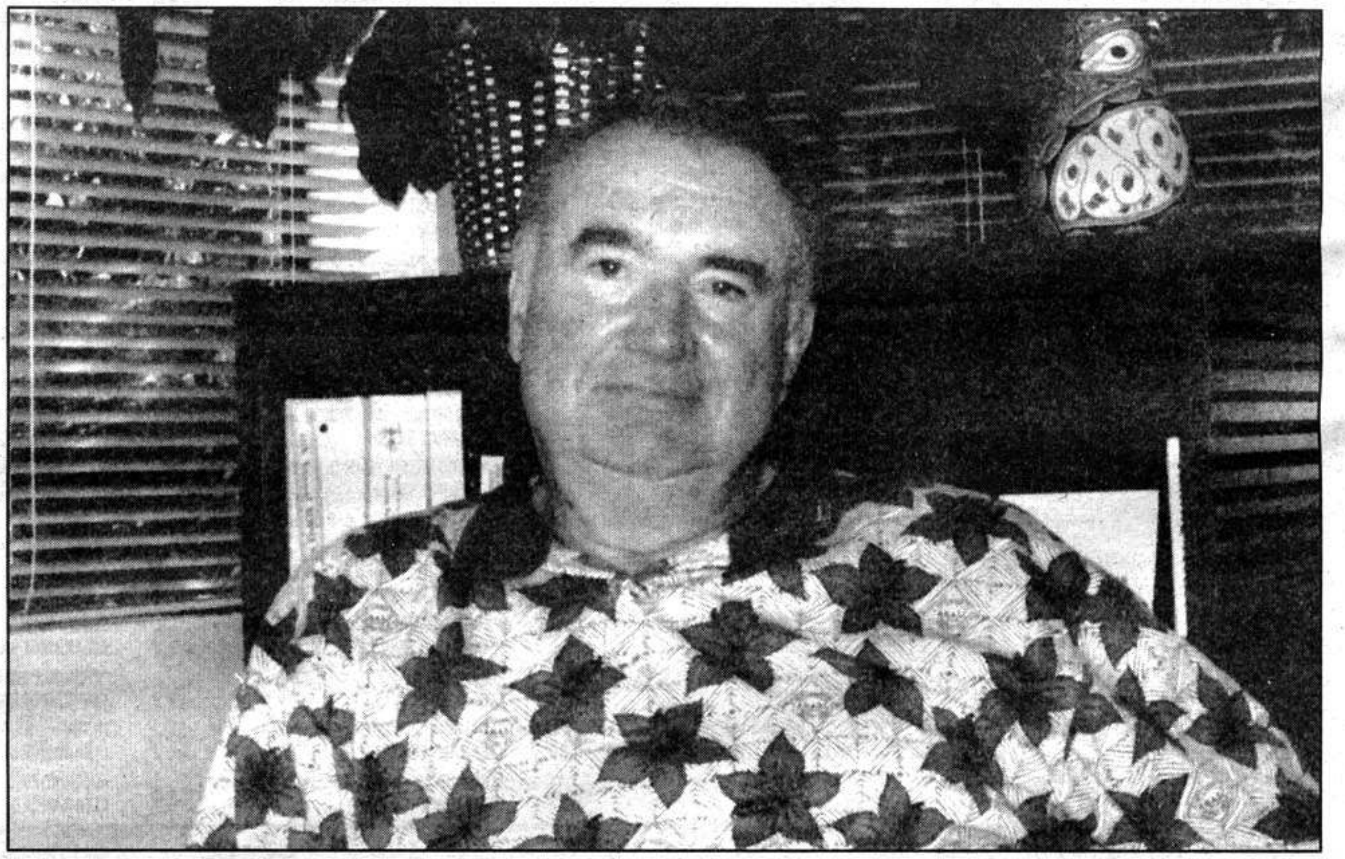
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Impatient Heart

By Robert Kumpel

"I was in Bangkok six years ago and picked up some kind of hepatitis-family virus — they couldn't isolate it — and it infected my heart muscle and left me with cardiomyopathy. So now I'm waiting." Transplant candidate Vern Smith has been waiting two years and seems patient enough to wait forever. But he doesn't have forever to wait for a new heart.

A former pilot for Northwest Airlines, Smith realized he was in trouble "about two weeks after I got sick — it didn't take long. I've had physicals every six months for my whole life, so I knew what was going on. Initially, I was treated for congestive heart failure. Then as it progressed — that's where it ends up. Very few people actually recover from major cardiomyopathy."



Vern Smith

A Montana native, Smith, 64, worked his way into the airlines by crop-dusting, a job he began at 16. He also maintained a cattle ranch in Wyoming and worked long hours when he wasn't flying. "I worked for the airlines about 34 years. The last few years I was a 747 captain — partly to get my retirement up, because we're paid based on the size of the airplanes. The bigger the airplane, the more you get paid. I still made my home in Wyoming and commuted, but at least I didn't have to do it every morning at eight."

The reality of heart failure soon changed everything. "The symptoms of heart failure are classic. Y'know, the swelling in the legs, the fluid retention, shortness of breath and on and on and on. And it goes on all the time." Smith speaks plainly about his condition. "It's an emotional thing when I realize it, but so is the whole 'program.' The program results in death as the end of it, so you're either going to do that or have a transplant. So the transplant is the least of your worries."

The irony is, Smith says, that he has always taken care of himself. "I've always been 'Mr. Clean.' I never smoked, never drank. And I'm one of these people that was just blessed with low cholesterol, so I never had my arteries plugged up. In fact, my arteries are squeaky-clean right now — thank heavens, or I'd be dead."

Like other transplant candidates, Smith has experienced a heightened awareness of his body and environment since he's been on the list. "I've been thinking about my illness since I was sick, and it hasn't changed at all since I've been on the transplant list. I'm aware of it every minute of every day anyway. What else can you do?"

Holidays and holiday weekends also have new meaning for Smith. "You obviously think about that stuff, you know. Every time it's Labor Day weekend or something like that. You figure somebody's going to have an accident or what have you. It's in the back of your mind, but you just hope it doesn't happen for their sake, because they don't want to go through it either. It does that with your mind."

As a former pilot, Smith finds being on the transplant list somewhat like being in a holding pattern where he's waiting for instructions to land. "It's a major thing, because you're so restricted. You're definitely restricted where you can go — I couldn't even go to my daughter's wedding. You miss a lot of family things. I have to be within two hours of San Diego, in case they get a match."

Married for 43 years, Smith also has a son and two other daughters. "My wife's okay with [the transplant]. She's hangin' in there with me."

Family ties, fortunately, brought Smith back to San Diego. "Our first son was born here, and my folks used to live here. We came back here when I retired for the weather, the golf, the ocean, and the high taxes." Unlike other parts of the country, San Diego has three transplant centers, which gives Smith a choice. "The only people in San Diego who do heart transplants are Sharp and UCSD. I'm with Sharp."

Smith's easygoing manner can't hide the frustration that health limitations have placed on this once-active man. "I hope my life improves and I won't be as restricted as I am now. That's the whole point of getting a transplant. There was a lot of physical work when I had my ranch. We had about 43,000 acres. We raised cattle and enough horses to chase 'em with. We also

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Smokey Bandits

By Ernie Grimm



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7-Eleven on Jamacha Road

From July of 2000 to April 2001, a new kind of crime wave hit San Diego County. Boiled down to penal-code labeling — 211 for armed robbery, 459 for burglary — the crimes weren't anything new. It's what was being robbed and burgled that made the series of crimes interesting.

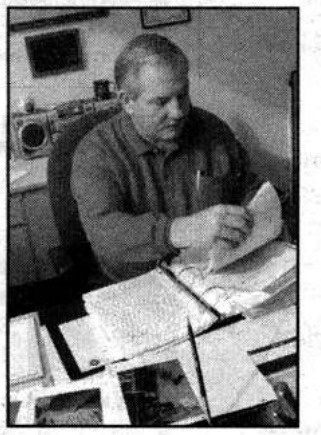
Cigarettes were the target of a team of three thieves who raided convenience stores, gas stations, and tobacco shops around the county. "We put together a series sheet of about 23 cases through San Diego, La Mesa, El Cajon, Santee, and down to Imperial Beach and Chula Vista," says Lieutenant Jim Collins, who heads San Diego Police Department's robbery and special-investigations unit. Court documents put the number in the series at 24 and added Lemon Grove and Spring Valley to the list of locations.

The City of El Cajon was the first hit by the cigarette bandits. "The pattern started July 26, 2000, at a liquor store on the 1200 block of North Second," says Joan Bond of the El Cajon Police Department's crime-analysis unit. "The next was on the 1700 block of Greenfield Drive — that was a gas station on August 8. The loss was the $15,000...it was 500 cartons of cigarettes. September 21, they hit a cigarette store in the 1100 block of Avocado. There were 300 cartons of cigarettes taken, valued at over $10,000. In October, in the 1700 block of Greenfield Drive, it was a gas station. November 15, it was in the 1000 block of Washington at a liquor store, and there were 150 cartons of cigarettes, a few bottles of liquor, and some cash taken."

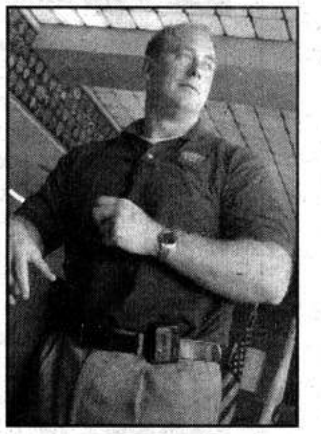
All of these burglaries in El Cajon were committed after stores were closed. The burglars gained entrance employing a simple method. "They were using either a concrete block or trash cans to break through the front doors. They would break through the glass, run in, pile the cigarettes into trash cans or cardboard boxes, and then run out," Bond says.

The three men committing the robberies got in and out quickly, leaving no clues. They wore dark ski masks or nylons on their heads as well as dark clothing. All of the crimes were committed between midnight and dawn when few potential eyewitnesses were likely to be around. "I don't think we had any videotape," says Detective Petrzak of the El Cajon police. "I had just one witness who said he saw three black dudes speed away from one of the convenience stores. But it was dark, and they were speeding away. So I never had any good leads to go on or any good specific information."

With the coming of the new year, 2001, the cigarette bandits apparently resolved to embolden their operation. Instead of chucking concrete blocks and trash cans through the windows of closed establishments, they started robbing businesses while they were open. On Tuesday, January 9, 2001, at 3:30 in the morning, two men clad in black clothing and ski masks entered the Arco-Thrifty gas station and convenience store on Avocado Road in El Cajon. One of them pointed a handgun at the clerk and told him to get in the bathroom and stay there for 15 minutes. The clerk obeyed and while he was in there, the masked robbers took 50 cartons of cigarettes — about $1500 worth — and some money from the register.



Lieutenant Jim Collins



Detective Petrzak

Two Tuesdays later, January 23, again at about a quarter to four in the morning, a 7-Eleven on Jamacha Road was robbed. Again, the clerk was told by an armed, masked man to go sit in the bathroom. Again, the robber grabbed cigarettes and some cash before speeding off in a car with two other men.

At about 4:00 a.m. on January 30 — another Tuesday — two masked men brandishing handguns ordered the employees of a 7-Eleven on Sandrock Road in Serra Mesa into the bathroom and stole cigarettes. No money was taken.

On February 1, 2001, an Exxon station in Kearny Mesa was robbed in the early-morning hours. Again, the employees were sent to the bathroom while the masked crooks grabbed cigarettes, this time 160 cartons. "Sometimes," Collins comments, "they would use a chain with a padlock to lock the front doors. They'd put a sign up that said, 'Back in ten minutes,' put the padlock on the door, then they would take off through the rear doors. Apparently, that gave them more time to get away."

The cigarette heists baffled law-enforcement agencies in San Diego County. The fact that the robbers wore masks, often damaged video-surveillance cameras during robberies, and performed the crimes in the wee hours with few witnesses left police and sheriff's detectives with few clues. And the series was something they'd never seen before. "We've had people steal a carton or two of cigarettes before. But we've never seen anybody steal anything close to the volume of cartons these guys stole."

"The $64,000 question is, 'What's happening to the cigarettes?' " San Diego police robbery lieutenant Mary Cornicelli told the *Union-Tribune* in February. "Are they being taken to Mexico, resold here, or sold back on the streets?"

Lieutenant Collins suspects they were being resold. "Cigarettes are easy to sell," he explains, "and they're going for, what, $40, $45 a carton now? That's a pretty good profit margin."

Detective Petrzak agrees. "Taxes are getting so high on them, and it's easy to steal them and sell them at your own liquor store. There are no identifying marks on them or anything."

Both Collins and Petrzak

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Former crime scene, El Cajon

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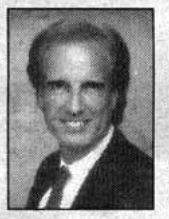
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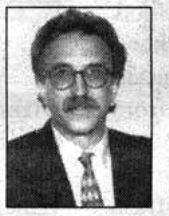
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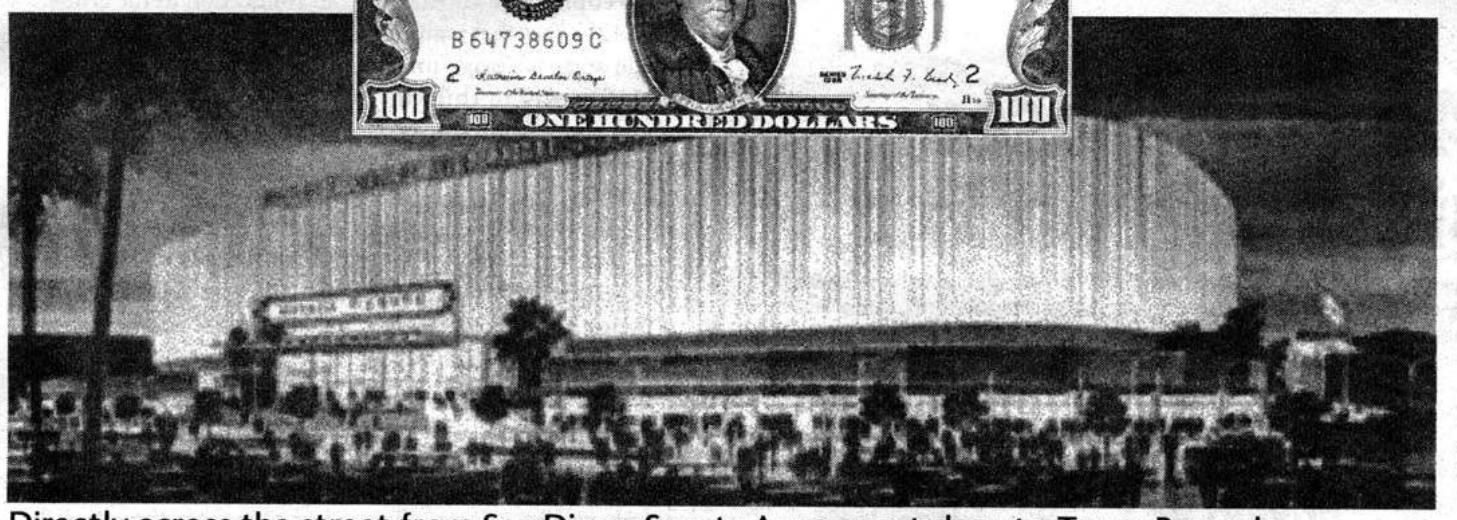
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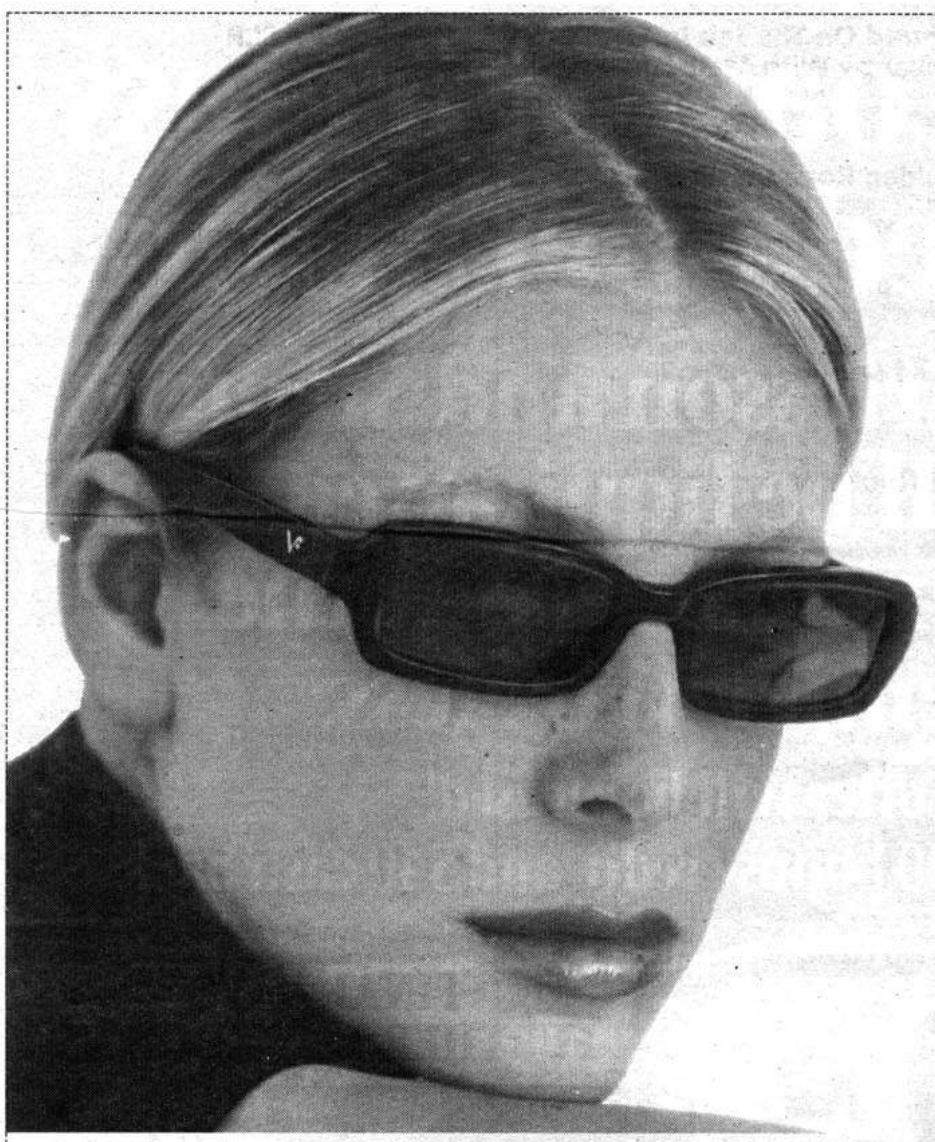
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farmed enough land to raise feed for the cattle. I had to have a ranch manager because I was gone a lot. It's hard work. People think you just ride off into the sunset and smoke a Marlboro, and that's not the way it is! You get up at daylight and work until dark, go to bed, and then get up and do it again. Every day. Christmas, Thanksgiving... I was lucky because I could get away from it for a while. I'd be gone for ten days or more over in the Orient, so I could take a trip and rest up. If I had layovers, like in Japan, I would always try to walk and stuff like that. I was exercising all the time. I was a pilot for the money, but the cattle business — you might as well go to Las Vegas, because that's better odds!

"People need to think about the fact that waiting for an organ is a major mind game — you're thinkin' about dyin'. You've got to come to grips with that and realize that this might be it. If you can handle it that way, you'll be okay. The other thing is, it can turn you into a major hypochondriac. I don't think this has happened to me, but I'm thinking about it all the time! Every time you have a little pain here and there, you think you're gonna die, whereas before, it wouldn't have entered your mind; you'd just keep right on goin'. That's one of the things you also have to deal with so you don't turn into a couch potato or hypochondriac. In my case, I just have to push as far as I can push every day. My doctor hasn't said how much time I have to live without a transplant. Historically, you tend to go downhill, but who knows how fast?

"I try to play golf whenever I can. Sometimes I go out there when I'm just bone-achy, weary, tired. But I feel better after I do it. I have a boat, and I'll go out on the ocean and fish when I can because it's not a real physical thing. I just try to do everything that I possibly can do. But you have to watch every step you take. There's days when you just can't do it.

"I'm a Latter-Day Saint [Mormon]. I think a good belief in Christ is a major, major help. I think people who don't have that — atheist types — I don't know how they deal with it. Because they have nothing to look forward to." ■

Smokey bandits

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admit they can only speculate on where the cigarettes were going. "We don't know what, exactly, they were doing with them," Collins says, "whether it was selling them in another store, selling them on the street, or what. We might never know unless the three suspects decide to tell us what they were doing with them."

Collins says "suspects" because on April 2, 2001, at 4:10 in the morning, three Chaldean men were arrested in connection to the crime. Kosa Rabah Nouri and Nawzad Alexan Suleiman — both 23 — and Steven Silewa Georges, 20, were arrested by Sheriff's Deputy Joe Arispe behind a 7-Eleven at 2441 Jamacha Road in El Cajon. Arispe was patrolling behind the convenience store because he'd heard reports that another 7-Eleven, on Mission Gorge Road in Allied Gardens, had been robbed of cigarettes after the lone employee had been locked in the bathroom and the front doors chained shut — the 24th in the series of cigarette robberies. Court documents tell the story of the arrest. "The area behind the store was dark. [Arispe] observed a vehicle backed into a parking space, two spaces from the 7-Eleven's back door. Deputy Arispe noted one male was outside the vehicle with his back toward the deputy, and two males were inside the vehicle. In order to safely contact the individuals, Deputy Arispe shined a light into the area.

"The suspect outside the vehicle, Kosa Nouri, turned his head in the direction of Deputy Arispe and then appeared to say something to the males in the car. Nouri kept his back toward the deputy. The defendant Nouri began shoving something into the waistband of his pants, and Deputy Arispe could not see that object.

"Deputy Arispe drew his weapon and ordered Nouri to turn around and face him, with his hands in view. After a few seconds, the defendant Nouri turned around. Deputy Arispe was still unable to see his waistband area. Deputy Arispe called for additional units.

"Deputy Arispe could see the rear passenger, defendant Georges, moving and ducking down in the seat.

"The defendant Nouri then began to walk away from the vehicle. Deputy Arispe told him to stand next to the vehicle and face him. In spite of the deputy's directions, the defendant Nouri walked toward the rear of the vehicle. Deputy Arispe told him to stop and face him. Nouri stopped just past the rear tire, turned and faced the vehicle, and then reached into his waistband. Deputy Arispe saw a black object fall to the ground. As Nouri turned toward the deputy, he kicked the object under the vehicle. Other police units arrived about one minute later. The passengers were told to get out of the car and were placed into patrol cars."

According to court documents, one of the deputies who arrived to back up Arispe received permission from Nouri to search the vehicle, which was a rental car. In plain view inside the car were sweatshirts, gloves, packs of cigarettes, a sledgehammer, and a ski mask. Under the car, where Nouri had been standing, the deputy found another ski mask. Outside the car, a padlock and chain and walkie-talkie were found by deputies. Robbery detectives who arrived later conducted another search of the vehicle and found "numerous items located inside the vehicle, including dark clothing, gloves, ski masks, a walkie-talkie, and a semi-automatic handgun."

Nouri, Suleiman, and Georges have been charged with 31 crimes, all felonies, between them. The most serious are robbery, burglary, and false imprisonment, each of which carries a maximum sentence of 16 years. The three are scheduled to be tried January 15, 2002, in Superior Court. ■

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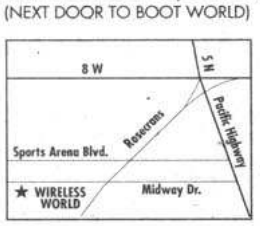
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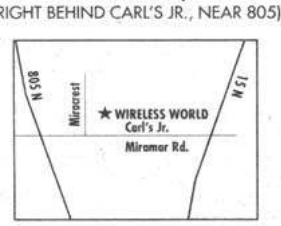
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



Illustration by Rick Geary

Matthew, Sir:
How smart are birds? Smarter than cats? Smarter than snakes? Smarter than me? The birds around my house seem to have learned when and where I feed them and have even told some of their friends about the free lunch. So how does this rank on the smartometer?

— B, San Diego

In the big brain weigh-in, birds are relative lightweights, I'm afraid. They have the highest brain-to-body weight ratio of any but the mammals, but of course birds' bodies are designed to be as light as possible, so that traditional measure may not say much. Most of their gray matter is devoted to vision and hearing, not analytical thinking. And if a snail pulls off what we see as a really clever stunt, we might be inclined to say it is "smart." Likewise, if your expectations of house sparrows are low, then certain behaviors might make them look like Nobel candidates.

Birds have innate systems of behaviors related to feeding, reproduction, safety, and social interaction. But through habituation, imitation, and trial and error, each bird refines these behaviors to suit its environment. And when food is the reward, many birds can appear to be very smart. Actually, they've just identified a location in their territory where there seems to be an abundance of food, so they return to it every day on their regular rounds of food gathering. And a few birds eating will attract other birds who want to share the chow. Stop feeding them, they'll go someplace else. Smart? Well....

But consider an anecdote reported in an ornithological journal about some house sparrows in Hamilton, New Zealand. The local bus station's sliding doors open automatically when an object passes through a light beam. The sparrows knew there were crumbs around the tables in the station's restaurant, and several of them learned that by hovering in the beam or by flying through it, the doors would open. Some sparrows even learned to perch on top of the light sensor and tilt their heads down to interrupt the beam. It's difficult to say how much they could generalize from this specific learning experience, but the bus-station birds rank pretty high on the Matthew Alice smartometer.

Hey, Matt:
When bread goes stale, it gets hard. When hard cookies or crunchy cereal go stale, they get soft. Do they both end up with the same amount of softness and hardness? Do they meet in the middle somewhere? What's going on?

— D, San Diego

Wait long enough and your cheez puffs and Wonder bread will eventually turn to lumps of damp, furry mold, probably about the same consistency. But since both have a shelf life longer than most good wines, you may have to leave them to your heirs before the full effect is achieved.

When bread goes stale, it's sort of "unbaking" itself. At the molecular level, at least. Lots of the mysterious things that happen in the oven reverse themselves in the breadbox. Just-baked bread is a sort of fragrant, fluffy, unhardened concrete — a moist mass of gluten (wheat protein) studded with damp, gelatinized starch granules and filled with gas pockets. As the bread cools below 140 degrees, certain molecules inside the starch realign themselves, close ranks, and stiffen, squeezing out the water absorbed during baking. Once the gel around the starch stiffens, the bread is firm enough to cut. This is bread's optimum point. It starts going stale almost immediately.

Starch molecules continue to realign and stiffen, forcing out even more water. Within a week or so, you have a loaf of crumbly, dry starch and gluten covered with a leathery crust that has absorbed the squeezed-out water molecules. The whole process happens much faster in cold temperatures, so don't store bread in the refrigerator. Eat it right away or freeze it. The "stale" taste and smell of elderly bread comes from natural molds beginning to sprout. The industrial solution to all of this is vats of preservatives that slow the migration of water molecules and the growth of molds.

Crispy stuff, on the other hand, has already had the moisture baked or fried out of it. So crisp things don't have the same internal chemistry as a donut or a dinner roll. Sugar will also crispify baked goods. When sugar is heated, it turns to caramel but crystallizes again when it cools. And sugar crystals are "hygroscopic"; they rapidly absorb moisture from the air. So a crisp cookie is like a delicious sponge.

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Blue Light Special
Received a hot note from A Firefighter expanding on our answer last week about the blue reflectors that appear on many roadways, both urban and rural. We said they marked the location of fire hydrants, to make them easier to locate in the dark. You'll also note that the blue reflectors are always off center from the middle of the road, indicating on which side the hydrant can be found.

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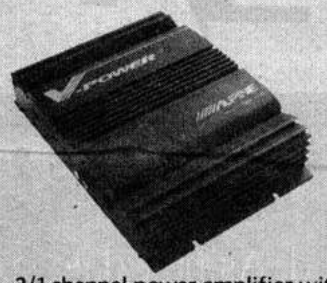
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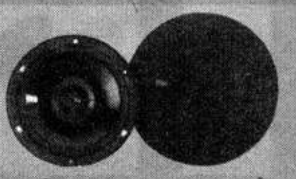
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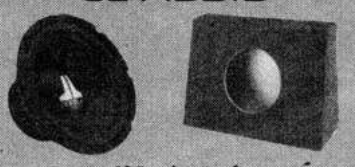
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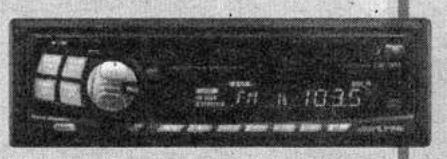


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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Seems We've Been Here Before

It's January and the Chargers are back in the marketplace seeking a new head coach, which will make four coaches in five years. For those who keep track of these things, the name tags you see attached to the body bags stacked up over there in Chargerland belong to: Kevin Gilbride (1997–98), June Jones (1998), and the just departed Mike Riley (1999–2001).

Speaking like a man who has two years' salary coming to him if he keeps his mouth shut, Riley groveled at his farewell press conference, thanked everyone in the room, including the door knob, for allowing him to breathe our air. Riley had this answer to a question regarding his achievements in San Diego. "I don't know, but I did it my way. I treated people the way I wanted to, and I coached the team the way I wanted to. I feel good about that."

Mike is a Frank Sinatra kind of guy. Of course, Frank didn't leave the playing field with a 14-34 record. Although, on second thought, that's not fair. We know stats lie. The foregoing stat hides how bad Riley's record really is. If we look at his last two years, we see a 1-15 season followed by a season that began at 5-2 and ended at 5-11, making his two-year total 6-26.

In fact, since the Chargers began collecting head coaches in 1997, the team has racked up the worst record of any football club in the NFL, going 23-57. That's a .2875 average, which is damn near a 29 percent winning average, which should be more than enough to entice us into building the Spanos family a half-billion dollar stadium.

As an aside, I should note that I have received occasional complaints from readers about my running down the Chargers over and over again. Personally, I don't care if the organization extorts hundreds of millions of dollars from the good citizens of San Diego in order to build a new-fangled football stadium in which to play eight regular-season games each season. Hell, put in another hot tub for me. If the Chargers can swindle that much money from the tax-paying public after the shoddy product they've put on the field year after year after year, well, that's what made this country great. I would love — if for no other reason than as a change of pace — to run up the Chargers. I have as much *sis-boom-bah* in me as the next guy. But, be reasonable; I need a little help, not much, but *something* from the team.

Now, where was I? Ah, Januaries. Januaries are frightening times in Chargerland. I cannot bring myself to speak the name of that quarterback who was San Diego's Number 1 draft pick some years back. He is universally acknowledged as the worst draft pick in NFL history. However, people tend to stop there; only a few acute minds go further and say that draft picks, however bad, do not rise to the level of a truly incompetent head coach. That man can lose a game no matter how talented his players may be.

Only a very few enlightened minds claim that it's not the head coach who matters in the end — it's the general manager. That's the fellow who hires the head coach. It's his steady hand and learned football philosophy that will guide the mighty ship of Chargers on to victory.

Sadly, that is not the case in professional football. Unhappily for Chargers' fans, at the end of the day, ownership shapes the franchise. The owner's decisions, made over a period of years, and he is the only person who will be around the franchise for years, eventually affect every aspect of the team, down to parking-lot attendants. An owner can't be fired. So, if you have a Bidwill, as the Arizona Cardinals have, or a Spanos, as we have, you can go on vacation during the playoffs without a worry. As always, we should not expect much from the Chargers in 2002.

It's come to this: I hope that Spanos and his general manager John Butler won't pick the worst possible candidate as their new head coach. I know their choice will be unfortunate; a team does not rack up the worst record in the NFL because they're unlucky. They own that record because they are incompetent at the core. If the new Chargers head coach is merely below average, has the leadership skills of a pound of iceburg lettuce, I won't bitch.

Still, on the other hand, it would be fun if the Chargers just came out and did it — just put together the deal that is currently rumored to be in play, and selected the absolute worst possible head coach that money can buy.

You have to admit that Bill Parcells and the Chargers deserve each other. Parcells is known for winning and for quitting. He once quit while his team played in the Super Bowl. That's a hard one to top. But, put Parcells together with the Spanos brain trust and, by golly, it's SHOWTIME!

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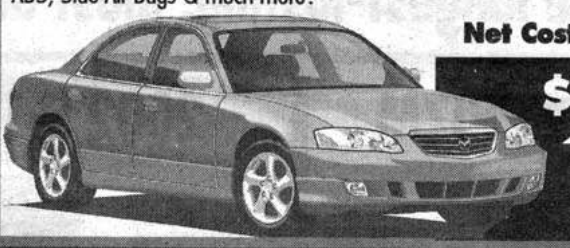
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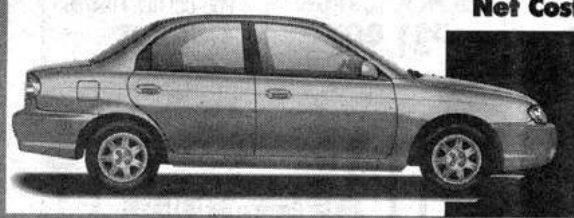
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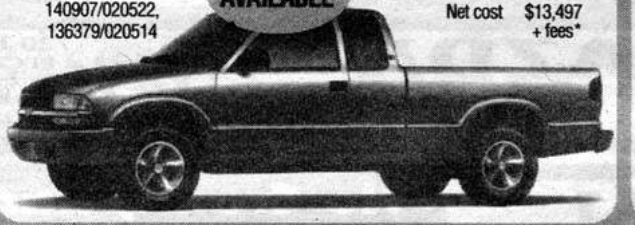
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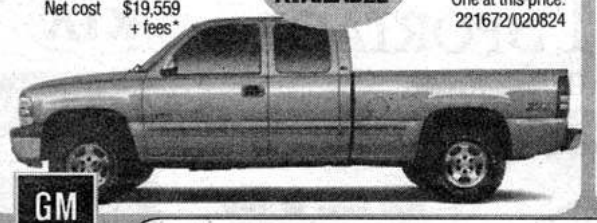
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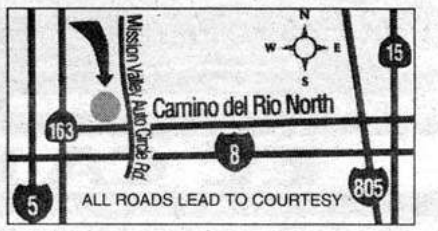
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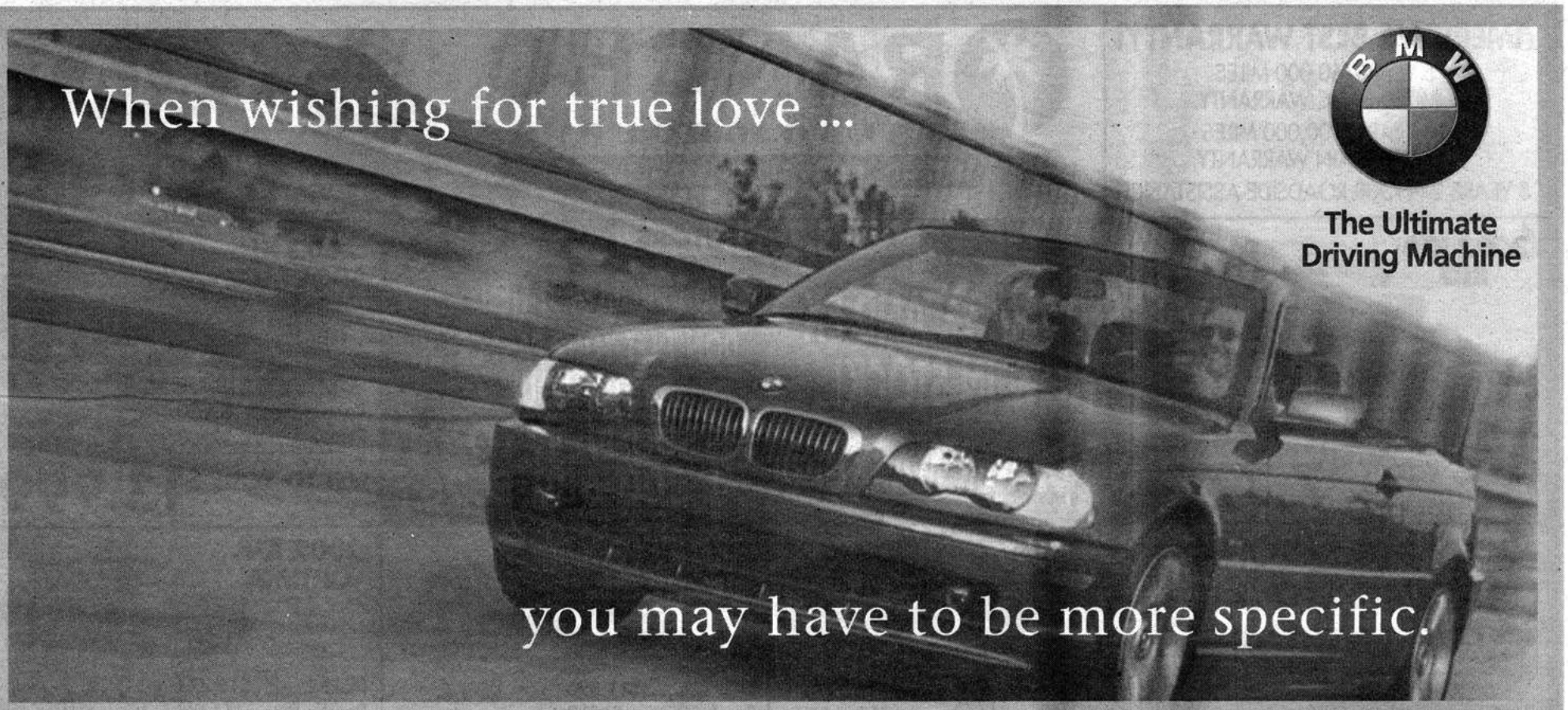


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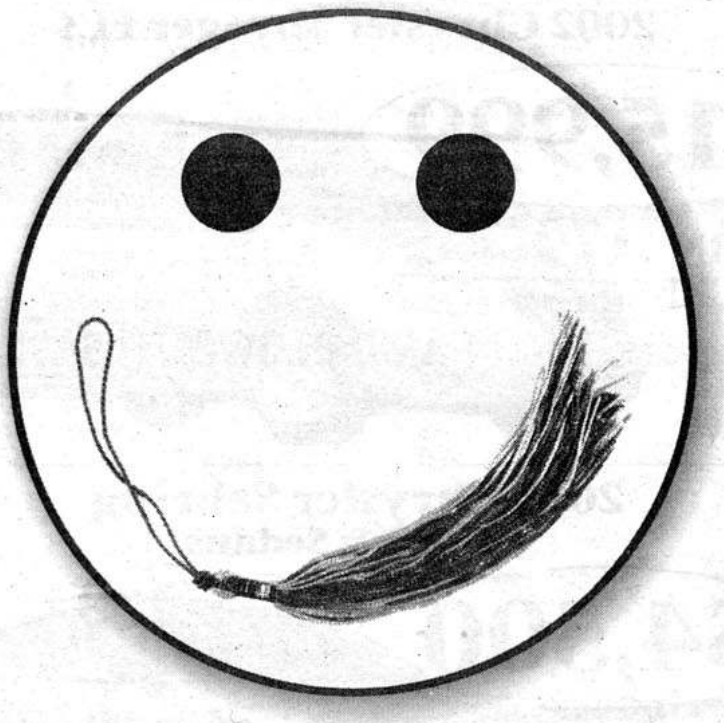
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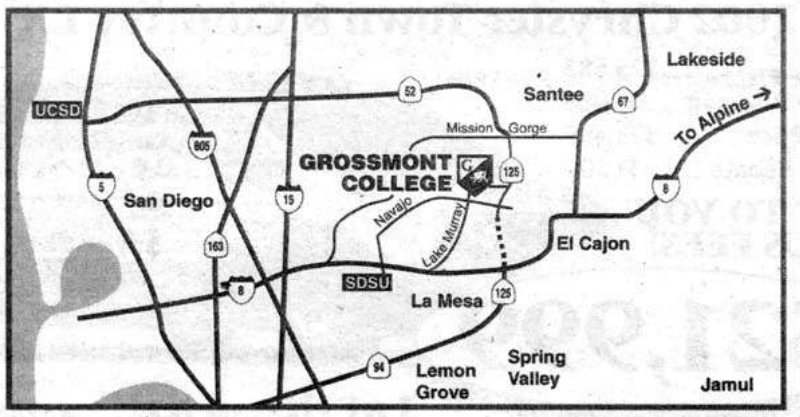
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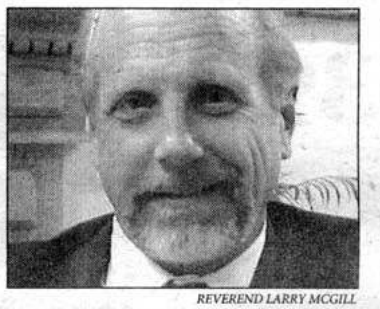
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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Seventh Day Adventist
Address: 4207 Spring Gardens Drive, La Mesa, 619-461-5703
Year founded: 1951
Senior pastor: Reverend Larry McGill
Congregation: 800 members
Staff: four full-time, three part-time
Sabbath school enrollment: 400
Annual budget: $156,000
Weekly giving: $3000
Singles program: no
Diversity: white, Hispanic, African-American, Asian, Pacific Islander
Dress: dressy
Services: Saturday worship, 10:45 a.m.

While reading an article on Afghan refugees, I came across the name of an aid organization I'd never heard of before — ADRA, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency. ADRA had supplied 2000 refugees with "shirts, warm sweaters, skirts, trousers, and warm jackets." As I read I realized that ADRA was a Seventh Day Adventist organization. The article led me last Saturday to La Mesa Adventist Church. Driving up to the big yellow building beside Highway 94, I wondered how I'd overlooked it for so long.

The mid- to late-19th century was a busy time for American religion. In 1830, Joseph Smith published the *Book of Mormon*. In 1840, Reverend William Miller convinced thousands that the world would end in 1844. (In 1843, doctors estimated that 7 percent of the patients admitted to American insane asylums had been addled by Miller's teachings.) In 1863, Seventh Day Adventists formally organized as a church body. In 1879, the Jehovah's Witnesses and Christian Scientists started to share their respective messages with the world.



REVEREND LARRY MCGILL

La Mesa Adventist Church
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Sermon	
content	★★
delivery	★★
Liturgy	★★
Music	
congregational	★★
choir	★★
Snacks	no snacks
Flowers	★
Architecture	★★
Friendliness	★★★

Poor to satisfactory	(none)
Good	★
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Ellen G. White was, like many others, disappointed when Miller's apocalypse failed to materialize. She set to work on studying the Bible on her own. Her examination of Scripture formed the particulars of Seventh Day Adventist belief. White advocated "healthy living: vegetarianism, teetotalism, and exercise." (Like Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science, White, too, struggled with poor health.) And as the name Seventh Day Adventist implies, White taught that Christians should worship on Saturday. But her rules, her unorthodox interpretation of Scripture, unsettled mainstream Protestants. Some considered Adventism a cult.

At La Mesa Adventist Church, I had to look hard for signs of Adventist particularism. Natty little kids, men in blazers and ties, women in dresses milled around the narthex. I found no bookshop selling White's many works. I saw only a few people clutching dog-eared editions of *Desire of the Ages*, White's commentary on the Bible. Tables near the entrance offered copies of the city's two evangelical newspapers, *Good News Etc.* and *Christian Times*. When the service began, everyone sang contemporary evangelical hymns like *I Will Bless the Lord*. When I opened my program I found a flyer advertising a vegetarian cooking class, and another announcing a tour of our local Olympics training facility.

But Reverend Larry McGill's sermon was on "*Soli Deo Gloria*," or "To God Alone Be the Glory," one of the cornerstones of Reformed theology. Reverend McGill also mentioned Augustine and Wesley.

"There is no place in creation where God does not exist," he told us. "There is no space without God's divine presence.

"We need to remember who God is. If one does not believe in the God of the Scriptures, it will color every aspect of one's life, just as the malfunction of one organ in the body affects the function of all the others. In Exodus, God said, 'I am who I am.' The God of the Scriptures is unchanging and eternal.

"God is also omnipresent. Having a God who's everywhere means there is nothing we cannot bring to Him and ask for His assistance."

Just as Reverend McGill's sermon was one you could have heard in any Protestant church, his liturgy — from prelude to postlude — was similarly usual. There was even a violin solo during the Offering that reminded me of the sort you'd hear in a United Methodist congregation.

Reverend McGill seemed amused that I found his church so ordinary.

"There are even charismatic Adventist congregations. There are churches that have dropped the word Adventist from their names and refer to themselves as 'community churches.' For the most part, we're indistinguishable from other evangelicals."

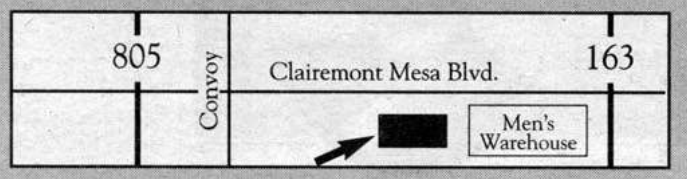
When pressed, Reverend McGill admitted that there remained pockets of Adventist orthodoxy, "mostly back East. And in some parts of the Midwest. There you'll find Adventists who talk more about Ellen G. White and her teachings. In Southern California, things are different. We even have women pastors. They're not exactly ordained, but they serve in every capacity as pastors."

Reverend McGill told me that 50 to 75 percent of his congregation was vegetarian. I asked him if he thought there'd come a day when Adventists set aside even that particularism.

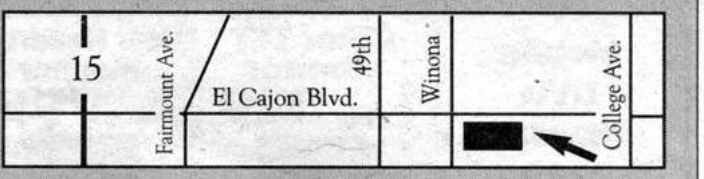
"I don't know. Perhaps. What I do know is that, whatever changes may come, Adventists will always worship on the Sabbath. Some criticize us and say that Sabbath worship is legalistic, that it's from Jewish law. But it's not. The Sabbath existed before Jewish law. The Sabbath was created by God at the beginning of the world."

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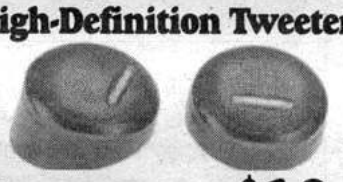


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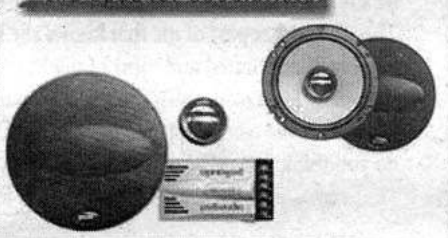
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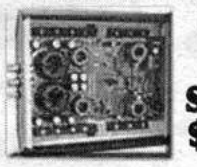
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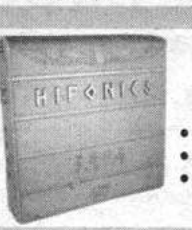
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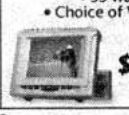
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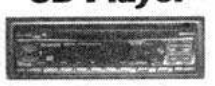


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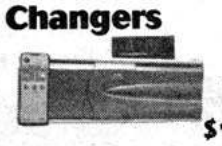


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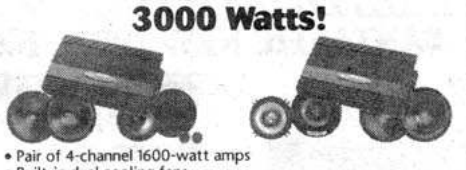
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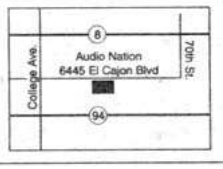
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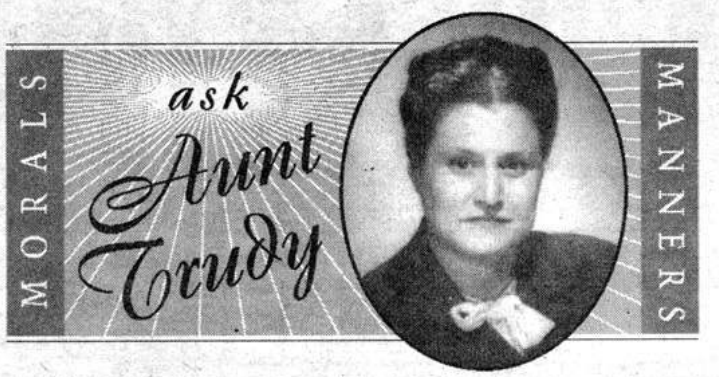


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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I have uncovered a plot. My wife is conspiring to give me a surprise party for my birthday next month. She is a sweet person and means well. I discovered what was going on when a friend inadvertently clued me in by a slip of the tongue. No one is aware I know about this. Here's my problem: I absolutely hate surprises. Now every time I think about this impending event, I am seized by mental cramps. I dread having to "fake" a reaction when the day comes and I arrive home and everyone jumps out from behind the sofa and chairs and comes tumbling out of the fireplace and I have to act like I had no idea. The whole thing's just so damn embarrassing. Part of me wants to tell my wife right now that I know about the party and think it was very dear of her, but let's drop the pretense and let everyone know it'll be a regular party since the cat's out of the bag. There's another part of me that knows she'll be terribly disappointed and thinks I ought to bite the bullet, keep my mouth shut, and act surprised when the time comes to spare her feelings. What do you think I should do?

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Dear Torn,

You've articulated the horns of your dilemma most succinctly. Which means more to you, not disappointing your wife, or not having to keep a secret and then endure awkward moments of pretending surprise while a bunch of your friends giggle and clap their hands? I've never met you, so I don't know, based on who you are, which solution will sit better with you in the long run. I'm tempted to say that if you can tough it out, the pain, like that of a vaccination, will be of short duration, and you can bask in the knowledge that you've done a good deed by not squelching your wife's delight. A few weeks after the party, when all the excitement has died down, you can find a good time to let her know that while you appreciated the affectionate gesture of the surprise fiesta, in the future you'd like to be party to the planning of all parties in your honor. It just suits your temperament better. But this involves your playing dumb till next month, and you may not be comfortable with that. If you feel you must burst your wife's bubble, do it gently. If you can restrain yourself and ride out the unsettled way this makes you feel, your playing along will be a little present you give your wife, just between us chickens.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

My boss, who I'm friendly with, suffered a terrible loss recently. Her sister, her only sibling, committed suicide. The right thing to do, I decided, would be to take up a collection and send her some flowers from all of us at the office. I also feel I should write her a personal note and send that separately, since we are not only coworkers but also friends. I have no problem collecting contributions from my office mates and ordering flowers, but every time I sit down to write a condolence letter, I get paralyzed. I've never written one before. I'm afraid to say something wrong. I don't know what would be helpful in this situation. It seems to me that it's bad enough when someone dies, but when they've taken their own life, it's all the more tragic. Time is passing, and I should send this letter already but can't bring myself to write it because I just blank out every time I try.

STUMPED OCEANSIDE GAL

Dear Stumped,

Bereavement, whether our own or that of someone we care about, can leave us speechless. Just as with gifts on happier occasions, when composing a condolence letter, it's the thought that counts. We'd all like to be so eloquent that our words have the power to soothe the grieved, melting away their pain like some miracle drug. The sad fact is, however, that though condolences one receives are deeply appreciated and meaningful, no matter how gorgeously or perfectly worded they may be, the loss remains: stubborn, awful, unchangeable. If you are struck completely dumb, many etiquette books in your local library contain sample condolence letters, and on the library shelves (or in a bookstore), you will also find anthologies of such letters and speeches to consult if you need a jump-start. I can tell by the letter you wrote me that you'll do an excellent job. You don't have to say anything fancy. Simple and brief is good. As the I Ching says: "Even with slender means, the sentiment of the heart can be expressed."

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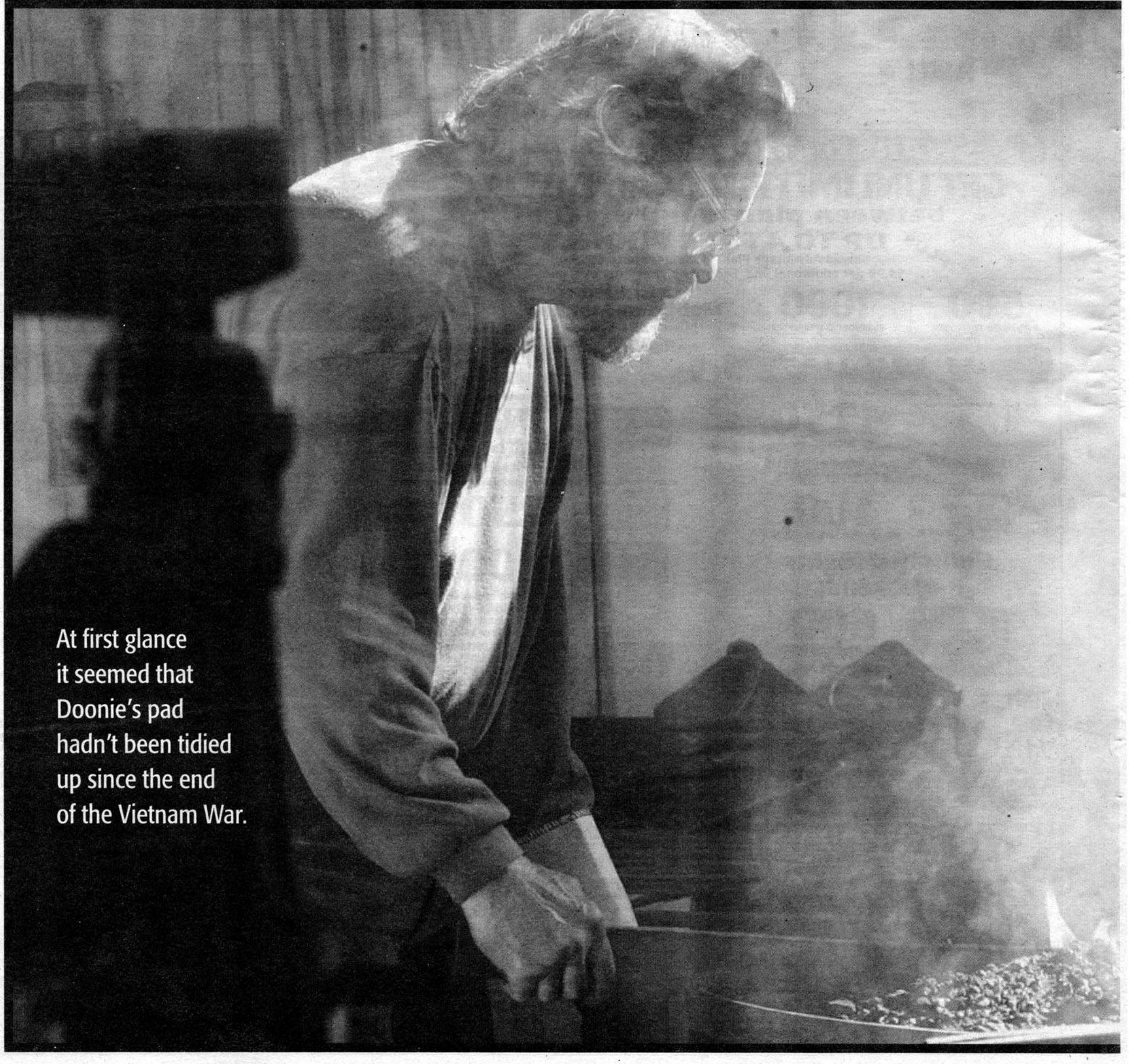
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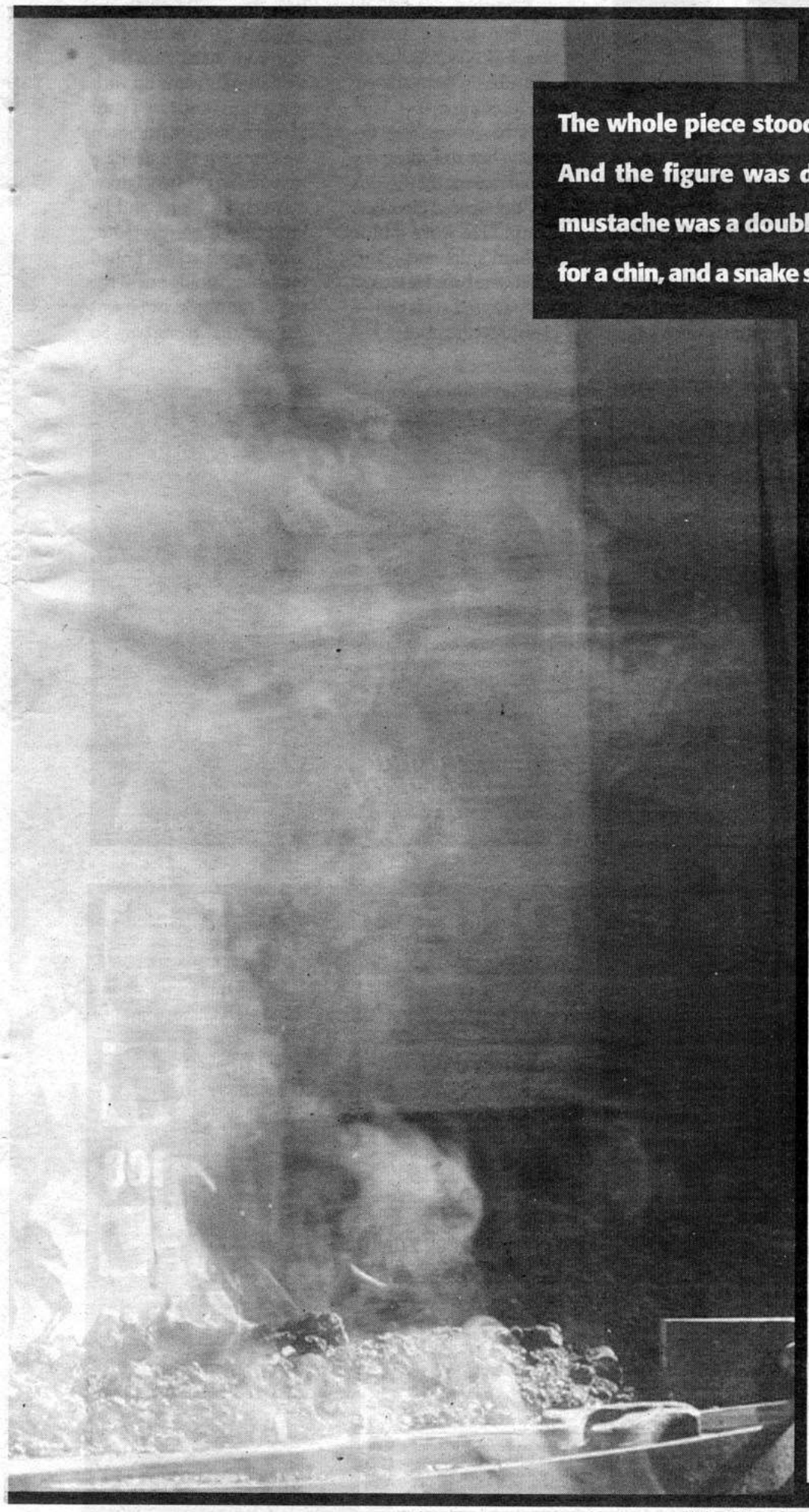
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Smiths: What and How They



At first glance it seemed that Doonie's pad hadn't been tidied up since the end of the Vietnam War.

They Do Do It



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The whole piece stood about five and a half feet. And the figure was done up with snakes – the mustache was a double-headed snake, a fat snake for a chin, and a snake string tie with a circular chunk of blue lapis for the clasp. Cut into the creature's rum-bottle belly were the words "Viper Rum" ringed by a necklace of cast-iron roses, and if you put a candle inside through the small door in back, the creature would glow as if alive. Written on the inside of the rear door were the words "Dear Mary: Happy Birthday, 2001, Love Doonie."

Mary is the poet Mary Karr, whose third book of poems, *Viper Rum,* was published by New Directions in 1998, although she is perhaps better known for her memoir *The Liars' Club,* published in 1995, the paperback edition of which was on the *New York Times* bestseller list for over a year. In 2000, Karr published the sequel, *Cherry.* Both memoirs dealt with growing up in Port Arthur, Texas, and in the second she mentioned Doonie, her buddy down the street. In the summer of 1972, she and Doonie ended up in the San Diego area to go surfing. Both were 17. Doonie had long brown hair past his shoulders; Mary was so skinny that she could hide behind a ski pole. Doonie had a '63 Lincoln that had been abandoned by a dope dealer, and he and Mary slept in it for a while. Then, at the end of the summer, Doonie returned to Port Arthur to high school and Mary went on to Macalester College. A few years later, Doonie joined his family's fence business. He became Kent Scott. Then in 1988, with the surfing passion still fierce within him, he returned to the San Diego area, started a fence business of his own, and settled in Carlsbad. Mary Karr went on to publish three books of poems, two books of nonfiction, and to become a professor at Syracuse University. And the two maintained the friendship that had begun when Mary had tutored Doonie in his p's and q's way back when both were in grade school.

But this is a story about blacksmiths — not the ones who shoe horses but the ones who can make a rose from cast iron so delicate that you're sure you can sniff its sweet smell, the ones who will make you a $30,000 fire screen for your fireplace or a $100,000 gate for your driveway; the ones who handle molten metal the way a potter handles clay.

Mary Karr had been a student of mine in a graduate creative-writing program in the late '70s, and we had remained friends over the years. I had heard stories about Doonie and Port Arthur, and when I happened to talk to Mary last April she had told me that Doonie — now semi-respectable — had gotten this "crazy genius Russian blacksmith" to make this amazing *Viper Rum* statue and I should take a look at it, which I did. Except the blacksmith wasn't crazy but sad. Nor was he actually Russian. Though born in the Soviet Union, he seemed to be from Georgia. Basically, he is Armenian: Noair Khatchatrian, whom Kent Scott and the others at Scott Fence call Noro. Now Noro has been in the States for two years, having previously worked in the Czech Republic. As for the genius part,

Richard Schraeder

Scott had no doubt about it.

"He's world-class, for sure," Scott told me. "His stuff, his attention to detail and the talent to do that kind of detail work, really puts him almost into the classification of a jeweler. I went to downtown San Diego and bought him all those little intricate grinders and diamond-cutting chips and stuff like that to do Abraham Lincoln's face on the pipe. Of course, being from Russia, he wasn't familiar with Abraham Lincoln, so he did that face off of a five-dollar bill. I gave him a five-dollar bill and he carved it. He's as good as I've ever seen. Like his work would attract attention anywhere in the world. That violin he did from going to the library and checking out a book on violins. He's cool."



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At 46, Kent Scott hasn't entirely put his hippie days behind him. "That crazy Texan," several people described him to me affectionately. His combination office and home is a warren of dark rooms in a row of two-story apartments. They brought to mind the word "pad," which I hadn't thought of for many years, and at first glance it seemed that Doonie's pad hadn't been tidied up since the end of the Vietnam War. Nine surfboards hung on the walls. Within a huge fish tank, oversized piranhas nosed hopefully for bloody scraps. Balancing on its perch by a gray window and looking out onto an even grayer porch, a large and morose parrot defecated mini-volcanic mounds onto small sheets of paper towel, often missing. A giant projection TV faced the elderly low-slung couch. The sound was turned off, but the screen flashed with scenes from NASCAR races to kids doing bike stunts to motorcycle races to skateboard stunts. Clothes were heaped on the chairs; blueprints were piled on the tables. There were no bare surfaces. On the walls were snapshots from the old days — surfboards and cutoffs and endless summers.

Scott is a wonderfully affable man, a constant chewer of Nicorets, handsome, athletic, clean-shaven, with receding brown hair. "Cool," he says with great frequency, but dropping the *l* — not making the pigeon's "coo," but General Pinochet's "Coup!" He wore a blue gingham shirt and jeans; his feet were bare. He looked fondly around at his pad — "Have to get this place picked up soon," he said. Various employees came and went. He has six crews and 20,000 feet of fence under contract: power plants in L.A., housing tracts, Coors Amphitheatre down near the Mexican border.

Scott continued to describe the *Viper Rum* statue.

"We wanted to do something to honor Mary's work and her poetry, because that's really what she is: a poet, even though she's written these other books that have done real well. So we just took the concept of the viper rum, and the first thing we naturally came up with was a rum bottle or a rum glass, and a viper. And then we came up with doing a man out of the two. I drew a sketch for Noro, and he kind of misinterpreted it. What happened was he had the snake coming out of the top of the bottle, but it was curving the wrong way. So

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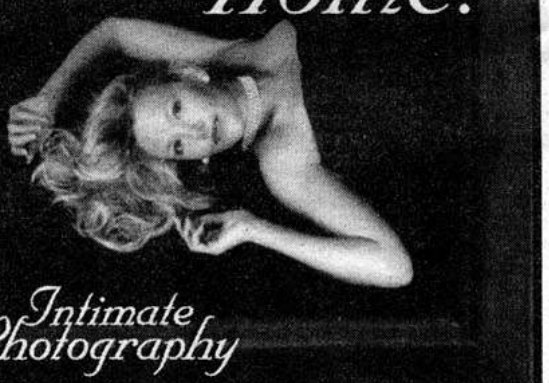


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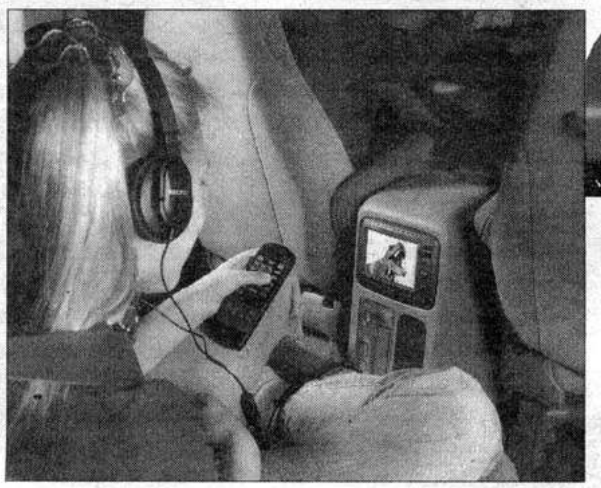
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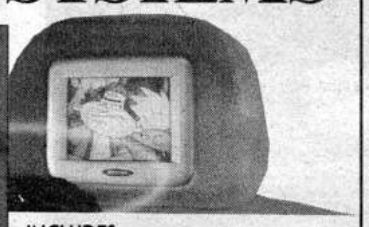
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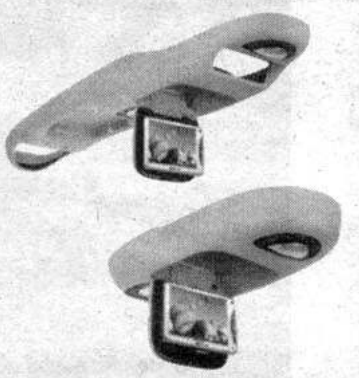


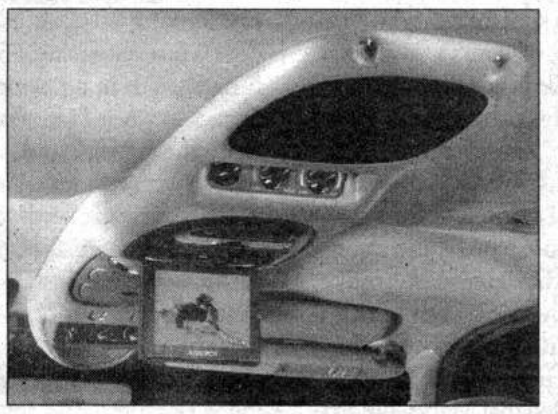


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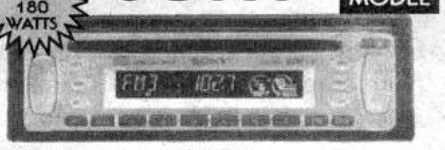
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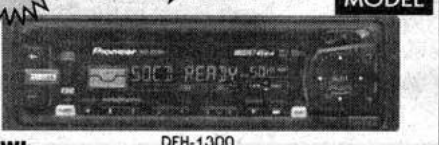
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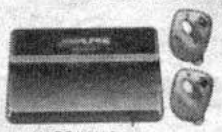
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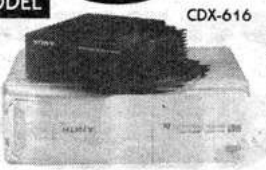
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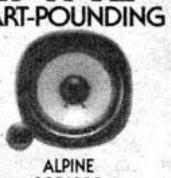
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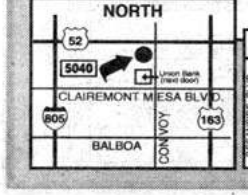
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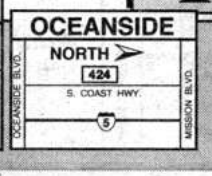
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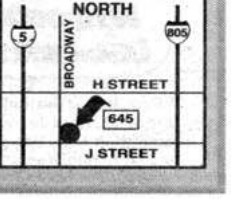
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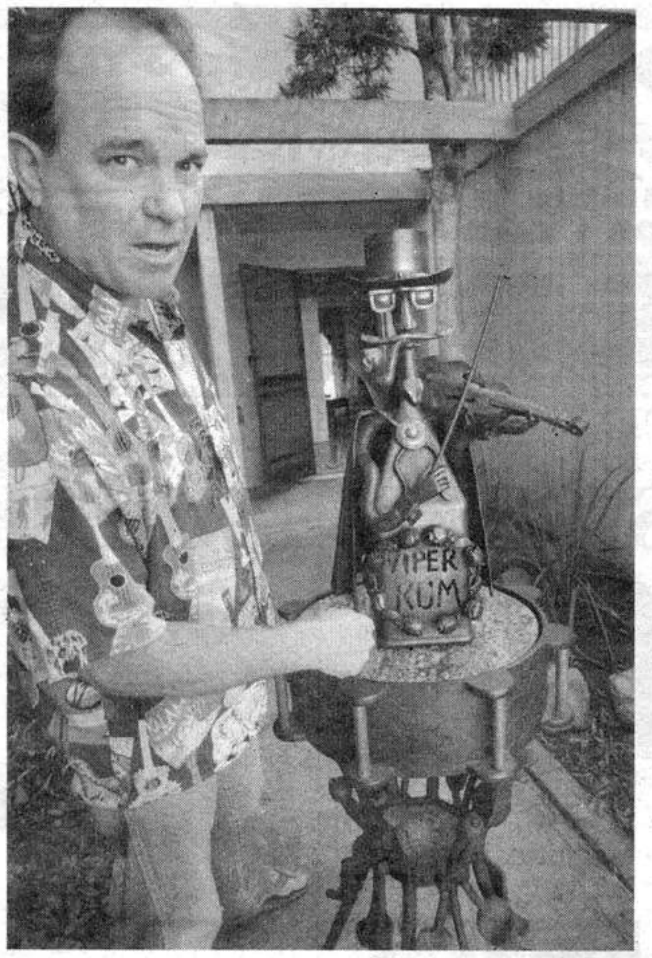
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I told him to cut it off, and I stuck it back on there. Then we realized we could make that mouth actually coming out of the snake body. So that was just kind of happenstance, the way it came out. Then I did the violin. And the reason we had the snare drum and the violin is kind of a tribute to the music from my hometown area: Cajun music. Once he did the fiddle, we came up with the pipe, which is also a candleholder. And the top of the top hat also has a spot for a candle. And then, of course, you put a candle inside the bottle and it lights up the letters 'Viper Rum.' Now, I wanted to do it in a Civil War time period, and I wanted to do a gun, because Noro is also a gunsmith. He can make revolvers. So I wanted him to put a revolver up underneath the cape, but he insisted that Mary wouldn't like it. So I called her, and sure enough, she didn't like it. She didn't want the gun. And so we ended up dropping the gun altogether."

Scott described the cape, the drum, the flowers, the Brazilian marble. He would draw something and discuss it with Noro. Then they would modify it, until the whole piece came together.

"Noro is a super-talented artist that has never, in my opinion, really had anybody that was willing to pay to do artwork because it's just a losing proposition. There's no profit in it. He's been working in production shops his whole career, pretty much. But he's too talented to do production work, because the degree of difficulty to have it come out looking as clean as it does is just staggering. Fortunately, I'm in a position financially where I can afford to do the artwork and not have to worry about selling it. That's the whole key, if you want to do true artist's blacksmith work. For instance, that *Viper Rum* took two months. I mean, I've probably got $7500 in it, counting everything. And that's not figuring anything for my time, that's just hard cost. So compared to everything else I do, there is no profit in it. I mean, it's a love. It has nothing to do with business, but in the time I did that *Viper Rum* piece I built $250,000 worth of fence."



Kent Scott

Noro came to the States in 1999 and showed up at Scott Fence in the spring of 2000. Before that, he had been doing blacksmith work for someone who Scott said hadn't been deducting anything from Noro's paycheck: an under-the-counter sort of job. In place of a résumé, Noro brought a cast-iron snake.

"The first day Noro was here," said Scott, "I was just, like, in awe. And all of the men too. I mean, normally a new guy shows up at a company and everybody is kind of like, you know, who is the new guy? and all of that stuff. He has that snakehead that he made. George asked if he could make a cobra. He said, oh yeah, he could make a cobra. That was his first job — to make George a cobra. He made a cobra standing up with a full hood. It's got all of the detail."

Then he made full-sized grape leaves trailing around the frame rising up from the bed of Scott's pickup truck. Delicately veined leaves on seemingly fragile stems clinging to the vines, and wispy tendrils winding around the metal bars — all made from forged metal. He did small jobs, like wine racks and candelabras — not cheap but with rose petals as delicate as rose petals. Then he worked on a $3000 pedestrian gate with designs of Torrey pines. Scott brought Noro a Torrey pine cone and Noro duplicated all its tiny, feathered edges. Then he took silica bronze and melted it over the galvanized-steel corner-post cap to make a moon. Then he hand-made the hinges.

"Hand-making the hinges took three days," said Scott, "whereas I could buy the best set of manufactured hinges for only 75 bucks, you see? But it looks it when you're done. I mean, the difference is staggering between the handmade products and mass-produced, just like anything else."

