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All the Good Scenery, Nice Sunsets, Sunrises

From the wheelhouse of the *Harbor Commander*, I spotted two fat sea lions lounging on a buoy about halfway between the Silver Strand and the Navy shipyard. It was a bright warm February morning, and as they lolled in their languorous stupor, they seemed the embodiment of indolence. I raised an arm in a casual salute. The bigger of the sea lions raised a flipper in apparent response.

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LETTERS

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Duplicitous Humans
I wanted to answer the question posed on the front page of this week's Reader: "Trigger happy or just plain happy?" (January 17). Well, I wanted to say that this young man was likely both, because that's the way youngsters are. And I know that humans can be two ways about things, duplicitous and deceitful. It seems as though this is what this young man was, as well as a murderer.
Fred Jackson

False Witness
This letter is in regard to the glowing accolades that Mr. Kimball's letter (January 10) gives Abe Opincar's December 20 "Sheep and Goats" column about the Jehovah's Witnesses. I'm wondering if Mr. Opincar was aware during his interview with the Witnesses that the Watchtower and the Bible Tract Society have a long, well-documented history of falsely prophesying dates for Armageddon, the destruction of Christendom, and the last battle on earth.
Stating these facts is not being "intolerant," but rather, proving historical facts. The Jehovah's Witnesses have been setting dates since 1889, 1914, and 1916, with each of those years ending as a "false prophesy." In 1918 the second president of the Watchtower, "judge" Rutherford, gave an "inspired prophesy" regarding our good ole hometown, San Diego. The "judge" said that the patriarchs — Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the faithful prophets of old — would be resurrected from the dead in 1925 and then live here in San Diego. Of course, these patriarchs from long ago couldn't just live in a flat on the beach. They needed something more "impressionable" to the San Diego community. Therefore, the Watchtower built a palatial palace in the Kensington area called Beth Sarem, or the House of the Princes. So there is a standing memorial to the Watchtower's false prophesy here in San Diego.
The historical facts are that Armageddon and the return of the patriarchs did not happen as the Witnesses prophesied; therefore, they are guilty of being false prophets and not God's only organization on earth. The acid test of a true biblical prophet was that the

prophesy was on time. Not a day late!
Deuteronomy 18:22 sets the divine standard for the test of inspired prophesy.

The long list of false prophesies, including the above-mentioned dates, are as follows: 1926, 1931, 1938, 1941, and 1968, where we are asked, "Why are you looking forward to 1975?"
I agree with Mr. Kimball's closing sentence, that "we need to know about and understand our neighbors"; however, our neighbors should present to us the whole story about their inspired organization and not the polished-up one. Get a second opinion based upon facts and not what headquarters tell the faithful to tell you.
Name Withheld

No Doubting Thomas
Christianity is not a "mythology" as Phyllis (Letters, January 3) states but is firmly rooted in historical fact. Jesus was a real person who physically died on a cross and was physically resurrected from the dead. Jesus was seen in His post-resurrection state by over 500 people. In contrast, the majority of the world's religions are based on subjective experiences or on the teachings of a leader who is now dead. Again in contrast, Jesus is still alive.
And the teaching that Christianity is the only way to God does not come from the church fathers, as Phyllis wrote. It comes from Jesus Himself, who said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but by Me" (John 14:6).
Chris Hearn

Evangelical Crap
I write this piece in response to the so-called review (of what, I'm still not entirely certain, because he didn't seem to review anything) by Mr. Kleinzahler in the November 21 Reader (Pop Music). As a music columnist, he gives no further, factual critique of heavy metal other than complaining about loud, distorted guitar riffs and what he termed (in his own, thoughtless approach) to be indiscernible vocals; this, compounded with a string of distorted historical information and nonfactual generalization. Kleinzahler states, "It all sounds the same to me: a wall of loud, undifferentiated guitar with shrieked lyrics I can never make out but are doubtless meant to be menacing or naughty." What? Are we in Sunday school? It slashes and torments my soul even to quote such self-prophetic, evangelical crap.
Jason VanLiere
Pacific Beach

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Race card Padres owner **John Moores** and his wife **Becky** were scheduled to throw a fundraiser last night at their estate in Rancho Santa



John Moores



Ward Connerly



Pete Wilson



Roger Hedgecock

Fe for a new initiative being sponsored by **Ward Connerly's** American Civil Rights Coalition, according to an invitation to the \$500-per-head event. The statewide ballot measure, entitled the Racial Privacy Initiative, would ban "racial classifications and, with limited exceptions, prohibit questions probing one's racial or ethnic identity on state and local government forms," according to coalition executive director **Kevin Nguyen**. "Census 2000 recognizes 126 racial and ethnic categories. That is about 125 too many. In a state where more 'multiracial' children are born than 'black' children, it just doesn't make sense to stuff people into these racial boxes." Moores and Connerly are both regents of the University of California, Moores appointed by Democratic governor **Gray Davis**, to whom he gave more than half a million dollars in campaign funds, and Connerly by former Republican governor **Pete Wilson**, who met Connerly when Wilson was San Diego mayor and Connerly, an outspoken foe of affirmative action, was a city-housing consultant. Wilson is listed as an "event sponsor" on the invitation, along with **Jim Woodhill** and **Peter Schaeffer**, two Texas software entrepreneurs with close ties to Moores. Schaeffer is a founder and former chief technical officer of Neon Systems, the outfit at the center of the **Valerie Stallings** influence-buying scandal. Woodhill recently joined the board of Neon after selling his software start-up to the company, according to a company press release. Another UC regent appointed by Wilson, La Jolla **Peter Preuss**, is also listed, along with conservative intellectual and American slavery-reparations foe **David Horowitz**. Rounding out the bill is the event's master of ceremonies, radio talk-show host **Roger Hedgecock**, the ex-San Diego mayor forced from office in a 1980s campaign-contributions scandal. Listed as "premium sponsors" of the fundraiser is Colorado brewer **Joseph Coors** and his wife **Anne**.

Gateway-gate North Carolina Republican and U.S. Senate hopeful **Elizabeth Dole**, who was once reported in a newspaper society column here as dining at Donovan's steakhouse with **Ted Waitt** and fellow directors of troubled Gateway computers, has been making less friendly Gateway news back at home. Gateway is the subject of six class-action shareholder lawsuits alleging insider trading, shredded documents, and wasteful spending during the long slide of Gateway stock and bond value. The stock once traded at \$70; now it's down to around \$6. Dole was on the board for 17 months before resigning her \$24,000-a-year position in the fall to run for Senate, reports the *Winston-Salem Journal*. Political opponents are expected to use the Gateway debacle against Dole. "It's a problem if you were on the board," **Alan Palmiter**, a professor at Wake Forest University School of Law, told the paper. "If you are on the board, you have a responsibility to know what's happening and exercise some supervisory authority. It raises questions about the supervisory, managerial function that directors in a corporation should be doing." ... **Chuck Nathanson**, executive director of UCSD Extension's controversial San Diego Dialogue program — the cross-border think tank-cum-lobbying operation closely tied to Tijuana's financial establishment, which has had a powerful hand in everything from maquiladoras to siting a proposed regional airport to San Diego Board of Education politics — has been undergoing chemotherapy and is on a six-month medical leave of absence, he confirmed this week.

Dining out, Thai style The latest hot gossip in Thailand involves a Bangkok movie star and his alleged affair with Thai princess **Ubolratana Rajakanya**, divorced from San Diegan **Peter Jensen**, onetime business partner of ex-felon **Richard Silberman** and former husband of ex-San Diego mayor **Susan Golding**. In a TV interview, the princess denied knowing the actor, **Nirut Sirichanya**, but said she had once met his wife **Orawan**, who helped her sell some real estate in San Diego, according to the *Bangkok Post*. "I saw him once at a Thai restaurant owned by his friend. Someone told me he was an actor," she reportedly said.

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Eagle mine, Julian

Hell Holes

By Ernie Grimm

Before tourism, before apples, Julian's reason for being was gold. The town would still be a mountain plateau had it not been for a minor gold rush in the 1870s. When what gold there was had been found and the prospectors moved on, they left mines. Many are now on public lands managed by Anza-Bor-

rego and Cuyamaca State Parks, the federal Bureau of Land Management, and the United States Forest Service and are open to public exploration. And as old mining claims expire and the state

parks continue to grow, more mines are becoming open to the public. But amateur explorers should be warned: mines are a dangerous environment, and should you get hurt or lost inside one, San Diego County search-and-rescue teams will not go in to help you.

That's not to say that they won't help you, says search-and-rescue coordinator Sergeant Christine Robbins. "Currently, in San Diego, we don't have anybody that is mine certified. But the State of California does. And if somebody were to be lost or hurt inside the mine, we would respond and evaluate the situation — look at what the terrain is and what the situation is — then request the necessary resources through the state OES, then just wait."

OES stands for Office of Emergency Services. "We're under the governor's office," says Deputy Chief Matt Scharper from his office in Fresno. "I'm with the law-enforcement branch. I'm the state search-and-rescue coordinator. So I maintain the state search-and-rescue mutual-aid system."

Search-and-rescue operations in California are run by the sheriffs of each county. Hence Robbins's rank of sergeant. "If a 911 call comes into the sheriff's dispatch

center here in San Diego," Robbins explains, "they call the on-duty coordinator, which would be me. We would go respond to the area, set up a command post, evaluate the situation, and see what resources we're going to need. Even before that, if I had a mine situation, I would call state and give them a heads up because I don't have any mine-certified people. 'This is what we're going to, I'll be giving you a callback shortly to let you know what resources I'm going to need.' Then I'll take a core group of volunteers with me to set up my base camp, set up a perimeter, assess the situation. It's in our county, so we're in charge of the operation. If we need other resources, I call state, and they send someone in to work for us."

When Scharper gets the call from Robbins, he alerts the nearest mine-certified rescue team, which is run by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's office. "And if they weren't available," Scharper says, "we'd get the next-closest team. There's one in Kern County, there's one in Tuolumne County, and one, I believe, in Lassen County. We would get a team to San Diego one way or the other."

Scharper, once Robbins has explained the situation to

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Bob Zook and Christine Robbins

Permanent Crisis

By Justin Wolff

Exactly one week before Christmas I stood on the grounds of the National Guard Armory in Escondido. It was a clear, chilly evening, and five of us huddled in the parking lot. A worried guardsman was appealing for help. The problem was that it was Dart Night — which, as far as anybody could make out, was a night when the National Guard's "upper echelons" came to the armory to play darts — and Interfaith's private security had not arrived yet. It was already 5:30, the guardsman explained, and bands of homeless men were starting to congregate across the street.

Interfaith Community Services is an organization based in Escondido that partners with North County faith centers of all denominations to address poverty and homelessness. For years the National Guard has let Interfaith use its armory as a cold-weather shelter for the homeless. It's a good deal for Interfaith, but it can present logistical problems for the National Guard. Since September 11, for instance, the armory has been at security level Bravo, a heightened state of alert, which means that anyone entering the armory grounds, including the homeless, must show a picture ID and be searched for

weapons. It's up to Interfaith to enforce this rule, and everything calmed down once the security guard arrived.

I made small talk with Mac MacFarlane, Interfaith's spokesperson, as about 50 people — single adults and families with children — lined up along the outside of the armory's chain-link fence and waited for 6:00 p.m., when the gates open. It felt awkward to chat about the twinkling ornaments and lights strung along the eaves of the residential houses standing across Park Avenue from the armory while the line of people grew longer. They stood in silence, holding the blankets that Interfaith had handed them. The lights go out at 9:00 p.m. in the armory, and the homeless use the blankets to cover themselves while they sleep on ragged, half-inch mats on the hard floor.

Mac changed the subject. "I can understand why the people who live in this neighborhood might worry," he said, "but still, we haven't had any complaints. I'm sure everyone who lives around here has had a family member or friend who has hit hard times."

According to Interfaith's December "fact sheet," the number of people experiencing "hard times" in North County has risen in recent months, and not just because of winter weather. Since September 11 and the ensuing economic downturn, the organization has had a measurable increase in many categories, including a 22 percent increase in soup-kitchen attendance, an exacerbation of post-traumatic stress disorder in veterans, and a rising rate of relapse among clients in recovery.

Considering the circumstances this winter, the in-

creased security at the armory is unfortunate. Were the Escondido National Guard to move beyond security level Bravo, it would be forced to close its armory to the homeless. I asked First Sergeant John Dupree, who oversees the armory's use by Interfaith, if there was any way of knowing whether the gates will be locked.

"There really is no way to predict that," he said. "The protection levels are measures that our commanders put in place to protect the force. As far as I know, it could be from one day to the next. It would come as an order from the adjutant general of California.

"Those aren't our rules and regulations," MacFarlane explained, "but we abide by them because we enjoy using that building. There's always the possibility that the armory will have to close. I

mean, this is a level of defense for our nation. If they need their building, then they need their building."

Suzanne Stewart Pohlman, the executive director of Interfaith, admitted that the situation has been difficult. "It's become problematic," she said. "I had a paranoid schizophrenic in here who was constantly losing his ID. He came in to appeal to me one more time the other day. I think he's lost a dozen. But we're not permitted to make any allowances. He needs an ID."

But Pohlman is a resolute director, and she refused to complain. "The National Guard gave us plenty of warning," she said, "and we were able to get the word out to our clients that they need these identifications to get into the shelter."

Another factor making matters more complex this

winter is the fact that North County Solutions for Change, an agency that ran a December-to-March shelter in Vista in past years, has been unable to find a shelter location this year. The 100-bed winter shelter — which had been sponsored by Vista, though the \$50,000 to \$100,000 cost had been shared by Encinitas, San Marcos, Oceanside, and Carlsbad — usually opened on December 15. But in November the Vista City Council refused to host the shelter, and then in December the Oceanside City Council also refused.

Chris Megison, the director of North County Solutions for Change, did not return my phone calls, but other advocates for the homeless are upset. "That's impacted us — definitely," MacFarlane said. "We're al-

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Outside National Guard Armory, Escondido



Suzanne Stewart Pohlman



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him, will call Lieutenant Mike Tuttle, Robbins's counterpart in San Bernardino County. Or, Robbins can call Tuttle directly. "The reason for that is we coordinate for our region, which is region six" — the Office of Emergency Services divides the state into six regions for law-enforcement purposes — "which includes Inyo, Mono, San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego, and Imperial Counties. So if the search-and-rescue coordinators in San Diego know we have that type of resource, they can call us direct and we can respond."

Either way, once Tuttle knows the situation, he contacts his mine-rescue team coordinator, Deputy Albert Ramos, who is stationed in Barstow. The mine team, part of San Bernardino County's desert rescue team, is made up of 12 volunteers. They aren't mine enthusiasts, Ramos says. "Believe me, they would rather not go in if they didn't have to. No, it's not a hobby, by no means. They don't go do this on their off time other than for training purposes."

The team is certified for mine-rescue operations, Ramos explains, "by MSHA, Mine Safety Health Administration, which is a federal agency. There is some major red tape to getting certification. You have to have so many hours on the breathing apparatus, you have to have gas-detector training, you have to have some rope-skill training. There's a lot involved."

Asked what makes mine certification such an extensive process, Tuttle answers, "Well, the potential for bad air, for one. That's probably the biggest concern for me,

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putting people down a hole that's full of bad air, which could kill them. The second aspect is that most of the mines are old and not maintained. So you could go down and the shoring will fall and break because it's rotted, or the ladders going down shafts will rot away and break. That's how a lot of the accidents that we go to happen. Either that or people will be walking along a horizontal shaft and the floor will give away, so you end up with a collapse. It's really a dangerous environment. I know a lot of people go in them, but, boy, they're crazy for doing it."

Ramos says that his mine team averages two rescues per year, almost all within San Bernardino County. "The desert is just full of holes, full of mines from years and years back, the old prospectors and stuff. All of these mines have since been abandoned. They're not kept up, so they deteriorate. But they seem to be a magnet for curious people. The last big mine that we participated in was in the Calico Mountain area, which is about 15 miles northeast of Barstow, off Interstate 15. There was a big group of off-roaders that had come out for the day to go four-wheeling. They had gotten out in back of the mountains, and they came to one area where there was a nice, big opening to a mine, and a bunch of them decided to go in and explore the mine on foot. They parked quite a ways away, and they hiked up to the opening. They were kind of following one another inside, they had some flashlights. This one kid was walking along, and for some reason, he either turned his light off, didn't have a light, or something, but he ended up going off a horizontal

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shaft and falling down a vertical shaft. He fell about 40 feet and broke his leg and something else. We got called to that and went in and got him. That was the last big mine rescue that we had."

Though his is the closest mine-rescue team to San Diego, Ramos can't remember his team ever responding to a mine situation in this county, even though the Julian area is pocked with mines. Eagle and High Peak mine owner Mr. Nelson — "I don't like to give people my first name" — says there are hundreds. But, he adds, "The number left open to be

the kind of nuisance that you're talking about is very minute. What happens is just like a wound on a body; the earth heals itself. The hole will stay where it is inside because nothing's going on in there — there's no temperature change, no weather, no rain — so it stays fine. But the erosion on the outside seals the opening up."