Noro went on to do other gates for Scott, then staircase work, then specialty handrails with dolphins and pomegranates.

"The customers were really happy with it," said Scott. "It created a lot of interest. So the guy who bought the dolphins turned around and also wanted dolphins for the backyard because he's got an ocean view. He's a surgeon down in Solana Beach."

During this time, Noro made a cane for the novelist Stephen King, whose leg and hip had been smashed up when he had been hit and thrown by a van not

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far from his summer home in Maine. This was also a snake's head, with a snake's tail at the bottom and an expensive length of wood in between.

"The reason I did that for Stephen King: that was a gift," said Scott. "We're going to give that to him for being nice enough to mention Mary's book in his book on writing. That was really cool. That's a badass piece of work, man. I mean, look on the bottom of it, the hole that Noro drilled through it. He's an incredible talent, no doubt about it."

When Scott speaks of Noro's work or the work of other artisan blacksmiths, he speaks of it lovingly, with a dash of yearning and a bit of envy, because Scott, too, uses a forge and does blacksmith work, has been doing it about seven years in fact, though he is quick to say that he is only a beginner and his work is only a hobby.

"This blacksmith work," said Scott, "if you really appreciate it, it gets under your skin. If I could make the same money being a blacksmith as I do owning my own business, I'd be a blacksmith. If I won the Lotto, sure. In other words, it's my chosen art form. But I'm a businessman first and foremost. That's why, like I say, I consider blacksmithing a hobby. But after you've built 100,000 feet of fence, the next 1000 feet just isn't that interesting. [Scott laughed and opened a fresh piece of Nicoret gum.] But blacksmith work is always interesting, just because the iron was forged. It takes on a different look. It's like jewelry. It's a fantastic craft. I mean, there's good reason why it still survives today. Because, like I tell people, it will never lose its value. Even though it's expensive, there will never be anybody coming along that can do it for any less. It's just not going to happen. It's always going to increase in value. Part of the reason why the rich get richer and the poor get poorer is because a wealthy person can afford a $20,000 set of gates. But in ten years, that set of gates is going to be worth $30,000. Whereas someone who buys a $2000 set of gates, in ten years the thing's going to be worth only $1000. It depreciates, where true hand-forged work is never worth less money. So it's almost an investment in artwork. It's functioning artwork is all it is."



Viper Rum

Scott has a workshop in Vista for his mass-production work, but most of the blacksmith work is done in a reconditioned garage attached to his apartment: a cramped, dark space full of tools and unfinished projects. As for Noro, it turns out he hasn't been to work for several weeks and doesn't plan to come back for another month. Scott and I talked about this as we stood in the shop. It seemed that Noro was sick, or at least he thought he was sick. Several times he had promised to be back in a month; several times he had said he was giving up being a blacksmith forever. Besides being a blacksmith and a gunsmith, Noro also was a genius at growing giant mushrooms.

I asked Scott how Noro was sick.

"He says he has black lung disease. It was from working industry in Russia. That's what he said. But he doesn't know if it's diagnosed as black lung or not. He's got lung problems; like, he coughs all the time, but he's not sure if it's black lung. See, they work with coal forges over there, while here we work with propane. Anyway, he says that in Russia all blacksmiths die young."

So Noro was taking time off to see if he would get better, and maybe he would come back and maybe not. He lived somewhere with his son and his wife, who had recently come over to the States, but Scott wasn't sure where he lived — maybe in Vista — or where he had put Noro's phone number. But Noro was supposed to call, and if he called, then Scott would tell Noro that I would like to talk to him.

The worst thing, said Scott, was that he and Noro had had some serious projects ahead: a full-sized statue of the singer Stevie Ray Vaughan and a full-sized statue of Vincent van Gogh. Scott had already bought a Stratocaster guitar just like Vaughan's for Noro to copy. But it was the van Gogh that was the most important to Scott.

"I want to do van Gogh's first self-portrait, the one with the felt hat. What I was planning on doing was him standing in a field of sunflowers, but the sunflowers are going to have amethyst for the seeds — purple Colombian amethyst — and then have silica bronze leaves. We'll probably have something like five months in it. If you

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work on the same thing every day, it gets old, I don't care what it is. And the bigger your project, the more wear psychologically on the people that are doing it. Because it just becomes grueling working on the same thing every day. Like *Hell,* Rodin never did finish the *Gates of Hell.* He died and somebody else had to finish it. But, basically, for me, if I can produce those types of works, then that's what I want to do, because it's much more interesting to try to do something that may come out really great. I would rather spend my time trying to do something really great than setting my sights low and just doing something that I've already done before that doesn't hold any interest.

"But I'm a big fan of van Gogh because I had an uncle who was an artist and a paranoid schizophrenic, like van Gogh. The weird thing is that my uncle's artwork was so much like van Gogh's. My mother has some copies of van Gogh's paintings and she has some of my uncle's, and to me, you can hardly tell the difference. But, unfortunately, being insane, he destroyed most of his work. He developed schizophrenia when he was in college. So just the way the whole deal went, how he never achieved success during his life — it's kind of a sad story. That's partly why I want to do van Gogh and I'll get my friend Kenny to be the model [Scott laughed] because he's short and redheaded.

"Anyway, that's my dream, to do some really fantastic artwork. I want to get into the full-blown statues. Most statues are cast out of bronze. That's a fine craft in and of itself, but it's not what interests me because the forging is a lot more difficult. That's why you don't see any statues being forged. Like I say, Noro can do it, I guarantee you. And craftsmen like him, they just don't come along every day. For every guy like Noro, there are 100 who'll never achieve that kind of work. It just boils down to sheer talent."

But in the meantime, Noro appeared to have quit the blacksmith business — perhaps only temporarily — and there seemed no way to contact him. So I wondered about other artisan blacksmiths in the area. Did Scott know any?

Scott was quick to answer. "Richard Schraeder is the real guru of the artisan blacksmiths. He's been around a long time. He's known nationwide. What I'm saying, he's the real thing. He's, like, as far as an artist blacksmith goes. That's why I call him the guru. And most good blacksmiths like Schraeder are also tool freaks. It's what he does for a living, so he's got every tool known to man. You've got to. There are a lot of tools involved. I mean, the hammers are imported from Europe, from Germany, and the anvils, and stuff like that. You can't buy that stuff at Home Depot. There're a lot of specialty tools, old tools, antique tools particularly, old anvils, all of it. Schraeder was very helpful when I first got started with blacksmith work six or seven years ago. As a matter of fact, he let me come over to his shop and showed me stuff. Blacksmiths are like that. Well, the average craftsman of any type of craft isn't willing to show you anything, as a general rule. But blacksmiths are totally different. They're artists, but they're very cool people too. They're dedicated to the preservation of the craft. Where in the other, like in the fence business, I have some competitors that I'm really good friends with, but some of them are just real resentful of you building a lot of work and aren't friendly at all."

Richard Schraeder lives on five and a half wooded acres surrounded by avocado groves on a mountainside to the east of Temecula. The property belongs to his partner, Laurel Croft, who raises exotic birds (mostly hornbills), which she sells to zoos all over the country. She also raises Irish wolfhounds — stately, prize-winning dogs that reek of nobility. Ms. Croft is also stately. She moves like a

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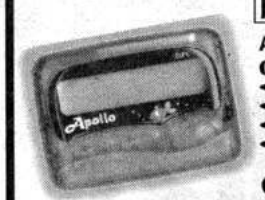


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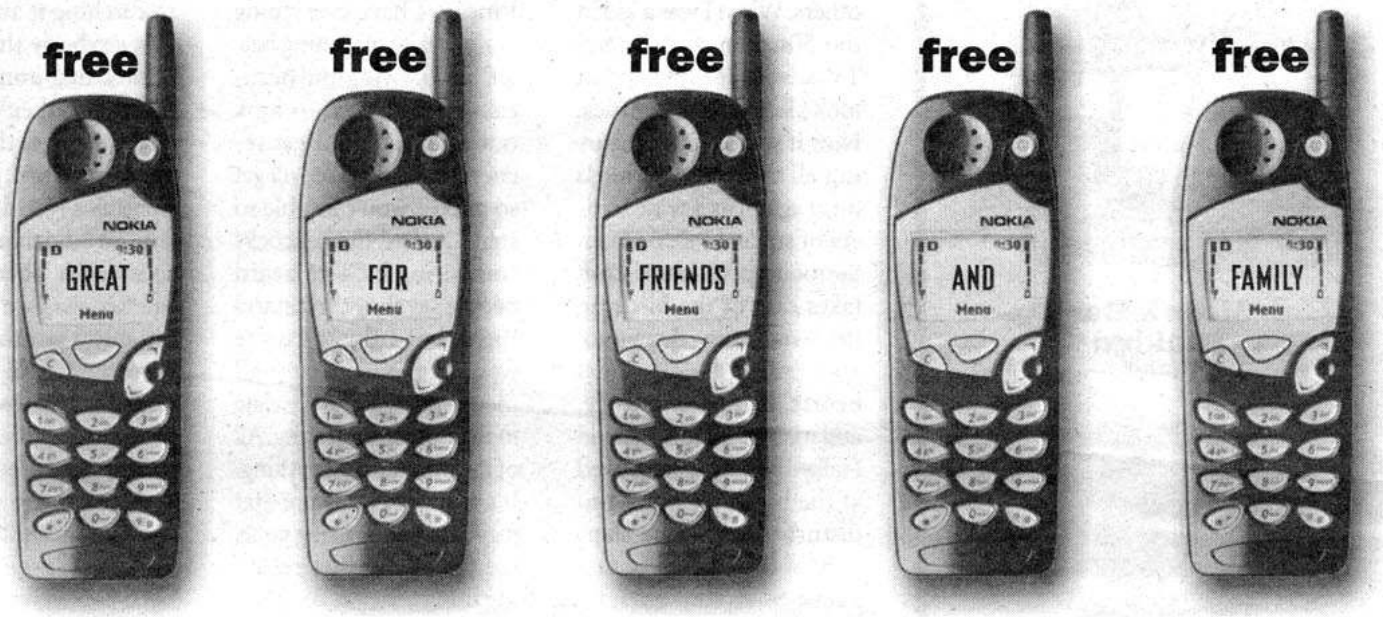
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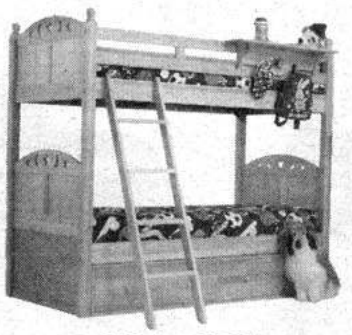
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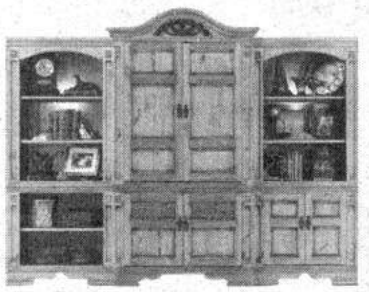
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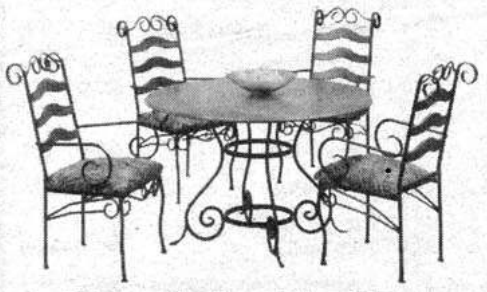
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dancer and is very attractive and straight-backed. The property runs down to a stream, then up again with sycamores, oaks, and bamboo. Three or four peacocks step delicately among the trees. The 150 birds are mostly in a 30-foot roofed enclosure, with other smaller pens adjoining it — white-crested hornbills, yellow bills, Argus pheasants, and others. When I was a kid in the '50s, there were several TV adventure shows that took place in darkest Africa. Now it seemed I was hearing all those jungle birds once again, as a wide variety of squawks came from the roomy pens. Laurel Croft takes care of the birds on her own, feeding them mice and frozen chicks, beef hearts, Romaine lettuce, and mangos. Schraeder and I talked quietly as we looked at the birds, trying not to disturb them, while slapping at the black flies that swarmed around us.

Schraeder is a handsome 61 but looks younger. He's about five feet ten, with a gray beard, longish brown hair, and glasses. He wore jeans and a blue T-shirt.

"The beauty of the place is the trees," he said, "but the creek is sure nice. I want to keep it as pristine as possible." In fact, the only somewhat unsightly object on the property was Schraeder's workplace tucked off at the edge: a 60- by 40-foot corrugated steel barn with a 20-foot ceiling, still not quite finished or organized, since he only moved to Temecula in the spring of 2000. Previously, his shop had been in Vista.

"I have the perfect dream of a place to work. This is far more than anything I thought to have for a facility. And that's really funny because I say to my friends, 'I've got my shop built, you've got to see it.' And they say, 'I thought you were scaling down, going into retirement mode.' And I say, 'I am. Look at this.' There's going to be a time when all this will be set up. Then I can just sit back and go boom-boom-boom-boom, and it will be done. I mean, I have everything here, and it's all getting better, just blowing and humming. I just need to look out at the trees to get re-energized. I think it will get so good I won't be able to stand it. And the peacocks wandering by. I've heard people say they can't stand them, but I think they're wonderful. You live around them, and you start to relate to their communicating. All of the birds and everything. It's so nice to be aware that they're not just making noise, they're talking, they're saying things, they're singing."

Schraeder was born in San Francisco and brought up in Los Angeles. In college, he studied mechanical engineering, then spent four years in the Air Force. Afterward he had various jobs, including making orthopedic appliances. It wasn't until he was in his late 30s that he became interested in ironwork.

"I wish I could have known the field earlier," he said. "Then you wonder, if that's the case, what other things have I missed that I haven't known about? I mean, I didn't know anything about ornamental ironwork. It was the farthest thing from my mind. Then I meet this guy in a local town. I was trying to find something to do. I said let's do equipment rental. That would be good, because I would own all this equipment, and I love equipment. But somebody said people are going to borrow it and bring it back all wrecked. So I thought, I'm not going into the equipment-rental business because somebody will get killed. Then I met this guy who did ornamental iron, and what in the hell was ornamental iron? So I started researching it and I talked to everybody that had an ornamental-iron shop, and heard all of their problems, and the good things and bad things. I said, gosh, that's something I can do, no problem. So I did that for about six months. Then I went to the Renaissance Faire and ran into a guy that did hot metalwork, did forging. I said, this is where I want to be. So it's really kind of interesting how I've been kind of directed through my life with not much skill at guiding myself. I think I've just been kicked around like a Ping-Pong ball, and it's always worked out just right. Because they've all had reason or direction, and one has always fed the other."

Schraeder set up shop in his backyard after buying a lot of equipment from a blacksmith who was going out of business. "The first year I was doing just fabricating. So the only skill you really need to know at that point is how to weld, making a fence or a gate, how to measure a job. So that was just trial and error. And I'd had an engineering background. I'd worked in a tool-and-die shop and had a lot of experience mechanically. But when I first started this, I immediately met people in the California Blacksmith Association. Then it was a matter of going to meet-

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ings and meeting some people, and when I had a problem I'd just give them a call and say, 'What do I do, Mike?' or, 'What do I do, John?' And they'd say, 'Well, this is what you have to try.' So it was self-taught up to a certain point. Then I started going to weekly classes and whatnot with different people, specialty study groups. But it was hard getting started. I bellied up twice in 22 years. I had to go back and find other work once for a six-month period and once for about four months. I needed to go do something fast to make money. Which is always nice too. Whenever I just raise my hand and say, 'World, I need some money,' the doors are open and I've got things to choose from. The downside of that is, because of that ability, I've never disciplined myself to put a little money aside. One of these days it might not work. But it's worked so far, so what the hell? Just recently I was busy working on this place and I thought, gee, it's time for some money again. I need to get something going. I'd had a set of gates that we were negotiating, and finally we couldn't come together on the price. Then I had to pay my income tax, and, whoop, there's a little economic crunch here. So I said, 'help,' and boom, I got some work. I made 60 lights. That's not very production-line-like, but it was for me. It was like a month's worth of work. It was fun because it gave me back some of the skills that doing the same hammering process over and over again can give you. So I was off and running again."

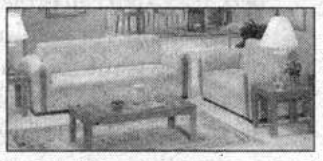
When I visited Schraeder, his workshop was mostly set up, but there seemed no order, a mass of machinery, chunks of metal, iron bars, benches, propane tanks and hoses, a great fan, tables and partially completed projects, and a giant window in back, partially covered

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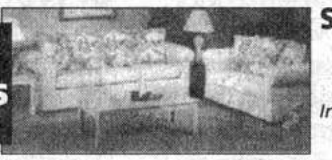
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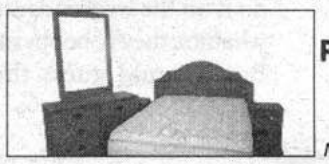
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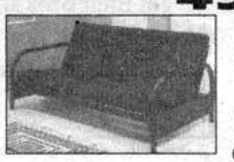
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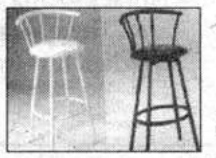
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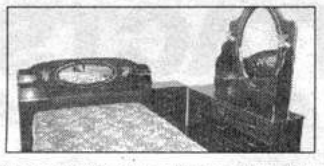


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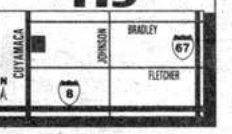
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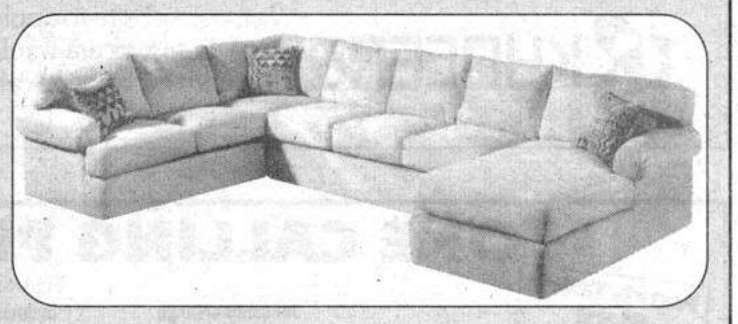
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with torn pieces of plastic, looking out onto the oak trees. There was even a surfboard and a set of bullhorns — the organic variety.

"I've got a fair amount of stuff," Schraeder admitted. "There's an accumulation. But it's all pretty good stuff. That hammer over there, the one I'm using, the Bradley, that's an old hammer. It's probably 1930s, something like that. Then I've got an ironworker. I can sheer metal off over there, and I have a saw here to cut metal. I have an abrasive saw as well. A gas forge, electric forge, coal forge — the coal burns the hottest. The electric gives you the most precise temperatures. You need these different things for different applications. I mean, you can accomplish the job without all of this stuff. I have a friend that is a very successful smith in Redondo Beach. He's got a one-car garage with an anvil and a forge. He could put all of his tools in the trunk of my car, everything that he has. And he makes hardware, just door pulls and things like that, or little lights and little sconces. He's very good at it, does beautiful work. He doesn't need a truck. I had to buy a truck because I was hauling around thousands of pounds of railing and everything else for a lot of jobs. So you've got to just, you know, get stuff."

As Schraeder led the way toward his desk to show me his portfolio, he talked about blacksmiths. "There are quite a few categories of smiths. The bladesmiths, that's a whole world.

"There are an awful lot of people doing this now. We have over 6000 members in the Artist-Blacksmith's Association of North America."

Weapons are a whole world of its own. Industrial smiths. That's another whole area. Horseshoeing is another area. There are people that overlap, but usually they stay in one area, or they'll get out of one and go into another. There are a lot of different kinds of smithing than just the pure art smithing, the people that forge, just making art pieces that don't do what I call functional art. So they've all got their pros and cons. Weapons are not a thing that I've been interested in. In fact, I've really balked at doing weapons. But I'd also like to do some for myself. I'd like to do my own cutlery set. I think it would be fun to do a whole set of flatware, because it was one of those traditional things that somebody had to do, and that's something I feel capable of doing. A lot of things for the home would be fun to do, the kitchen area, which I haven't done much of. I started out with a lot of ladles for friends, doing gifts like that. Then as work got bigger and more cumbersome, and as I had employees and everything else, I got away from doing it. That's one of the things I look forward to — getting set up and flowing into that.

"Our field is really young and very vital. I mean, blacksmithing has been around for a long time, but it's really coming on strong again. There are an awful lot of people doing this now. We have over 6000 members in the Artist-Blacksmith's Association of North America [*www.abana.org*] and over 600 in the California Blacksmith Association. I'm on the board of the California association. But out of those 6000 national members, they aren't all professional smiths. An awful lot of people want to know about smithing, so they join the association. Maybe they'll do it on the weekends and whatnot, they're hobbyists. But I would guess that

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20 percent of the membership is professional. They might do gates, railings, chandeliers, candelabras, sculpture, hardware, anything metal, sconces, fireplace tools. Just hundreds and hundreds of people do fireplace sets and at all different levels. You can find a fireplace set for probably a couple hundred dollars, or up to $30,000 — for some tools, three or four tools, made of any kind of material: bronzes and coppers, or mixed metals, or you can put silver and gold in them. There's no limit. An awful lot of people have got money, and they'd like their own thing. I've made a faucet for a powder room that was $4800, which isn't very big money. But we have guys that have sold fire screens for $30,000. It depends on what the item is. And there are so many different kinds of metals that you can work with, so you could make a really exotic fire screen and do enameling on it, which could take a lot of time, i.e., a lot of money."

At his desk, Schraeder began showing me design magazines in which he had been featured and a portfolio of photographs of his work: staircases, gates, doors, faucets, a table with a marble top embedded with snail shells and bits of coal, forged red brass pipe for the legs, and a bronze skirt. The visual paradox of the work is that what looks soft — leaf patterns, traceries of metal — is in fact hard, what seems flowing is rigid, what appears weightless is in fact heavy, as if one of the blacksmith's jobs is to make his materials appear to be something that they aren't, something supple and organic.

He showed me a five-foot-tall pedestrian gate with a dozen flamelike century leaves made from copper growing up from the bottom, then three brass heads of a plant resembling shell ginger, like oversized heads of wheat, rising from the leaves, and all of it on a background of nickel silver. Because of the leaves and golden heads of ginger, the gate seemed to be rising upward, almost floating. Another picture showed a pedestrian gate made of three horizontal panels of nickel silver, with the top panel having a semiabstract design that reminded me of a swimmer looking up from the waves.

"I feel like I'm more of a salesman than an artist, really," said Schraeder. "I don't have trouble getting projects. And I think I'm more of a craftsman than an artist. But I don't have a particular design style. Because I like to work with different materials, I haven't stayed with one medium long enough to develop a certain style. I'm just looking for more quality all of the time, taking on new challenges. Probably my favorite material is silica bronze, but steel is also wonderful. Silica bronze is very expensive. It costs over $5 a pound, and steel isn't even 50 cents a pound. And it's fun to resolve a problem. You have an image of how you can plug up this hole with a gate, and it's fun to see how it can all come together. Then it's nice to have somebody pleased with it. I've had a couple of calls in 20 years. We're sitting here, having a glass of wine, and someone will call and say how much they like this gate and, hell, I'm ready to run down and work for him for the next six months for nothing, you know? Not really, but that means a lot. But the thing is, the work could always be better. You can definitely keep fussing with it forever. The problem I have is stopping soon enough. I need to stop sooner. One of the reasons I don't is that I don't have to worry about where my next meal is coming

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from. I get good money for my work, but I spend way too much time on what I do, a lot of times. I can't seem to get it out the door. I keep massaging it and making it a little better and a little better. At some point, you've got to say, 'Creditors. I think I'd better ship it now.'

"I've spent many, many hours on jobs. One house I worked on, I spent two and a half years working on it. I had six employees, and I subcontracted everybody I knew that had free time that was a smith. There was railing and more railing, light fixtures, and just all kinds of stuff. Just little details for interior decorating, little plates and grills. This was a house over here in Rancho Santa Fe. I made all of these doorknobs. I basically did the hardware on this house — stainless steel hardware and the connecting hardware. This house was really clean and had wonderful light fixtures. Really beautiful stuff, nothing flashy going on. A lot of artwork in it."

Schraeder showed me a picture of a doorknob inlaid with copper and brass.

"In order to do that I actually layer it up. I put a layer of copper, a layer of brass, a layer of copper. And they're bars 2 inches square and then 16 inches long. Then they're machined, and then I start forging it out and twisting it. That's how I get the material to flow. In the oven, it becomes crystalline, so it won't stick together. It's not homogenous, so we need to get the grain in it again. We've got to go through this process of pulling it out like taffy and getting grain into it. And after I get it so far out, then I can start twisting it, and rolling it, and get the grain to move around."

Schraeder showed me pictures of a house that had been built around several ten-foot boulders, including one that dominated the entry hall. He had been sent in by the architect when the house was 80 percent complete to continue the granite motif with designs on the front doors, then granite doorknobs set against bronze leaves. To the left of the hall was a curved granite staircase going up to the master bedroom. Schraeder made the staircase and a balcony section on top, a $30,000 job. The balustrades of the staircase had a delicate art nouveau design, scrolling, musical shapes supporting a ribbon of bronze. At the foot of the handrailing was an apple-shaped finial made from a ball of granite and partly enclosed by silica bronze. Again, the impression of all this weight was one of weightlessness.

"Unfortunately for us common folks," said Schraeder, "it requires money to do a lot of this stuff. It's often hard to do things economically by my value system. That's probably a battle in itself, trying to figure it out. How much will this cost? I've got enough experience to know it's going to take so much, and I can see there's going to be a problem here and a problem there. It's the hours that we put into it. That's the formula right there. I break it down into four different categories: design time, fabrication time, finishing time, and then installation. Often you can spend more time doing the finishing than the actual fabricating. How are you going to paint it or polish it, or how are you going to treat it after you're done fabricating it. Like this staircase with the granite finial — all of this bottom section is steel that has been sprayed with bronze. There is a gun that does what's called 'metalizing,' that has bronze or whatever kind of wires, zinc wires, or whatever, that come into it, and it electrically melts the wires with a big welding-type transformer. Then there is a force of air that blows it onto the steel. So that metalizing process is really critical here. The steel was all cleaned up. They sent it out and sandblasted it and then sprayed the whole thing with bronze. Then I brought it back in and sanded it, because it's pretty rough after it gets sprayed. So I sanded it down, then painted the whole thing black, and then rubbed it

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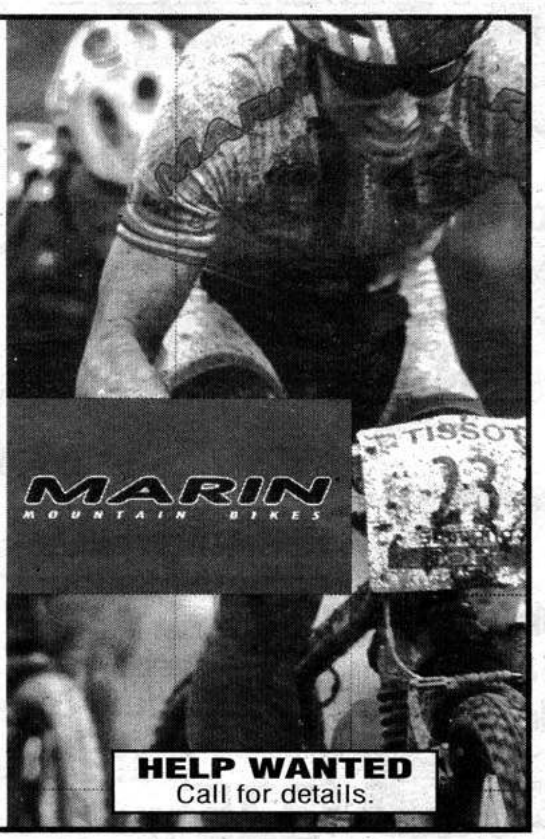
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Bob Filner Draws Pro-life Opposition in Newly Created 51st Congressional District

By Bob McPhail

"I prayed for Bob Filner yesterday morning when I went to Mass. I prayed that he would repent, that he would convert, that he would become pro-life," says Daniel Ramirez, who, like Filner, is a lifelong Democrat. But Ramirez is quick to qualify that label: "I'm a Democrat, not a Dummycrat. I vote pro-life."

Filner by creating a Latino majority. The demographic makeup of the district bears that out: 53.3 percent Hispanic, 14.5 percent Asian, 10.8 percent African-American.

"Filner knows nothing about how this community lives and breathes," says Ramirez. "He has no business running in this district. He has nothing in common

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all out, and sanded it out some more, and then highlighted it. So a tremendous amount of time was spent on finishing."

Schraeder most often works with the builder, then the architect, then the owner. His customers, as one might suspect, are well heeled. People of whom he says, "When they want something, they're going to get it. I don't believe it's a big problem." But now after doing 20 or so staircases and dozens of gates, Schraeder wants to scale down.

"The big gates, big railings, I'm not really excited about those anymore. They're so difficult to flip around and pick up and move. I don't want to do the physical kind of thing like that anymore. It's lost its thrill. And it also requires having help, and I don't want any help anymore either. I just want to be a one-man show. But I don't like to get too small. Light fixtures, I really like. I want to do more of that caliber of thing. I want to do more items for inside the home. Or, actually, I'd like to do some lawn sculptures, do some fountains. I want to use more of the copper and brass. I'd like to play with some silver. I'd like to get more into the exotic, or, what's a good word, more jewelry-ish, but not jewelry. I'm going to see where I can just work two weeks a month. Work-work, money-generating work. And then the other time, spend a week or so working with the property, and then a week just doing creative stuff, just artwork. That's kind of the scope I have. And I can see it happening probably within the year. There are so many things to dabble in, so many things to do. After all, I'm here in this paradise with the peacocks."

And the black flies, I reminded him.

"Well, the peacocks have something to eat. I don't feed them. I don't think they eat the black flies. I've got to find out what the predator is for black flies."

I had told Schraeder about Noair Khatchatrian and the *Viper Rum* statue. I'd also mentioned that Noro appeared to have black lung disease and had said that all Russian blacksmiths died young. That had amazed Schraeder. He said he knew of no American blacksmith who had ever had black lung disease.

The day after talking to Schraeder, I called Kent Scott to see if he had heard from Noro. Yes, Noro had called, and he had given him my telephone number. Had Noro made any decision about coming back to work for Scott? "He's still not sure," said Scott. What about other artisan blacksmiths, I asked. Was there anyone else I could talk to?

"Try Robert Rochin. He's got some fantastic stuff. Rochin did fencing in the same order as me, in the fact that he did a lot of big work. He did tracts, and had a bunch of crews, a bunch of employees. Then he got out of it just to do ornamental work."

Robert Rochin's shop is in San Marcos, in a rural area that will soon be eaten up by subdivisions. I drove out into the country till I came to a long dirt driveway bordered on either side by tall palms. At the end of the driveway was an old single-story house. I went around it, and I reached Rochin's shop in the middle of a sort of barnyard, except that it had great chunks of metal and old machinery instead of animals. There was a lot of rust and a lot of flowers, tall grass, and a few oaks. At first glance, the shop seemed hardly more than a shack with corrugated metal walls and a peaked metal roof. It was a sixth the size of Schraeder's shop and had about a quarter of the tools, though Rochin does more work than Schraeder. But it was just as cluttered with partially completed projects — lamps and chandeliers — tools, propane tanks, shelves to the ceiling full of long metal rods, presses, a giant stepladder, and a variety of mysterious objects undoubtedly indispensable to the blacksmith's trade. Rochin's two Hispanic assistants, Alvaro and Leo, who have been with him many years, were banging away at long bars of metal, then Alvaro paused to get Rochin, who was in his small office at one end



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of the building.

Rochin is 50, a portly man with a trimmed gray beard and mustache, bald on top with gray on the sides, brown eyes. He was wearing a brown leather apron that hung past his knees, jeans, and a white shirt. His face is thin and young-looking, the face of a person who likes his job, that sort of contentment. He started doing metalwork in the late '60s and became a fencing contractor in the early '70s, although, as he told me, even to do ornamental gates, one needs a contractor's license.

I was struck that the blacksmiths I talked to all lived and worked in what seemed to me — coming from downtown San Diego — as out-of-the-way places: Carlsbad, Vista, San Marcos, Temecula, and there was a Polish blacksmith who I was never able to find who lived in Alpine.

"Well, in medieval times," said Rochin as we sat in his office, "blacksmiths were kept way out in the country. They didn't let them in town because of the possibility of fire. There were sparks, pounding, noise. They were seen as being close to the devil. In fact, blacksmiths were seen as working with demons. So they didn't want those people close to town. And it's funny. We're not working with demons now, but there's still a mystique that people have. Maybe that's why we're all out here."

Born in La Jolla, Rochin was brought up in Carlsbad, then moved to San Diego. His father had a restaurant in Oceanside: the Acapulco Gardens on Hill Street. As for Rochin's original training, he got it in high school metal shop. And as for the equipment in his shop, it's pretty basic. Kent Scott would never call him a tool freak.

"We don't have too much," Rochin told me. "We don't need any special tools because it's almost all hand done. We use mostly soldering, welding. We've got an old metal abrasive cutting saw and a band saw that we use occasionally. I just bought a power hammer. We'll have it here probably in a month, because until now we pounded the steel by hand. And I have a homemade gas forge. We used to have a coal forge. They're real smoky, real messy, but they are hot. You can do things with that you can't do with gas. You can be more specific on the heat because the heat is localized. Whereas a gas forge, everything that's in the forge gets hot. And when we're doing small pieces, sometimes that's not what you need. You kind of need both."

Rochin turns out more work than Schraeder mostly because he has two full-time assistants, but also perhaps because of his experience as a contractor. He is used to that schedule and is booked solid for over a year in advance, with a mixture of straightforward bread-and-butter jobs, as he calls them, and more artistic and ornamental jobs. Along with gates, staircases, and hardware for private homes, he has done the valet area for the Orleans Casino in Las Vegas — steel oak leaves on vines in four-foot clusters hanging down eight feet and going all around 180 feet of the area, as well as ornamental work for some San Diego–area restaurants, including Mister A's, George's at the Cove, and Prime 10.

"They were seen as being close to the devil."

I asked Rochin if he had any favorite style. He leaned back in his chair and thought about it.

"I really prefer the contemporary work. The hand-forged stuff is fine too. And when we get into some theme stuff, that's a lot of fun. I'm not too picky. Anything that challenges me. Anybody that wants to do something different, I really like to do different stuff. And truly I'm not motivated by money. I mean, look at my truck, my shop. I need to do better in that direction. What I have now are clients that keep me busy. And that's fine, because those kind of clients let me do the kind of work that I like. Though people who want something just kind of nifty, or small — people who don't have a lot of money — they'll call and describe something interesting, and I'll say, yeah, we'll do it."

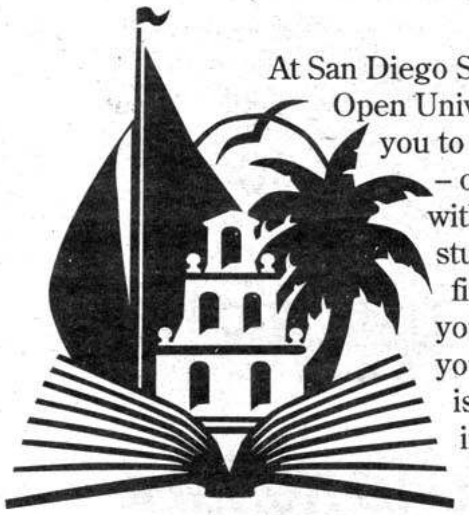
I mentioned the problem that Schraeder had described, of being such a perfectionist that it was hard to let the work out of the shop, hard to let it go.

"Absolutely. Yes, I run into that. Maybe it's my ego again, the voice that says, 'I can do this.' You get a concept in your mind. You have a design. You bid a job. But you really have to bid it in your mind before you bid it on paper. I have to know what fasteners and materials I'm going to use. I have to know all of this stuff because it's going to cost me. Because as you start working, things change. And you start thinking, If I did it this other way, then it would be better. And you get into this thing where this work has to be the very best. You keep thinking how you can make it even better.

"There was a time, when I bid the job, I would make the price — and give them what they paid for. But I never got to do anything I wanted to do. So I made a decision — this was several years ago — I just decided I didn't give a shit. This is my work and nobody is going to pay me to do good work if I don't start doing good work. So I started giving people a lot of deals, even if it wasn't really by choice. For instance, there was a lady who wanted a staircase, and her only direction was that she wanted tassels. She loved tassels. But this took a lot of time. I spent three days just making tassels — forged-steel tassels with little forged-steel threads. I mean, making tassels and throwing them away, making them and throwing them away, until I came up with a real simple design how we could do it, a design that I was satisfied would follow through in the pattern. And all the tassels were different because they were forged. That's the kind of detail that you spend a lot of time on and never recoup the money. You know, you never get paid.

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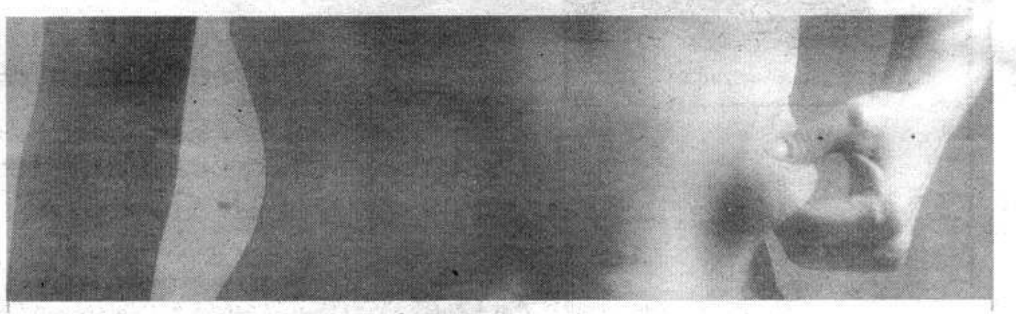


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about what I do that I don't like, which is maybe because of my experience doing tract work and working with people, is that I understand schedules. And having that knowledge is almost a curse, because I really try and keep to schedules the best I can. So when I take longer on a job to make it as good as I can, it can be a real punishment. There was a stairway that took almost exactly one month longer than what I had anticipated, and I hated it. The pressure was too much. And the money I spent for that extra month — I ate it. I bid the job. It's locked in. The owner has his bank note set and all of that. He's not going to materialize any money for me. It was my choice to make it something better than it was, than what I bid. But that happens. That happens.

"Actually what happened was, I told the guy I wanted to do something special, would he mind if I made a little change? So he said, how about if we go from three-quarter-inch railings to one-inch? I said, yes, we can do that, sure. Well, I've been in the steel business for years, but it didn't occur to me that a one-inch-square bar is almost double the mass of a three-quarter-inch-square bar. So every one of those pieces that we bent required double the effort. I mean, I had to fill the acetylene tanks probably three or four times. One time would have been enough for the three-quarter-inch, by far, with extra. A lot more gas, hours and hours, to bend those heavy bars. An extra month of work and the schedule ruined. The pattern itself was nothing — cut, clean welding.

"And the architect said the railing overpowered his house. He was very happy with it, but he told me the railing was more than what he wanted. It dominates your eye when you walk in. It's such a grand focal point, it's so massive. It was beautiful, but it was too much. And I can see that. I'm proud of my work and it's a beautiful stairway, but compared to the entire house and all of the other little details that the architect designed, it's just, you know, you walk into the house and, 'Wow, what a stairway.' That's what everybody does. The lady said, I never knew that in my lifetime I could have something like that, that I could have something... That's how she felt about it."

For a door handle, Rochin had forged a little green octopus.

Rochin had taken out a portfolio of photographs and was leafing through it: staircases, elaborate doors, sconces and torches, gates and fire screens. He paused at one.

"This is a pretty simple design — a 3½- by 6-foot gate I did for a lady in Del Mar. Her only direction to me was she wanted dolphins in her gate. I wanted it to look like this dolphin was poking its head through the kelp. It's the same thing on both sides. It's exactly the same image duplicated on the other side."

The two jumping dolphins were made from copper; the rising leaves of kelp were steel with a bluish green copper patina. For a door handle, Rochin had forged a little green octopus. As with Schraeder's work, there was the sense of weightlessness, that if the gate had not been attached by its hinges to a stonewall, it would simply float away.

He moved on to another gate, something far more complicated, for a driveway, a $50,000 job ("I should have gotten $60,000," he said). The gate was made up of three elaborate trees, their branches rising to a mass of leaves that ran across the top, and all of it constructed out of copper and steel and measuring 8 by 17 feet. Vines wound around the branches, and sitting on the gate were five parrots, as if someone had been scattering bread crumbs on the driveway. At the very top of the gate a parrot was spreading its wings, ready to take off. In the picture, they looked like actual parrots.

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"That was a real job for me. I mean, it was a labor of love while we were doing it. These people had money, and they were doing this incredible remodeling, the whole landscape and the house. From the beginning, their only direction was, 'I want parrots on my gate.' They looked like accountants, really straitlaced, and a conservative-looking home. I thought they'd want something really plain. I did the designs for them of parrots in cages, this kind of theme style, Rancho Santa Fe style with parrots — large parrots and small parrots, four different plans. But the last one, the one that I really liked, was the trees. I didn't even want to show it to them. It seemed too far out. It was underneath. But I had it with me. You never know. 'That's it,' they said. 'We want that one.' I said, 'Great. Wow. Really?' "

So what had seemed like local birds hanging out on a neighborhood gate were forged metal birds: stretching and preening their feathers and glancing around. A number of Rochin's gates and stairways had these complicated designs, a sort of baroque elaboration, while other work — staircases and railings, in particular — were simple geometric designs. Mistakenly, I assumed the geometric stuff was the bread-and-butter stuff. We were looking at a staircase with a long handrail extending over a number of stainless steel panels — all very uncomplicated, I thought.

"No, no, no," said Rochin. "This is very difficult. It looks straightforward, but it's not. It's all of this stainless steel wire with a handrail. The handrail is continuous, but the panels are separate. So to get it to line up — it's a lot of layout and a lot of figuring. Whereas with filigree, there's a lot of room for error. There's a lot of room to fudge and bend stuff around; a lot of room to play. I'll show you a prime example."

"Big bucks, big bucks compared to what I do. There are so many other trades that are part of a house, or a construction — I'm just a little guy."

He drew out two photographs — one of a staircase with curls and swoops, metal that bent around with embellishments and what appeared to be heart-shaped grape leaves of different sizes. The other was a relatively short chrome staircase with a geometric design of just three or four rails, and glass panels under the handrail.

"I have as much or more time in this contemporary job as I do in this other. So that very simple geometric piece is in fact extremely complicated. The staircase with the leaves — there's a lot of room for fudging. And in the geometric piece, the pipe frame is nothing. Easy, fast. Just literally minutes' work. The time was, we had to then cut it apart. It had to be chromed. When we cut it apart, everything moved out of position. So now we have to get all of this stuff back — straight, perfect, and lined up. Then we have to have all of these inner sleeves with hidden connections, then polishing this copper — these are copper strips that hold the glass in. We have the steel inside here and a lot of stuff you don't see. You know, hours and hours pre-installing the steel in beds beneath the marble and making sure that everything lines up, so when you go in there, it just drops in place, so you don't see any fasteners. Little things like this little button back here to hold it to the wall. It's drilled and tapped and threaded, with no fasteners showing. Those little details — they look so simple, but, seriously, we have as much time, or more, in this job than we do in the other one. A lot of guys don't like to do this kind of work, because they get into it, and then people start saying, 'Well, that's not what I was looking for,' because you didn't bid enough for it. They didn't price it right because it's so much work."

Rochin has a stack of pen-and-ink drawings of his designs, not just the gates and staircases but also furniture, like tables. So there is the artwork as it exists in the drawing, the work in its final realization — the gate with the parrots — and then there is the space between, the process of moving from sheet of paper to the finished gate, the intricacy and puzzle of putting it together.

"That's really my challenge," said Rochin. "That's what turns me on: the puzzle of putting it together. A lot of what I do comes from

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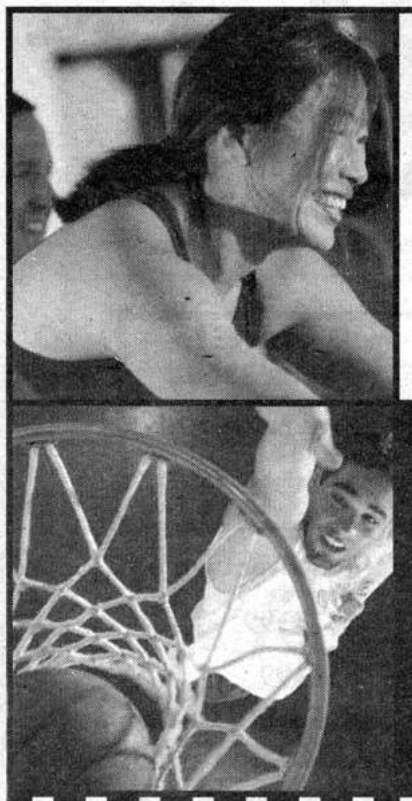
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designers or architects. They'll give me a strong direction, and I kind of have to hold to that. But a lot of time my clients let me design for them. You know, one of the things that I used to do was I had a tendency to overdetail things, to make it too busy. Now I tend to be going in the contemporary, geometric style. Not all of it is geometric, but the contemporary, very simple, even though it can be very frustrating because it looks so damn simple and it's not."

But Rochin kept returning to the subject of the schedule — doing his work within a set period of time that carried with it the danger of compromising the quality of his work, because as he raised the level of his challenge, he increasingly endangered the schedule.

"I have a window. I can't start before this happens, but I have to be done before that happens, or the next guy can't do his job. And I have several jobs running at the same time with these windows that keep coming at me. I have to be ready to start here, and sometimes they overlap and it doesn't work. Or I'll get into a thing where the job is not right yet, or it's going to take longer, so we just have to work harder. Or sometimes we wind up just putting the job out. We don't sacrifice anything, but we don't have time to make mistakes, you know? There's a lot of pressure there.

"And I'm just a peon. Really, I'm a small peon. Look at the guys who do stonework, all of these floors and counters and all. They do an incredible job. Big bucks, big bucks compared to what I do. There are so many other trades that are part of a house, or a construction — I'm just a little guy. Although I know I'm important, I know where I'm at. But I really like it when my work plays well with all of the other stuff. To me, that's something I've learned over the years. I really like my work to be part of everything else.

"The ones with the biggest egos are the architects. A lot of them see themselves as Frank Lloyd Wright. They can be the worst, without a doubt. I remember a cartoon, it was a picture of this short guy that looked like a pimp, a cigar in his mouth, and two women who looked like hookers hanging on the side of him. Flashy, a big tie, the whole bit. And this guy is walking down the sidewalk. There is a big guy in front of him, shouting, 'Make way, make way, the architect is coming.' [Rochin laughed.] I thought, That's it, that's it. A lot of flash. But when they want something, it has to be done. You have to do it for them, you have to.

"And there was one guy who was one of the very worst, who really put me in my place. He was very well known. His houses have insignias, and you can recognize his design. He kind of fancies himself a Frank Lloyd Wright type. I'd made a railing that was very simple, a curved stairway. And I asked him if we could do something to dress it up a little bit. Because he'd told me if I had a suggestion, to design it and send it to him. He'd given me that. But then he said some of my suggestions were a little bit too much. He said, 'No, I don't want people walking in this house and looking at your railing.' He wanted people to look at his house, the way the light entered the rooms, the detail of the stone finish. Everything had to be all of a piece. He didn't want everybody to walk in and look at my work and have it be the focus. I said, well, okay, sure, okay. I felt like, screw you. But later on it occurred to me, he's right. The best houses I've done

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were like that. The best, most important things are where I was a part of a big picture. It's easy to put a bunch of castings, or a bunch of stuff together and throw it on there and have it come out looking good unto itself, but not a part of the big picture. And I've learned now to focus more on the big picture and keep my eye on that."

But like Schraeder, Rochin's ambition is to get away from the big construction work, the functional ornamental work.

"Through the years, we've had goals and we've achieved goals. There was a time we were doing ten houses a day, production work, tract work. Now we do probably less than that in a year. That was a goal I wanted to get to, where we were doing really nice work. But the next thing is to get to where we're doing almost pure art pieces, you know? Actually I'm pushing more in that direction all of the time. And the detail and all of the things we work hard at to make it look simple. To make it look like it was just meant to be that way. To make it look effortless, yes. Again, back to the architect. To make the individual piece look like it's part of the whole thing, part of the whole design. And you know what? It's a long learning process, and I'm still trying to learn it. In fact, I'd like to do some sculpting. We went up to Sedona not long ago, and I was really impressed with some of the big garden arches they had there. I saw things I hadn't seen before. So that's a direction I want to go in. You know, mobiles, things like that. Things that move outside, large pieces. Like Calder. Very simple."

I kept asking Rochin if he saw himself as an artist, but he shied away from the term. His assistants, Alvaro and Leo, were artists because of the quality of their work, and Rochin's wife saw him as an artist, but he couldn't call himself an artist.

"For me personally, maybe I'm a craftsman. Some of what I do is art, some of it is. Decorative art. But when I see people call themselves artists, or a lot of them, their minds are different. They're flashier, or they think they're something special. I don't hang around people like that, so I don't know. But that's my definition of it, and I just don't see myself fitting into that. Maybe it's hard to call oneself an artist and be humble at the same time. I have things that work out well, and every now and then I start feeling like I'm pretty good. I feel pretty cocky, like, boy, I really know what I'm doing now. And then something will happen to straighten me right out. You're not going to cut corners. You've got to go back to basics, and you've got to keep your eye focused. It's hard to do. The work is physically hard and it's challenging. It's amazing how many people underestimate the difficulty of what our work is. I get humble, I do."

"I've been 20 years doing the same job. My lungs are no good. I'm doing myself injuries."

To Rochin also I had mentioned Noair Khatchatrian and had asked if he had ever heard of American blacksmiths contracting black lung disease. But, no, he hadn't.

In the meantime, Noro hadn't called. I went back to Kent Scott's office to see if he would give me Noro's phone number. This time he agreed. In addition, beneath a pile of papers, he had found Noro's address. It turned out that Noro also lived in Carlsbad, about five blocks away, and not in Vista as Scott had thought. Still, it took half a dozen phone calls before I could reach him and then a lot of talking before he agreed to see me.

It was a shabby apartment house on a dead-end street next to the railway tracks. Noro's apartment was on the first floor — very plain with simple furniture. His wife and son were out. After I introduced myself, his first words to me were, "I think this is useless, you know."

I asked why. Noro has a thick Russian accent, and his English is weak with pronoun and tense problems and misused words. It made him self-conscious and was another reason he felt unwilling to talk. In addition, his voice sounded tired and joyless.

"Because I cannot stay here. I have a problem. I will stop blacksmith job. I've been 20 years doing the same job. My lungs are no good. I'm doing myself injuries. That's why I stopped working for Mr. Scott. I have black lung. I have been fighting these injuries. It is from the iron. I cannot continue this job. The same job I did for three years — it was working with iron. And I coughed, coughed, coughed, morning and noon. That's all. I spoke with Mr. Scott yesterday, and I told him that I cannot continue."

The Coaster was approaching, blowing its horn all the way. We had to raise our voices over the sound. I wondered how many times a day Noro and his family had to put up with this. As the train rushed by and the dishes rattled on the shelves, Noro tried to describe how working with iron and a hot furnace had ruined his lungs.

Although Noro is 42, he looked closer to 50. He is bald and clean-shaven with a round pale face, dark eyes, and a dour smile. He wore a blue shirt with a pattern of blue leaves and long blue jean shorts. He coughed constantly and covered his mouth. Often he laughed, but it wasn't the laugh of someone who found anything funny. His laugh was just a deeper level of seriousness. We sat at a small dining room table, and again he made it clear that he didn't want to talk to me, that he had nothing to say. "My career was over a long time ago," he said.

However, when I asked him what sort of work he did in Russia and in Europe, his mood improved a little. "Same job," he told me. "I show you."

Noro brought out a scrapbook of photographs of his work, some no more than snapshots. He was proud of it and he grew

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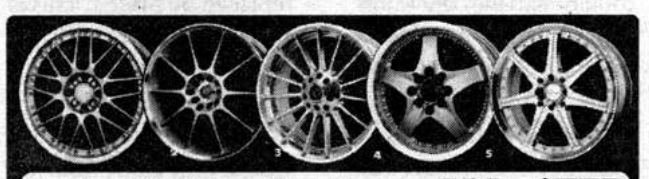
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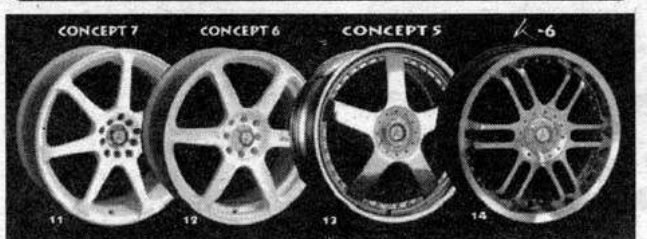


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more animated. Although as he kept talking, he also kept coughing, kept stumbling over his words, searching for the right one, which always seemed out of reach.

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The work was very intricate, baroque fencing with careful swirls, small delicate flowers ringed by leaves with a fragile tracery of veins. I asked if he worked with coal, but he misunderstood me, thinking I had said "cold."

"No, no, first of all you must put the iron to the forge, then when you have the rod red-hot, then you can hammer it, then with the template you make the flower — you use a flat bar, an inch by a half-inch, an inch by three-eighths. All of it is handwork with a hammer and anvil. You can make leaves with the power hammer, but not the flowers."

Noro showed a gate that he had done in Long Beach before he had worked with Scott. As with Schraeder and Rochin, there was the impression of weightlessness. I asked Noro if he considered himself an artist. He found it a foolish question.

"Yes," he said emphatically, "I see myself as an artist."

He moved on to show me staircases: elaborate, forged work, often with leaves and flowers and intertwining vines moving up marble stairways.

"This isn't Russia. Russian people have no interest in this work. This is Europe — the Czech Republic and in Germany. Here is a door, the design is like a coffee tree, the leaves. [The door is covered with leaves.] This is with a power hammer. First of all, you can put the flat bar in the forge, and then with the round hammer you hammer it and make many leaves. Without the power hammer you cannot make similar leaves. It's too hard a job. Even ten blacksmiths together if they hammer it cannot. Big hammer, five tons.

"This is a church, a door for a church — a wreath of leaves with pomegranates. It's my design. The priest was very happy. And this is

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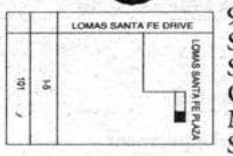
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a bed that a customer wanted with leaves. Here is another gate with leaves. And flowers, any flowers, no problem, copper or iron. Or dolphins, one customer wanted dolphins."

The skill of the work, to my eye, often seemed equal to the skill of Schraeder and Rochin, though many times Noro had been working in poor conditions with inferior equipment.

I told him that Scott had said he could copy anything that Scott gave him. Again Noro didn't completely understand.

"It easy to copy. The *Viper Rum* was my first statue, because my former boss only liked production work." Noro laughed his mordant laugh, then coughed and covered his mouth. "They like just production. I like art, but I don't have more time for art. I am a poor person. I work just for rent, for food. I make little money. Blacksmith job is a hard job, nobody respects it, nobody pays you good pay. Each blacksmith has a lung problem. In the working career, there's always dust, bad working conditions, noise."

Now Noro said he was going temporarily to Los Angeles, but not to work. He knew people there, knew a doctor. He hoped to recuperate. "I have this problem. I cannot work for a long time, maybe for three or four months. Maybe never. Every day I cough, more and more. One week ago I had bleeding with cough. Even I have fever sometimes. At night. All over craft, all over craft."

At first I didn't understand him, then I realized that he meant that his life as a blacksmith was over — that what he saw as his art was over.

"You can love the craft, but when you have no work, you cannot love not doing the craft. I love doing what I do." He stopped and looked away, frustrated that he couldn't find the right words. "I have many mistakes. I don't like talking. One more question. Mr. Scott told me about your article. I think this is not what I need. Please go. Later maybe, three or four months, I can talk. Maybe later I will have less problems. Now I cannot work. I had a long history. I learned from college. All my life — 20 years — I have worked in bad conditions. Blacksmith job is a dying craft. Ironwork is being replaced by plastic. This is a plastic century. It is no good for iron. The 21st Century will be a plastic century. From the end of the 19th Century the blacksmith job began to go down. There are many reasons. First of all, people like the different gates or screens or statues or something, but they don't have the money to pay for it. And second, it's a hard job. Nobody pays

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But, I said, there must be something you love about it.

Noro gave me a look that suggested I wasn't very bright. "Okay, first of all, if you like art, then somebody must support your family. You don't get money for art, and so you need money to support your family. And you don't have time for art, because art takes time. Because it's detailed, it's not fast. One post here, one post there, put chain — that's it. That's fast, but it's not art. [He laughed.] But a statue is more detailed. Detail is important. Anyway, blacksmith's craft began dying 100 years ago. In Russia it is no more. In Europe it will go soon. In United States the same. In California — I checked the Internet — there are only three blacksmiths' shops — one in Monterey and two others. That's it for my interview. My interview is over. Trust my interview."

We looked at each other. I realized that Noro knew nothing of the blacksmiths' association in California with its 600 members, that he was ignorant of many things. He had never heard of Schraeder or Rochin and that they had more work than they could handle, didn't know that the national organization was growing, not shrinking. He didn't realize there was an increasing market for ornamental iron; that, actually, a blacksmith with his skills ought to be in great demand. But when I tried to tell Noro some of this, he only shook his head. For instance, he couldn't believe that American blacksmiths didn't suffer from black lung. And when I told him that Schraeder liked working with and teaching young blacksmiths, he could hardly credit it. His skepticism seemed to rise out of his illness and deep depression. He simply appeared to have no hope.

"I cannot see any college or art college teaching it here or in Europe. They have no blacksmith teachers. They have just glass, wood. They don't have iron. That is why this craft is finished. Nobody likes it. Young people don't like it. When young people learn about the problems — the lung problems and money problems — they run away and look for other jobs. They learn, but they don't use it. Actually, this is an economic problem. If somebody paid well for the job, then the craft would go up, because it is a hard job, and with more money and more responsibility the quality would get better. But $10 is nothing. This came from Mr. Scott. This is what he paid me."

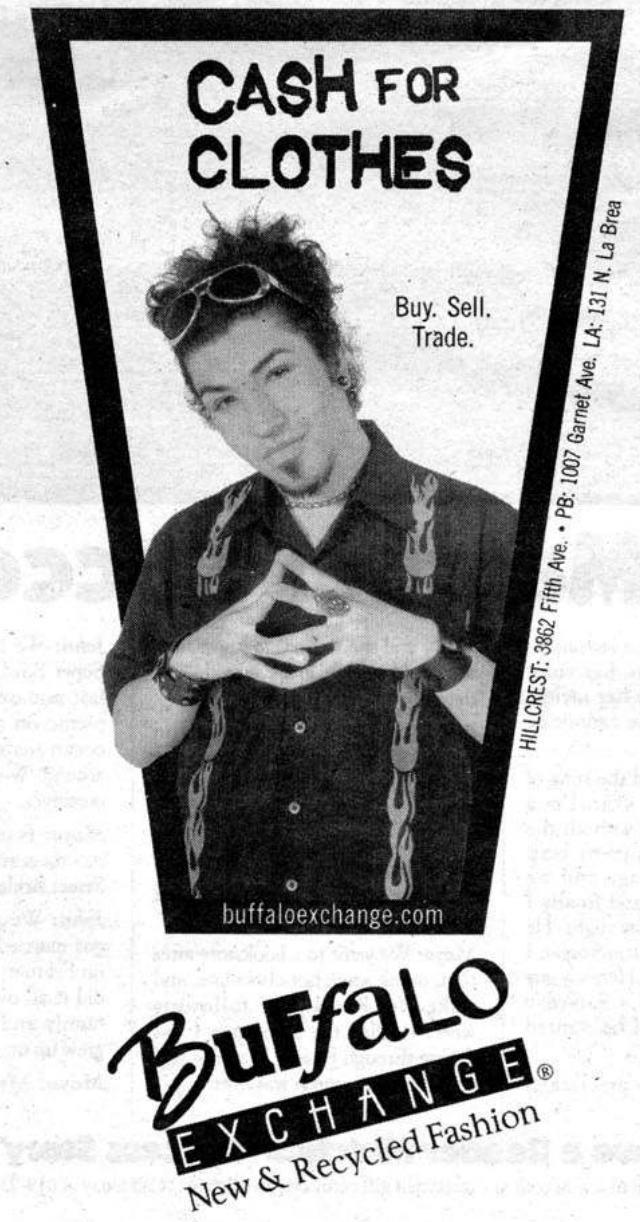
Later, when I asked Scott about this, he was rather defensive, saying that $10 was Noro's take-home pay after the taxes and benefits had been taken out, while Noro's previous employer hadn't taken out for anything. He added that if he happened to sell one of Noro's candelabras or













wine racks or statues, he would give Noro a percentage of the profit, perhaps half.

I thought of the statues that Scott wanted Noro to do — Stevie Ray Vaughan and Vincent van Gogh — life-size, forged-iron statues. Grueling work, Scott had called it, probably five months on each.

So you won't do those statues for Scott? I asked.

Noro shook his head. "Maybe later, not right now. Later. Maybe in the future I can work for Mr. Scott, but now I cannot. I have a fever and I cough. Anyway, if I make a gate, then my gate is for Mr. Scott. But if I make my own gate and it is from my idea, then how do I sell it? That's why the customer cannot pay me, because I'm working for Mr. Scott and I get $10 an hour. It's Mr. Scott's gate. So it's a hard job. That's my last opinion — it's a hard job with little money, that's why those blacksmiths run."

Noro got to his feet. That was all the time he was going to give me. We shook hands at the door and it clicked shut behind me. When I got to my car across the street, I glanced back over my shoulder and saw Noro looking from the window, his round, pale, expressionless face. Then he let the curtain swing back across the glass.

I thought of what Schraeder had said about how lucky he had been always to land on his feet, how the money always seemed to come when he needed it. Then there was Rochin's ability to do whatever he wanted and his ambition to create pure art pieces. Both men saw themselves as growing in their craft, as improving at what they did, even though they were already at the top of their profession. And here was Noair Khatchatrian, a man of tremendous skill, coughing and spitting blood and envying the man who mowed the lawn.

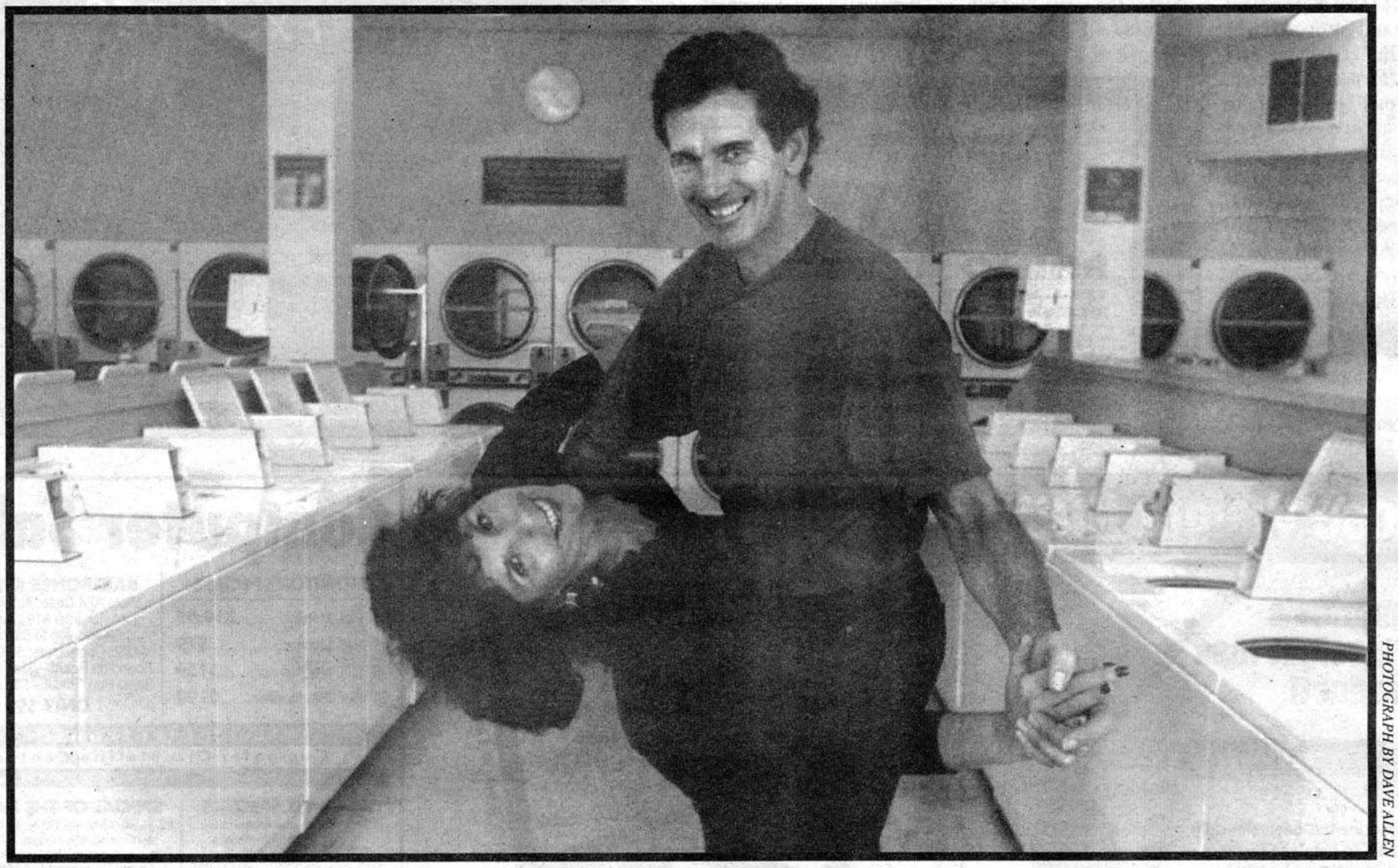
"All over craft," he had said, "all over craft." Which had two meanings — his life and work was all about the craft, and for him, at least, the craft was finished.

Three months later, I called Kent Scott from the East Coast to see if he had heard from Noro. "I haven't heard a peep," said Scott, "and he hasn't returned my calls. But Mike saw him."

Mike works for Scott, and he got on the line. He was optimistic. "I ran into him last week. Noro looks a lot better and says he feels better. He's got his color back. He seemed happy. He's got a temp job at a car wash, and he's training to be a truck driver. As for blacksmithing, he just doesn't want to do it anymore. Here's what he says, 'I've done blacksmithing for 20 years. I make things for the boss, the boss makes lots of money and I make very little.' That's an exact quote." ■

— Stephen Dobyns

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Maya: This was around the time of the Super Bowl this year. I'm a massage therapist, and with all the athletes in town, I was pretty busy. John left me a message and we talked several times, and finally I paged him on a Saturday night. He called me back from a laundromat. I thought, "This is cool. Here's a guy doing his laundry on a Saturday night." I asked him if he wanted some company.

John: The place was practically empty and she wanted to know how she could recognize me. I said, "I'm the only 6'6" guy in here."

Maya: He was standing by the dryers when I came in. I went over and he gave me a little hug.

John: She said, "I'm here." I thought, "Yes, you're finally here." I was taken with her right from the start. She was so gorgeous and then she started folding my shirts.

Maya: We went to a bookstore after that, drank some hot chocolate, and talked for hours. The following week, I called the other guys I was dating through Reader Matches and told them my search was over.

John: We had a date to watch the Super Bowl that Sunday, but at the last minute we decided to have a picnic on a bluff overlooking the ocean instead. There was nobody around. We had the whole place to ourselves.

Maya: Four days later, John asked me to marry him on the Spruce Street Bridge.

John: We met on January 25 and got married in a private ceremony on February 9. Two months later we did it all over again, in front of our family and friends at the house I grew up in.

Maya: My granddaughters fight over him now. We just took them to Yosemite. We've also gone camping at Green Valley Falls and in Anza Borrego.

John: I can't believe I've found someone who likes to be outdoors as much as I do, but who makes me like staying at home. We were made for each other.

Maya: I think it's important to keep looking for the right person and not settle for less. There are no maybes.

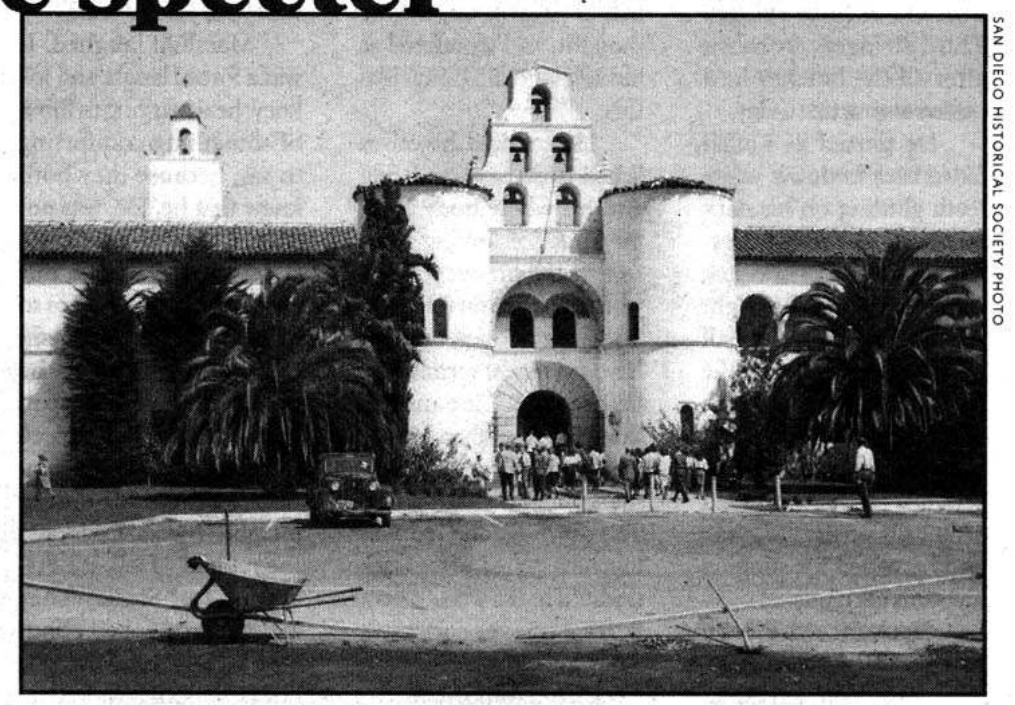
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Chapter 8

Corpus of Joe Bailey

Frat House Specter



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Corpus of Joe Bailey returns the narration to Joe's voice; it's a year and a half later, and Joe's in his sophomore year at Cal Berkeley, struggling with his second-string status on the football team and down fraternity row. Class and culture take on new meaning this fall, as Joe recounts, recoils, and rethinks whether people and things are what they seem.

i The varsity was working on pass defense. From his second-string right-halfback position, Joe watched Gallaway, the quarterback, take the throw from center, fade to the right, bounce and fake, fade again. The first-string center broke through the line, and Joe stepped forward and swung his body to check him lightly. He heard the slap of hands on leather as the pass was caught.

Straightening, he saw that the second-string tackle and fullback had mousetrapped Marshall Trask, his fraternity brother, his friend — something that didn't happen very often. He heard the backfield coach bawling out the back in whose defensive zone the pass had been caught; he cursed at the involuntary jerk of his head as his own name was yelled.

"Give it to him hard, Bailey! Don't just stand in his way!"

Yowsah, massa, yowsah, Joe thought, but he was sweating. At the other end of the field, where the grass was sparse and worn into patches of brown dirt, the third string was scrimmaging with the scrubs. He'd probably be back in that other scrimmage pretty soon, he thought morosely, resentfully. You have to get through college, everybody told him, and he believed it; and if you just played football they pay your way, they had told him, and he still believed that too. And so in Imperial Valley he'd worked 14 months year before last, on the end of a shovel and then a jackhammer, in heat that got up above 120 degrees, living in a tarpaper shack with 70 other men, allowing oneself one Coke a day and a show and maybe a beer or two on Sundays, and trips back to San Diego to see Con Robinson, and his father and Ruth, only twice, at Christmas and Easter — lonely and separate from the men he had worked with because he must be superior to them. And because of the fear, which had grown stronger and stronger, that if he didn't get to college and through college he might be like them, whom he had never even got to know; that he might spend the rest of his life working in some loneliness like that, living in some other form of tarpaper shack, which kind of hell would be only incidental to that of having the people he knew in San Diego, in Mission Hills, aware of what he was doing, what had happened to him, Joe Bailey. He had saved enough to start at the University of California, and had sweated through last year on the frosh team, and was now beginning his sophomore year somewhere between the second and third squads. He hadn't seen any signs yet of anybody wanting to pay his way, as Marshall Trask's way was being paid. But he still believed that one day it would be there for him. He had to believe it.

He went through the shift into the next play. The ball spiraled back from between the arched legs of the center. Gallaway faded, bounced, faked. Marshall came ramming through the line like a locomotive. With a sudden intense gathering of his strength, Joe sprang forward and caught him on his shoulder. The power of Marshall's drive crushed him back, but his cleats dug in and the two of them toppled over sideways.

"What're you trying to do, plant me?" he whispered as Marshall hopped up and pulled him to his feet. Marshall grinned his big, thin-lipped grin and trotted away. Joe felt a stirring of resentment, because he, Joe, had tried as hard as he could on that play. But Marshall tried as hard as he could on every play, and Marshall was first-string tackle and would probably be All-Coast this year, and so George Davis, the football-crazy alumnus and Omega Alpha alum too, was paying Marshall's way. Joe slapped his hand against his thigh pad; he was not going to be jealous of Marshall, his friend, his brother, the only person he could really count as both of those.

When they changed over and the second string went to defense, Joe watched Tommy Gallaway trot back to the safety position. Gallaway was a sophomore too, and if Gallaway hadn't been lucky — or hadn't worked harder or simply been better than he, Joe Bailey — then he instead of Gallaway might be playing second-string quarterback, with varsity in the bag next year when Rafael had been graduated, and he might be getting some kind of scholarship or assistance from an old grad like George Davis. But nobody gave

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a damn about a right halfback who was only a blocking back under the system they used at the University of California, and especially a second or third stringer. Third stringer, probably, after all the butches he'd pulled at practice today.

He tensed as Rafael faded back to throw, white teeth glinting on his dark face. Joe back-pedaled, sensing the direction — "Watch how far he pulls his right shoulder back," Marshall had told him — seeing the end streaking for his territory. He leaped up and slugged the ball to the ground. The ball bounded erratically across the grass, and he wiped his stinging hand on his pants.

"You can catch those if you feel like it, Bailey!"

"Well, I don't feel like it," he muttered and felt a sudden shock. Why hadn't he caught it? He had meant to catch it. But he had batted it down on purpose, feeling that everything was hopeless today and oh-what-the-hell-anyway. Jesus, Joe, he thought, and wondered at himself who did things like this.

He was tired, his calves ached from back-pedaling and his whole body from the strain of forcing himself to try on every play, when the coach finally called, "Get your bonnets on. Let's have some real scrimmage before dark." Joe moved along with the others toward the pile of brown helmets the manager was passing out. The sun, huge and red, was touching the top of the track stadium to the west. "Okay, hurry it up," the coach was yelling. "Oregon's only a week from tomorrow."

Marshall came up beside him and slapped him on the shoulder pad. "You're really a ball of fire today," Joe said before Marshall could speak. "What're you trying to do, make All-American your junior year?"

Marshall laughed. It was a forced laugh, and Joe knew he was trying to think of something comforting to say, because they both knew that he, Joe, was not going to make even second-string right halfback this year. He slowed his steps so that Marshall could get out of the obligation to be encouraging by moving past him, but Marshall slowed too. "Say, what do you suppose we'll get for dinner tonight?" Marshall said, and Joe replied, "Hell, it's Friday, isn't it? Steak!" They laughed and joked about the food at the Omega Alpha house while they moved up to get their gear.

He watched Marshall as they talked — the sweat-shining, square, heavy-browed face, the thin-lipped mouth, the acne scars on his jaws and at the back of his neck — thinking that Marshall was a good guy by the criteria he seemed always to have had. There were not many who fit: Peter, who was at Stanford, Hickey Wallace at USC, and Marshall Trask. He wished he would like Marshall whole-heartedly; that he could not was the fault of the fraternity house, he thought — which was strange, because it was Marshall who had done most to get him into the fraternity.

It was dark when, after they had showered and dressed, he and Marshall started for the house, and, as they turned the corner onto Hearst Street, the Campanile chimes began to play "Hail to California." Discouraged and tired, he hoped that Marshall wouldn't feel he had to say something about football practice this afternoon.

"Going to the Gamma dance, Marsh?" he asked.

Marshall shook his head. Their heels rang on the sidewalk in the cool Berkeley night air.

"What's the matter? Laura Lee give you the fluff?"

Marshall grinned. "She moved out of the Gamma house, you know. She and Marilyn Siefert. They got an apartment over on the other side of the campus. Laura Lee's mad at the Gammas or something."

"Her own apartment! Jesus, how come a beat-up old San Joaquin Valley boy like you gets to latch onto all that love and money..." He stopped, wishing he had not said that about love. He was never able to tell how much Marshall was aware of Laura Lee Crown's reputation. Laura Lay, some of the fellows in the house called her, but never when Marshall was around. And he had to dig Marshall about being a valley boy, when now there was the big split in the house between the members from the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys and those from the Bay Area, who more and more openly talked contemptuously of the valley boys as hicks, jerks, and farmers. The talk he could avoid, being from San Diego, but the attitude he could not; he had to align himself, out of some snobbishness of his own, with the Bay Area faction, and so against Marshall.

"Well, hell," he said quickly. "We're an hour late again. What'll you bet there's nothing left to eat?"

"They always leave the fish," Marshall said, hands in pockets, head bent forward. The streetcar tracks ran up Hearst Street hill beside them, gleaming silver under the streetlights. "You looked pretty good on pass defense this afternoon, Joe," Marshall said.

"The hell. Don't kid me, bud."

"No kidding. You'll have that right-halfback spot cinched next year."

"Then somebody'll fix me up with a nice job in the ASUC bookstore," Joe said. "Is that what you mean? Working my tail off for two bits an hour."

They walked along in silence, but after a while Joe went on, "I've got this friend down at USC. You know what they did for him when he was playing about 15th-string fullback on the frosh? Fifty bucks a month for running a goddam cloth up and down a banister every day. Fifty bucks. This damn cheap school."

"Yeah," Marshall said. The house loomed out of the darkness, the windows

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pouring light across the sidewalk and the steps. Beneath a bare bulb above the door a curved plaster shield bore the symbols — ΩA. Marshall held the door open and pushed Joe in ahead of him. *"Merci, merci,"* Joe said.

There were several letters scattered over the table in the hall. Two were addressed to him, one from the dentist, one from Con. He opened the dentist's bill: $20 for having his wisdom teeth out. Twenty damn dollars out of a bank account that kept sinking and sinking until he didn't know how he could last the year out. And if he managed that, what about next year when he wasn't going to have that right-halfback spot cinched? And the year after that? He gritted his teeth and shoved the letters into his hip pocket, thinking that as a kind of punishment he would leave Con's to read later, thinking of the too much money he had spent on Con the past summer, when he had been working on a construction job in San Diego. And now there was nothing to show for it except the letters from Con, which he had to have.

Marshall had gone down the hall to the dining room, and as Joe started after him, Randy Weir came slouching down the stairs in his old unpressed green pants. "Letter from your San Diego sex-outlet there, Joe?" Randy said.

Joe looked at him angrily. "Where's my two bucks? You send them off to Moscow?"

"I'll have it for you next week, Joe."

"Sure. I've heard that before." He moved along the hall. He always wondered what Randy, who was the fraternity red-hot, would have thought if he'd known about Uncle Dick. Maybe he did know; maybe Randy had pushed him for membership as a Commie legacy just as Marshall had pushed him because of football. He supposed he should view it as funny and ironical that Randy was into all his bourgeois fraternity brothers for loans of varying amounts, and that Randy was palling around lately with Bill Strafford, who was just about as different from Randy as he could possibly be. But nothing seemed very funny to him tonight.

Marshall and Pappy Hardaman, the president of the fraternity, were sitting at the long oak table in the dining room. In front of Pappy, who was smoking, were five empty pudding dishes. "Damn you, Pappy," Joe said, yanking a chair back. "If there's none of that left again I'll —"

"Shut up, you silly sophomore," Pappy said. "You'd better learn to be careful how you talk to a senior member." He gave Joe a slow, bland look. Andy Baker, who worked for part

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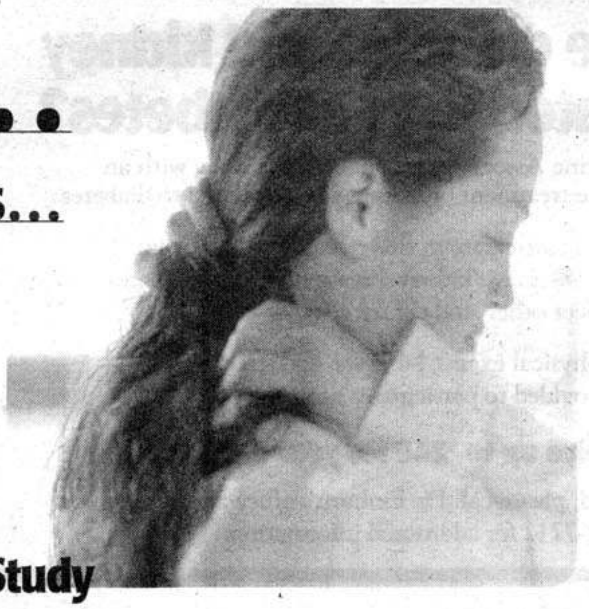
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of his board and room by waiting on tables, came in with two plates of fish, peas, and boiled potatoes.

"Many pots, Andy?" Joe asked.

"Three or four. Easy ones."

"You sure don't work for your money," Pappy said.

"You never worked in your life, fatso," Joe said, scraping the scabby crust of catsup off his fish. There were double portions for him and for Marshall because they played football. The kitchen door whuffed shut behind Andy, and Pappy rubbed his hand across his mouth and got up. "You sure you've had enough, fats?" Joe said. "You sure you don't want about six more desserts to stuff your gut with?"

Pappy waddled out without answering. Last year, when Joe had been a pledge and still awed by the fraternity and the older men in it, he would never have thought of talking to the president like that, but now he was no longer awed. Pappy was only the president because Doc Richards, the previous incumbent, had more or less deeded him the office, fixing the election among the graduating and incoming seniors. Joe considered the senior members, who were almost all from the valley, a poor lot; the juniors were better — Marshall was a junior, as were Bill Strafford, Paul Clay, and Andy Baker. But, except for Marshall, he was uneasy with all of them, who were supposed to be his brothers. Even with the sophomores, who looked up to him as a football player with a fairly high grade-point average, he felt the need for the dignity of separateness, as though to maintain their respect he must hold himself always aloof and slightly unfriendly.

He supposed he would be the same in any other of the 30-odd fraternities on the campus. This one was neither particularly high nor low in prestige — higher than it should have been probably, because of the reputation of its other chapters, but lower than it had been last year, for which everyone blamed the seniors — and Omega Alpha was the only fraternity that had bid him, or even rushed him at all. He had met Marshall Trask when he had gone out for football his first week in Berkeley, and Marshall had asked him up to the house for dinner. There he had met all the members, among them Beans Brock, whom he had known in San Diego. He had gone to a couple of shows with Beans and Marshall, and to a rush party where everyone had consumed too much beer and got drunk and loud and sick. He had been bid, and he had accepted thankfully, for he had dreaded not getting into a fraternity, just as he dreaded his brothers' noticing he had not the money to keep up with them or, eventually, to pay his house bills. He had gone through his semester as a pledge, culminating in hell-week, which he had endured doggedly, amazed and a little envious that for all their complaining at the torture and violence they suffered, the other pledges had rather enjoyed it all, had somehow been bound together by it, as, he supposed, was intended. He had only hated it. But he had been Bill Strafford's roommate, and Bill had helped him along through his pledgeship, and Marshall had tried to make it as easy as he could. Some of the parties in the house, for which, since they cost nothing, he had been able to get dates and attend, had been fun. And it had all impressed Con.

Still, there was no one in the Omega Alpha house with whom he could be unreservedly friends, and he was lonely. Now he would get swats around at the next meeting for sounding off to Pappy Hardaman, who somehow epitomized for him all his dissatisfactions with the fraternity. Sophomores, like the freshman pledges, could still be paddled, and the prospect made him furious. "How'd that clown ever get to be president?" he said to Marshall. "I can't stand that fat clown."

"He's sure hell on chocolate pudding," Marshall said.

Joe took a bite of the fish, which was cold, dry, tasteless. "Hi, Pappy," he heard someone say in the living room, and someone else said, "Hey, Pap, how're we going to make out in rushing this time?"

"Looks good," Pappy said in his hearty fraternity-president's voice. "We'll get a lot of good boys. Bill Strafford's the best rush chairman we ever had."

"I'll bet the Betas and the Phi Delts will ruin us again. They always do."

"Oh, we'll get some real nuggets this time."

"All the farmers' sons." That was Randy's voice, and Joe frowned down at his fish, embarrassed for Marshall, angry and distressed because he had to be disloyal to Marshall in this.

"They're sending them down from the valley by the bushel basket," another voice said. "By the gross gross. All addressed to Omega Alpha."

"The men from the valley are all right," Pappy Hardaman said angrily.

"Backbone of the house."

"Maybe we ought to put in to change the great seal of Omega Alpha to a hog and a hay wagon."

"And a silo instead of Apollo's spear!"

"You fellows shouldn't talk like that," Pappy said. "That's the trouble with this house. You make a joke of the great seal and a joke of the constitution and —"

"Oh, can the cant! Can the frat cant!"

"Now, listen, fellows..."

"Well, they're on us valley boys again," Marshall said.

Joe forced a grin. He drew his fingers across his throat, "*Kkkkkk!* Pretty soon a pogrom."

"I guess," Marshall said.

"How do your courses look, Marsh?"

"Not so good. I've got to make up that incomplete in accounting and —" He looked down, smashing his potatoes with his fork. "I don't know," he said quietly. "I've got this good chance to get a college education with the help Mr. Davis is giving me, but it looks like I haven't got the stuff." He slapped his forehead. "Not enough here," he said. "I'm beginning to think I ought to just drop out of school."

"Crazy if you do. How about getting a tutor for that accounting?"

"It's not just the accounting," Marshall said.

Joe chewed another bite of fish. The back of his mouth felt large and vacant with his wisdom teeth gone. He couldn't help thinking that if Marshall flunked out of school maybe he would get

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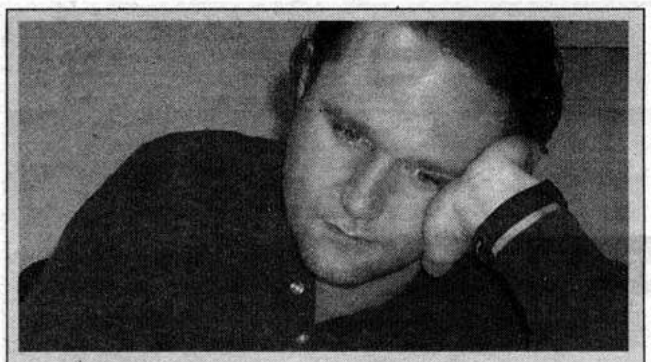
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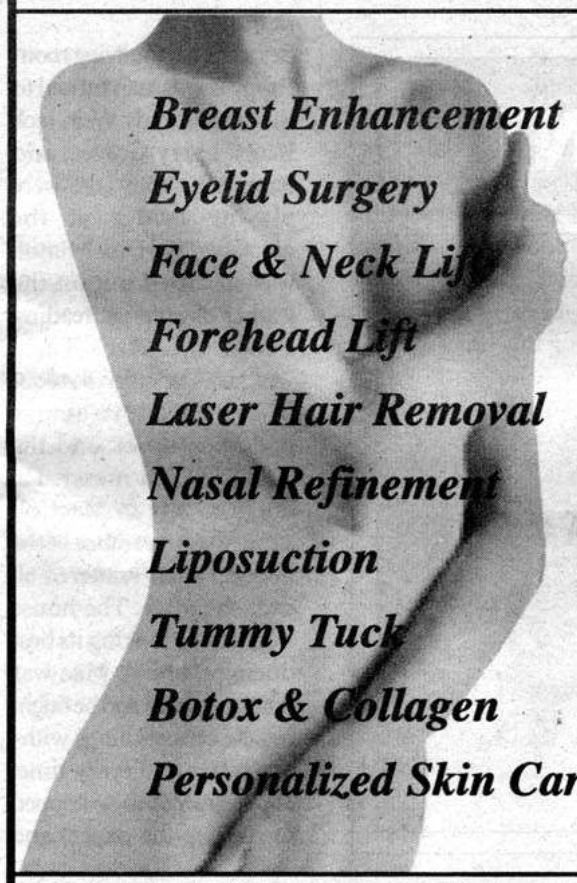
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Marshall's deal with George Davis. He had met George Davis once and had seen him many times, a beefy red-faced man he automatically disliked, who came and sat next to the coach on the bench at home games, and last year before the Stanford game had come to the house for lunch and made everybody sing the fight song and "The Golden Shield of Omega Alpha" with him.

He didn't know how much Marshall got every month, but it was plenty, and Marshall had a job running a tractor every summer on a ranch of George Davis's, and probably would get some terrific position when he graduated, if he ever was. You damn heel, he said to himself. "Aw, hell, Marsh," he said aloud. "You'll be all right. You went around worrying like this all last year and you made it."

"Except for the accounting," Marshall said. He took their empty plates to the kitchen and returned with two dishes of pudding, one of which he slid across to Joe. "Two left."

"That fat bastard," Joe said.

After supper Joe went up to the second-floor room he shared with Bill Strafford and Paul Clay. Bill and Paul were there, and several other juniors, and the air was thick with cigarette smoke. He wanted to be alone to read Con's letter; he went into the lavatory and locked himself in one of the stalls. As he tore open the envelope, he wondered if he should have raised hell with Randy for saying that about Con. His sex-outlet. Well, let them think that if they wanted to. They'd never know her. He felt the thrill he always felt when he read, "Dearest Joe."

But the letter was disappointing. They usually were. They were not Con. He could not get out of a few pages a picture of Con sitting down and writing these lines of blue script, licking the flap of the envelope and the stamp, dropping the letter in a postbox. As he flushed the letter down the toilet he suddenly felt caught and swirled and sucked down endlessly himself. He cursed, the word short and sibilant and applied to everything that was always on him and nagging him: his fears about his money running out; his

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unwanted jealousy of Marshall, his friend, and his admiration for Bill Strafford, whom he knew to be a snob and a calculating son-of-a-bitch; his resentment toward this fraternity he had had to join but in which he had always to hold himself so apart.

He wished he could get down to Stanford to see Peter — and that there was some way to see Con before summer. But he couldn't go down to San Diego at Christmas. He had to get a job working at the post office to make some money for next semester. He thought again about asking her to come up to Berkeley for the Big Game. She had gone to high school with Jean Cruze, who was a Tri-Delt, and could stay at the Tri-Delt house. There was always a big party at the fraternity before the Cal-Stanford game, and after the game they could go down to Del Monte for Big Game weekend. But he knew he couldn't afford it, even though the date was supposed to pay her half of the hotel bill.

He thought of Con wearing his Omega Alpha pin. He'd given it to her the night before he'd come back to Berkeley this fall. She had cried that night, sitting in his arms in her car on Point Loma, but he was afraid she cried not because she loved him and would miss him, but because he was returning to the University of California at Berkeley, the Big U in the Bay Area, while she had to stay in San Diego and go to San Diego State College. Yet he was glad that her mother wouldn't let Con go away to college; now he was important to her as a Cal man, a fraternity man, a football halfback. How easy it would be, how inevitable, if she were at Cal too, to lose her to some Beta with a flashy convertible and a pocketful of cash.

He kicked the stall door open. He would call Peter at Stanford tonight and see about getting together this Sunday, even though he couldn't afford the phone call or the bus fare. When he went into his room, Bill, Paul, and the other juniors were still there.

"How about sitting in on this, roomie?" Bill said, standing in the center of the room with his maroon cashmere sweater just enough too large and pulled down just carelessly enough on one hip. "Big issues are being decided."

"Go ahead and decide them," Joe said. "Let me know how they come out." He got his notebook and poly sci text from his desk.

"I'm serious, Joe. We want your opinion."

"Stick around, Joe," Walter MacColl, the house manager, said.

Joe shook his head. He had to wash the pots, and he had to study, and he wanted to call Peter. He'd sat around listening to them bull enough times; they would talk about women and how much who was getting off whom, always including Marshall and Laura Lee Crown, and maybe right now there would be a little discussion of the faults and virtues of the rushees, which always made him feel embarrassed and angry. "See you later," he said over his shoulder. But going down the kitchen stairs he wondered why they seemed so anxious for him to stay, if they were just having an ordinary bull session.

ii: Pappy

Before he left the living room Pappy Hardaman turned to survey it. Randy Weir, Jack Bates, Larry Graves, and Pappy's brother Jake were playing bridge at the cardtable, and Dick Minton was sprawled out on the leather davenport, reading a copy of *Collier's*. There were newspapers on the floor by the fireplace, an ashtray had been upset, and the room looked messy. He ought to talk to MacColl about the appearance of the house. Papers scattered all over the place. The house ought to be looking its best during rushing. Mac was house manager, and he ought to take care of things without being told every time. Pappy grunted as he stooped to pick up the papers and

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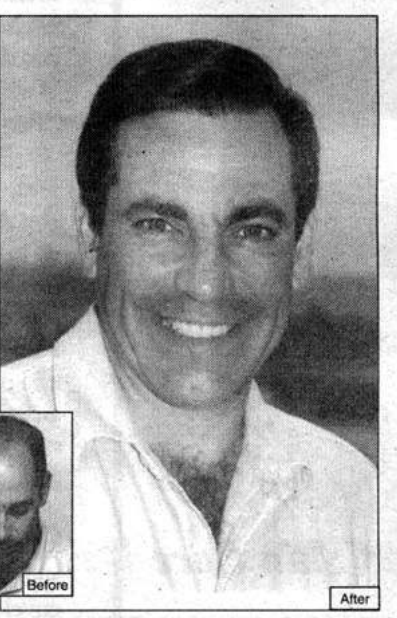
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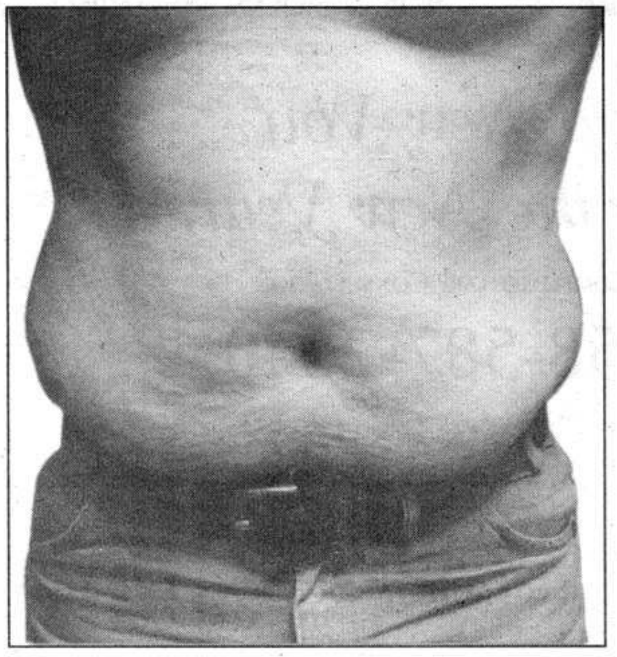
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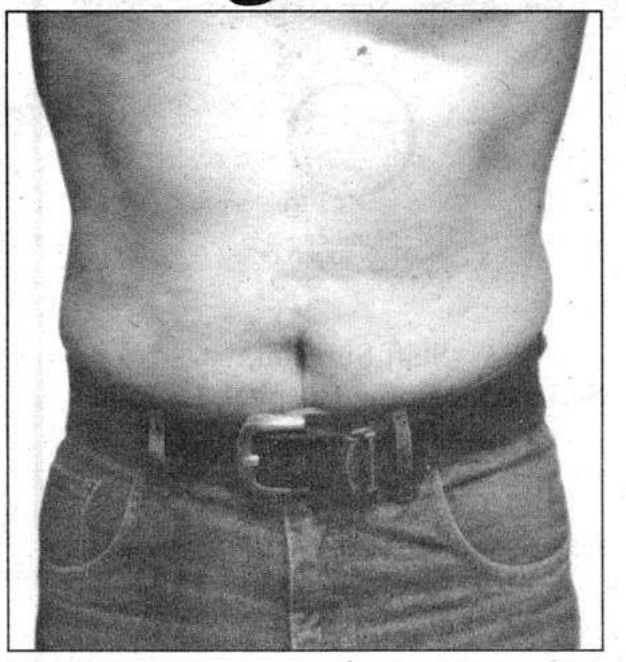
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a crumpled cigarette package. And Jake ought to be studying instead of playing bridge. Jake was playing a hand now, and Randy, who was dummy, was standing behind him.

"I should have doubled," Jack Bates said.

Randy groaned as Jake played a card. "Horrible! Now they're going to run those clubs on you till Christmas time. Somebody take my hand; I'm checking out of this massacre."

Randy caught up with Pappy as he started up the stairs. "I'd better go sit in on my hand on the second floor," he said and gave Pappy his sneering grin. "Well, how's everything look from where you sit, Mr. President?"

Pappy shook his head. "I don't know, Randy. I get pretty discouraged, the way you fellows talk sometimes. It's bad for the sophomores to hear you guys talk like that."

"Terrible," Randy said, mounting the steps beside him. "But I'm afraid there's an old specter haunting the Omega Alpha house, Pappy."

"What?"

"A specter," Randy said. "Accompanied by the distant rumble of the tumbrels. Soon a loud clanging sound will be heard. *Brrrranggg!*" He laughed and clapped Pappy on the shoulder.

Joe Bailey came out of his room with a book and notebook under his arm and started down to the kitchen. "That Joe's getting pretty darn fresh," Pappy said and shook his head again, more sadly than angrily. He didn't mind the



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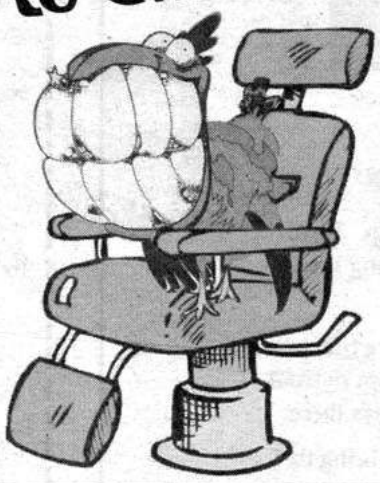
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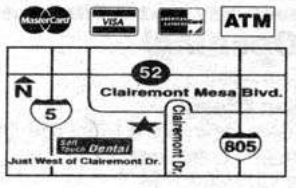
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guys calling him "fats" or "fatso" if they liked him, but he felt that Joe did not. He stopped at the head of the stairs and said, "Hold that light," as he heard the click of Randy's lighter.

He took out a cigarette, and Randy lit it for him. Randy's narrow bony face was sallow above the flame of the lighter. "Been impertinent, has he?" Randy said. "We'll just have to give that sophomore swats-around, won't we, Pappy? Show him how we cope with revolts among the lower orders."

"Well, I think some of us ought to get together and talk about Joe. Maybe you and Bill and Marsh and—"

"Not now," Randy said. "I've got to get down here and see that B.S. Strafford isn't watering my stock." He winked slyly, slouched on down to Bill Strafford's room, knocked, and entered.

Pappy went into his own room, sat down at his desk, and snapped on the lamp that had a big gold "C" pasted to the shade. From the south windows of his room, the president's room, he could look out over the lights of Berkeley and the dark campus sloping up into the foothills, and, from the west windows, at the strand of lights that was the Bay Bridge pointing across the darkness to the glittering peak of San Francisco. Thumbtacked to the wall opposite him were drawings of two nudes, and someone had penciled hair heavily between their legs. He had forgotten to take the drawings down when the mother's club had come through the house.

He scowled, put out his cigarette, and took a pipe from the rack, which supported one end of the row of books across the back of his desk. He sucked on the pipe, worrying about the fraternity. He didn't understand what Randy had been talking about, but there *was* something haunting the house. The chapter had never been in such bad shape. He felt responsible, but helpless too, for everything seemed too complex and difficult to cope with. All this talk about the valley men distressed him; he and his brother Jake were from Stockton, and many of the best men in the house were from the Sacramento Valley or the San Joaquin. That kind of talk was part of the growing disunity in the house, and for two years now the chapter had been on probation with the national organization. The national representative would probably be visiting them this fall.

He shook his head and bit down on his pipe. Last semester they had had a very low grade-point average. There had been no showing in interfraternity sports. And three poor years of rushing in a row. They really had to get a good pledge class this fall.

He wondered if he should call the officers in for a conference: Bingo Edwards, the vice-president; Clarence Kelly, the secretary; Hugo Williams, the treasurer; and maybe Walter MacColl and Bill Strafford, the rush chairman. But nothing would be accomplished. Kelly and Williams never seemed to suggest anything; Bingo would get into a fight with Bill Strafford. Bill, a transfer from Dartmouth, was very bossy and apt to make unfavorable comparisons between this chapter and the one he had belonged to back East. He supposed it would be best just to talk to Bill by himself.

On the credit side this year, at least the house had more men active on campus. Paul Clay and Bill Strafford were on the *Blue and Gold* staff, and Bill was secretary of the California Men's Club, on the debating team, and a member of the ASUC Social Events Committee; Randy Weir was on the ASUC Labor Board and was some kind of officer in the League of American University Students; Marshall Trask was varsity tackle, and, if he didn't flunk out, might make All-Coast or even All-American. And Joe Bailey was on the squad.

He tried to consider Joe objectively. Joe Bailey had always seemed to him one of the most promising of the sophomores, a real leader if he wanted to be and if he would only become more friendly and interested in the fraternity. Pappy liked to look ahead and speculate on who would be president after he was graduated. He was sure that Bill Strafford would be elected next year, and, although he didn't always see eye to eye with Bill, probably Bill would make a good president. He still hoped that the year after that his brother Jake might get the job, but Jake did not seem interested — nor was he sure that Jake had the proper qualities. Probably Joe Bailey would be president year after next, he thought, if the fraternity could just get Joe straightened out.

If the chapter still had its charter by then. He groaned and put his pipe back in the rack. The specter haunting the president of this house now was the impending visit of the national representative. The matter of the accounts would come up first. Mac, the house manager, kept asking him what to do about that debt of Randy's. He didn't know what to do; Randy had paid very little of his house bill last year and had signed a

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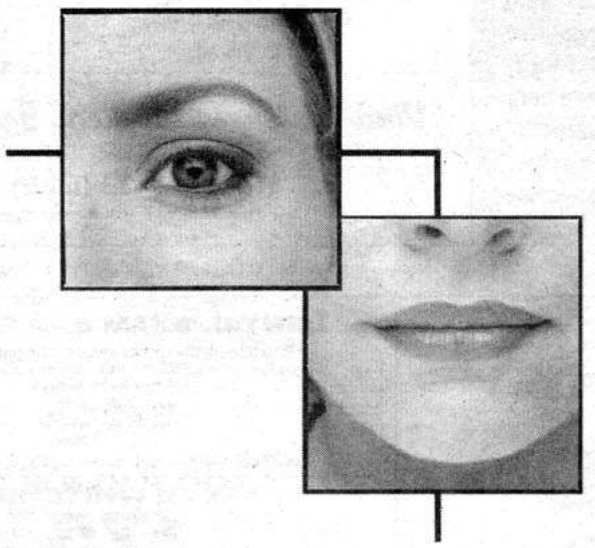
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note for what he owed — $270 — which he showed no signs of paying. If national found out, they would want to suspend Randy, and Randy was a good man to have in the house, even if he did talk alarmingly communistic sometimes. Randy and Bill Strafford were the only two members who showed signs of making Phi Beta Kappa, and they were also most active on campus.

It was all discouraging, but worst of all was the growing tension and disunity over rushing. He was sure it was Bill and Paul Clay, and maybe Randy too, who had blackballed most of the valley men on the rush list, and he was afraid that this would cause the valley members to blackball the Bay Area rushees. And they had to get a good bunch of pledges this semester. Bill was a ringleader, he knew that, but he could never get up the courage to say anything to Bill about it, just as he couldn't seem to get after Randy about that money, or tell Marshall it gave the house a bad name to have him going around with a girl who had such a terrible reputation as Laura Lee Crown. He was too easy-going, that was the trouble.

He heard footsteps descending the stairs from the third floor. Marshall passed his doorway with several books under the arm of his blue and gold football sweater. Marshall bent over the drinking fountain. He turned as Pappy called, "Say, Marsh, could you come in for a minute?"

Marshall came in, wiping his mouth, very tall and broad-shouldered.

"Going over to see Laura Lee tonight?" Pappy asked casually.

Marshall's scarred, serious face reddened as he nodded and leaned a hip on the edge of the desk. "Listen, Pappy," he said. "I don't think you ought to get on Joe about that tonight. Joe had a pretty rugged day at practice."

"I don't believe in swatting the sophomores," Pappy said and waved a hand to show he had dismissed the whole affair. "I don't know why we keep that rule anyway. A sophomore isn't a pledge. He's as much a member as the juniors or seniors." He frowned heavily. He had intended to tell Marshall he ought to stay home and study, but the prospect was

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embarrassing, and instead he said, "I'm worried about this talk about the valley men."

"It's getting worse, I guess."

"Last meeting almost all the rushees from the valley were blackballed. Did you see that? I don't like using the box and marbles. It was better when we just had a show of hands."

"Bill said we ought to use them," Marshall said. "They use them at Dartmouth."

"Well, but we're supposed to use the marbles," Pappy said quickly. "We ought to do it right."

"I guess so," Marshall said and put his books down on the desk. "I guess it wouldn't do any good to talk to Bill."

"I don't know, Marsh. Bill's a pretty damn fine rush chairman. I wouldn't want to —"

Marshall nodded. "I don't like Bill just a whole hell of a lot, but he sure works hard for the house. I guess harder than anybody else."

"That's it," Pappy said and spread his hands. "We really have to get a good pledge class this time. I mean, we really *have* to. The national rep's going to be coming around pretty soon, and that'll be rough. Not a good pledge class last year, low grade-point average — " He looked reproachfully at Marshall. But he couldn't say anything about Marshall's grades; his own weren't much better. "And that money Randy owes," he went on. "But it's more than that. The whole spirit of the house's all wrong. Everybody breaking up into cliques —"

"Yeah," Marshall said. "All this bad spirit's terrible for the sophomores. They're supposed to look up to the older members. Emulate us and learn fraternal spirit from us. Article 12. But how can they? If they emulate Bill or Paul Clay, they have to take sides against you and me, and Bingo and Kelly — all the valley men. And how can they look up to Randy Weir when he owes the house all that money, and when he gets to talking like a damn red-hot?" He wiped away the spit that always formed at the corners of his mouth when he talked too fast.

Marshall was looking down at his hands, his big shoulders slumped.

"Now take Joe Bailey," Pappy said. "I'm not peeohed at Joe. Joe just goes to show what's wrong with this chapter. What's it say, right in the Preamble that Omega Alpha's founded on, Marsh?"

" 'Brotherhood, comradeship, community of interests, and Christian precepts,' " Marshall quoted slowly.

"You don't see much of that in Joe Bailey, do you? Or in —"

"Well, wait," Marshall interrupted. "You have to try and understand Joe a little. He's a real good guy, Pappy. I mean, he's going to be all right in the fraternity after a while."

"Maybe we shouldn't have given him Bill as a Big Brother when he was a pledge," Pappy said.

"It's just he's got a whole lot riding him," Marshall said. "You know; he's trying to make the ball club, and he has to earn all the dough to get through school on. It's pretty rough going."

"Well, there's the Omega Alpha loan fund. Why doesn't he —"

"He doesn't want anybody to know. Don't you let on I told you either, goddam it, Pappy. But he'll be all right. He knows he's screwed up. That's a lot."

"Well, you talk to him, Marsh. Somebody ought to talk to him. And it's not just Joe." He sighed. "I was just using Joe as an example. Sure, Joe'll be all right."

"Sure he will."

Pappy nodded and bit his lip. "Well —" he said. "You're going over to see Laura Lee tonight, did you say? Hadn't you better do some studying, Marsh?"

"We're going to the libe to study."

"Oh," Pappy said. "Well, sure, Marsh. Say, I guess I'd better go talk to Bill about the rush program." He rose, and after Marshall had gathered up his books he followed him out into the hall. Marshall went on downstairs, and Pappy knocked on Bill Strafford's door.

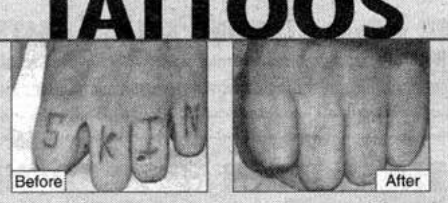
There was so much smoke inside the room that he could hardly make out who was present. The room was crowded with Omega Alphas sitting on the beds and chairs and cross-legged on the desks. The talking stopped abruptly as he stood in the doorway, waving smoke out into the hall. Everyone was staring at him.

"Hi, devil," Bill Strafford said.

"Hello, men," Pappy said. He wondered why Bill had called him "devil." Bill looked like a devil, with his dark handsome face and black hair combed back sleekly from a deep widow's peak. Beside the door Randy was grinning his wolfish grin. Paul Clay was tapping the rubber of his yellow pencil on his notebook. A

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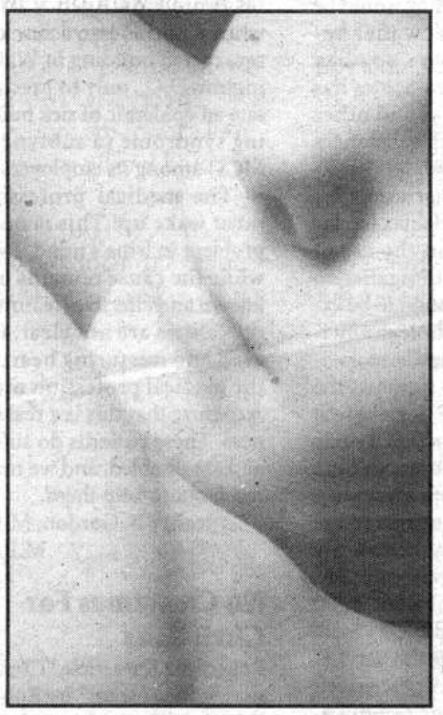
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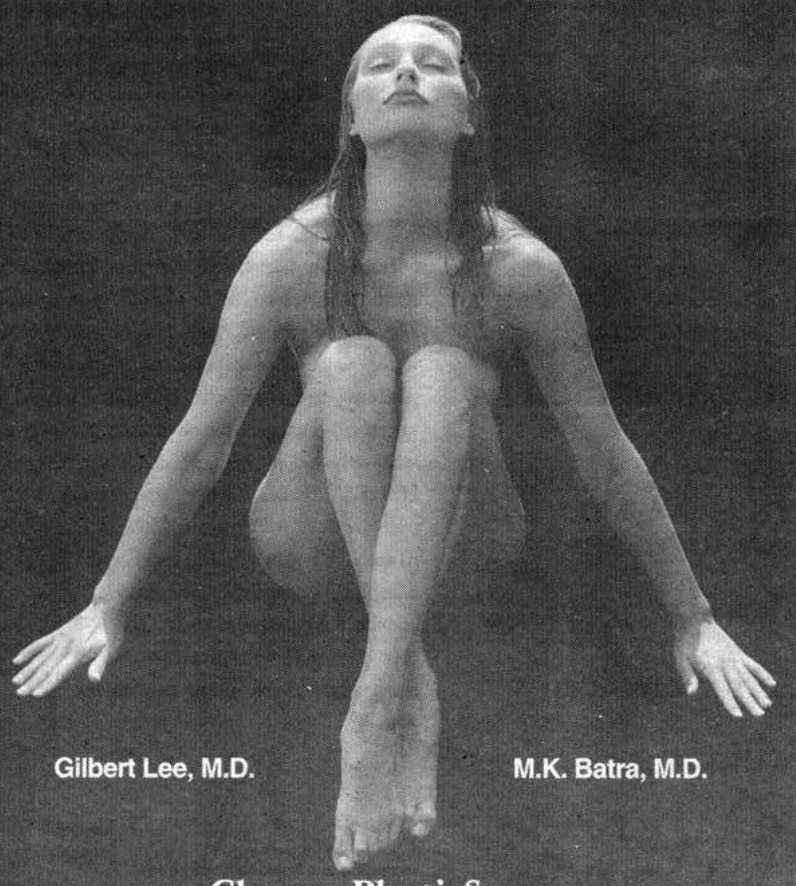
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bed creaked as Andy Baker leaned forward to get a pack of cigarettes out of his pocket. No one else spoke, and Pappy nervously ran his hand up the front of his pants to see if his fly was unbuttoned. "Got a minute, Bill?" he asked loudly. "I'd like to go over that rush program with you. If you've got time."

"How about later?"

"Sure. Sure, Bill. I'd just like to go over it a little."

Mac let out a long belch. Dick Minton drummed his heels against the side of the desk on which he was sitting. "When's national coming around?" Bill suddenly demanded.

"I don't know, Bill. You never know with those bastards."

"This is it, isn't it?" Bill brushed his hand over his shining hair, his eyes flickering at Pappy, then quickly around the room. "This time they'll throw us out, won't they?"

"Oh, we'll be all right. They'll just give us probation for another year. We'll get a good —"

"They've been getting a lot of rotten reports from the alums," Paul Clay said.

"The mothers' club wasn't too happy, Pappy."

Everyone laughed, and Pappy said, backing out the door, "Hell, fellows, we'll be all right." Someone came down the hall behind him and slapped him on the seat. "Well, I'd like to look over that rushing program with you sometime, Bill," he said and quickly pulled the door shut.

Walking back to the president's room, he flushed as he heard a stifled burst of laughter. And suddenly it occurred to him that everyone in Bill's room had been a junior. He wondered what was going on. He worried over it, thinking unhappily that it was things like this that were wrecking the unity of the house, the spirit of the fraternity, the fraternity itself. They had been talking about something they hadn't wanted him to hear, when they were all Omega Alphas together and should have been friends and brothers under the constitution. ■

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County to escape the ambient pollution we take for granted; (2) a housewife who has been unable to work since she put a new carpet in her condo ten years ago; (3) a grandmother who had to throw away her Christmas tree last year because some preservative or pesticide substance on it made her ill. Like your author, her family disbelieved her too, until I pointed out her intolerances to a whole pattern of volatile organic hydrocarbons; (4) an attorney who was exposed at her San Diego County Administration office and has become unable to work and had to sell her Rancho Bernardo home because it was polluted by some substance she was previously able to live with. She then had to live in her car until she was able to buy a home with a nontoxic environment in Alpine. These patients suffer both physical problems (trouble breathing, rashes, intestinal and nerve problems) as well as cognitive problems (trouble with logical thinking and concentration) which are documented by abnormalities on pulmonary function tests, neurological examinations, neuropsychiatric batteries, and the sophisticated brain SPECT and PET scans. Most of my patients do not have associated psychiatric problems. In fact, two national surveys of MCS patients show that the use of psychiatric medications like Valium or Prozac consistently make these patients worse. No doubt some neurotic or depressed patients may have this diagnosis just as they may have a heart attack or come down with pneumonia or diabetes. Other patients may behave like Irma, worried and living defensively, because their exposure to our "taken for granted" environment makes them ill in sudden and unexpected ways. Then they may become depressed due to the nature of their illness.

To my great chagrin Dr. Eichel is correct that "Most health-care providers approach MCS patients as if the problem is 95 percent psychiatric." This only reflects the arrogance and rigidity of the medical establishment because the pathophysiologic mechanisms for this disease are not yet understood. I was surprised when Irma was reported to have red urine because one active area of scientific physiological research for the cause of MCS is the study of abnormal porphorin metabolism. Porphorins are the pigments that make blood red, bile green, and stool brown and reflect the body's innate detoxification capacities, and in certain disease states (often genetically determined) porphorin diseases may turn the urine brown or red or fluorescent. But then Irma turned out to have another more or less acceptable anatomic kidney disease.

The scientific community also disparages the diagnosis of MCS because of the subtle yet intense pressure as well as the conspiratorial and illegal suppression of information foisted on the public and the scientific community by the global corporations which produce the many chemicals which contaminate our environment. (See Bill Moyers' recent shocking exposé on this industry on PBS-TV to be found at *www.pbs.org/tradesecrets* with links to many other sites.) I bet Dr. (?) Eichel did not believe smoking caused lung cancer until recently although the link was made (but not pathophysiologically proven) by Dr. Alton Oschner in 1938. Expanding beyond his parochial view, perhaps your author would be interested to know that because of MCS, the Canadian province of Nova Scotia has banned perfumes and other MCS-stimulating substances from the public schools (making use of them grounds for expulsion), and Halifax has instituted a ban on the use of pesticides and fumigants on public property, soon to be expanded to the whole municipality. Scientific epidemiological evidence also supports the existence of MCS as a physical disease. An international study found MCS sufferers in nine countries in Europe even when they were living in areas where the syndrome was previously "unknown." A random telephone survey of over 4000 people by the California State Department of Health Services in 1995 found 15.9 percent felt they were "allergic or unusually sensitive to everyday chemicals" of whom over half had to take special precautions at home or restrict their daily activities. The validity of environmental illness was brought home to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency itself when it moved into a new and recarpeted building in Washington, D.C., only to precipitate an epidemic of sick building syndrome (a subtype of MCS) among its employees.

The medical profession must wake up! This is not a problem in Irma's mind. Even while the cause remains unknown and effective treatment modalities are not clear, the kind and nurturing heart of the medical profession must recognize that this is a real illness. These patients do suffer and are disabled, and we must reach out to help them.

Jeoffry B. Gordon, M.D., M.P.H.

No Christmas For Christians

Regarding the article "Christmas without Jesus" by Robert Kumpel (December 13), the headline is biblically relevant: the Bible does not indicate Christ's birth date. It does, however, indicate that "shepherds were tending their flocks by night" (Luke 2:9). December in the Holy Land would have been much too cold for shepherds to be attending their flocks at night; surely not on December 25!

Moreover, there is no Bible suggestion to "celebrate" Christ's birthday, even if it were known. And there is no indication that the early church celebrated His birth.

The *Encyclopedia Americana* (volume 6, page 623) records, "Christmas derived from the medieval *Christes Masse*, the Mass of Christ." And *Encyclopedia Britannica* (14th edition, volume 5, page 642), "Christmas customs are an evolution from times that long antedated the Christian Period — a descent from seasonal, pagan, religious, and national practices hedged about with legend and tradition. Their seasonal connections with the pagan feasts of the winter solstice relate them to the beginning of time." ("Fifteen rea-

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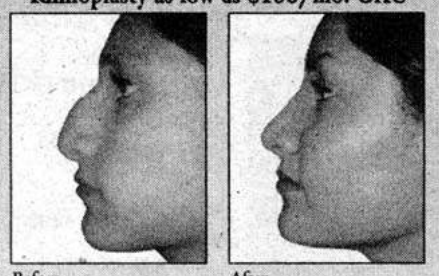
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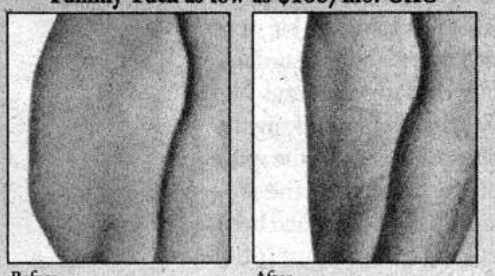
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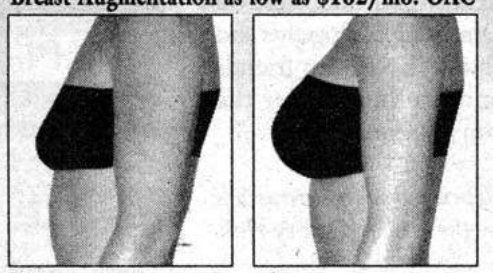
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sons why Christians should not observe 'Christmas,' " an undated tract by Bob Thompson.)

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Ray Garner
San Diego

Christians Share

Re your article on December 13 ("Christmas without Jesus") about the people whose view of Christmas is different from the many who do have a Christian viewpoint, at least to some extent.

The article was informative in many ways and was, I believe, only to give some different opinions about Christmas. For a long time, the average American had a fairly consistent belief about this. However, with so many religions coming to the USA, the effect is quite obvious. Also, now many who call themselves Christians do not really understand what Christmas means.

The true Christian believer, one who knows the Bible, believes that the Old Testament has hundreds of references prophesying about the Messiah who would come and was fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ whom an angel called "Immanuel" — God with us.

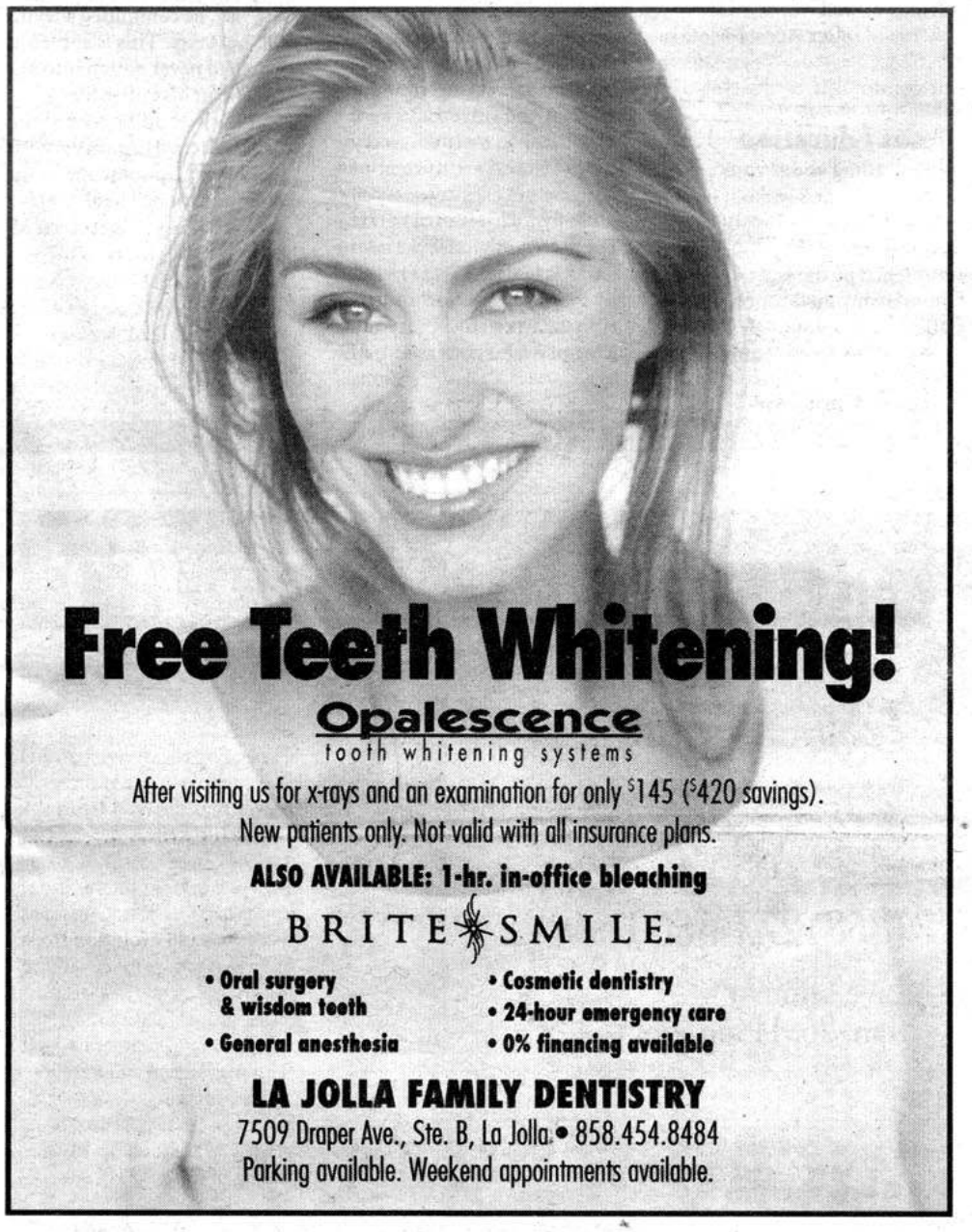
Jesus Christ left the glory of God to identify Himself with helpless man and offer him mercy, grace, love, and hope. When a person believes in his heart and confesses with his mouth that Jesus Christ is the One True God and believes that Jesus Christ came as a baby, died on the cross, rose from the grave, and is coming again, the new birth will miraculously happen and he will experience forgiveness of sin, peace with God, assurance of eternal life, purpose in life, and freedom from negative things of life.

Christianity is a joyful acceptance of the Lord's Day, church fellowship, and many other positive blessings. True Christians do not force their beliefs on others but share their experience whenever possible.

Brother Buford
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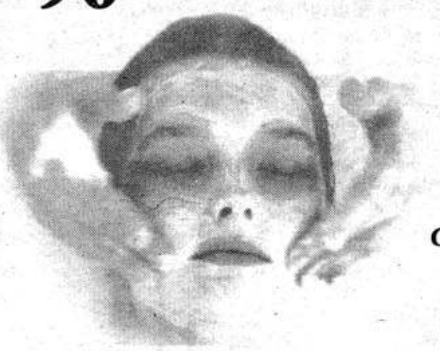
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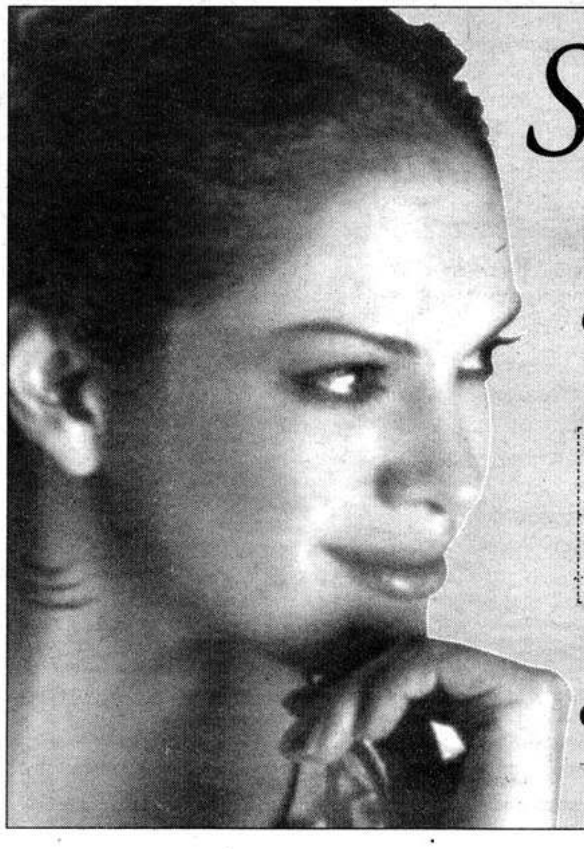
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without Jesus"; ergo, since inclusion of a Christian viewpoint would have needed mentioning Christ, said viewpoint had to be excluded. You should realize that there are other holidays that are celebrated around this time of the year and which do not involve Jesus Christ. People who celebrate those holidays deserve a break; after all, since we live in a Christian nation, the Christian viewpoint is heard all the time, everywhere. People are told to "Have a merry Christmas" without any consideration to the fact that they may be rightfully having a "merry Something Else." Perhaps "Holidays without Jesus" would have been a better title for the article.

Now to Annie. This is *not* Jesus' birthday. The winter solstice was the original "reason for the season." Scriptural references to a census being conducted "in the time of Augustus (Octavian)," and astronomical data about a comet seen approximately 2000 years ago in the Levant, seem to indicate that the man later known as Jesus of Nazareth was born sometime during the month now called December. Early Christians decided to honor the birthday to coincide with the solstice celebrations in order to blend with the ongoing festivities and not draw attention to themselves. After roughly 300 years, Emperor Constantine I made official the birthday celebration at this time of the year to facilitate acceptance and encourage participation among the pagan masses. OK? By the way, what do you have against Buddha or Buddhists? How do you know that the guy on the cover smells of sandalwood? Is there anything wrong with the smell of sandalwood? Who hits your eyes (and what with) as you walk in every store? Please, madam, take a pill and call someone in the morning. Oh, and please, take some lessons in English syntax as well.

Alex Acosta-Mathis
San Diego

Jesus Education

I was calling about your cover story "Christmas without Jesus" (December 13). I found it very enlightening, but I was also saddened by the fact that there were many uneducated people about Jesus. Now, I also would like to read you something about Jesus that came from the Roman-Jewish philosopher and writer Flavius Josephus, and it goes like this: When Pontius Pilate became procurator and removed the army of Caesarea to Jerusalem, he abolished Jewish laws and in the night introduced Caesar's effigies on ensign. About this time, Jesus, a wise man, a doer of wonderful works, drew over to him many Jews and Gentiles. He was Christ. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men among us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him did not forsake him, for he appeared to them alive at the third day, as the prophets had foretold. And the tribe of Christians, so named for him, are not extinct to this day.

John, who was called the Baptist, was slain by Herod the tetrarch at his castle at Macherus by the Dead Sea. The destruction of his army by Aretas, King of Arabia, was ascribed by the Jews to God's anger for his crime. Flavius Josephus, 90 A.D.

Stephen Heidrick
Downtown

Good For Mr. Kumpel

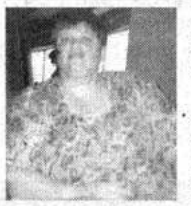
I would like to commend Robert Kumpel for his article on PERT ("It's Not a Crime to Be Crazy," December 6). My son had a psychotic break a few years ago. The system (police, doctors) couldn't really help since he was an "adult." Anyway, he committed a felony the next day. This is someone who had never gotten into any trouble in his entire life.

I wish I had known about PERT then. Hopefully your story will help someone in the same situation. Thank you.

Maureen M.

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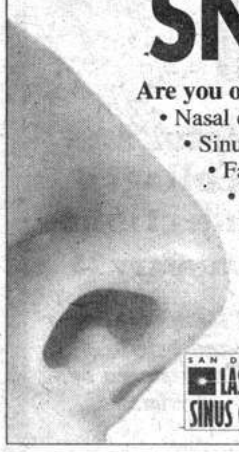
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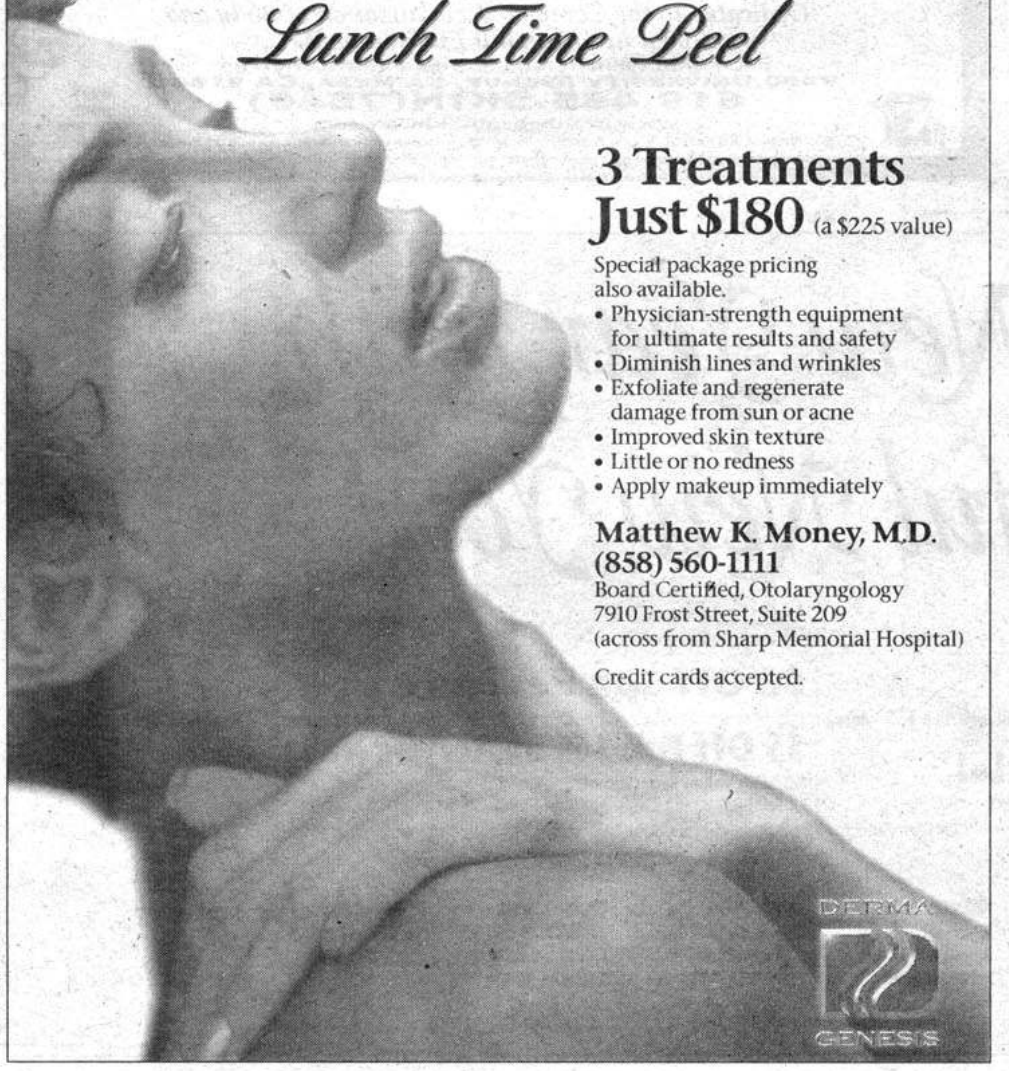


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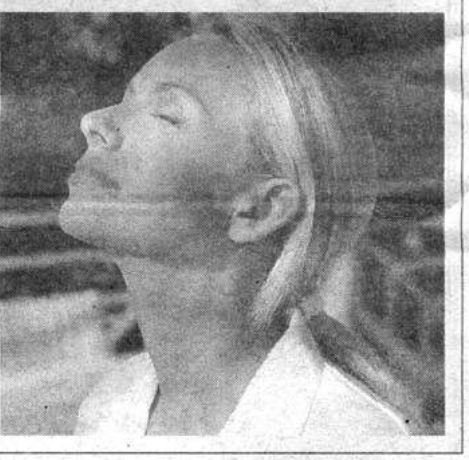
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Disease-Resistant Rosie O'Donnell

Easy Care Roses for Southern California

What do breeders sacrifice when they produce easy-care roses? This reporter asks, knowing that nothing comes without a cost. Are there fewer blooms? Smaller ones? Less vividly colored ones, perhaps?

"No," says Tom Carruth, director of research for Weeks Roses in Upland, California. "Unfortunately, the most likely thing lost with easy care is fragrance."

Genetically there's a link, and that's what breeders, so far in vain, have tried to overcome, says Carruth. The challenge is to retain fragrance while improving a rose's vigor, disease resistance, and longevity.

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"We've been able to make some breaks," he says. "There are actually many different fragrances of roses now — licorice, spice, raspberry, grapefruit." However, what continues to elude Carruth and others is easy care coupled with the classic damask rose scent.

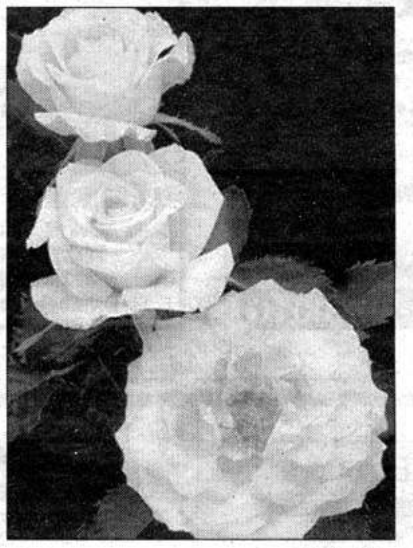
Carruth, in the rose business for 27 years, has been breeding the plants since the '80s. "My first one was a greenhouse variety called Fire 'n' Ice, and it's still in production." One of his latest is named Barbra Streisand. "This year I'll introduce Marilyn Monroe. George Burns and Gracie Allen are both my roses. And I helped introduce one named for Rosie O'Donnell. As a trend it comes and goes — naming roses for people. When I entered the business it was anathema to name a rose for a person unless they were very highly thought of and dead."

Do breeders name their own roses or do marketers? "At Weeks, several of us work together when it comes time to name," says Carruth. "Certainly as the hybridizer, I have a very strong influence. By that point I've known the variety for eight years" — generally the time it takes to breed a new rose. "I'm not about to see it killed by a bad name," and this can happen. By the same token, a good name can save a mediocre rose. "For instance, the only reason that the John F. Kennedy is still around is because of the name."

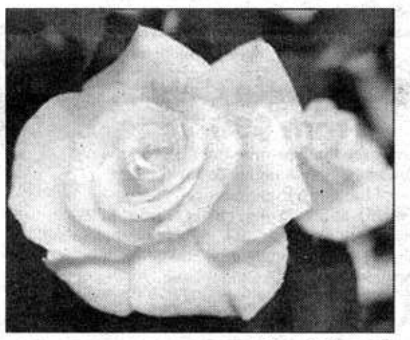
A rose by any name wants a certain set of growing conditions, and it can be created in each of San Diego's varied terrains, says Carruth. "Roses like a well-drained, sandy loam. If your natural soil doesn't provide it, then you must. If you have heavy clay, you will want to add organic material and probably lime. If you have rockier, shale soil, you may want to consider a built-up bed rather than trying to amend that soil, which is a difficult task. And with a very sandy soil, you will want to add both organics and clay. A certain percentage of clay is helpful, because it retains the soil's nutrients."



George Burns



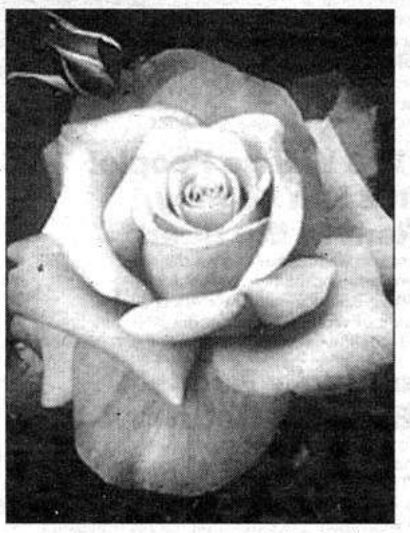
Gracie Allen



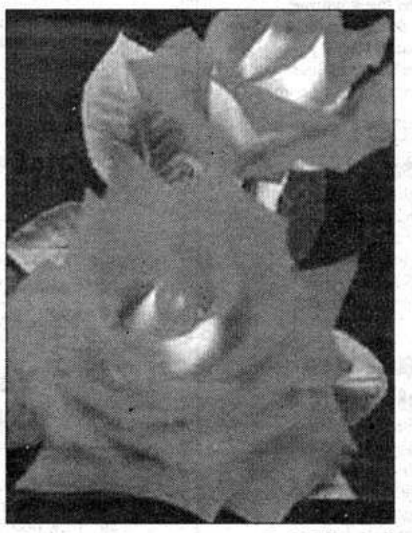
John F. Kennedy



Tom Carruth



Barbra Streisand



Rosie O'Donnell

Once the bed is prepared, you must select the right rose for your locale. For ideas, scout the successes in the public gardens — Balboa Park and Carlsbad's Flower Fields, for instance.

You may also want to take advantage of a free service offered by the American Rose Society. "This national organization of hobbyists has a program called the Consulting Rosarian that will put you in touch with two or three knowledgeable people who live near you and will answer your specific regional questions." (See *www.ars.org*.)

Pruning should be customized to one's locale, too, says Carruth; he regrets that this is little understood by Californians. "The closer you are to the coast, the later you should prune. You should never prune any earlier than January 15, in any case. But if you're on the coast, it should be more like early February. The reason is, we don't really stop roses from growing here; after pruning, they immediately start growing again. And powdery mildew, the fungus most prevalent in this area, loves to grow in cool, moist conditions on nice, fresh shoots. If you prune too early, you provide the perfect conditions for it. By pruning later, you're a little off cycle, and it won't grab hold as badly."

With all other conditions met, you still need something else. "You cannot attempt to grow roses in partial shade or full shade," says Carruth, even-voiced except on this subject. "It just won't work. Period. They like their sun. They have to have sun."

Another must is air circulation. "Don't crowd your roses. Moving air will keep down diseases."

Disease does seem to be an inevitable part of a rose's life; and so are sprays. "I will use one maybe three times a year," says Carruth, who will speak about easy-care roses at the next meeting of the San Diego Horticultural Society. "But I'll use it as a preventative — before anything has happened. Don't wait until you see the problem."

Is it possible to grow an organic rose?

"Yes, but if you lean toward perfection, you're probably going to be frustrated going organic," Carruth warns. "Your roses will still be beautiful, but they may have blemishes, just as organic fruit often does. Organic roses aren't perfect, and organic rose gardeners need to be one with that thought."

— Jeanne Schinto

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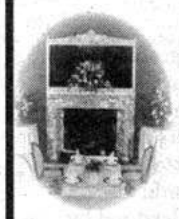
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OUTDOORS

Highest Monthly Rainfall totals in San Diego are most likely to occur in January and February (about 1.9 inches each on average) according to weather-service statistics, though recent prognosticatlons favor normal or less than normal rainfall for the remainder of this particular winter. If low temperatures stay, there's a chance of more snow both in the mountains and as far west as the coast. Only during the months of December and January have traces of snowfall been recorded at San Diego's National Weather Service station.

The Latest Sunrise of the year (on standard, not daylight time) occurs today, Thursday, January 10, near 6:52 a.m. for most of metropolitan San Diego. Slowly at first, then more rapidly in the weeks to come, sunrise will arrive earlier with each passing day. By March 20, the sun will be rising a full hour earlier than it does now. The earlier sunrises are mostly a consequence of the sun's apparent movement from the southern sky toward the northern sky from December to June. You can keep track of that movement by noting where the sun rises (or sets) over a period of many weeks from a fixed vantage point, such as your home.

Coronado Walking Tour, this easy-paced jaunt, sponsored by the Coronado Museum of History and Art, takes place twice a week, Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and again Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Your guide fills you in on the architecture, history, and personalities of the town's past. The $8 fee (for adults and children over 12) includes admission to the museum, which is the starting point for the walk. It's located at 1100 Orange Avenue. Space is limited. For reservations and information, call 619-435-7242. (CORONADO)

Winter Plant Life, learn how native plants adapt to winter conditions in this four-mile hike led by a naturalist from the San Dieguito River Park. It's scheduled for Saturday, January 12, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the park's Bernardo Bay Natural Area. From I-15, exit at West Bernardo Drive-Pomerado Road, go west 1/4 mile, and look for the signs. Reservations, please: 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Birding, join the San Diego Audubon Society on this birding trip in the Pamo Valley, Saturday, January 12, from 8 a.m. to noon. Possible sightings: gray flycatcher, Lewis' woodpeckers, wild turkeys, golden eagle, mountain bluebird, ferruginous hawk, and other interesting species. Bring lunch, water. There is considerable hiking, though most is moderately strenuous. No restrooms are available.

Meet at the far north end of Pamo Road, which can be reached from the intersection of Highways 67 and 78 in Ramona by going several blocks east on 78 to Seventh Street. Turn left on Seventh (which becomes Elm), turn right on Haverford Road, then left on Pamo Road. Watch for the dirt road on the right and the National Forest marker 11S03; park on the dirt road. Allow an hour's driving time from Mission Valley. Free. Heavy rain cancels. 619-692-3246. (PAMO VALLEY)

Marsh Dwellers and Wintering Species, the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts a guided birdwatching walk in the area of the Sweetwater Marsh, Saturday, January 12, 8 a.m. Call 619-409-5903 for reservations and directions to the meeting place. Free. Rain cancels. (CHULA VISTA)

Wildlife Photography, bring your camera, lots of film, and binoculars and get tips on how to get the best close-up photos of wildlife when the Chula Vista Nature Center sponsors this guided birding and photography hike on Saturday, January 12, at

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Lagooning, join docents from the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy for a guided nature walk on Saturday, January 12, at 9 a.m. Featured will be the migratory birds in the lagoon at this time of year, plus the native plants. For more information and directions to the meeting point, call the conservancy at 760-436-3944. Free. (SOLANA BEACH)

Desert Trek, the Canyoneers of the San Diego Natural History Museum are leading an interpretive nature hike through Hellhole Canyon in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, on Saturday, January 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's a six-mile round trip, mostly flat. Highlight of the hike is the waterfall overgrown with maidenhair ferns. Wear sturdy shoes and a hat, and bring water. Facilities are available at the trailhead.

From I-8 east, take Highway 79 to Santa Ysabel. Continue north, taking the right fork at Moretti's, continuing on 79. From 79, go east (right) on route S2. Then turn left on route S22 (Montezuma Valley Road). Park at the bottom of the grade in the lot on the west side of the road. There is a $2 day-use fee to park. Otherwise, the hike is free. For more information, call the museum at 619-232-3821 x203. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Nature and History combine in this interpretive hike at Wright's Field, one of San Diego's few remaining pristine grasslands. There are five distinct and overlapping native habitats of this hilltop mesa. You'll also hear about the Spanish colonial rock and the stagecoach trails. The event is sponsored by the Back Country Land Trust and is scheduled for Saturday, January 12, beginning at 10 a.m. From I-8, take the Tavern Road exit south to the new Joan MacQueen Middle School, 2001 Tavern Road. Park in the school lot or on Tavern Road, and meet at the Wright's Field entrance on the north side of the school. It's free. Information: 619-590-2258. (ALPINE)

Tidepooling, this week's guided tidepool exploration, sponsored by the Birch Aquarium, will be held at Swami's. You might even spot an octopus here. The event will be held on Saturday, January 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. It's open to kids six and older (kids from 6 to 13 must be accompanied by a paying adult). Admission: $12 adults, $8 kids 6 to 13. For reservations and for directions to the meeting place, call the aquarium at 858-534-7336. (ENCINITAS)

Star Party, bring your own telescope or check out the one brought by star savant George Varga at this star party scheduled for Saturday, January 12, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., at the Kumeyaay Campground pa rking lot On Father Junípero Serra Trail at Mission Trails Regional Park. Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION TRAILS)

"Hawk Watch," the Wildlife Research Institute invites the public to join raptor-spotting hikes held every Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon through March 3. The walks are led by a raptor biologist, who might be joined by local falconers demonstrating the skills of Harris hawks, Peregrine fal-

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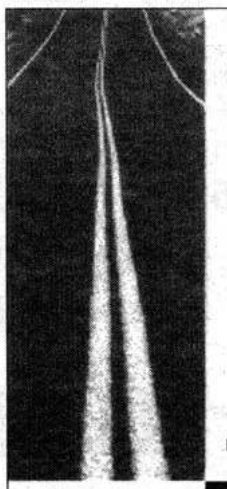
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Meet a block north of the junction of Highway 67 and Highland Valley Road on Highland Valley Court. This is one mile southwest of the Ramona town center. Free. Questions? Call 760-789-3882. (RAMONA)

A Variety of Desert Habitats will be visited on this Canyoneers-guided hike, sponsored by the San Diego Natural History Museum, Sunday, January 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's an easy hike through Coyote Canyon, but a high-clearance vehicle will be needed to get to the starting point. If you don't have such a vehicle, "car pools" will be arranged at the parking lot. From Christmas Circle in Borrego Springs, take Palm Canyon Drive (S22) east to DiGiorgio Road. Continue north to the end of the pavement, which is the meeting point. No facilities. Allow two hours' driving time from San Diego. There's a $2 day-use fee. For information call the museum at 619-232-3821 x203. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Birding in Sweetwater Marsh should produce some interesting wintering species. The guided walk is sponsored by the Chula Vista Nature Center, Sunday, January 13, beginning at 11 a.m. Call 619-409-903 for reservations and directions. Rain cancels. (CHULA VISTA)

"Fledgling" Birders are welcome at this San Diego Audubon Society-sponsored bird watch, Monday, January 14, from 8 to 11 a.m. at Lake Murray. Bring binoculars and a bird guide, if you have one, and wear comfortable shoes. Exit I-8 at Lake Murray Boulevard, turn left on Baltimore, then left on Jackson Drive, left on Golfcrest, then proceed one mile to Mission Trails Park. Meet in the parking lot near the bleachers. Easy hiking. Free. 619-692-3246. (MISSION TRAILS)

An Exquisitely Thin Crescent Moon returns to the evening sky on Monday, January 14, hovering low in the west-southwest over the last gleam of twilight. Mercury is the "star" appearing just above the moon at that time. By the next evening (Tuesday) the moon will be easier to spot in the same area of sky. By Friday, January 18, the fat crescent moon lies near reddish Mars, a planet that has faded dramatically over the last seven months as Earth recedes from it.