Still, Nelson is aware that some mines are still open, and people are exploring them. "The Warlock mine," he says, "which is halfway down the Banner grade, everybody and their brother has been stealing so much from there that there's nothing left but the hole in the

ground, and it's not maintained. So you can probably go in there 1800 feet at one time, but it's dangerous as hell."

What makes it so dangerous?

"The timber rotting, having not been looked at and maintained. Some of them, when they have water in them, the floor is wet, and you can't tell a puddle from a shaft that goes down 300 feet, because it's all the same water level. Then, when you go up the ladders, maybe you get up so far, and then one rung breaks.

"People can easily go down a hole and get lost and disoriented," Nelson continues. "It's like getting lost in the desert. You walk back and

forth until you die, and all the while Las Vegas is just over the hill. Hell, people can't even go hiking these days without getting lost, let alone going into a mine. Every other weekend up here some hiker gets lost."

Poisonous gasses in the mines aren't a problem in Julian-area mines, Nelson says. "We don't have any to speak of because we don't have the kinds of rocks and stuff that create gas." But he warns that oxygen, as you travel farther from the opening of a mine tunnel or shaft, gets thinner and thinner.

As far as the risk of cave-ins goes, Nelson says, "If you have a small tunnel, it's a mere gopher hole to the

mountain. But when you have a big room, like they do in some mines, then it's dangerous because you do not have the structural support. So you might go in there and start screwing around and...all it takes is for you to remove one rock. That loosens two more rocks. Two rocks double and go to four, and before you know it, you're in trouble."

Nelson gives guided tours through the parts of the mine he owns near downtown Julian. Some sections of the mine he deems too dangerous, and he has them sealed up. Yet even though in the open section of his mine, "Everything in there is taken care of, the wood is new, it's

not the old rotten wood," he says he takes no chances. "When I'm in the mine, if I feel a slight amount of dust fall and tickle my ear, you get out of my way, or I'm going to pick you up and carry you to get you out my way if I have to. Because when I feel that warning, I'm gone. I've done that before, picked up a guy and he said, 'What the hell are you doing?' I said, 'Getting the hell out of here.'"

"The other thing [about exploring mines]," Nelson adds, "is you can run into some unfriendlies. Now, most of these old-timers are gone. But a few are still around, and they can be pretty threatening, carrying

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ready seeing an increase in our numbers. If there aren't a hundred beds in Vista, they'll come here — if they can."

I asked Pohlman if there is a need for another winter shelter in North County.

"Absolutely," she said. "When North County Solutions for Change and Interfaith were running winter shelters concurrently, we were both filled to capacity." Pohlman, however, disagreed with MacFarlane on one point. She doesn't believe that the homeless left without a shelter in the North County coastal areas make the journey east to the armory. "We don't find that people come here from a distance," she explained. "That magnet theory is flawed. People who become homeless in a particular area need whatever support systems they have already established. Why would they leave the resources they know and trust?"

John Thelen, project director of the Regional Task Force on the Homeless — a countywide program — agreed that this winter the homeless in North County coastal areas will be hit hardest. "I think we'll see a big need in the coastal areas, especially for single adults," he said. "The county has some voucher programs in place for families and the disabled or elderly, but the single adults [on the North County coast] will be without a winter shelter."

North County, however, isn't the only region in San Diego desperate to find a permanent winter shelter for the homeless. East County is struggling with the same problem. In early December the East County Homeless Task Force disbanded after two years of looking for a winter shelter in or near El

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Cajon. The group reached an impasse and called it quits. Ron Miller, the assistant director of Crisis House — a social-services agency based in El Cajon — sat on the task force. He explained that there are between 850 and 1100 homeless in East County and that the region needs a shelter.

"We're seeing more families on the street than before, probably because of the economy and the change in the welfare-to-work system over the years," Miller said. "The nature of the committee was to find a permanent winter home for the homeless in El Cajon. The need absolutely still needs to be met, and we're not too sure how it will be."

On December 11 the La Mesa City Council approved a partial and temporary solution; they voted to open a seasonal shelter program for 75 to 100 children, family members, elderly women, and disabled individuals. The shelter — to be housed in what was once the Grossmont Antiques Mart on Center Drive, a building donated by its owner, Helen Anne Bunn — will be managed by Father Joe's St. Vincent de Paul Village. St. Vincent's approached the city council about using the building as a seasonal shelter because no alternatives had emerged. But the shelter will only be open this winter and is not for single adults.

"If Crisis House found a permanent winter shelter," Miller explained, "we could provide all sorts of services, from health care and case management to shelter and job services."

As a last resort for this winter, Crisis House is running a motel-voucher program with \$20,000 that it received from the El Cajon City Council and some additional funds from private donations. But the program comes with restrictions. "To get those motel vouchers," Miller explained, "the homeless have to agree to get case managed. Those folks who are just looking for a place to get in out of the cold for the night, we have to refer them to another shelter, such as Father Joe's downtown shelter."

I asked Miller why the task force disbanded.

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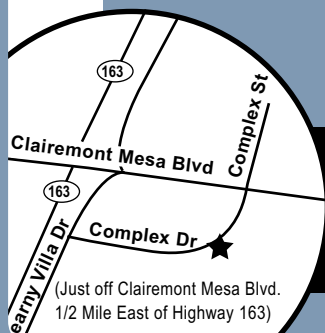
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"There are three ingredients you need here," he said. "You need the political will, you need the funding, and you need the real estate. The funding and the real estate were the hardest parts."

Thelen agreed. His Regional Task Force on the Homeless tried to help the East County Homeless Task Force. "We tried to facilitate the process," he said, "but unfortunately we weren't in a leadership role out there. Our role was to supply figures and information." He added, "Throughout the entire county the biggest issue is siting. You need a big building, a good operator, and a supportive community. The task force ran into the problem of siting. Once you get a site, the money and operators will come forward. But we can't find the site; the community has to do that."

Michael Franz, deputy director of the McAlister Institute, an El Cajon-based substance-abuse program, also sat on the East County Homeless Task Force. He hinted that perhaps the political will was lacking. "Everybody got together because they felt there is a homeless problem in the East County, that there are too many individuals and families living on the streets," he said. "That was the glue that held us all together. But it was — well, it was just difficult. I never felt like we could get the resources or get a place. We tried a lot of different things; we had people come in and all of that stuff. But we never figured out where to place it or where to get the funding — and who was going to run it? Like I said, it was just too hard."

Suzanne Pohlman, of Interfaith, would disagree. "People have to assume responsibility and be willing to get dirty," she told me. "It's hard for me to listen to people whine, because you just have to act. There are always objections, but you have to be creative."

I asked her what she would do if the armory were forced to shut out the homeless in the middle of the winter for security reasons.

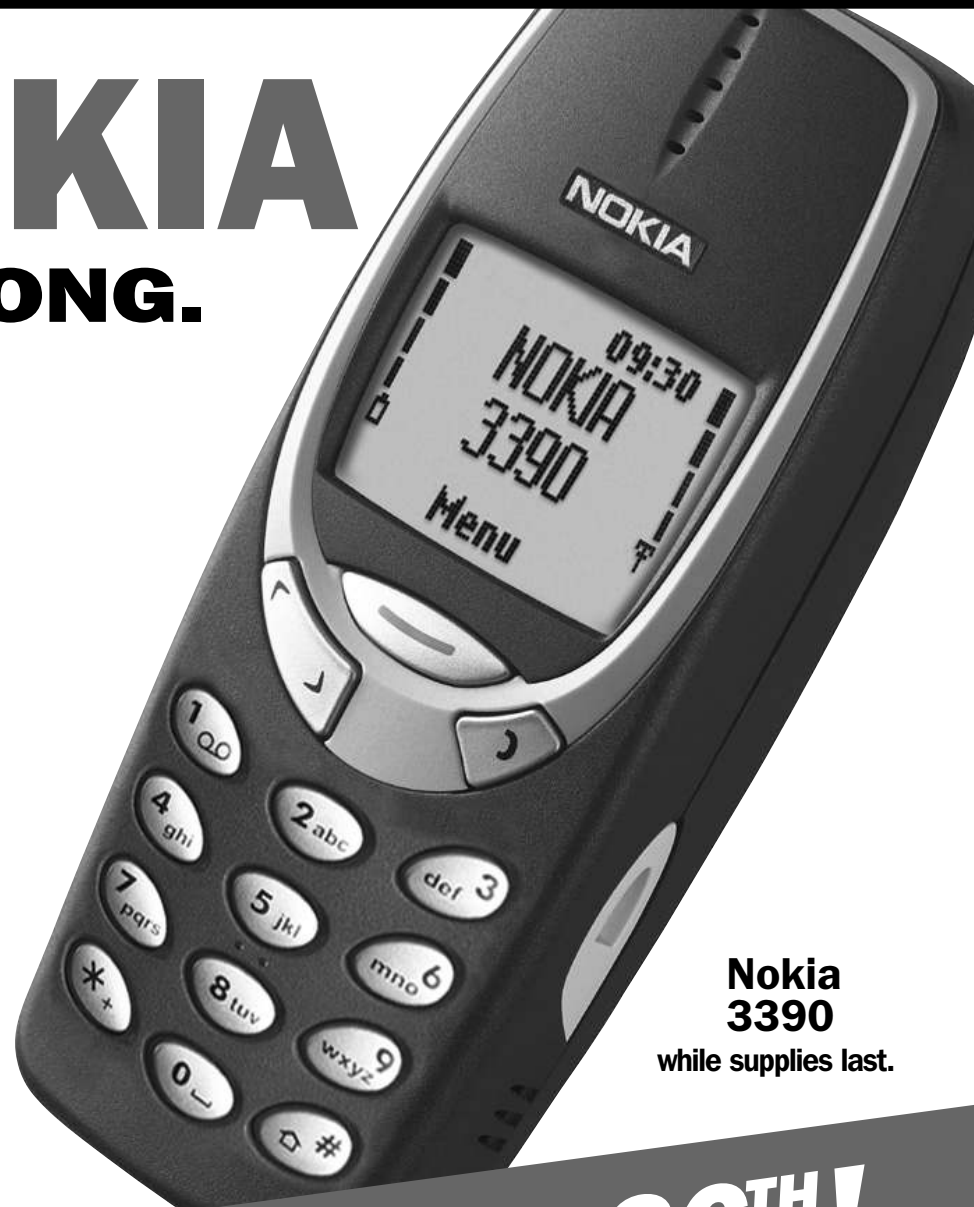
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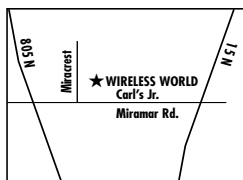
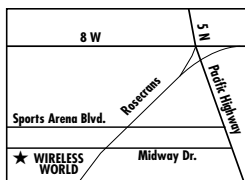
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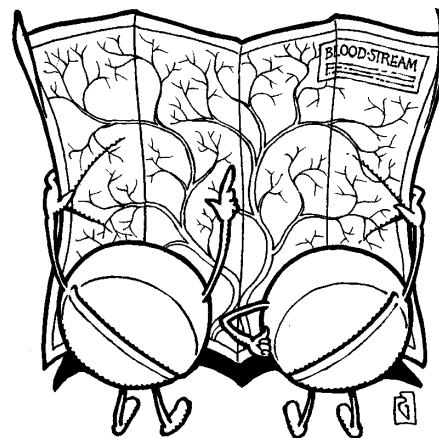


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Where are good places to find prostitutes in San Diego?

— No Name, No Address, No Nothing

Hi, sailor. New in town? You must be if you have to ask this question. And by definition, none of the "good" places in town have prostitutes. Next question, please.

Matt:

Why does it hurt when I get a speck of dirt in my eye but when I put my contact lenses in, I don't feel much of anything?

— Eyes, San Diego

The human cornea is choosy about what it reacts to. Tiny things like dust or dirt hurt like heck and potentially could do damage to your eye. Large, smooth objects are pretty much ignored. Notice that you don't feel anything every time you close your large, smooth eyelids. If we weren't wired up this way, we'd probably walk around all day going *blink, ouch, blink, ouch....*

Dear Mr. Alice:

Why is blue the universal color for boys and pink for girls?

— Wondering, San Diego

The blue/pink thing isn't universal. But our link to it goes back into our murky, superstitious European past, when evil spirits lurked everywhere and we used every opportunity we could to fend them off. Blue was a color associated with nobility and power and was said to offer protection. So boys were clothed in blue to keep them safe. Girls were expendable, so they didn't have a color at all until the 17th Century, when there were popular stories of how girls were born from rosebuds. And now it's just a marketing ploy.

Hey, Matt:

What's the relation between sneezes and yawns, two bodily functions that won't happen in one's sleep?

— Tired, with a Cold

I assume you've kept one eye open at night, so you're positive you don't sneeze or yawn. I mean, this is verifiable data we have here, yes? No. Sneezes and yawns are perfectly doable in our sleep. Or in a coma, for that matter. And what sneezes and yawns have in common explains the situation. Both are involuntary reflexes that are mediated by the brain stem. That's the most "primitive" part of the brain, which controls things like breathing, heartbeat, digestion — basic life-and-death stuff. No thinking is required in this area, so sneezing and yawning might occur anytime the brain stem is ticking along. It's not uncommon for someone in a coma to yawn as a prelude to regaining consciousness, according to Dr. Doctor, our staff medico. A sneeze is just a response to a nasal stimulus. No fancy rationale needed.

It shouldn't be a surprise that we can do something simple like yawn in our sleep. Consider all the other strange stuff people do: talk, walk, sit up and look around, yank all the blankets to their side of the bed.... I went snooping for some instructive stories of sleep activities and found the tale of a woman who made and then ate a late-night snack of cat-food sandwiches and buttered cigarettes. Physicians say sleep-driving isn't unheard of. Better yet, there have been at least 30 murder trials in which the defendant claimed to be sleepwalking at the time. One man in Canada fell asleep on his couch, then got up and drove 14 miles to his in-laws' house, bludgeoned and stabbed them, cut himself badly in the process, then drove to the police station and confessed. When he woke up in the hospital, he claimed to remember none of it. His attorney offered evidence that the man fit the profile of a sleepwalker, came from a long line of sleepwalkers, and had a history of sleepwalking. Not guilty, said the jury.

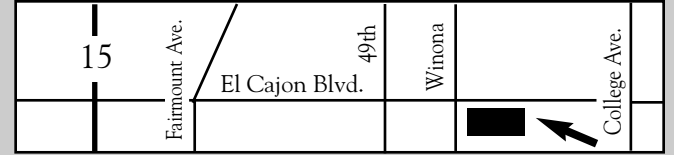
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Biathlon: Past, Present, And Future

We are counting the hours over here and we anticipate counting the minutes very shortly. That's right, as of 12:01 a.m., Saturday, January 26, 2002, the 2002 Winter Olympics will be a mere 9300 minutes away from its first happening, which is — ta-da — qualifying for ski jumping. That's scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 8, 2002, for people who like to hear the same boring information over and over and over and over again.

The vision sends me into a swoon. This is the Winter Olympics! This is young people with unpronounceable names trying to hustle BIG MONEY out of fat-cat sponsors! This is SCENIC WONDERLAND! THIS IS UTAH! This is hundreds of hours of prime-time network television broadcasting snow as it falls, or, if the weatherman cooperates, broadcasting snow as it sits! Most of all, *this is drama!* We will hear *heartwarming* stories, stories like the one about a simple, Bulgarian teenage girl who grew up with shepherds in the Gobi Desert. Just two years ago little Yekaterina Edwards was cooking swamp rats in the Amazon rain forest and now, there she is, going for the GOLD! PUT ANOTHER MARSHMALLOW ON THE STICK FOR ME!

And what a showcase the 2002 Winter Olympics will be, especially for fast-growing popular sports — sports that are followed by, literally, thousands of people living in several countries! For instance, ARE YOU READY FOR SOME BIATHLON? This year's BIATHLON promises to be a humdinger. The favorite, Vasily Dafovskia Rochev Edwards-Smith, was born in a manger, has 11 brothers, 6 sisters, all college graduates. Vasily's mom is a suffragette and her dad is a burden on the state. And yet, here she is, GOING FOR THE GOLD!

The BIATHLON was invented in Norway by the Norwegian military as a way to train recruits in the arts of defending Norway's borders from kamikaze Swedes. You will note that since Norway invented the BIATHLON, Sweden has never invaded Norway. Neither have Finland, Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Denmark, Poland, Switzerland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Austria, Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Liechtenstein, the Vatican, or France. True, Germany did invade Norway, successfully, but, only once, and they came by way of the North Sea, which doesn't count if you understand the traditional meaning of BIATHLON, namely, Norwegians defending Norway's borders from kamikaze Swedes. As anyone who is remotely interested in the BIATHLON knows full well, the North Sea lies on the west side of Norway and kamikaze Swedes live on the east side of Norway. Germany's triumphant invasion of Norway came from the west, and, therefore, did not and does not diminish the memory of Norway's very fine 1940 BIATHLON team. The point is, forgive and forget, nowadays the WHOLE WORLD HAS HOPPED ON BOARD THE BIATHLON BANDWAGON!

Now then, you probably want to know what the BIATHLON is. Well, imagine a finely honed athlete skiing along the backcountry

in the pristine glory that is wintertime Salt Lake City. Pretty impressive isn't it? But wait, there's more. Add rifles and live ammunition! Gotcha there, didn't I? Suddenly, everything is TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

Yes, stay tuned to the Winter Olympics and you'll see world-class athletes cross-county ski while packing .22 caliber rifles and five bullets. Darin or Debbie BIATHLON skis and skis and skis and then, whoops, flops on his belly, shoots his rifle, then up he goes, and skis and skis and skis and, whoops, he stops and fires his rifle while standing still! Although helpful Olympic officials have placed targets all around the BIATHLON course, and it is customary to shoot at these targets, there's nothing to stop Darin or Debbie from turning around and laying down a tight pattern into a slow-moving herd of overdressed human beings. That's the magic of BIATHLON!

In other news: I have sworn to avoid this

The Vegas Line

NFL - Conference Championships [Home Team in CAPS]

<u>Favorite</u>	<u>Spread</u>	<u>Over/ Under</u>	<u>Underdog</u>
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Philadelphia Eagles	20 to 1	8 to 1
New England Patriots	40 to 1	18 to 1

topic for the next six months, but my affidavit wasn't filed (it sits yet on my lawyer's desk), so a brief comment concerning the new Chargers head coach is legal. I'm sure you'll agree that we live in a society of laws, not men.

San Diego's captive press reports that Marty Schottenheimer will be named the Bolts' head coach. Yes, I know, I've called Schottenheimer my favorite coach, but that was last week when he had \$7.5 million on the table, ready to be picked up if he would only agree to go on vacation for the next three years. I did not realize how badly Marty wanted to inflict more pain on those of us who enjoy professional football.

I, long ago, have given up trying to understand what the Spanos family wants to do with the Chargers. Many years have passed since Dan Fouts made San Diego worth seeing on a consistent basis and still, no reasonable plan of action has dripped out of the Chargers' bunker other than Knee-Jerk. Be forewarned, Schottenheimer is boring, arrogant, hates the press, has contempt for fans, and wants to win every game by a score of 5 to 3.

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Weekly giving: not available

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Diversity: white, Hispanic

Dress: casual to dressy

Services: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Early last Sunday morning I drove into El Centro. KXO 1230 AM ("We play the oldies the Valley was raised on!") was broadcasting a 1940s radio show, "Superman's Big Mystery." The city's broad streets were empty. Sunlight played across the porticos and facades — Art Deco moldings, wrought-iron curlicues — of downtown stores.

I stopped at a Circle K convenience store for a cup of coffee. Elderly Mexican men stood out

front, comparing lottery tickets, muttering that no one had nailed the \$17 million jackpot. I asked them about El Centro. They explained that, in this city of 37,000 citizens, Fourth Street separated "East El Centro," which is largely Mexican, from "West El Centro," which is largely Anglo. They told me that East El Centro's Our Lady of Guadalupe — a squat and pretty Roman Catholic church — offers Spanish and English masses. They told me that West El Centro's much larger Roman Catholic parish, St. Mary's, celebrates the Holy Liturgy in English.

As I drove around I saw that mainline Protestants, Mormons, Church of the Nazarene, Assembly of God, Christian Scientists, occupied a five-block area a few blocks west of Fourth Street. Saints Peter and Paul Episcopal Church stood at the corner of Fifth Street and Orange Avenue. Its "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You" sign was sun-bleached and battered. A white cat scrambled around the homey overgrown garden at the church's entrance.

Senior Warden Woody Lee met me in the narthex. He was a little harried. He pumped my hand and said, "Our interim priest had a prior commitment, so we'll just be having Morning Prayer today. Not a complete service. And our turnout's probably going to be low. We had two funerals this past week. So I imagine some of our members will decide to stay home."

Saints Peter and Paul is a curious wedge-shaped structure built in the early 1970s. Rows of red Spanish roof tiles cover a third of its exterior. Gray marble covers the altar. A hand-painted mural depicting Paul falling dumbstruck on the road to Tarsus, and Simon Peter catching a net filled with fish, shines on the wall above the high altar. Off to the right, a candle glows before a Tabernacle built into the wall.

Perhaps 40 people, some genuflecting deeply, entered the nave. The organist, who drives to El Centro from Mexicali, played the morning's first hymn,

"Rock of Ages." Woody Lee and his wife Lilly led the service, directing us from one page to another in the Book of Common Prayer.

Woody Lee began his sermon with an apology, "I know we have a doctor here with us this morning, and I hope he'll forgive me if I make any mistakes with my medical analogy."

Lee told us that two weeks ago, when he learned that he was to deliver the morning's sermon, he began to pray that God would give him the words to say. He reminded us that flu season was upon us, and although the "human body is a wonderful instrument," the flu virus remains an "effective killer."

"In the first couple of days when we have the flu, we wish for the end. But the body is very busy. To help, the body releases white cells to attack the virus, but these white cells also end up attacking the soft tissue in the throat, making it sore, making us miserable. Very quickly, however, the body mounts another defense. The body produces a specific T-cell to go out and kill the flu virus.

"Having the flu is like other crisis situations we endure. Crisis situations make us question our

reasoning abilities. We try to work our way through the crisis, but our solutions don't always work. No crisis leaves us unchanged. To work our way through a crisis, we must make a 'new normal.' And that 'new normal' is our trust in God — a new source of strength and protection.

"In a time of trouble, in a time of crisis, we do have the answers within us — if only we ask our Lord to assist us, He's more than willing to help."

After the service, I pulled Lee away from the social hall where parishioners lingered over homemade oatmeal cookies and chocolate bundt cakes. Lee told me he was 40 years old and was born and raised a Southern Baptist in a small town outside New Orleans. He came to El Centro 15 years ago to work as a supervisor for the Border Patrol.

"My grandfather," he said, "was a Southern Baptist preacher. I'd intended to go into the Southern Baptist ministry. But I left the church for a

number of reasons. When I was in college, I took a class in cultural anthropology, which my pastor told me was blasphemy. I tried to explain that we were only trying to learn about other cultures. No matter what I learned in that class, I was secure in my faith. I couldn't believe cultural anthropology was blasphemy.

"When we got out here, my wife and I spent several years 'church shopping.' The Episcopal Church was where we felt most comfortable theologically. We both teach Sunday School here. And it was through my involvement in this church that, in 1995, I started to feel that I had a calling to the ministry. The previous priest at this church had been a probation officer. He really showed me that it was possible to have two careers, that it wasn't too late to go into the ministry. From my work with the Border Patrol, I've learned to speak Spanish. That's a skill I could use as a missionary. I learned here that there was no reason to ignore my calling to the ministry, this important part of my life."

— Abe Opincar



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Liturgy.....★★

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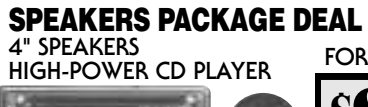
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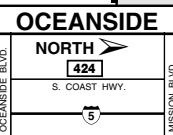
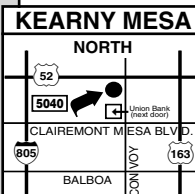
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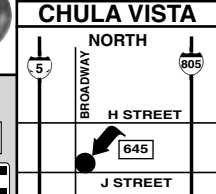
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

My son is 16 and in a big hurry to learn to drive. My girlfriend generously offered to teach him. Alice took David out for a trial spin in the car, and evidently all went well. But the next lesson was difficult, and now David refuses to try again. Instead, he wants me to pay for private driving lessons. He says he and Alice bicker terribly when she's teaching him, and he does not want to deal with it anymore. Alice says that although David is a temperamental driving student, she's willing to keep trying. David won't budge. I want him to relent and give Alice another try. It's not the money. I can easily afford to pay for driving lessons, but I don't see why I should when Alice is perfectly willing to give my short-tempered son another chance. Should I insist that it's Alice or nothing, or shall I relent and shell out for driving school?

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outrageous? The crying and loud talking of babies and young children also interrupted the funeral at various moments. Shouldn't parents leave them at home? Some parents sat in the back and whisked their little ones out when they got noisy, but others simply sat there ineffectively trying to shush them. Trudy, what have you to say to these folks who so lack consideration of others?

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Dear Annoyed,

I certainly second your outrage about the cell-phone owner. He seems to have traded in his manners when he purchased the device. There's no excuse for his behavior. Most cell phones now take messages even when they're switched off. They can also be set to silently vibrate rather than ring, so the owner is alerted to their earthshakingly important incoming calls without disturbing those around her. I must confess I'm more ambivalent about the noises generated by children. On one hand, I completely understand your wish to grieve in serenity and quiet and not to have the service intermittently punctuated by infants' babblings. On the other hand, let me play devil's advocate for a moment. Is it possible that the voices of young children might represent for some mourners a welcome chortle of continuing life, a note of future hope to offset the sadness of one well-lived life having come to an end? I think it's a matter of degree here. Constant racket throughout the service is obviously irritating. Parents should do their best to keep their tots quiet on such an occasion, or perhaps leave them with a baby-sitter, as you suggest. But maybe a peep now and then from a child at a funeral isn't so awful. Part of me thinks that the voices of his grandchildren would have been music to your now-departed friend's ears and perhaps could provide a moment of comfort to those he left behind.

Write to Aunt Trudy c/o the San Diego Reader, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803; call her at 619-235-3000 ext. 413; fax her at 619-881-2401; or e-mail to trudy@sdreader.com

Dear Dad,

You want to teach your son that sometimes he'll have to climb right back on the horse that threw him (metaphorically speaking). That's a goal I can sympathize with. However, it might be wise to find other ways to give young David that character-building experience. Price being no object, I say sign the young man up at the "CrashNoMore" Driving Academy in the interest of family peace. I know a lot of parents who ended up enrolling their kids in driving school because they couldn't bear to participate in the bitter wars that driving lessons can easily become. Not one of those parents I've talked to over the years has been sorry they turned this job over to professionals. I'm not sure why teaching one's child to drive so often turns into a nasty battle. It may be that learning to operate a motor vehicle has become a loaded rite of passage in our culture, symbolizing new freedom to the teen who craves it and dangerous responsibility to the parent who dreads their child assuming it. I do know that it would be a shame if David and Alice's relations veered off onto an antagonistic road due to tiffs behind the wheel.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I just returned from the funeral of a friend. The deceased was a lovely man, patriarch of a large family, grandfather and great-grandfather to over a dozen kids. He was unfailingly generous to the less fortunate. The loud ringing of a cell phone, which caused a speaker to pause mid-eulogy and all heads to turn, interrupted this beautiful service first. The offender stood at his pew, calmly answered the call, and began talking as he walked up the aisle to the back of the church and exited. I can't understand how someone could be so rude! Don't you think this man's behavior at this solemn occasion was

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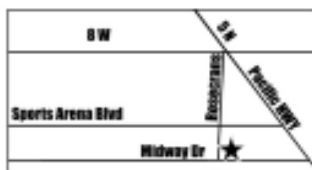
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Steve Frailey

All the Good Scenery, Nice Sunsets, Sunrises

Story continued from front page

Those guys have been out there almost every day," said the captain, Steve Frailey. The *Commander* is a 50-foot riverboat-style tugboat, a rectangular shape with two vertical rubber-covered metal posts, called push knees, at the corners of the bow. A flat-bottom boat with a draft of about six feet and a top speed of eight knots, the tug was built from the hull of a former Navy landing craft. It's one of about ten medium-sized tugs owned by Westcoast Tug & Barge, where Frailey is general manager, overseeing the crews and boats and regularly working as captain himself. Frailey is 38, dark-haired, and boyish looking; he had been telling me about several of their past jobs.

"We got a call from a friend with the Navy on a Saturday morning before Easter, and he said, 'How fast can you get to Camp Pendleton?' We said we could leave right away, what's wrong? He said, 'Well, we've one of these big Navy landing crafts in trouble.' He said it'd gone in and hit the beach and broached, got sideways on the shore. So the on-scene commander decided the best thing was to send in another LCU to tow it off. So he sent in the other LCU, which also broached and landed pretty much on top of the first one. So they've got two of these big guys on the beach and they were beating each other up pretty bad. One of them was starting to take on water and sand through the engine room, starting to rupture. They wanted us to get up there because of our shallow draft, to get in there and tow them off. So we dash out to the tug and get up there and run about 3000 foot of line in through the surf, tied them off, and got them off

The small tugs are cheaper to rent—\$195 an hour as opposed to \$725 an hour for a large tug.



Westcoast tug moves Navy vessel under Coronado bridge

the beach and into the belly of the mothership, and they transported them back to San Diego, and then we towed them in and got them into their slip. It's funny that the Navy would call us to save them, but that's what they needed, so that's what we gave them."

About a week before I went out on the *Harbor Commander*, I'd been having dinner with some people, and one man, a local lawyer, told me he didn't think they had any tugs in the bay. Although I knew he was wrong, I didn't have the exact information at my fingertips. Now I had learned there were lots of tugs in the bay.

There's Foss Maritime with five tugs — four with 2000 hp and one with 750 — that do most of the work with the big commercial ships. Then Crowley showed up two years ago with two 3500 hp tugs. Foss and Crowley have tugs in all the ports on the West Coast and are in constant competition. The Navy uses six Chouest tugs. Chouest is based in New Orleans and makes its own boats. Then NASSCO has two small tugs for its shipbuilding and repair operations. And there are smaller companies like Curtin Maritime that has one 3000 hp oceangoing tug and three others in need of modification. In addition to these, there are several companies that use smaller tugs, such as Harbor Tug & Barge, and riverboat-style tugs, like Westcoast. So actually,

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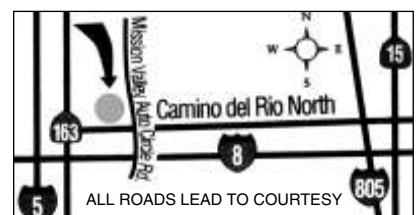


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there are about 30 tugs of various sizes in the bay, and around in the middle of May they have an annual tugboat parade. Of these companies, the fastest-growing company is Westcoast, which got into the tug business in 1990, builds its own tugs — modifying them from former Navy landing craft — and has been adding another one or two boats to its fleet each year.

Most of Westcoast's tugs are in the 1000 hp range, with two in the 400 hp range. As a result, there is a wide area of application where Westcoast has been able to find work in which a large tug isn't necessary. And the small tugs are cheaper to rent — \$195 an hour as opposed to \$725 an hour for a large tug. Frailey described the different sorts of work they had done for Scripps that had required modifying the tug and installing special equipment to suit the particular job.

"The last job we did for Scripps, we took the *Harbor Captain* and added berthing for scientists. We added an A-frame con-

traption at the bow, some winches, generators, hydraulic power, and compressors — a lot of different things went onto this little tug. We threw on a bunch of water jugs and canned food, and off they went for a few days at a time, dropping buoys and getting readings.

"A lot of people won't touch stuff like that because it's a one-time thing and they think, 'We're not going to make much money and it's a big hassle.' But it's fun, we like it. It was different, we made a little money on it, and we got some ideas for the next time. And that's why people like Scripps will come back again, because we're enthusiastic about it — 'Yeah, let's figure this out, what do you want, oh that's neat, let's do it.' And the guys who go out on the job feel a lot of pride. 'Hey, guess what we did? We went out there and we figured out how fast the water moves at a thousand feet under in this one canyon or something.' Or, we did some acoustical work with them, and the positioning of the



Chouest tug transports Navy vessel

boat was really critical and we had to get right on this mark and hold it there and the wind came up and the waves and they thought the whole thing would have to be aborted and cost a for-

tune and after they came back in at two in the morning, you know, I get the call that 'Oh, we were successful,' and they're praising the captain and how he held it on station and they couldn't

believe they'd have been able to deploy and retract the buoy under those conditions and the only way they were able to be successful was the guy driving the boat, that he was able to do it."

Westcoast's tugs are gray with white stripes, and the wheelhouse of the *Commander* rises 20 feet above the water like a fat thumb. Underneath are the crew's quarters and engine room. From this height, there was a panoramic sweep of the whole bay. It was a weekday morning, so I saw few pleasure craft, just two or three sailboats. Behind us toward South Bay was the A-8 — the bay's last free anchorage, with its assortments of party boats, workboats, houseboats, and decrepit sailboats. Westcoast anchors about ten of its barges in the A-8. Off the port side, a rusty dredger was making slow progress toward the Coronado bridge.

Westcoast's offices are on one of its barges, moored at South Bay Boat Yard at the foot of G Street in Chula Vista. Its workshops are there and its tugs are tied up to the office. From there

to the harbor entrance, or "outside," takes a tug an hour and 20 minutes, which Frailey admits is a drawback, mostly because of the high price of fuel.

Ahead of us off the bow was the sweep of the Coronado bridge. As Frailey and I talked, the radio kept up a jabber of Coast Guard messages, conversations from other Westcoast tugs, and fragments of sentences from boatyards. Frailey's first job this morning was to move a barge with a crane belonging to Marathon Construction Corporation, which was going to begin to pull piling that had belonged to Campbell Shipyard so that construction could begin on a new hotel and marina.