The Fabled "Green Flash" at sunset or sunrise can sometimes be seen on crystal-clear days in January. At the instant the sun's upper rim is last visible at sunset, and also at the instant when it is first seen at sunrise, a flash of emerald-green color may be observed, especially on a flat horizon. Physicists explain this peculiar phenomenon as due to color-dispersion (as in a prism) and scattering of sunlight through the earth's atmosphere. Binoculars (or a small telescope) are helpful in spotting it. For green-flash hunting at sunset, any site with a view of the ocean horizon suffices. For the sunrise green flash, any spot overlooking the low desert (Sunrise Highway in the Laguna Mountains, for example) is good.

DANCE

Time for Dance! The ninth annual Nations of San Diego International Dance Festival continues through Friday, January 11, at Mandeville Auditorium on the UCSD campus. Seven dance groups represent dance from Mexico, Morocco, Japan, Polynesia, Brazil, India, Panama, and Lithuania. The festival also boasts an international marketplace with ethnic foods and art from around the world. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Tickets range from $15 to $25 for adults, $5 for children 12 and under. For information, call 619-469-9255. Tickets are available by calling 619-469-9255 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Cha Cha Cha. Learn, learn, learn, when the Calico Twirlers of National City sponsor classes beginning Friday, January 11, at 6:30 p.m. The class is open to adults and to youth from 15 to 18 if accompanied by an adult. Singles or partners welcome. Go to the Kimball Recreation Center, 1221 D Avenue. The first class is free; $3 thereafter. 619-426-9407 or 619-477-5733. (NATIONAL CITY)

"Breaking Bounds," this program of ballet, jazz, tap, theatrical, and modern dance is presented by 11 advanced students in the theater and dance program at Chapman College (Orange, CA). In addition to the entertainment, the school's dance director will be available to talk to interested students about the program. You'll also get an inside look at the preparation and training necessary for a professional career in dance. The show is set for Friday, January 11, 7:30 p.m., at the Torrey Pines Christian Church, 8320 La Jolla Scenic Drive North. Free, though a donation to offset the students' travel expenses would be appreciated. 858-453-3550. (LA JOLLA)

Contradancing, New England-style. Steve Barlow is the caller. The Continental Drifters provide the live music. Newcomers are welcome to come 15 minutes early and get some dance instruction. The next event is scheduled for Friday, January 11, at 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. Admission $6. Please wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

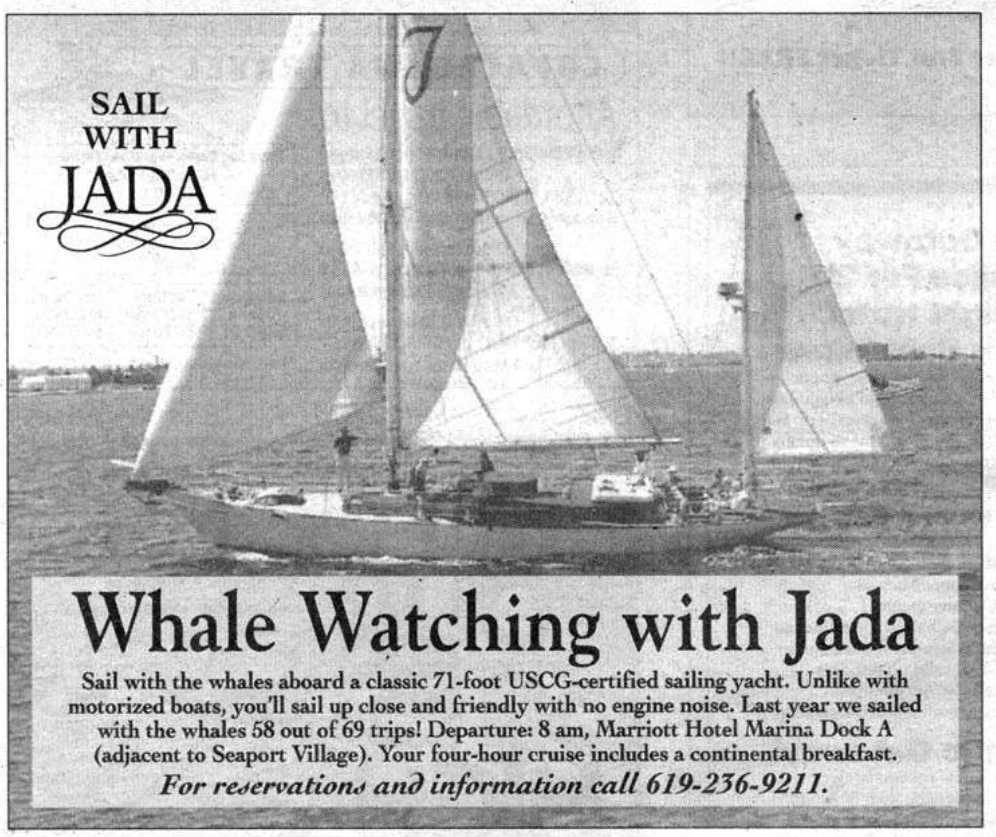
Premiere, John Malashock's newest work, *Misjudgment in Paris,* co-directed by Rosina Reynolds, has its premiere on Friday, January 11, 8 p.m., at the Globe Theatres. With a story by playwright Allan Havis and original score by Lisa Bloom Cohen, the evening of dance retells three classic Greek tales in contemporary style: Pegasus and Bellerophon, Orpheus and Eurydice, and the Judgment of Paris. The program runs through January 20. Tickets are available at the Globe box office (619-239-2255). (BALBOA PARK)

New Dance/Theater Works by choreographer Cindy Unger feature works by Alison Dunn-Razo, Ali Fischer, Karen Rennick, and Grace Shinhae Jun. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12, 8 p.m. at the Sushi Community Space in the Reincarnation Project, 320 11th Avenue; $12, $10 students and Sushi members. For information and reservations call 619-364-6582. (DOWNTOWN)

Swing Dance Classes, instructor Emily teaches you the Lindy hop in this series of classes sponsored by Swing Cat Dance Productions on four consecutive Saturdays, beginning this Saturday, January 12, with Lindy basics for beginners at 11:15 a.m. and a 10 a.m. class for those with some basic knowledge. Cost is $10 per class if taken individually, $32 for the series if paid in full at the first class. Classes are held at the Champion Ballroom, 3580 Fifth Avenue. 858-565-6645. (HILLCREST)

Zydeco, dance to the music of Lil' Malcolm and the House Rockers (from Lake Charles, LA) on Saturday,

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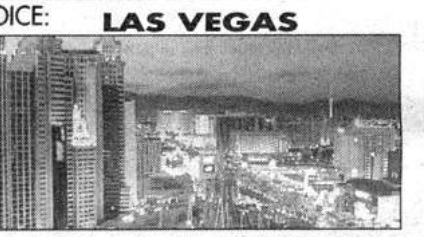
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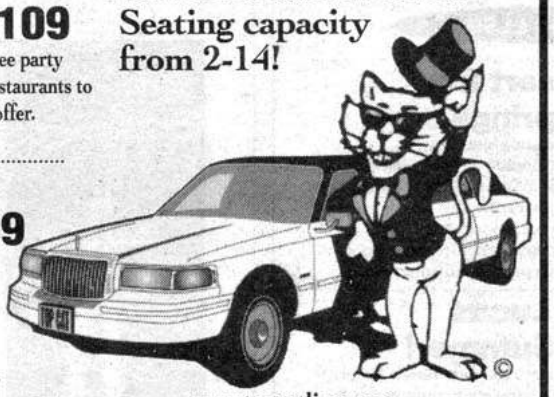
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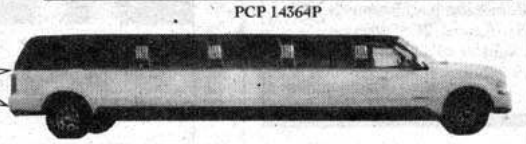


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Come Dance with the 3 Chicks, Saturday, January 12, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. All styles of social dance, with cha-cha lessons at 7 p.m., dancing and games from 8 p.m; $12 admission. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100. 760-809-6279. (ENCINITAS)

Learn "Sevillanas," a Spanish fiesta dance. Instruction begins on Saturday, January 12, at 1 p.m. and every Saturday through March 30; $13 per class. Ballet Basics Studio, 2323 Broadway. 619-846-5030. (DOWNTOWN)

Contemporary Dance with traditional roots is offered by Inbal Dance Theater, Israel's oldest dance company. The troupe of 14 dancers celebrates Israel's multiethnic culture by combining traditional songs and stories in contemporary style. Inbal will offer *The Story of Ruth* and *Song of Songs*. This event, sponsored by the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture is the first in the third annual series "Celebrating Jewish Music." See the dance company on Saturday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center, 210 East Main Street. Tickets are available by calling the Jewish Community Center box office at 858-362-1348. (EL CAJON)

Get Funky, on the second Saturday of each month, including January 12, West Coast swing to funk, hip-hop, disco, and rhythm and blues from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Starlight Dance Studio, 6506-H El Cajon Boulevard. Beginners and advanced lessons are offered. All ages welcome. Cover $5. For information call 619-287-9036. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

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"The Vertical Ray of the Sun" (2000), a Vietnamese film by director Tran Anh Hung, examines the entwined lives and secrets of three sisters whose parents have recently died. A mysterious man is the catalyst for dramatic changes in how the sisters perceive themselves and their parents' marriage. Tran is noted for his delicate and sensual visual style. His cinematographer is Mark Lee, who won the 2001 Cannes Grand Technical Prize for Cinematography.

The film will be shown in Vietnamese with English subtitles as part of the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library on Monday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

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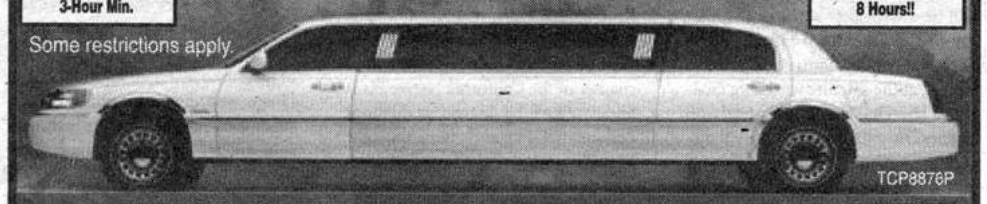
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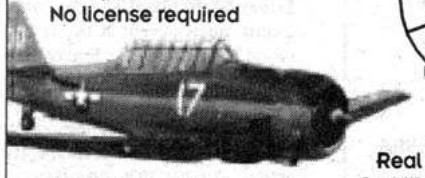
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Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, *Bears* is a close-up look at the black bear, brown "grizzly" bear, and polar bear. You'll follow the complexity of their social lives, their importance in the ecosystem, and their ancient mythological and spiritual significance. Environmental factors are threatening the survival of North America's bears. The IMAX film was shot in Montana, Idaho, and in Alaska's Katmai Preserve. It opens on Friday, January 11, and screens several times daily through the spring.

Experience the challenges and countless mysteries of great animal migrations in *Amazing Journeys.* The film follows monarch butterflies, birds, migrating whales, the red crabs of Christmas Island, the great migration of zebras in Africa, and Maasai warriors on their travels. Take the journey through Tuesday, April 30.

Did you know there are 50,000 known caves in the U.S., and every state has at least one? *Journey into Amazing Caves* squeezes into some of the earth's alien, hidden realms, guided by two cavers seeking these often unexplored frontiers. The latest MacGillivray Freeman Films offering follows "extreme scientists" Hazel Barton and Nancy Aulenbach as they seek organisms that might hold new medical applications. *Caves* continues through Thursday, March 7.

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

"They Might Be Giants," the Creative Arts Consortium's film series continues on Wednesday, January 16, with this 1971 fantasy fable that stars Joanne Wodward and George C. Scott. Woodward plays a psychiatrist who tries to cure a patient convinced he's Sherlock Holmes. It screens in the auditorium of the San Diego Library, 820 E Street. It's free. 858-481-7069. (DOWNTOWN)

"House of Games," this film screens as part of the Carlsbad Library's ongoing series, Wednesday, January 16, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium, 1775 Dove Lane. Free. 760-602-2026. (CARLSBAD)

LECTURES

Seventeenth-Century Dutch Painting, art historian Ron Steen offers this talk in conjunction with exhibits at the San Diego Museum of Art. He will be speaking on Friday, January 11, at 10 a.m. in the museum's Copley Auditorium; $10 admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Planning and Designing Your Water-Wise Landscape," landscape designer Jon Powell is the presenter in the next "Second Saturday Seminar" at the Water Conservation Garden, developed by the Otay and Helix Water Districts in conjunction with the Grossmont/Cuyamaca Community College District. The talk begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 12, at the garden on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. Free. For details on the seminar or guided tours of the gardens, call 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Create a Terrarium in this class offered by the San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, January 12, from 10 a.m. to noon. You'll make your own miniature Chinese-inspired landscape in a bubble bowl with long-lasting houseplants. The class is offered at the museum's Tecolote Nature Center; $40, including materials. To register call the museum at 619-232-3821 x203. (CLAIREMONT)

Talking Parrots, the Parrot Education and Adoption Center offers two seminars on parrot care this weekend. The first, Saturday, January 12, will be on avian diseases, the symptoms and treatments. On Sunday, January 13, they will discuss common behavior problems of companion parrots, along with effective behavior modification techniques. Both seminars run from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at the Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way, off West Mission Bay Drive. Admission is $10 per seminar. Call 619-287-8200 for more information.

In "Fainting Couches and Corsets: Fashion, Social Class, and Women's Health in the 19th-Century United States," Susan Gonda will discuss the connection between fashion and middle-class ideas about women's bodies on Saturday, January 12, at 3 p.m. The talk is illustrated with slides that show changing fashion trends, protests of women's restrictive clothing, medical text drawings, "cures" for women's ailments, and comparisons of women from urban, rural, Hispanic, and American Indian populations.

The event is sponsored by the Women's History Reclamation Project and will be presented at its museum at 2323 Broadway, suite 107 (enter on 23rd Street). Refreshments will be served. A $5 donation is requested. (GOLDEN HILL)

A Poetry Workshop with the Magee Park Poets and Geoff Bouvier is scheduled for Sunday, January 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Cole Library community room, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. Free. 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

"Quest for Peace and Women's Rights in Pre- and Post-Taliban Afghanistan" is the subject for Anne Hoiberg at the next meeting of People to People International, Sunday, January 13, at 3 p.m., in Green Hall, Alliant International University (formerly USIU), 10455 Pomerado Road. People to People International was founded in 1956 as a nonpolitical volunteer effort of private citizens to promote international understanding through person-to-person contact. Admission is free. 760-746-1670 or 858-484-6069. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Oil Painting Demonstration, local artist Dennis Torzeski demonstrates is oil technique at the next meeting of the El Cajon Art Association, Monday, January 14, 10 a.m., at the association's gallery at 1246 East Main Street, suite 113. Free. 619-588-8875. (EL CAJON)

Opera Preview, this popular series, which previews the San Diego Opera season, begins with a talk about Verdi's *Rigoletto,* Monday, January 14. Ron Shaheen is the presenter at 2 p.m.; or hear Nicolas Reveles at 7:30 p.m. The series is sponsored by the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street; $7 at the door. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Easy Care Roses for Southern California. Tom Carruth, director of research at Weeks Roses in Upland, will be the speaker at the next meeting of the San Diego Horticultural Society, Monday, January 14, 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the satellite wagering facility of the Del Mar Fairgrounds on Jimmy Durante Boulevard. He'll discuss the easiest roses to grow in our climate and answer your rose questions. Free. 760-630-7307. (DEL MAR)

"Blinded by Egypt's Treasures," at the next meeting of the North County group of the Sierra Club, Monday, January 14, at 7:30 p.m., Berry and Corinne Smedley offer a travelogue of their three-week excursion from Mt. Sinai to Luxor and Karnak, Aswan and the western desert and other nooks and crannies in Egypt. The meeting is held at the Joslyn Center, 18402 Bernardo Drive. Free. 760-489-8842. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Face to Face with the Chinese of Xi'an," Betty Burt, who has spent time with students in Xi'an, will talk about her experiences at the next meeting of the North County Forum of the World Affairs Council, Tuesday, January 15, 10 a.m., at La Vida del Mar Retirement Community, 850 Del Mar Downs Road, in the second-floor salon. (From I-5, exit on Via de la Valle, go west, then turn north on Del Mar Downs.) It's free. 858-487-4635. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Heroes Then and Now," the Coronado Museum of History and Art presents Ray Brandes, who will be discussing "the sacrifices made by the young men in Coronado for the war effort in the early 1940s." Particular attention will be paid to the Belgian Aviation Historical Association, a citizens' group that search for MIAs in France. The event is set for Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 p.m., at the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Admission is $10 for nonmembers. 619-435-7242. (CORONADO)

Lake Hodges Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge, the San Dieguito River Park will be holding a public forum to acquaint the public with the bridge design team's preliminary recommendations and to solicit opinions from the public. Meet on Tuesday, January 15, at 7 p.m., at the Casa de las Campanas Dinner Theater, 18655 West Bernardo Drive. (Park at the Rancho Bernardo Community Park along West Bernardo Drive and take the shuttle bus to the meeting place.) It's free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Propagating California Native Plants is the subject for botanist Jeanine De Hart at the next meeting of the local chapter of the California Native Plant Society. She'll be discussing methods and soil mixes for such favorites as the Matilija poppy and Cleveland sage. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m., in room 104 of the Casa del Prado. Free. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

"Dutch Painting in the Golden Age," this three-lecture series, which covers the work of Hals, Rembrandt, and Vermeer, opens on Tuesday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m. The presenter is John F.M. Stewart. In his first talk, he will discuss Frans Hals, his painting techniques, his patrons, Haarlem society of Hals's time, and stories behind some of his best-known works. The talk will be at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. Nonmember ticket prices: $33 series, $12 individual lectures. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Symbolic Communication in Stingless Bees: Exploring the Third Dimension" is the subject for James Nieh, from UCSD's division of biology. Honey bees and other stingless bees are the only animals aside from humans who use symbolic communication. They use sound and "dances" to indicate distance and direction to food sources. Recently a type of stingless bee has been discovered that can communicate the idea of distance and height. Learn about this third dimension in the next entry in the "Science Matters" series of lunchtime talks, Wednesday, January 16, from noon to 12:30 p.m., in 2130 Bonner Hall on the UCSD campus. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Eye of the Whale," naturalist and author Dick Russell discusses the 6000-mile migration of the gray whale, the fight to preserve their calving habitat in Baja California, and the controversy over renewed hunting of the animals by Native American tribes. The talk is set for Wednesday, January 16, 7 p.m., at the Natural History Museum; $8 nonmembers; $6 members, students, military and children from 6 to 17. To register call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

"e-Business Basics," learn about domain registration, hosting, website elements important for your customers, where to go to build a website, selling over the Internet, and promoting your site. The seminar is conducted by Joe Steinberger, owner of Intertune Internet Solutions, a San Diego web development and consulting company. The workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the computer lab of the San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. It's free, but make reservations by calling 619-238-6630. (DOWNTOWN)

"Racial Profiling," Erwin Chemerinsky, USC Law School professor of constitutional law, is the featured speaker. A panel discussion follows, with David Bejarano, chief of the San Diego Police Department; Laurence Benner, professor at California Western School of Law; Peter Irons, of UCSD's political science department; Pat Washington, from SDSU's women's studies department; moderated by Robert Horowitz, of the communication department of UCSD. The presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, at 7 p.m., in Price Center Ballroom B, on the UCSD campus. A reception follows. It's free. Information? Call 858-534-1704. (LA JOLLA)

Gallery Talk, Maxine Gaiber, director of education for the San Diego Museum of Art, leads a tour of the "European Art, 1870-1940: War and Revolution" at the museum, next Thursday, January 17, 6 p.m. Meet in the rotunda. Free with museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

Nutrition Gene and Joyce Daoust will introduce their new book *Formula 101: Maintaining 40-30-30 Nutrition for a Lifetime* when they appear at a talk and signing on Friday, January 11, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, 1040 North El Camino Real. Free. 760-943-6406. (ENCINITAS)

Friday Night Slam! The next mid-month poetry event at the Urban Grind is scheduled for Friday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m. (sign-ups begin at 7). It's the first qualifying slam of the 2002 season. The coffeehouse is located at 3797 Park Boulevard. It's all free. 619-294-2920. (HILLCREST)

"Aliens in America," comedian and author Sandra Tsing Loh's solo off-Broadway show opens here at the Lyceum Space in Horton Plaza on Friday, January 11, 8 p.m. and runs through February 10. She spins tales about growing up in middle-class

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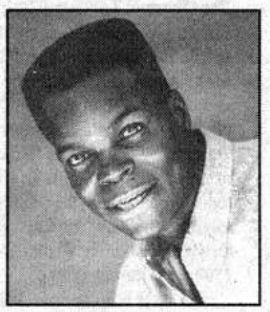
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A Salute to Richard Rodgers, in honor of the composer's 100th anniversary, the San Diego Symphony offers selections from the full range of the man's career. Matthew Garbutt conducts; featured singers are Christiane Noll, soprano; Gary Mauer, tenor; and Douglas La Brecque, baritone. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12, at 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. Tickets are $10 to $55. 619-2355-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

CD-Release Party, Enough Talk features performances by Paul Abbott, Jim Earp, Chuck Schiele, Mark Guynn, C.J. Hutchins, Dave Howard, Joe Mersch, and Scott Ireland. It's set for Friday, January 11, at 8 p.m., at Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, between J and K; $10 cover includes a copy of the CD. 858-270-7467. (DOWNTOWN)

Science Fiction Favorite David Brin will discuss his recent title, *Kiln People,* in which the author envisions a future where humans use disposable golems (automatons) for all purposes. Hear all about it on Saturday, January 12, at 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, suite 302. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT MESA)

Storytelling Concert, "Truth and Lies: Likely Stories from the Midwest and South" is the name storyteller Steven Henegar has given to his evening of everyday and fantastic tales. The show is appropriate for adults and children over age 12. Hear him on Saturday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m., at the Manchester Conference Center on the campus of USD, 5998 Alcala Park (off Linda Vista Road). Tickets are $7. For more information or reservations, call 619-298-6363 or 619-260-4584. (LINDA VISTA)

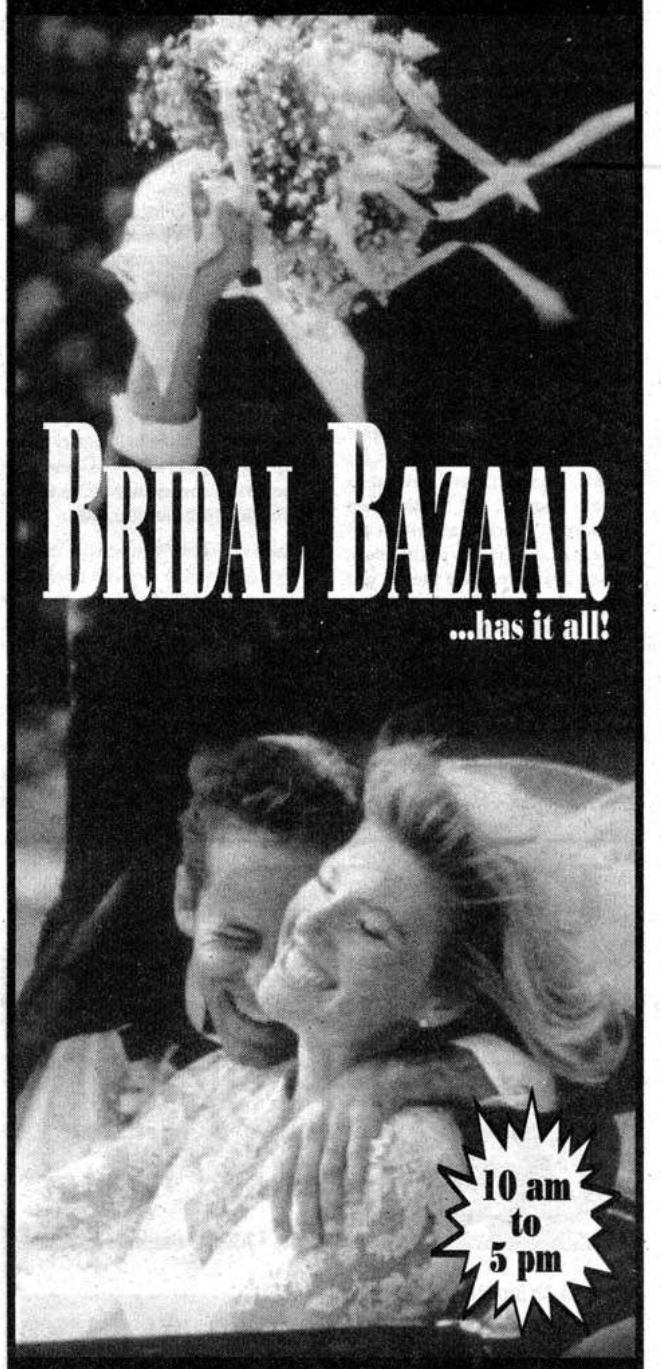
"Live...at the 101 Artists Colony" is an evening of performances scheduled for Saturday, January 12, 7:30 p.m. at the 101 Artists Colony. Percussionist Frank Lazzaro and belly dancer Shalimar; Trish Dugger, the Full Moon Poetry Slam winner; Los Angeles folksinger Jerry McClean; and Calima, a Spanish guitar duo are on the bill. Seating is limited, so arrive early. Doors open at 7 p.m; $5 admission includes one regular hot beverage from E Street Coffee, plus appetizers. For more information, call Gutz Productions at 760-293-3179. (ENCINITAS)

"Mark Twain Tonight," Hal Holbrook brings his popular show to the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, on Saturday, January 12, at 8 p.m. As Holbrook tours with the show, he adds new material and changes the program to suit the times. Tickets are from $20 to $44. Call Ticketmaster at 619-220-TIXS or the center at 1-800-988-4253. The CCA is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Yiddish Music, Sephardi, pop, classical, and folk music are all included in the repertoire of Magevet, Yale University's Jewish, Hebrew, and Israeli a cappella singing group. The 18-voice ensemble is known for its unusual arrangements of traditional and modern songs. They will appear in concert on Saturday, January 12, at 8 p.m., at the Temple Emanu-El, 6299 Capri Drive (just north of I-8 at the College Avenue exit). Seating is limited. For advance purchase, call 619-286-2555; $10 adults, $5 students. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Ruby Tuesday" is the title of Baron Birtcher's newest murder mystery, set in Hawaii, which features retired LAPD detective Mike Travis. Meet with the author and discuss on Sunday, January 13, at 3 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books. Birtcher is joined by suspense author Catherine Todd, whose *Exit Strategies* features a

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Poetsperformance Open Reading, bring your own work or something from your favorite poet to read on Sunday, January 13, from 4 to 6 p.m., at Red's Espresso Gallery, 1017 Rosecrans. It's free. 619-523-5543. (POINT LOMA)

Country Legend Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys perform in concert, sponsored by the North County Bluegrass and Folk Club and the San Diego Bluegrass Society. Opening the show will be San Diego bluegrass and gospel band Lighthouse. The concert is scheduled for Sunday, January 13, at 7 p.m., at La Paloma Theater, 471 South Coast Highway 101. Tickets are $19 in advance, $22 on the day of the show, and are available at the theater box office, House of Strings (North Park), Buffalo Brother Vintage Guitars (Carlsbad), and Scotty's Guitar Shop (Escondido). (ENCINITAS)

Sacred Gospel Concert, the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir San Diego, directed by Ken Anderson, offers a concert on Sunday, January 13, 7 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 2111 Camino del Rio South. Admission is free, but an offering will be taken. Child care by reservation. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Jazz Trio, San Diego Mini-Concerts sponsors musical events on alternate Mondays at the Lyceum Theater. This Monday, January 14, at noon, the Pamela York Jazz Trio performs, with York on piano, Rob Thorsen on bass, and Kevin Kanner on drums. It's free. Bring your lunch, if you like. The theater is located in Horton Plaza (and they validate parking). 619-236-1980. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Passion of Artemesia," Artemesia Gentileschi was the first woman to make a significant contribution to art history. Susan Vreeland's newest book is about this Italian painter. Meet the author and discuss the book on Monday, January 14, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee, 1555 Camino Del Mar, suite 307. 858-755-2707 Free (DEL MAR)

Author Debbie Ford will discuss and sign copies of her newest book, *The Secret of the Shadows: The Power of Owning Your Whole Story.* It gives you tips on breaking out of your life "dramas" and achieving success. She'll appear at Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue, on Tuesday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

On Wednesday, January 16, at 7 p.m., you can meet her at Borders bookstore, 1072 Camino Del Rio North. Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Our Sinatra: A Big-Band Musical Celebration" is the touring version of the Broadway show. It arrives in San Diego on Tuesday, January 15, with a performance at 7:30 p.m., at Mandeville Auditorium on the UCSD campus. The 12-member band and trio of singers offer all the songs made popular by Frank. Tickets are $2 general, $15 students, $20 seniors. Call the UCSD box office at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Poet and Musician Chris Prim shares his compositions based on his travels to Korea and Mt. Shasta. There will also be an open poetry reading, led by Mary Leary and Miguel Angel Ortega. It all takes place at the Other Side Coffeehouse, 4096 30th Street, at Polk, on Wednesday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m. Sign-up for the open reading begins at 7 p.m. Donations appreciated. 619-521-0533. (NORTH PARK)

Still Singing After All These Years, Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme serenade the audience on Wednesday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center, 210 East Main Street. Tickets are $46, $56, and $66. They're available through Ticketmaster or from the ECPAC box office. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

SPORTS

Gulls Hockey, the San Diego Gulls host Long Beach on Friday, January 11; Bakersfield on Sunday, January 13, at 6 p.m.; and Anchorage on Wednesday, January 15, at 7 p.m. All games are 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)

Trail Run, runner/naturalist Don Parnell sets the pace on this two-hour run along the trails of Daley Ranch, Saturday, January 12, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Meet at the trailhead at La Honda Drive (off El Norte Parkway, a mile north). It's free. 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

Coronado and Pt. Loma, the San Diego Bicycle Touring Society plans a jaunt that involves the Coronado Ferry and perusing the Point Loma Lighthouse, Saturday, January 12, beginning at 8:45 a.m., at the parking lot of the J Street boat launch in the marina at Chula Vista. It's about 45 miles round trip at a steady pace. Free (except for the ferry ticket). 619-255-4194. (CHULA VISTA)

Kayaking, a two-hour, social, guided paddle around the bay is offered every Thursday night, leaving from the Aqua Adventures Kayak Center, 1548 Quivira Way. Cost is $10 if you rent a kayak, free if you bring your own. Paddlers depart at 6 p.m., so arrive a half hour early to get ready. For more information or directions, call the center at 619-523-9577. (MISSION BAY)

SPECIAL

Antique Show, the Del Mar Antique Show and Sale is back, Friday through Sunday, January 11 through 13, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Adults $6, children free. It's in the Bing Crosby Hall and O'Brien Pavilion of the Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. 760-943-7500. (DEL MAR)

It's a Trading Card Game with its own pro tour. Professional players of "Magic: The Gathering" will compete in an elimination tournament during the weekend. The convention area will be open to the public Friday, January 11, 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, January 12, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, January 13, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The grand award ceremony will be on Sunday, after the last round of play. It takes place at the Community Concourse, 202 C Street. Admission to the venue is free, but there is a charge ($5 to $25) for some of the "side events." ("Magic: The Gathering" is brought to you by the fine folks at the Hasbro toy company.) 800-324-6496. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Power of the Majority," selections from the de Tocqueville work are the subject of this week's meeting of the Del Mar chapter of the Great books Reading and Discussion Group, Friday, January 11, 7 p.m., at the Barnes and Noble bookstore, 12835 El Camino Real, in the Del Mar Highlands Town Center. Free. Visitors welcome. 858-756-4298. (DEL MAR)

Showy Cactus and very special succulents will be on display this weekend at the annual winter show of the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society. This is one of the largest shows in the U.S. and includes specimens from around the world. The show is scheduled for Saturday, January 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room 101 of the Casa Del Prado. Admission is free. (BALBOA PARK)

The Teddy Bear Is 100 Years Old, celebrate at Linda's Teddy Bear, Doll and Antique Toy Show and Sale, which pulls into the Scottish Rite Center Saturday and Sunday, January 12 and 13; 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Early buyers' admission $15 (8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday); regular admission $5. The center is located at 1895 Camino Del Rio South. 760-434-7444. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Virginia Constitution, and other selected writings of Thomas Jefferson, are the subjects for this week's meeting of the Great Books group of San Diego. They'll gather on Saturday, January 12, 2 to 4 p.m., in the third-floor conference room of the San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. Free. 858-755-8978. (DOWNTOWN)

Be a Star! and a volunteer at the Birch Aquarium at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Promote ocean conservation through education and interpretation. Come to an orientation and training session on Sunday, January 13, 12:30 to 5 p.m. Anyone 16 years and older is welcome. Meet at the aquarium entrance and bring $3 for parking. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. 858-822-1811. (LA JOLLA)

"At the Opera with Ian Campbell," director of the San Diego Opera, is broadcast every Sunday at 7 p.m., of KPBS-FM 89.5.

The Olympic Torch will be in Chula Vista on Monday, January 14, on its way to Salt Lake City. There is a public ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Copley visitors' center of the ARCO/U.S. Olympic Training Center, 2800 Olympic Parkway. The flame is due to arrive at 10:40 a.m. and will remain on view for 15 minutes. Then torchbearers carry the flame through downtown Chula Vista. 619-656-1500. Free (CHULA VISTA)

Its next stop is Spreckels Park, 601 Orange Avenue in Coronado, at a celebration scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. The flame is due there about 1:45 p.m. and will be on display until 2:15 p.m. Food and beverages will be available to purchase, and local schools and community groups provide entertainment. Free admission. (CORONADO)

Next, the torch will be carried to the organ pavilion in Balboa Park, where it can be seen from approximately 4:35 to 4:50 p.m. The final celebration will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m., at Embarcadero Park North, with entertainment, a video wall, and guest celebrities. The Olympic flame will be on display from approximately 5:55 to 6:30 p.m. (DOWNTOWN)

"Wilderness Basic Course," the North County Group of the local chapter of the Sierra Club offers a ten-week backpacking course for anyone 14 years old or older. Learn how to comfortably hike, camp, eat, and sleep in the wilderness. Class meets every Tuesday night from 7 to 9:30 p.m., from January 15 through March 19 in the library of San Pasqual High School, 3300 Bear Valley Parkway. Learn about wilderness ethics, first aid and safety, weather, equipment, clothing, water filtration, cooking, and map and compass reading.

The $85 cost (cash or check) includes workbooks, a compass, topo maps, and five outings that will include a day hike, car camp, map and compass reading, and mountain, desert, and snow backpacking. (An adult must accompany any child under 18 on the outings.) For more information, call 760-728-8220. (ESCONDIDO)

Mush! Do sledders really say that? Find out when the Mountain Mushers, with their sled dog team and all their gear, visit the Carmel Valley Branch Library, on Wednesday, January 16, at 7 p.m. Lots of chances to ask questions and interact with the dogs, so bring a camera. It's all free at 3919 Townsgate Drive (behind the Del Mar Highlands Shopping Plaza). 858-552-1668. (CARMEL VALLEY)

FOR KIDS

"Aqu-Electric" by Tom Jensen's Puppets can be seen through Sunday, January 13, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Songs, Rhyme, and Pantomime* by Puppet Express, beginning Wednesday, January 16.

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 chil-

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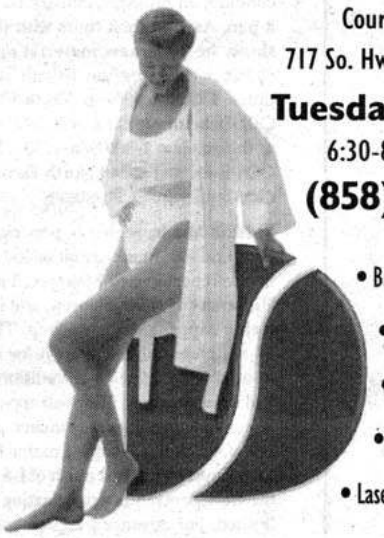
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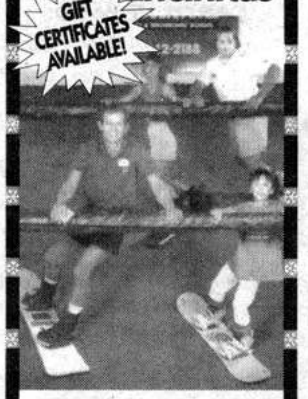
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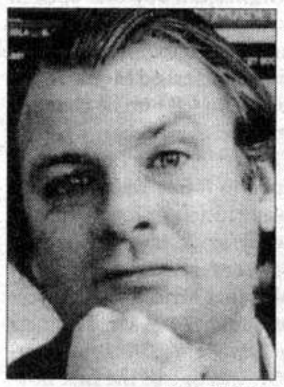
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Life Turns Man Up and Down: High Life, Useful Advice, and Mad English



Kurt Thometz

Pantheon Books, 2001; 356 pages; $26.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: A unique anthology that brings together examples of once wildly popular but long out-of-print African market literature never intended as art: irresistibly charming, brief literary anomalies in all genres, written for entertainment, instruction, and moral guidance.

An indigenous Nigerian publishing phenomenon that was all the rage from World War II until the late 1960s, Onitsha Market literature consisted of pamphlets that contained stories, novels, plays, discourses on the dangers of loose living, and advice on matters ranging from selecting a wife to managing your money. They carried titles such as *Lack of Money Is Not Lack of Sense, Drunkards Believe Bar As Heaven, No Condition Is Permanent,* and *How to Write Love Letters, Toasts, and Business Letters.*

Originally sold at Onitsha Market (the largest open-air market in Africa), the pamphlets have become priceless collectors' items. This anthology — facsimile reproductions of the original texts, illustrations, and cover art — now makes them available to a wider audience.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY: From *The New York Times:* This anthology of Nigerian "market literature" — pulp pamphlets, now collectors' items, that were sold in open-air markets until the 1960s — is a wild excursion into the collective unconscious of an emerging nation. For no more than the price of a bottle of beer, a reader could procure such instructional and entertaining works as "Mabel the Sweet Honey That Poured Away" by Speedy Eric or "How to Avoid Corner Corner Love and Win Good Love From Girls." Written by Igbo writers who bridged oral and print culture, the pamphlets are filled with advice for rural people making the transition to city life. In a tale of dope peddlers, one author admonishes, "The saying that a Star is born and not made leaves the reader to prove if he is a Star or a mug. But remember a mug could be fearfully tough, sleek-headed and hard as a nut." Visually, the booklets, superbly reproduced, are riotous cultural appropriations worthy of Warhol — they cull images from pop films and photo magazines, like a pompadoured Pat Boone on the cover of "The Way to Get Money: The Best Wonderful Book for Money Mongers."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Kurt Thometz, now in his late 40s, was born and raised in St. Augusta, Minnesota. "A little town," Mr. Thometz said, on the morning that we talked, "outside of St. Cloud. Do you know of Stearns County, Minnesota, by any chance? You ever heard of Lake Wobegon?"

"I have. Yes."

"That takes place in Stearns County, Minnesota."

Mr. Thometz's father worked for the power company. He was transferred to Minneapolis when Mr. Thometz was a schoolboy, and young Thometz grew up in the Minneapolis suburbs. Mr. Thometz said that in his first year of high school, he met "a rich kid. And his parents knew about the theater and books. I don't come from book people, by any means. So he interested me. I'd read already. I was a voracious reader from about 12, and for the first time in my life, when I met this rich kid, I met somebody with whom I could talk about books. His parents had this connection to the theater, so I got a job at the Tyrone Guthrie Theater. I spent all my years in high school there. That was in the late 1960s. And then in 1971, when I graduated from high school, I went out to California and tried to be a hippie. It freaked me out. I didn't get on at all well. I wouldn't talk about my diet, and I didn't care to talk about my guru. So somebody said, 'Do you want to go to New York?' And we had a $200 Dodge with good rubber. We drove out to New York, and I got a job at a bookstore on Fourth Avenue, Manhattan's Book Row."

"You must have thought you had died and gone to heaven."

"I did. I did." Mr. Thometz worked in bookstores as a salesman and book scout for the next 17 years. Early in his New York career, Mr. Thometz made contact with the late William French, proprietor of the University Place Bookshop in Greenwich Village. French's *Yellow Pages* advertisement noted that his shop specialized in "Everything to do with the Negro." Mr. Thometz writes in his Afterword to *Life Turns Man Up and Down,* about the store, "More souk than shop, nine floors above Broadway the vocationally marginalized bookseller/scholar curated an imaginary Africa representative of the real Africa."

Through Diana Vreeland (1906–1989), fashion editor of *Harper's Bazaar* and later, editor-in-chief of *Vogue* and curator of the Fashion Institute at the Metropolitan Museum, Mr.

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dren under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5045. (BALBOA PARK)

"Naty at the Border *Naty en la Frontera"* is Norma Bustamante's bilingual children's book, illustrated by Franco Mendez Calvillo. The story takes place between the cities of Tijuana and San Diego. Naty is an elephant from the San Diego Zoo; Pepe is a "zebra donkey," like the ones you see on Avenida Revolución. All proceeds from the sale of the book go to Project Concern International, Children's Hospital, and Hogar Infantil La Gloria, which is the orphanage Bustamante founded in 1976.

Join the author for a reception and book signing on Friday, January 11, from 2 to 4 p.m., at John Cole's Book Shop, 780 Prospect Street. Free. 858-454-4766. (LA JOLLA)

Antipholus of Syracuse Searches for his long-lost twin brother in William Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors,* the current production for the San Diego Junior Theater. The show, directed by Brian Bevell, runs through January 20, with performances at 7 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday in the Casa del Prado Theater. The performances on January 19 are ASL interpreted. Tickets are $7 to $10 adults, $5 to $8 seniors and children 13 and under. For reservations, call 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

"Mad Tea Party," "Green Eggs and Ham," "Three Little Pigs," and poetry and songs are on the program this weekend at the San Diego Actors Theatre "Children's Classics" program at L'Auberge Del Mar Resort and Spa, Saturday, January 12, 11 a.m., $4 per person admission. The resort is located at 1540 Camino Del Mar. 619-268-4494. (DEL MAR)

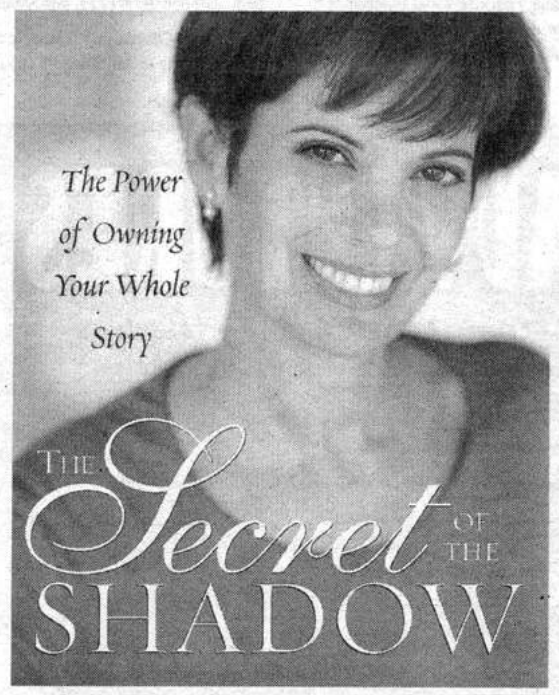
Enjoy "Testing Miss Malarkey" by Judy Finchler and take part in another activity during the story time planned at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Saturday, January 12, at 11:30 a.m. Find the shop at 10775 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Ever Get Up on the Wrong Side of the Bed? Based on the book by Judith Viorst, *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day!* is the next production for the J*Company Youth Theatre. The show can be seen at the Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish

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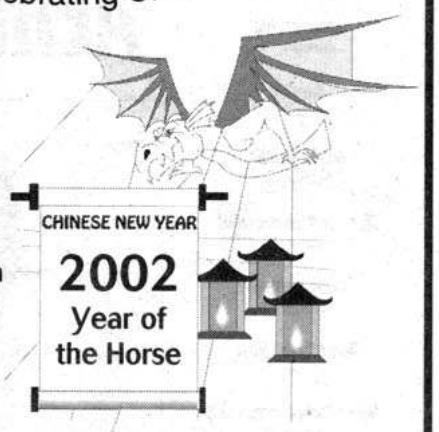
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Thometz became a private librarian. About Mrs. Vreeland, he told me (and seemed exceptionally happy at the thought of her), "Very elegant, very eccentric lady. Drag queens still love to impersonate her. In fact, I just opened the mail and somebody sent me a book called, *Diana Vreeland, The Bazaar Years, Why Don't You...? Including 100 Audacious Why Don't Yous...?* It's very charming and has columns she did when she was at *Harper's Bazaar*. She was an amazing woman. I happened to be a friend of a young man who was coediting, coauthoring, her autobiography. At the time Mrs. Vreeland was just beginning to get cataracts in her eyes, and having difficulty with finding things. In fact, quite a bit of difficulty with finding things. People in general wouldn't know what a bibliophile Mrs. Vreeland was. She constantly had her assistants from *Vogue*, very well-bred young ladies, I'm sure, helping her out with editing the magazine. They were always over at the house, and she was always asking to see a book and they would put the book away, but they wouldn't put the book away in the right place.

"So her library, which she depended heavily upon, became chaotic, and she couldn't find anything. She asked her Buddhist monk grandson, Nicky, who is a very big, big deal these days in America, in the Buddhist field. He speaks for the Dalai Lama in this country, he's a wonderful fellow. But she had asked him to help her put her library in order, and he got a buddy who smoked some pot and put the library into some sort of Zen logic that nobody could follow.

"And so my friend said to Mrs. Vreeland, 'Get Kurt, he set up part of the Strand, and he has knowledge of bookstores, and he'll do it.' So I came and put Mrs. Vreeland's books in order. And in the process she and I became very good friends. I wasn't a gay man, I didn't know all about Diana Vreeland when I went into her parlor. And as almost everybody knows her in that world, I would find out only later that she was quite as famous as she was, so I knew her by reputation, but I didn't know her. In her autobiography, she describes our relationship, in one of the chapters. We were total strangers, and we became very good friends, and all I really knew about her was her books. Which I just loved. And she writes in her book about how the best way to actually know her *was* through her books.

"She sort of adopted me. She was wonderful. When I was finished working, she would invite me to dinner, no matter who was coming over. It might be Halston and Liza Minelli, or it might be who knows who... and here I was, I was just a teenager from the Midwest. This really blew me away."

Did Mrs. Vreeland give him pointers on his dress?

She didn't. "I didn't even wear a tie. I was very Lower East Side, black leather jacket and denim. Not a rock and roller, but very, at the time, *Lower East Side*. This was the 1970s. Underground artists were the thing, and I had all those affectations, I'm sure. But I got over them. And she was a great supporter. She told everybody, 'You have to hire this guy.' They did. People would have me come over and show me their books and there would be nothing to do with them. I really didn't know what to make of them. I'd have to make it up, but I needed the work, so I'd make it up. And that led me to being a book scavenger, and so I was scavenging, basically, the Tri-State area. I had a big Checker, I still drive a Checker cab. The one I had then looked like Operation Desert Storm. The one I have now looks like the car Cardinal O'Connor used to drive."

Mr. Thometz lives in Brooklyn Heights with his wife and son. He has worked as a private librarian since 1980, with clients as various as Mrs. Vincent Astor, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Lauder, Mr. & Mrs. Steven J. Ross, Diana Vreeland, Mr. & Mrs. Felix Rohatyn, Jerome Zipkin, Alan Pryce Jones, Mr. & Mrs. S.I. Newhouse, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Newhouse, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Grunwald, Molly Parnis, Michael Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. David Granger, Mr. Leslie Wexner, Fran Lebowitz, Senator Abe Ribicoff, Mr. & Mrs. Sid Bass, Dianne Von Furstenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Gustavo Cisneros, Calvin Klein, Mike Nichols and Diane Sawyer. As *The Private Library*, Mr. Thometz provides curatorial services to book collectors. According to information on his website (*connoisseurweb.com/books/privatelibrary/honorary.html*), these services include providing, arranging, and cataloging books, database development, appraisal, bibliographic research, and conservation.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR ABOUT HIS BOOK: We talked about the market literature. His interest in this literature began, Mr. Thometz said, when he began visiting the University Place Bookshop. "Which, as you maybe gathered, was rather like a bookshop out of Dickens. But it was full of Africana. When I came to New York City, I was the kind of Midwestern boy that opened up the Manhattan white pages and turned to 'Monk, Thelonius,' and called Monk on the phone to tell him he changed my life. And when I found University Place Bookshop, I took to it like Daffy Duck to water. I fell in love with the whole stock. It was incredible. It was everything. What doesn't come across, perhaps, in the book is that African studies were really in their infancy in the early and mid-'70s." Mr. Thometz explained that Amos Tutuola's *The Palm-Wine Drinkard*, completed in 1946 and published in 1952, was one of the first novels by an African published in English. Another was Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*, published in 1958.

"I was the kind of Midwestern boy that opened up the Manhattan white pages and turned to 'Monk, Thelonius,' and called Monk on the phone."

Bill French was interested in this African literature from the beginning, Mr. Thometz said. "Right away, he was collecting those first books. In 1961, in the *Times Literary Supplement*, there was, as I recall, a one-paragraph notice that commented on

Community Center.

Find the center at 4126 Executive Drive. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Saturdays (January 12 and 19), with matinees at 1 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 13, and at 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 20. Tickets range from $5 to $25. Call 858-362-1348 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

Cuentos Para Niños, Bilingual story time will be held every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. for kids aged 2 through 3 1/2 (accompanied by an adult). It's held in the children's room of the Escondido Public Library, 239 South Kalmia Street. 760-839-4837 Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Stories and Songs come alive for kids under five, when they get together with Miss Cora every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Borders bookstore, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive. (The same program is repeated on Wednesdays.) 858-618-1814 Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH)

Stories, Songs, and Snacks, kids under age five can sing and listen to fun stories every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., at Borders bookstore, 1072 Camino Del Rio North. 619-295-2201. Free (MISSION VALLEY)

California Young Reader Medal Story Time is being offered in the Children's Room at the San Diego Public Library. Participants may listen to the five nominated stories, make a craft, and vote for their favorite books. The series concludes on Wednesday, January 16, and next Thursday, January 17, at 3 p.m. Wednesday's book is *Wolf!* by Becky Bloom, and Thursday is the voting party where you get to pick your favorite. The library is located at 820 E Street. Free. 619-236-5838. (DOWNTOWN)

Tot Time Stories, young kids enjoy stories and songs every Friday at 10:30 a.m., at Borders bookstore, 159 Fletcher Parkway. 619-593-5119 Free. (EL CAJON)

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

MUSEUMS

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

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

California Surf Museum, "Early California Surfriders, 1900-1940" honors Doc John Heath Ball, the first surf documentarian, telling the stories of those pioneering surfers in photographs by Ball and text. Many of the photographs, surfboards, and other artifacts have never been on public display before.

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

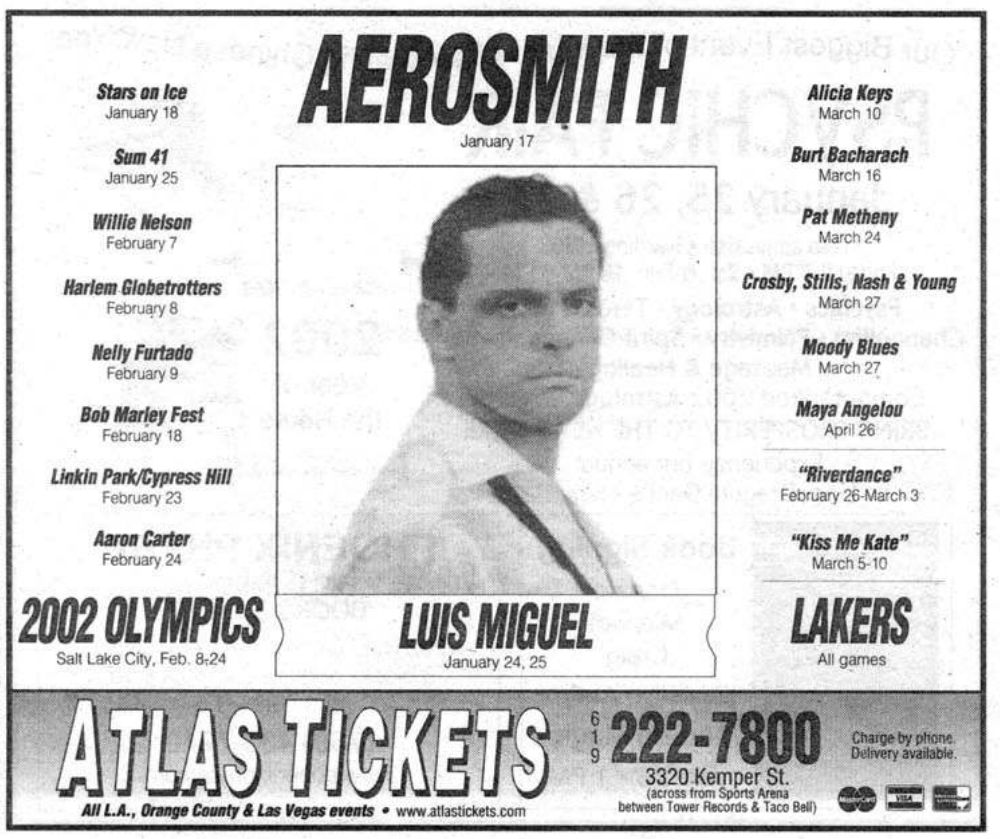
Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, is located in the middle of Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. The facility is home to fish and invertebrates that inhabit the mud flats and marshes of San Diego Bay. Visitors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

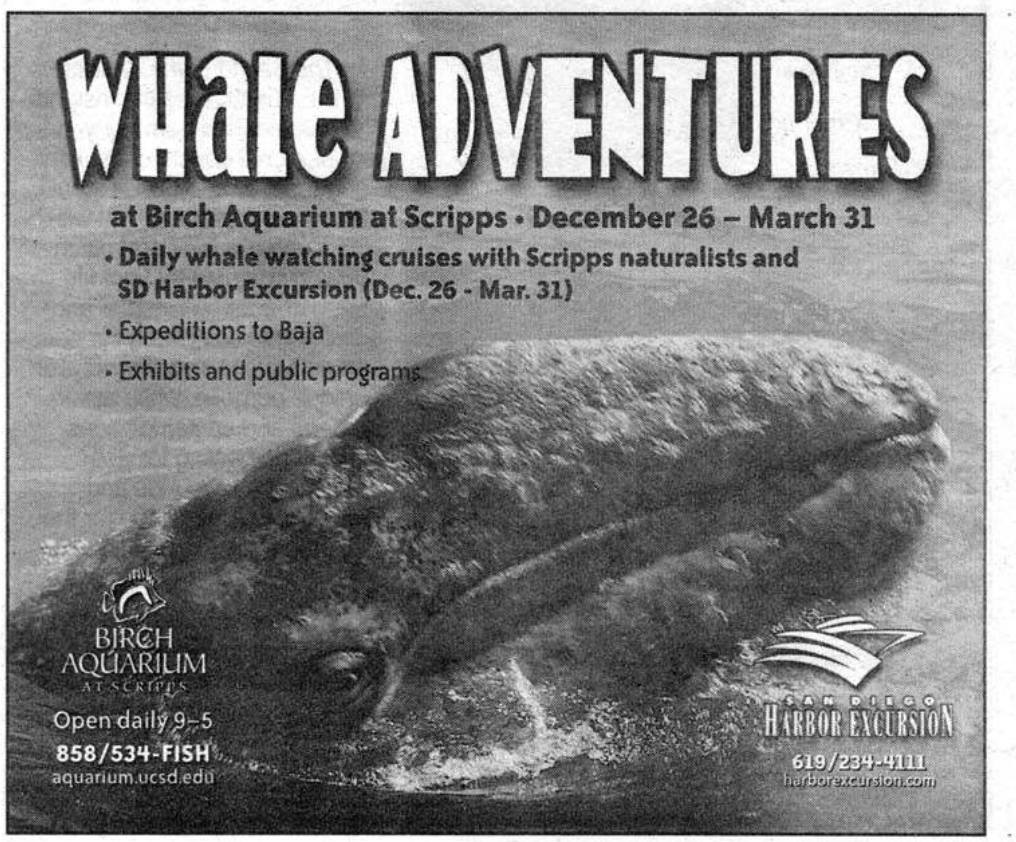
Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. For more details, call 619-422-2481. (CHULA VISTA)

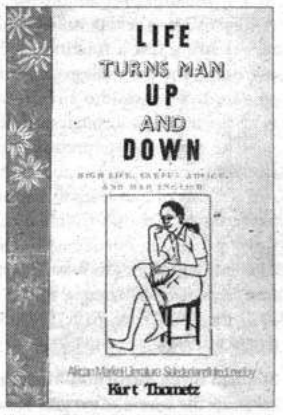
Computer Museum of America, exhibits include vintage video games like Pong and Space Invaders, punch cards, a rare "millionaire calculator," and a Hectotron, described as "a 1970s vacuum tube, sound-responsive electronic kaleidoscope." Find the museum at 640 C Street (at Seventh Avenue). For additional details, dial 619-235-8222. (DOWNTOWN)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, the museum is dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. For information, call 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful







Onitsha Market literature, this incredible literature going on in eastern Nigeria that nobody much knew about. And that notice was placed there by a man name Ulli Beier. Ulli deserves a great deal of credit. He's a German bibliophile and scholar who with his friend Janheinz Jahn made the opportunity for West African writing and art in English. It's a curious thing. Two Germans are behind it. So. Ulli Beier announced it. And from then on it's basically a great story. Bill French in New York City finds out about this literature back in Onitsha and takes it upon himself, and finds his way to this stuff, and soon is collecting everything that's coming out of this limited source. And at the time he is one of the few people to do this. I've got a bit of his correspondence and these beautiful invoices and booksellers' catalogs that are just one-page items, but they have all their titles on them, and they are truly beautiful things and can be exquisite reading."

I mentioned to Mr. Thometz that *his* book, physically, is truly beautiful.

"Thank you. Do you have it handy? I'll tell you a trick about the book."

I did have the book near me. I pulled it onto my lap and gazed down at it as Mr. Thometz talked. "The front cover," he said, "is closely, closely replicating, facsimileing, the actual cover of *Life Turns Man Up and Down.* Now when you take the dust jacket and peel it off, you'll see on the casing of the book a beautiful Republic of Nigeria stamp."

I did as Mr. Thometz said. "The stamp is gorgeous," I said, "gorgeous, yes."

Mr. Thometz continued, "That stamp was on the inside cover of my pamphlet of *Life Turns Man Up and Down.* Look at this too, on the front cover, at the top you'll see written in pencil and then erased, 'Olisah.' That's the name of the writer of *Life Turns Man Up and Down,* and if you look on the flyleaf on the inside of the book, above the price, you'll see the reverse of that. We went to great lengths to convey tangibly a sense of the pamphletry. The pages are all actual pamphlets that were printed on newsprint. Also, I think this is the first book I've seen to have embossed end papers, that isn't a fine press, but a commercial press, in 80 years. That's a hard one to get an accurate date on, but I haven't seen a book from a commercial press have such a lovely end paper."

Mr. Thometz describes the English in which the pamphlets are written as "mad." I asked him about this characterization.

"It was a hard descriptive term to come by. Dylan Thomas called the use of English in Tutuola, 'young.' Which I thought was very good, but it didn't quite do it all justice. And then the excerpt in the introduction that I do from the Calabar slave trader ["The origins," Mr. Thometz writes, "of Nigerian English lie in the mercantile vocabulary of the slave trade."], I quote what I describe as 'the purest form of Mad English.' "

Mr. Thometz quotes a wealthy slave trader in 1787as the trader recounts his adventures:

"... wee see Robin Tom King John and Otto Dutto Tom King John send them to com for mak play to Duke and my father and Egbo Young mother so the cutt one woman head of to Duke and 7 Barr Room men to be cutt for my father so play all night."

"In other words," writes Mr. Thometz, "the fellows got together and cut off the heads of one woman and seven barflies to honor their own dearly departed."

"It was just so mad," Mr. Thometz said to me, "So mad. The whole sensibility of slavery is perfectly mad. And I felt that, I'm mad about it, it is mad in the crazy sense, you know, in the wrong way to use the word, it's just mad. It's a sensibility that's so different, the various stages of their [the writers of the Onitsha Market literature] consciousness is different than ours. And they get a good deal of it across in their writing. Now, you can't take it verbatim. These are not oral people writing. Because they can write. I mean, it's that fast, once you can do it, once you can write. And then I say it's...how do I put it in the book?"

How he puts it in the book is that "Once a people have learned to read, write, and print, oral culture is lost. The virus the written word releases in any oral society effectively renders much of tradition the stuff of nostalgia."

We talked, then, about some of the pamphlets Mr. Thometz has printed in his book. I mentioned "Mabel the Sweet Honey That Poured Away," which Mr. Thometz describes as a story in which "an impatient, complacent, and willingly bodice-ripped waitress working a colonialist-era Igbo land jungle-town juke joint screws herself to death in 70 pages of pugilistic prose printed with primal poignancy. Mabel's introduction to the slatternly ways of the New World is a work of poetic justice, if not, strictly speaking, quality lit."

" 'Mabel the Sweet Honey,' " Mr. Thometz told me, "is certainly the first piece of written erotica from Africa. I've read a goodish few pornography stories from Africa, actually. And one of the wonderful things about them was that the authors had never really read what we think of as pornography. They don't know the clichés. And they have their way of taking cliché and spinning it like a top. They're very puritanical people. You will never find anything as graphic as one sees on a soap opera in the United States. Even at their sexiest, these stories never develop into pornographic stories as we think of pornography."

The publication date of Mr. Thometz book was the infamous Tuesday, September 11th. He said, about this, "I live in Brooklyn Heights, very close to the Promenade. I witnessed everything going on. It was my intention that morning to walk over the Brooklyn Bridge to the World Trade Center for this book show. I was going to be there precisely when, as things turned out, the building collapsed."

— *Judith Moore*

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

Heritage of the Americas Museum, the museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. A mural by Mona Mills depicting ancient Teotihuacan in its days of glory is now on exhibit, resulting from the artist's extensive study of this ancient "City of the Gods" that was once home to 200,000 people in central Mexico. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art.

Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

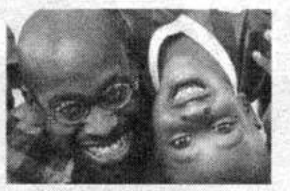
Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. On exhibit are Indian artifacts from the Kingery family. The museum is open on the last Saturday and Sunday of every month from 2 to 4 p.m., at 2116 Tavern Road. For information, call 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

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nism to get messages across to the American public. "Poster Images from WWII" features the work of Jon Whitcomb, Albert Dorne, John Phillip Falter, and James Montgomery Flagg, best known for his "Uncle Sam Wants You" caricatures. Themes include women at work, the necessity of frugality and confidentiality, patriotism, and loyalty. See the show through Monday, February 11.

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

Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Poway Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of the newly renovated museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 619-748-3700 or 619-486-3064. (POWAY)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. Women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800 are also on display. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. For more information, call 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum, two exhibits commemorating the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor are currently on display. The first exhibit presents a number of paintings by noted aviation artists, including R.G. Smith, along with "some of the actual drafting tools that Ed Heinemann, who is arguably the nation's foremost designer of naval aircraft, used to design many of the aircraft depicted in Smith's art"; and models of aircraft, flight helmets, and more.

The second exhibit features a full-size representation of aviation ordnanceman Chief John W. Finn. Although wounded several times on December 7, Finn kept firing his machine gun at the attacking aircraft while directing his men to salvage and fire whatever weapons they could find. Finn, the oldest surviving Medal of Honor recipient, is a San Diego County resident. These shows continue through March.

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

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

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

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

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

The museum also offers the "giant-screen film" *Ocean Oasis,* exploring Mexico's Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Desert. For more information, call 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the unique history of the San Dieguito area at 561 South Vulcan Avenue. For more information, call 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Treasures Uncovered: Trade and Exchange at the San Diego Presidio" features artifacts recovered from the Presidio archaeological site, dating to the first European settlement in California (in 1769) when Father Junípero Serra established the Basilica San Diego de Alcalá. "Treasures" in the form of ceramics, religious, and personal goods representing just a fraction of the more than one-half million excavated to date at the Presidio site are on view. See the show through summer.

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, found at 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, celebrate the season of the gray whale with educational whale activities, exhibits, and a variety of whale-watching experiences during "WhaleFest," continuing through Sunday, March 31. The aquarium's tidepool plaza, boasting a panoramic view of the La Jolla shoreline and the Pacific Ocean, is a great spot for informal whale watching.

"Sea Touch" offers a computer display consisting of five interactive modules through which visitors can learn a variety of ways that scientists study the oceans from space using satellites, including monitoring currents and ocean temperatures, investigating natural phenomena such as upwelling and red tides, and tracking the migration of fish. The exhibit provides a way to interpret the interdisciplinary nature of research at Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

An aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is an educational component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

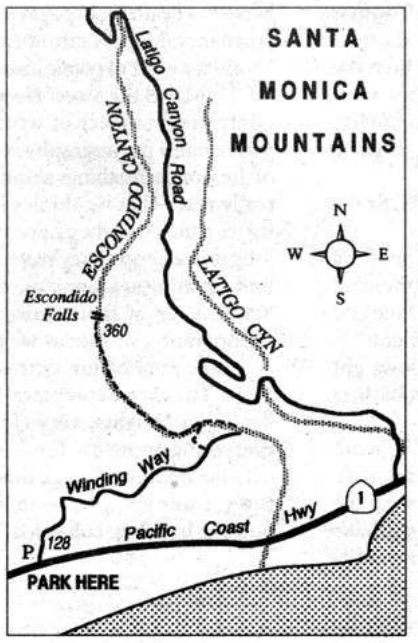
The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). For more information, call 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo Bank History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. There's an audio-visual theater presenting short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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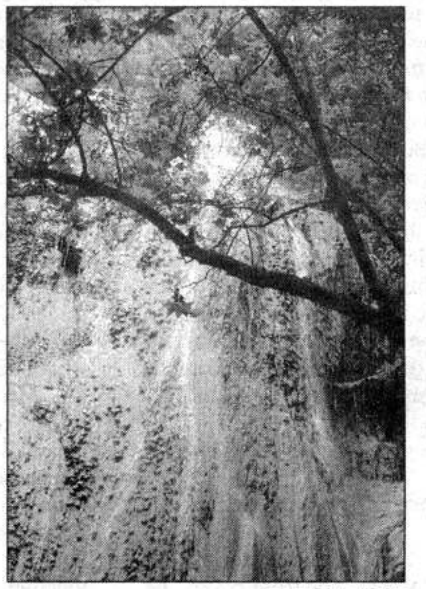
A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond • By Jerry Schad

Escondido ("hidden" in Spanish) Canyon conceals one of the natural treasures of the Santa Monica Mountains: a shimmering waterfall leaping more than 200 feet over a broken cliff. Only during times of rare flood do the falls resemble anything thunderous, but even during an average rainy season the intricate dribblings of water are fascinating to ponder.



Public access to Escondido Canyon has only recently become available, and the current way of getting there might change sometime in the future. The starting place, in the western part of Malibu, is relatively easy to find. At a point on Pacific Coast Highway 1.7 miles west of Latigo Canyon Road and 1.2 miles east of Kanan Dume Road, turn north on Winding Way and look for a trailhead parking lot immediately on the left. This is where you must leave your car, because Winding Way is a private road with no parking available. The round trip to the falls measures 3.4 miles and takes an average hiker two hours or less.

On foot, follow the shoulder of Winding Way (signed as a public-access trail) for 0.8 mile to a summit, passing palatial new houses perched on rounded hilltops and ocean-facing slopes. Continue 0.1 mile past the summit, then follow a narrow trail descending to the left. After another 0.1 mile you cross Escondido Canyon's stream amid oaks, sycamores, and willows. Turn left when you reach the trail on the far side, heading upstream. After the fifth stream crossing, the trail sticks to the east bank and you soon catch a first glimpse of the upper cascades of the multitiered falls dead ahead, its white noise audible over the whisper of the nearby stream.


Escondido Falls

At the trail's end, a faint sulfurous odor in the air is juxtaposed against the sweet sight of feathery ribbons of water draped across a travertine outcrop, which forms the lowest tier of the falls. Don't attempt to climb on or around the falls; just enjoy the soothing ambiance of the scene before heading back to the starting point the same way.

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REVIEW
JONATHAN SAVILLE

Another superb concert at the Athenaeum, this time with the Peabody Trio playing Brahms, Schumann, and Schnittke. Local lovers of chamber music have encountered this group from the Peabody Conservatory before: in the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's "Discovery" Series at Sherwood Auditorium, and in the UCSD Chamber Music Series at Mandeville Auditorium (in a program with clarinetist Charles Neidich). I waxed enthusiastic about them on those earlier occasions (1998 and 1999), and this time, in the intimate setting of the Athenaeum, they were even more sensational.

The quality of their playing — musical as well as technical — could be measured by the difference between the Peabody's performance of Brahms's B Major Trio, Opus 8, and that of the same work by the Beaux Arts Trio at Sherwood only a couple of months before. The Beaux Arts, as I wrote then, did a painfully poor job, the problem being the contradictory mix between pianist Menahem Pressler and his two new colleagues. The Peabody, too, has a new colleague: cellist Natasha Brofsky has replaced Thomas Kraines (with the program notes curiously ignoring the fact of this major change in the 12-year-old ensemble, whose other members are the husband-and-wife team of Violaine Melançon, violin, and Seth Knopp, piano). The result has been a noticeable enrichment of the group's vibrant sound, interpretive unanimity, brilliant focus, and passionate commitment. Their Brahms had the grandeur, sweep, and compelling expressiveness that were so noticeably lacking in the Beaux Arts performance, and even at the technical level the three young musicians played with greater skill than their counterparts. (Knopp, in so many ways a reflection of the great Pressler, seems actually to have surpassed the master.)

(By the way, for those of you who paid attention to my question, several weeks ago, about this Brahms Trio, the answer is Mendelssohn's "Italian" Symphony. For those of you who have forgotten the question, see if you can guess it from the answer.)

For the Peabody to have made such a blazing experience out of the magisterial Brahms Opus 8 (in its final form a work of the composer's ripest maturity) was perhaps less impressive than to hear what they did with Schumann's rarely performed *Fantasiestücke* in A Minor, Opus 88. Schumann composed three full-fledged piano trios, but this one — as its title implies — is more of a free-form experiment in the sonorities and textures of the three instruments, and an exploration of the possibilities of chamber music altogether. Performers — even the established trios, who ought to be glad of extensions to their repertoire — tend to ignore it, perhaps because of its lack of classical architectural form. The Peabody, in contrast, gave these "Fantasy Pieces" the same detailed attention and intense emotionalism they devote to everything they play. In their hands, the work's vivid imaginativeness, the attractiveness of the instrumental writing, and the fascination of the musical ideas (even when Schumann did not develop them according to classical models) quite transcended any sense of formlessness.

The most striking work on the Athenaeum program was undoubtedly (whether one liked it or not) the Trio by Alfred Schnittke, the ultimate musical expression of despair (the final movement of Tchaikovsky's *"Pathétique"* Symphony sounds almost light-hearted in comparison; only late Shostakovich — the 15th Quartet, or the Viola Sonata — runs a close second). Over the years, Schnittke's music has come to play a vital part in my spiritual life. On a day when the sun is shining after a cleansing rain, when I have had a glorious run on the beach, when I have spent happy hours with the people I love most, when I feel healthy, fulfilled, and optimistic, it is then that, knowing I should balance things out and bring myself back to earth, I listen to Schnittke. It always achieves the desired effect — not to depress me (for music of such inventiveness and beauty, such profound greatness, exalts rather than depresses), but to remind me that loss, suffering, illness, grief, and the perpetual awareness of death are also essential elements of the human condition. In the 16th Century, the aging Emperor Charles V made a habit of sleeping in his coffin; today we have Schnittke.

A very great composer, but a narrow one. He has nothing like the range of human experience that we can find in Beethoven or Mahler (who also

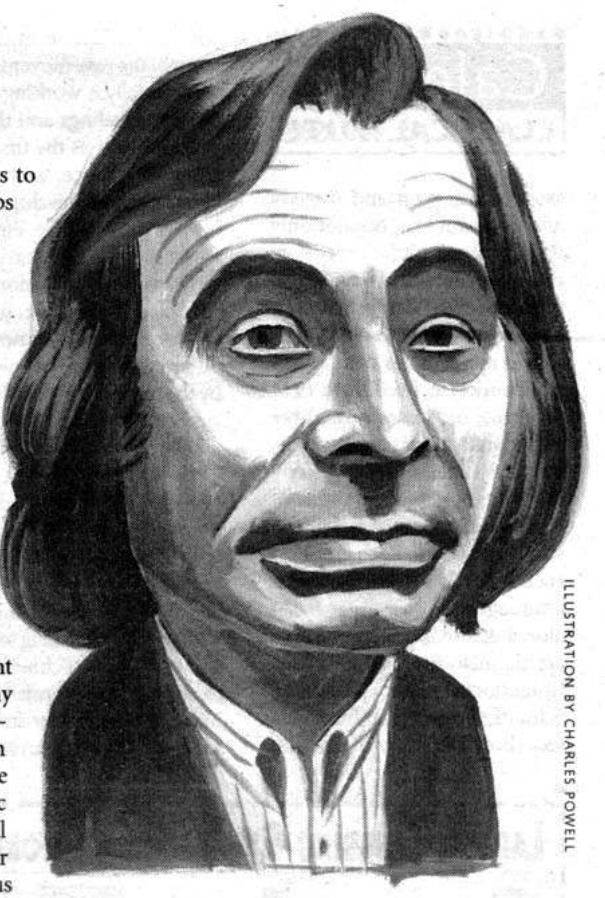


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knew about pain and tragedy and poignant loss, but not only that). Still, Schnittke's very narrowness enables him to go to unprecedented depths in evoking his obsessions. The 1985 Trio, like so many of the composer's later works (he lived from 1934 to 1998), expresses only three emotions: agonizing despair, helpless rage, and a uniquely touching nostalgia for a time of childhood innocence, before the world grew dark. Each emotion is embodied in its own musical language, which ranges from atonal dissonance to simple diatonic melodies of the utmost (intentional) naïveté. Formally, Schnittke's music is far from perfect (how can a cry of grief be "perfect"?): the second movement of the two-movement Trio is essentially a working-over of the same feelings and the same musical ideas as the first, at the same slow pace, with no advancement or development or contrast. But the emotions throughout are so searing, and their musical expression so immediate and powerful, that whatever formal weaknesses may be perceptible are overwhelmed by the human impact of the music. Schnittke gets to you.

He certainly got to the listeners at the Athenaeum, for the Peabody musicians understood exactly the kind of Expressionism Schnittke practiced, and they knew how to convey the inner emotional drama of the music with uncompromising sensitivity to every nuance. Schnittke's Trio exists in three versions: the original composition for string trio, the composer's later arrangement for violin, cello, and piano, and a transcription for string orchestra by Yuri Bashmet. Each of the three versions has its merits, the different types of sound subtly emphasizing different elements of the fundamental musical discourse. The Peabody made a stunning case for the piano-trio version, not only because of the addition of Seth Knopp's extraordinarily expressive pianism to the vibrant playing of his colleagues, but also because the contrast of piano and strings gives a valuable variety of tone colors to the otherwise monochromatic score. It is not that the despair is any less; but because the piano is there, one senses at the very edge of one's consciousness a just slightly greater capacity of the human spirit to fight back (although — for Schnittke is Schnittke, in whatever combination of instruments — defeat remains inevitable). ■

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Guest Conductor Peter Oundjian leads the San Diego Symphony in a program that includes Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major ("Eroica"), Vaughn Williams's "Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis," and Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2, with pianist Adam Neimann. Oundjian is the artistic director of the Carmoor International Music Festival in New York and music director of Nieuw Sinfonietta Amsterdam.

The performance is set for tonight, Thursday, January 10, at 8 p.m., at Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. Tickets $15 to $70. Call the box office at 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Chamber Ensemble, the acclaimed Tokyo String Quartet returns to San Diego for a performance sponsored by the UCSD Events Office. The evening's program comprises Schubert's *Quartettsatz, D.703;* Webern's *Langsamar Satz;* Mozart's Quartet in F major; and the Quartet in C minor by Brahms. The performance is scheduled for Saturday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium on the UCSD campus. Tickets $25 general, $10 students. For more information, call the box office at 858-534-TIXS. Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster. (LA JOLLA)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents a concert on Sunday, January 13, beginning at 2 p.m., in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For further information, dial 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Velvet Bones," music for a quartet of alto, tenor, and bass trombones spanning five centuries is the next event offered by Seagate Concerts. The musicians are local instructors, professors of music, and performers: Robert Johnston, Sean Reusch, Louise Titlow, and James Prindle.

The program spans music of five centuries, including J.S. Bach's Fugue in G minor, Dufay's *Gloria,* Gabrieli's *Ricercar del sesto tuono,* a rag by Scott Joplin, and other selections. The concert is scheduled for Sunday, January 13, at 2 p.m., at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena.

Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 seniors and military, $5 children and students with ID. Children under five are admitted free. There is a special family package for two adults and at least one child (but no limit) for $25 available only at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets by credit card, call Seagate Concerts at 760-436-8744. (ENCINITAS)

"Baroque Music for Voices and Instruments" is the offering of early music, presented in conjunction with the San Diego Museum of Art's displays of Renaissance and baroque art, Sunday, January 13, 2 p.m., in the Hibben Gallery. Free, with museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Pianist Scott Pratt performs a program of music inspired by dances: Bach minuets, German and Austrian ethnic dances, Polish waltzes, Joplin ragtime, and movie musicals. The recital is set for Sunday, January 13, at 2:30 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium of the San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. Admission is free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Brass Quintet, the San Dieguito Performing Arts Association presents a program of classical, romantic, and contemporary selections by a brass ensemble led by Doug Hall. The quintet comprises members of the San Diego Symphony brass section: John Wilds, trumpet; Sean Reusch, trombone; Brent Dutton, tuba; Barry Perkins, trumpet; and Barry Toombs, French horn.

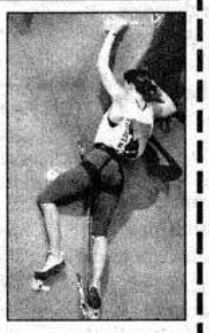
The concert is set for Sunday, January 13, at 7 p.m., in the Schulman Auditorium of the Carlsbad City Library, 1175 Dove Lane, at El Camino Real. Tickets are $15 adult, $8 age 18 and under, $12 seniors. 760-752-5078. (CARLSBAD)

Guitars, Guitars, the Romero Family guitar quartet performs in concert with the San Diego Chamber Orchestra, offering a program that includes Rodrigo's *Concierto Andaluz for Four Guitars and Orchestra,* Vivaldi's Concerto in G Major for Two Guitars and Orchestra, and works by de Falla, Turina, Bretón, Granados, Giménez, and others.

The program is offered at four venues: Monday, January 14, 8 p.m., at Sherwood Auditorium of the Museum of Contemporary Art, 700 Prospect Street, with single tickets $33 general, $28 student and senior (age 65) (La Jolla); Tuesday, January 15, 8 p.m., Fairbanks Ranch Country Club, 15150 San Dieguito Road, single tickets $55. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Performances are also scheduled for Friday, January 18, 8 p.m., at St. Joseph's Cathedral, downtown, and Sunday, January 20, at 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido. For ticket information for all performances, call 1-888-848-7326.

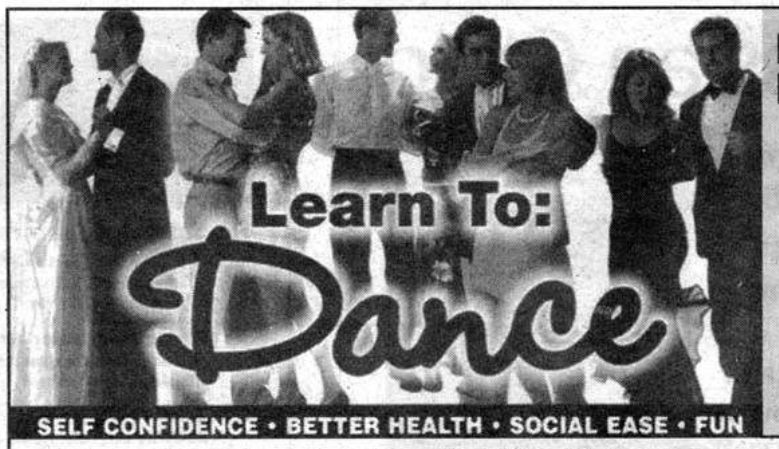
Beethoven, Liszt, and Schumann are on the program for a recital by pianist Fei-Ping Hsu, next Thursday, January 17, at 7 p.m., in the Copley Auditorium of the San Diego Museum of Art; $20 general; $5 students with ID. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

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GALLERIES

"Across the Border," the next exhibit at the COVA Gallery is a multidisciplinary exhibition of emerging Baja California artists: Eunice Miranda, Jaime Miguel Ruiz Otis, Daniel Ruanova, Jose Clemente Orozco, and Javier Galaviz. The show opens with an artists' reception on Friday, January 11, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's located at 840 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Tables," works by sculptor Kenneth Capps can be viewed through February 16, at Divan + Studio, 7661 Girard Avenue. The exhibit opens with a reception on Friday, January 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. 858-551-0405. (LA JOLLA)

Five Artists are featured in a group show at Quint Contemporary Art, on view through February 16. All five share the formal strategy of repetition in their works, while working in wide-ranging styles. Dan Douke's paintings, large-scale roses,evoke Warhol. Ryan McGinness's works are in brightly colored skateboard grip tape. Bill Feeny and Nancy White work in wooden constructions, and John Pittman's work consists of precise geometric abstractions.

The artists are from California and New York; this is the first San Diego presentation of their work. The show goes on view with an artists' reception on Friday, January 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. The gallery is located at 7661 Girard Avenue, suite 110. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 858-454-3409. (LA JOLLA)

"Coastal Gardens," recent watercolors by Sharon Hinkley will be on view at the Artists Gallery through February 2. A reception for the artist is set for Friday, January 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. The gallery can be found at 7420 Girard Avenue. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 858-459-5844. (LA JOLLA)

"Painting with Light," computer paintings, acrylics, and oils by Idyllwild artist Sandra Sheldon are on view through February 1 at the Benjamin Library Gallery, 5188 Zion Avenue (at Waring Road). There will be an artist's reception on Saturday, January 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. 619-533-3971. (ALLIED GARDENS)

"Ray at Night" Art Festival, ten studios in the Ray Street area will be open to the public for receptions on Saturday, January 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. Among the shows on view will be works by Swedish wood artisan Gustaf Rooth and Snezana Nesic at Planet Rooth Studios (3811 Ray Street) and a group show of new works by eight emerging artists at North Park Studio (3803 Ray Street). Stephen Sears's mixed-media landscapes are displayed through January 28 at hybrid (3813 Ray Street). Abstract paintings by retired municipal court judge Manny Kugler can be seen at the Sierra Club Bookstore (3820 Ray Street). It's all free. 619-295-7346. (NORTH PARK)

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.

The first sculptural installations in the ongoing "Public Projects" series are by San Diegan Kenneth Capps. The 20 metal sculptures can be viewed through Sunday, March 10, sited by the artist and the museum curator around the center and in adjacent Grape Day Park. This is one of the largest displays of Capps's minimalist works.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, the James L. Greaves Collection is a unique assemblage of more than 230 pre-Columbian objects dating from the First Century to about 1500 A.D. Primarily fashioned from clay, the collection also includes works in stone, metal, and fiber depicting fish and other sea life as well as fishermen. Many of the forms are musical instruments. "Pre-Columbian Art — Marine Animal Forms" continues through Sunday, May 12.

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.

Surveying the depth and range of the museum's holdings, "Selections from the Permanent Collection: The 1970s," on view through Tuesday, January 22, 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 Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Double Vision: The Strauss Collection" is the show on view through March 17. Art collectors-historians Ted and Joyce Strauss have selected 120 images by artists who brought a unique point of view to 20th-Century photography. The show includes traditional themes by artists such as Man Ray, Hans Bellmer, and August Sander and postmodern work by Cindy Sherman and others. The show opens on Sunday, January 13. 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, 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.

The development of American picture frames over a 100-year period when artisans created a wide range of styles, often based on regional experiences and tastes, is examined in "The Frame in America: 1860-1960." All 98 included frames are displayed without pictures to minimize distraction. In addition, approximately 17 frames from the museum's collection replete with their paintings are integrated to reveal how a painting benefits from a successful pairing with a great frame. Consider this opportunity to "appreciate what is often an overlooked and undervalued aspect of American decorative arts" through Sunday, February 2.

A reinstallation of approximately 40 European paintings from the museum's collection and from private collections exploring the impact that the politics of war and revolution had on art between 1870 and 1940 is offered in "European Art, 1870-1940: War and Revolution," on exhibit through Sunday, July 28. During this period, there was a tremendous vitality of the arts in Europe. The exhibit illustrates how artists' personal statements expressing outrage at the horrors of war are among the strongest images in the history of art. The works included in the show "reveal how images of incredible power and beauty could be born out of cataclysmic change, intellectual ferment, physical and psychological dislocation, and social discord."

"I-5 California: Four Decades of Contemporary Art" has been reinstalled for viewing through Monday, March 18. 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.

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

Timken Museum of Art, "Choices and Inspirations: The Temptation of Saint Anthony" is an instructive exhibition exploring how a work of art is brought into being. The exhibit traces the specific creative influences on 16th-Century Venetian painter Giovanni Savoldo's *Temptation of Saint Anthony,* a painting in the museum's permanent collection. Savoldo's painting is contrasted with Dutch master Hieronymus Bosch's three-panel *Last Judgment,* on loan from the Groeningemuseum in Bruges, Belgium. See the show through Sunday, March 31.

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

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REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

San Diego is in the midst of a Women's Festival of Performing Artists. No one planned it; it's just happening. Joan Schirle, who directed the San Diego Rep's circus *Christmas Carol*, performs *Second Skin* at UCSD this Saturday. Marga Gomez opens *jaywalker* at the Rep on Sunday. Tanya Shaffer comes to the Rep on January 23 with *Let My Enemy Live Long.* And last weekend, Karen Finley ushered in 2002 at Sushi.

Finley's been called everything from provocateur to polemicist to porno queen. She's famous for daubing her naked body with chocolate and being denied an NEA grant. She terrifies the timid, enrages the sanctimonious. But these labels miss the point because, above all else, Karen Finley is a healer.

Her art is homeopathic. She treats diseases — of prejudice, abuse (especially of women), and repression — with onstage doses of each. She assaults assaulters, giving them overdoses of their desires. During her show, for example, she did the world's least sexy striptease. She couldn't quite unpeel her stockings and rolled around the floor, tugging and grumbling while the music blared. When she finally got her clothes off, Finley was naked, but not nude. Anyone hoping for titillation had it purged during the floor show.

Finley's become like a jazz great. Audiences expect pyrotechnics every time she solos. Which is one reason why her Friday-night appearance was so interesting. Instead of a full-on performance, she read texts for a work-in-progress, *The Distribution of Empathy*, based on the events of 9/11. It was like a tryout: of the material, and her relation to it. Wearing a long black dress, she sat at a table, or stood by a podium. Except for nervous fingers tossing back her long auburn hair, Finley kept body language to a minimum. Voices emerged: one hypershrill falsetto, others stream-of-consciousness, New Yawk tinted. At one point she stopped and shared a discovery she'd made about which voice worked best for a character. In effect, she reminded us we were witnessing something unfinished, preclosure, still up for grabs. We were privy to an extreme intimacy: Finley's creative act.

Actors have each other, plus sets, costumes, and props. Performance artists, by contrast, are irreducibly alone onstage. As she read the texts, exploring voices, testing themes, a subtext haunted Finley's work: it's hard to imagine anyone more vulnerable than an authentic performance artist presenting untried, rough drafts to a live audience.

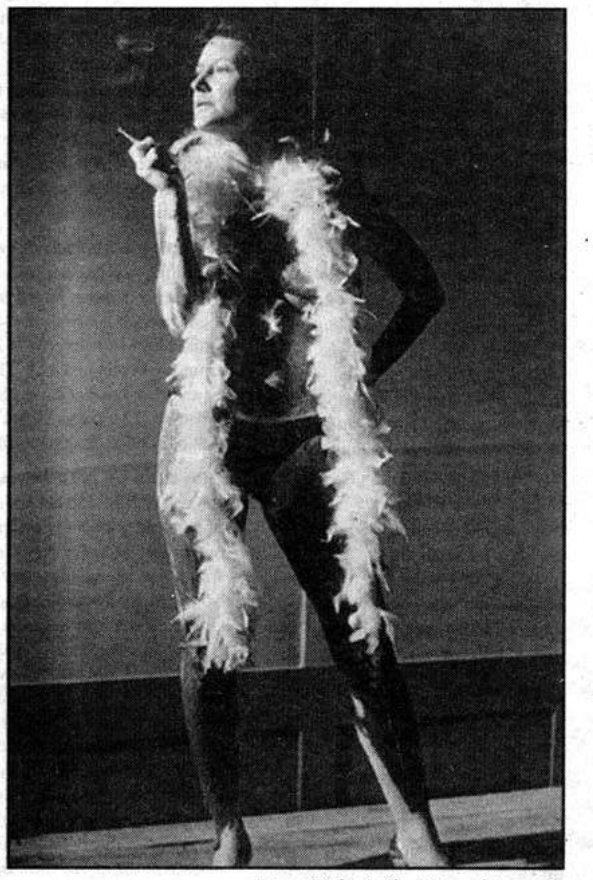
Especially this material. The country is so diverse, the 9/11 tragedy may be the one thing Americans have in common. Finley, however, shows that responses have been plural. There's the woman so NYC elitist she can't see her city — "war-torn New York" — accepting charity from inferior towns. Another speaker now feels safe to express private grief in the guise of public mourning ("I felt my fear externalized"). Other texts, like the story of a woman's affairs with Richard Brautigan and Charles Bukowski, or Finley's quest for gold paint in Saõ Paulo, Brazil, have no obvious relation to 9/11, until one reconsiders the title.

In an interview, Finley said: "Art has become taboo in our culture. Like sex, or even astrology. It's fringe." Reviewing works in progress is a critical taboo. But Finley breaks them often, so why can't I? Two observations: her undeniable courage (how many artists will show you their rough drafts?) — it was clear she didn't know where she was going next, or how she, or we, would react. We were with her, inside the process itself, experiencing a different kind of danger.

Second observation: *Distribution of Empathy* will become a major work of art. Finley has found her theme.

On Saturday, she performed *Shut Up and Love Me.* The oxymoronic title tells all. The piece dove into dysfunctions of sex, relationships, communication, and frayed connections. Part of it, like Jonathan Franzen's excellent novel *The Corrections*, was about a homecoming you wouldn't want to come home to. The speaker fears being "alone in a roomful of derelicts." Later, an abusive father says, "I have reasons for my unconscious behavior." The speaker would rather crawl down the Villa Dolorosa than head for the fires of home.

Typical Finley, the show's centerpiece hit one of the greatest taboos. A young



Karen Finley in Shut Up and Love Me

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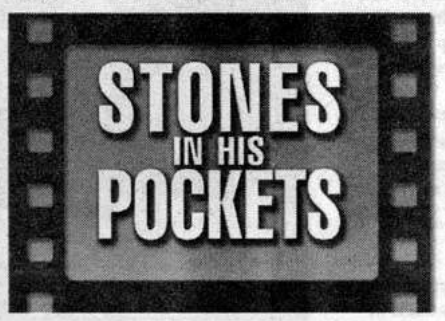
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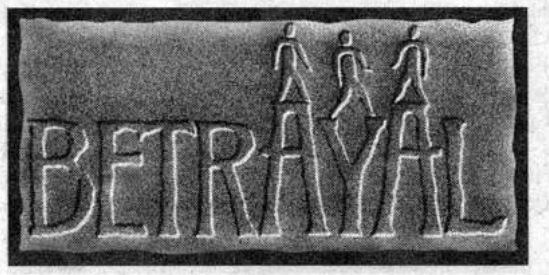
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ADAPTED BY JEFFREY HATCHER
DIRECTED BY CRAIG NOEL & KAREN CARPENTER
MAY 26 – JULY 6

Noel and Carpenter co-direct this adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's novel, *An Unsocial Socialist*. Hatcher's romp shows us an oxymoron of a hero – a socialist millionaire – who tries to reform British society by stirring up the students at England's most prestigious women's college into a proletariat revolt!

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE



BY HAROLD PINTER
DIRECTED BY KAREN CARPENTER
JANUARY 27 – MARCH 10

This searing drama, by one of Britain's foremost living playwrights, probes the seven-year relationship between two lovers – both married to other people. As the play moves backwards through time, we see the affair's erosive effects on their lives and the lives of those around them.



BY JOHN MURRELL
DIRECTED BY JOSEPH HARDY
MARCH 24 – MAY 5

Globe Associate Artist Joseph Hardy returns to direct John Murrell's intimate portrait of one of the most popular actresses of the 19th century, Sarah Bernhardt. "The Divine Sarah," as she came to be known, rose to prominence – first in Paris and eventually around the world – due to her slim beauty, bell-like voice, and immeasurable talent.



BY DAVID SCHULNER
DIRECTED BY BRENDON FOX
MAY 19 – JUNE 30

In this West Coast premiere, David Schulner paints a lyrical, intimate portrait of a couple's entire life together – their dreams and their downfalls – all projected from their first date. Directed by Globe Associate Director Brendon Fox, whose last effort, *The Countess*, gently touched the hearts of Globe audiences.

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woman's therapist, after years of unproductive sessions, throws up his hands, says, all of our work's been about you and your father, why don't you just have sex with him? She says "okay," and we enter a space where movies, plays, and novels fear to tread. When the daughter proposes "a casual one-night stand" with her father, the mute audience reaction became palpable (you could almost hear, "Don't go there, don't go there, oh no — we're *there*"). We were in Finley Territory, taking a long look at a taboo. She didn't overdramatize the moment, treated it with comic tinges, in fact, and concluded with a Zen slap of recognition. The father says no, "You aren't my type."

Compared to her reading the night before, Finley in action was like Dorothy moving from Kansas to Oz. Finley wore a red cocktail dress. She danced and performed sexual acts so unsubtle they'd gross out all but voyeurs with hair-triggers. She concluded, naked, by rolling around in honey and illustrating the sexism of *Winnie-the- Pooh*. She put "performance" into her performance art, yet throughout the evening she seemed distracted.

Part was due to mechanical strangeness. The show wasn't tech'd properly, and Finley resorted to hand cues, signaling the booth when to turn up the Barry White music or blaze the red dimmers. To reset her focus, she'd read from a script — a Brechtian, anti-acting technique, sure, but distracting as well. And her rolling in honey and other "sexual" touches felt as if she merely did what the audience expected. The homeopathic edge was absent. The cause was there but not the cure, as if she were parodying herself.

Saturday was an off night, clearly. But another reason may be her reading the new work on Friday. Her thoughts, and heart, may have locked into *The Distribution of Empathy*. ■

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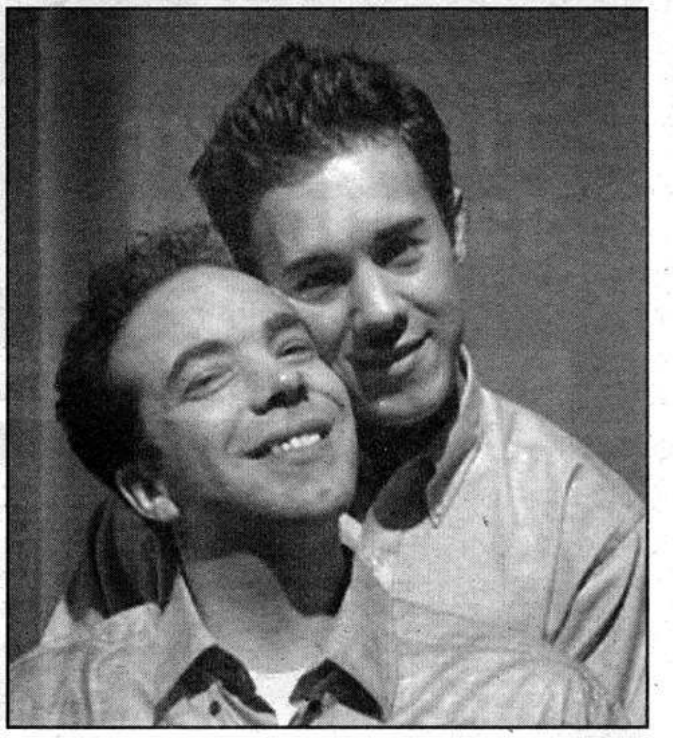
Bus Stop
OnStage Playhouse presents William Inge's comedy-drama about travelers cooped up at a restaurant during a snowstorm. Anisa Cox directed.
ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, THROUGH FEBRUARY 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Catskills Conspiracy
Mystery Cafe's new dinner theater show takes place at Camp Skills in 1962, where some of New York's finest gather, and die.
MYSTERY CAFE, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

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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?
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CREATIVITY CENTRE, 4716 32ND STREET (JUST NORTH OF ADAMS AVENUE), NORMAL HEIGHTS: FIRST OR SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-280-5177.

Death Rides the Stage
HIT Productions new interactive comedy-mystery, written by Beth and Scott McNellen, is set in Texas: "You survived a stampede, Lucy Tyler is looking for your underwear...and there's a dead body in the next room."
SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.



Jeffrey

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North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Eleanor Roosevelt's "journey to self-discovery," performed by Rosina Reynolds, directed by Jeanette Horn, and based on a play by Lawrence Waddy.
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, THROUGH FEBRUARY 17; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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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, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Jeffrey
Paul Rudnick's "comedy about AIDS" couldn't be more relevant. In an age of plagues — global terrorism, lethal diseases — people want to ostrich themselves from life. Or become morbidly preoccupied with potential disaster. Rudnick's message, similar to Peter Barnes's *Red Noses:* sure there are atrocities, even some without names as yet, but so what? Live life anyway. Jeffrey used to be the gay "sexual pushover of Manhattan." When he decides to flee from possible happiness, a priest berates him: "When did despair become enjoyable? Grief, yes; tears, of course, but terminal gloom? Even Brecht wrote musicals." *Jeffrey* makes a heroic Bronx cheer at



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doom mongers. The first act — it's in the writing — comes close to diluting the gravity of AIDS. It's a mite silly, and you wonder where the play's going. In Act two, as if his orchestration suddenly added a bass clef, Rudnick's comedy and drama resonate. *Jeffrey* is Diversionary Theatre's third quality production in a row. Director Tim Irving has a knack for finding the core of humor and the heart of a play. And Adam Edwards, who plays Jeffrey, is fast becoming a local actor whose name alone should draw audiences. His impish charm makes him a perfect match for Jeffrey. Other standouts: Manuel J. Fernandes is a hoot as Father Dan, the world's hippest priest, and Laura Bozanich is terrific as a gaggle of sharply etched, screamingly funny women, ranging from Mother Teresa to Debra Moorehouse, a "postmodern self-help guru" who has no credentials; she just likes to talk.
Worth a try.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH JANUARY 19; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, AT 2:00 P.M.

Joey and Maria's
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The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater," as Joey and Maria tie the knot.
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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.)
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Marga Gomez: jaywalker
San Diego Repertory Theatre presents Culture Clash's Marga Gomez in a solo work. She wants to be the "first lesbian Chicana on *Baywatch*" but doesn't know how to drive through Hollywood's "nonfat latte-filled jungle."
SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, THROUGH FEBRUARY 7; TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 AND 3, AT 2:00 P.M.

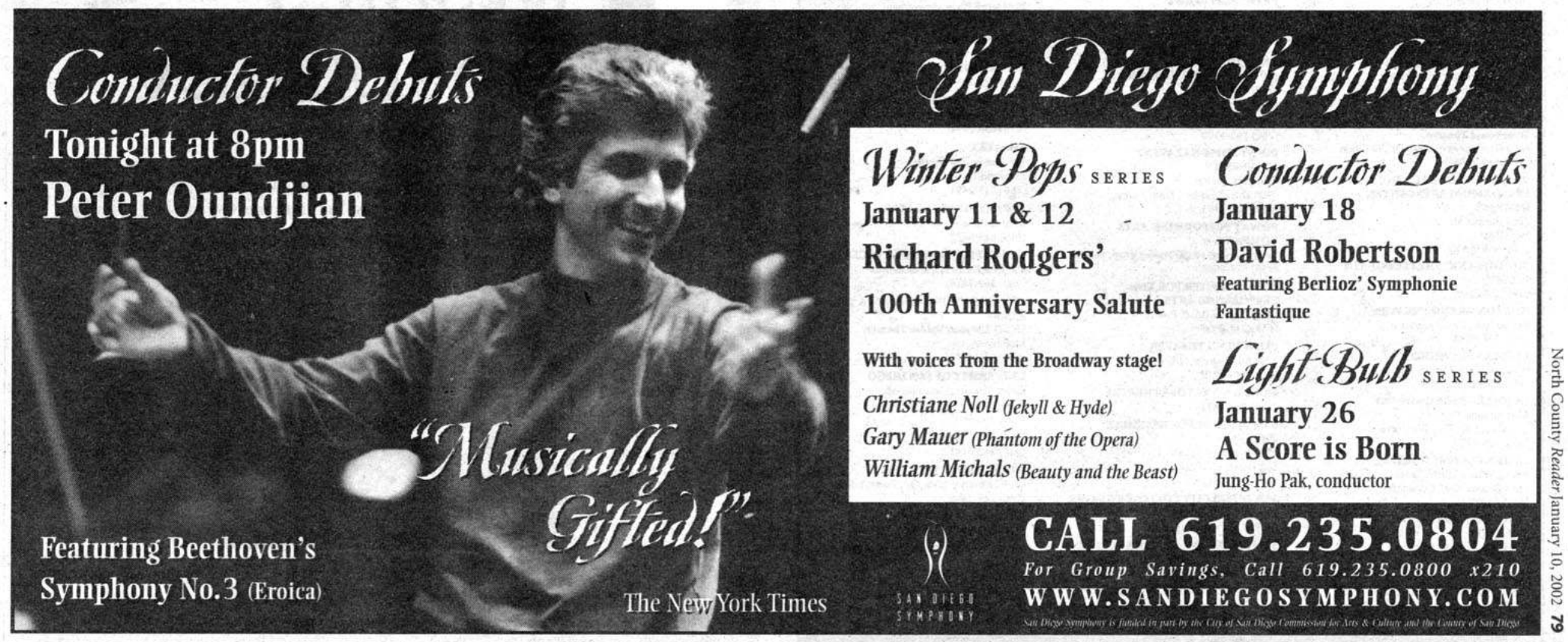
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Misjudgment in Paris
Malashock Dance combines with playwright Allan Havis and composer Lisa Bloom Cohen for modern retellings of three Greek myths: Pegasus and Bellerophon, Orpheus and Eurydice, and the Judgment of Paris. Malashock codirected with Rosina Reynolds.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, THROUGH JANUARY 20; FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 12; THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, THROUGH SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, AT 8:00 P.M.

National Comedy Theatre
ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain







the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-295-4999.

The School for Wives
South Coast Repertory Theatre offers Molière's comedy about Arnolphe, the cuckold *malgre lui.* David Chambers directed.
SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, MAIN STAGE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 10; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

Showboat
The Lawrence Welk Resort Theatre, by popular demand, reprises its production of the musical about 50 years in the life of Magnolia Hawks and Gaylord Ravenal, "troubled riverboat gambler."
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Triple Espresso

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

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

Worth a try.

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

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

Worth a try.

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

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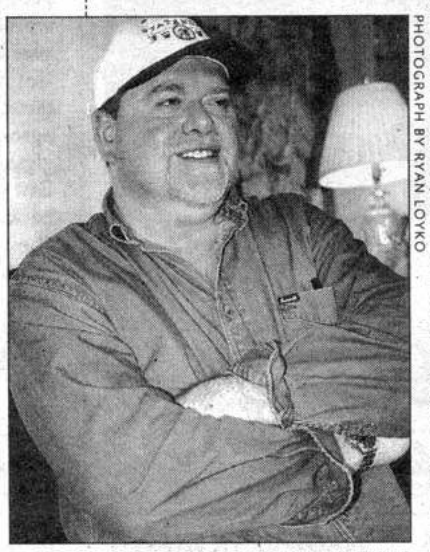
"Clear Channel now controls 70 to 80 percent of the major concert business," said *Pollstar* publisher Gary Bongiovanni about the inevitability that Bill Silva Presents would get squeezed out of the local concert scene. "There are fewer and fewer local concert promoters [in the U.S.]."

Silva's local concert company was engulfed in the great corporate swallow that also sucked in Denver's Feyline Concerts, L.A.'s Avalon Attractions, and the Bay Area's Bill Graham Presents.

Clear Channel, which dominates radio ownership in America, is also number one in concert promotion because it has bought out many local concert companies. Second largest, House of Blues Concerts, now holds Silva's exclusive rights to bring acts to SDSU's Cox Arena and Open Air Theatre. HoB Concerts also controls the Coors Amphitheater, leaving just the Sports Arena for Clear Channel.

San Diego and Cleveland are one of the few major U.S. markets where HoB Concerts dominates the major concert facilities. Clear Channel rules in most other major U.S. cities.

Silva began his promoting career as a student promoter at UCSD. In the late '70s he launched Fahn & Silva with his SDSU counterpart Mike Fahn. He formed Bill Silva Presents in 1987 and became the dominant local promoter in the early '90s. In 1997 he sold his company to Universal Concerts, which eventually was acquired by House of Blues Concerts. He closed his local office four years ago and moved to L.A., where he works with HoB Concerts on national tours. Silva also books the Hollywood Bowl and manages artists including Melissa Lefton (Jive Records) and locals Jason Mraz (Elektra) and Unwritten Law (Interscope).



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

BOTTOM LINE HARDER FOR FINELINE

With Silva out, the only remaining homegrown, standalone concert promotion company is Fineline Entertainment, which owner Harlan Schiffman runs out of his home office. Schiffman, 45, attended SDSU and actually taught school for a year at SDSU before the promoter bug bit him. In his 20 years of promoting, he has brought Pearl Jam, Tool, Smashing Pumpkins, and Bad Religion to town.

He has outlasted other local concert companies like Marc Berman Presents and Avalon. His counterpart in L.A., Goldenvoice, was absorbed by a larger corporate entity.

"The determining factor for staying power is to not take too great a hit on one particular show or event." Schiffman said the money-losing Coachella Music and Arts fest in '99 near Palm Springs was a contributing factor to the Goldenvoice merger.

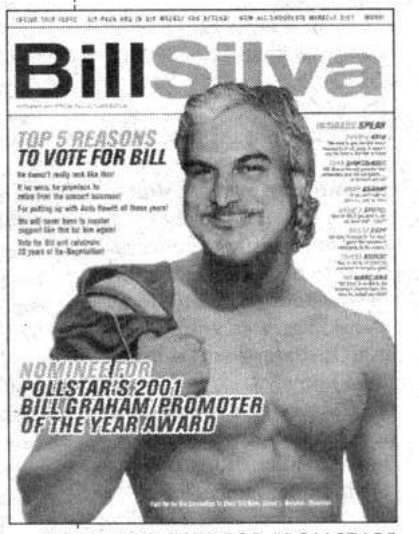
But that doesn't mean he won't take chances. "You take calculated risks." Schiffman said he lost money on Nirvana, No Doubt, and White Zombie before they evolved into profitable headliners.

Although he won't get into specifics, he admits it is getting harder.

"As time passes you find that bands will sometimes be touring more on a regional scale with a larger promotion company, thereby squeezing me out of the process. There were times when I considered merging with a larger entity. But I felt it would take away credibility and the passion I had for the whole process. I think my next big discovery is a band called Thirty Seconds to Mars."

Schiffman brings the Strokes to 4th & B February 3. (This show, of a major breaking band, was halfway sold out the first day of sale.) He presents Thirty Seconds to Mars at Brick by Brick February 8.

— Ken Leighton

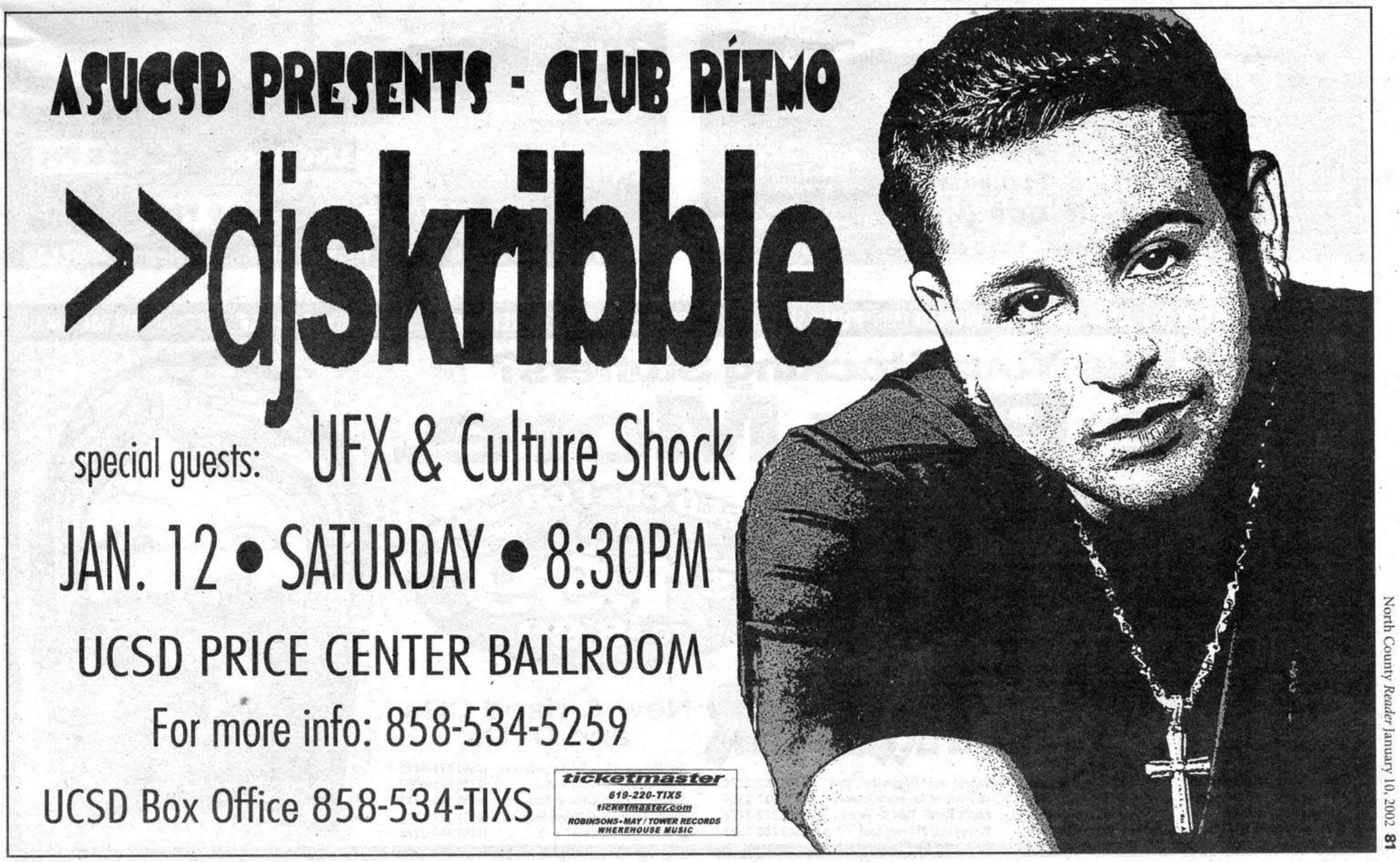


SILVA GETS CUTE FOR "POLLSTAR"

"I took the money. I'm not complaining. I thought the ad was very clever."

Gary Bongiovonni is the publisher of *Pollstar*, the weekly bible of the national concert industry. Bongiovonni was happy to get $2098 for a full-color ad that shows the head of longtime San Diego concert promoter Bill Silva superimposed over a naked bodybuilder (shown to the midriff) who has his shorts slung over his shoulder. "I would take it as a joke."

Silva is one of five promoters nominated for the "Bill Graham Promoter of the Year" award to be presented at the 13th annual *Pollstar* Concert Industry Awards. Statuettes are



handed out February 9 at the Kodak Theater in Hollywood. Winners are determined by *Pollstar* subscribers.

"The ad was paid for by House of Blues [Concerts]," said *Pollstar*'s ad rep Paul Fountaine.

This is not the first time Silva's head has been mounted on a young stud. *Union-Tribune* society columnist Burl Stiff once ran a photo of a life-sized cutout of a customized Bill. The standup greeted guests at his 40th birthday party at his La Jolla home.

"Maybe he's reaching out for that nubile hardbody look," said one longtime Silva acquaintance.

— *Ken Leighton*

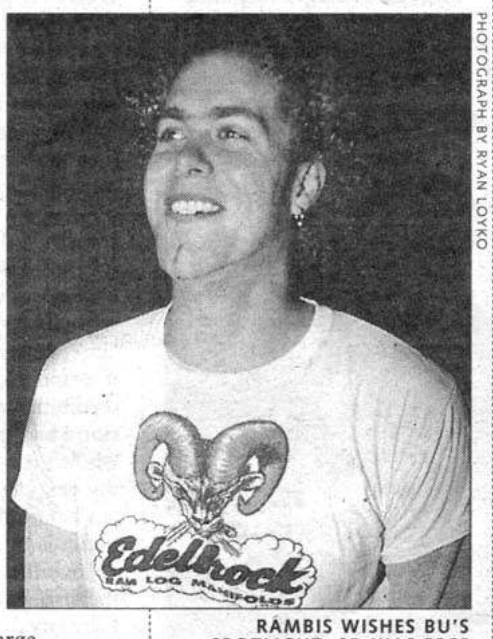
"I don't want to use my name because I may want to play the Belly Up again." The unnamed guitarist played at the Belly Up's local band showcase in 1999 and again in 2001. He says the Tuesday night series — originally called Neighborhood Watch and now Spotlight San Diego — didn't used to charge a cover, and now it does.

The local band night commemorates its fifth-year anniversary Saturday night with a "best of 2001" competition. Four bands are playing. There is a $7 admission charge.

It's that cover charge that miffs some artists: for the first three years, the showcase was free admission. Now every night there is at least a $3 cover charge.

The unnamed guitarist's band once drew 400 people on a Tuesday night, but now he says a cover charge has weakened the showcase's appeal.

"It just made it a lot easier to get people to come out [when it was free], especially on a Tuesday."



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

RAMBIS WISHES BU'S SPOTLIGHT SD WAS FREE

Steve Skinner, lead singer of Rambis, agrees. His band also played at Spotlight San Diego last year.

"They give part of the $3 to the bands, but money is not what the bands want. They just want a little exposure. I actually had friends who would come up to me and say they would have been there, but it was $3 to get in. Instead of money, it would be nice just to get a nice Friday or Saturday time slot if you did well." The guitarist from '99 and '01 agrees. "We got a couple of gigs out of it the first time. Last year they never called us back." He said his band won "best of month" and "best of quarter" both years.

"And also last year they inferred there were judges, but there were no judges in sight. I think the person who was running it just made up the winners. The first time they gave you judge sheets and you could see what they said. It's too bad because there is nothing that matches the Belly Up."

Belly Up owner Dave Hodges was out of town on vacation. Scott McDonald, who now coordinates Spotlight San Diego, did not return a request for comment.

Todd Stedman and the Fattones, In4Rhythm, Urban Evergreen, and the Bumpin' Uglies appear Saturday at the Belly Up Tavern's Spotlight San Diego's best of 2001.

— *Ken Leighton*

Yesterday was the last day for nearby residents and businesses to protest against the House of Blues getting a liquor license at 1055 Fifth Avenue.

In September the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) awarded a San Diego liquor license to the HoB. Some 30 days ago a public notice was posted on the premises. Now the local ABC administrators must make a ruling as to whether a license will be granted to HoB. If it is approved, HoB must then secure funding to build the nightclub. The House of Blues was supposed to open more than two years ago. Previous reports had its capacity at 1100. If ABC approval and funding are secured, a local competitor expects that the local House of Blues would be up and running in time for the 2003 Super Bowl.

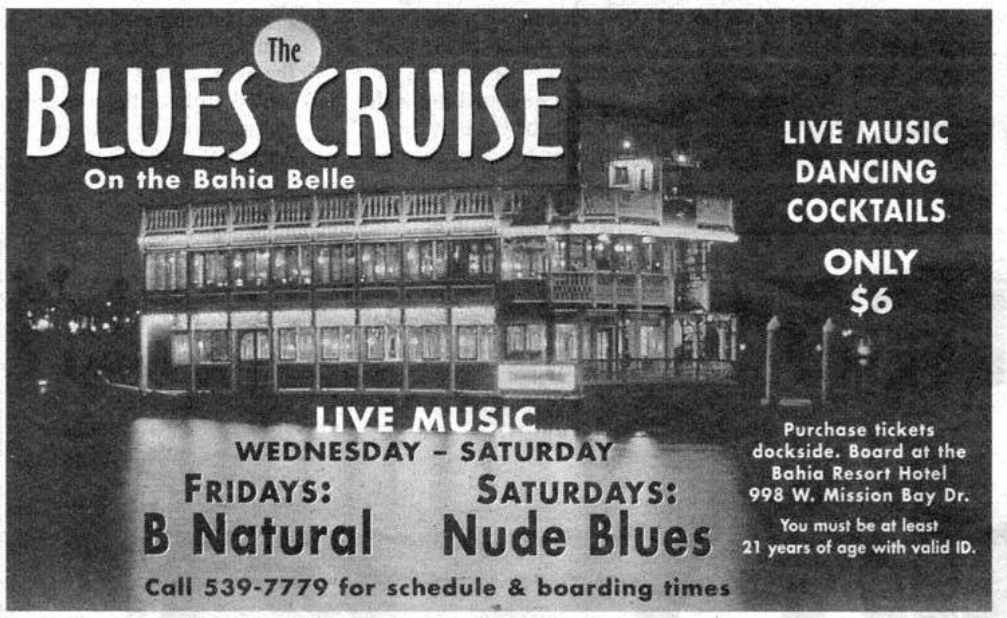
Local ABC licensing supervisor Martin Hibsch would not disclose if there have been any challenges filed against a San Diego HoB. He said his agency would probably announce its decision as early as "mid-January" or "within 60 days."

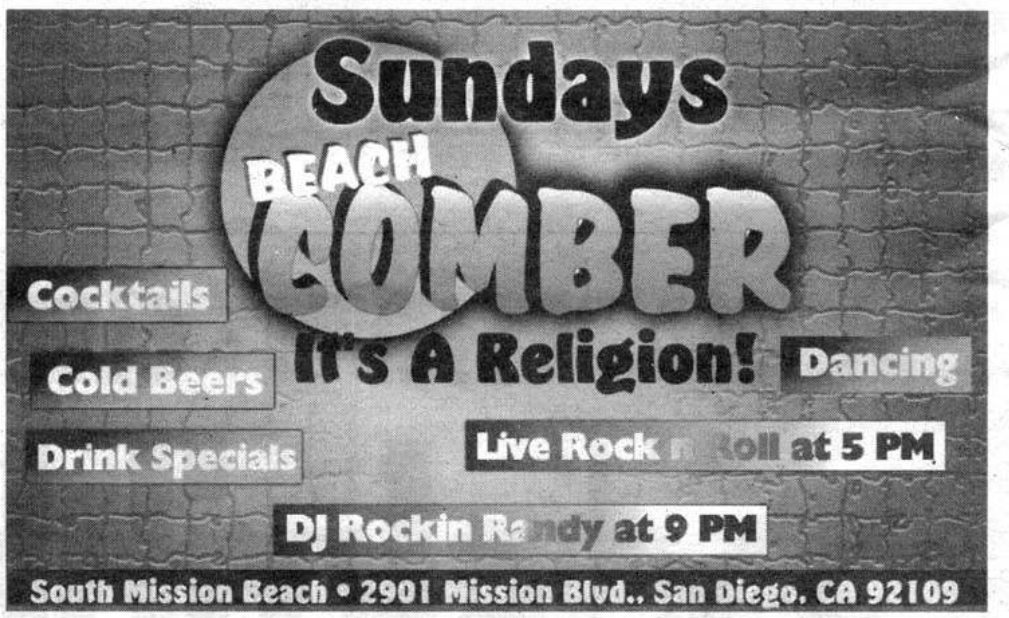
HoB executive Frank Gannon in Los Angeles would not comment on any specifics except to say plans to get a San Diego HoB up and running are "moving forward."

ABC's Hibsch said that the going rate for liquor licenses sold on the open market in San Diego are about $30,000. But HoB was one of 25 lucky applicants who were selected in a raffle drawing for a license. The ABC sold those 25 licenses for just $12,000 each. "There were 37 applicants," said Hibsch about the annual drawing.

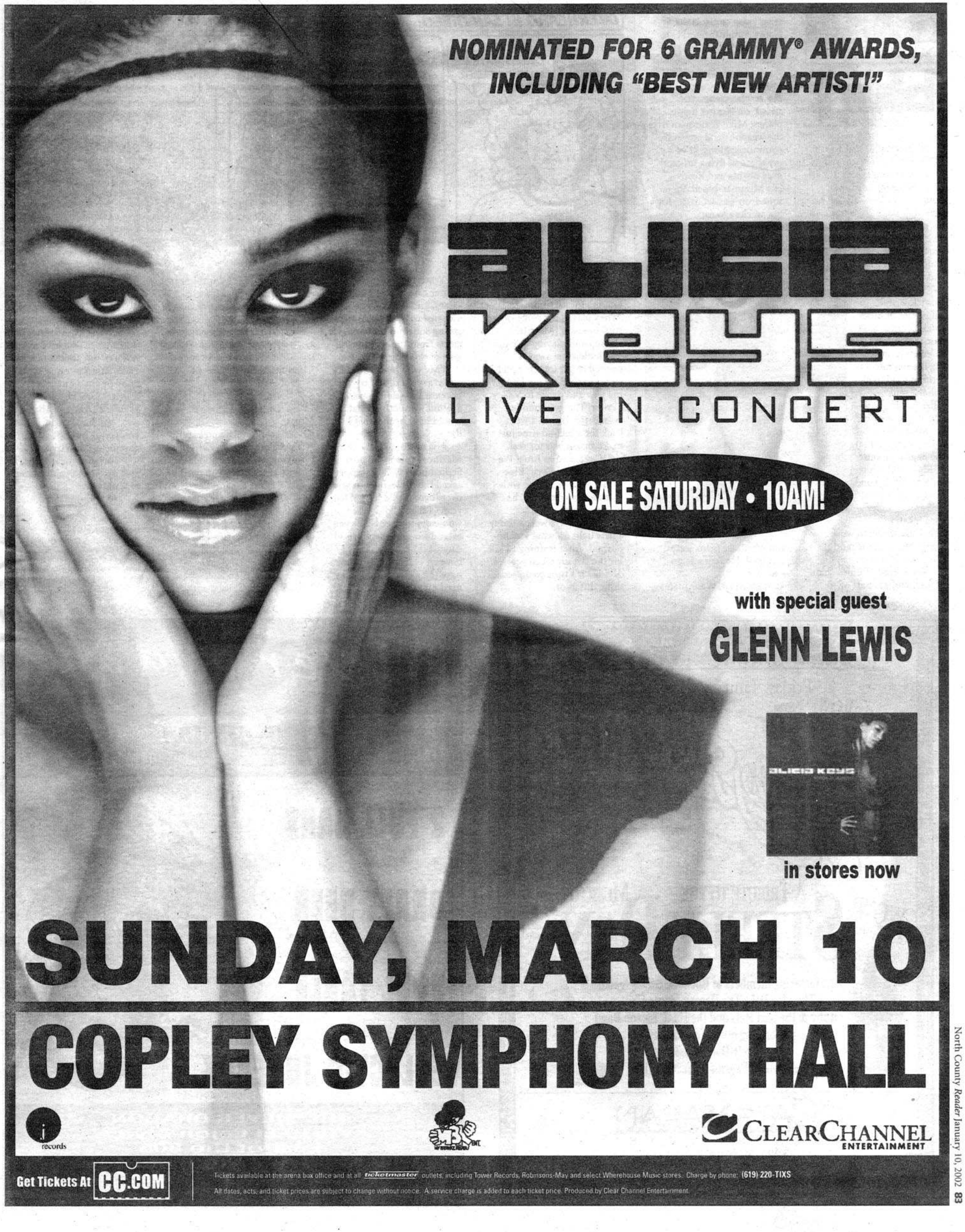
If a San Diego House of Blues does open, it will have an all-ages admittance policy.

"They applied for what we call a 'type 47' license or an 'on-sale, general eating








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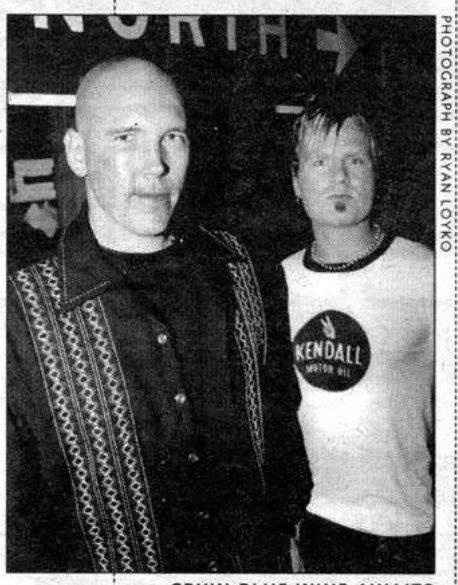
place' [license]," said Hibsch. "That means they can sell beer, wine, and liquor as part of a restaurant or dinner house operation. 4th & B on the other hand has a 'type 48' or 'public premises' license. They have a no-food requirement, which means 21 and up."

This means that a portion of the local House of Blues total income must come from food. "Generally speaking it's a 50/50 ratio of food to alcohol," said Hibsch. "That's a general guideline."

Meanwhile, local insiders say that the flagship House of Blues nightclub in West Hollywood has lost its lease at its Sunset Boulevard location. "They are trying to work things out with the landlord," said Gannon.

The House of Blues chain of nightclubs is part of House of Blues Concerts, which also controls the Coors Amphitheater, Cox Arena, and SDSU's Open Air Theatre.

— *Ken Leighton*



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

CRYIN BLUE WINE AWAITS DEPLOYMENNT

As a "backseater" co-pilot on Hornet fighter planes, Mike Waterman fires the weapons and controls communications. "I've had my share of flying missions over Bosnia and Kosovo." His Miramar-based fighter squadron was set to deploy a few weeks ago for Afghanistan, but at the last minute those plans were changed. He remains on standby.

Last April, Waterman answered an ad placed by Cryin Blue Wine; the band was looking for a drummer. "They played me some of the stuff of Jason [Merritt] singing and playing guitar, and it blew me away. I wanted to get together and jam. I packed up my kit in my jeep and drove to Valley Center. The guy sounded even better live.... I went back for a second time just to make sure it was for real."

It was, and in June, Waterman joined Cryin Blue Wine. After jamming with them for two months, he made a big decision.

"These guys were shining a new light on what was important. After training to kill for the last umpteen years, I decided it's time to do something different."

Waterman gave up his jet fighter career, a $59,000 salary, and ten years of service just to be with his wife, young son, and his band. He ejects from the corps in August of this year.

"My wife Jennifer said I was crazy if I didn't try this because I would always walk around wondering what it would have been like if I didn't."

His notice to leave the Marines came just before September 11. "My skipper asked me if I wanted to go over there. I told him, 'Hell, yeah.' I'll go and do the whole deployment. I'll even extend my contract beyond August if I have to. I feel I have an obligation because I have the experience. If they need me, I'm going."

Cryin Blue Wine appears tomorrow at Brick by Brick.

— *Ken Leighton*

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The singer has a very pronounced French accent…a problem?

No.

On second thought — yes.

I can rarely, and barely, figure out what the hell he's saying. Where's a goddam lyric sheet when you need it?

Let me try and figure out ONE CUT, let's see, "Beauty is in the Eye of the Beerholder."

One play. Two plays. I don't know what this guy is saying.

When Claude Bessy (aka Kickboy Face) sang with the L.A. punk band Catholic Discipline back in '79, '80, he was usually pretty easy for Anglo ears to understand, although for years I thought he was saying, "We love so hard it hurts" (in "Babylon Must Fall"), until recently somebody pointed out, not Claude, somebody else — Claude's DEAD — that it was "laugh so hard." Different, yes — but not completely different.

This guy, meanwhile, I give up…can't understand him nohow.

— *Richard Meltzer*

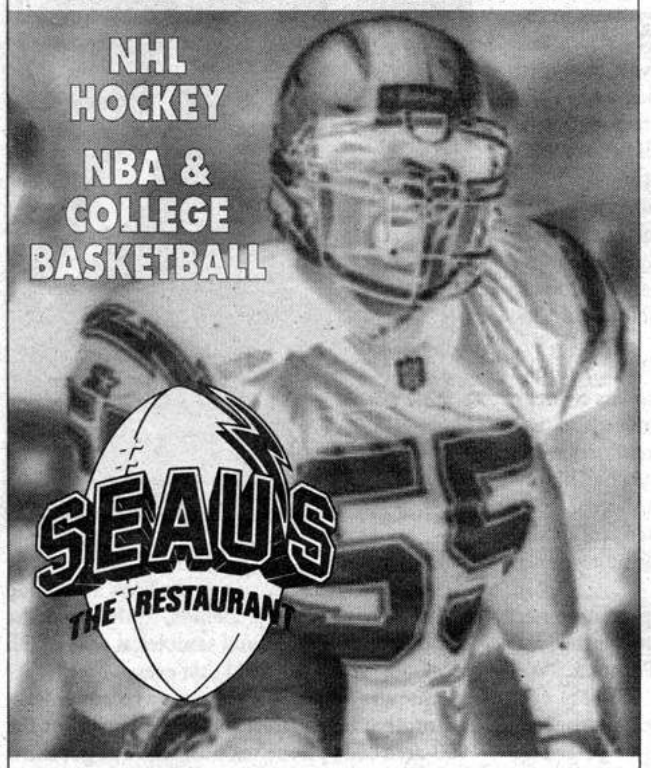
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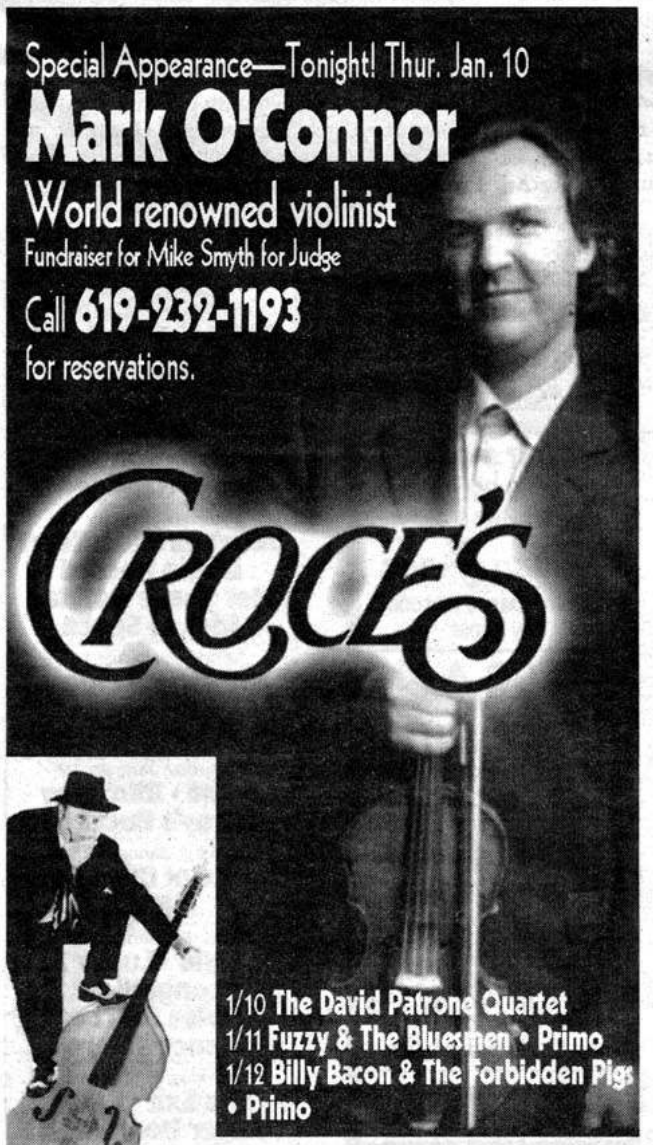
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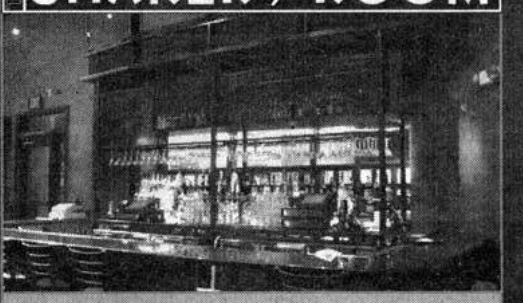


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"Obedient women rarely make history," says Rosebud Ireland. That may explain why Ireland was naked the only time in her life that she was arrested. Ireland used to be in Sheba, a post-punk all-female band from the '80s. She and her bandmates wrote songs about womanhood ("I Was All Right 'Til the Hormones Kicked In"), gigged locally at the Spirit Club and Bodie's (both now long gone), and had adventures.

The time she was arrested, three of the members of Sheba had commandeered a friend's motorcycle and, on a lark, stripped down and went for a late-night ride. Rounding the curve onto Sea World Drive, a cop flashed his lights and pulled them over. "He had a hard time staying mad at us."

Another time Ireland remembers going to Cuyamaca Lake. "We all drove up there and had a picnic. You're not supposed to swim there, but we did…me and Spermie [Wails, Sheba's guitarist], and the drummer — Spag — and probably my sister [also a band member] Reekie."

Ireland claims that playing in an all-girl band helped her to forget her previous employment during the mid-'80s as a bunny at the former Playboy Club in Mission Valley, now the site of the Oakwood apartments.

"There was such a nasty taste in my mouth about the whole thing that I shaved my head after I quit." Even today she says, "I don't wear makeup. No house, no babies, no new car, no diamonds."

She admits she took the bunny job on "a drinking dare," right out of college (Ireland holds a B.S. in biology from SDSU).

"I lasted a month."

She wrote a song about the experience called "Decorate the Room."

"That's what they told us to do — to go out and decorate the room with our presence if we weren't serving drinks at the time. They taught us how to do the bunny perch and the bunny dip," she says. "You sat on the edge of a couch or a chair. For some reason, they always had you sit on the edge."

And the bunny dip?

"Because they made everyone wear, basically, D-sized cups, and hardly anyone fit into them; you had to stuff them with stockings and things like that. So you weren't supposed to serve anything by leaning forward or you'd spill out, so you had to bunny dip, which was this ridiculous contortion, bending backward while you served the drink."

Perched upon the pedestal / Do the Bunny Dip / And down she falls / Below the King and all his men / Push bunny up to perch again.

Ireland says they piped music into the club, "pop hits like Billy Idol," and she remembers a pianist in the main lounge. "He played some Joni Mitchell and I sang along a couple of times, but I was mainly a glorified cocktail waitress," she says. "My main job was to push alcohol."

In the height of Sheba's reign, a motorcycle group, the Ugly Motherf***ers of America, became regulars, even sometimes carrying gear and helping with setup. Ireland says that being hit on by men and women both was an occupational hazard.

"Do you remember that guy?" She names a well-known local. "He eventually ran for mayor. And he'd, uh, write me suggestive poetry and offer to drive me around on his motorcycle, the Star Trike."

Ireland remembers, "When Sheba started off, promoters at the Spirit Club called us 'all-girl body rockers. All she-bands.' They pitted us against each other as 'all-girl rock combat battle-of-the-bands.' It was always versus somebody, like Sheba vs. Some Girls.… At Bodie's, the all-girl thing was no big deal. You just played. But the Spirit had to milk that girl aspect because it would draw."

Ireland also played in the band Night Soil Man (a thrash-punk outfit). "I was up onstage alone setting up my amp, and these two guys were in the audience. They had come early. The room was empty, and I could hear what they were saying to each other. One of them said, 'Like, what's she doing up there?' And the other one said, 'She's, like, a roadie for her boyfriend.' I didn't say anything," says Ireland. "I just kept setting up."

"In some music stores," says guitarist Audrey Moesch, one of Sheba's founding members, "you go into a shop to buy guitar strings, and the salesman asks if they're for your boyfriend." Moesch has performed in Luna, Ready or Not, and Kitten with a Whip.

"One time after we'd played with, I think, Claude Coma," says Ireland, "[the bar owner] wasn't gonna pay us what he'd promised. So two of the bikers from the Ugly Motherf***ers went into the back room where [the owner] had his office, the counting room, and they collected from him for us.… The bikers only looked scary," she says. "But I think it was probably the best we ever got paid."

Ireland and her husband (and partner in her current band Bug Guts) live in a van. For the past two years, they've been based in Ramona. "We camp a lot."

Mercedes Scalzitti, another female rocker, started out as a drummer for several all-girl bands before becoming lead vocalist in the local rock band Vamp. At 17 she was a member of the L.A. girl band Boy Blue. She remembers being pressured by management to project a Barbie doll look. "They wanted me to come out in little leather push-up bras, and they wanted me to wear, you know, hot pants onstage."

Scalzitti remembers, "When I moved to L.A. I was almost 18. I lived in North Hollywood on Blix Street, right off Cahuenga. I think I just begged and begged and begged my parents to let me do that. I wasn't a troubled kid at all. My parents said I could always move back home if things didn't work out." She attended Musician's Institute full-time. "I was kind of like working weekends, and I worked part-time in Bel Air as a real estate receptionist. That's what I did to make money. I was doing that for nine bucks an hour, which back



PHOTOGRAPH BY RANDY HOFFMAN

Rosebud Ireland

then seemed like a lot of money. I was also doing a thing called 'Doggie Demos,' " she says. She handed out free dog food samples at malls. "Oh my God," she says, "I did that everywhere."

She also worked part-time as a receptionist at a firm that taped television commercials for the 900-area code phone sex business. She got some of the members of her band auditions to appear in the actual commercials. "Like, 'Hi, call me,' " she goofs in a mock-husky voice. "I wasn't bimbo enough to get on the commercials."

Sony Records' interest in signing Boy Blue only intensified the pressure to take on what Scalzitti calls a "bimbo look." She says the other girls in the band, the front line, had had breast implants. "Two girls actually had implants before they were in the band," she says. "They were from the Midwest, and when they came to L.A., I think that kind of got the best of them. And they hit the gym, like, seven nights a week." Scalzitti remembers a photo shoot for band flyers. "The photographer wanted us to pose nude with only flowers covering our private parts.… By the time they posed for those pictures," she says, "I was out of there." ■

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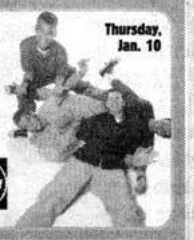
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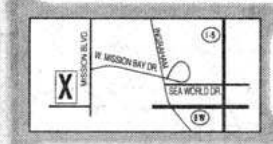
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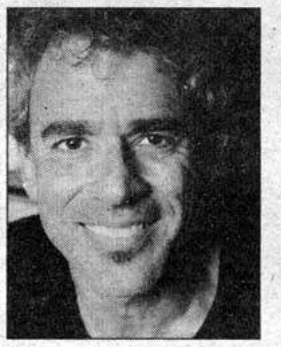
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REVIEW
AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

The much-sought-after keyboard player and producer Kenny White has, rather late in his career, produced a debut album of his own work, and it's a dilly. White, who would be somewhere around his mid- to late '40s, has had an interesting career. He's a Jersey boy, is Mr. White, and at least the beginning of his career trajectory will be familiar: he quit school and joined a rock and roll band.


Kenny White

White's career began, really, in Boston, where, while keeping a day job, he worked with lounge bands until hooking up with Livingston Taylor (James's brother) and then with the folk-pop artist Jonathan Edwards, whose big hit was a rotten song called "Sunshine." White toured with Edwards for ten years; he also became a big shot in the Boston studio scene, such as it was. Later White moved to New York and got involved (writing, arranging, playing, singing) in the jingle scene.

Not much is written about "jingle shops," which is a shame. Many of the best popular musicians in the country are involved producing what seem like schlock advertising tunes, such as "You deserve a break today/ So get up and get away/ To McDonald's." They're overly familiar and irritating, I know, but if you listen closely to them, they're very carefully arranged, expertly rendered, and achieve in only a few seconds a great deal. Those few seconds are very expensive, and a lot of money is at stake, be it McDonald's, Pepsi, or Dodge Ram trucks. These companies have limitless budgets and want results. There's serious money to be made, and White became one of the hottest jingle musicians in New York and remained so for quite a few years.

I suppose he could have retired and lived off residuals, but Kenny White kept his hand in the performing scene, occasionally touring with Jonathan Edwards, folkie Cheryl Wheeler, and Grammy winner Marc Cohen. Still restless and full of juice, White began to produce mainstream recordings: Shawn Colvin, Holly Palmer, and the two most recent albums by Peter Wolf (of J. Geils and Faye Dunaway fame), the first of which bombed commercially but was named by *Rolling Stone* one of the top 150 albums of the '90s. The second remains to be released.

Along this circuitous route, Kenny White won Clios and a Grammy (for a cut on a children's album). His songs have been recorded by a number of groups, including the Neville Brothers, and he has performed in, written, or arranged music for a number of movies. He even played at Caroline Kennedy's and Andre Agassi's weddings! These days he performs occasionally in New York.

Most musicians, I suppose, like the rest of us in the arts, cobble their careers together in this fashion, not necessarily with the same cobbles in the same places, but you get where I'm coming from. It's not always pretty, seamless, or symmetrical. Were it put on a graph, it might look like the NASDAQ over the last two and a half years. The deal is to somehow survive while doing what you love best and to persist until you achieve what you set out to achieve, artistically and otherwise. Very few manage to succeed. It's rough out there, especially in the realm of popular music.

So I'm very pleased to recommend *Uninvited Guest*, all of the tunes but one written by White. I'm not well informed about popular music, or enthusiastic, as readers of this column will have adjudged. I suppose White's music falls somewhere under the rubric *pop-folk-rock*, although I have never come across such a rubric. I think some of his influences and fellow travelers might include Randy Newman, Elvis Costello, Tom Waits, Nick Lowe, John Hiatt, and the band Dire Straits. This is the up-market realm of popular music, with relatively complex lyrics and sophisticated arrangements, the latter tending to be eclectic but inevitably containing elements of country, R&B, blues, and Tin Pan Alley. White performs on keyboards throughout, on a couple of occasions taking up the guitar and on one occasion something called the "sweater drums." White performs his own vocals as well, joined on this tune and that by Amy Fairchild, Mark Cohn, and Shawn Colvin. His singing voice is laid back, almost muffled, but in a pleasing way, not unlike Dire Straits lead vocalist Mark Knopfler. I should also guess that Dire Straits keyboardist Alan Clark may have had an influence.

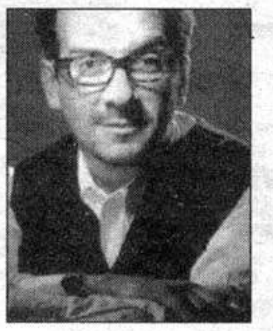

Randy Newman

Uninvited Guest has a gentle, wistful character, very moving at points, which is rare, at least for this reviewer. Not that all manner of pop performers don't go after such effects, but usually in a cheaper, more obvious fashion. The overall effect, I suppose, is a bit dark, but lightly, sometimes playfully handled. The level of musicianship is high throughout, which is what one would expect of an album by one of the industry's prized session musicians.

Now I must make a confession. I have known Kenny White for 40 years. His brother is my oldest friend. I've seen Kenny hardly at all in the past 30 years, but I have kept up with him through his brother, Larry. I remember Kenny as a goofy little eight-year-old whom we would torment. I also remember that from early on he had something going on with his musical instruments: an inclination, a gift. Quite apart from the songwriting and musicianship, I think Kenny's album moves me so forcefully because we are from the same soil, the same background and place. His sensibility is familiar to me; I am at home in the places his music goes and in the feelings his lyrics evoke. I think you might be as well.

Now, here's what Kenny's brother had to say to this reviewer, in an older brother's protective manner:

> I know that you [me] are generally a purist. You seem to like your blues by authentic blues artists, jazz by jazzmen, country by hillbillies, classical by people with accents, oi by Nazi skinheads, etc. Kenny's stuff is very much in the pop vein and, of course, is influenced by all of the above (except perhaps for oi), but he is very much a hybrid. "Too eclectic," the record companies have always complained, and now they can probably add "too old."


Elvis Costello

Larry goes on to chastise me for not knowing who Dickie Betts was in an earlier review (as did another incredulous reader), brings me up to speed re family and friends, cautions me to exercise no bias one way or the other should I review his brother's album, and provides a brief bio of Kenny's career, concluding it as follows: "That pretty much covers it. I should add that he is the most exciting keyboard player in pop music today." And in a PS, with regard to Dickie Betts, tells me that the second lead guitar to Duane Allman was "until recently, being banished by the band for inappropriate behavior. And with a band of their reputation, those must have been some inappropriate behaviors."

Why a major record label hasn't backed this project is beyond me. Friend or no friend, there's very little out there of this caliber being produced. In the meantime, should you want to purchase *Uninvited Guest*, you can send a $14 check (good, please) payable to Kenny White and mailed to:

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Brother Larry writes in his note: "And if you do find it appropriate for review, you may want to add a few words about Kenny's brother's terrific new website *adultpop.com*, which recommends current pop music to an age demographic whose musical tastes seem to have been trampled by the record industry's lust for their teenage kids. (I'm sure you can word that sentence a lot better, if you have a need to.)" Not really, old friend, except I might add, especially for those frustrated by my ignorance or indifference to what's going on out there in pop music, that I can guarantee you solid information in that department from my homeboy. ■

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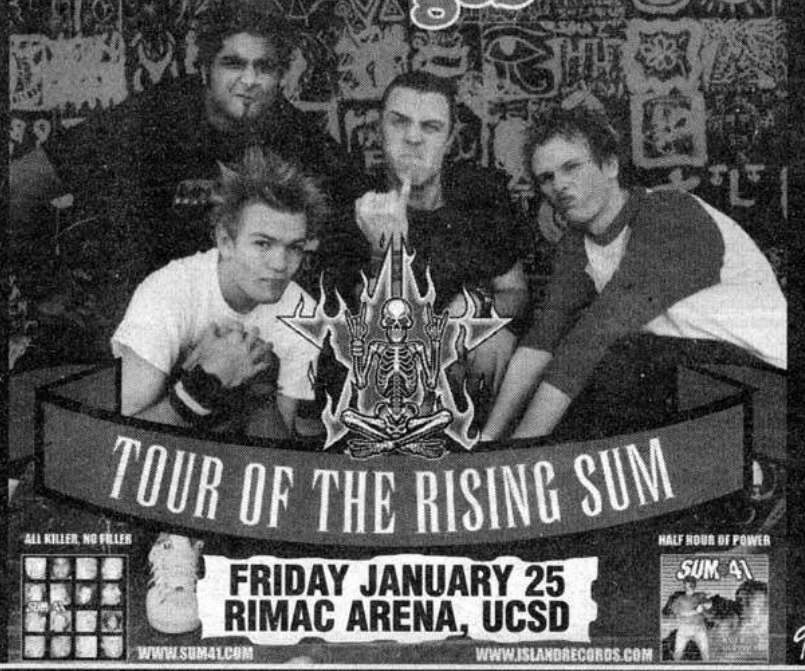
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Homegrown *[172]*, **Sugarcult, Yellowcard,** and **Finch:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, today, Thursday, January 10, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Anya Marina *[118]*: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, today, Thursday, January 10, 9 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

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"Enough Talk CD-Release Concert" featuring **Paul Abbott** *[817]*, **Jim Earp, Chuck Schiele, Mark Guynn, C.J. Hutchins, Dave Howard** *[832]*, **Joe Mersch,** and **Scott Ireland:** Dizzy's, Friday, January 11, 8 p.m., 344 Seventh Avenue (between J and K), downtown. 858-270-7467.