The genius behind Westcoast is Doug Lotoski, who came to San Diego in 1980 from the Pacific Northwest, where he had been buying ex-Navy landing craft at auction, modifying them into different kinds of boats, and selling them. Once in San Diego, he teamed up with Grant Westmorland to build and sell boats here, then, after ten years, they began their tug-

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“Doug goes to bed at night thinking about boats,” Frailey told me. “He wakes up in the morning thinking about boats. He’s a workaholic, works seven days a week, that’s what he likes. It’s what makes him happy. The construction end of it used to be the primary mission of the company — to build these unique, different kinds of boats out of landing craft and then find a market for them. Doug has the engineering behind him and the experience and all these systems, the hydraulics, the engines, the steelwork, the fabrication and designing. So it’s all right here in his head for him. He doesn’t have any books or anything. He just whips it out and here’s his next invention, and it works. Well, everybody else bought them and had success with them, so they decided to keep some of these in the house and the

tugboat business took off.”

Now Doug does all the designing and building and takes care of the boats. Grant Westmorland is president and takes care of sales and lines up business. Frailey is general manager, and Larry Miller is business manager. In addition, there are five or six captains, who are on call, and the same number of deckhands.

“It takes a special kind of person to do this job,” said Frailey. “There’s no such thing as nine to five, Monday through Friday. It’s minute-to-minute, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You don’t know what’s going to happen. Typically the guys will work 40 to 50 hours a week, and a lot of those hours will be in the wee hours of the morning. The shipyards like to launch and dry-dock vessels at night, because it doesn’t impact the workforce. So that’s when they need the tugs, and they’ll



Foss captain in tug’s control center

call us at 1:00 or 2:00 a.m. to do these things. Then there’s last-minute things that pop up — that might keep a crew working 12 hours or more. And they enjoy it. The guys who come in and don’t enjoy it don’t last long. But the guys who like this work are probably

the best boat handlers you’ll find. If you can handle one of the little boats, doing the jobs we do, you can probably step on anything and operate it with some skill, because it’s tough. These little boats are a handful, and these guys get good or they get out. Say you’ve got

a 1000 hp or 700 hp tug and you’ve got it made up to a barge that’s maybe 300 feet long and has 8000 tons of material on it. Well, you’ve got currents and wind and shallow water and maybe obstacles, like bridges, and you can’t have an accident. We’ve never had a marine

incident, and it’s mostly due to the fact that we’ve got new little boats that can handle the job and people who are pretty good at driving them.”

The majority of West-coast’s jobs involve barges or are jobs that take advantage of the tug’s rectangular shape, its riverboat style.

“Most of our tugs are push tugs with push knees, so you can get behind the barge and move it around,” said Frailey. “That’s different from the other tugs on the bay, but it’s typical of what you see on the Mississippi and back East, and Doug has kind of brought that to San Diego. So that idea worked well. We get in and out of the shipyards; we get into shallow water where nobody else can get. We did a lot of this Coronado bridge earthquake retrofit recently in the shallow ends, where no one else could get to, and in places

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like the Naval Amphibious Base, where the big tugs can't go — we move their landing crafts for them, things like that. We just had a job for a diving company, putting together a long pipeline. It's dredging the area around the Navy carrier pier, and the mud from that is going to the south side of the Navy Amphibious Base where they're going to make an island. So they dredge the mud out, send it through the pipeline, which is several miles long, then dump it by the Amphib Base for their island. The diving company has welded these pipes and repaired welds and is now about to video their work, so they've rented our tug as well as renting our barge. That's the other part of the business — we supply the tugs, but we also supply a lot of the barges being used. For instance, the Navy uses them to off-load anchors and chains



from carriers. They use them for pier demolition or construction. At Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal, they've got this big loader that unloads soda ash from the ships, and when they do that, it gets all gunked up,

so they drop the loader onto one of our barges and use our barge as a work platform. The barges are cheap, big items that people use for everything imaginable. Our barges are used for almost all the fireworks. On

the Fourth of July we had shows at Oceanside, two in Mission Bay, and I think three in San Diego Bay. We have at least a dozen barges — the biggest is 260 feet long and the smallest are just small work floats.

"But with the tugs, our main job is moving barges in the harbor. We're not going to be able to assist a big ship. We're not doing that business. But on a big ship, if we do happen to be involved, what you'll see is two Foss tugs or maybe two Foss tugs and a Crowley tug, whatever, and they'll want to go into a shipyard like Westcoast Marine or Continental, and they've got a 600-foot-long Navy ship, which they've got to back into the slip but which is too wide to have one of their big tugs alongside at a 90-degree angle, so they'll use one of ours because it's shorter. Ours is about 40 feet long; theirs is 80 or 100 feet long. So they use us because of our dimensions. They'll stick us in little holes where we can maneuver in positions nobody else can get. Our equipment is only good for certain jobs, but there're a lot of them. Then

there's the case where maybe two of our tugs can take the place of a bigger tug. But really, the bread and butter is the fact we have a better rate than they do and can move a lot of big equipment around more efficiently. So they go after the big, sexy tugboat moves, and we're just out there like little bees, you know, buzzing around the bay. And if you're out on the water and look around on most days, you'll see these little gray boats with white stripes everywhere you look."

Steve Frailey is originally from Michigan but grew up in Orange County. After high school, he enlisted in the Navy, came to San Diego to the Navy Dive School, then was stationed as a Navy diver in Italy. It was in the Navy that he learned to operate boats. After the Navy, he settled in San Diego, married his high school sweetheart, and worked for

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15 years as a shipmaster for Campbell Shipyard, running all their dry docks. Campbell, among other things, made tuna boats, and at one point there were 250 tuna boats homeported in San Diego. Afterward, Frailey operated tugs in Florida for a year, but then came back to work for Westcoast.

The deckhand that morning was Benny Rodriguez, who has worked for Westcoast for a year and has lived in San Diego for four years. Originally from Saint Louis, he came here because his wife is from Tijuana and wanted to return. Now he can't imagine living anywhere else. He is about 40, thin with brown hair, a mustache, goatee, constant sunglasses, and a thick Southern accent. He has 12 years of experience working on riverboats on the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers.

"I've done this a long time," Benny told me. "I started in 1980. I've done a lot of different jobs — riverboat jobs, I've worked offshore on tugs, I worked on a supertanker a year, I know

a lot of the shore aspects of it in refineries, I worked on the Houston docks for four years, so I'm a pretty safe worker. I've really never been hurt out here. As for the bigger companies like Foss, they have their pluses and minuses. Here you know all your bosses, they know your name, they help you out, you're not just paid to be a deckhand, it's, you know, Hey, can Benny do this, can Benny do that? The smaller companies will work a lot more with you in situations where if you've got something that your family needs done, you don't gotta worry about losing your job. So it's basically a fun job if you don't mind coming in real early in the morning, you know, it's more like being with your friends instead of coming in to have somebody on top of you all day, whipping you, you know? At times it can be dangerous, but with a good wheelman and good deckhand who don't put themselves into a bad situation, you can avoid the danger, but it can be dangerous for people who aren't knowledgeable."



Westcoast crewman hooking up to Navy berthing vessel

Apart from his pleasure in the work itself, Benny's sense of the job is mostly aesthetic. He spoke of the beauty of the Mississippi River, adding, "Most of the locks have deer and

geese hanging out around them." He searched for the words to try to describe what made his present job important to him, why he couldn't imagine ever working on land again, but the

words wouldn't come to him and he quit trying. "Well, I like being out on the water, mainly — all the good scenery, nice sunsets, sunrises."

What's now left of Campbell Shipyard is an open dock area, about 100 pilings, and an old watchman whom Frailey knew during his years as a shipmaster. Beyond it is the southern end of the mammoth convention center. Frailey explained that the work has been delayed while a number of environmental issues have been sorted out. For instance, what might happen when a piling is pulled out of the mud? Possibly toxic chemicals would be released. Now, however, tests had shown that it was safe to pull. Further environmental restrictions, however, require that the pilings and old docks be removed within a month. Because of the nesting of the least terns, an endangered species, there is a noise restriction in the bay after April 1, which means, among other things, that no pilings can be driven or removed.

I asked Frailey if other

environmental restrictions affected their work, and he spoke of the rules protecting the eelgrass that had been planted around the western end of the Coronado bridge, in South Bay, in sections around Shelter Island and Harbor Island, and other places to reduce levels of carbon dioxide in the water. In these areas it is illegal to disturb the bottom in any way, such as with an anchor or prop wash.

"Actually, it's a very minor nuisance," said Frailey. "I first came here in '81, and I've seen a lot of the bottom of the bay, originally as a diver. What they've done has worked. It's a lot cleaner now and there's a lot more fish."

Marathon was going to pull the piling with a tall crane located on the middle of a barge. On each corner of the barge was a 14-inch-square, 60-foot spud sunk into the muck to keep the barge stable. The spuds made the barge look like a table lying on its back. Also on the barge were two big winches, four anchors, and a bunch of guys with hard hats waiting for Frai-

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ley to show up. The *Com-mander* was supposed to move the barge into position, then move a second barge and several floats.

Frailey nosed the *Com-mander* forward toward the barge. Benny stood on the bow and Frailey called to him on the P.A., “Hey, Benny, you’ll probably have to take the shackle off the head line to get the head line up.” Then he turned to me. “We’re going to make up Mississippi style on the barge. First thing we’ll do is get our center line or head line up, pull the boat in square on the barge, and tighten it up, then we’ll pass side lines from the back quarter of the boat toward starboard up to the barge, wrap it around a cleat or bollard, and bring it back down to the tug, and then we’ll pull those cylinders in — down there on the back deck of the boat towards the starboard. That’ll take all the slack out of the makeup lines, till it’s rigid. That way, when we’re handling the barge, there’s no slop between



Westcoast tug

us. It’s almost like we’re one vessel.”

Frailey has all the controls for tightening and loosening the lines on either side of the wheel. He continually adjusted the lines as Benny and men on the barge tied the tug and barge together. The crane began lifting several of the spuds.

The man in charge of the barge, Ron, climbed the ladder of the wheelhouse,

and he and Frailey greeted one another like old friends. Ron said they needed to put the barge right up by the seawall. Ron: “They want us to set anchors out and get this thing set up to go to work.” Frailey: “Over there? You want, say, that side? Right to the fence line?” Ron: “Well, preferably this starboard side.” Frailey: “The starboard side to the fence line?” Ron: “Yeah, for right

now.” Frailey: “So it’ll go over the property line?” Ron: “Yeah, we’re going to set two anchors there, crisscrossing. Then back us up as close as you can to the pier and the old piling and with the starboard side to the pier.” Frailey: “Gotcha.” Ron: “And back us up to where you’re going to get close to the piling as you’re backing in, and we’ll drop the spuds and cut you loose and we should

be able to set our rear anchors from there. Then come back and get the other barge, bring it in — it’s going to go between zero and one, which is this first set of piling right here. And, actually, do the same thing in there, we nose in, set up a couple of anchors, back out, and we’ll set anchors on the back side.” Frailey: “You’re going to be pulling piles now?” Ron: “Yeah, we’re going to start any day now.” Frailey: “Right out? They’re not cutting them off?” Ron: “No, we’re pulling them out.” Frailey: “All right, good, they’re really going for this thing.” Ron: “They want to clean up the whole bottom and get ready to dredge it and put a marina in here. So we’re going to get all the piling out that are above, and then they’re going to back through and negotiate how much dive time it’s going to take to pull out the remaining piling that’s underwater.” Frailey: “All this is home to me. I worked here for 15 years. There’s a pipeline running across that I put in underwater. I put in cement. All kinds of stuff. Okay, whenever you’re ready.”

Ron returned to the barge and slowly we started to move. This was the first step that would someday result in another glitzy downtown hotel and an expensive marina, perhaps called Campbell Landing. A gray-and-white tug maneuvered an ungainly and none-too-clean barge forward, and somewhere developers rubbed their soft pink hands.

Frailey pointed toward the barge. “So right now that spud is up and this one’s down. We’re just doing a slow pivot, getting myself off this pier. They’ve got four anchors on the barge, so when we get over there we’re going to get into position for them to drop their anchors with the crane. And they’ll crisscross their anchors and we’ll back the tug down and they’ll put slack in and we’ll back it till I can’t maneuver anymore and they’ll drop their spuds and I’ll get out of the way, then they’ll reach out and crisscross these two in front, then they can move back and forth all along their work area by winching on their anchors, and they won’t need to hire a tug to come in and move them. And the reason they’re crisscrossed is so that he can do whatever tweaking he wants — if he wants to be pulled that way, he just comes up on that anchor and it will pull the barge that way. You’ll be able to tell when that spud hits bottom, he’s dropping it easy. And once it hits bottom we’re all stopped. It’s a real soft mud bottom here, no grass down there or anything. The spud’ll sink in the mud eight feet. They won’t want to spin on that one, they just want to keep it straight. Sometimes these guys will bring their barges into real tight quarters, alongside fragile docks or something, and they’ll want to be two or three feet off of them without touching them, and you’ll have wind and waves and things,

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so then it gets to be trickier. Or maybe they'll want to bring it alongside a Navy ship, and then again you've got to be real careful, you don't want to touch the boat."

The work was slow and exact. The barge was put in position; the spuds were lowered; the crane set out the anchors; two hard hats in a rowboat rowed out to release the crane's cable from the anchor. Another big barge was moved, then several floats.

"When they pull the pilings," said Frailey, "they latch onto them with the crane and just start putting on pressure, and usually if you put on pressure long enough it'll start inching up and it'll pop out just like a tooth. And this is a big crane, so he's not going to have any trouble. But sometimes you get a smaller crane on this kind of work where the crane can't do it, so they'll

run a water jet down next to the piling on a long pipe with a hose and it'll suck seawater out and run it down through that pipe and it'll squirt mud loose around the piling and then usually the crane can jerk it out."

It took about two hours to move the barges around, not including the hour it took to reach the former shipyard. Through it all Frailey wore the calm smile of a man who loves his work. Maybe it's just the pleasure of tugs. I had my last tug when I was two years old, and I used it for pushing blocks around in the bathtub until the water got cold or my mother dragged me out. By early afternoon, the barges and floats were all in their new positions. Frailey gave two hoots of the horn and set off toward South Bay. Several other jobs came up that afternoon, the most interesting being nailing down the



Westcoast crewmen

details for a job scheduled for three days later: the moving of a 265-foot mega-yacht during which I heard the expression "money is no object" said about 50 times. But I'll get to that later.

On another day I talked

with Doug Lotoski — 63, gray-haired, and solidly constructed, he looks like the sort of person who is only content with a tool in his hand. Doug and his son, Jack, live on a single-diesel former Navy tug, the *Bennington*,

which they are reconditioning and making into a semi-yacht and which is tied up next to the smaller Westcoast tugs. Grant Westmorland had told me that Doug intended to retire onto the *Bennington*, though no

one really expects Doug to retire.

Doug had been an engineer in the Navy, then a diver, then he worked in the oilfields as a roughneck, then he worked construction, where he learned to weld, then he worked for shipyards in the Pacific Northwest. After a while he began buying surplus Navy boats and landing craft in Los Angeles and taking them back up to Alaska.

"We had over 100 landing craft in Alaska," Doug told me. "We'd recondition and rebuild them so a person could live on them, doing it all on spec and selling them. Then I told my wife I was going down to San Diego for 60 days to get some landing craft, and I've been here ever since. Grant and I kept buying and rebuilding the landing craft, then we found out that owning tugs and barges was more profitable than building boats for some-

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body else. The guys who do construction here go on to work as deckhands on the boats, and some go on to apply for their captain's license, so we're more flexible than other companies, which makes us more competitive. Right now we're making two oil-spill response boats, 50-footers. They'll carry maybe 4500 feet of oil boom on them and spill kits, response kits, things like that. The boom is a floating vinyl-type plastic thing you can put on a reel. One boat will be stationed here and one in L.A. And we'll be getting a bit more sophisticated as we go along — repowering with more efficient and ecologically friendly engines, which

are cheaper to run and provide more horsepower."

What impresses others is Doug's ability to keep digging at something, trying to make a good thing better. When I had been out with Steve Frailey on the *Commander*, he had tried to give me an example of this. "Another thing that Doug's added to these tugs is that this boat actually has six rudders. It has a rudder behind each prop, which are the main rudders; and it has port and starboard rudders, what they call flanking rudders, and then in front of each propeller, left and right of the shaft, are two smaller rudders. So when you're using stern propulsion, you can use these inde-

pendently, like when I have the starboard engine astern and if I really need to go that way, I can use this flanking rudder and it will send the prop wash to starboard and give you just tons of

A Foss tug-and-barge combination hauls all the Navy's supplies and drinking water to San Clemente Island.

movement."

After I saw Doug, Grant Westmorland showed me their two newest boats, which would be ready for sea trials in early spring. Both had been made from cutting up

two ex-Navy landing craft hulls to create a large 96-foot tug with a crane in the bow and a shorter tug with a crane and its wheelhouse 30 feet above the deck.

Grant is 44, tall and

ated on another barge, toward Westcoast's newest tug, the *Harbor Hauler*. His enthusiasm was like a soccer dad's whose son has scored five goals in the big game.

The *Hauler's* key features were a crane and the cargo area in the bow, then the two-story wheelhouse and two brand-new environmentally friendly, high-efficiency 500 hp Detroit Diesel engines. Grant said that they considered it an oceangoing tug, which could be gone for months at a time. Although flat-bottomed and rectangular-shaped, it wouldn't be unwieldy except in high seas.

"It's a pretty unique vessel," said Grant. "There's

probably not another like it on the West Coast. It has the ability to land on a beach, drive in and out. It can carry vehicles, cement trucks, containers, anything you need to get freight to any island."

"Tugs like that with a crane," Frailey had told me, "people die for that, because to rent a crane, a floating crane, is outrageous. But if you just have a little lift and it's out in the middle of the bay and you can just send a tugboat on a tugboat rate to make your little pick or carry your little buoy or whatever it is, and take it somewhere again that's where a boat like that, well, who'd have thought to put a crane on it? And that's Doug."

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Grant led me back across the barges to the shorter of the two tugs on the other side of South Bay Boat Yard: the *Harbor Admiral*. "This facility is great for us. We have land space available if we want to do conversion work on any of the tugs. Or in one hour we can have a boat hauled, change a prop that's got a problem, change a shaft, do any kind of out-of-water maintenance, have it back in the water within another hour or two."

Work was still continuing on the *Admiral* and we climbed over piles of material and tools. The climb up the 30-foot wheelhouse ladder took, I thought, serious concentration, but from the top was 360 degrees of amazing. A gull flew by beneath me. Grant proudly launched into the technical details — the two Kort nozzles that would add another 40 percent bollard pull, the flanking rudder as well as the main rudder to give the boat steerage in reverse, the added crane with two hydraulic suspensions. "This would be a great boat for Scripps experiments. There won't be anything that we'll ever have to push that we won't be able to see over. Nobody has as many boats as we do. And when these two are launched, nobody will have such a wide variety of boats for so many types of jobs." Rising up from the corners of the *Admiral's* bow were push knees coated with gray rubber instead of the usual black. The Navy had asked for expensive gray rubber because black left a black smudge on their hulls, and with gray they wouldn't have to repaint their ships so much. So Grant had bought gray.

It seems impossible for me to spend much time with another person engaged in his life's pursuits, the labor that fills his waking hours, without wondering what that life would have been like for me. There was a writer who once explained his obsession with his work by saying, "My work is more fun than my play." And I expect Doug Lotoski had said something similar when he laughed off working seven days a week by saying, "If you can't have fun at what you're doing, you might as well do something else."

There was a cheerful placidity at Westcoast that seemed enviable, an eagerness to meet the day, or as Benny Rodriguez had said, "...all the good scenery, nice sunsets, sunrises."

But I also wanted to know what it was like on a big tug, so one day I visited

Foss Maritime, 1839 Water Street at the Tenth Avenue Pier, and talked to Wendell Koi, Foss's San Diego manager. Koi is a 29-year-old Asian-American who grew up in Hawaii, graduated as an engineer from the California Maritime Academy, and went into tugboats right

away, working for Crowley, Foss's main competitor. He mentioned this with some chagrin. Now he has been working for Foss for five years, having been here for two.

Foss has had tugs in San Diego for 25 years without any competition until

Crowley appeared in 2000 with two 3500 hp tugs, much lower rates than Foss, and the promise to bring a third tug down from L.A. when ever needed. Koi is not very happy that Crowley has shown up on his watch, but a few people suggested to me that Foss was getting a

little complacent after so long by themselves. A Foss operator — the captains of the big tugs are called operators — told me, "Probably Crowley just had two extra boats they decided to put to use and they're waiting to see if the port's going to expand. They're over-

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Actually, for the fiscal year July 1999 to June 2000, the Port of San Diego had a record-breaking cargo volume of 2.4 million metric tons, the major gains being in automobile, cement, and sand shipments. The previous record had been 2.3 million metric tons in 1981. The Port's revenues for the first ten months of the 1999-2000 fiscal year, \$11.3 million, had also reached an all-time high. Still, this must be kept in perspective. Cargo volume for the Port of Long Beach for 1999-2000 was 64.5 million tons. San Diego has 4 harbor pilots, who rotate duty by the week, and the Navy has 5 pilots. Long Beach has 18 pilots. But Dole Fresh Fruit Company's decision to build a refrigerator container operation at the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal — the 20-year lease was signed

riers, bulk vessels loading soda ash, vessels discharging cement, vessels off-loading newsprint, vessels bringing in fruit. Then a Foss tug-and-barge combination hauls all the Navy's supplies and drinking water to San Clemente Island. Thirdly, the Navy's Military Sealift Command has a contract with Foss to do vessel-boarding exercises offshore. "They'll pretend one of our tugs is a foreign vessel," said Koi, "and they'll query and board us in order to train their sailors." Another Navy operation requires a Foss tug to tow a target sled 60 to 70 miles offshore on a mile-and-a-half-long cable for target practice by Navy cruisers and destroyers. And Foss donates its services to the tall ship *Star of India*, flagship of the San Diego Maritime Museum, assisting it in and out of port.

It is clear to me, as I talk to Wendell Koi, that he

ton masters licenses. Tugs are not required to be licensed, consequently the engineers don't need to be licensed. The deckhands have able-bodied seaman endorsements.

When a ship approaches San Diego, the shipping agent in charge of the cargo calls the harbor pilot and tug company about a ship coming in on about 12 to 24 hours' notice and Koi issues a call-out. A ship assist requires at least two tugs and involves a couple of hours of work. Foss is a union company, and so for the call-out, the most senior men are called first. A call-out can occur any time of the day or night, but the car carriers tend to arrive at night so they can be off-loaded first thing in the morning. The tug has a crew of three: an operator, engineer, and deckhand. When it "goes outside" — that is, beyond the sea buoy — a mate is also required. A cruise ship doesn't require the help of a tug because its bow thrusters let it maneuver into its pier on its own.

I went out on the *Pacific Queen*, operated by Keith Ericson. The engineer was Tom Summers. The deckhand introduced himself as Joe. The call had come at noon Sunday for a 5:30 job: a car carrier, the *Sirius Highway*, that had been parked off Coronado all day. It was bringing in 2500 Volkswagen Beetles. Now the *Pacific Queen* and a second tug, the *Pacific King*, were to guide the *Sirius Highway* into the 24th Street Marine Terminal so that it would be ready to unload first thing in the morning — 50 men each driving 50 cars out of the ship over an eight-hour period.

Ericson is in his late 40s, about 5'8", stocky-ish, wears glasses, and has short gray hair and a neatly trimmed beard. He has an oddly melodious way of talking, sliding a few notes up and down a musical scale. He spent ten years in the Navy, coming here in the Navy in 1971. "I grew up on Long Island and my grandfather used to take me fishing. I've been on the water for as long as I can remember. I came back here in 1988, after driving trucks for eight years. I first worked for Harbor Tug & Barge, then for Westcoast, then I

Europe and Asia had always used the bollard scale — that is, how many pounds of pull a tug can exert on a bollard — but the U.S. has been slow to conform.

May 8, 2001 — will increase the number of containers brought into San Diego each year to about 40,000, giving all the big tugs more work. The Port of Long Beach yearly brings in about 4.4 million containers.

Koi said that Foss was the largest tug-and-barge company on the West Coast, with 80 tugs, an equal number of barges, and operations in every major port from Alaska to San Diego, though their biggest ports are Seattle, San Francisco, Long Beach, and Portland. The company's main offices and shipyard are in Seattle. Of Foss's five tugs in San Diego, the smaller 750 hp tug is contracted to the Navy; then the company has a large barge, a number of small barges, paint floats, and ship separators.

Foss's main operations in San Diego are ship-assist work within the harbor — several tugs under the direction of a pilot bringing a ship into its pier — car car-

is the representative of a huge corporation. Not because he is self-important or overbearing, no, he's a pleasant young man who obviously knows his business. But the charts, graphs, computers, the whole layout, lacks the easygoing quality of Westcoast. Foss deals primarily with gigantic ships. The size of the investment increases the degree of seriousness. I asked to go out on a tug, and Koi readily arranged to have me take a ride the next evening.

Foss in San Diego has 20 employees: 7 captains, then engineers and deckhands. Half are on schedule; the rest are casuals, meaning they are not full-time and hold other jobs. The ones on schedule work Monday through Friday, and the time not spent out on a tug is spent doing maintenance, though all serious repairs and modifications are done in the shipyard in Seattle. The captains all have Coast Guard licenses and 1600-

came to Foss in 1990, worked my way up and have been an operator since '99. Now I'm the first to be called for after-hours work. I also worked on sailboats and ran a sailing school for six years. If Foss expanded or if someone retired or moved away, then I'd be offered a job, but personally I'm pretty content where I am."

It was low tide and the *Pacific Queen* lay about 15 feet below the pier, tied up on the other side of another tug. I climbed down a ladder, holding my notebook in my teeth, then scrambled across the great rubber tires strung along the side of both boats. I thought

how it would add zest to my story to break a leg. Inside the tug it was warm from the engines. To one side were the sleeping quarters, to the other was a small galley; a table was bolted to the floor. Everything was metal. I followed Ericson up the stairs to the wheelhouse. He began checking

dials, flicking switches. Tom and Joe cast off and we moved out into the harbor to join the second tug, the *Pacific King*. By now it was dark.

Right away I saw the *Sirius Highway* coming down the main channel. It was a monster. More of a fortress than a ship, its orange

hull rising up like a great wall. It moved past us by the Coronado bridge, fast and silent.

The harbor pilot's voice came through the radio, asking the operators their locations. The pilots go by numbers — 01, 02, 03, 04. By the pilot's voice Ericson said we had 01. "He tends

to be more aggressive than the other pilots — does things quicker. He wants to see something happen as soon as he gives the order. When we work with him, the job takes less time."

The two tugs followed the *Sirius Highway* toward the 24th Street Marine Terminal like two water bugs

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following a mother duck. Then the pilot brought the *Sirius* to a stop and moved the tugs into position.

“The other tug puts a line on the port bow,” Ericson said, “then we push on the starboard quarter. We have to be at 90 degrees when we push and the other tug is the same, then we’re able to push the *Sirius* around. Because of their configuration and because they’re so high, we don’t put a line at the top, but on a cleat on the side.”

There was no telling where we were in relation to the pier; the other tug had vanished and, in a way, the *Sirius* had also disappeared, because I couldn’t see the top, only the orange wall, which shone in a dream-like glare in the lights from the tug. Joe attached his lines. There was the rumbling

of the tug’s engines, the groan of the lines, but no sense of movement. The pilot’s voice came over the radio, quick and businesslike: “*Queen*, come ahead easy. *Queen*, stop. *King*, back easy. *King*, back half.”

Ericson repeated each command, as did the operator of the *Pacific King*. Then Ericson jotted down each of his adjustments in the tug’s log. It seemed to take dozens of adjustments before the *Sirius Highway* had been turned and positioned against the pier. I didn’t even feel a bump. “*Queen*, stop. *King*, stop.” Then Joe cast off his lines. There was a brisk thanks from the pilot. Once Ericson moved away from the great orange wall, everything came into perspective. There was the other tug and the bridge of the *Sirius* high above and the

vast parking lot of the terminal that tomorrow evening would be filled with 2500 Volkswagen Beetles. Ericson turned the *Queen* back toward the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal.

Curtin is seen as sort of a boy wonder among tug captains, having started in L.A. in his late teens before he was even old enough to have an operator’s license.

It was foggy and the lights downtown were a multi-colored glow.

Between the rusty barge pulling up old piling and the *Sirius Highway* came the moving of a 265-foot

mega-yacht costing over \$50 million and its little companion, a 230-foot mega-yacht that follows it all over the world. I was asked not to give their names, so I’ll call them *Silver* and

sels in San Diego. The owner himself is never here. He’s been here once, to my knowledge, and I have a long association with those two yachts. I was part of building the *Scout* and, in the whole two years it took to build, he showed up for about half an hour, walked through it, said very nice, and left. Besides these two yachts, he has another one that’s a hundred-footer that was also built in San Diego and it’s pound for pound the most expensive sport fisher in the world that also follows him around occasionally or they’ll ship it to the location.





Scout. Steve Frailey had described the boats to me.


“They’ve got an all-British crew and they’ve set up the *Silver* a lot like a cruise ship. So you’ve got these uniformed British officers and you’ve got all these uniformed crewmembers. And they’ve all fallen in love with San Diego and they’ve bought property and are building homes here and the owner is so, I guess, understanding, or he wants to keep a loyal crew, that he decides to service the ves-

“The way they’re parked right now, you’ve got the *Scout* next to the pier and the *Silver* outboard. And the *Scout* is going to Mexico to do some cruising down there. The owner donates it a lot to research, oceanography, so they’re going to go do something like that. But the *Silver*’s in the way. So we’re going to move it out into the stream and the *Scout*’s going to depart. It’ll involve two of our tugs, which will be cushioned with canvas and things so we don’t scratch it, and


a port pilot to direct the tugs. The *Scout* was built to hold a seaplane that was custom-made — it’s got a launching elevator in the back for the seaplane to come in and out of the water. It also carries a high-speed little landing craft on one side — ski boats, sailboats, jet skis, big giant trampolines that inflate, a decompression chamber valued at, like, a million dollars. It’s got 27 officers just to support the yacht because the yacht can’t carry all these items they want to play with. So one follows the other. Well, that’s a simple move, but when you think of the money involved. The paint job alone, which was done here in San Diego, took about a year and cost a million and a half dollars. So it’s critical our guys do a good job, don’t scratch it, don’t dent it, be real gentle and put it back just the way we found it.”

I had gone with Frailey when he had briefly discussed the operation with the captain of the *Silver*, first crossing over the *Scout*, then onto the larger yacht. The maids and women who worked in the galleys were



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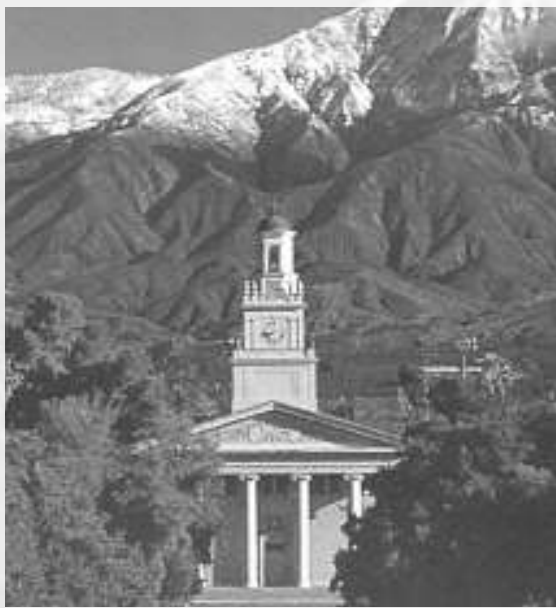
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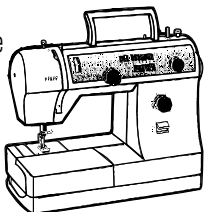
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Asian; the crew was British. Set into the rear deck of the *Silver* was a small swimming pool, perhaps 12 by 15 feet, lined with small turquoise tiles, while every ten inches or so would be a gold tile. One wall of the pool was glass, which looked onto the yacht's long dining room.

Frailey and I made our way to the bridge where we met the captain and two deck officers in dark blue uniforms — Brits in their late 30s, early 40s, very handsome, short brown hair and very fit, proud, ultra-serious, a commando aspect. The bridge was about 25 feet across and filled with dark shiny wood and mysterious monitors. Frailey discussed the positioning of the tugs. One of the deck officers, mistaking my awe for professionalism, asked my advice about where to tie up the second tug.

Leaving the *Silver*, Frai-

On the day of the move, we left South Bay Boat Yard around 6:00 a.m. on the *Harbor Commander*. The captain was Martin Curtin, president of Curtin Maritime, who works for West-coast once or twice a week. At 25, Curtin is seen as sort of a boy wonder among tug captains, having started in L.A. in his late teens before he was even old enough to have an operator's license, so when he worked he had to hire a licensed operator to accompany him. He is smart and knowledgeable, easily reeling off figures and the dimensions of various intricate bits and pieces, distances and fuel demands. Grant Westmorland and Steve Frailey couldn't praise him enough, saying he was one of the best captains around and feeling certain that he was destined to make millions.

Born and raised on Catalina Island, Curtin has

He spoke of Z-drive tugs with dual-nozzled azimuthal stern drive systems that can turn 360 degrees on a horizontal plane that is driven on a vertical axis.

ley had to stop by the shipyard office to coordinate the time of the move. The man in charge said, "Once you get these big yachts in here they bleed money." There was no avarice in his voice; he might have been saying the sun is shining. The phrase "money is no object" was repeated several times.

Someone else said that the *Silver* burned \$16 worth of fuel per nautical mile, \$256 an hour. Another said that two props for the *Scout* a few years ago had cost \$500,000. Like the refrain of a song, it came again: Money is no object.

As Frailey took the *Harbor Commander* back to South Bay Boat Yard, a Navy SEAL's Mark Five special operations craft shot by, more of a bullet than a boat, ignoring the No Wake signs. Frailey looked at it fondly. "If you can't own a megayacht, you should just be a SEAL. They've got all the best toys."

been around boats all his life. He is tall and thin, brown hair, brown eyes, with a smooth, almost rosy complexion that would make him look even younger than he is if it weren't for his air of confidence. He has a brash manner, offhand, relaxed, jokey, a Tom Cruise manner. If he has doubts, they don't show. He has had Curtin Maritime for three years, and at the moment it had one operable tug: the 107-foot, 3000 hp, ocean-going *Scana C*, which was built in 1954 and repowered in 2000. He has three similar and inoperable tugs anchored out in the A-8 awaiting renovation.