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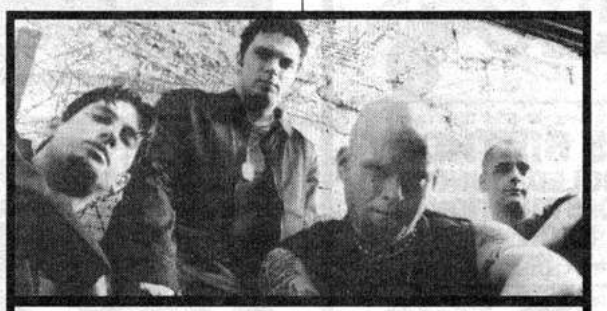
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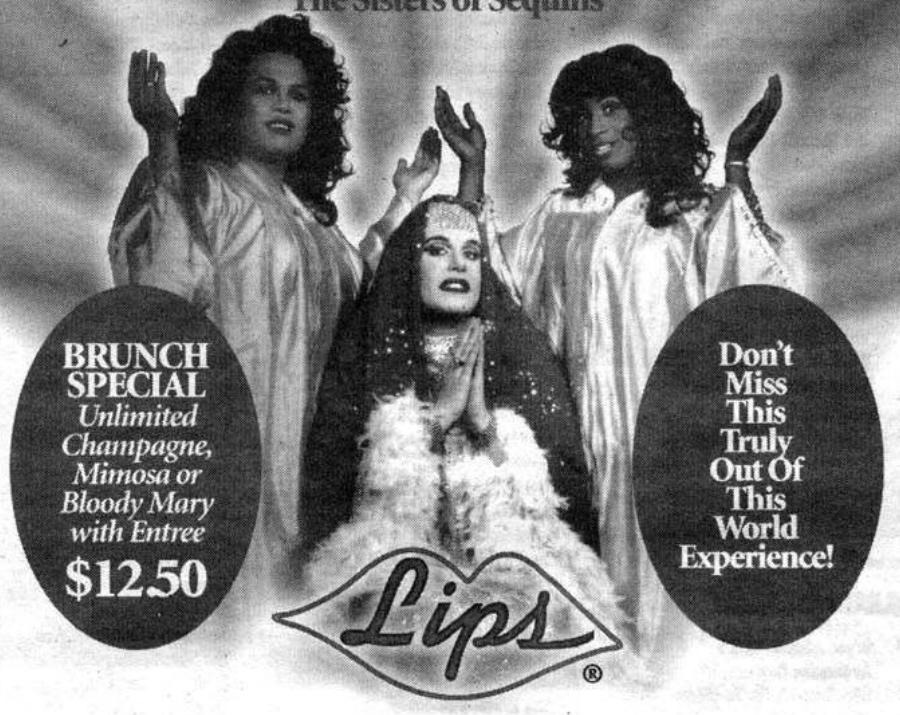
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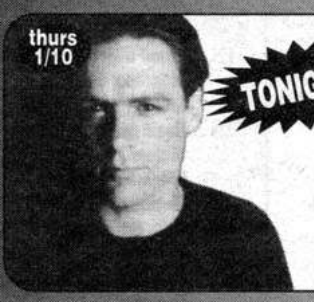
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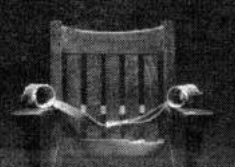
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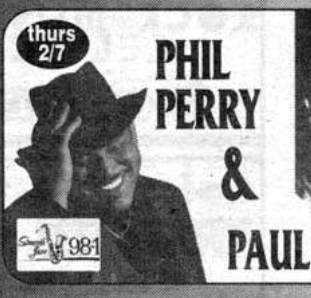
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493 ..... **fluf:** The Casbah
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426 ..... **Government Grown:** Winstons
461 ..... **Hera's Olive:** Dick's Last Resort
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547 ..... **Hot Rod Lincoln:** Tio Leo's Lounge, Coyote Bar and Grill
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The Ideas: Dick's Last Resort
Identity Crisis: Fogerty's Pub
The Kraze: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)
Laguna: Carvers
Lighter: Blind Melons
The Mad Hatters: Victor's Restaurant & Bar
Mama Sutra: Winstons
The McNallys: Carvers
404 ..... **Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors:** The Show Place, The Kraken
Nectarine: Blind Melons
No Listing: Etta's Place
480 ..... **No One:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
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543 ..... **Quetzal:** Winstons
Reign of Kings: Second Wind (San Carlos)
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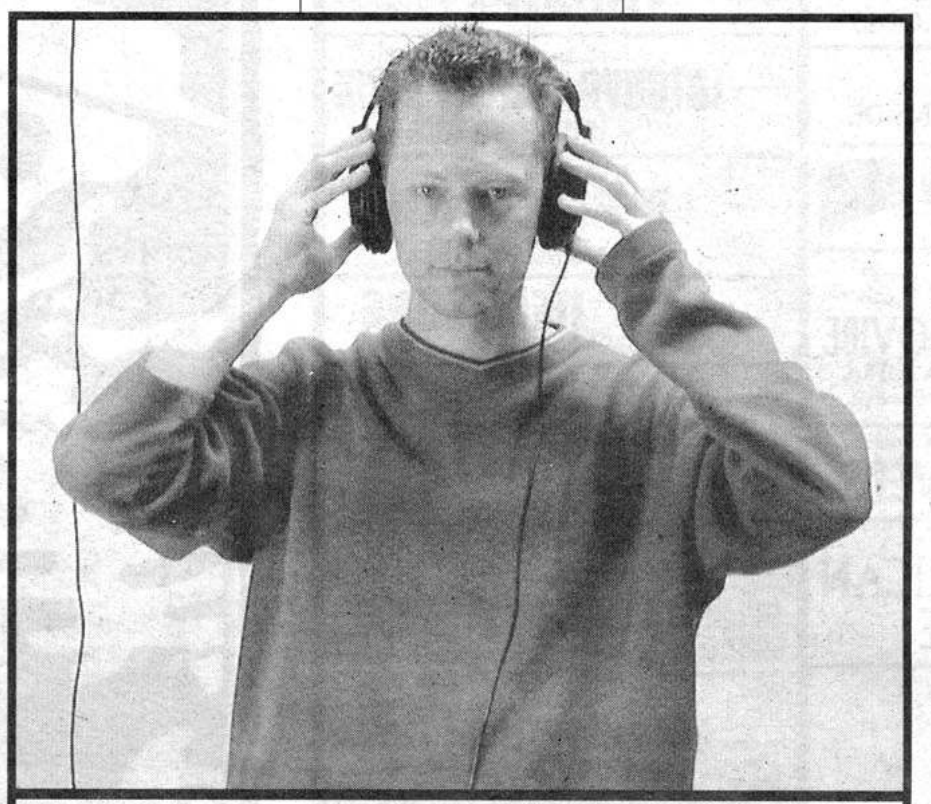
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Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel
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622 ..... **Robberecht the Pianoman:** The Westgate Hotel, Roger's on 5th
Sweet Dreams: Neimans Bar and Grill
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The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
Black Mambo: Chuey's Numero Uno, Dick's Last Resort
The Boogie Woogie Duo: Juke Joint Cafe
703 ..... **John Cain:** Hotel del Coronado
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660 ..... **The Shep Meyers Quartet:** Croce's Jazz Bar
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641 ..... **Sue Palmer:** Juke Joint Cafe
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682 ..... **Quiet Storm:** Humphrey's
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659 ..... **Rick Ross-Piano:** The Inn at the Park, Moray's Lounge
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643 ..... **Peter Sprague:** Dizzy's
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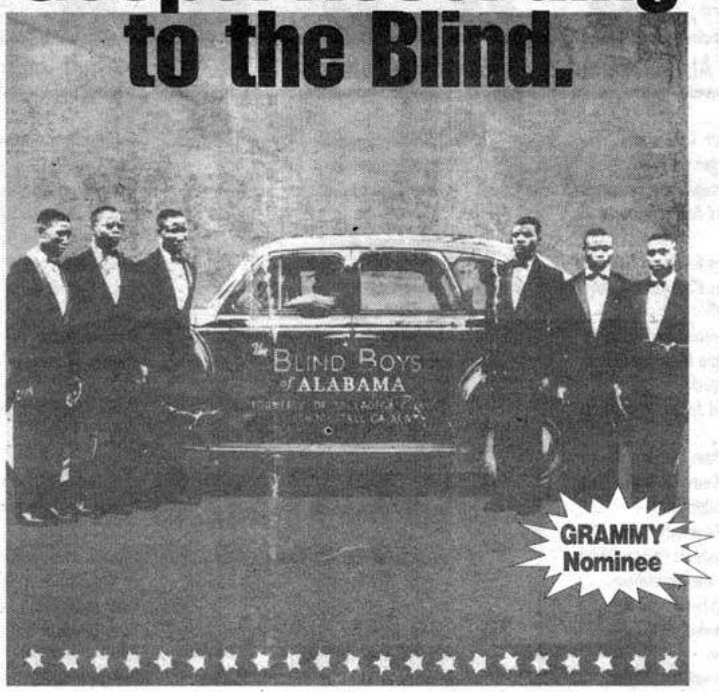
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832 .....**Dave Howard:** Dizzy's
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829 .....**The O'Brien Brothers:** Dublin Square, Hennessey's Tavern (PB)
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871 .....**Joe Rathburn:** Borders Books & Music (El Cajon)
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946 .....**Earl Thomas:** Winstons
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Aaron Carter (of Cirrus): Sunday, February 24, 4 p.m. San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-220-8497.

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, 619-465-5827. *www.klubs.com.*

Club Flow: Thursdays, the ultimate hip-hop experience. 9 p.m., no cover. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-295-4163. *www.theflame-sandiego.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.

Club 911: Fridays and Saturdays, Top 40, house, and trance. 2000+ capacity multi-level venue; 18 and up. Red Mill Entertainment complex, 1340 Broadway, El Cajon. Recorded information, 619-441-1800.

Club Pulse: Saturdays, local and nationally known DJs spin the best in house, trance, drum 'n' bass, and hip-hop. Room 1: ages 18 and up. Room 2: ages 21 and up. 'Canes Bar & Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. Recorded information, 858-488-1780.

Club Retro: Tuesdays, DJ Dementia and Esoterica spin the best of '80s and '90s new wave, synthpop, industrial dance, and more. 21 and up; no cover. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233. *www.synthclubs.com.*

Club Tropics: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, DJs Kool T, Stiffy, and guests spin hip-hop, Latin, old skool, and reggae. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-9402.

Club Ultra: Saturdays, superstar guest DJs, balcony seating, smoking terrace, laser light show, 33,000 watts of sound, and a "mastodonic" 7000-square-foot dance floor. 4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. *www.4thandb.com.*

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Darkwave Garden: Fourth Saturday of every month, DJs Dragon, Todd, and Tom King spin gothic, pop, and darkwave. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Hole, 2820 Lytton Street, Loma Portal. 619-226-9019; recorded information, 619-465-5827. *www.klubs.com.*

dfh: Wednesdays, DJs Jalil, the Prophet, and Bob One spin nonstop hip-hop. No cover before 9 p.m.; 21 and up. Boars Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. *www.dfhpresents.com/wednesday.html.*

DJ Skribble ("The MTV guy"): Saturday, January 12, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Club Ritmo, 9450 Gilman Drive, La Jolla. 858-534-5259 or 619-220-8497.

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Fresh: Mondays, weekly residents Chad Fortin, Eric Diaz, and Jared Joseph. No cover before 10 p.m. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

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Ice House Young Adult Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D and guest DJs spin hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJs Battle and Shakes spin trance, progressive house, and jungle on the patio. All ages; high school ID required for admittance. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Luminal: Tuesdays, industrial and gothic; 21 and up. Kickers (inside Hamburger Mary's), 308 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-491-0400. *www.clubluminal.com.*

Moondoggies: Thursdays and Sundays, DJ R.I.O. spins hip-hop 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

North County Underground Movement: Tuesdays, DJs Duane, Phil Aye, Omar E, James Scott, Andy B, and Brian spin soulful, progressive, and jazzy house. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Pounders, 125 West Grand, Escondido. 760-739-1288 or 619-364-6794.

Olé Madrid: Fridays, *Biba Club*, cutting-edge electronic rhythms and pulsating grooves. Saturdays, *100% Pure Olé* with DJs Idol, Rags, Joel V., Jose Amezcua, and guests. *After Hours*, Fridays and Saturdays till 4 a.m. 755 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-557-0146.

Over the Border: Fridays, DJ Luis Armas mixes the best of rock and *pop en español* and house; alternating with

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Neil Gaiman's novel *American Gods* is about a gigantic battle between modern and ancient deities, which is a pretty heavy subject. But I was more interested in a subplot about a small town in the Midwest where everything has been hunky-dory for a century — everything except for the mysterious disappearance of a new young person every year.

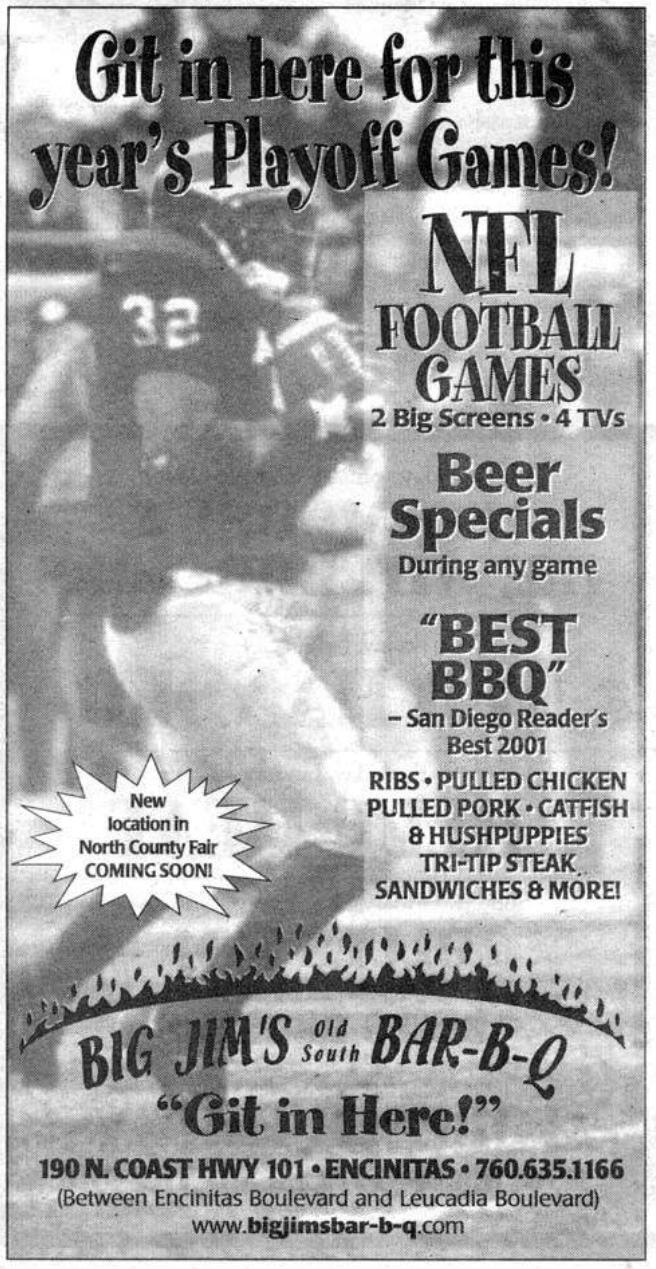
I thought of *American Gods* recently as I was listening to the duo who call themselves the **Handsome Familiy**. In "The Snow White Diner," co-songwriters **Brett** and **Rennie Sparks** tell a tale about eating hash browns in a coffee shop while the cops pull a Saturn from the frozen lake. A woman lost her job and didn't want her kids to be poor, so she drove them and herself to their deaths. Meanwhile, two old women are eating liver and onions and laughing uproariously. Turns out they're deaf and oblivious to the commotion outside. The song is so dark, its lyrics so frank, its delivery so stark, it's strangely funny.

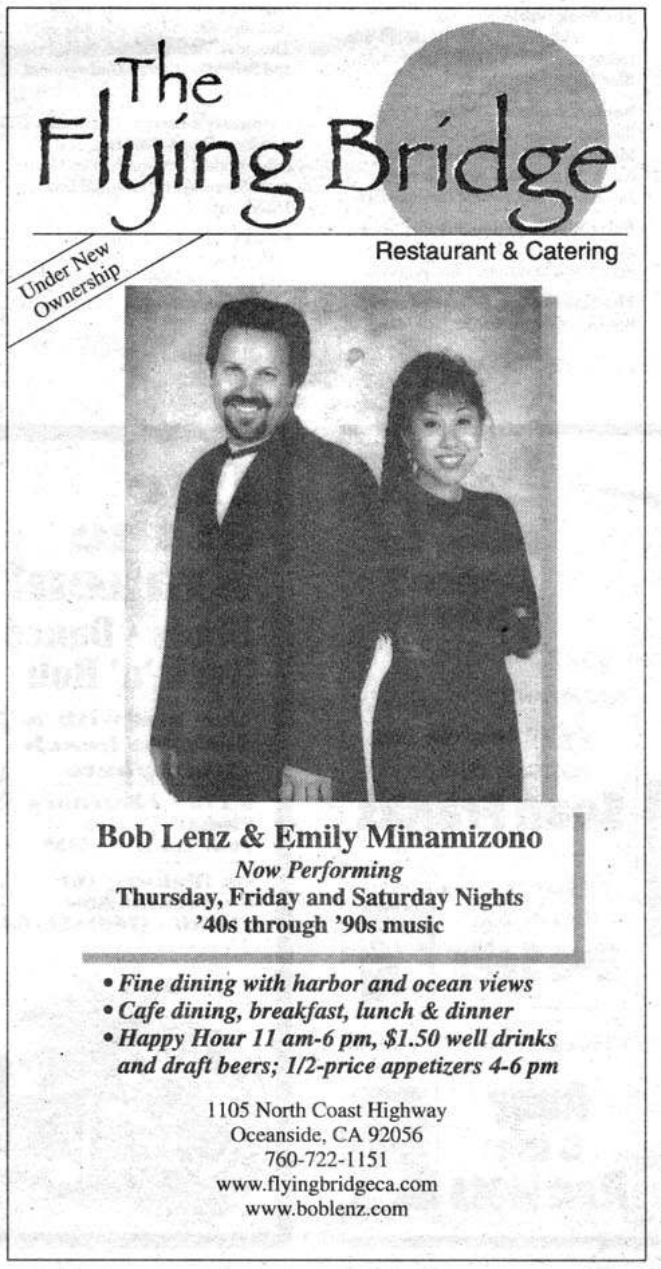

HANDSOME FAMILY

It's a safe bet that Mr. and Mrs. Sparks have read *Wisconsin Death Trip* and Edward Gorey. (I wouldn't be surprised if they read Neil Gaiman, too.) The music is in that no-man's-land between rock, pop, country, and folk that can only be called Americana. Onstage, Brett and Rennie use some prerecorded backing tracks to flesh out their sound — a very unfolk thing to do. But no one would argue when Brett and Rennie harmonize beautifully on "No One Fell Asleep Alone." By the way, that song, despite its lovely title, is emblematic of the Handsome Family's outlook: It's full of injured animals, burning buildings, cars crashing, and children killing themselves. Nice.

Calexico and the **Black Heart Procession** also perform.

HANDSOME FAMILY, The Casbah, Thursday, January 10, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497. $15.







rock en español bands. 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889.

Red C Lounge: Thursdays, *Milkcrate Mathematics*, hip-hop breaks and reggae. Fridays, *Funky House.* Saturdays, *Deep Soulful House.* No cover. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown (beneath Alambres). 619-233-2830.

ReMission: Mondays, DJs Bryan Pollard, Dekay, and Thad spin your favorite classic gothic and industrial. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744; recorded information, 619-465-5827. *www.klubs.com.*

The Room: Thursdays, *Club 909* with resident DJ Dove Paris mixing the best of global grooves; guest-list only event (call or e-mail). Fridays, *Real Simple,* a lounge for the mature lover of house music with residents Duane and Jonny Knight. Saturdays, *Ibiza* heats up La Jolla with Euro-Latin rhythms. Il Forno Bistro, 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-459-5010. *www.ilfornobistro.com./theroom.htm.*

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. *www.clubsabbat.net.*

Skies Lounge: Thursdays, *Salsa Fever* with DJs Carlos and Juan. Fridays, DJ Regin spins *Party Mix,* '70s to current dance hits. Saturdays, *Club Manila.* Four Points Hotel/Sheraton, 8110 Aero Drive, San Diego. Recorded information: 619-596-9777.

Studio 5th Avenue: Fridays, 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. *www.studio5thave.com.*

Studio 64: Fridays, resident DJs Jon Bishop, Paulie Parente, La Velle Dupree, Demon, Circa, and Scooter. Three rooms, five floors, and three types of music. 9 p.m. to 4 a.m.; 21 and up. Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, midtown. 619-294-9590; recorded information, 619-969-7285. *www.srh.com/prod.shtml.*

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.*

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. Thursday, *Rick Ross,* jazz. Friday, *Trio du Jour,* jazz. Saturday, *the Justin Brothers,* acoustic. Wednesday, *Semisi & Fulabula,* reggae.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 pm, *Billy Bacon & the Forbidden Pigs,* rockabilly, and *Candye Kane,* blues. Friday, 9:15 pm, *the Pine Mountain Logs,* rock. Saturday, *Urban Evergreen, Bumpin' Uglies, In4Rhythm,* and *Todd Stedman and the Fattones.* Sunday, 7:30 pm, *the Blind Boys of Alabama* and *the Spirit of the Century Band,* blues. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, *the Price of Dope,* acid jazz.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Y3K,* classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall. I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, *Blue Largo,* blues, jazz.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 pm, *John Zahody,* acoustic folk. Saturday, 8 pm, *Jerome Dawson,* jazz.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday and Saturday, *Chronic,* rock.

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, *Hot Rod Lincoln,* rockabilly. Saturday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Jerry McCann Band,* reggae. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Hollis Gentry,* jazz. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Blues Pharaohs,* blues. Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Northstar,* classic rock.

The Del Dios Country Store, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733. Friday and Saturday, *the Working Cowboy Band,* country.

Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Thursday, *Identity Crisis,* rock. Friday and Saturday, *Detroit Underground,* rock and soul.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *the Small Town Heroes,* rock. Saturday, *the Original Local Dudes,* rock.

Imari's, 1234 South Santa Fe, Vista. 760-941-4744. Music hours are from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm. Friday, *Laura Casale,* folk. Saturday, *Tim Maglione,* jazz.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors,* rock. Friday, *Red Handed.* Saturday, *Blue Heat.*

L'Auberge Del Mar Resort & Spa, 1540 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar. 858-793-6460. Friday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Holly Hofmann & Friends,* jazz.

La Casa del Zorro, 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs. 760-767-5323. Fox Den: Thursday through Saturday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Tony Lencioni.* Sunday and Monday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Dick Matson,* piano and vocals.

La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are from 7 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *Sonny & the Rumble Tones,* blues. Saturday, *Chewbacca Defense,* rock, blues.

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. Call club for information.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Tuesday, *Jody & Co.,* acoustic pop.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Brian Koehler,* folk. Saturday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John Lowery,* folk.

Mocha Marketplace, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John Lowery,* folk.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, *Sweet Dreams,* hip-hop. Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, call club for information.

The Pine Hills Lodge, 2960 La Posada Way, Julian. 760-765-1100. Sunday, 12:30 pm, *the Hank Williams Sr. Tribute Show* featuring *Jack Johnson,* country.

The Quails Inn, 1035 La Bonita Drive, Lake San Marcos. 760-744-2445. Lakeside Lounge: Saturday, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm, *the Tami Thomas Combo Band,* swing, variety.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Diversiti,* jazz. Saturday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Trio du Jour,* jazz.

The Roadhouse, 2102 Main Street, Ramona. 760-788-1944. Friday and Saturday, live rock and roll.

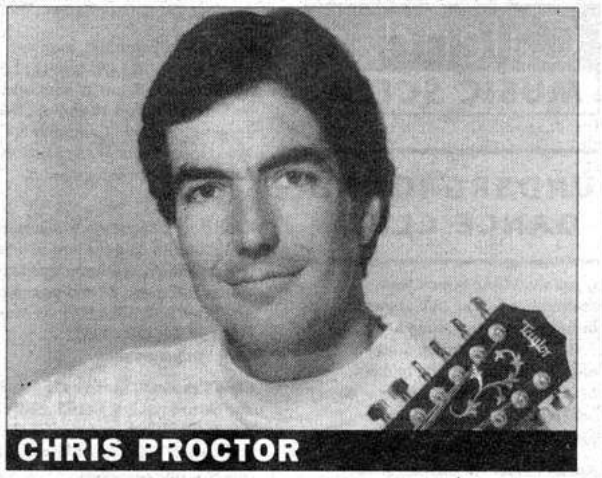
The Show Place, 1527 Mission Avenue, Oceanside. 760-439-1100. Monday, 6 pm, *Billy Proulx & the Crew,* 7:30 pm, *Power Serge & the Comrade Blues Band,* 9 pm, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors,* blues.

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

There are intricacies and tricks to pulling off what sounds like rich, full-bodied acoustic guitar, and **Chris Proctor** knows them all. A master of both 6- and 12-string guitar, Proctor has been compared to better-known pickers like Leo Kottke, John Fahey, Duck Baker, and Peter Fingers. But what's remarkable about much of Proctor's work is his ability to lay back. He doesn't showboat or overplay. He manages more than a few guitar pyrotechnics, but they generally support a song. Proctor's style is old-fashioned baroque-folk — articulate fingering, ringing tone — as opposed to the more contemporary folk-jazz stylists, and he plays on steel strings.

Proctor released his first album in 1983 on the Kicking Mule label. Nine more albums have followed. Music publisher Mel Bay has printed three instruction books written by Proctor. (I've wrestled with a few transcriptions. They aren't easy. Proctor sometimes uses alternate tunings like EBEGAD.) Proctor has also made instructional videos and has logged thousands of tour miles, playing everything from coffeehouses to folk festivals.



CHRIS PROCTOR

That said, I am not a fan of instrumental covers of pop tunes, some of which appear on Proctor's latest, *Under the Influence.* Often, such work reminds me of cheap mall soundtracks. What saves the CD is that Proctor rearranges not only to fit the stringed format but also to amplify whatever notions he deems important in the original. For example, CSNY's "Ohio" becomes a medieval lament; the Beatles' "Martha My Dear" turns into a ragtime cakewalk; and Jethro Tull's "Nothing Is Easy" slides back into the Bach influence whence it came.

(To hear a sample of ***Chris Proctor,*** *call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4864.)*

CHRIS PROCTOR, San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Sunday, January 13, 7:30 p.m. 760-753-6582.

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Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, open mike. Friday, *South of Houston,* rock. Saturday, *the Fiction Engine,* alternative.

Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Friday, 7 pm, *Andy Villas-Boas,* Brazilian jazz.

Victoria Station Pub, 315 South Highway 101, Solana Beach. 858-481-1950. Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Geese in the Bog,* Celtic folk.

Beaches

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Ir, Lighter,* and *Seedless,* alternative/rock. Friday, *the Latanya Lockett Band* with *the Junkyard Trio,* soul. Saturday, *Sol Reel* and *8 Ball Rack,* rock. Sunday, *Nectarine,* rock. Tuesday, *Blues Streak* featuring *Michele Lundeen,* blues. Wednesday, *Canobliss, Center Feugue* and *Harmony 24,* alternative.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Homegrown, Sugarcult, Yellowcard,* and *Finch.* Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Kittie, Chimaira, No One,* and *Ill Nino.* Wednesday, *Troy's Bucket, Pepper, Skipjack,* and *Handful.*

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, 9 pm, *the Steely Damned,* rock. Saturday, call club for information.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters,* blues.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. All shows start at 8 pm. Thursday, *Motus, Nova X,* and *Stealing Monday,* heavy/alternative. Friday, *the Thought Experiment, Malachi Crunch, 18 Bonez,* and *Down Inside,* heavy/groove. Saturday, *Ether, Lodus, Edify,* and *Purim,* alternative/metal.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Propect Street, La Jolla. 619-454-5101. Saturday, *NZ Rough,* reggae.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, *the O'Brien Brothers,* Irish folk. Monday, 9 pm, open mike.

Java Joe's Coffeehouse, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Anya Marina.* Friday, *Berkley Hart.* Saturday, *Gregory Page* and *Tom Brousseau.* Sunday, *Jason & Jane* and *Grant Langston.* Monday, Wendy's open-mike night. Wednesday, *Robin Henkel,* blues.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich,* piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Leviticus.*

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *Wonka Bar,* rock.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8:30 pm to midnight, *Rick Ross,* jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Larry Moore,* piano and vocals.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Jack Pollack,* piano. Wednesday, *Stephen Knight.*

The Tavern, 1200 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-6066. Sunday, *Crucial,* rock.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Scottie Blinn's Bucket Rukus,* blues. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Otho,* rock. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open-mike night.

Typhoon Saloon, 1165 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-373-3444. Thursday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Bedhead Blonde,* acoustic.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Friday, *Simply Complex,* rock. Saturday, *Deadline Friday* and *the Mad Hatters,* rock.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Deadline Friday* and *Short of 10,* alternative. Friday, *Quetzal* with *Spinside.* Saturday, *Government Grown,* rock. Sunday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *the Blues Ambassadors,* blues, 8 pm, *Electrovibe* with *Mama Sutra.* Monday, *the Clumsy Lovers.* Tuesday, *Liquid American Culture,* hip-hop. Wednesday, *Jemimah Puddleduck.*

San Diego

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Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 pm, *Quiet Storm,* jazz and blues. Friday, 9:30 pm, *Liquid Blue,* pop rock. Saturday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *Simply Complex,* rock, 9:30 pm, *Makai,* pop. Sunday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Sean Franks,* jazz. Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Eve Selis,* rock and roll. Wednesday, 9:30 pm, *Ruby & the Red Hots,* swingin' blues.

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Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Sugar Ray.* Saturday, *the Hoochie Coochie Men,* rock.

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Borders Books & Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 pm, *Joe Rathburn,* acoustic pop. Saturday, 7 pm, *Elijah Clark,* country.

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NEED TO KNOW: Casual atmosphere. Vegetarian and vegan-friendly (six "Kosher-for-Buddhists" entrées). Reserve for weekends.

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REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

Like Tin Fork's Carla, I'm addicted to a hair stylist on Coronado. Most hairdressers have a perverse streak — whatever your hair's like, they want to change it to the opposite. I first noticed this phenomenon when I lost my Aunt Gloria among her clones at a mall in Broward County, where all aging Jewish and Cuban brunettes eventually go blond, short, and permed until they collectively presage the "Geriatric Barbie." Asians become curly redheads; African-Americans get long straight burgundy-purple braids. At most salons, depending on how decayed I look that day, they either want to give me the Tia Gloria look or else a vermilion mohawk with a perverse streak of violet. That's why I stick with "my" Judy, because I can trust her not to try any sneaky tricks or evil substances, aside from the occasional last-minute ambush of spray.

What do women gossip about in a Coronado hair salon? Food, of course. "We really know what local people think about all the restaurants here," said Diana, buffing the pearly nails of an octogenarian under a hair dryer. "Heard anything about Bistro D'Asia, the one that replaced Chameleon?" I asked. "I didn't like Chameleon," Judy answered. "Too expensive for what they served. But I hear the new place is good." "I ate there last week," one-upped Diana. "I really liked it. Try the Hawaiian chicken," she continued. "Why didn't you have the coconut shrimp — mmm, my favorite dish in the whole world," said Judy. "They don't make that," said the manicurist.

Just as Judy finished the last few snips, my sweetie came back from the hardware store down the block. While he distracted me, Judy blasted my head with hairspray. "You look like you always do, but better," he told me. "Perfect," I said, and we headed for Bistro D'Asia to meet up with a couple of our buddies. In the season when the Christmas bills come stomping in, I figured that a restaurant that Diana and Judy endorse should fit into the budget. And nobody would force us to order the Hawaiian chicken.

After a few weeks of the muffled banging and pounding behind closed doors, Bistro D'Asia opened last summer. The art on the walls is different, but the interior looks nearly the same as at Chameleon, with the same bright, open kitchen, handsome wooden tables, comfortable banquettes, and slightly weary carpet. Even the striking triangular appetizer plates are still in evidence. (And the "Lizard Lounge" bar behind the restaurant is eternal.)

Under the ownership of Hong Kong–born Benny Chan and Egypt-born Alaa Eisadek (who formerly owned a restaurant in the La Jolla space now occupied by Azul), Bistro D'Asia's cuisine is very different from Chameleon's Asian-Latin seafood offerings. With Vietnamese-Chinese chef Ken Tu heading the kitchen, the dishes range all over East Asia. "You know how Italian cuisine spread through San Diego," says Eisadek. "I think the Asian cuisines are due to become popular here. The cooking is so light, healthy, and tasty." The menu is divided into eight sections: "Asian Temptation" (they don't mean Chow Yun Fat, just appetizers), salads, vegetarian entrées, and then five more categories sorted by cooking method: "steamed," "wokked," "sizzled," "grilled," and "noodled."

The evening's knockout dish was among the appetizers: "Asian lemon shrimps" boasted a perfect lemon sauce, balanced between sweet, sour, and pungent (from rinds and mustard), suavely coating shrimps with a molecule's worth of crackling-crisp cornstarch crust. (It reminded me of the best lemon chicken I ever ate, at a Hong Kong restaurant that I could never find a second time.)

From the ranks of the "noodled" we chose a bowl named "Last Emperor's Won Ton Mein," which, we'd correctly surmised, indicated a large bowl of won ton soup amended with skinny noodles. The chicken broth was a good omen (since this broth is the basis of so many Asian sauces) — rich, if a tad oversalted. The wontons were filled with a lean-textured chicken mincemeat with much the same seasonings as more conventional pork-shrimp wontons. Amending the noodles were a few good shrimps, several tough snow peas, and a very few slices of slightly old-tasting Cantonese roast pork. Overall, we liked the soup, but not to distraction.

Another appetizer we sampled was problematic. "Siam lettuce wraps" had icy-cold, sopping-wet cups of thick-leaved iceberg lettuce leaves from near the outside of the head, too crisp to lend themselves to actual wrapping. The mixture to be spooned into them was similar to the wonton stuffing, a combination of minced chicken, shrimp, bland (canned?) water chestnuts, and bits of deep-fried rice noodles. In the context of its Thai title, I guess this was an attempt at *larb ped* (spicy hash), but the result was more of a *larb mai ped* (no-spice hash), or maybe Chinese "minced squab in lettuce cups," with chicken replacing the pricey pigeon. The customary do-it-yourself Thai trimmings (mint, basil, hot peppers) were absent, but there was a ramekin of hoisin sauce on the side.

The house specialty is "Forbidden Whole Peking Duck in Two Courses." The house has a custom that, when the duck is ready, someone in the kitchen strikes a gong. (There was a lot of gonging that evening, but since they didn't summon any raids by the food police, evidently the duck isn't totally "forbidden.") After the chime, your server brings out the whole roast bird for the table

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to admire. It's a beautiful cinnamon-brown Muscovy, about three and a half pounds dressed. It's promptly whisked back to the kitchen and reemerges on a platter as slices from the breast, topped with a few solo pieces of crisp skin, plus another tray containing shredded scallions, seedless rectangles of cucumber, and a ramekin of hoisin sauce, plus a metal steamer top with lotus buns. The first course, you paint the buns with Hoisin sauce and make yourself a little sandwich with the other ingredients. The duck-skin proved absolutely crisp but under-seasoned, begging for additional five-spices rub despite a splash of a thin sweet sauce. The meat was well done and reasonably tender but far from the most flavorful Muscovy I've ever met. (Getting really good ducks seems to be a problem throughout San Diego — maybe we're just too far from the pampered poultry of Petaluma.) The buns, purchased rather than housemade, were glutinous and stodgy, not in the same class as the ethereal fresh buns we recently enjoyed at the Chinese restaurant at Sycuan Casino. By the way, this part of the quacker extravaganza is also available as an appetizer ($10, versus $27 for the whole enchilada). The second course of the Forbidden Duck is another version of *larb*, including more cold lettuce cups — but with duck replacing chicken, the mixture is scrumptious.

To our surprise, our favorite entrée was a vegan dish we'd ordered to balance the duck: Monk's Curry, consisting of lush chunks of Asian eggplant, onion, bell pepper, and chewy tofu skins in a thin and savory mild Thai curry sauce. (The tofu skin was a pleasant surprise — I didn't expect such an "ethnic" product in conservative Coronado.) From the "wokked" area of the menu, we chose Open Sesame Chicken because the menu designated it as a chef's special. It consisted of chicken-breast strips coated with sesame seeds, no better (if slightly dryer) than the dish as it's cooked at countless chow mein parlors from coast to coast. This, and most other entrées, included a little heap of shredded lettuce taking up space on the plate.

With no pad to write our order on, our server plumb forgot to tell the kitchen of our yearning for the sizzle plate of "dancing" diver sea scallops. Unfortunately, she did remember our other aquatic choice, steamed "Mekong Seafood." The latter had a pleasant sauce of thickened chicken broth, roasted garlic, a bit of tomato and basil, with just a nip of something spicy. Aside from the serviceable shrimps, though, the seafood in this liquid might indeed have been imported by slow boat from a backwater eddy of the Mekong. The few tiny scallops were cooked tough and tasted odd (these were not designated "diver" scallops on the menu, merely listed generically). Two of us dared to chew but couldn't actually swallow a trio of iodiney mussels that were overcooked to the eraser stage. The remaining three mussels had cracked shells, hence were probably dead before cooking — a genuine "forbidden food." When I later phoned Mr. Eisadek, he was appalled to hear this; evidently when the new shellfish arrived, the kitchen didn't rotate out the previous shipment as they're supposed to do. We ought, he said, to have returned the dish. (So, if this should happen to you, you know how to remedy it.)

The dessert list includes a few purchased pastries, but the bulk of the sweets consist of generous bowls of ice creams and sorbets from the fabled Mootown Creamery, around the bend on Orange Avenue. We were just as pleased, since even if Mootown is still open when you finish dinner, there's always a long line at the door — for very good reasons. Made fresh daily from pure cream, their ice cream is famed for its big flavors. Each spoonful of our ginger ice cream beamed us to New Delhi and back — in the Indian style, it was barely sweet and amazingly intense, studded with hunks of fresh, house-candied ginger. It's an exigent flavor, but endlessly fascinating. The coconut ice cream is as louche as the ginger is demanding, but no less concentrated — a sunny splash of fresh tropical pleasure. You'd have to fly to the Caribbean ($1200 r/t) to find its equal.

Even if the ginger ice cream is the most assertive Asian flavor on the menu, Bistro D'Asia's cooking shows some liveliness and creativity — in the best dishes, it's light and pleasing, with an especial affinity for vegetarian dishes. And the culinary style — an introductory course, East Asian Cuisines 101 — is a very good fit for the local clientele, with the spicier dishes all reshaped with a gentling touch. It's not my sort of thing, but it's valid, affordable, worth trying if you're in the area and you like a wok on the mild side. ■

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TIN FORK
ED BEDFORD

Sal's not looking happy. "Business is terrible," he says. "I used to bring in 200 to 300 dollars a week. Now I'm lucky if I get 20 to 30 dollars. Nobody's coming!"

Sal's a friend of mine here on Revolución. Sells leather jackets to tourists. I knew things were bad, but not this bad. So I'm feeling a little guilty, two blocks up, when Tomás, the waiter outside the Chiki Jai restaurant, asks if I'd like to come in and eat.

I glance inside. "This is Spanish food, not Mexican," Tomás says. "Real, traditional paella." It's also not cheap. Not for Tijuana. The main dishes cost 7, 8, 10, 14 bucks, even though their sandwich-type food sells for about $3. Still, it looks cozy, with blue-tile walls, red tablecloths, golden wood–frame windows, wine-bottle lamp shades, and statuettes of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza.

But the real nectar is Ernest Hemingway used to come here, sit in the first booth on the right or the third on the left, and eat, sip *vino tinto,* and write for three or four hours. So, hey, if it's good enough for Papa... I sit down at the third table on the right. (The booths were replaced in the '90s.) A group of Mexican businessmen sits at Hemingway's table. An American chews *chorizo.* Two Englishmen drink wine and smoke cigarettes near the door. Bullfight music plays. "Something to drink?" asks Tomás. He hands me a menu. A *copa* — glass — of *vino tinto* costs 20 pesos. Two dollars and change (with the peso at about nine to the dollar).

I nod. While he's getting the *vino* I check the menu.

"Gotta have the shrimp," says the American. "They're out of this world — if you like garlic."

Camarones al ajillo (garlic shrimp) is 125 pesos. Thirteen, fourteen bucks. I'll be hitching across the border if that happens. "Thanks," I say. I do a *rápido* squizz down the list of *especialidades.* I know I should stick with *tapas y pinchos* (appetizers, $4–7) or the *bocattas,* the Spanish sandwiches, such as the pork sausage sandwich, the Spanish salami, or the *bocatta de ternera,* steak sandwich. All about four or five dollars each, and probably great. But as Tomás comes up with his notebook, my eyes flick back to the specialty list. No more than 85 pesos, I tell myself. About nine bucks, plus two for the *vino,* and we're out of here with trolley fare home. That gives me a choice of stuffed calamari in ink sauce, calamari steak, trout in olive oil and garlic, or fish fillet (breaded, in olive oil and garlic, or in batter). Or the paella.

Truth: I've never found paella that enthralling. Just lots of yellow rice, shrimp, chicken, tomatoes, whatever, and not much flavor. But, looks like there's lots of it. And I've got an empty tank to fill here.

"Paella," I tell Tomás.

First Tomás brings a rich soup packed with white *frijoles,* a basket of French bread, a plate with a slice of blue cheese, and two salsas. "*Buen provecho,*" he says. "Bon appetit." Mmm. Soup is warm, filling, and flavorful. But what makes it is that French bread. Crisp outside, featherlight inside. Why can't we do this across the border? Plus, the house *vino* is good. Mexican, from Aguas Calientes. Not too tangy. Round, if you know what I mean.

I get talking with Frank, the American guy. "This visit is sentimental," he says. "My dad used to bring our whole family of seven down here for a Sunday lunch. I've been coming down 20, 30 years. Now I run a company with 2000 employees in San Diego. I travel. But Chiki Jai is where I come for me. This is my Rosebud."

Francisco, the owner's son and manager, sits down. "Hollywood used to come here," he says. "Ronald Reagan sat over there, Flynn, Hemingway. I think we're the oldest restaurant in Tijuana." They certainly have plenty of history on the walls. Old border photos, his dad's collection of Don Quixote art, fighting-bull ranchos' brands painted on the walls and ceiling (Mexican on the walls, Spanish on the ceiling), and a framed green matador's cape on the wall. "It was a gift to the doctor who saved his life one day when he was gored," says Francisco. "The blood is on the other side of the cape."

"You still having the paella?" says Frank. "You really should have the garlic shrimp." He gets up and heads for the bathroom behind the kitchen.

Two minutes later he comes back, leans over. "I'm sorry. I couldn't help it. I told them to give you the shrimp instead of the paella. You've really got to try them. They're out of this world."

And then he's gone. Tomás arrives carrying a beautiful flowery plate loaded with around eight large shrimp sizzling in a garlicky sauce. I'm panicking. Don't have the *dinero* for this. He puts a small side plate of paella beside it.

What to do? But Francisco comes up. "He paid for it," he says. "You may as well eat it."

So I do. I mean, what a guy! I hog in. Heaven. Who could resist these big, fat, juicy Gulf of California monsters? The garlic, the bread, the wine...

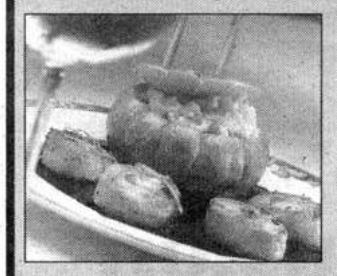
I leave a big fat tip. Pretty sure that's what Hemingway would have done. ■

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Last-Minute Disasters

"My mother still drinks Gallo Burgundy and thinks it's the best."



Crush
MATTHEW LICKONA

Three years ago, when I interviewed Wine Brats executive director Joel Quigley, he closed by noting that "this generation [X] spends more than 25 percent of their disposable income dining out." When Anne Dierickx took over as the head of Wine Brats' San Diego chapter, she decided to capitalize on that statistic. Previously, the San Diego Wine Brats had met in one another's homes; the Dierickx-run chapter would meet in restaurants. "[Wine Brats] does two things," she says, "introduces San Diegans to wine and introduces them to venues that we think would appeal to them." With her new staff, she set up a website and began building a mailing list.

There were lessons to be learned about planning ahead and specificity in contracts. The chapter's first event, in the summer of 2000, sought to introduce attendees to the mutual effects of wines and spices. "I said [to the venue], 'For dessert, you need either a spiced fruit bar, a spiced fruit compote, or some spiced fruit that could be served in individual Solo cups.' I went over the range of spices that had to be in different recipes — 'spice' meaning things like nutmeg and ginger." Come the event, "They had jalapeño brownies. I said, 'Show me that you got this from a written recipe,' as opposed to saying, 'Hey, let's stick jalapeño spice in brownies.' I was very unhappy." (On another occasion, a venue failed to provide wine glasses. "I had to go to Smart & Final an hour before the event, and you can't just bring back the plastic ones.") Events are now scheduled at least three months in advance, in part to prevent last-minute disasters such as these.

"But here's the funny thing," observes Dierickx. "People were, like, 'Yeah, those brownies were weird,' but other people were saying, 'Yeah, that was fun.' " The evening had been a grand experiment for the curious crowd, and the odd dessert hadn't proved disastrous. Word began to spread. Two months later, Wine Brats began selling out events. Last July, they reached that "critical mass, where venues started calling us: 'We heard about you. Would you like to do [an event here]?' "

How did this come to pass? "This is the pitch I give to venues. I say, 'The e-mail [about this event] is going to go out to a thousand-person membership. Twenty percent of that membership may forward it. So 1200 people are going to read about your restaurant being the venue whether they show up or not.' On a 100-person event, we try to keep our food costs down — let's say 15 bucks. We tell them, 'You kick in 3 bucks apiece more for food' — and 3 bucks of food, retail-wise, is really only a buck. 'That's 100 or 200 dollars out of your pocket, instead of putting an ad in the paper, which people may or may not read and which would cost substantially more. For that 200 dollars, you're going to have 100 people in your restaurant grazing on superior food for the money that they've paid, thinking, "I love this place." ' '

"Our second event at Palomino's was just great. They understood the concept of 'we want to look lavish for this price.' Because, guess what? You pay 20 bucks for our events, and you're, like, 'Oh, I love this food; this is great. Look at all the stuff I get for this amount of money.' It doesn't matter if you come back and you don't get [the same thing] for that amount of money" — the impression of value has been created, and the restaurant has gained a customer. The tactic has paid off. "Nearly every venue has come back to us and said, 'Anytime you want.' "

Wine Brats takes a similar tack with wineries. "We get all of our wine donated. We have sustaining sponsors" — such as BV, Gallo of Sonoma, and King Estate — "but we also [solicit donations] for events. About a year ago September, we had a tasting of Italian wines. National e-mails hundreds of wineries and says, 'Hey, these people in this city are doing this event; do you want to be a part of it?' Ruffino came through. They're not going to [sponsor] a tour of 12 cities, but they will give Wine Brats *x* amount.

"[Wineries] donate because, hey, they're getting their name out there. They get exposure; they get people who want to know about wine in general and about their wine in particular. And as anybody knows with branding identification — I mean, my mother still drinks Gallo Burgundy and thinks it's the best. We had vintners at our University Club event who said it was phenomenal. One said to our event planner that 'you guys are the best. I've never met 400 happier, more interested, interesting people. Whatever you want, we'll do it.' "

I hesitated at the notion of associating wine with branding — wine varies so much from grape to grape, year to year, region to region, etc., that it seemed odd to say, "Seghesio is my Zinfandel" the way you might say "Stoli is my vodka." But, says Dierickx, "I think if people drink enough wine, they have a benchmark; something they buy a lot of, that's readily available." When she says this, I am reminded of my own affinity for Pepperwood Grove — a winery that produces solid wines at low prices and in large quantities year in and year out — and concede the point.

Once a mild buzzing in the industry's ear, Wine Brats has become a peppy, successful marketing machine, one that hits Generation X where they live — in the restaurants. Growth has been rapid; chapters now exist in 30 cities nationwide. Among them, San Diego is a model of success, and because of that, attests Dierickx, "We've gained a certain amount of autonomy. We ask for wine, but we say, 'We don't want X, Y, and Z. We don't want X's Chardonnay, and we don't want any wines from Y ever. We know our membership, and nobody likes it.' " ■

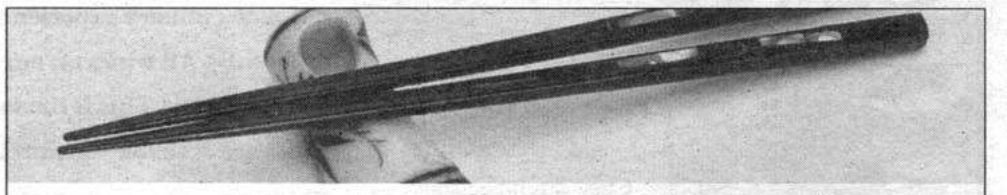
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THE FISH MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy ever-multiplying restaurants —namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed or panko-fried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locales. The chain's facilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its various branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish market in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most supermarkets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and sometimes creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a truly sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast, so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar; mini-branch near Fashion Valley. — *N.W. (9/01)*

HEIDI AND BERNIE'S GERMAN BRATWURST TENT North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue and white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps) but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies) or go for fried or

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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. (5/01)*

SAMMY'S CALIFORNIA WOOD-FIRED PIZZA You have a vast choice of wood-fired pizzas here, including many exotic toppings. Salads are popular and are available as half-orders. Same menu lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Open daily. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 858-456-5222. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

UNO CHICAGO BAR AND GRILL The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports (along with Oprah and steaks). Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-219-1866; 5th & H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — *E.B. (8/01)*

NORTH COASTAL

THE ARMENIAN CAFE 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233, *www.thearmenian-cafe.com*. Long ago, Turkish conquerors brought Armenian food to Greece. At this large cottage with a sundeck overlooking Highway 101, some dishes (e.g., gyros) have traveled in the opposite direction, and the menu also translates the Armenian specialties to the more familiar Greek food vocabulary. The gyro meat mixture is made on the premises; other good choices are Armenian marinated rack of lamb and shish kebab, including kebab-filled breakfast omelets. Music and belly dancing Friday and Saturday evenings. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BARONE'S TRATTORIA DEL MARE 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Pleasant interior, 27 pastas, low prices, huge portions of tasty food make this a winner for all bargain seekers. On weekends, try the paella, large enough for two. Linguine rustica and chicken Marsala best bets. Lunch, Tuesday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (1/00)*

THE BRASSERIE La Costa Resort & Spa, Costa Del Mar Road off El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111, x4500. This hotel dining room offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All-you-can-eat Sunday buffet brunch with champagne is $32.00. Seafood buffet Friday, from 5:30 p.m. Outstanding service. Reservations recommended. Pisces Delicacies of the Sea is also located in this complex. Expensive. — *E.W.*

CALYPSO CAFE 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252, *www.calypsocafe.net*. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

FIDEL'S CARLSBAD 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. A sister restaurant to the venerable establishment in Solana Beach, the stars here are *carnitas;* quesadilla with chicken, beef, or pork; tostada *suprema;* and breast of chicken Milanesa. Open daily lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

HILL STREET COFFEE HOUSE 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. The menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. After 11:00 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

JOHNNY MANANA'S 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *muy popular,* but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

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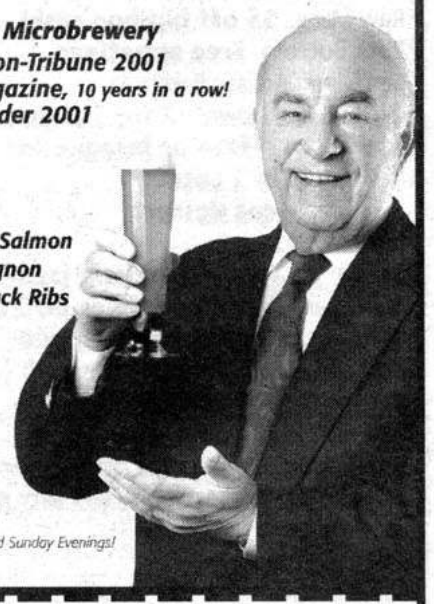
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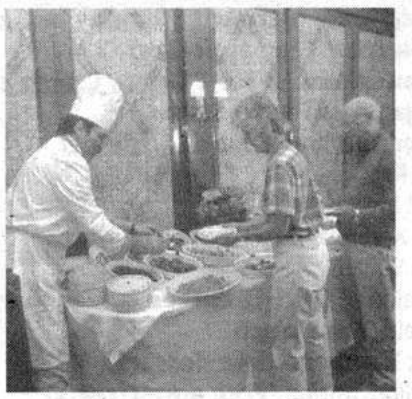
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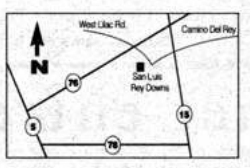
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MILTON'S DELICATESSEN, GRILL AND BAKERY 2660 Via de la Valle, Flower Hill Mall, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. You'll find 200 items on the menu. They include Jewish deli; Chicago-style pizza; and grilled ribs, steaks, vegetables. Two recommended items: Chinese chicken salad and skirt steak sandwich. Not the greatest Jewish deli; not the worst. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

PACIFIC COAST GRILL 437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Many dishes here are under $10.00. Best bets: baby back ribs, fresh fish, variety of burgers served with salad and fries presented in a paper bag. Sunday brunch from the menu, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Warm, casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

RED TRACTON'S 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Truly mammoth portions of prime rib, steak, chicken, and fish are served in lovely surroundings. Dinners come with corn on the cob (when in season) or baked potatoes or vegetables. Salads are à la carte, but are enough for two people. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SUSHI @ LA KAZ 3870 Valley Centre Drive, Carmel Valley, Del Mar, 858-792-5509. Outstanding, sophisticated sushi includes caterpillar roll (eel and avocado), soft-shell-crab roll, tempura roll. Good hot dishes include "Dynamite" and sukiyaki. Elegant sushi. Closed Sunday. Open for lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

A LITTLE BIT OF GERMANY 1717 East Vista Way, Vista, 760-941-4626. Authentic German menu offers most of your favorites: chicken in champagne sauce, *sauerbraten* (beef in wine-vinegar sauce), Wiener schnitzel. Hot potato salad, made-on-the-premises *spaetzle*, and strudel major pluses. Call for directions. Closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BERNARD'O RESTAURANT 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. The restaurant is elegant in food, service, and ambiance. The cuisine is California-French, menus change seasonally. Best bets are rack of lamb, filet mignon, daily fresh fish, and crème brûlée. You'll have a good experience here. Lunch weeknights, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (8/99)*

DELICIAS 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excellent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

DICRESCENZO'S 11625 Duenda Road, Westwood Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. Should you be in Rancho Bernardo and seeking great Italian sandwiches or pizzas to eat in or take out, keep this Chicago-style "deli" in mind. The Italian beef and Rocco's Imperial sub are knockouts. Closed Sunday. Open Monday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

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MIIKI JAPANESE RESTAURANT AND SUSHI BAR 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

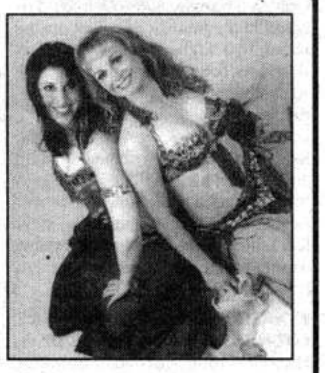
TONG SZECHUAN 609 North Broadway #E-F (Albertson's Shopping Center), Escondido, 760-480-9438. The "New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao, ma la*, etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

LA JOLLA

AESOP'S TABLES Costa Verde Shopping Center, 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, La Jolla, 858-455-1535. The chief attributes of this Greek and Mediterranean restaurant are fresh food, tasty preparation, and low cost. The salads are a good buy. Entrées are large enough for two. All items available for takeout. Lunch, Monday through Saturday. Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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CHOPAHN Renaissance Towne Center, 8935 Towne Center Drive #111, Golden Triangle, 858-677-0100. Located in a romantic, elegant dining room, this Afghan restaurant offers first-rate food — possibly the best Afghan menu in the city. Be sure to order two or three appetizers and the house specialty Kabob-E-Chopahn, lamb loin chops on a skewer or lamb and chicken kabobs. Rice and vegetables are a good choice for vegetarians. Loving ownership; personalized service. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W. (11/98)*

ELARIO'S BISTRO & SKY LOUNGE 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, Hotel La Jolla (formerly Summer House Inn), 858-459-0541. The 11th floor view carries this restaurant. Good preparation of gourmet American food, fish, seafood, steaks, and chicken. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and weekend brunch. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

FLEMING'S STEAK HOUSE AND WINE BAR 8970 University Center Lane, Aventine Complex, La Jolla East, 858-535-0078. Beautiful atmosphere, excellent service, very fine preparations. Very crowded weekends. Steaks and chops first rate. Vegetables à la carte. Open dinners only nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (1/00)*

FOREVER FONDUE 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. If you stay with the cheese fondue, house salad, or shrimp with spicy cocktail sauce, you'll have a good meal. Steel plates make the food cold. The prix fixe dinner for two is very affordable, but not necessarily a best buy. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily for dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

GEORGE'S AT THE COVE 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The always-excellent George's, with its first-rate fish and meat menu, boasts three dining levels on its ocean-view site. The first level is the fine dining room, with full menu and gourmet lunch and dinners. Above is the Café, and on top is the Terrace, which is romantic on balmy nights. The Café and Terrace offer identical menus: light meals for lunch, extensive menu for dinner. The Ocean View Room offers high quality California regional cuisine, with higher prices. Food is well prepared and their famous roasted chicken, bean, and broccoli soup is still on the menu. Incomparable service. Call for exact hours. Expensive, George's gourmet room; moderate to expensive, other rooms. — *E.W. (9/99)*

CLAIREMONT & KEARNY MESA

94TH AERO SQUADRON 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Come at sunset — it's a trip. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

BACI RISTORANTE 1955 W. Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-2094. If you have been eating low-fat, low-calorie food, consider this place a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken, Excellent fried squid and the best *zabaglione* (dessert) in the city. Salt may be more than usual. First-rate service. Open Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

EMERALD CHINESE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 3709 Convoy Street, Pacific Gateway Plaza, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. San Diego's best Chinese restaurant for fresh seafood and fish. Live fish, prawns, and lobsters are kept in tanks and prepared minutes after you order. Superb dim sum, served daily, is especially fine on Saturday and Sunday, when 100 items are available. Open daily. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

HSU'S SZECHUAN CUISINE Hazard Village, 9350 F-G Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-279-9799. This restaurant is noted for its hot and spicy Szechuan dishes as well as for its Mandarin specialties. For Mongolian barbecue, you have a choice of beef, pork, lamb, or turkey with stir-fried vegetables (barbecue is not available Sunday morning). Extensive menu with many unusual dishes. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

PHUONG TRANG 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Don't miss this excellent Vietnamese restaurant where 232 items are offered. The cuisine is healthy, offers great variety, and is pleasing to the eye as well as the palate. Best bets are egg rolls, char-grilled shrimp on sugarcane, ground beef wrapped in grape leaves, prawn salad, rice in earthenware pot, grilled whole fish, spring rolls. Service is swift, the food very tasty—it's low-fat and wonderful. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

SHOGUN KOBE 5451 Kearny Villa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-7399. This restaurant specializes in well-seasoned Japanese-style steaks, either by themselves or in combination with lobster, shrimp, or scallops. All entrées arrive with soup, salad, rice, and Japanese-style vegetables. Seating is communal at the *teppan* tables. There's also an attractive, well-stocked sushi bar. Open 7 days, moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE BEACHES

GUAVA BEACH BAR AND GRILL 3714 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-6688. Old-fashioned American cooking such as meat loaf with mashed potatoes and macaroni and cheese (on children's menu) are prepared here, along with Mexican and seafood specialties. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

HARBOR'S EDGE Sheraton Harbor Island Resort, 1380 Harbor Island Drive (across from airport), 619-291-2900. The restaurant has a stunning bay view and contemporary interior. Good California cuisine includes fish, chicken, pastas. For inexpensive diversion, try the Bakery (adjacent to the dining room) where sandwiches and pastries are served. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

HUDSON BAY SEAFOOD 1403 Scott Street, Point Loma, 619-222-8787. Fresh fish and seafood, burgers, and salads served in room on the dock. Great view and you may eat on the outside deck or inside. Very casual. Best bets: fish and chips and fresh fish sandwiches. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

JARED'S 880 East Harbor Island Drive, 619-291-1028. The house specialty is steak, offered in a room directly on the harbor. Presentation, in the manner, of Morton's, is to show you the entrées raw. Price of entrée includes nothing else; vegetables, potatoes à la carte. Excellent appetizers, especially five-onion tart. First rate bread and bread pudding. Closed Monday. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

REUBEN E. LEE 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1880, *www.islandsedge.com*. This docked faux-riverboat replica serves seafood without a sea breeze — the windows are sealed and it can get stuffy when the weather's warm. The food can be inconsistent. Best bets are an appetizer of steamed clams and a surprisingly authentic, zesty bouillabaisse. Otherwise, the cooking style tends to be corporately cautious. No disability access, but you can order from this menu downstairs at sister-restaurant Jared's. Dinner Wednesday through Saturday. Bargain-priced buffet Friday evening includes all their best items. Otherwise, expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

SPORTSMEN'S SEAFOODS 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Bay, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish and chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. Open seven days, lunch/early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

EL AGAVE 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks Margarita with fresh fruit juices. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

EL FANDANGO 2734 Calhoun Street (next to Bazaar Del Mundo in the Plaza), Old Town Historic Park, 619-298-2860. This indoor-outdoor café sits right on the tourist-packed plaza. But come early, like 8:00 a.m, and you'll be practically alone. You're suddenly in a Mexican town, say 1840. Order up a chorizo (Mexican pork sausage) scrambled with eggs and rice and refried beans, or scrambled eggs mixed with *nopalitos* — cactus pads — and chile verde and frijoles, and maybe add breakfast champagne. Soon you'll be conjuring up all the fandangos — dances — that happened here, as well as the hangings, shoot-outs, and revolutions. Seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (12/01)*

OLD TOWN MEXICAN CAFE 2489 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-297-4330. This boisterous café is noted for its excellent breakfasts, served from opening to closing. Try also the rotisserie-roasted chicken, the carnitas, or the fajitas. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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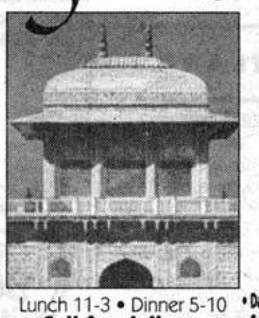
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JOHNNY B'S 4738 Fourth Street, La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place, with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch *West Wing*, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (2:00 to 7:00 p.m. only), their 10-oz. New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

LEMON GROVE DELI 7860 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-464-2928. More than one local has called this small and spare deli one of the best sandwich shops in East County. Arrive at lunch time and you will find neat stacks of rolled pastrami, beef, and chicken, and cole slaw and sliced tomatoes in giant coolers ready for midday's rush. Lots of "Build Your Own Sandwich" suggestions on the wall menu, but one of the best has to be the pita pocket grilled chicken with mushrooms and onions. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

OWL CAFE 674 Main Street, El Centro, 760-352-3951. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. (Bar open until 2 a.m.) Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

TOMMY'S PIZZA 1164 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-440-2676. This old-fashioned pizza house also prepares superb Italian sandwiches that include Italian roast beef, meatball, sausage, and various combinations. Call for hours. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

TYLER'S TASTE OF TEXAS 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9297. Insomniacs and lovers of barbecue! Tyler's offers a seven-page menu with Texas specialties available 24 hours a day. Big Texas breakfasts, great barbecue chicken and ribs, chili (no beans!), grits, all-you-can-eat catfish on Wednesday and Friday. Excellent bakery serves homestyle pies. Go ahead, make a fool of yourself. Open every day, 24 hours a day. New branch: 7868 El Cajon Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-466-9295. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W. (7/98)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

EL MORELENSE 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelos-style cooking: more pungent than CalMex or TexMex. The Cecina (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish). *Caldo de res* (beef soup), *huevos rancheros*, and *menudo* or *pozole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

KENSINGTON VILLAGE CAFE 4090 Adams Avenue, 619-283-7546. This small, friendly café, a great favorite with the locals, is often filled with local politicians and folk from the nearby Kensington Library. Best morning bet: the Village Breakfast (three eggs, thick bacon, sausage, potatoes, onions, peppers, cheese, cooked frittata style) or the half-pound Village Burger with fries, potato salad, macaroni salad, or coleslaw. Lighter standards include Caesar salad with grilled chicken, or a Polish sausage on a roll with sautéed peppers, onions, and cheese. Open Tuesday to Sunday, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

KHONG TEN QUAN 4658 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-282-7615. Look for a mini-mall with bright-yellow signs, including "Karaoke Cafe." In this functional space next door to a sometimes-loud karaoke bar, the basic menu — *pho*, noodles, et al. — is cheap, fresh, and delicious, arriving with heaps of fresh herbs for do-it-yourself wrapping and/or garnishing. But there's a separate menu of house specials (you'll have to ask for it, or get the take-out menu and look for the section labeled "*Món Nhâu*/Our Specialties") on which you'll find unusual dishes from Central Vietnam that you're unlikely to encounter in Saigonese restaurants. These include venison, goat, frog legs, and snails. Not everything will be available — the kitchen staff is picky about quality and price. Staffers speak very little English, but point-and-shoot works. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

RED SEA RESTAURANT 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Open daily, very inexpensive. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. — *N.W. (12/00)*

UPTOWN

ANTICO TOSCANO 1288 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2768. Home-style cooking from Tuscany, unpretentious, filling, inexpensive. Good soups, salads, pastas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (2/00)*

ARRIVEDERCI 3845 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. The chef has cooked at major European hotels and the food is outstanding. You won't go wrong with any of the pastas, and you may order small portions in combination. The appetizers and salads are also excellent. Chicken and shrimp fare well here. Modest physical plant, but it delivers in flavor and light preparations. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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BUSALACCHI'S RISTORANTE 3683 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-298-0119. If you like old-fashioned Sicilian-style cooking — tons of tomato sauce, olive oil, and garlic — then try this converted cottage which serves it. Lots of pasta dishes, veal, chicken, and fish. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

CITY DELICATESSEN 535 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Jewish specialties available here include brisket of beef, chicken-in-the-pot, chopped liver, and a wide variety of sandwiches and vegetarian items. Breakfast specials weekdays; early bird dinner for $9.95. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, to midnight during the week and to 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

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tinuous service from breakfast to late night keep this café crowded. Breakfast omelets particularly good. Desserts are homemade. Noisy and high spirited, this café is open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

LIAISON 2202 Fourth Avenue (at Ivy), 619-234-5540. This French restaurant with its romantic atmosphere offers an à la carte menu and fixed-price meals. Pleasant food, excellent service. Patio dining, weather permitting. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner. Low moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (3/00)*

SAFFRON NOODLES AND SATE 3737 India Street, Little Italy, 619-574-7737. Casual Thai food, noodle dishes, soups, *saté* (grilled chicken, beef, pork) to eat in or take out. Best bet: chicken noodle soup and curry served Wednesday only. Gorgeous artwork. Open daily, same menu all day. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

DOWNTOWN

BUCA DI BEPPO 705 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-233-7272. Family-style, Southern Italian cooking in a dining room seating 305 people. Food is simple (one sauce fits all), portions are huge, and ambiance is child- and teenager-friendly. Go for plain fun, not for gourmet dinners. Meatballs and spaghetti are your best bet. Dinner nightly, lunch Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (6/00)*

THE CHEESE SHOP 401 G Street, Gaslamp District, 619-232-2303. This café offers outrageously good sandwiches of which my favorites are the Black Forest ham and the roast pork. Muffins and cookies are baked on the premises. Paper plates for food but real mugs for coffee and tea. Open daily. Inexpensive. Branch in La Jolla, 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-459-3921. — *E.W.*

CHIVE 558 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-4483. This downtown hot spot is sleek, stark, dramatic, a restaurant in which to "be seen." Their "cuisine moderne" is Asian and Caribbean influenced and succeeds the atmosphere. I found the salmon and pork *osso bucco* outdone by their sides, but recommend the beef filet and rack of lamb, which Chive's generous kitchen roasts to perfection. Behind the artifice, Chive's staff is cordial and efficient, its kitchen talented, if a little arty and uneven. — *E.W. (1/00)*

HENRY'S BBQ 1300 Market Street, downtown, 619-239-3919. The outside's a little tatty, but inside — Aladdin's Cave! A dining room of gold-framed pictures, mirrored golden-wood booths, and cushions, tables, walls, and carpet all in blue. Pork ribs are the thing here, guaranteed slow-cooked overnight for ten hours. Also beef, turkey, lamb, and ham. Try them together in combo sandwiches. Full plates come with barbecue beans and macaroni, potato, or coleslaw salad. "We haven't changed the menu since 1953," says Lorens, grandson of the original Henry. Closes 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

HOME QUEST COFFEE HOUSE 1010 Broadway, downtown, 619-232-3222. Okay, it's toward the scuzzy part of Broadway, and caters mainly to people struggling with substance problems, but the place is full of life and positive energy. You can hear it from the sidewalk — people sitting on stools at high tables loudly chewing the fat, chowing down, and smoking. Anybody's welcome, and almost anybody can afford the rock-bottom prices for a breakfast egg with hash browns and toast, or three pancakes, or three slices of French toast, or even a piece of chicken and toast. The dinner menu includes liver and onions, pork chops, or three pieces of chicken plus mashed potatoes and vegetables. Open 6-1/2 days (closes after lunch Sunday). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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SEVILLA 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp District, 619-233-5979, *www.cafesevilla.com*. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but Euro-civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

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KARIHAN RESTAURANT 2220 Plaza Boulevard, Suite B, Grove Plaza Center, National City, 619-470-7491. Miss Philippines (USA), Miss Sweden, and Miss Argentina ate here, so it can't be bad. It looks like a grass hut and features about 16 different dishes at remarkably low prices. *Hamonado, binagoongan,* and *sinampalokan* turn out to be sweet and sour pork in pineapple sauce, pork with salted shrimp, and chicken in tamarind soup. Filipinos like to mix sweet and savory flavors, like *kare kare,* beef tripe and oxtail cooked in peanut butter sauce. And everybody loves *pancit,* Filipino chow mein. Open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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REVIEW
DUNCAN SHEPHERD



Charlotte Gray

The title is colorless on purpose: *Charlotte Gray*. But by the end — and quite precisely in the meaningful curtain line — it acquires a richness of shade and tint. The heroine will by then, in the common phrase, have shown her true colors.

An old-fashioned, grandly romantic WWII espionage thriller (vaguely reminiscent of the Melanie Griffith mush-pile, *Shining Through:* nothing reticent about *that* title!), it sets forth a modest definition of heroism, a capability that meets a need, an opportunity that rises to a duty. Our heroine, a young Scotswoman, has been spied (so to put it) by a nondescript Graham Greene-y civil servant in a railway car, where she chances to be reading Stendahl in the original French, a skill worth recruiting for use in the war office. In the meantime, her blazing affair with an RAF flier is interrupted when his plane gets shot down over France. It is her own idea that her language facility might be put to even better use in occupied territory. Maybe she will be able to pick up her lover's scent in the bargain.

All this is laid out in scenes that "play," that hold the screen, that exercise the grip of the authentic, that connect, that follow and lead, that form a chain: from the first striking closeup of the heroine on an altogether different train (a postwar train) and her tantalizing, backward-looking narration ("Where nothing is unthinkable, anything could be true. Even a lie"), through the fateful encounters in flashback with the mousy secret agent and the dashing aviator, through the briskly efficient training sequences, through the parachute jump into hostile territory and the landing on top of two Jewish children with whom she will afterwards become inextricably entwined — and to whom she will always be known as the "sky lady," an "angel."

I already knew I was in good hands before we reached the major hurdle of what to do about the language once we've entered France. The proposed solution is to do *nothing* about it; to skirt the hurdle as if it were not there; to go on speaking in English as though there were no difference; to avoid even the briefest rough patch of transitional subtitles, untranslated French, awkward and apologetic dialogue, or what-you-will. This solution is defensible on all grounds: commercial grounds (not to scare off the illiterates and the xenophobes), traditional grounds (how the problem would have been handled in a Hollywood film of that period), even subjective or psychological grounds (the heroine is equally fluent in both tongues: it's all the same to her). Past that hurdle, I knew I was home free. I could just settle back and enjoy the twists and turns.