Curtin's plan now was to get the other three tugs running and use one or more as harbor tugs in Ensenada, where he would be in competition with Foss and Crowley. Still, he believed he could break in. And he would also charter and do long-distance towing. Curtin's chief engineer, deck-

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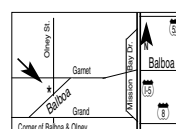
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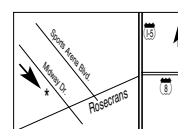
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hand, and sole employee was Jason Burcombe, with whom he had gone to high school on Catalina Island. They lived on the *Scana C*, which normally was docked at the 24th Street Pier.

Curtin took us out of South Bay Boat Yard and we raised our voices over the grumble of the engines. It was still dark and cold, but slowly a glow crept over the hills to the east, first a grayish color, then turning golden.

"We're kind of like a one-horse stable," said Curtin. "The harbor is a very coveted market to Foss and Crowley, because it's more money and less work. Outside, it's a finer line because you can hit bad

weather, burn through the fuel real fast, and there goes your profit margin. Then I've got to pay the crew and pay for maintenance. You can lose money on a trip. But in outside towing there's a lot of new customers, a lot of on-the-spot customers, because it's such an odd market."

Within the harbor, Curtin tries not to compete with Westcoast, bidding mostly on outside towing. A Panama towing job takes about 40 days and grosses about \$350,000. Of that Curtin hopes to net about \$50,000. Such a trip would require a five-man crew — captain, mate, chief engineer, assistant engineer, and cook. Their best speed would

be 7½ knots; their worst about 4, though they might do 8 or 9 "downhill through Baja." And he explained that he might spend months trying to string a number of jobs together so there wouldn't be a time on a trip when he was without a barge, taking several barges down through the canal and up to Georgia, another up to New England, another down to North Carolina, another down to New Orleans, and so on. And then the same thing with barges over to Japan. And he is cheaper than the big companies. Crowley charges \$7000 a day plus fuel and oil; Curtin charges \$4000. But Crowley keeps a tug fueled, supplied, and ready to leave on

ten minutes' notice, whereas it takes Curtin three days' preparation.

It was nearly seven by the time Curtin maneuvered the *Commander* into the slip at the shipyard and moved it up behind the stern of the *Silver*. Uniformed sailors hurried back and forth, ready to give their all. The other smaller tug, the *Harbor Mate*, took up its position on the yacht's port bow.

Curtin said they had to move the *Silver* because the *Scout* was going outside to do sea trials and swing its compass; that is, make sure the yacht's compass was exact. With his usual self-possession, he told me, "We're going to put the canvas on the push knees and across the front so when we push on their transom we won't mess anything up."

Curtin called down to Burcombe to drag out the canvas. But now a wrinkle occurred.

Burcombe shouted up to the wheelhouse. "I can't find the canvas." The canvas was supposed to be in a locker in the crew's quarters and it wasn't there. He kept looking; the canvas wasn't onboard.

Curtin's composure changed to irritation. "Oh, this will be nice. Someone's going to be seriously P.O'd. We'll look pretty stupid with no canvas." He got on the radio with Westcoast. "Douglas, I have a small problem. There's no canvas on this boat. Can you have Jack run some down to me?"

Irritation turned to barely contained anger. Turning to me, he said. "It's always interesting. At least we're early." He began to whistle, calming himself down. "I'm going to look pretty stupid in about half an hour without any canvas. These are the joys of towing. They never know quite what they want and they never know quite what they need, so each time it's different."

Sailors were attaching cables from a crane on the dock in order to remove the orange metal gangplank. Curtin went back and forth on the radio about the missing canvas. The harbor pilot checked the position of the tugs. There was an antlike quality to the yacht's sailors — the way they hurried hither and thither on mysterious errands.

Then it turned out that Curtin wouldn't need his canvas. The officers on the yacht preferred to use their own, which was far superior, like thick tumbling mats. Dark blue mats were hung over the port side for the *Mate* and sailors attached white mats to the flat front of the *Commander*. The sun rose in the sky.

As we waited, Curtin explained that the method of measuring a tug's ability by its horsepower was the old way of measuring a tug's power and not particularly accurate. Europe and Asia had always used the bollard scale — that is, how many pounds of pull a tug can exert on a bollard — but the U.S. has been slow to

conform. One of Foss's 2000 hp tugs has 50,000 pounds of bollard pull. Curtin's *Scana C* has 87,000 pounds. Curtin rattled off more numbers. "The Foss and Crowley tugs have a lot of horsepower but small propellers, and that decreases their bollard pull."

Now the *Commander* nosed forward and was attached to the yacht as the *Mate* was attached to the port bow. From where I stood in the wheelhouse, I could see only the stern of the other tug. A dozen sailors worked to secure the lines. More time passed.

"The captain of the *Mate* has to work two jerk lines off the bow," said Curtin, "which will be interesting, to keep this yacht from hitting the *Scout*. I'll be walking the stern off and he'll be pulling the bow off so it'll be clean. If it was a barge, we could walk it off in five minutes, but since it's a yacht we can't afford to mess up. They've got so many crew on this that it's amazing. I mean, they've got crew everywhere. And the radar on the *Scout* is as big as on a tanker. It's total overkill. The pilot directs the tugs, because we can't see everything. Basically he runs the show. We just push the levers."

The *Silver* was cast off from the pier.

The pilot began to give directions to the tugs. "*Commander*, hard right, easy to easy. *Commander*, hard right, half and half. *Commander*, back easy. Stop on *Commander*." Curtin repeated

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each order and noted it in the log. The pilot alternated his orders to the *Commander* with others to the *Mate*. To me Curtin said, "As the *Mate* pulls the *Silver's* bow out, it pulls the stern in, so now we have to expedite it a bit."

Pilot: "*Commander*, hard right, half power."

Moving the yacht was like two World Wrestling Federation wrestlers rolling a Fabergé egg across a downtown street at rush hour with their noses.

Suddenly everything came to a stop. The *Silver* was about 30 feet from the *Scout* and 30 yards from the dock on the other side of the slip. It turned out that the pilot wasn't happy with the captain of the *Harbor Mate* and had decided that he didn't have sufficient experience for the job. Consequently, he dismissed the *Mate* and put out a call for a tug from Harbor Tug & Barge. We waited. Curtin held the yacht in position.

Grant Westmorland came over the radio. He was furious, saying there was absolutely no reason for the change.

Curtin had returned to his mood of philosophical nonchalance. "Nobody likes not being able to do the job. It's not an equipment problem. But sometimes the pilot says he wants a little more horsepower in the wheelhouse. Steve Frailey is the best captain that Westcoast has and if Steve was in the wheelhouse, they'd probably keep the *Mate* on the job, because Steve has had more experience with this sort of work. Harbor Tug & Barge used to have a stranglehold on the bay. They had 100 percent of the business. Now they probably have 15 percent and Westcoast has 85 percent, because Westcoast's boats are set up better and willing to do more."

A half hour went by. Curtin talked about his tugs in the A-8 and growing up on Catalina Island, where his father had a hotel. I decided I'd have to be extremely patient to work on a tug. Harbor Tug's *Metola-A* arrived—a conventional tug shape with a white wheelhouse and yellow trim. Another half hour passed as it was attached to the yacht.

But taking the *Silver* out into the harbor was rel-

atively speedy. No more than 20 minutes to go 300 yards, since it had already been separated from the smaller yacht, the one that carried the toys. It was still tied up to the pier. Next to it a tall yellow crane was doing weight tests so it could be certified. The *Harbor Mate* helped out by moving the barge, which held the weights. Clocks ticked.

A slightly odd-looking Chouest tug went by down the main channel. Chouest has the prettiest and most distinctive of the big tugs in the bay—a shiny orange and yellow. Curtin looked at it enviously.

He explained that tugs had long life spans, 50 to 60 years wasn't uncommon. But environmental laws had led the big companies to build large new tractor tugs with new technology for harbor work with more powerful but smaller engines that produced fewer pollutants. And he spoke of Z-drive tugs with dual-nozzled azimuthal stern drive systems that can turn 360 degrees on a horizontal plane that is driven on a vertical axis. He ran through a long explanation with a series of numbers as easily as he might subtract two from four. The captain has two small levers with which he can direct the tug's thrust in any direction, so the tug could move a ship sideways into a dock and forward at the same time. "So with these kind of tugs you can spin it within its own width or length. You can do anything with it." The Chouest tug was such a tug and Curtin wanted one.

By now the *Scout* had moved out into the bay and the *Silver* was ready to return to the pier. The *Commander* was tied up on the yacht's stern, while the *Metola-A* would push on the side as the *Commander* backed in.

The yacht was coaxed back into the slip as the pilot's voice came over the radio. "*Commander*, hard right on your flank rudders." Curtin repeated the order and wrote it in his log. Pilot: "*Commander*, midships... *Commander*, hard left on the flanking rudder... *Commander*, stop... *Metola*, back easy... *Metola*, back half... *Metola*, back easy... *Metola*, stop... *Commander*, easy on one... *Commander*, stop... *Com-*

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mander, pick a mark and keep her here.” The orders continued. The sailors on the yacht hurried around as nervous as hens. Pilot: “Commander, hard left, easy, easy...Metola, ahead easy...Metola, stop...Commander, stop...Attach the lines to the bollards.” A man on the pier also called out directions: “I could use two meters back here.”

Fifteen more minutes were spent fiddling over a matter of inches, the very opposite of the car carrier. The tumbling mats were removed; lines were untied. Curtin pulled away and picked up a paint barge about 60 feet behind the *Silver*, then brought it back so the crane could hoist the gangplank onto it. It took about 20 people 20 more minutes to get the gangplank exactly right. The two yachts were like something out of a James Bond movie—the security forces, the elaborate toys, the British crew, the elegant deck officers. I realized that even if I had dumped all my savings into Starbucks and Dell Computer at exactly the right time it still wouldn't be enough. Money was no object.

At 11:30 Curtin took the *Harbor Commander* out of the shipyard. The move had taken over four hours, not including travel. No scratches, no dents—the job had been a success. We passed the Navy yard. Tied up at a pier was a decrepit destroyer where Navy SEALs chased one another from the bridge, along passages, and down to the dark bowels of the ship playing paintball games.

Curtin took the tug out into the channel as he headed back toward South Bay Boat Yard. Jason Burcombe had climbed up to the outside of the wheelhouse—thin, red-haired, red face, vaguely like Tom Sawyer. Looking out toward the Silver Strand I saw the two fat sea lions lolling on their buoy.

“One of them waved at me the other day,” I said. I got no response. ■

— Stephen Dobyns

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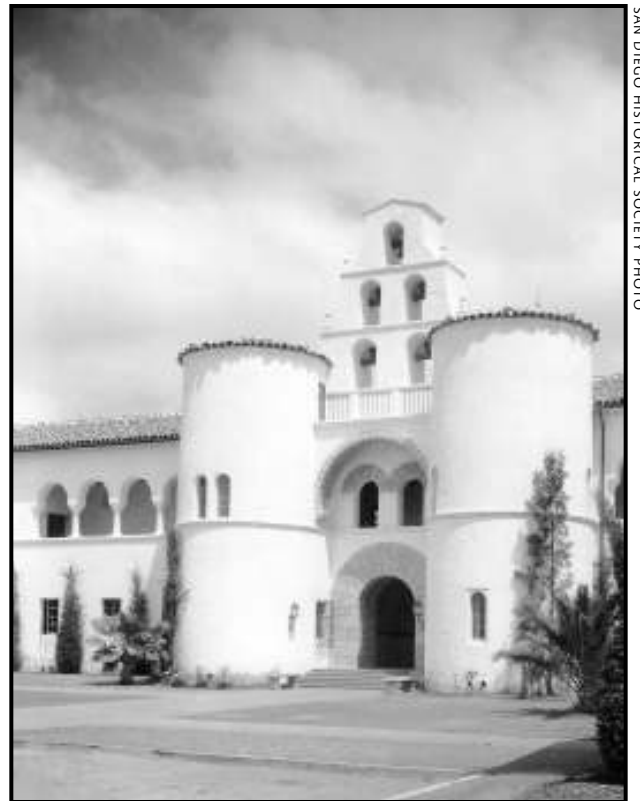
From where Joe sat in the library next to Jimmy Folsom, one of the all-star pledges the fraternity had won last fall, he could survey the whole of the enormous main reading room. Here and there students were hunched over their books, jackets, or bright-colored spring coats draped on the backs of their chairs. The April sun pouring in through the clerestory windows made the shelves of books at the far end only a dull and distant blue. Like the time when he finally graduated, he thought. And, in between, the regular rows of brown study tables extending almost from wall to wall, broken by the

center aisle and topped by rows of lamps under brown metal reflectors, were like the weeks and months, semesters and summers, between him and the faraway blur of the end of college.

He frowned as Johnny Folsom coughed beside him, breaking the quiet of the big room. Carefully he closed his French grammar; he had the vocabulary down cold and he hadn't brought his econ text with him. He opened his notebook.

He wrote "14½" at the top of the blank page. He had taken 14½ units his first semester at Cal. 14½ the second, 12½ last semester because of football, and he was taking 14½ again this spring semester. He added the figures: 56 units by the end of his sophomore year, and it took 120 for a degree. He had to do better than this if he wanted to graduate. He'd been disorganized ever since he'd quit engineering for liberal arts, to major in econ. Maybe he should stay for summer session.

But he had to get a job this summer. Sixty dollars left in the bank and two more house bills to pay and then bus fare to San Diego. He had to go down to San Diego and work and save every penny he made. Maybe he could hitch-hike down. All the nagging worries about money swept down on him; he shut his eyes and shook his head.



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"Constance Robinson," he wrote on the page and drew a line under her name. He continued the line and drew a football. He would have to quit the job mowing

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He wrote "George Davis" below the hand that held the football. If he could only get some kind of football scholarship; if George Davis would only give him a deal like he gave Marshall. But he knew George Davis never would, or anyone else. Why should they? He'd be lucky if he made second string next year. The coach had been on him ever since he'd broken training rules in Los Angeles to go out and drink beer with Hickey the night before the Cal-USC game.

"Got the itch, Joe?"



Walnut Creek estate

Johnny whispered.

"What?"

"How come you're making all those faces?"

Joe scowled at him; smart pledge. He made a mental note to give Johnny a swat Monday night.

"All through?" Johnny asked. "Let's go up to the house."

"I got to go meet Marsh," Joe said. Johnny picked up his books and Joe watched him go out,

very tall in his blue sport coat; from one of the best families in San Francisco, one of Bill Strafford's prizes. Well, he himself had worked hard enough on Johnny during rushing.

The Campanile was striking eleven when he walked down to Wheeler Hall. The steps were already crowded, fraternity and sorority people sitting on the right buttress or standing in groups on the shal-

low end of the steps, the non-orgs sitting at the other end, with a gap between through which the students entering or leaving the building could make their way.

Marshall came out of one of the doorways and descended the steps. "Ho," Marshall said.

"Ho," Joe said. "No Laura Lee today?"

"She had to cut," Marshall said. "She had to go

over to the city. How about a cup of coffee?"

"Okay," Joe said, and they walked up the slope past Eshelman Hall, where a cute girl was selling tickets to something, and in the Union got coffee and sat up on the gallery that overlooked Faculty Glade. Marshall had bought a doughnut, and he dunked it in his coffee and bit off the wet end. "What're you doing Sunday night?" he said, chewing.

"You name it."

"Laura Lee says how about you and me coming over to her place for dinner. You know Marilyn Siefert?"

Joe shook his head. "She going to be there too?"

"She's Laura Lee's roommate. You mind a blind date?"

"What is she, a real spook?"

"She's not bad looking. Pretty cute."

"Okay," Joe said. "Sure."

Marshall took another drink of coffee and stretched his long legs out.


"You'd better get those white bucks," Joe said. "B.S.'ll get you slung out of the house the way he did Randy."

"Shiiih!" Marshall said. "Heil Hitler!"

"Heil Strafford," Joe said, but he glanced uncomfortably at his own white buck shoes. He had paid \$4 he could not spare for them, and \$10 for a brown cashmere sweater. He had bought them even though he was disgusted with the pettiness of Bill Strafford's line of snobbery, and with himself for falling for it. But he knew why he had fallen for it; he couldn't bear for anyone to think he couldn't keep up.

Ever since Bill had been elected president he had been talking up things like white bucks, cashmere sweaters, wearing coats and ties to dinner, monthly exchange dinners with the Big Six sororities. The meretriciousness of it infuriated Joe, but he could not revolt against it. And he had to admit that Bill

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had done a good job in the presidency, even though it had been pretty raw about Randy. Everyone knew that Bill had had Mac write national about Randy's debt. National had come down on the chapter and Randy like a ton of bricks, Randy had been booted out, and, Randy gone, Bill had easily defeated Andy Baker for the presidency. But the morale of the house was fine, and Bill Strafford was personally responsible for the pledge class, which was mostly steals from the Betas, Phi Delts, and Fee Gees. Now Bill was working up the pressure on

everyone to date only Gammas, Kappas, or Thetas so as to raise the social standing of the house, and Joe had been outraged when Bill had asked him if there wasn't some way to break up Marshall and Laura Lee, because of her reputation. He had told Bill to go to hell.

"What're you doing Saturday?" Marshall asked. "Got a job?"

"If you want to go steady, go ahead and say so," Joe said. He grinned. "No, the placement office doesn't have anything yet. Why?"

"George Davis's got

a job for me and somebody else," Marshall said. "Cleaning out his swimming pool and doing some other work around."

"Will he pay my house bill next year if I do it?"

"It might be a good idea if you'd get to know him."

"I'll bet he'll be glad to get to know me. He was sitting on the bench with the coach that Washington game when I flubbed that block."

"That was Rogers's fault," Marshall said.

Joe remembered it bitterly. Rogers had missed his block, and Joe had had to take out the guard, who

was coming in fastest. Then the end had angled in to hit Gallaway so hard he had fumbled. So because Rogers had missed a block and Gallaway had fumbled, the coach had yanked him, Joe, out and given him hell. Ever since the USC game the coaches had been on him. It wouldn't do any good for him to get to know George Davis, except that it was a job.

He said, "Sure. Good deal, Marsh."

"How're we going to get out there though? It's way out in Walnut Creek."

Joe rose and picked up his books. "Let's go

back to the house and pick one of our rich pledges with a car to take us out. What're pledges for?"

Early Saturday morning Dean Hunter drove them out to Walnut Creek. The Davis house was on top of a hill, low and U-shaped, with windows and glass doors opening onto a covered terrace, the brick terrace turning into a cement apron and a wide strip of sand on which were clustered many pieces of bright-striped canvas beach furniture, and then the pool. Beyond the pool a grassed slope fell away to the tennis court, and a

double row of poplars bordered the drive that wound up from the highway.

No one was around when they arrived, but the pool had been drained, and finally Marshall located the yard man, who brought them two stiff, long-handled brushes, buckets, and a bunch of rags.

"Pretty cheap kind of pool," Joe whispered, sitting down to take off his shoes and socks. "Only about 100 yards long." The sand felt cold and damp to his bare feet as he took the buckets over to a faucet to fill them. When he returned Marshall had climbed down into the

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pool. Joe handed down the buckets and brushes. "Where's the rich alum?" "I guess he's not here," Marshall said. "His car's not here. He probably won't be home till tonight." "Well, let's get with it," Joe said. " 'Tote that bar'l, lift that bale.' "

The sun was hot, and it was hard work; they had to lean hard on the brushes to scrape the scum off the tiles. Straightening up from time to time to wipe the sweat from his face, looking into the house through the wall of glass that faced the terrace, Joe remembered Marshall telling him about the first time he had been here. When Marshall had been in his senior year in high school George Davis had written him to come to see him, and Marshall had driven up the valley from Modesto in his father's car. But when, from the highway, he had seen the wrought-iron sign that

hung over the entrance to the poplar-lined drive and the green lawns sloping up the hilltop to the house, Marshall had turned around and driven back to Modesto. So George Davis had had to go to see him. But before he had started at Cal, Marshall had gone to stay with the Davises. "It was awful," he told Joe. "I didn't have very good table manners, and I'd see them all watching me, and they'd try to talk to me, but I didn't know what to say, and all I wanted was to go crawl under something." Evidently the members of the Davis family did not get along well together, Marshall had said. "The oldest brother, Geejay, isn't much of a guy, and the other one, Barty, is one of these fresh kids. But Polly Davis is real nice. I couldn't have stood it if Polly hadn't been so nice. But they're all kind of nasty to each other, and you wish they

weren't, but you don't know what to do about it." They were still scrubbing the shallow end of the pool when someone said, "Hi, men." Joe looked up to see a girl in a yellow playsuit leaning over the edge of the pool, her hands gripping her bare knees. Her hair was fluffed out as though she had just washed it, and one of her eyes was swollen half shut. "What happened to your eye?" Marshall said. "Sty," the girl said. She sat down on the edge of the pool, and Marshall introduced Joe. She was Polly Davis. "Hello," she said. "How's everything at school?" Marshall asked. "Oh fine. I remember you," she said to Joe. "You're number 67." Joe leaned on the handle of the brush. "You must sit right behind the bench." Polly giggled. "We do. I know everybody on the

team's name and number and how much everybody weighs and where they're from. You're from San Diego. You always have your sleeves rolled up." "That way I don't have to get my elbows dirty," Joe said. "Then they never have to send my jersey to the laundry." He was immediately sorry he had spoken sarcastically. He didn't have anything against Polly Davis. He bent over and began to scrub again. "I'm going to make lunch," Polly said. "Mother's got a terrible headache. What would you like for lunch, Marsh?" "Anything," Marshall said. "I can't cook very well, except bacon and eggs. Do bacon and egg sandwiches sound all right? And I could make malts on the Mixmaster." Marshall said that sounded fine, and out of the corners of his eyes Joe watched Polly get to her feet, tall and gawky, with thin straight legs and the beginnings of breasts. "Well, I'll call you at lunchtime," she said. "Daddy said he'd be home by then, and we can eat on the terrace, except we'll have to be pretty quiet so's not to wake Mother." He did not see her leave, but when he finally stopped to rub his back he caught Marshall's reproachful eyes. "She's a nice kid," Marshall said. "She's been pretty darn

nice to me all the time." "Aw, I didn't know what to say to her," Joe said apologetically. "You know. How old is she anyway?" "About 15, I guess," Marshall said. "She's a junior in high school." Then he said, "You sounded like you were sore about something." Joe didn't reply. He started to work again. The bottom was finished, and they were working on the sides when he heard Marshall say, "Hello, George." George Davis, in a brown sport suit, was standing between the loops of the ladder that extended above the edge of the pool. His fleshy face was a dark red. He pushed a lock of hair back with a thick hand. "That looks like a good job, fellows," he said. "Hello, Bailey. Let's see, it's — Jack Bailey, isn't it?" "Joe Bailey," Marshall said hurriedly. "Joe Bailey," George Davis said, nodding. He was leaning forward with his hands grasping the loops of brass tubing. His eyes were small and sunken above red wrinkled sacks of skin. "How do you feel about lunch?" he asked. "Polly's got the table all set." "We can finish up here in about five minutes." "Well, snap into it. This afternoon I've really got a job for you. Either of you know how to put in a retaining wall?" Marshall shook his

head, Joe wiped his sweating hands on his Levis. "I kind of know how," he said. But George Davis had turned and started away, the far end of the pool cutting from sight first his legs, then his body, finally his head. Joe swiped viciously at the scummed tiles with his brush. When he and Marshall had finished the pool they washed up and sat down with George Davis and Polly at the table on the terrace. "Let's see," George Davis said. "You're a right half, isn't that right, Joe?" He said that was right. "Well, you ought to be seeing a little more action next year." Joe sipped the thin malted milk. Through the glass tabletop he could see the green iron struts of the table, his own dirty feet, George Davis's moccasined feet, Polly's bare knees crossed and her legs tucked back under her chair. He knew he was being sullen and acting like a fool. He shook his head at Polly, who was offering him the plate of sandwiches. "Could I have one, Polly?" Marshall asked. "By God!" George Davis said. "We should have beat Stanford. I suffer all year when we don't beat Stanford. I swear Al's knee didn't touch the ground on the TD play. Were you in there then, Joe?"

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"You were in there, Marsh. How about it? Did his knee touch the ground?"

"I couldn't see," Marshall said. "He says it didn't."

"Friend of mine takes movies of all the games. I had him slow his film down on that one, and I know damn well Al's knee didn't touch the ground." His chair scraped back. "Poll, how about bringing me my scrapbook? And maybe the boys would like a beer?" He raised his eyebrows at Marshall, who nodded, then at Joe.

Joe shook his head. "No, thanks."

"Oh, Daddy. Marsh's seen that old scrapbook ten million times!" Polly rose and began to stack the dishes.

"Joe hasn't. Don't you want Joe to know what a great football player your Daddy was, Poll?"

"You cut all the dates off the clippings," Polly said.

"Here! Run get us some beer and that scrapbook before I paddle your tail for you!" George Davis scowled at her, then winked at Joe. Joe managed to grin back.

When Polly returned with the scrapbook and the beer in tall glasses that looked like vases, Joe and Marshall stood behind George Davis's chair while he leafed through the pages, reading several of the clippings aloud and telling about the Big Game where he had blocked the punt for the touchdown, and telling stories about people in several of the group photographs. When Marshall had finished his beer he said maybe they should be getting back to work, and George Davis took them down below the tennis court, where a load of rock had been dumped. He showed them where he wanted the retaining wall and sent the yard man down to help them. The yard man had his own ideas on how the wall should be constructed, so Joe let him go ahead. He didn't give a damn whether it fell down or not.

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"Want to go swimming?" she asked. "There's a whole lot of extra suits.

Daddy says I can take you home afterwards in the Caddy."

Marshall and Joe went into the dressing room and took showers and found trunks to fit. When they came out of the pool they sat in the beach chairs near Polly. Polly talked too much, about high school and her friends, and asked Marshall many questions, while Joe sat staring down at his hands, wondering angrily how much they would be paid and hop-

ing that George Davis would not show up again.

But presently George Davis came out and sat down with them, giving little tugs at the knees of his slacks. "How's school going, Marsh?"

"Pretty good."

Joe glanced at him casually, but this lie of Marshall's made him feel better. He watched Polly making marks in the sand with her toes.

"What are you in, Joe?" George Davis asked.

"Taking up business administration too?"

"I'm majoring in econ."

"Why?"

The questioned startled him. "I don't know," he said. Then he ducked his head so no one would see that he had flushed and said, "Well, I started out in engineering, but everybody kept saying it was the engineers who were out of a job in Depression times. And I didn't want to have anything to do with accounting, so I kind of ended up in liberal arts."

"I hate algebra," Polly said.

"You're from San Diego, Joe?"

He nodded.

"Joe's putting himself through school," Marshall said a little hesitantly. "He works —" Joe gave him a furious grimace and he stopped.

Joe stood up. His face felt scalding hot, and something was beating behind his eyes. "Maybe we ought to get going. We ought to be getting back."

"I'll go dress," Polly said.

"You don't need to take us. We can hitch-hike."

"Oh, I want to!"

"You drive carefully now," George Davis said.

"Oh, darn it, don't I always? I drive better than anybody else in this crazy family!"

"Well, I think I know the way those high-school punks of yours rat-race

around. I don't want you wrapping the Cad around some tree."

"Oh, Daddy!"

"Of course," he went on slowly, "there's such a thing as driving too slow. That Brown kid must have driven five miles an hour getting you home last night. Or else he ran out of gas two or three times." His voice had suddenly become hard and angry.

"Oh, Daddy, don't start that again!"

"Coming in here at one o'clock! You tell that pimply faced Brown kid I'll wring his neck if he ever brings you home that late again. And I'll tell —"

"Daddy, please," Polly whispered.

Joe kept his head carefully turned away; Marshall was kicking at an invisible object on the terrace.

"There's some letters on the table in the living room your mother wants mailed," George Davis said shortly. "Drop them off in Berkeley."

Joe walked quickly toward the dressing room. When Marshall came in he turned his back, kicked off his trunks, and pulled on his sweaty shorts and Levis.

"What's the matter, Joe?"

"Nothing." He sat down on the bench and pulled on his moccasins. His feet were still sandy. "I don't have to kiss his tail," he said harshly.

"He never asked you

to."

"The hell he didn't!"

"Okay," Marshall said.

"Let's go," Joe said.

"Let's get out of here before I make any more of a clown out of myself than I already have."

Polly was sitting behind the wheel of the Cadillac with a stack of envelopes in her lap. She handed one to Marshall, another to Joe; in each was a \$5 bill. Holding his envelope, staring out the window of the car while Polly drove them back to the fraternity house, it occurred to Joe that he had never ridden in a Cadillac before, not even when he had lived in Mission Hills.

ii: Laura Lee

Sitting in her convertible in front of the Omega Alpha house Sunday night at six o'clock, Laura Lee smiled to herself. Every so often she would see a face peering at her out of the living-room window or one of the upstairs windows, and she had put the top down so they could see her more clearly. She had a good idea what the Omega Alphas thought of her. She was sure Marshall had never said anything about her, but she remembered the night she had shocked Bill Strafford until she thought his eyeballs were going to drop into his lap, and two years ago there had been Eric Martinsen, who was the kind of braggart that would

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have had many, many stories about her to tell his dear fraternity brothers. She knew what her reputation was on campus — it was bad enough to have gotten across the bay to her mother and father, so it must be pretty bad. But that was the way she wanted it.

Again she saw a face at the living-room window, and she waved and banged on the horn button. The face disappeared. She forced herself to laugh, but she wished Marshall would hurry up. “Hurry up,” she whispered. “Come on, come on.” She wanted time for Marilyn and Joe to get tight before dinner.

Three men had crossed the street and were climbing the steep sidewalk toward her. She recognized Bill Strafford in the middle, wearing a tan sport coat and a bow tie. The other two she didn't know, but they looked young and were probably pledges. She toot-tooted on the horn button and waved. “Hi, B.S.!”

He frowned. His straight black hair was combed sleekly, as always. He came casually over to her car, the two pledges dropping behind. “Hello, Laura Lee,” Bill said. “Waiting for Marsh?” He sounded a little winded.

She nodded, sliding over on the seat. Bill was leaning on the door, and she ran her hand through his hair, which felt greasy. He ducked back. “Who didn't you ever ask me out again, Bill?” she said, loudly enough for the pledges to hear. “Was I too fast for you?”

He didn't answer, glancing over his shoulder at the two others, who immediately started up the walk. He raised his hand to smooth his hair. She smiled at him with her lips together and her eyes almost closed. “Was I too fast for you, Bill darling?” she said.

“Not exactly,” he said stiffly.

“How is it with little Junie Herzog? Weren't you lucky to find her though? So sweet and so attractive and not fast at all. And all that Herzog money.”

“I don't have to talk to you, you bitch,” Bill said and turned away.

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"If I tell Marsh you called me that he'll pull your head off," Laura Lee said. Bill didn't turn around, going up the walk with long strides. "Tell Marsh to hurry up, will you?" she called after him.

Marshall and Joe came out the front door just as Bill reached the porch, and she laughed out loud as she saw him brush past them without speaking. The night Bill had taken her out, his prissy, officious, conceited manner had made her furious; telling her about Dartmouth and the Winter Carnival and how dull everything was at Cal by

comparison. She had done her best to keep from being bored that evening.

Marshall opened the car door, and when he got in she gave him a long kiss for the benefit of whoever might be watching. His hands pushed at her, and she let him go and slid back behind the wheel so Joe could get in. "Do you want one too?" she said.

Joe grinned uncomfortably. "Sure," he said. "I was beginning to feel left out."

She laughed and started the car and punched her foot down on the accelerator so that they shot down the hill

with the exhaust pipe snapping and popping.

"I'm sorry I took so long," Joe said. "I had to find somebody to wash the pots for me tonight."

"Don't think you're getting out of anything," she said. "We're going to have a nice dirty steak grill for you to do." She liked Joe. Although she did not know him very well, Marshall said he was a good guy, and she had come to recognize that Marshall had a discriminating eye for people — which made her wonder why he hadn't seen through her yet. She supposed it was just because he was so damn

simple, or innocent. Maybe it was because he loved her. "Light me a Lucky, Marsh," she ordered and whipped the car around in a screeching curve and started across the campus. She put her hand on his hard broad back as he leaned forward out of the draft to light the cigarette. She caught Joe looking at her curiously, and she winked at him.

She knew what Joe must think she was. But the look he had given her was only knowing; it neither coveted what he must think she passed freely around, nor was there any revulsion there. Revulsion was the only thing that bothered her, because she could never be sure of its source — she could never be sure that there had been a leak from the Gamma house. She took the cigarette Marshall handed her and put it between her dry lips, feeling the terror grip at her heart. Stop it, she told herself, stop it right now; if she did not stop it she would become bitter and nasty, which would spoil the evening, and it had taken her a month and many bribes to coax Marilyn into this. Stop it this instant, she told herself as she drove too fast across the campus.

Marilyn was in the kitchen when they entered. Laura Lee could hear her getting ice cubes out. Joe whistled. "Who sleeps in there?" he said, pointing to the record player.

"Isn't it the biggest

one you ever saw?" Marshall said.

Marilyn brought in the scotch, ice, water, and a bottle of soda on a tray, then got four glasses. She stood wiping her hands on her apron while Laura Lee introduced her to Joe. She looked small and perfect and lovely in the peasant blouse that showed the smooth skin of her shoulders, and Laura Lee watched her and Joe intently, trying to make out what they thought of each other, wondering if Marilyn would go through with it, feeling already the jealousy and delicious pain that cut at her heart not like a knife but like a dull saw.

"Mix them, Marsh," she ordered. "Make mine half and half, but just put a little bit of scotch in Marilyn's. If she drinks too much she gets awfully lovey."

Marilyn glanced at her furiously.

"Oh, make them all half and half," Joe said, flushing, and backed over to turn on the radio.