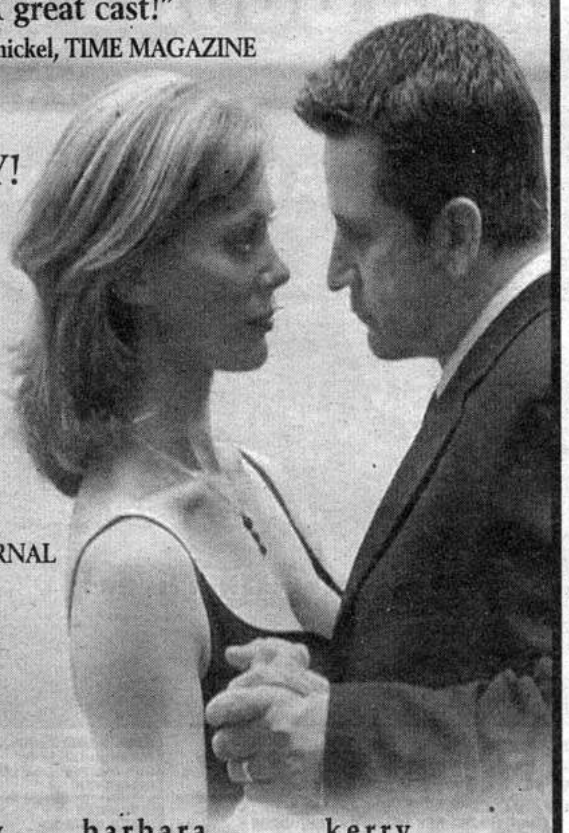
The good hands belong to the Australian director, Gillian Armstrong, who brings the proverbial woman's touch to this feminist adventure story, this internal odyssey, this journey of self-discovery. (It is adapted from the popular novel, which I have not read, by Sebastian Faulks, but that's another medium and another matter.) Personal identity is at the heart of the story — and what better framework for such a subject than a spy yarn in which the protagonist is called upon to assume a false identity, and comes eventually to the realization that the

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false is the true? The spy genre and the character study benefit mutually from the arrangement. The espionage gains some psychological depth. Dry psychology gains the poetry of metaphor.

It would not be quite right to say that in the course of the narrative the heroine becomes a different person. She becomes her own person. She becomes who she is. (She colors in Charlotte Gray.) And it is fascinating to see how this comes about, fascinating to watch what used to be known as a "dynamic" character in action. Armstrong never dwells on the physical action, the sporadic violence. She is much more interested in choices and consequences. And one good reason not to overstress the violence is not to overwhelm the rest, so that the intended payoffs really pay. That's why storytelling is called an art.

The plot in its bare outlines seems ordinary enough, though it teaches the lesson afresh that reality — believability — is the best lubricant for suspense. The ingenuity in the plot is the informing of it with a new significance, a new urgency. The heroine's first public appearance under her new identity — her carriage, her beret, her angle of entry into the town — is thrilling because of its momentousness in her odyssey, not because of anything that happens to her that day. (Cate Blanchett, whose garish displays in *Bandits*, *The Shipping News*, and even *The Lord of the Rings* had sown some doubts about her in my mind, hereby banishes such thoughts with a tightly wired performance of Loretta Youngish vibrancy.) And the lethal, breathless game of hide-and-seek in the chateau is less exciting than either of the two scenes that bracket it: the rendezvous outside the church with the Communist freedom fighter (Billy Crudup, the only player who sounds as though he's putting on an accent), when she states her resolve to stay instead of flee; and her unspectacular, almost undetectable, self-effacing yet life-endangering act of heroism, a particularly feminine, nurturing, nondestructive, non-butt-kicking act, such as never would have crossed the mind of an Errol Flynn or an Alan Ladd. Or a Charlie's Angel.

Among the national critics, the film would appear to have gotten a little lost in the year-end shuffle, the same fate that befell Armstrong's most recent work, the underappreciated *Oscar and Lucinda*, four Christmases ago. I might be able to comprehend that response, or lack of same, from the sort of critic who demands something abrasively edgy (*The Royal Tenenbaums)* or something crushingly heavy (*In the Bedroom)* or something staggeringly gargantuan (*The Lord of the Rings)* or something edifyingly factual (*Ali)* in order to be jarred from his lethargy. I cannot comprehend it from anyone who ever laments that they just don't make movies like they used to. Armstrong does. And if she keeps it up much longer she will have to be considered one of our most valuable assets. Then again, why put it off? Consider it considered.

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Gosford Park, though I would not disagree with the critics who claim that it's Robert Altman's best work since *Short Cuts* (though I might disagree as to what level of achievement we're talking about), is a pleasant if overlong *divertissement* that combines the British class-conscious social satire with the dark-and-stormy-night murder mystery: Evelyn Waugh meets Agatha Christie. In short, Altman hell: etiquette, decorum, hierarchy on the one side, and convention, formula, artifice on the other.

However much the director might distance himself from the nitty-gritty of detective work (Stephen Fry's clueless inspector, more Clouseau than Poirot), the body in the study, much like the murdered screenwriter in *The Player*, gives the movie an impetus often missing in an Altman ensemble piece, and somewhat checks his tendency to run to flab. Every little push helps, because there is very little new (except to Altman) in the class portrait: the upper crusties talking in the presence of servants as if in the presence of furniture, etc. (Nice point of emphasis: the below-stairs people are addressed not by their own names but by the names of their employers.) The inclusion among the houseguests of a Jewish homosexual vegetarian Hollywood producer — researching his next Charlie Chan opus and observing the ways of the landed aristocracy — affords Altman an outsider with whom to identify. Or at least (in a pet expression of an Evelyn Waugh character), up to a point.

Bob Balaban, who plays the producer, also happens to share the story credit with Altman. (It's nice to learn from the press notes that he is planning once more to direct a movie of his own.) And there is an undeniable cleverness in the no less undeniable contrivance of it all. (Few but the most encyclopedic devotees of Hitchcock will recognize the character of Ivor Novello as a real person, star of the silent-era *The Lodger*.) Altman's democratic inclinations, sometimes indistinguishable from his misanthropic inclinations, come out clearly in the casting, seeing to it that the servants (Helen Mirren, Emily Watson, Kelly Macdonald, Eileen Atkins, Alan Bates, Derek Jacobi, Clive Owen, Rupert Grant) are as stellar as their masters (Kristin Scott Thomas, Maggie Smith, Michael Gambon, Jeremy Northam, Charles Dance, James Wilby). The winsome Macdonald and stoical Owen best survive any misanthropic inclinations.

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To the letter writer last week who offered to pay me to quit reviewing, I have only one thing to say. How much? ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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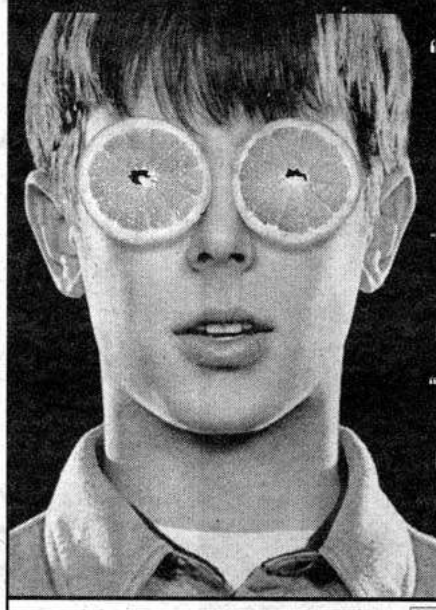
The Affair of the Necklace — Skulduggery in and around the court of Louis XVI, based on fact, with interpretive leeway. So stuffy and stilted a costume piece ("How skillfully you play the rogue. Yet even you cannot mask such impenetrable loneliness") that it approaches parody. When Christopher Walken turns up in the part of Cagliostro, the union is sealed. (And the Cardinal's red cushion is surely meant to evoke Monica Lewinsky's famous remark about "Presidential kneepads." And evoke titters, too.) It can't help much to have an overreaching director, Charles Shyer, whose specialty has been contemporary light comedy: *Baby Boom, Father of the Bride, I Love Trouble.* One of the things that seems to be parodied is the notion of a classy encore for a recent Academy Award winner, namely Hilary Swank of *Boys Don't Cry*. She was more believable (if not a lot more) as a man than as an 18th-century French countess. Jonathan Pryce, Joely Richardson, Simon Baker, Adrien Brody. 2001.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Ali — Will Smith's impression of the self-proclaimed "Greatest," né Cassius Marcellus Clay. For entertainment purposes, it can't touch Billy Crystal's impression of him. (Though, for those same purposes, there can be no quibble with Jon Voight's Howard Cosell: a glued-on nose as phony as the hairpiece.) The two-and-a-half-hour skim through the prime of his life, from the first Liston fight through the Foreman (shy of the third Frazier fight, the "Thrilla in Manila," worthy of an entire movie unto itself), is processed through Michael Mann's cinematic Mixmaster: desaturated color, gilded color, frosted color, blue-rinsed color; Steadicam, unsteady cam, bob-and-weave cam, float-like-a-butterfly cam. These stylistic pretensions, coupled with the historical-sociological-cultural-epical pretensions, dampen what might have been an agreeable stroll down Memory Lane in the company of one of the great sports

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figures of the 20th Century. Possibly, yes, the greatest. With Jamie Foxx, Jeffrey Wright, Ron Silver, Jada Pinkett Smith. 2001.
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Amélie — Cutesy art-house item looks at the world (at Paris, more precisely) through the primrose-colored glasses of Jean-Pierre Jeunet: a delayed-meeting romance à la *And Now My Love, Sleepless in Seattle*, et al., and a fashionable juggling act of fate, chance, coincidence, etc. The dementedly winsome heroine (Audrey Tatou), prone to conspiratorial glances at the camera, and egged on by a waggish narrator, is a self-denying do-gooder whose secret mission seems to be the spiritual enlightenment of others, often by the most devious means: reprogramming a speed-dial button from "Mother" to "Psychiatric Helpline." The boundless, bounding imagination tends to be grounded, however, by the air of effortfulness. The best of it — the broad omniscient view of humanity combined with an eye for random trivial detail — was done better, and funnier, in Jane Campion's apprentice work, *Passionless Moments*, and at about one-tenth the length. With Mathieu Kassovitz. 2001.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

A Beautiful Mind — Laundered biography of the Nobel Prize-winning mathematician, and madman, John Forbes Nash, Jr. It's his madness, of course, and not his math, that makes him a viable screen subject, and director Ron Howard nurtures it with care. (And with more taste and restraint than are his custom.) But between the West Virginia accent and the nerdish introversion, much of what he says — or rather, what an emasculated Russell Crowe says — is lost in transmission. With Jennifer Connelly, Ed Harris, Christopher Plummer, Paul Bettany. 2001.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Behind Enemy Lines — Contemporary war story about a U.S. Navy flier downed in the demilitarized zone of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the posse of Serbs hot on his heels, and the rescue effort thwarted by a NATO busybody of divided loyalties. (Opportunity, there, to reprise the wistful Vietnam refrain about taking the gloves off and untying one hand from behind the back.) All in all, it affords a good case study, no better or worse than numberless others, of the American (or the Hollywood) Way: the lack of interest in what the NATO pooh-bah calls "the Big Picture," the total focus instead on what we must call the Little Picture, the individual, the hero, the star, the center of the universe — even if it's only Owen Wilson and not, say, Matt Damon. There is one truly creepy sequence in which the flier's mates on the aircraft carrier (Gene Hackman in command) watch a satellite thermal image of the posse closing in on the flier's prone body, an image that fails to show, in its bare outlines, that the flier is submerged in a muddy mass grave. Though survival details are minimal (food, shelter, and such), the movie is a tolerably old-fashioned chase thriller, all the way to its cavalry-to-the-rescue climax. Tolerably, that is, provided you can tolerate the modish photographic gimmicks of a skipping, sliding, swivelling camera, and the overall complexion of ice-locker blue, and the inflated, slowed-down, drawn-out action. Directed by John Moore. 2001.
★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Brotherhood of the Wolf — French tale of terror, set in the 18th Century, with Samuel Le Bihan, Vincent Cassel, and Monica Bellucci, directed by Christophe Gans.
(MISSION VALLEY 20, FROM 1/11)

The Business of Strangers — Touted as a feminine answer to *In the Company of Men*. Two women at opposite ends of the corporate pecking order — a stressed exec and a sassy apprentice, who between them do a good deal of drinking and telephoning — visit a kind of revenge on a hapless male headhunter. Like the better LaBute movie, it's spare and sterile in appearance, but the plotting is more transparent, less tricky. The only real pleasure is in watching the hard work of two actresses a generation apart, Stockard Channing and Julia Stiles. With Frederick Weller written and directed by Patrick Stettner.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 1/10)

Charlotte Gray — Reviewed this issue. With Cate Blanchett, Billy Crudup, Michael Gambon, and Rupert Penry-Jones; directed by Gilliam Armstrong.
★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 1/11)

Chop Suey — Bruce Weber's private rumination, backed by his own voice-over, on his career as a photographer, on other photographers, and on assorted interests and enthusiasms: male model Peter Johnson, cabaret singer Frances Faye, the Rat Pack, Robert Mitchum, Brazilian jujitsu champion Rickson Gracie, British explorer Wilfred Thesiger, dogs, etc. Disorderly, desultory, not exactly riveting, but not too taxing. 2001.
★ (KEN, THROUGH 1/10)

The Devil's Backbone — Ghost story from Mexican filmmaker Guillermo del Toro (*Cronos, Mimic*), set in the Spanish Civil War at an ad hoc orphanage for the children of slain Loyalists (identified in the subtitles as "Leftists," to cut through the mists of ancient history). Cerebral, somber, sure-footed, and creepy (highly evocative image of an unexploded bomb standing in the courtyard like a sculpture, nose in the dirt), but not at all scary, a bit static and overlong, with a pretty passive (if imaginatively and tastefully visualized) ghost. Eduardo Noriega, Federico Luppi, Marisa Paredes. 2001.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Domestic Disturbance — Suspenser in the tried-and-true pattern of the Boy Who Cried Wolf: a mendacious early adolescent (Matt O'Leary, vulnerable as required) who discovers that his well-heeled new stepdad (Vince Vaughn) is first of all a heel and next of all a psychopathic killer. The police might be forgiven for disbelieving that he discovered the second thing through the cheap trick of hiding behind the front seat of the family van: it's difficult to believe it while seeing it with your own eyes. But the boy's biological father (John Travolta, not camping it up for a change) cannot be forgiven, cannot forgive *himself*, for his disbelief. Conventional yet conscientious and well-constructed, the movie pays adequate attention to the misgivings of both father and son over the life-altering choices of the ex-wife and mother (Teri Polo, a bland blend of Jodie Foster and Helen Hunt), and it cocks an ear to the loudness

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with which money talks in America, and it gives a splashy, show-stopping role to Steve Buscemi, a lowlife from the wicked stepfather's past, who turns up unbidden, and in a pullover sport shirt and checked jacket, at the formal wedding ceremony ("Did you register for a soup tureen? That's what I'd have got you if I'd been invited"), and who then incongruously hangs around the picturesque burg on the Maryland coast ("You know what I'm noticing? I haven't seen any adult bookstores in this town"). Although the finale goes voguishly over the top, or at any rate past a sensible stopping point, director Harold Becker (*The Onion Field, Taps, Sea of Love, Malice*, among others) maintains a kind of integrity in his continuing and career-long avoidance of camera acrobatics and FX pyrotechnics. 2001.
★★ (VOGUE)

The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition — The harrowing tale of that aborted and rerouted attempt to cross Antarctica on foot, just after the outbreak of the First World War. It's quite a tale, all right, and documentarist George Butler puts it into a tidy little package of tinted footage and still photos taken by the party's official historian, Frank Hurley; supplementary drawings and paintings from the period when the film supply was running low; new color footage of the region; readings from the men's diaries and letters; interviews with their descendants; and narration spoken by Liam Neeson. Two arduous years in a painless hour and a half. 2001.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Gosford Park — Reviewed this issue. With Kristin Scott Thomas, Maggie Smith, Jeremy Northam, Bob Balaban, Emily Watson, Kelly Macdonald, and Clive Owen; directed by Robert Altman.
★★ (COVE; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 1/11)

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone — The children's book by J.K. Rowling, now a movie by Chris Columbus — maker of, among others, *Adventures in Babysitting, Home Alone, Mrs. Doubtfire, Nine Months, Stepmom*, and *Bicentennial Man*, chief rival of Steven Spielberg for his in-touchness with the Inner Child. No longer applicable, quite plainly, will be the line of defense to the effect that, however good or bad it might be, the kids at least are *reading* it, reading *something*. Even if you haven't read it yourself, you can infer a slavish fidelity to the text on the grounds that no special-effects movie, no "event" movie, no movie scored by John Williams, would otherwise keep so leisurely and strung-out a schedule of dramatic incident. It's more a matter of going new places and meeting new people (or new owls, goblins, trolls), a social schedule. The bespectacled little hero, if you didn't know, is a put-upon orphan who, on reaching his eleventh birthday, and despite the interference of an abusive adoptive family of Dickensian grossness, discovers that he is a natural-born wizard and is eligible for admittance into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, there to develop his infinite inner potential. In short, he is a close cousin to every neglected, unappreciated, unloved, scorned, mocked, but ultimately (sweetly, revengefully) triumphant hero out of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales. In the end, his plodding path will lead him to a confrontation with the evil entity who slew his parents. But this destination is not signposted with the efficiency or urgency of a *Hamlet* (for instance). Maybe admirers of the book will be content with what amounts to an ancillary text of lavish illustrations. Still, it's not the, or a, book. More bluntly, it's not anything special. With Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Robbie Coltrane, Ian Hart, Alan Rickman, Richard Harris, and Maggie Smith. 2001.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Heist — Relatively speaking, this has to be considered David Mamet's most commercial piece to date. Relative, that is, to one starring Joe Mantegna or William H. Macy. A cast headed by Gene Hackman and Danny DeVito, in addition to Delroy Lindo, Sam Rockwell, Rebecca Pidgeon (Mamet's wife), and Ricky Jay (a Mamet regular), may get the movie into wide release in shopping-mall multiplexes instead of limited release on the specialty circuit. But it hardly constitutes the greediest gang of screen thieves ever assembled. In any event the cast gives Mamet everything he needs (as distinct from everything he might commercially desire or dream of), even, most surprisingly, Rebecca Pidgeon, the very picture of self-confidence and chutzpah in the part of the *femme fatale*. The compulsory plot twists — twists upon twists upon twists — do get a bit balled up. These are not, needless to say, forced on Mamet by box-office dictate. They have always been an essential ingredient in his bag of tricks. But the self-imposed obligation to top himself, or at least match himself, produces more and more snarls the farther the plot is spun out. The real fun of the thing, though, is the glitteringly polished Mamet dialogue: terse, repetitive, rhythmical, idiomatic, eminently quotable (Rockwell: "I'll be as quiet as an ant pissing on cotton." Hackman: "I don't want you as quiet as an ant pissing on cotton. I want you as quiet as an ant not even thinking about pissing on cotton"). More than any excerpt can possibly show, certainly more than any competitive outburst of action, the edge-of-your-seat thrill of the dialogue is in the dazzling athleticism with which the conversational ball is kept in the air, batted back and forth, treated to trick spins and wicked spikes and diving saves, never permitted to touch the ground, never booted away in frustration or disgust. It would be true to say that this style of dialogue draws attention to itself. It would be no less true to say that it amply repays such attention. 2001.
★★★ (VOGUE)

Impostor — An identity question is posed. (Is Spencer John Olham a weapons scientist or is he an alien replicant with a bomb for a heart?) A chase ensues. And continues for the duration. Frenetic direction by Gary Fleder, in a dark blue fog. With Gary Sinise, Madeleine Stowe, Vincent D'Onofrio, Mekhi Phifer. 2002.
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In the Bedroom — A dealing-with-tragedy movie (a summer romantic idyll turned violent) with dangerous tendencies toward a Lifetime Channel original. But first-time director Todd Field proves himself to be a true director, cunning in his omissions, his obliqueness, his attention to off moments, his focus on marginal details: the family photos in the D.A.'s office, or the jingling of coins in the D.A.'s pocket during an impromptu conference on the street. He can also be a trifle pedantic: the military action figure given as a birthday present by a hot-tempered father, or the bedtime reading of *The Wyeths* to supplement the Wyeth-esque landscape of the film. (It's set in Maine, the heart of Wyeth country.) Field, of course, was already known as an actor (*Ruby in Paradise, Eyes Wide Shut*, et al.), and it is thus hardly surprising that he should strive to carve out human-sized roles for which his cast — Tom Wilkinson, Sissy Spacek, Marisa Tomei, Nick Stahl, Richard Mapother, William Wise — would be grovellingly grateful. Spacek, alone of them, belongs to that rare subspecies of actor who never seems to be acting, and who thus never seems to exhaust or recycle her repertoire, and who thus never wears out her welcome. For her particular role, the viewer can thus be as grateful as she is. 2001.
★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 1/11; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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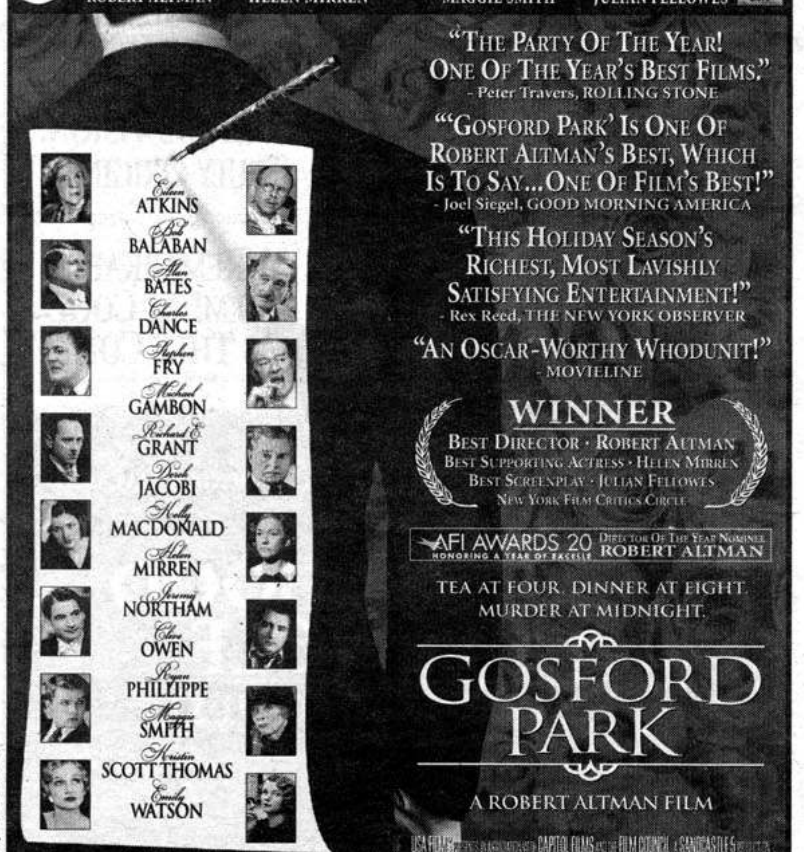


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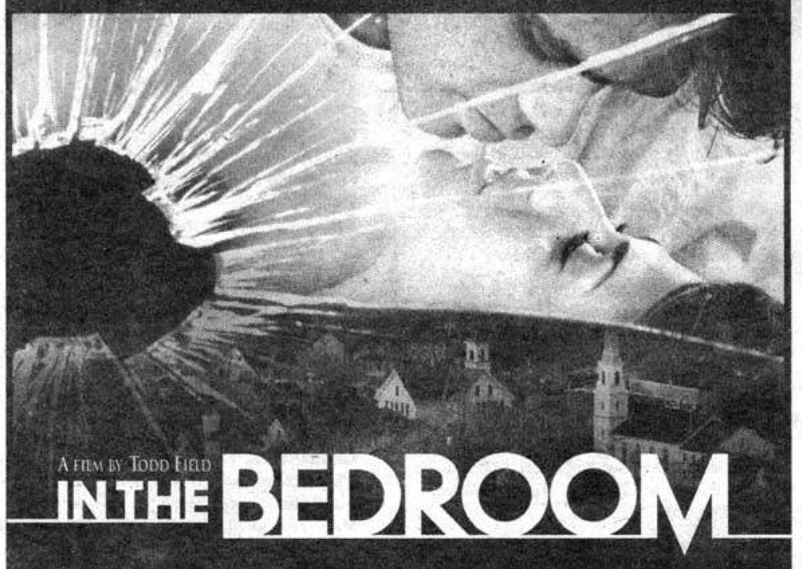
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Joe Somebody — Nothing much. A white-collar cog becomes a sudden celebrity when he challenges the company bully to a rematch. Occasion for sitcom moralizing ca. 1959. With Tim Allen, Julie Bowen, Hayden Panettiere, Kelly Lynch, Patrick Warburton, and Jim Belushi directed by John Pasquin. 2001.
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Kate and Leopold — Time-travel romance (or in the words of the whiz-kid Cupid who makes it happen, "a 4-D pretzel of kismetic inevitability") uniting a Type-A Manhattan career woman and a 19th-century British duke, who tumbles through a time-portal into the present day. The matching of Meg Ryan — tossing around and peering through a grass-skirt haircut — with Hugh Jackman almost transforms it into an older-woman-younger-man thing, to boot, but that only underscores the novelettish swoony-mooniness of it. (All that perky, plucky, ditzy, daffy stuff of Ryan's has doubtless gotten a little old. It got there a little ahead of Ryan herself.) The woman's chosen career, market research, sanctions a satirical dig at modern filmmaking practices — "You people with your tests!" fumes the movie's actual director, James Mangold, in a cameo. "You're sucking the life out of American cinema!" — but this comes ill from a movie which itself is pure manipulation and massage. Liev Schreiber, Breckin Meyer, Natasha Lyonne. 2001.
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The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring — Dr. Tolkien's home-cooked myth. First course only. All manner of visual invention, photographic trickery, computer magic, etc., cannot alter what is in essence an overblown bedtime story. They can only blow it up bigger. And the burden of it is more or less tripled by the knowledge that these three hours are just a third of it. Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Ian Holm, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin, Liv Tyler, Cate Blanchett; directed by Peter Jackson. 2001.
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The Majestic — An apolitical blacklisted screenwriter (Jim Carrey, pining after the Oscar that got away) hits the road to nowhere, drives off a bridge into the river, knocks his head, and wakes up on the beach with amnesia, right outside a California town where he happens to be a dead ringer for a WWII casualty — son of the local theater owner — whose body happened never to be found. Talk about convenient! After that, it's a soggy slog through lost-love tearjerking, postwar flag-waving, anti-McCarthy piety, nostalgia for small towns and old movies and neon. Sort of a chopped salad of *Hail the Conquering Hero, The Return of Martin Guerre, Guilty by Suspicion, Cinema Paradiso,* and (explicitly) *The Life of Emile Zola.* The man with two false fronts — neither a commie nor a war hero — is buried in false sentiment. Director Frank Darabont's only degree of restraint (there's no quota on nose-to-the-screen closeups) is to cut it half an hour shorter than the three

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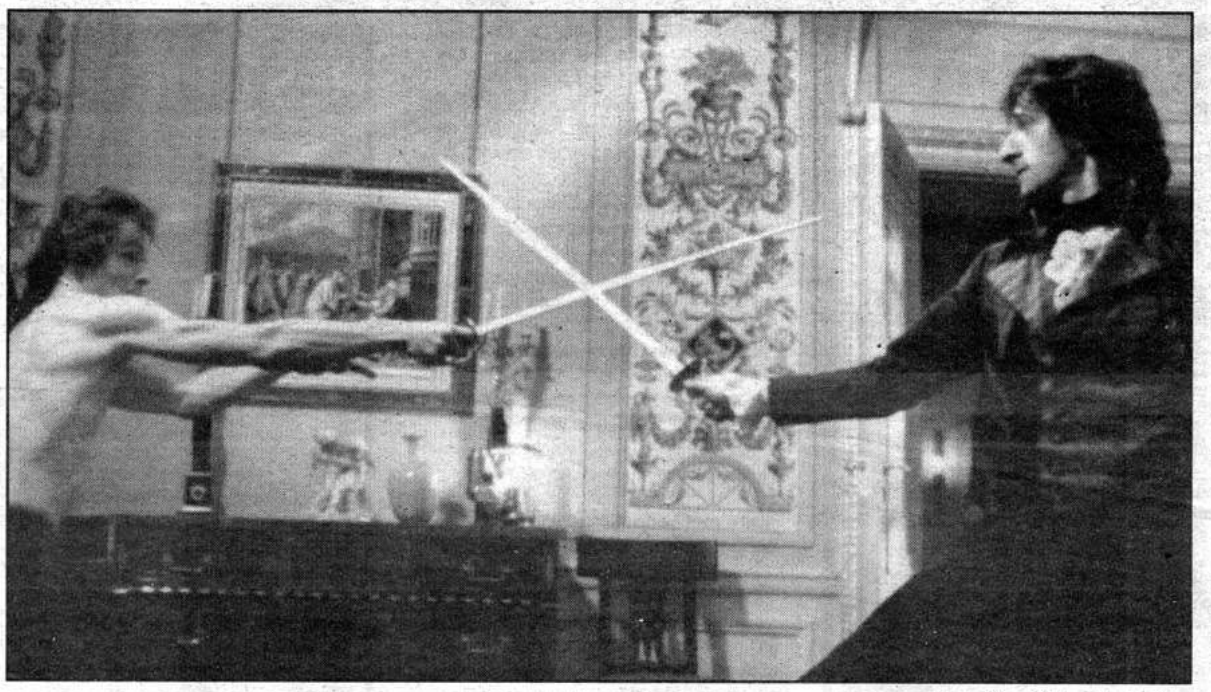
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The Man Who Wasn't There — The first Coen brothers film to disappoint. That's not to say it's not good, certainly not to say it's not even as good as their first, *Blood Simple*, when there could be no expectations and so no disappointment. The brothers have not suddenly lost their touch. They do for Billy Bob Thornton what they did before for George Clooney in *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* and Tim Robbins in *The Hudsucker Proxy*, namely make an unpalatable actor palatable, largely by gifting him with an interesting and well-written character, in this case a morbidly withdrawn barber employed in his brother-in-law's shop in post-WWII Santa Rosa, and a would-be ground-floor investor in a new-fangled enterprise known as dry cleaning. (It's delightful how this term doesn't just trip off the actors' tongues, but falters as if in a foreign language.) Where the Coens lit fires under the cool Clooney and Robbins, they throw a muzzle over the usually unbridled Thornton. Open and gabby enough in his first-person narration ("Me, I don't talk much" and "Me, I don't like entertaining"), he is practically catatonic in demeanor, allowing us to study and appreciate the Edward G. Robinson plushness of his lips, the Walter Huston boniness of his skull, not to mention the aerodynamic crimp in his toupee. (The barbering details, particularly the live illustrations of men's hairstyles from the Butch to the Flattop to the Executive Contour, are precious but few, and are never as compelling as the barber's dark inner thoughts on his profession: shorn hair as a form of human waste.) A mostly morose, spasmodically winking pastiche of James M. Cain, the film has the artistic detachment we expect of the Coens — always happy to put words such as "Wop," "Nip," "Heinie," and "pansy" into the mouths of their characters, even the more sympathetic ones — and it has, in some measure, the ingenuity of plotting we expect as well. (The hero's money-raising scheme: to blackmail his wife's lover anonymously for the affair he secretly suspects.) Yet there is something unexcitingly *déjà vu* — Eng. trans., *been*



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A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri. 12:20 (4:05) 7:05, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. 12:20, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 12:20 (4:05) 7:05, 10:05; **Impostor** (PG-13) Fri. 12:05, 2:20 (4:35) 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. 12:05, 2:20, 4:35, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 12:05, 2:20 (4:35) 7:20, 9:50; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri. 12:10, 2:15 (4:20) 7:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 12:10, 2:15, 4:20, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:10, 2:15 (4:20) 7:15, 9:45; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri. 12:00 (4:00) 7:45; Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 4:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:00 (4:00) 7:45; **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) Fri. 12:30 (4:15) 7:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:30 (4:15) 7:00, 10:00; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri. 12:15, 2:25 (4:30) 7:30, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 12:15, 2:25, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:25 (4:30) 7:30, 10:15; **Vanilla Sky** (R) Fri. 12:25 (4:10) 7:10, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. 12:25, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 12:25 (4:10) 7:10, 10:10

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Orange County (PG-13); **Brotherhood of the Wolf**; **The Shipping News** (R); **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R); **Impostor** (PG-13); **Vanilla Sky** (R); **Not Another Teen Movie** (R); **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13); **Behind Enemy Lines** (PG-13); **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG); **Monsters, Inc.** (G); **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring**; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G); **Joe Somebody** (PG); **Ali** (R); **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13); **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13); **How High** (R); **The Majestic** (PG)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:50) 7:30, 10:20; Sun. (1:40) 4:50, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:50) 7:20; **Ali** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 3:05) 7:10, 10:10; Sun. (1:20) 4:25, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:25) 7:30; **How High** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:30) 7:25, 10:45; Sun. (1:45) 5:00, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 5:00) 7:55; **Impostor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:25; Sun. (1:30) 4:45, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:45) 7:40; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:40) 4:50, 7:15, 9:10; Sun. (1:10, 3:05) 5:15, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:05, 5:15) 7:50; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Sun. (1:00) 4:40, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:40) 8:15

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Porn Star: The Legend of Ron Jeremy (Not Rated) Fri. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
Amelie (R) Fri. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; **Charlotte Gray** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:35) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; **The Devil's Backbone** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:10; **The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition** (G) Fri. (1:40) 4:40, 7:40, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:40, 7:40, 9:50; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Call theater for program information

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Amazing Journeys (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Mon. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; Tue. 1:00, 3:00; Wed. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Thu. 1:00, 3:00; **Bears** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Sun.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Journey Into Amazing Caves** (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00; Sat. 11:00, 8:00; Sun. 6:00; Mon.-Tue. 5:00; Wed. 6:00; Thu. 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:00) 7:15, 10:20; **Ali** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 4:50) 8:15, 10:00; **Behind Enemy Lines** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:50) 7:20, 9:55; **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:20) 7:30, 10:40; **How High** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:05; **Impostor** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 10:25; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:35, 2:00, 2:45, 4:50) 7:10, 7:35, 9:30; **Joe Somebody** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:20; **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:30, 3:55, 4:15) 6:30, 8:00, 9:40, 10:15; **The Majestic** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:15) 6:50, 10:15; **Monsters, Inc.** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:20, 4:40) 7:05; **Not Another Teen Movie** (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:25, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (5:00) 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:25, 9:45; **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:10) 7:10, 9:50; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:15, 4:30) 7:50, 10:10; **Vanilla Sky** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:40) 7:00, 10:10

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
Call theater for program information

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:15; Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20) 7:20, 10:10; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:40; Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:20; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:35, 7:35, 10:35; Sun. (1:35) 4:25, 7:25, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:25) 7:25, 10:15; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:00) 5:00, 7:15, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:00, 5:00) 7:15, 9:10; **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 5:05, 7:55, 10:35; Sun. (2:00) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:05) 7:40, 10:15; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:10) 4:50, 7:00, 8:35, 10:45; Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 4:50, 7:00, 8:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 4:50) 7:00, 8:35; **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25) 4:15, 7:05, 9:40; Sun. (1:25) 4:15, 7:05, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:15) 7:05, 9:35; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:45, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:45) 7:50, 9:55; **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 5:25, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (1:15) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 5:25) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Ali (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:50) 7:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:40) 8:50; **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 5:35) 8:45; **How High** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:15; Mon.-Thu. 9:35; **Impostor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:35, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:25) 7:35, 9:45; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:05) 5:25, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:15) 7:20; **Joe Somebody** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 9:40; Mon.-Thu. 9:50; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:00) 6:10, 9:55; **The Majestic** (PG)

there, done that — about the spiralling way in which the plot goes awry, and something hand-me-down about the roundabout way (straight from the Cain fields) in which justice ultimately gets done. Then, too, the suspicion arises that the novelty of the brothers' first essay in black-and-white was supposed to make up for any lack of freshness and originality elsewhere. And the black-and-white, at least the daytime black-and-white, no matter how "appropriate" or "correct" (or pedantic or obvious) a choice it was for a period *film noir*, looks a little pale, a little milky, a little washed-out. Frances McDormand, James Gandolfini, Michael Badalucco, Jon Polito, Tony Shalhoub, Scarlett Johansson. 2001.
★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)



Gosford Park

Monsters, Inc. — Plump and rubbery computer animation prefaced by a refreshingly retro (ca. 1960) two-dimensional title sequence. Safely recommendable to any child up to the age of five, and less safely as his age increases. The whole premise of a parallel universe of monsters making nightly forays into our own universe, bottling the screams of children for fuel, all the while shivering in terror of the children themselves, is insufferably condescending to monsters and truckling to children ("Kids these days, they just don't get scared like they used to"). And the "salute" to the master of stop-motion animation, Ray Harryhausen, in the form of Harryhausen's Sushi Bar, seems more an insult, a passing wave to the covered wagon from the window of the jetliner. The sheer industriousness of it all — the cranking-out of gags, the copious visual detail, the dam-bursting rush of the action — would be easier to applaud, easier to link up with old-time Looney Tunes, if the artwork were easier to look at. Instead of, for instance, a pop-eyed and beer-bellied Bigfoot dyed green with purple spots, a one-eyed pea with twiggy limbs, a Jabba the Hutt in a doorman's vest and bowtie. Only the slithering crossbreed of chameleon and mantis approaches the tolerable. And each of these, in any case, is overpowered by the overfamiliar speaking voice of John Goodman, Billy Crystal, James Coburn, and Steve Buscemi, respectively. Is there some inherent handicap in computer-animation programs to manacle the draftsman? Or is it simply the marketing necessity to co-ordinate efforts with the toy manufacturer? Directed by Pete Docter. 2001.
★ (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Not Another Teen Movie — Another teen movie. A crass, tacky spoof after the fashion of *Scary Movie*, but really just a pot calling a kettle.... With Chyler Leigh, Chris Evans, Jaime Pressly, Mia Kirshner, Randy Quaid; directed by Joel Gallen. 2001.
● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:55) 7:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:45) 8:55; **Monsters, Inc.** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:30) 7:40; **Vanilla Sky** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:40) 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:20) 8:40

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring; Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius (G); **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13); **The Majestic** (PG)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
555 Broadway (619-338-4214)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:30, 10:30; **Ali** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:30) 7:15, 10:45; **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; **How High** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Impostor** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 3:00) 7:00, 10:45; **Not Another Teen Movie** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:45, 1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **Vanilla Sky** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
Orange County (PG-13); **Impostor** (PG-13); **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13); **Vanilla Sky** (R); **Not Another Teen Movie** (R); **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13); **Behind Enemy Lines** (PG-13); **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG); **Monsters, Inc.** (G); **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring; Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G); **Joe Somebody** (PG); **Ali** (R); **How High** (R); **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13); **The Majestic** (PG)

Rancho Del Rey 16
1025 Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:20) 7:25, 10:30; **Ali** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 3:15) 6:55, 10:25; **Behind Enemy Lines** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:30) 7:15; **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 3:00) 6:35, 9:45; **How High** (R) Fri.-Thu. (5:00) 9:40; **Impostor** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:05) 7:40, 10:05; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:40, 4:45) 7:30; **Joe Somebody** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:10; **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:10) 7:05, 9:50; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:30, 4:15) 6:30, 7:50, 10:15; **The Majestic** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 3:05) 7:20, 10:30; **Monsters, Inc.** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:55) 7:10; **Not Another Teen Movie** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:00) 6:50, 10:05; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:40, 2:25, 2:50, 4:35, 5:10) 7:00, 7:30, 9:35, 10:00; **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:20; **Vanilla Sky** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:10) 6:45, 9:55

Vogue
226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)
Black Knight (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 6:00; **Domestic Disturbance** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:15, 8:00; **Heist** (R) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 9:30

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In
32nd and D (619-477-1392)
Kate and Leopold (PG-13); **Joe Somebody** (PG); **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG)

Sweetwater 9
1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:55) 7:20, 10:05; Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:40) 8:20; **Ali** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:45) 7:15, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:50) 8:10; **How High** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10, 10:15; Sun. (1:30, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:50, 5:55) 8:15; **Impostor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:10; Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:35, 5:50) 8:00; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:25, 7:30, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 3:45, 5:30) 7:20; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:40) 8:05; **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 5:00, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (2:00) 5:00, 7:50, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:10) 7:40; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 9:45; Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:25, 5:20) 7:30; **Vanilla Sky** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:15, 7:05, 9:55; Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:00) 7:50

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6
Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; Sat. (10:30, 1:15, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; Sun. (10:30, 1:15, 4:15) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:00; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 4:00) 8:00; **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sat. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:20, 7:30, 10:20; Sun. (1:15) 4:20, 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:20) 7:15, 10:00; **Ali** (R) Fri. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 10:10; Sat. (12:15, 3:45) 7:00, 10:10; Sun. (12:15, 3:45) 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 10:00; **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) Fri. (12:40, 3:50) 6:45, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 3:50) 6:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:50) 6:45, 9:55; **Impostor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:10) 5:30, 7:50, 10:35; Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:30) 7:40, 9:50; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri. (1:05, 3:10) 5:10, 7:10; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:10, 5:00) 7:10; **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:40, 7:20, 10:15; Sun. (1:40) 4:40, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:40) 7:20, 10:05; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 4:30, 8:15, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 4:30) 8:15, 9:15; **The Majestic** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 9:20; **Monsters, Inc.** (G) Fri. (1:50) 4:35, 7:05; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:20) 4:45, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:35) 7:05; **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:15) 7:15, 9:50; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:40) 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (1:30, 3:40) 5:40, 7:35, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:40, 5:40) 7:35, 9:30; **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) Fri. (12:30, 2:50) 5:15, 7:45, 10:40; Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:40; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:15) 7:45, 10:05; **Vanilla Sky** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 4:25, 7:25, 10:25; Sun. (1:10) 4:25, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:25) 7:25, 9:55

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **Ali** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 3:15) 7:00, 10:30; Sun.-Mon. (11:45, 3:15) 7:00; Tue. (11:45, 3:15); Wed.-Thu. (11:45, 3:15) 7:00; **Impostor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 3:30) 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (10:30, 3:30) 8:15; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **Joe Somebody** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:00) 5:45; **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:30, 3:30, 4:30) 7:30, 8:30; **The Majestic** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 4:00) 7:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (12:45, 4:00) 7:15; **Not Another Teen Movie** (R) Fri.-Sat. 9:30; **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15

RAMONA

Ramona Twin
626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius (G) Fri. 5:00; Sat.-Sun. 1:00; Mon.-Thu. 5:00; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri. 7:00; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 7:00; **The Majestic** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 7:00

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A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:15) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (10:00, 1:00, 4:15) 7:30; **Ali** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:45) 7:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (12:15, 3:45) 7:15; **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:45, 1:45) 7:45; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 3:00) 7:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (11:00, 3:00) 7:00; **The Majestic** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (4:30) 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (4:30); **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00; **Vanilla Sky** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (10:30, 1:30, 4:45) 7:45

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri. 3:30, 6:30, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 4:30, 7:30; **Ali** (R) Fri. 4:45, 8:15; Sat.-Sun. 1:15, 4:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 4:40, 7:40; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri. 3:45, 7:45; Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 3:45, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 4:15, 7:50; **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) Fri. 4:15, 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 8:00

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
12905 El Camino Real (858-646-9420)
Ali (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00; **Behind Enemy Lines** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45) 5:45, 10:45; Sun.-Wed. (12:45) 5:45; Thu. (12:45); **Impostor** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (10:15, 3:15) 8:15; Thu. (10:15, 3:15); **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. (10:30, 12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 3:15) 7:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (11:15, 3:15) 7:00; **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (11:00, 2:00) 5:00, 7:45; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Vanilla Sky** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15

Flower Hill 4
2430 Via De La Valle (858-646-9425)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:35, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 12:35, 4:20, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:35 (4:20) 7:30; **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:15, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15; Sun. 12:15, 3:45, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:30 (4:15) 7:35; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Sat. 12:25, 2:45, 5:00, 7:25, 9:45; Sun. 12:25, 2:45, 5:00, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. 12:25, 2:45 (5:00) 7:25; **Joe Somebody** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 9:30; Sun. 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 7:55; **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:40, 4:10, 7:35, 10:20; Sun. 12:40, 4:10, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. 12:40 (4:10) 7:45; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 4:00, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:15 (4:00) 8:00; **Monsters, Inc.** (G) Fri.-Sat. 12:20, 4:50, 7:15; Sun. 12:20, 4:50; Mon.-Thu. 12:20 (4:50); **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 4:40, 7:40, 10:25; Sun. 1:00, 4:40, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. 1:00 (4:40) 7:40; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:50, 4:30, 7:50, 10:00; Sun. 12:50, 4:30, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. 12:50 (4:30) 7:50

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. 12:00; **Vanilla Sky** (R) Fri. 6:15, 9:00; Sat. 3:15, 6:15, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. 7:00

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
431 College Boulevard (760-806-1790)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 3:30, 6:40, 10:20; **Ali** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 3:00, 6:50, 10:30; **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 3:00, 6:40, 10:00; **Impostor** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 10:15; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Sun. 10:40, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Joe Somebody** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 4:15, 7:30, 10:40; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 11:30, 2:45, 3:45, 7:00, 8:00, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:30, 2:45, 3:45, 7:00, 8:00, 10:45; **Monsters, Inc.** (G) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:05, 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 1:40, 4:10, 7:20, 9:40; **Vanilla Sky** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:10

Oceanside 16
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Calendar

MOVIES

Ocean's Eleven — Superdeluxe remake of a Rat Pack lark of 1960: a happy-go-lucky, jolly-good-fellows, high-tech, clean-as-a-whistle casino heist, with a star-studded cast (Clooney, Pitt, Damon, Julia Roberts, Andy Garcia, Carl Reiner, Elliott Gould, Don Cheadle, Bernie Mac, Casey Affleck, Scott Caan). There are sellouts, to be sure, and then there are sellouts, and Steven Soderbergh's philosophy apparently holds that if you're going to be one, you might as well be a big one. Bigger than he was in *Erin Brockovich*, bigger than in *Traffic*. The biggest. (The original was directed by the man who had made *All Quiet on the Western Front* and *Of Mice and Men*, so there's an immediate precedent.) Maybe the stigmatization of a Vegas fat cat — "This guy is as smart as he is ruthless" — makes it easier for Soderbergh to look at himself in the mirror, but it doesn't make it easier to look at the screen. Fat cats are plentiful there. 2001.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Orange County — Comedy with Colin Hanks, Jack Black, John Lithgow, and Lily Tomlin, directed by Jake Kasdan.
(CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; FROM 1/11)

Porn Star: The Legend of Ron Jeremy — Scott J. Gill's documentary on the durable fixture of triple-X films.
(KEN, 1/11 THROUGH 17)

The Royal Tenenbaums — Not just a dysfunctional family; a determinedly, unrelentingly oddball, eccentric, wacky, weird, kooky, cracked family; but only a rarely and very mildly funny family. (None of this deters Gene Hackman, as the long-absent head of the clan, from his normal excellence.) Wes Anderson, the director, favors frontal and centered compositions, or frontal and symmetrical ones — the visual equivalent of hammer blows. (Nailing down, if nothing else, the sameness and monotonousness of it all.) And no scene would be complete without a musical selection from the eclectic soundtrack: Ravel to Vivaldi, the Ramones to the Beach Boys, Dylan to Nico. With Anjelica Huston, Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Stiller, Luke Wilson, Owen Wilson, Danny Glover, Bill Murray. 2001.
★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Shallow Hal — A high-concept low comedy from the Farrelly brothers, Peter and Bobby. The concept, which might from these filmmakers pass for sensitivity, enables the babe-chasing hero (Jack Black, a serviceable Joe Blow) to see the inner beauty of the people around him after he has spent a short time in a stalled elevator with "that TV guru guy," Tony Robbins (as himself). This hocus-pocus, rather than opening any doors to issues of sexual politics, much less any doors to sensitivity, opens a door only to issues of internal logic. Inner beauty, in order not to overcomplicate or redefine the topic, proves to have as narrow a range as the hero's notion of outer beauty. In most cases, it looks exactly like the supermodels, calendar girls, starlets, and mannequins he was chasing at the outset, regardless of whether the outer person more closely resembles a horse or a hippo. (Doesn't anyone's inner beauty have any chinks in it? Doesn't anyone have any inner hideousness?) His sense of touch apparently can't tip him off to the true contours of the outer person ("The brain sees what the heart wants it to feel"), but an article of clothing that appears to him as a Size 4 will be revealed, when removed, in all its tentlike splendor. This doesn't tip him off, either. The hero is sometimes able to see the inner beauty of men as well (*GQ* types), but prior acquaintances in his life, from his pudgy best bud to the brunette hottie across the hall, look just the same as before. At one point, and only one, it is suggested that the apple of his eye (Gwyneth Paltrow, a snooty sort of beauty) is herself capable of seeing inner beauty without the help of Tony Robbins, although this seems to mean that she has no idea of the actual age of a prune-faced co-worker. Possible complications are explored no further than the doorsill. 2001.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14)



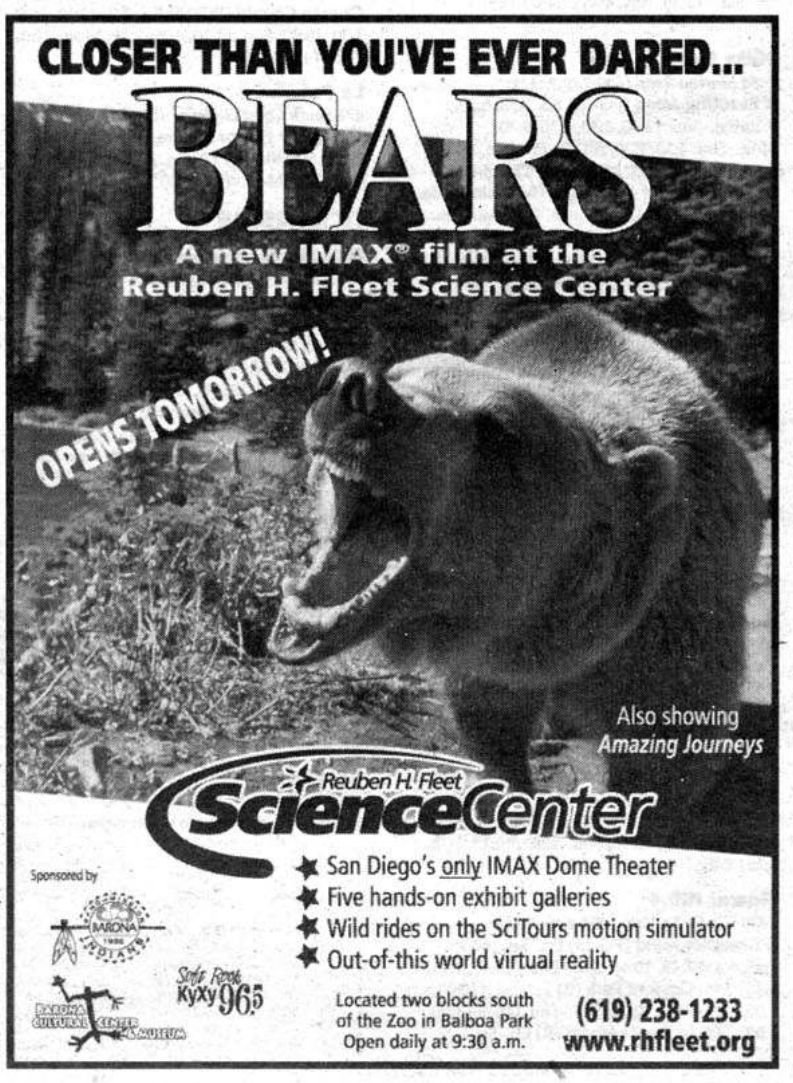
Impostor

The Shipping News — From the E. Annie Proulx novel about a widower named Quoyle who returns with his daughter Bunny to his Newfoundland roots, and becomes (among other things) the ace reporter on a local rag called *The Gammy Bird*. A tall tale, a dark tale, a droll tale, arch, sardonic, grotesque, gaudy, absurd, odd, occult, unnatural — loaded, in short, with the hallmarks of contemporary Serious Fiction. Kevin Spacey (acting like a half-wit), Cate Blanchett (acting like a cream tart), Judi Dench (acting crusty), and Julianne Moore (acting with an accent) invest it with some of the traits of Serious Cinema as well. Sample: the hero's aunt shows up unannounced on the day of his wife's accidental death, close on the heels of his parents' double suicide, and she pilfers his father's — her own brother's — ashes, replacing them in the urn with ordinary fireplace ashes, so that she can take them home in a plastic bag, dump them down the outhouse potty, and piss on them. (She has her reasons, it turns out. They involve revenge for incest. Lasse Hallstrom, the earthy director, is the one who also made *The Cider House Rules:* a thematic pattern develops.) With Scott Glenn, Pete Postlethwaite, Rhys Ifans. 2001.
● (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Vanilla Sky — Cameron Crowe follows up his most "personal" work, the semi-autobiographical *Almost Famous*, with the umpteenth Hollywood remake of an art-house import, Alejandro Amenábar's science-fiction brain-twister, *Open Your Eyes*. The most personal ingredient here, aside from the selection of oldies on the soundtrack, appears to be the latex mask worn by the intermittently disfigured Tom Cruise, looking in it uncannily like the horse-faced writer-director: a rather literal enactment of a storyteller's desire to live vicariously through his glamorous, gorgeous, girl-getting hero. (The star and director had worked together before on *Jerry Maguire*.) Still and always a crowd-pleaser above all, Crowe is at some pains to elucidate the obscurities: the commentative and mood-setting pop songs; illustrative cutaways to help explain and emphasize; continual repetition to allow slowpokes to keep pace; much overacting. (How does Penelope Cruz, reprising her role from the Spanish original, feel about her first kiss from Tom? Perhaps there's a clue in her bouncing up and down on the couch after his departure, her squealing like a teenager at a Beatles concert, her running-in-place at sprint speed.) At bottom — and at the root of Hollywood's ongoing plunder of European cinema — this is for people who need Tom Cruise and no subtitles in order to sit through a foreign film. Cameron Diaz, Jason Lee, Kurt Russell. 2001.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 incident to propel momentum: just a series of moments strung between two family milestones a month apart, the anniversary of the mother's death and the anniversary of the father's. A mystique of perfection, a veritable legend, now surrounds the memory of the parents' lives together, a standard against which to measure the lives of the offspring: the secret affairs, double lives, unfulfilled longings. The emerging theme would seem to have to do with the imperfection of life as a rule: imperfection, that is, except in fleeting moments, brief snippets from the time-line, frozen photographs for the memory album. The movie immediately immerses us in another place, another tempo. Its opening scene — of a sister and brother slowly waking up and going through their morning routines of stretching, pull-ups, tai chi — draws us into a far-away fictional world as deeply and as magically as any descent down a rabbit hole or any forward leap in a time machine. This and countless other moments of comparable size are played out without haste and without impatience. They are the opposite of the greased-pig moments that Hollywood dispenses in mortal terror of tranquility, repose, focus, and other such natural enemies of mindlessness and soullessness. They cultivate the art of noticing and appreciating. The filmmaker holds on to them, as the saying goes, for dear life. And the artful cinematography by Mark Lee Ping-Bin — the observant and appreciative cinematography — is as much the "point" of the film as is any larger "theme." Tran Nu Yen-Khe, Nguyen Nhu Quynh, Le Khanh. 2000.
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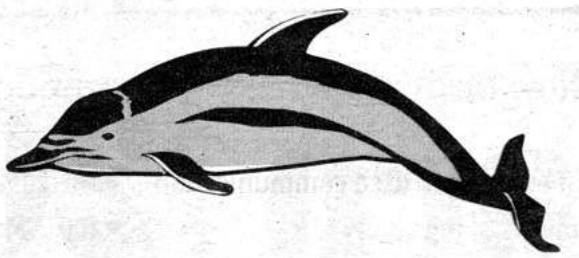
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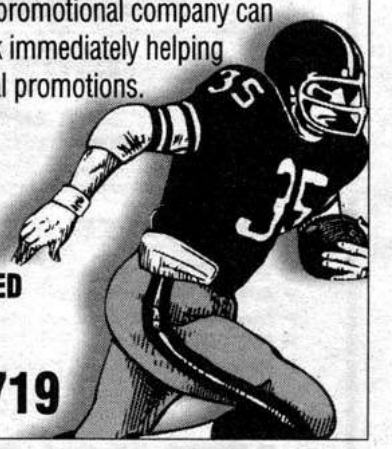
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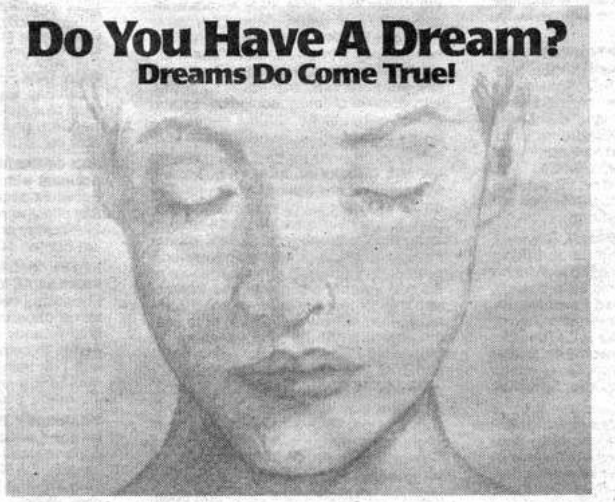
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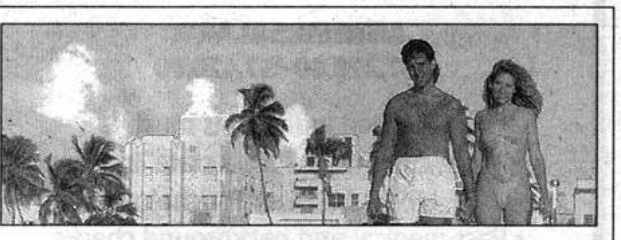
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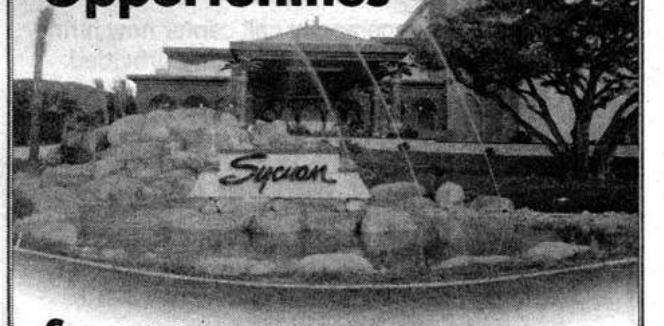
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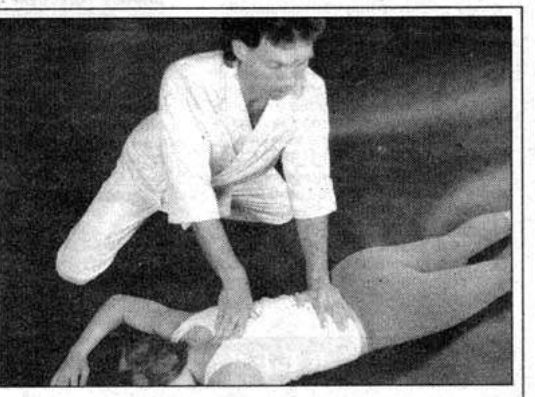
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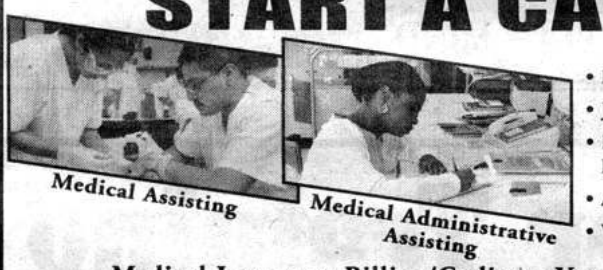
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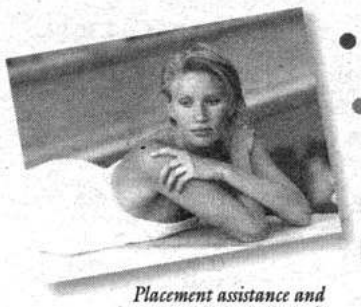
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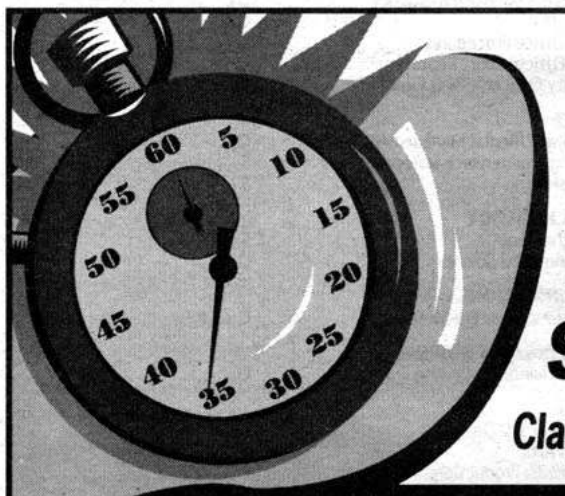
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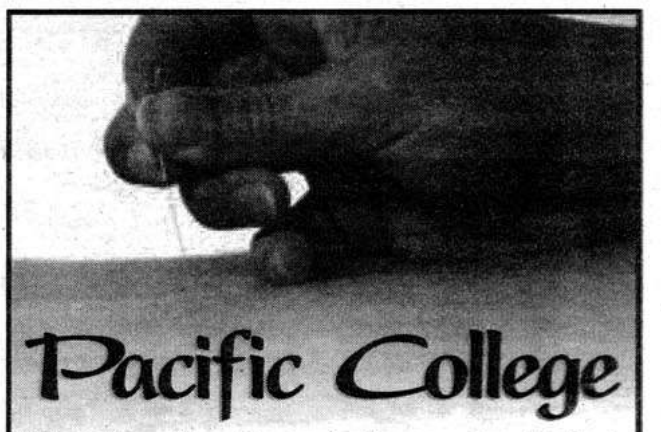
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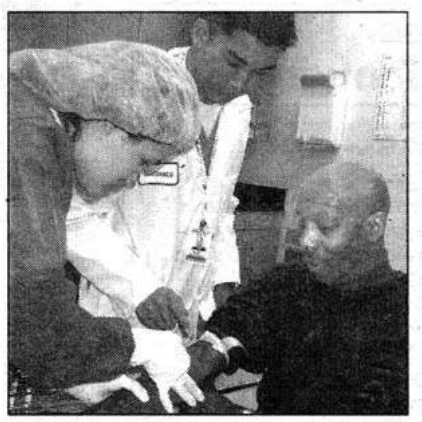
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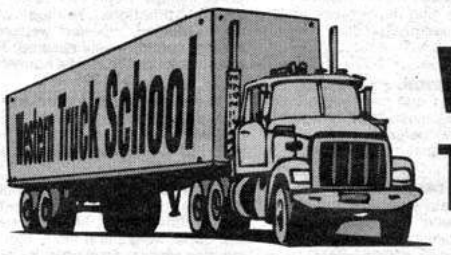
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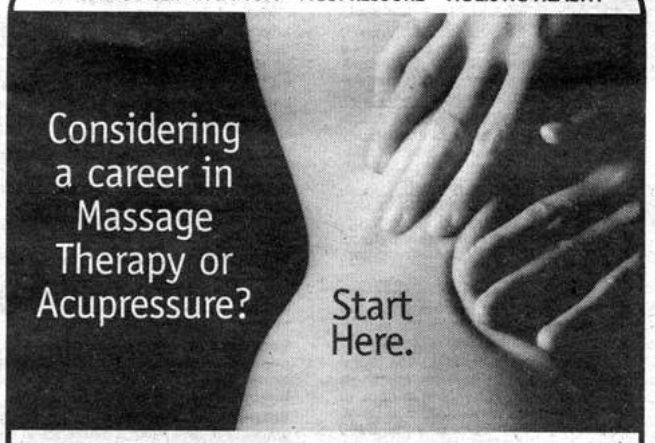


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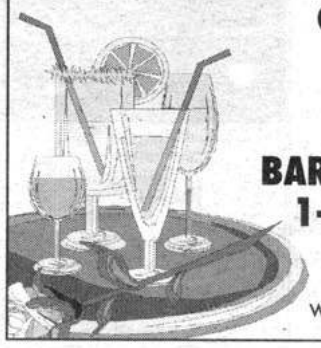
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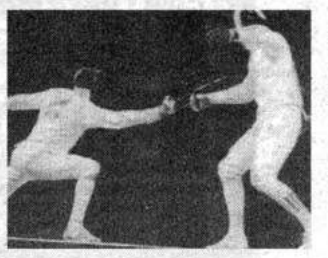
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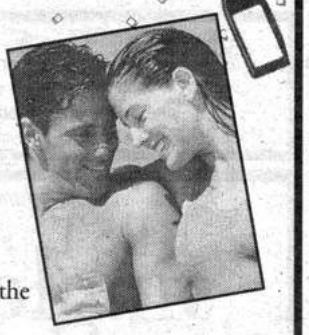
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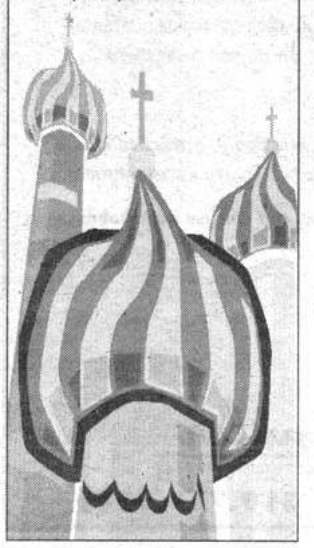
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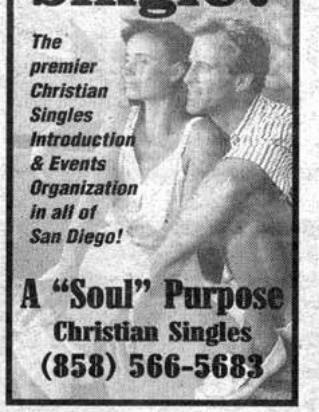
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WHITE, GOOD-LOOKING, unencumbered, 5'1", 120lbs., stable, varied interests, looking for simple, responsible, trustworthy, pleasant gentleman, mid-40s to late 50s for friendship or more. (1/16) ☎90620

AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE, professional, 28, seeking 27-35-year-old. Interested in outdoor activities, romantic dinners and a healthy dose of sanity. (1/23) ☎90685

VERY PRETTY REDHEAD with streamline figure seeking lots of laughs and fun times with 58+, 5'10"+, huggable, snuggable, lovable hunk. Please, no baggage. (1/23) ☎90673

BEAUTIFUL, SEXY, BLACK female professional, 51, enjoys concerts, plays and jazz. Seeking passionate, romantic, gentle black man, 40-63, looking for that special lady. (1/23) ☎90718

ASIAN FEMALE DESIRED. Attractive white male, 45, professional, well built, athletic, seeks very attractive female, 35-45, professional, fit, athletic; jazz music, quality relationship. North County. (1/16) ☎20509

SMART, FUNNY, TALL? Female, 37, 5'10", attractive, confident, brunette, interested in ethnic cuisines, cooking, the arts, camping, spirituality, kayaking and witty repartee. Are you game? (1/16) ☎90664

DON'T PASS BY. Guys, I'm 60ish, not over the hill. I'm youthful, healthy, energetic, happy, loving, affectionate, tactile, compassionate, intelligent. You won't be disappointed. Nonsmoker. (1/16) ☎90616

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A CUTE GOLFER, ORIENTAL, 5'5", 115lbs., fun, eclectic, humorous, intelligent, loving, caring, passionate, pretty, seeks 5'8"+, 38-48, fit, loving, nonflirter, caring, sensitive, very successful; relationship. (1/23) ☎90698

LIKE A GUY, BUT A GIRL. Unconventional, deep, interesting, down to earth, want to know you. Cute, sexy, intelligent, 40; looking for my soul mate. (1/23) ☎90679

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LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO loves and cherishes me as much as I love and cherish him. I'm 45, spiritual, loving, enjoy yoga, scuba, travel, communicating. (1/16) ☎90628

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ATTRACTIVE, MULTICULTURAL seeks attractive, tall, African-American, witty, funny, bald, 35-45, intelligent. Me: Black hair, brown eyes, 5'4", 130lbs., divorced, no kids, pretty, professional. Friendship. (1/23) ☎20588

COMPASSIONATE LADY, 54, petite, slender, RN, Latina ancestry, American. Eclectic interests, outgoing, very intelligent, no-nonsense lady. Nonsmoker, nondrinker. Seeking emotionally mature, nonsmoker, gentleman, relationship. (1/16) ☎90607

CLASSY, ATTRACTIVE, intelligent, 27-year-old black female, great smile, seeks affluent, caring, generous, much older white male for a mutual satisfying friendship. (1/23) ☎90708

LOVING, CARING, NURTURING Italian RN, 39, single mom, 5'9", brown/brown, well built, proportionate, lives in Poway. Love beach, walks, movies, great conversation. (1/16) ☎90670

YES, LIFE IS EXTRAORDINARY! 42, attractive, curvaceous, 5'7". Share love, authentic communication, fitness, community, nature, fun, endless possibilities! Share life with me, friend/life partner. (1/16) ☎90621

PRETTY, BLONDE, YOUTHFUL, fit 40s. Seeking 5'10"+, college degreed, professional. Health conscious, active; like outdoors, hiking, sailing, dogs, bike riding. Nightlife, music, dancing, traveling, laughing. (1/23) ☎90684

PRETTY CAUCASIAN FEMALE, 46, 5'1", shapely, honest, respectful, outgoing, seeks Caucasian gentleman with similar qualities for long-term relationship. (1/23) ☎90682

SWEET SMILES, DEEPLY personal, warm heart, good health, happy home, petite professional, wants 45+, rugged, gentle, sensitive partner. Sense of humor, live music for fun. (1/16) ☎90656

LIKE GREAT MEALS? Let's get cooking. 50ish, fattish, funnyish, 5'4" seeks loving guy to take me as I am and bring out the babe within. (1/16) ☎90625

NO FALSE ADVERTISING HERE. 36, blonde, mom, hardworking and happy, looking for someone the same; friends first. Secure within, ready and available. (1/16) ☎90654

YOU'RE THE ONE: 42-54, Caucasian, nonsmoker. I'm 51, 5'6", brown/brown, size 14, larger frame. Looking for humor, dreams; gentle man to explore life together. (1/16) ☎90624

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION. Ever gaze into your angel's eyes? Love life/laughter, books, camping. Seeking one man, professional, sincerity. Looking for possible long-term relationship. (1/23) ☎90675

I AM FUN, INTERESTING, love to bicycle, walk Torrey Pines; enjoy reading, Bach, jazz, opera. I need a compassionate, understanding, financially secure, athletic guy, 45-55. (1/23) ☎90683

SASSY, CLASSY LADY SEEKS partner for life. Tall, degreed, nonsmoker, secure, adventurous, 45-59 man. Ready to really enjoy life. (1/16) ☎90649

REDHEAD, PASSIONATE, analytical, spirited, earthy, 53, 5'8", slim, athletic. Looking for smart, sexy, strong, single, sincere, black man. Love blues, Southwestern pottery, travel, good food. (1/23) ☎90704

GREAT LEGS, WHITE, successful, no baggage, native, 5'4", slim. Seeking professional, semiretired, that has time for me. Honest, interest, real estate, law, finance, yachting. 60ish. (1/23) ☎90697

HOTTIE WANTED! You: Good-looking, nice body, white, 21-34, 5'11"+. Firefighter/cop extra plus! Me: Pretty, brunette, beautiful legs, passionate, sensual, fun, exciting! (1/23) ☎90689

IT'S A NEW YEAR. Why aren't you here? Me: 5'9", 135lbs., black, 30ish. You: 6'1", affectionate, one-woman man that's ready for me. (1/16) ☎90660

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER TYPE, 6'+, 40-55, wanted by 40-something, 5'6", motorcycle-riding wonder woman for a lifetime of humor, love, giving and excitement! (1/23) ☎90692

BEAUTIFUL AFRICAN-AMERICAN, voluptuous lady would like to meet honest, down-to-earth, healthy, medium-to-large gentleman. Nonsmoker, no drugs, race unimportant. (1/16) ☎90623

ITALIAN-AMERICAN, ITALIAN at heart, good-looking, petite, shapely, open-minded, fun-loving, seeks man, 50ish, secure, to enjoy the finer things in life. (1/23) ☎90691

OCEAN BEACH, DOG BEACH, mom of two, older great kids. 50 years old, loving, sensitive, caring, smart, attractive. Seeking the nicest guy; unselfish, kind, sexy. (1/16) ☎90651

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BEAUTIFUL BLACK AND JEWISH mixed girl, 33, long legs, looking for older 65+ gentleman who is financially secure and giving for long-term relationship. (1/16) ☎90612

WOMAN ON THE RUN. Seeking an honest, smart, romantic man for a meaningful relationship. I'm 34, 5'2", Asian, full-figured, nonsmoker, caring, romantic. Call me. (1/23) ☎90688

SPIRITED, ATTRACTIVE, health conscious, professional, Jewish woman looking for her mensch, 48-62. Value intimacy, integrity, humor, delights of being alive. Tell me who you are. (1/16) ☎90634

SKI WITH ME! Novice skier looking for ski buddy to hit slopes locally. Doesn't matter what your skill level is. Must be dependable, honest, stable. (1/16) ☎90639

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PLUS-SIZE BEAUTY SEEKS mature man to try fun new things with. Enjoy theater, movies, concerts, motorcycles (yes, I have my own!). Smoker OK. (1/23) ☎90680

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

TALL AND CONFIDENT BLACK male, 6'3", 220lbs., 30, loves movies, outdoors, cooking, restaurants; is looking for a nice girl to join me for friendship, fun. (1/16) ☎20452

WHITE MALE, 52, LOOKING for white female for relationship. Enjoy movies, dining, walks, talks. Me: 5'11", 187lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, sincere, honest. Please call. (1/23) ☎20618

BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 51, participatory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, homeowner, social, Midwest values. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (1/23) ☎20579

SUCCESSFUL CEO, FIT, NEVER married, 6'3", 44, seeks 30-40, white female for long-term relationship. Travel, wine, friends, outdoors. You be fit, funny and sane. (1/16) ☎20468

ITALIAN, HANDSOME, ROMANTIC, intelligent, honest, positive, 36, tall 6'1", never married. Love family, children and dogs. Seeking loyal, with a good sense of humor, female. (1/16) ☎20476

CHRISTIAN, HANDSOME, humorous, 45, 5'11", 180lbs., childless, loves dining, movies, laughing, joking, honesty, openness. You: Christian, attractive, fit, similar interests, fun, happy. Children OK. (1/23) ☎20576

RUGGED OUTDOORSMAN, 6'2", 225lbs., brown/green. Down-home values, high moral standards. Hoping for love, marriage and laughter with strong, down-to-earth natural woman. (1/16) ☎20531

HAPPY NEW YEAR. White, 35, good looking, outgoing, caring, would like to meet 25-40, down to earth. Greyhounds, camping, sand dunes, long term. Be happy. (1/23) ☎20633

ATTRACTIVE, SUCCESSFUL white male, late 40s, in excellent emotional/physical health, spiritual, pianist, seeking pretty, genuine and loving woman for long-term relationship or marriage. (1/16) ☎20503

CARING FOR YOU. African-American male in search of lady to share good times. 36 years old, employed, honest, kind, enjoy movies, jazz, quiet times. (1/16) ☎20491

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EDUCATED, CHRISTIAN BLACK male, 6'2", 180lbs., seeking educated, relationship-minded, affectionate lady who likes movies, hiking, beach, etc. Prefer 30-38. Me: 38, open to all races. Call; you won't regret. (1/23) ☎20572

51, NORTH COASTAL homeowner: Wealthy, healthy, active, distinguished gentleman loves life. Seeking wonder woman, positive, communicative, loving, beautiful, committed, monogamous, fun-loving! No baggage! Discerning! (1/23) ☎20611

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NORTH COUNTY COASTAL, handsome, affectionate, Spanish male, 45, degreed, seeking petite, shapely female for dating leading to a possible relationship. Let's spend the holidays together. (1/16) ☎20508

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. (1/16) ☎20553

NICE LOOKING 5'9", SLENDER, brown hair, brown eyes, Italian-Irish, romantic and virtuous, wants to meet wholesome, petite, nice girl who enjoys fun and relationship. (1/16) ☎20482

HUMOROUS, EDUCATED, counselor/entrepreneur, wealthy/frugal. Love hiking, biking, camping, travel, beach walks, volunteering, tennis, jogging, environment. You: Under 38, fit, nonsmoking, nondrinker, unpretentious. (1/23) ☎20609

EUROPEAN, CHRISTIAN MAN, sexy, tall, tan, hot-blooded, bodybuilder, sensuous, educated; professional contractor seeks Christian, sexy, adventurous, fun loving, foxy lady, 30s-40s; lasting relationship/oneness. (1/23) ☎20603

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LET'S MEET AT DOG BEACH. 34, intelligent, independent, pilot, stable, responsible, attractive, secular, professional, childfree, homeowner. Seeking similar, nonsmoking, funky, funny, strong, sensual, natural beauty. (1/16) ☎20561

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I LOVE KIDS! Seeking an attractive mom! I'm attractive, fun, intelligent, athletic, humorous, romantic, affectionate, business owner, 6'2", 190lbs., brown/green. Seeking fun, affectionate mom. (1/23) ☎20594

ME: 45, romantic, like outdoors, skiing (both), tennis, beach, walks, dinner, movies. (1/16) ☎20519

MEXICAN, 42, SEEKS FEMALE for fun, fun and fun. Call now to qualify. Open to all. (1/16) ☎20525

YOU ARE TALL, slim, attractive, intelligent, educated, unencumbered, active, vegetarian and have celebrated between 45 and 58 birthdays. Me too. (1/23) ☎20591

I NEED SOMEONE TO LOVE ME! You could be the one! 6', 48, white male, brown/blue, nonsmoker, very romantic, for sincere relationship, North County. (1/16) ☎20471

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), Caucasian. (1/16) ☎20453

JAZZ, MOZART, PUCCINI, Renoir, Rodin, Italian opera/cuisine, The New Yorker. Slim Caucasian gentleman seeks slim Asian lady for loving, caring, sharing relationship with chemistry. (1/16) ☎20451

ARE YOU A MEXICAN LADY between 35 and 45 years old looking for friendship, dating, dining and romance? Call me and leave a message. (1/16) ☎20552

HIPPISH CHICK WANTED! Do you like the beach and mountains, movies and music, thrift stores and swap meets, kids and animals? Genuine, natural, happy, 38. (1/16) ☎20446

HANDSOME, 26, SAN DIEGO native, B.A., stable, ambitious, handy. Quiet but engaging. Frugal yet generous. Seeking same in female. No games, friends first, then more? (1/16) ☎20472

ATTRACTIVE, FIT, ATHLETIC, independently wealthy, easygoing, generous, loving, caring, affectionate, sensual. Seeking relationship with sweet, attractive, easygoing woman with slim to light-medium figure. (1/23) ☎20622

ASIAN PRINCESS, 20-35, sweet, attractive, affectionate, loving, wanted for relationship. Me: 43, 5'11", 165lbs., athletic, scientist, good sense of humor, family-minded, homeowner. No baggage. (1/23) ☎20610

WHITE MALE, 36, LOOKING for attractive female, 26-50, for friends first then maybe more. Enjoy sports, travel, dining out, movies, dancing, beach, amusement parks. (1/23) ☎20632

NORMAL HEIGHTS HOMEOWNER, 54, retired, giant garden gnome, smokes, drinks, eats red meat; intelligent, humorous, mellow; seeks proportionate lady, daytime adventures, romance, long-term relationship. (1/23) ☎20617

LOVE ENOUGH FOR YOU and our kids. Part-time single dad, 45. Happy, healthy; just missing you to share it with. No smoke, no drugs. (1/16) ☎20559

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I'M SEARCHING FOR A VERY sexy lady only to share a long-term relationship. I'm new in town. I just came down from Canada. I'm honest, open, gentleman, romantic person. I do just about anything. So, ladies, let's have fun together. Ah. Call me. (1/23) ☎20644

ROCK OUR WORLDS. Professional, cerebral, white, 34, handsome, sexy and sweet, desires bright, thin, pretty, active nonsmoker for rollerblading, movies, restaurants, travel, companionship, real relationship. (1/23) ☎20598

SUCCESSFUL, EUROPEAN, intellectual, handsome, charming and emotionally stable, wishes to make happy a sensitive, attractive and educated lady in her 30s. (1/16) ☎20478

SAILING? VIETNAMESE FOOD? Hawaiian sunsets? If any of these interest you, take a chance and call. Guy, 43, looking for someone nice. (1/23) ☎20589

WHITE MALE, 39, LOOKS 30, 5'8", 138lbs., green/brown, honest, caring, sensitive, educated, funny, seeks soul mate in 18-45, height/weight proportionate, nonsmoking, childless female. (1/23) ☎20636

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HELLO, EVERYBODY. It's 2002. Call this ad and this chef will make dinner for two. 29-50; for romantic evenings, dancing, movies, beach. Let's get together. (1/23) ☎20578

LOVE, HONOR, RESPECT and do what you say. 6'1", 185lbs., 46, strikingly handsome, emotionally/financially secure, experienced, trustworthy, trainable, good communicator seeking strict, sublime woman. (1/16) ☎20492

OFF THE CUFF by Sue Greenberg

What *must* you read every day?



Andrea Young
Chauffeur
Point Loma

The Bible. It helps me every day with everything that the day faces. If you read a little bit daily, it just carries you right through.



Wendy Brookes
Scrapbooking Supply Seller
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I read the paper daily. If I want to be informed, I need to do a quick read over. I do enjoy reading my horoscope, after the day is over, just to see if anything was really pertinent during the day.



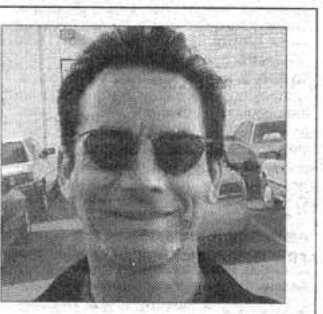
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Joyce Filson
Customer Service Rep
Chula Vista

I have to read the movie section because I love to go to the movies and I like to see what's playing and I like to be the first one there.



Robbie Adelson
Sales
Mission Hills

Besides the Thomas Guide? (Ba-da-*boom*) *Touchstones: Daily Meditations for Men.* These inspire me on a daily basis; that's why I read them.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE, 45. Sincere, honest, healthy, attractive. 5'10", 170lbs. Enjoy music, beach, dining, coffee. Seeking marriage-minded, attractive, blonde female, 33-41. (1/23) ☎20574

ATHLETIC, TALL, EXECUTIVE, 6'1", 190lbs. (35" waist, 46" chest), enjoys travel, ocean/mountain sports, art, theater, eclectic cuisine. You: 30-40, pretty, affectionate, very slim. (1/16) ☎20467

PRINCESS WANNA-BE. Let me help. You are young, slender, ready to be spoiled by nice guy, financially able. (1/23) ☎20629

30, 6'3", BROWN HAIR/EYES, attractive, witty, thoughtful, creative, artsy, great sense of humor. Educated, professional, homeowner. Interests include: Arts, independent/foreign films, alternative music. (1/16) ☎20562

TALL, ATHLETIC, ex-veteran, handsome, unconventional, honest, compassionate, tender lover searching for well-groomed, well-built, music/art/outdoors lover. Life's too short. No games, please! (1/23) ☎20631

6'1", 185LBS., 27 YEARS, handsome Caucasian, vegetarian, atheist. Outdoors, tennis, swimming, social dance. Don't smoke/drink. Looking that special someone of like mind. Race open. (1/23) ☎20595

NICE LOOKING, SLENDER, brown hair/eyes, 5'10", Irish-Italian, early 30s, virtuous, wants to meet petite girlfriend for friendship, fun, possible relationship. (1/16) ☎20550

5'9", BROWN/BROWN. Seeking a real woman to hang with. She needs to honor and respect herself in order to honor and respect others. (1/16) ☎20511

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MARRIAGE-MINDED, WHITE business owner, married once, no children, Christian values, home owner, handsome, early 50s. Movies, concerts, camping, boating, travel. Looking for lover, friend. (1/16) ☎20554

EXPERIENCED JOKESTER, good time creator, 46, 5'11", fit, nice looking, self-employed, communicative, seeking attractive, fit, fun, open, happy, available, nonvegetarian. Must be from Planet Earth! (1/16) ☎20551

GOOD-LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered nice guy (approximately 6', 180lbs., 45) seeks slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty (32-42) for balanced, long-term relationship. (1/23) ☎20583

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OLDER WOMEN ONLY NEED respond. I'm looking for a friend to share intimate moments, conversations, walks and good times. 40 and older only. (1/16) ☎20466

URGENT! SEEKING GOLF/partner! Professional golfer seeks playmate for off-season fun. Special considerations for photos reflecting outdoorsy, yet attractive and fun appearance. (1/16) ☎20456

AFRICAN-AMERICAN sought, 25-40, attractive, fit, healthy lifestyle by white professional, attractive, kind, sincere, caring, passionate, loving, good sense of humor. Let's start 2002 together! (1/23) ☎20592

CAUCASIAN, 39, accomplished, physically fit, communicative, educated, speaks French/Spanish; enjoys hiking, camping, dancing, motorcycles, mountain biking, sailing, gardening, traveling, wine tasting. Seeking outdoorsy woman. (1/23) ☎20612

WILD AND WICKED PAST? Bad girl? If you answered yes to either, let's talk. Very attractive, 29, blond, blue, 6'2", 175lbs., pierced; 4x4, snowboard, more. (1/16) ☎20569

COULD YOU BE MY SOUL MATE? Fine black male, 35, tall, MBA, employed, no games, sees 20-39 aged, shapely, attractive woman. Race not an issue. (1/23) ☎20614

PLAYFUL, FIT PROFESSIONAL. Articulate, seriously funny guy. Seinfeld, convertibles, fresh air, getaways. Seeking petite sweetheart for romance, laughter, monogamy, adventure. You: 30s-40s, kind, happy, available. (1/16) ☎20538

I'M 28, 6', 190lbs., brown eyes. Looking for that special one to go to the movies, outdoors adventure; like to have fun. Looking for love. (1/16) ☎20517

COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE eyes, affectionate, attractive, unencumbered, degreed professional, 37, 6'1", 215lbs., German-Irish Catholic, clean cut, conservative appearance, seeks warm-hearted, unencumbered, white female, 22-34, possessing exceptional inner and outer beauty. (1/16) ☎20527

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HANDSOME BLACK MAN, 44, seeking attractive, Latina/Mexican woman, 20-40. I'm employed, Christian, smoker. Let's be friends. I know what love is. Write me. (1/16) ☎20532

COWLES MOUNTAIN, Mission Trails. 50, tall, slender guy (Jewish), seeks petite or slender(?) gal (any religion or background), for hiking, dancing and maybe relationship. (1/16) ☎20515

HIGH REGARD FOR WOMEN including equal treatment. Personable, sensitive, adventurous, well traveled, liberal arts, movies, music, tennis, outdoor adventures, animals, politics, agnostic. Young 55, 6'1". (1/16) ☎20494

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I'M THE ONE— LOOKING for you! 42, 6'1", dark hair, green eyes, honest, witty, responsible, communicator. You: 32-44, financially secure, good job, cute. Ready! (1/16) ☎20542

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. (1/16) ☎20447

NOTICE LADIES! Let me change your lifestyle. Tired of jerks? I'm nice looking, tall, 49, passionate, caring, secure upscale gentleman. Nonsmoker, reliable, monogamous, seeks very attractive, nonsmoker, 28-49, fashionable-sassy, sensual, kind, sweet personality, fun loving lady for fun, travel, dining, clothes shopping, etc. I'm a sweetheart. (1/23) ☎20601

SENSUOUS, HANDSOME, respectful man, 47, wants to please a woman who is very direct. Looking for feminine, romantic, sensuous, monogamous woman for a good relationship. (1/23) ☎20642

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CHRISTMAS CAME AND WENT, no angel under the tree. Successful, professional, handsome, athletic, musical, adventurous male seeks his angel. (1/16) ☎20545

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BIG, TALL, 41-YEAR-OLD white male, 6'3". Kind, perceptive; interested in attractive, fit woman for possible long-term relationship. Photo on the Internet. (1/16) ☎20485

PART CHANDLER, PART JOEY. 37, door opener, hand holder, good cuddler, bad cook. Seeking cute, sweet, funny, voluptuous partner for romance, laughs, cooking lessons. (1/23) ☎20616

WHEN MY PHONE RINGS I HOPE it's you. 37, white, single parent. I'm understanding, playful, communicator, honest, sociable, thoughtful, dependable, semiromantic, attractive, going once, twice... (1/16) ☎20487

YOU ARE 5'2"-5'6", 49-50s, slender, medium build, nonsmoker, nondrinker, sensuous, affectionate, cuddly. I same plus beaches, homeowner, humorous, lovable, educated, music, semiretired teacher. (1/16) ☎20497

40-SOMETHING DAD, 5'11", athletic, handsome, Latin/Asian, professional, dancer, liberal, romantic, left-right brain functional. Seeking pretty, healthy, blonde for friendship/possible romance. (1/16) ☎20454

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HONEST, LOYAL, 42, 5'9", 185lbs., nonsmoker, employed, homeowner, North County. Car shows, swap meets, yard work. Want outdoorsy type whose best friend isn't her cat. (1/16) ☎20523

Tired Of California

White male, 45, good looking, starting new life. Looking for real friend to travel across states. Let's find new love, home, a true companion. Love outdoors, adventure on open hearth. (1/23) ☎20634

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HANDSOME, ATHLETIC thrill seeker, 38, brown hair, blue eyes, well built, honest, seeking petite, beautiful, athletic, witty, down-to-earth female with wild side; 26-40. (1/16) ☎20505

LET'S HAVE FUN, TALK, dance, enjoy. 43, ruggedly handsome with hair. You... arouse me! Let's have a great new year. (1/16) ☎20498

TRIM, HEALTHY WHITE MALE seeking nice, trim, healthy female, 30s to 40s, for dating and fun. I'm 5'10", 46 years, brown hair/eyes, nonsmoker. (1/16) ☎20557

CHRISTIAN, 42, 5'10", 160lbs., no children, no smoke/drugs. Enjoy: Health, Bible studies, conversation. Seeking: Christian fellowship or romance, fun, good sense of humor. (1/16) ☎20481

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SCIENTIST WITH MODEL LOOKS seeks very attractive, intelligent woman, 30-41, with humor and creativity. I'm very fit, tall, lean, funny, playful, thoughtful, provocative... very selective. (1/23) ☎20596

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TALL, HANDSOME WHITE MALE, 50ish, boyishly handsome, father, conservative, clean, sexy, seeks intimate dates with sexy, stylish, clean, healthy woman; enjoys fireplace, wine, kissing, me. (1/23) ☎20593

SOULFUL, ACTIVE, SINCERE male of Italian descent seeking fit, slender, petite woman of color. Like movies, books, art, theater; beach. Looking for same. Lets talk. (1/16) ☎20449

ENERGETIC, ATTRACTIVE, FIT, fun, funny, financially set, businessman, father seeking a simple, romantic relationship and occasional date. Let's keep it fun and simple. (1/16) ☎20537

ESCONDIDO, 49, 6'1", slender, pleasant, fit, degreed, humorous, dad. Camp, trips, movies. You: 39-46, bright, available, trim, tall, attractive, fun, nonsmoker, classy, North County. (1/16) ☎20558

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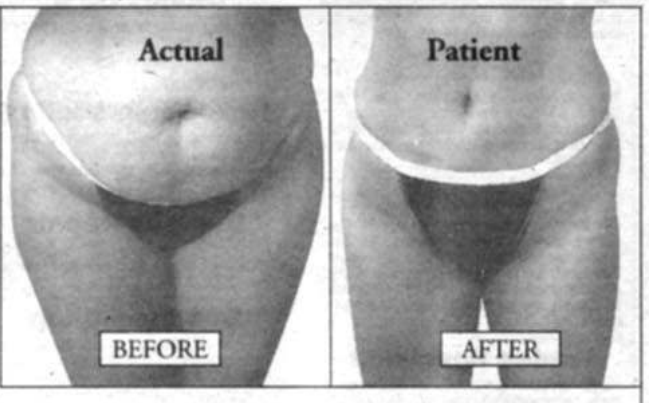
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LA MESA. $500, 1/3 utilities. Master, walk-in closet, storage, bright, cable, phone, laundry, parking, yard. $400, large bedroom, storage, private bath. Female nonsmoker. 619-464-6733; 619-235-2415, x18838.

LA MESA. $335 and $375 plus utilities. Bedroom/private entrance, share bath. Furnished. View home, laundry. Clean, quiet. No pets. Absolutely nonsmoking. After 6pm, 619-465-2487.

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PACIFIC BEACH. $500/month plus 1/3 utilities, $300 deposit. Room for rent in 3 bedroom home. Nice yard. Large closet. 858-274-7788; 619-235-2415, x31437.

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PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. $635, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. Yard, parking. No pets, nonsmoker. 1/2 block to ocean. Call 858-272-4215; 619-235-2415, x26099.

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PACIFIC BEACH. $475/month, 1/5 utilities, deposit. Deck with view, yard, fireplace, washer/dryer, lots of space, safe parking. Sorry, no pets. 619-235-2415, x30043.

PACIFIC BEACH. $650, 1/2 utilities. Available immediately. Female wanted to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Washer/dryer, jacuzzi, 1 block to bay. 619-235-2415, x23065.

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PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. $650, 1/2 utilities. Panoramic bay view. Female to share 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2-story townhome. Master bedroom. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, courtyard, 2-car garage. Call Toni, 858-483-1551.

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PACIFIC BEACH. $646/month plus deposit. Share 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhome. Small patio, fireplace, 3 blocks beach. Balcony, large walk-in closet. 858-488-2893.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. $625/month. Female, share 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. 2 stories, quiet street, new carpet/paint. Nice! No smoking/pets. Available 1/15. 858-274-4673.

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DOWNTOWN. Historic Gaslamp Quarters Hotel. $405/$470 month. Furnished room, cable TV, refrigerator. Shared bathroom in hallway. On-site kitchen, laundry, patio. Male/female. 619-232-3630.

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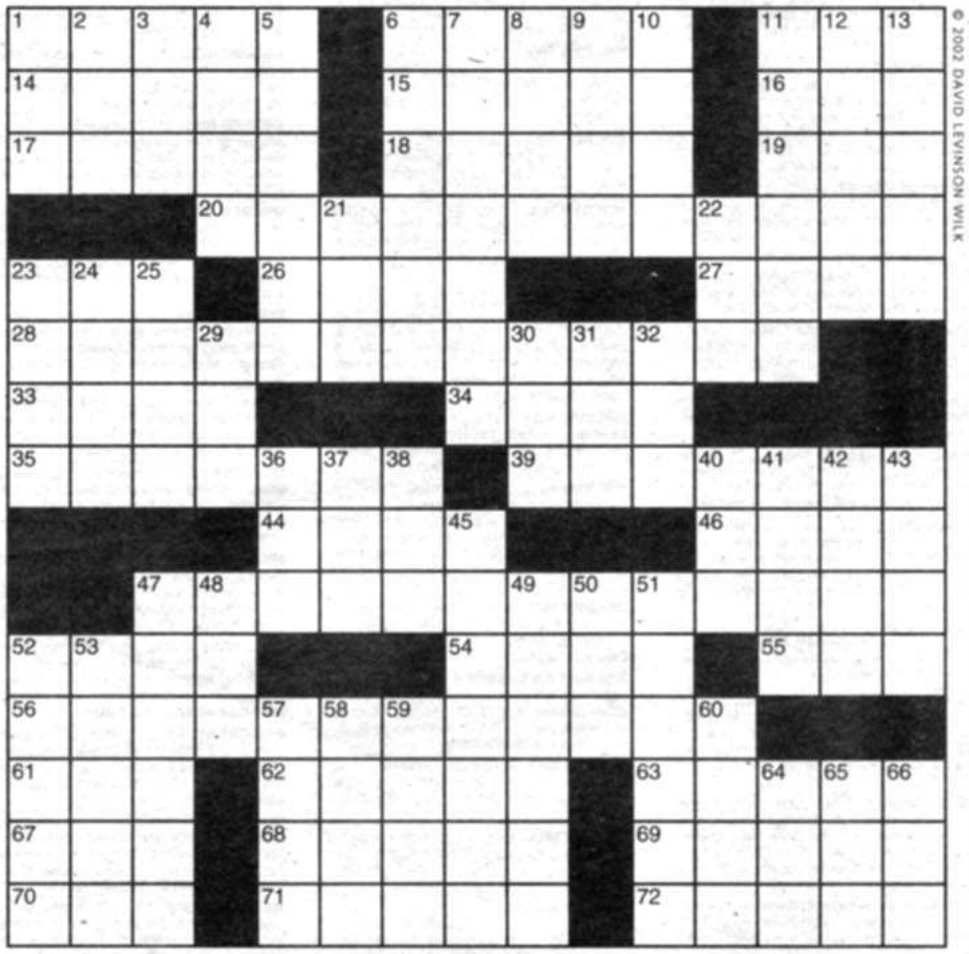
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Across

1. Open, like a bottle
6. Jazz singer Vaughan
11. ____ behind the ears
14. "Swell!"
15. Music industry mogul Davis
16. Yale student
17. Kind of boom
18. More immense
19. Mrs. Peron
20. Washington is on it
23. "Mazel ____!"
26. Light that's bright on Broadway
27. Bart and Maggie's sister
28. Washington is on it
33. Early 12th-century date
34. Take in, as a living
35. Charity event
39. "Coming through!"
44. Get, as a job
46. Gehrig and others
47. Washington is on it
52. Many a Mideasterner
54. What might follow catch or latch
55. Distant
56. Washington is on it
61. 1 or 66, on a map: Abbr.
62. In the slightest degree
63. 1 or 66 or most other lines on a map
67. Neighbor of Leb.
68. Babe Ruth's number
69. 1991-93 Australian Open winner
70. ____ Alamos
71. Top entrants at the Australian Open
72. Cow of note

Down

1. Young ____ (tads)
2. New beginning?
3. Pink-slip
4. "Take ____ from me..."
5. Pennsylvania's ____ Mountains
6. Group of fish
7. Meryl Streep and Lisa Kudrow, to Vassar College
8. Baryshnikov's birthplace
9. With, to Maurice
10. Munich mister
11. Boll ____
12. North Pole workers
13. Pageant crown
21. No. on a business card
22. Feeling off
23. Grant's ____
24. A single time
25. Blood thruway
29. It's spotted at a casino
30. Super Bowl XXXIV player
31. It can be uplifting
32. Rorschach test stuff
36. Kind of season
37. Golfer Woosnam
38. Blasting stuff
40. Freddy Krueger's street
41. Bowser's bark
42. Mystique
43. Site of a W.W. I Allied victory
45. More than just salivated
47. Mugging retaliators, maybe
48. "Shogun" apparel
49. Remus and Sam, e.g.
50. Sault ____ Marie
51. All yelled out
52. Patriots' Day month
53. Dustin's role in "Midnight Cowboy"
57. "Ain't It A Shame" singer Domino
58. "____ Jury" (Spillane novel)
59. Give a darn
60. Yuletide
64. The racing Unsers
65. Opus ____
66. Chicago-to-Louisville dir.



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RULES OF THE GAME

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 1/3/02.

Of the 56 entrants, 50 were correct. The winners are:

1. D. Whitney, *San Diego*
2. L.A. Perez, *Chula Vista*
3. Janet Knosky, *Bonita*
4. Jeannine Ambrose, *Chula Vista*
5. Charmi Collie, *San Diego*

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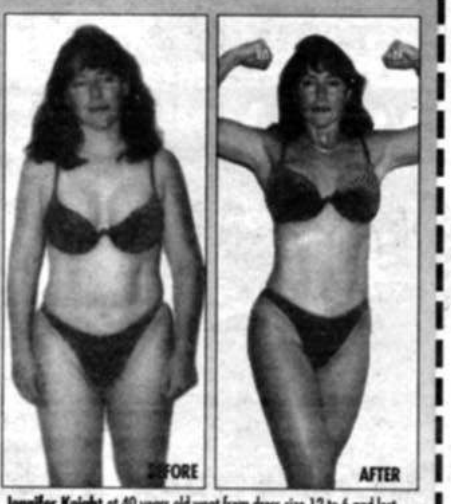


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MISSION HILLS. 2 bedrooms ($950), 1 studio ($600). Dishwasher, parking space, laundry on site. Central location. 3962 First Avenue #2 and #13. Showing Thursday, 1/10, 5-6.30pm. No appointment necessary. Please call 619-221-1607.

MISSION HILLS. $1500. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, townhouse. Upscale, all appliances, private balcony, 2 garage spaces. Quiet cul-de-sac, ocean/bay views. No smoking/pets. 619-224-1580.

MISSION HILLS, NORTH. 1 bedroom in small 8-unit property. On-site laundry. Lots of charm and character. Walk to shops and restaurants. Great location. 619-296-2787.

MISSION HILLS. $1250. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage with surrounded deck view of downtown. New appliances. Laundry. Parking. 1767 Guy Street. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. $1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath on top floor with view in upscale building. Elevator, new carpet, gated parking, coin laundry. No pets. 4022 Albatross. Manager, 619-293-0373.

MISSION HILLS. $800. Upper, cozy studio. New carpet. No pets. Laundry room. Available mid-February. 1219 West Montecito. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

MISSION RIDGE. Starting from $1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment homes available now! Designer kitchens, appliances. Patios/balconies. Pool. Spa. Sundeck. Courtyard. Workout facility. Near park. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Garages, select units. Near freeways. Cats OK. Avalon at Mission Ridge, 2745 Meadowlark Drive. Please call 858-278-2131, website: www.sdreader/rent/1091.

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MISSION VALLEY/TIERRASANTA. Call for move-in specials! 1 bedrooms from $940, 2 bedrooms from $1115. Conveniently located to all major freeways, Mission/Fashion Valley shopping, downtown, trolley. Washer/dryer hookups, pools, spas, tennis, racquetball. Fitness, business center. Professional management. El Dorado Hills, 3828 Pendiente Court. 858-279-7368. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/2008.

MISSION VALLEY. Move-in specials! From $1145. 1, 2, 3 bedroom apartments. On-site trolley connection. Computer niche. Spectacular kitchen. Dishwasher. Microwave. Patio/balcony. Washer/dryer. 2 pools, spas. Garages available. Fitness, business centers. Sports room. Pets OK. Archstone Mission Valley. 2288 Fenton Parkway. 100% satisfaction guarantee. mgr-mnv@archstonemail.com, 888-600-4737. www.sdreader.com/rent/1074.

MISSION VALLEY/SDSU/San Carlos. Brand-new 1, 2 bedroom gated community. Move-in specials! From $1105. Spectacular views! Lush landscaping. Sparkling pool, spa. Play center. Built-in computer niche. Large closets. Washer/dryer. Fitness, business centers. Garages available. Canyon View Apartments, 7149 Navajo Road. Toll free: 1-877-317-6347. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/2011.

MISSION VALLEY. $1150. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Air conditioned. Centrally located. One-year lease. No pets. Excellent condition. 619-542-1200.

MISSION VALLEY. $1075 with $400 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment home in nice, quiet community. Great location. Parking. Pool. Sauna. 4555 Vandever Avenue. Call Marcy today! 619-281-4006.

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MISSION VALLEY. Luxury apartment community. 1 bedrooms, $875/up. 2 bedrooms $1200/up. Move-in special: 1 bedroom, $300 off first month. 2 bedroom, $400 off first month. 13 laundry facilities, 2 pools, spas, tennis, racquetball, sauna, fitness center, clubhouse. Padre Gardens, 619-563-1856.

MISSION VALLEY. 2 bedroom, totally remodeled, large enclosed patio, pool, tennis, weight room and more. Walk to trolley. Great location and price. 619-296-2787.

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MISSION VALLEY. Awesome value! All the goodies! 1 and 2 bedrooms, $1035/up. Free real estate agent. Spectrum Properties, 619-688-2101.

MISSION VALLEY. $1450. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Third floor corner unit overlooking River Walk. Fireplace, all amenities, security building, pool, exercise room. 619-447-6593.

MORLEY FIELD/NORTH PARK. $1195-$1295. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath luxury condo. Completely remodeled with all new tile and carpet flooring, custom paint, counters, appliances, lighting... simply awesome in a wonderful location. Washer/dryer in unit. Underground parking. Robert, 619-531-0626. www.floit.com

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MT. HELIX. $1975. Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Cul-de-sac. Spa, landscaped, Berber, tile, granite. Included gardener. Lease. Must see! 4018 Corte Tierra Alta. 619-660-8714.

NATIONAL CITY. $650/month. 1 bedroom fully furnished. Low $150 deposit. No SDG&E deposit or hookup required. 624 East 24th Street. Office open daily. 619-474-3787.

NATIONAL CITY. $700. 1 bedroom, gated parking, large pool, laundry facilities, manager and maintenance on site. Close to shopping mall and freeways. $200 off first month's rent. Call now for more information, 619-477-8567. www.rentinsandiego.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $745, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. $950, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Lovely gated building with underground parking. Microwave, air conditioning, dishwasher, laundry. No pets. 4526 Illinois Street. 619-280-3867.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $725. $500 deposit. Deluxe 1 bedroom. Upstairs. Fireplace. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Refrigerator. Newer building. Intercom. Near Adams Avenue. 4675 Ohio Street. 619-582-7235; 619-282-3736.

NORMAL HEIGHTS/NORTH PARK. $875. Large, recently renovated, 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse-style apartment with dishwasher, disposal, large closets, private patio and off-street parking. Please call 619-501-5109.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $875. 2 bedroom lower unit. Patio area, parking, coin laundry. Pet welcome. 4586 Hawley #1. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $900. Nice 1 bedroom house. Stove, refrigerator, laundry room, fenced yard, must see! Contact Vitale Property Management at 760-746-3080 or page 619-965-7575.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $1100. 2 bedroom house, charming but old. Hardwood floors. Fenced yard. 1 pet considered. Available 2/1. 3576 Madison Avenue. 858-578-8268.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $835. 2 bedroom, 1 bath,apartment. Reserved parking, downstairs, gated entry, on-site laundry, newer carpet, paint, vertical blinds. No pets. 4253 35th street. 619-265-8689.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $995. 4556 36th Street. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath Craftsman. Tile, hardwood floors. Moldings. Front porch. Private fenced yard. Parking. Laundry. Pets on approval. Available February. 619-607-0810.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Large 1 bedroom furnished $725 (includes utilities). New carpet and paint. Small quiet building North of Adams. Available now. Call Tom, 760-271-0625.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $1100. Lovely 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house. Being remodeled. Two story. New paint, carpet, appliances. Parking. 619-280-5177.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $725. Extremely clean. New paint. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Refrigerator. Fenced patio. Wood paneling and built-in bookshelves. Off-street parking. Laundry room. 1 block below Adams with easy access to I-805. 858-695-1663.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $525. Senior building. 1 bedroom, rehabbed apartment. Quiet, gated community. 619-584-5904; pager, 619-290-3860.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $900. Upstairs 2 bedroom duplex, large balcony and garage. North of El Cajon Boulevard. 619-584-5904, pager, 619-290-3860.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $895. 4780 Hawley Boulevard. Mint condition, upper 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment, garage available, laundry, quiet area. No pets. Agent, 619-686-8950.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $1100. 2+ bedrooms, 1 bath. Hardwood floors, washer/dryer, newish carpet and paint. Off-street parking. 4429 36th. No pets. Available 2/4/02. 619-865-6978.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Also, 1 bedroom, $650. All new. No pets. Available now. 4620 Hawley Boulevard. 619-297-7359.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $625. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator. Clean, downstairs unit with garage. No pets. Mr. A's Property Management, 619-697-1888.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $895. Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Small yard. Pet upon approval. 4228 Wilson Avenue. Agent, 619-229-2540.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $695. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet, small gated complex. Small pet OK. Available now! 4426 Wilson Avenue #1. Rob, 858-874-6799.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $675/$690. Large renovated 1 bedroom, 1 bath available now. Clean and quiet. New carpets and paint. On-site laundry and parking included. Close to all. No pets. 4476 39th Street (off Meade). Pacifica Management, 619-244-7368.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Tiled kitchens and bath. Hardwood floors. Canyon views. Off-street parking. Near Antique Row. Freeway access. Call Jon or Daniel, 619-282-3308.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $680. Cozy 1 bedroom cottage in quiet fourplex. New paint and carpet. Near Adams Avenue. Agent, 619-298-7724.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Big savings and specials! Large 1 and 2 bedrooms, $725/up. No pets. 4721 Wilson. Call 858-569-1212. www.weststarproperties.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $860. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Clean, well maintained. Washer, dryer, microwave, air conditioning. Off-street parking. No pets. 4774 33rd Street. $860 deposit. Available now. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath Spanish home, private, hardwoods, air conditioning, laundry, wood deck, nice yard, carport and storage, garage. Some pets OK. 619-507-7352.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $925. Large, immaculate 2 bedroom with 950 square feet of sparkling new decor throughout. Quiet building. Laundry, parking. No pets. 619-582-0306.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $700/month. Nice large 1 bedroom apartment. New carpet, new paint. Near all. Quiet gated complex. No pets. Tammi, 619-280-9195.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $900. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, upstairs, walk-in closets, air conditioning, new appliances/carpet. Dining. Barbecue. Available now. No pets. 4577 Bancroft. 858-483-3534.

NORTH PARK. $1500. 3 bedroom house. Newly remodeled. High ceilings. Wood floors. Pets OK. Private patio. Laundry hookups. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. $700. 1 bedroom upper apartment. Wood floors. Lots of light. Pets welcome. 2610 University. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. $800. 1 bedroom cottage. Wood floors. Freshly painted. Gated property. Pets welcome. 4063 30th Street. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. $1600. 2 bedroom canyon home. Hardwood floors, large private deck, washer/dryer, storage garage. Pets welcome. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. $1350. 3 bedroom, 2 bath upper unit with garage, lots of light, parking. Small pet welcome. 4121 Kansas. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. $900. 2 bedroom apartment. Completely remodeled, new carpet/tile. Small pet OK. Coin laundry. 3708 Monroe. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. $750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with huge balcony. Separate laundry hookups. Large one-car garage. Small, private 3-unit property. Great location. Close to shopping. West of I-805, but easy access! 3943 32nd Street. No pets. 1-year lease. R.A. Properties, 619-298-5697.

NORTH PARK. $695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, large bright unit with pool, dining, barbecue area, parking, near all. No pets. Available now! 2140 Howard. 858-483-3534.

NORTH PARK. $650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, large unit with dining and barbecue area, bright, near all, laundry. No pets. Available now. 4386 Copeland. 858-483-3534.

NORTH PARK. $845. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious upper end apartment. Ceiling fan. Large closets. Laundry. Parking. Gated. Small complex. 4185 Texas Street. 619-725-3648.

NORTH PARK. $915. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, 1-car garage off alley. New carpet, paint. Fenced from yard. On-site laundry. 4247 35th Street. 619-229-9060.

NORTH PARK. $575. $575 deposit. 1 bedroom apartment. Will consider pet. 2868-1/2 El Cajon Blvd. off Utah Street, (behind 2850 El Cajon Boulevard). 619-206-2944.

NORTH PARK. $1450. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Huge living room, large yard, fireplace, washer/dryer hookups. Newly remodeled. New stove/refrigerator. 3560 30th. 619-297-8956.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. $1275. Very large, elegant 1-bedroom apartment in newly renovated Craftsman house. Hardwood floors, fireplace, walk-in closet/storage, original built-ins, new bathroom/clawfoot bathtub, new refrigerator, new washer/ dryer. 1 block from Balboa Park. No pets. 619-299-3874.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. $865. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Dishwasher. Gated garden complex, pool, laundry facilites, off-street parking. Close to all. 3722 Alabama. 619-299-1699.

NORTH PARK. $1195/month. 4210 Utah Street. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Garage. Laundry hookup. New paint, carpet. Close to all. Drive by first, 858-273-0344.

NORTH PARK. $675. Deposit $725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice large unit in small complex. Washer/dryer on site. 1 parking space. Available 2/1. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-273-2835.

NORTH PARK. $1150. Unfurnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Huge apartment. Paneled den. Wood-burning fireplace. Dishwasher. Parking and laundry. Large patio. 4138 Kansas. 619-295-3700.

NORTH PARK. $675. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Gated. Parking. Laundry. No pets. 4354 Utah Street. 760-721-1672.

NORTH PARK. $825. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Spacious upper end apartment. Ceiling fan. Walk-in closets. Laundry. Parking. Gated, small complex. 4275 35th Street #7. 619-295-3700.

NORTH PARK. $1500. Adorable 2 bedroom, Craftsman house, dining room with built-ins, appliances, new carpet, paint, vinyl. No pets. 3514 32nd Street. Agent, 619-686-8950.

NORTH PARK. $995. 4011 Florida. Beautiful 2 bedroom apartment, completely remodeled with new appliances, carpet, paint. Laundry, off-street parking. No pets. Agent, 619-686-8950.

NORTH PARK. $795. 3379 30th Street. Completely renovated 1 bedroom cottage, great new kitchen and bath with ceramic tile, hardwood floors, charming gated courtyard. Laundry. No pets. No smoke. Close to transportation. 619-239-6208, Agent, 619-686-8950.

NORTH PARK. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. $795-$900. Multiple locations. Upstairs and downstairs available. All completely redone. Some with pool. Laundry. Parking. Cats OK. 4424-B Illinois, 4120 Kansas. 619-269-9083.

NORTH PARK. $825. Immaculate, 2 bedroom secluded in greenery, newer appliances, fenced yard, all utilities paid. Low deposit. Must see. Fee. 858-581-1290.

NORTH PARK. $895. Large, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, new carpet/vinyl/paint, dishwasher, patio, garage, on-site laundry. No pets. Nonsmoking. 3746 Swift Ave. 619-281-4698.

NORTH PARK. $595. studio. With garage, extra. $795, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upper unit. Parking. Please call 619-281-4698.

NORTH PARK. $795. 1 bedroom house. Large fenced yard, wood floors, off-street parking, storage building. 4118 34th (rear). 858-467-1776, 619-838-7410.

NORTH PARK. $795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath single family cottage. Laundry facilities. 4023 Illinois Street. No pets. Available now. 619-475-5582.

NORTH PARK. $775. 1 bedroom handcrafted apartment set in serene courtyard with trees, vines and flowers. Refinished hardwood floors! Kitty is welcome. 3949 Kansas Street. 619-223-5278.

NORTH PARK. $675; $400 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 parking space, laundry facilities. Close to bus, shopping. Credit/reference check. Available now. No pets. 619-295-4373.

NORTH PARK. $875. 2 bedroom. Upstairs. Nice and quiet. Kansas Street. Agent, 619-260-1368.

NORTH PARK. $700. Super king-size 1 bedroom apartment. Private corner, off-street parking, small complex. No smoking/pets. Near all, west of I-805. 619-462-6629.

NORTH PARK. $815. Great 2 bedroom duplex. Nice area, beautiful hardwood floors, lush landscaping. No pets. 4038 Hamilton Street (between Arizona/Oregon Street). 858-272-1550.

NORTH PARK. Cottage, completely remodeled. Steps to Hillcrest. Garage, hardwood floors, all new inside. Very private, quiet property. Very light and bright. 619-296-2787.

NORTH PARK. $675. Spacious 1 bedroom classic upstairs apartment. Older well-maintained building. Appliances. Lots of character. Near stores. 2533 University. 619-298-1493. 858-272-9547.

NORTH PARK. $795. Beautiful 1 bedroom Craftsman home. Huge kitchen. Laundry, parking. Patio and yard. Close to park and shopping. Pets considered. 3585 31st Street. After 5pm, 858-490-5800, x3514.

NORTH PARK. $650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with parking stall. Re-done and ready! Quiet neighborhood, bright and sunny. 3528 Herman #C. 619-813-8626.

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NORTH PARK. $1650. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 2-car garage. Hardwood floors. Fireplace. Modern kitchen. Antique stove. No dogs. Fenced yard. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORTH PARK. $845. Clean, quiet 2 bedroom, 2 bath with 1-car garage. Laundry in unit. Available now. For information, call 24 hours, 619-725-5430, x3204.

NORTH PARK. $1095. Private 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Bright, Hillcrest view. Small complex. Close-in. Fireplace. Laundry hookups. Remodeled. 3935 Oregon Street #4. 619-291-7774.

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NORTH PARK. $975. 2 bedroom, upstairs (30th/Redwood). Secure carport, storage, shared fenced yard (pets), free laundry, ceiling fans, bright/breezy. Gas/water paid. 858-546-8214.

NORTH PARK. $900. Near Hillcrest. Delightful, large 2 bedroom upper corner with view, privacy. Small gated complex with charming garden courtyard. 3975 Mississippi. 619-297-1286.

NORTH PARK. $1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath luxury condo. Gated, downstairs unit, fireplace, washer/dryer, garage, walk to shops. Must see! Available now! 619-624-9450.

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NORTH PARK. $1495. Beautiful remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Hardwood floors, large yard, garage, washer/dryer. 4120 34th Street. Broker, 858-467-1776, 619-838-7410.

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NORTH PARK. $800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath charming garden apartment. Monitored security. All new appliances. Patio. Laundry. Hardwood and ceramic tile floors. All utilities paid. 4409 Illinois Street. 619-546-0456.

NORTH PARK. $625. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, large lower. Gated building, new paint, updated carpets and refrigerator. No pets. 4245 34th Street. John A. Reis and Company. 858-272-1348.

NORTH PARK. $650 rent. Deposit $500. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No pets. 4222 Alabama Street #15. Call for an appointment at 619-299-0951.

NORTH PARK. $700. Quiet 1 bedroom apartment. Parking, laundry, secured, close to all. 3766 Swift Avenue. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. $1300: large 2 bedroom, 1 bath custom cottage; with garage, $1360. $950: large 1 bedroom, 1 bath custom cottage; with garage, $1010. $850: large 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment; with garage, $910. All include new appliances, paint and on-site laundry. If interested, please call 619-583-1169.

NORTH PARK. $765. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Underground parking, balcony, microwave, dishwasher. Near I-805. Cats OK. 3928 Illinois. 858-967-0687.

NORTH PARK. Large 1 bedrooms, starting at $650. Bright, airy, appliances. Water, trash, gas paid. University and Iowa Street. Close to all. 858-454-3947.

NORTH PARK. $725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath courtyard apartment. Lots of light. Like-new carpeted bedroom, vinyl, blinds. Microwave. Cool older building with laundry on site. If you want something in North Park that's a little different, come by. No dogs. Available now. 4516-1/2 Illinois Street. 619-563-1215.

NORTH PARK. $695-$865. Hidden gem. 1 and 2 bedrooms, centrally located. Pet OK. Charge. 858-571-1078.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. $665. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious, bright, upstairs unit. Beautiful built-in wooden shelving. New carpet, appliances. Large kitchen/dining area. Parking, coin laundry. 4170 Alabama. No pets. 619-296-8802.

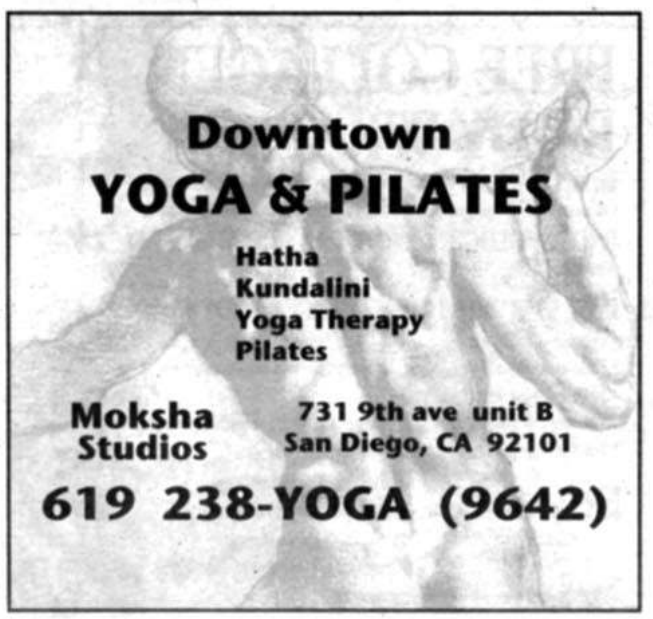
NORTH PARK/CITY HEIGHTS. $635. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Deposit $575. Fresh carpet/paint. Quiet. Laundry, parking. No pets, no smoking. 800-608-8269 x9.

NORTH PARK. $1500. Furnished nicely. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, bonus room, all appliances, washer/dryer, minutes to Mission Valley, garage. 2428 Monroe. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

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NORTH PARK. $795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Available 2/1. $995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Available 1/15 and 2/1. Pool. Parking. Controlled-access building. Clean and quiet. Dishwasher. Ceiling fan. Laundry

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NORTH PARK. $800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New paint, carpet. Security building. Pool. Recreation room. Laundry on site. Close to shopping. 4111 Illinois Street. Fred, 619-284-2424.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. $1195-$1295. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath luxury condo. Completely remodeled with all new tile and carpet flooring, custom paint, counters, appliances, lighting... simply awesome in a wonderful location. Washer/dryer in unit. Underground parking. Robert, 619-531-0826. www.floit.com

NORTH PARK. $925-$1050. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath and 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer in unit. Secure building. Close to shopping and freeway. 3939 Illinois Street. Call Red, 619-624-0775.

NORTH PARK. $725. Large 1 bedroom. Pool, new paint and stove. Great location. No pets. 619-516-2613.

NORTH PARK. $750-$925. 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom, 2 bath in quiet, established apartment community. Ceiling fan. Second floor with elevator. Low $300 deposit. 4180 Louisiana Street. 619-688-3978.

NORTH PARK. $1550. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, completely remodeled. Modern kitchen, hardwood floors, large enclosed patio, detached garage. 4321 Arizona Street. 619-640-7530.

NORTH PARK/NORMAL HEIGHTS. 1 and 2 bedrooms available. For information, call 619-843-0711.

NORTH PARK. $750. 1 bedroom with laundry facilities. $200 off first month's rent. Call now for more information, 619-696-7941. www.rentinsandiego.com.

NORTH PARK. $850. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, gated, air conditioning, dishwasher. Fireplace, dining area. No pets. available 1/10. 4070 Iowa. 858-483-3534.

NORTH PARK. $695. Move-in special! Large, newly remodeled 1 bedrooms. Gated, laundry, assigned off-street parking. No dogs. Community under renovation. 4052 and 4176 Oregon. 858-270-5500.

NORTH PARK. $800. Nice 2 bedroom apartment. Upstairs. New carpet and vinyl, blinds. Off-street parking. Laundry facilities. No pets. 4136 Iowa Street. Agent, 619-469-7790.

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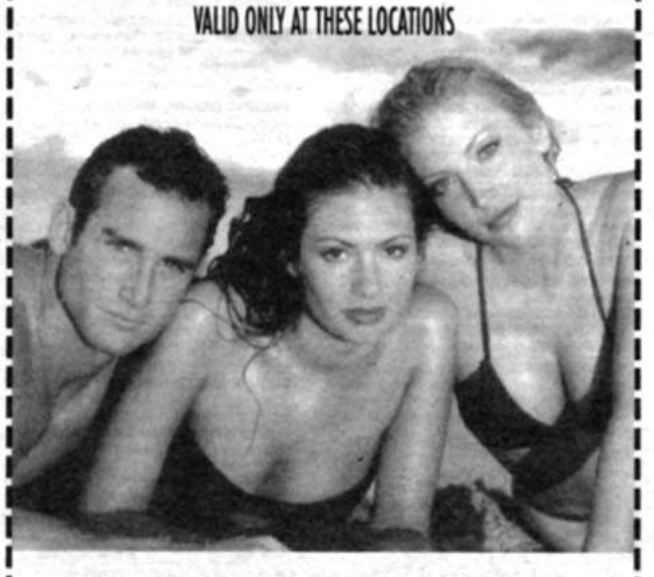
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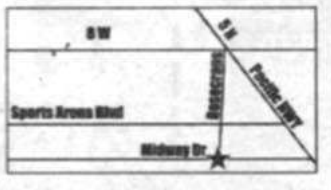
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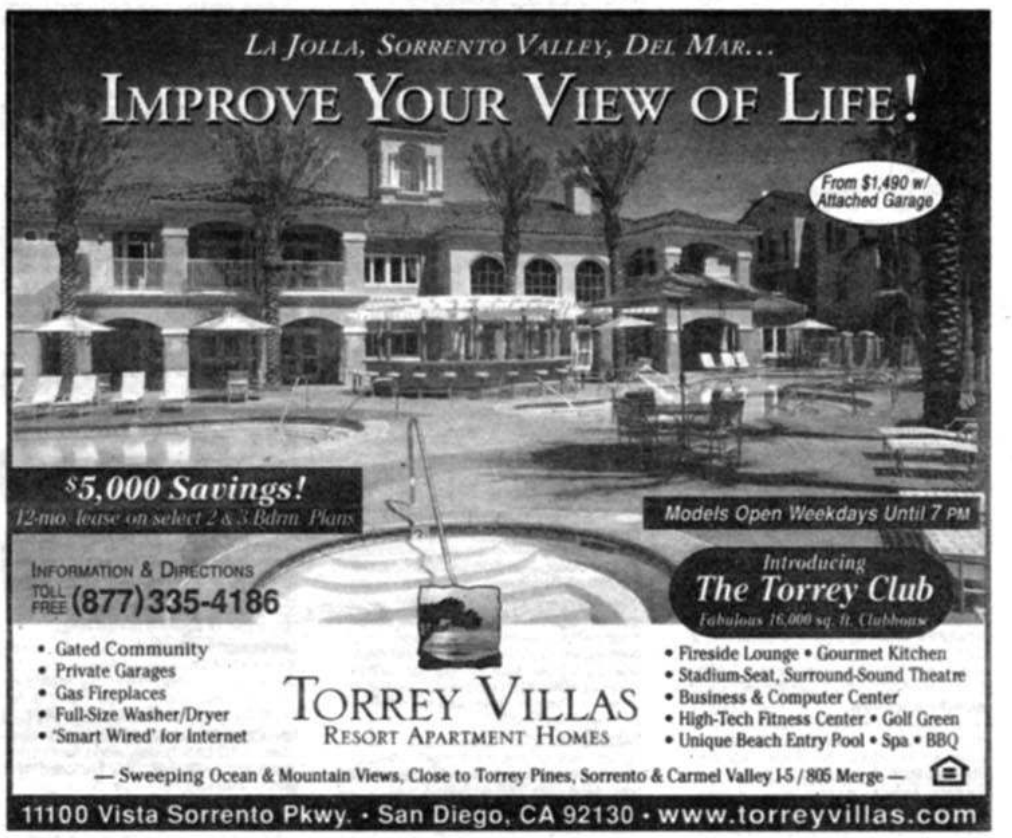
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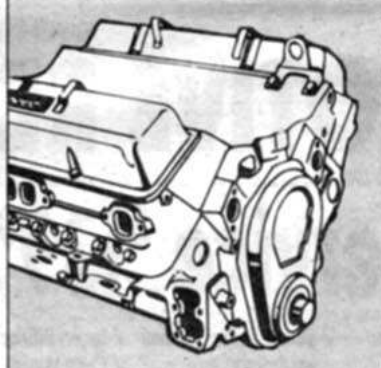
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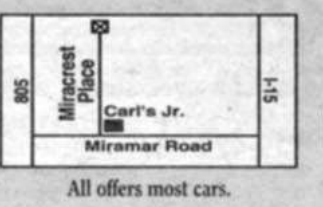
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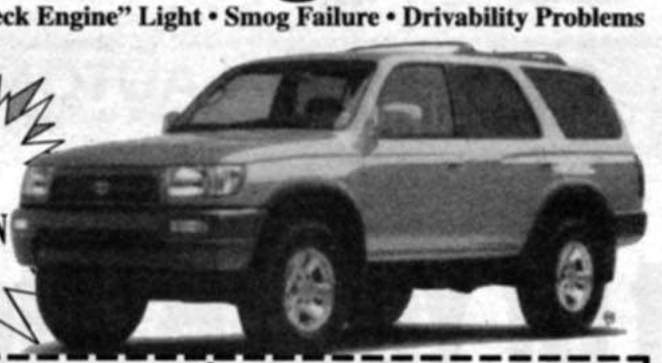
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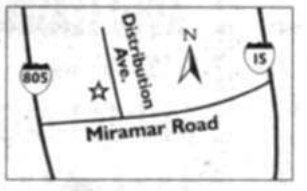
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Everything is hairier and closer to the ground.

By John Brizzolara

In December of 2001 I turned 51. It was not on a Friday, but it was during a week that contained a Friday, on a weekday darn close to Friday. That's pretty much the Friday angle, so if you need more specifically concerning "Friday," you may turn the page now. I'll understand.

Anyway, I celebrated my 51st on a day close to Friday and rented *On Golden Pond.*

Last year I wanted to write a piece about turning 50: how it felt; how I felt about my feelings about it; what it was like emotionally; how it is different from turning 30 or 40. Thing was, I wasn't quite sure how I felt about it — except for a pervasive self-pity.

It has taken me a full year to assimilate the experience, to arrive at a position where I might expound upon the experience.

Other baby boomers around my age may remember no lesser a personage than Mick Jagger sneering, "Tuhning thuty is a drag, but bein' thuty is oil raht."

Well, turning 50 is pretty much the same, I'd say, only worse. The actual days immediately leading up to the date and for several weeks afterward are a little disconcerting. In fact you might call them a depressing, doom-laden Sargasso of despair in which you feel you will drown or choke. This is accompanied by an impending sense of death, of course, and, in my case, a ratcheting-up several notches in a life-long and obsessive hypochondria. Other than these factors, I have found that there is little enough to distinguish it from most adult years. Of course, everything is hairier and closer to the ground, but you don't go around thinking about it that much. In fact, most of the time I am subconsciously assuming I am about 35. I am taken by surprise while trimming my now fully gray beard, or catching sight of myself in a store window for example: "Holy shit! I'm old! Exactly how long has this been going on and why wasn't I informed?"

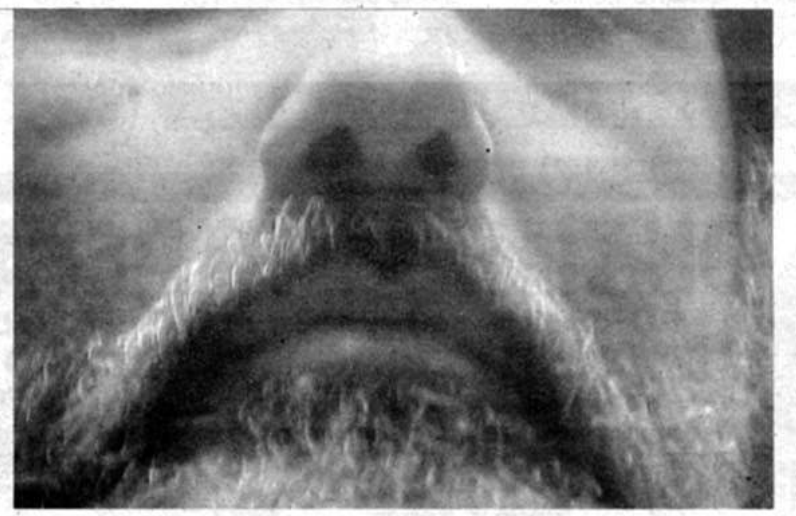
In the 1993 book *In Our Fifties: Voices of Men and Women Reinventing Their Lives* by William H. Berquist, Elinor Miler Greenberg, and G. Alan Klaum (how many plodding old duffers does it take to write a 200-page book?), one statement in particular caught my attention: "Many men and women experience an elevated sexual interest during their fifties — an interest that they frequently enjoy but that society in general has not yet accepted."

Boy this could not be more wrong. I will credit this perky wink of optimism only as far as, yeah, we would really know what we were doing by now if we could only do it. One of the true benefits of being this age is a blessed relief from the drives that have broken my heart and others, brought children into a world of acid rain, and where sex can very well equal death; a maddening and mindless, humiliating and clownish pursuit of what the erotic poets describe as beautiful — but let's face it, the act is hardly *Swan Lake.*

Okay, in my case it might be the Prozac. They say it has that side effect. But the trade-off would be depressive, desperate sex that ends in bittersweet orgasm and weeping — or not feeling, in general, as bad as you might about things. The choice is clear to me.

You hear a lot about older men like myself pathetically dating younger women, supposedly to make themselves feel younger. Wrong again. I dated a 26-year-old to whom I had to explain Bo Diddley, the difference between the Civil War and WWII, as well as the fact that the hair growing out of my ears was not some freakish mutation, but a common occurrence "at a certain age."

The phone just rang. Who would be calling me at 11:45 on a Thursday night? Turns out it's an old high school mate. He was drunk and reminiscing about the '60s. Among my many indulgences you will not find nostalgia. I tried changing the subject. He's a psychologist in Ohio and is also 51. I tell him I write a column called "TGIF" and here's what he says: "You know, the decade of an individual's 50s — in a man or woman's life — is like a Friday isn't it?"



More than a touch of gray at 51

"I don't get you."

"Well, taken life as a whole and considered metaphorically as a week, the 50s would be our Friday night."

Cheery. "You mean like the Sinatra song? 'Now I'm in the September of my years' or maybe it was 'the autumn of my years?'"

"Precisely." I now remember this guy as being one of the looniest dudes at Lane Tech High. I suppose it was natural for him to go into psychology. "But the 50s are an opportunity to reinvent ourselves." He must have been reading the same book. "Don't you agree?"

"I don't see how," I tell him. "What am I gonna do, become a trapeze artist? Join the Peace Corps?"

"It's never too late," he says sagely.

"For what in particular?" But there is silence on the other end of the phone. Possibly he has passed out. "Hello. Hello?" I set the phone down, remove my glasses and rub my eyes. I look at my watch, it is 12:01 Friday morning.

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CHEVY SUBURBAN, 1999, blue, leather, tow, air conditioning, power windows, door locks, tilt. $21,997. Vin-391857. Courtesy Chevrolet, 888-868-1018.

CHEVY VAN, 1984, G-30 diesel 1-ton cargo van, nice rig, no smog required, running strong, trailer hitch, stereo, extra wheels and parts, work or play. 858-272-4866.

CHEVY VENTURE, 1999, white, leather, CD, cassette, front/rear air conditioning, power windows/door locks. $16,997. Vin-232375. Courtesy Chevrolet, 888-868-1018.

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CHRYSLER PT CRUISER, 2001, 9K miles, cranberry red. Stock-552495. Christmas present toy for a big boy. Best offer, must sell. Call Andrea, Pacific Beach Toyota, 800-380-6073.

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FORD F-150 SUPERCAB XLT, 1999, lots of extras, only $15,995. Vin-C01381. Midway Jeep-Chrysler, 777 Camino del Rio S., Mission Valley, 619-224-4151; www.midwayjeep.com.

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P185/65R14	$55	P205/70R15	$70	P205/75R15	$65
P175/70R13	$50	P215/70R15	$70	P215/75R15	$70
P185/70R13	$55	P225/70R16	$75	P225/75R15	$75
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P195/70R14	$50	P185/75R14	$45
P205/70R14	$50	P195/75R14	$50



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P205/75R14	$65	P215/75R15	$70
P205/75R15	$70	P225/75R15	$75
P215/75R15	$70	P235/75R15	$80
P225/75R15	$75	P185/70R14	$50
P185/70R14	$50	P195/70R14	$55
P195/70R14	$55	P205/70R14	$60
P205/70R14	$60	P215/70R14	$65
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P205/65R15	$70	P215/65R15	$70
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33X12.50R15	$135	LT285/75R16	$165
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LT285/75R16	$165		
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P215/60R15	$65	P215/70R14	$65
P225/60R15	$70	P205/70R15	$60
P225/60R16	$80	P215/70R15	$65
P195/65R14	$55	P225/70R15	$65
P195/65R15	$60	P235/70R15	$70
P205/65R15	$70	P175/65R14	$50
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P225/75R15	$65	P235/75R15	$70
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P225/70R15	$65	P235/70R15	$70
P175/65R14	$50	P185/65R14	$50

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P215/70R15	$100	P215/75R15	$90
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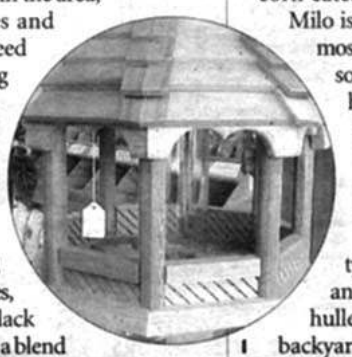
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BestBuys

–EVE KELLY

At age five, my nephew Aidan had memorized and made a drawing of nearly every bird in his guidebook. He kept a daily watch for new birds to add to his bird diary. During a recent visit with him, I caught the bird-watching fever as well. I longed for a backyard filled with the flight and calls of our feathered friends. So off I headed to purchase some feeders and food. Wal-Mart's display of bird food dizzied me with choices so I headed back home to do some preliminary research. I called up the Wild Bird Center in Encinitas and spoke with owner Scott Todd.

"The primary seed for birds in our area as well as most of the birds in North America is black oil sunflower," (**$13.95** for a 25-pound bag) explained Todd. "It is a specific little sunflower, not the striped variety, but the smaller hulled seed. It is very rich in oil and is the favorite food of most of the birds in the area, including house finches and towhees. Another bird feed that is very popular among our birds here is called millet. [White Proso Millet is **$12.95** for 25 pounds.] Millet comes in both white and red and it is just a little tiny white canary seed, if you will. In most bird-feed stores, you will find millet and black oil combined together for a blend or a mix. The other seed that is popular with birds in our area is safflower seed [**$14.95** for 20 pounds], which is where you get safflower oil. Those three seeds are really the primary seeds that you find in almost all of the birdseed stores. The last birdseed that I would highlight is called nyjer [**$31.95** for 20 pounds].



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Anywhere you have oak trees, there are big colonies of acorn woodpeckers.

Nyjer has a misnomer attached to it — it is called 'thistle' and it is really not a thistle at all, it's a wild rice. And nyjer is really popular with our gold finches — the little wild canaries that we find in our backyards. One seed that people do not like to see in their mix but is found in a lot of the larger stores is called milo. Milo is not to be confused with millet. It is a BB-sized red seed. Milo is really only popular with a few birds, like our California quail. In some of the dove and quail mixes [**$12.95** for 25 pounds], you will find milo mixed in with millet and cracked corn because our little California state quail are cracked-corn eaters and milo eaters.



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Milo is too hard of a seed for most birds to consume, however, so if it is found in a mix, most of our house finches and sparrows do what they call bill sweeping and that means tossing it out of the feeder and throwing it on the ground in search of a better seed.

"We sell about nine different types of seed. Some have hulls on them and we also have seed that has been dehulled for people who like a nice clean backyard or patio with no mess involved. And we have hummingbird feeders and oriole feeders and peanuts for the blue jays. Our western scrub jays are primarily peanut-eaters; they like peanuts in a shell, like when you go camping and see the jays come to the picnic table looking for handouts. A lot of our people get used to feeding two to four blue jays using peanuts in a tray."

Wild Bird Center also carries suet, which, Todd explains, "is rendered kidney fat from cattle. The Orange Delight Suet [**$2.75**] has been very popular. I've heard that the birds have become accustomed to the citrus flavor from all the citrus trees here in Southern California, so they enjoy the orange flavor."

Do you need to feed birds year-round?

"If you start feeding birds, you need to feed them through the winter. That will help them out but you will never starve any backyard birds. They are simply foragers and they are very efficient at it: they will go to the neighbor's, they will go to an open field. Birds don't hang out all day, they do the ebb-and-flow routine. They will come by and use the backyard kind of as a quick fix. We like to think of it as being like the McDonald's of the backyard. It is good high-quality seed; it is easy for the bird to get to the seed and then they can go off and augment their diet during the day."

Are there certain types of feeders for certain birds or seeds?

"There are about four different types of feeders. The most commonly found one is the tube feeder — an acrylic or polycarbonate tube with perches on it. Those are populated usually by house finches. A lot of people buy tray feeders, which is simply a big open screen with reinforced sides that allows all of the birds to come flying in and eat out of it. A lot of our birds are ground feeders — they don't know how to perch, or their preference is not to perch so they like a tray feeder. Then there is what they call a hopper feeder. It is like the traditional rustic looking roof over a tray that is protected from the weather and birds can eat on either side of it. The tray is wide open to the world. And then there is a feeder called a fly-through, and it is simply a tray that has been given a roof and the roof keeps the weather off of it and the birds sometimes feel a little more protected with a roof overhead so that the hawks don't see them as easily. The Droll Yankees brand bird feeders will last you for life. They are very well made. I am the only distributor of this brand in Southern California and I have had some people come very far to buy this brand."

Larry Hendrickson from the Bird Watcher in Julian enlightened me on a few mountain birds that people spot in Julian. "We get the most comments on the acorn woodpecker. Anywhere you have oak trees, there are big colonies of acorn woodpeckers. We also have the mountain chickadee and the Steller's jay. We sell a special blend which we had made for all birds in all areas called the Supreme Mix. The main component is Black Oil Sunflower seed. It is top of the line, with millet, black striped sunflower, safflower, cracked corn, pine nuts, canary grass seed, Spanish peanuts, and nyjer. We sell 20 pounds for **$11.95**."



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Some other prices of wild bird seed around town: Pet People carry a Cheep Cheap Wild-bird Food for **$4.49** for a 16-pound bag and a 20-pound bag of Kaytee Wild Bird Food for **$5.99**. Petco sells a 45-pound bag of Wild Bird Food by Flite Song for **$7.99**. They also carry Kaytee Supreme Oil Sunflower for **$9.99** for 25 pounds. Petsmart stocks a 50-pound bag of Black Oil Sunflower for **$9.99**. They also sell Graceful Flight No Waste at **$7.99** for ten pounds. It is a "hull-free seed blend." The Wild Bird Center sells a Patio Mix that is 100 percent edible for **$24.95** for 20 pounds. This will attract the house finch, song sparrow, and towhee.

1. Gazebo feeder
2. Scott Todd
3. Bird seed

fifth and rear towing, Rhino, much more. Must sell, 619-226-2240.

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FORD MOTOR HOME, 1983, 27', runs and drives excellent. Needs minor cosmetics. Fully loaded, Ohan generator, 86K miles, nice live in size. $6000/best. 858-268-1905.

FORD MUSTANG GT, 1998, convertible, 33K miles, 5-speed, all black with black leather, adult driven, beautiful condition. Must sell. $16,000/best. Ben, 858-273-1151.

FORD MUSTANG COUPE, 1969, 302 V-8, runs excellent, body very straight, interior only needs driver's seat redone. Priced to sell. $3500/best. 858-268-1905.

FORD MUSTANG GT, 1997, convertible, green, 38,991 miles, V-8, automatic, ABS, all power, air bags, leather, alloys, CD. $11,995. Vin-174496; stock-400807. El Cajon Mazda Kia, 619-442-7050.

FORD MUSTANG GT, 1998, green, V-8, 5-speed, cruise, air, ABS, all power, air bags, tilt, custom, CD. $12,995. Vin-229331; stock-400778. El Cajon Mazda Kia, 619-442-7050.

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GEO METRO, 1994, black, 2 door, 5-speed, am/fm cassette, new tires, brakes, excellent condition, 45mpg, super gas saver, $1300/best. 760-746-9745.

GMC PICKUP, 1962, includes telescopic camper and jacks, contains 4 beds, chemical toilet, sink, icebox, propane stove, light, $400. 619-223-3653.

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HONDA ACCORD DX, 1988, maroon, 5-speed, 4 door, air conditioning, just passed smog and new tags, runs well. $2000/best. 619-665-4954.

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HONDA CIVIC DX, 1990, hatchback, about 4K miles on rebuilt motor, air, clean interior, 4 cylinder, 4-speed, new brakes, tires, CD player, all paperwork. 619-225-2372.

HONDA CIVIC LX, 1997, green, 4 door, automatic, all power, taupe interior, 54K miles. Great condition. $9500. 858-720-2590.

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MOTOR HOME, 1985 38' Diesel Pusher, black and silver, new brakes, tires, batteries. Awnings, Levelors, oak cabinets, ice maker, bar. Looks and runs great. $41,000. 858-558-7997.

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SUBARU IMPREZA SEDAN, 1994, Forest green, 98K miles, runs excellent, CD, sunroof, automatic, asking $3500. 760-729-1749.

SUBARU LEGACY OUTBACK, 1998, all wheel drive, 69K miles, white, excellent condition, regular preventive maintenance, new timing belt, 2 new tires, $14,800/best. 760-944-1714.

SUBARU OUTBACK SPORT, 1999, 38K, green, loaded, power steering/locks/windows, cruise, air, automatic, roof rack, CD, amplifier, alarm, new tires. $14,250/best. todd_haseyama@intuit.com. 858-484-7975.

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To the Top

The week before New Year's, we took a hike. On a misty Saturday morning, my husband Jack shuffled downstairs around 9:00. I stood at the kitchen counter eating bites of pancake and syrup the kids had left on their plates. Jack wrapped his arms around me from behind. "Were you able to sleep?" I asked. Most mornings, Jack leaves the house before 6:00 to get from our home in San Marcos to his job in Santee. On Saturdays, I try to let him sleep in.

"A little," Jack answered and looked out into the family room. Fifteen-month-old Ben sat on the couch with Lucy and Johnny, aged five and three, respectively. Ben hopped down off the couch and toddled toward Jack, who smiled and held out his arms. "What are you guys watching?" Jack asked as he picked up Ben.

"The new *Fantasia* DVD we got from Aunt Anita," nine-year-old Rebecca answered from where she lay in front of the TV.

"It's really cool," almost-seven-year-old Angela added.

Jack hugged Ben and turned to me. "We've got to get these kids out of the house," he said. "All they've done all week is watch their new videos and DVDs and eat Christmas cookies."

I looked at my lethargic crew. "They do look a little glazed," I agreed.

When the DVD ended, Rebecca stretched and asked, "What are we doing today?"

"Hiking to the top of the mountain," Jack answered.

The kids cheered. "You mean the mountain by the lake?" Angela asked. "The one we tried to climb before?"

"Yup," Jack told her. A few weeks earlier, Jack and the kids had attempted to hike to the top of one of the mountains that rise along San Marcos's southern border. They'd had to turn around when Lucy needed to go to the bathroom and refused to use the bushes.

I helped the kids get dressed while Jack packed a picnic lunch. An hour later, we piled out of our van in the lake parking lot and headed up the trail. Jack carried Ben in a baby backpack. Rebecca carried our sandwiches in a small, insulated lunch box. I carried the rest of the lunch in one of the kids' school backpacks and held Johnny's hand.

The first part of the trail was paved. We climbed steeply above Discovery Lake and hiked past a construction site. Johnny wanted to stop and look at the massive earthmoving equipment. "Not today," Jack told him. "We have a long way to go."

"Look, Johnny," Rebecca pointed to an outcropping of trees high atop the mountain above us. "That's where we're going."

"Cool," Johnny said.

"Whoa," Ben intoned from the backpack. We all laughed.

Almost a mile up the hill, the paved trail ended. We branched off onto a rocky track that led further up the mountain's side. Lucy and Angela ran ahead. Johnny and I brought up the rear. As we climbed higher, I thought about hiking with my dad.

At my father's memorial service a year ago March, I told a story about a backpacking trip we'd taken when I was six. My dad led my sister, my two brothers, and me for a week along the John Muir Trail in the eastern High Sierra. The first day out, we hiked about five or six miles. I remembered walking down a long, sloping canyon near the end of the day. My legs had shaken with each step. At one point, I stopped and told my dad I couldn't go any further.

"Just put one foot in front of the other," he had told me. "You'll get there."

The Saturday before New Year's, I looked at my family spread out along the trail. Johnny stopped to rest. "I'm tired," he whined. "I want some lunch."

"We'll have lunch at the top," I told him. "Come on, let's go."

After a series of switchbacks and a last steep ascent, we stood at the mountain's crest. "I can see the lake," Rebecca said. She pointed down at where we'd begun. "It looks like a Barbie lake."

Jack and I spread out the picnic. The kids gathered around. We ate our sandwiches and crackers and apples. We drank our water and juice. A nice man we'd seen mountain-biking up the trail took our picture.

On the way down, a light, steady rain began to fall. Ben fell asleep in the backpack. The girls sang a rain song. I prayed the rain would stop. "This is about the time on *Rescue 9-1-1* when the announcer says, 'The Albright family of San Marcos, California, set out on what they imagined would be a fun family outing.' "

Jack rolled his eyes.

About halfway down the unpaved trail, Johnny stopped to rest again. He whined louder. As the rain fell harder, I turned to Jack. "Lift Johnny up on my shoulders," I told him. "I'll carry him until we get to the paved part."

For the next mile or so, Johnny leaned against the back of my head and his bottom rested on my backpack. My neck ached. My shoulders burned. My legs shook with each step down.

When we reached the paved part of the trail, the rain let up. I set Johnny down. Jack walked up behind me. "That was impressive," he said. "How did you do that?"

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