Laura Lee followed Marilyn out to the kitchen as a voice shouted from the radio, to be replaced by a burst of drums and trumpet soaring. Marilyn swung around toward her. Her eyes looked very dark in her round, pallid face. "You're not going to talk like that tonight!"

"How do you like him?"

Marilyn turned away without answering. The

four steaks were laid on the sink on a bloody piece of wax paper. Marilyn had already broken the lettuce into the wooden salad bowl.

"You're going to do it for me, aren't you?" Laura Lee whispered. "Aren't you, darling?" she said sharply and pressed her hand, hard, against Marilyn's chest.

"Shut up!" Marilyn whispered. "Do you want them to hear?" Laura Lee moved up close behind her and bent her head to run her lips down the soft curve of Marilyn's shoulder. "Stop it!" Marilyn hissed. "You're not going to make me want to very much that way."

"You promised."

"Just let me alone. I said I would. Now just let me alone."

"Can I help you with anything?"

"Just go away and let me alone," Marilyn said, and Laura Lee went out to see what Marshall and Joe were doing.

The steaks were a little too well done, but the salad was good, and there was plenty of red wine. The strained look had left Marilyn's face, and she and Marshall were both laughing at something Joe was saying.

Laura Lee could tell exactly from the tone of Marilyn's giggle how drunk she was, and she felt the mounting, exquisite pain of the anticipation of the pain. She put her hand on

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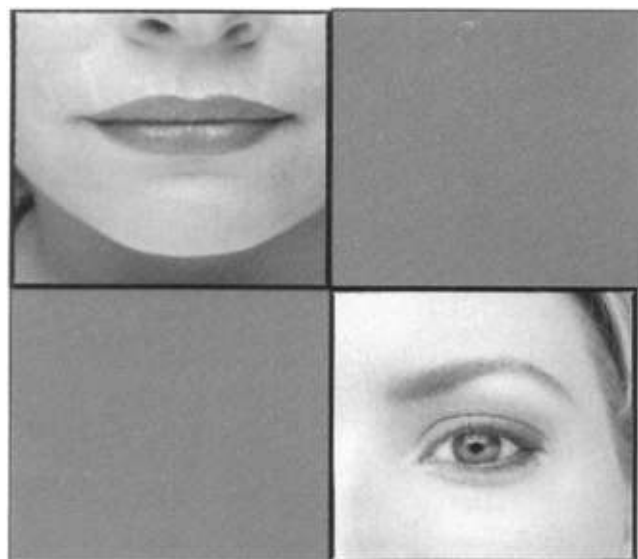
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Marshall's leg under the table. When he did not look at her she knew he was excited, and she pinched his leg. He pushed her hand away.

She went out into the kitchen to put the coffee on and brought the Triple Sec and four liqueur glasses back to the table. After their coffee they danced. Laura Lee watched Joe, who was a little unsteady now, holding Marilyn tightly, both arms around her waist. Marilyn was hanging onto his neck.

Laura Lee took a drag on the cigarette she was holding, swaying with Marshall, moving her feet only slightly as he moved his. She put her lips to his ear. "Do it tonight, Marsh," she whispered, and she could feel his excitement as she watched Joe and Marilyn dancing in the darkness. "Do it tonight, Marsh," she whispered in his ear. She took another drag on her cigarette and blew smoke up into his face. "Marsh, I can't wait much longer. Can't you tell Joe to get busy?"

After she had turned off all the lights and she and Marshall lay on the couch together, she could still hear Joe and Marilyn's feet shuffling as they danced. She missed seeing them go into the bedroom, but she heard the bedroom door click shut, the bed creak.

She lay rigid in Marshall's arms. She strained her ears to hear the sounds from the other room, and she felt the agony rising to merge with the agony of Marshall touching her. She clenched her teeth tight shut, clenching with them every muscle in her body until every nerve, every bone, every separate muscle ached individually, and she said between her teeth, "Go ahead and get it over with."

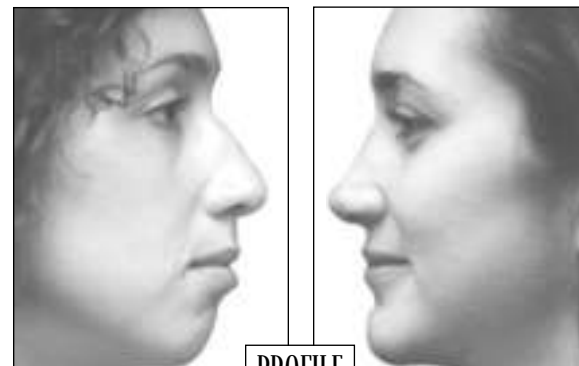
She wouldn't let him take her clothes off. She lay there clothed, her body held tight and every raw nerve on edge, and let him have her, lashed and tortured by him and by the sounds from the bedroom. When the other room was silent she felt her own muscles come unknotted, and at last she lay completely cold but relaxed, feeling Marshall's harsh

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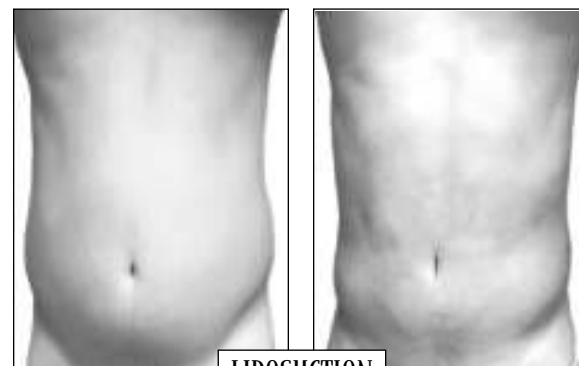
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breathing in her ear and
trying not to wince at his
hand that grasped her
breast too tightly — just
lying there feeling the awful
jealousy and fear in her
head, and feeling nothing
in her body.

When he was through
and had gone into the
bathroom she pulled her
knees up against her chest.
For Marshall she felt only
a sorrowful and pitying
revulsion. For what had
been in the other room
she did not know what
she felt, except that she
was terrified. And she had
made Marilyn do it. She
hated herself, but mostly
because of Marshall now.
Why couldn't it be enough?
she thought. *Oh, my dear
sweet Jesus, why am I this
rotten thing?* she thought,
and she felt tired of fight-
ing it. Why bother to fight
it, she thought, as though
by convincing everyone
else that she was sex-crazy,
a perpetual bitch in per-
petual heat, not whore but
nymphomaniac, she could
convince, at last, herself.
But she knew she could
never fool herself as she
had fooled everyone except
the house mother of the
Gamma house, and except
for Marilyn. And most of
the time she could keep
Marilyn fooled too, tor-
turing Marilyn with Mar-
shall as well as herself, as
she was now torturing
herself with Joe.

The bathroom door
creaked open, and Mar-
shall came out. He sat
down beside her. "Honey,"
he said, and when she felt
his hand she thought she
would have to scream.

"Don't!" she hissed.
"Please don't. Don't!" She
straightened out her legs
and pulled her skirt down
over them. "Light me a
cigarette," she commanded,
and with the lighted
cigarette in her mouth
rose and turned on the
table lamp. She poured
herself and Marshall each
a glass of Triple Sec. Then
she turned off the lamp
again and went to sit in
the big chair across the
room. When she heard
Marshall move she whis-
pered, "Don't come over
here!"

She had told herself a
dozen times she could not
bear the vigil any longer
when finally she heard
footsteps in the bedroom

and the door opened. "Go
ahead and turn on the
light," she said. The light
blazed on. Joe stood in
the doorway. His hair was
rumpled, but he didn't
look drunk anymore. Mar-
shall sat on the couch, his
black head bent down,
holding the tiny glass in his
big hands. Joe moved
across to the cardtable,
which was still littered
with the dinner dishes and
coffee cups, took his coat
from the back of a chair,
and put it on. "Maybe we
better be going home,
Marsh," he said.

Marshall nodded and
got to his feet. He gave her
a tortured look, but she
turned her head toward
the black rectangle of the
bedroom door.

"Well, how was it?"
she asked.

Neither of them spoke.
Why couldn't she just
kill herself? she wondered.
Suddenly she rose and
hurried into the bedroom.
The linoleum was cold
beneath her bare feet. She
turned on the light. Mar-
ilyn was sitting naked on
the edge of the bed, her
shoulders slumped, her
brown hair crumpled and
a lock of it curling over
one eye.

Laura Lee stopped in
front of her. "How was
it?" she demanded.

Marilyn didn't answer.
When she looked up the
lock of hair fell away. Her
eyes were dark and blank
and her lips looked like
wax. She got up, putting
one hand down on the
bed beside her and thrust-
ing and staggering a lit-
tle. She made a yawning,
sibilant sound, running
her hands down over her
belly and thighs till they
fell limply at her sides.
"Sick," she said thickly.
Her eyes met Laura Lee's.
"Bracelet," she said, grin-
ning. "Where's my
bracelet?"

"Oh God," Laura Lee
moaned. Her heart turned
over on itself with pain
and love. "Oh God," she
moaned. "Why did I make
you do it?" She put her
arms around Marilyn and
pulled her close, stroking
her hair, running her hands
down Marilyn's back and
over her buttocks, bend-
ing to kiss her neck and
sobbing as Marilyn stood
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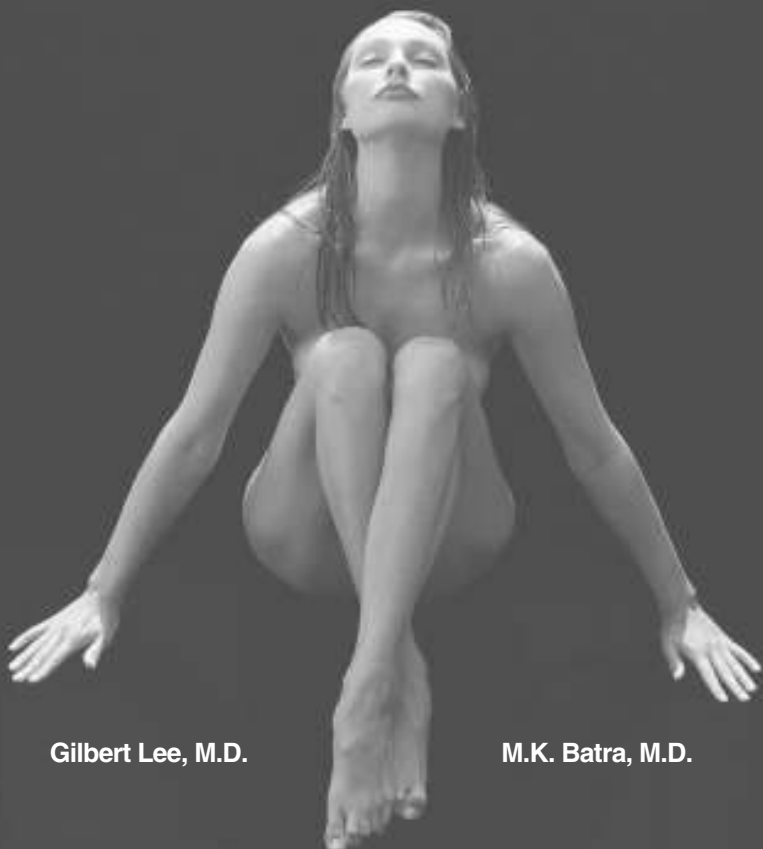
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Joe stood in the doorway. She saw his mouth still open for the next word, his eyes wide; his hands rose and then slowly dropped into his coat pocket with a dreadful finality. She knew that he had not only seen, he had understood. They stared at each other across Marilyn's shoulder. Marilyn had her arms around her now, and Laura Lee could feel her trembling and hear her whispering something she did not understand, because she was staring into Joe's eyes, and now Joe's eyes really knew. She could see his revulsion — but worse than that, all at once, was the knowledge that he would tell Marshall.

Joe said loudly, "Thanks a lot for everything," turning with the last word and pulling the door closed behind him. After a moment she heard them go out and down the stairs, and she thrust Marilyn away and flung herself onto the bed and began to cry with horror and desolation.

iii: Joe

All week Joe was unable to get it out of his head. It haunted him, as though in that brief look into the bedroom the tableau had been etched somewhere behind his eyelids so that he saw it as a kind of double-exposure with whatever else he looked at. A couple of queers, he said to himself at first, but that did not dismiss the matter: Laura Lay, who acted and dramatized the part of the campus whore, the campus punch, until she was almost a caricature, but at the same time had a fierce proud dignity that permitted no sneering or dismissal as merely a punch, a bag, a whore, and now permitted no dismissal as merely a queer. And also he could not dismiss her because of Marshall.

That night he had seen Marshall suffering. "I don't know what to do," Marshall had said in an anguished voice as they walked down the hill away from Laura Lee's apartment in the darkness. "I don't know what to do." And finally it had come out in a burst of obscenity, and Joe realized with another shock that Marshall did not know

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about the queerness.

"She just wants that from me," Marshall said, and his voice was shaking. "All she wants from me is that, and afterwards she treats me like I was a dirty animal. Goddam her!"

Then he said, "No, it's just that I don't understand. I just can't understand," the words rushing out as he told about a night up on Grizzly Peak, about what she'd done and said on different occasions, about how he loved her, and always back to how he couldn't understand, saying, "Why? And afterwards it's like she hates my guts. I mean, really.

Why?" he said. "Why?"

For a time Joe thought it was his duty to tell Marshall. But there was too much he himself did not understand, and he was afraid to tamper with it, as though it were a high-tension wire. He felt strongly the need to talk to someone about it, but there was no one in the house whom he could or would tell, and he kept thinking of Peter. More and more he felt a compulsion to discuss it with Peter, and Friday, after his money and banking midterm, on an impulse he asked to ride with one of the pledges who was

going home to San Francisco for the weekend, and then hitch-hiked down the Bayshore Highway past the yellow hills with the greenish black trees spotted over them, past the airport and the flat brown stretches of the Peninsula, and into Palo Alto.

Peter rented an upstairs room in a tall old house that belonged to a crippled lady. When Joe mounted the stairs Peter was sitting at his desk, short and thin and blond, with strained, deep-set eyes. He held his slide rule in his other hand as they shook hands. "What're you doing down this way, Joe?"

"Just dropped in," Joe said. "What's new?" On Peter's desk was the morning paper, with the headline: "FDR Peace Plea Rebuffed." Engineering books lined the back of his desk and filled a narrow bookcase beside it.

"Nothing much," Peter said. "Did I tell you I think I'm going to graduate in August? I can do it if I stay for summer quarter."

"Then what? You going to get a job?"

"I thought I'd see if I could get in Cal Tech or MIT. I want to go on with aeronautical engineering."

"You damn brain," Joe said.

Peter grinned. "How's everything at Cal?"

"Oh, okay." He found himself staring intently at Peter, and he touched his lips with the tip of his tongue, feeling the blood heat his face. Why had he come down here? Not because he had to talk to someone about Laura Lee, but like a detective on the trail of a clue. The twisting suspicion that had been unthought and unthinkable — what the hell's the matter with you, Joe? he said to himself, trying to blank it out of his mind. But he was remembering the night they had all gone to the Molina Rojo and Peter had disappeared for so long that they had searched the building for him, only to find him waiting in the car, and on the way home Peter had been crying and wiping at his eyes with his

sleeve. And he had to wonder again that Peter had not joined a fraternity, and realize now that he had never known Peter to be interested in a girl, had never known Peter to mention a girl he had taken out, suddenly sure that Peter had never even dated a girl since the senior dance in high school. Good Christ! he thought, and he tried to summon up the anger and shame at himself for thinking this.

"What's the matter?" Peter asked.

"Nothing." He forced a grin. "How's the flying going?"

"I'm getting a lot of hours in."

"Did you ever get around to telling your grandmother?"

Peter nodded and smiled faintly. "She didn't like it very much."

He sensed that Peter didn't want the subject pursued. "Well, when're you going to take me up?" he asked.

"How about tomorrow? Why don't you stay over, and we'll go up tomorrow? Maybe I can fly you back to Berkeley."

Joe shook his head. "I have to work tomorrow. Got a job helping some old lady build herself a greenhouse." It sounded like an excuse, not to Peter, but to himself — when Peter was his best friend, had never been anything but a friend. Abruptly he pointed to the newspaper. "How about it? Is there going to be a war?"

"It looks like it," Peter said.

"Yeah, sure as hell. Well, maybe we won't get into this one."

"Somebody'd better get busy and stop Hitler. Maybe France will do it."

Joe nodded and walked slowly across the room and touched the door with his foot and then walked aback again. He had known Peter almost all his life. The whores at the Molina Rojo had almost made him sick, and Peter had always been more sensitive. And why should Peter have to join a fraternity? Peter would not have had the same compulsion — joining so that no one would know he could not afford it. Peter was an engineering grind, more interested in getting something out of his courses than in messing around with women; there were lots of fellows like that at Cal, and probably they should be admired. Sure — and Peter was an orphan, with no family except that old sea hag of a grandmother. Peter had always been only a different, more sensitive kind of guy, and it was rotten and foul to think anything else. He went and sat down. "Well, I've got to talk to you about something," he said. "I'm not keeping you from studying, am I?"

"Of course not." "Well, maybe you can figure this out, Pete." He told Peter all about Laura Lee Crown. As Peter listened he stared down at

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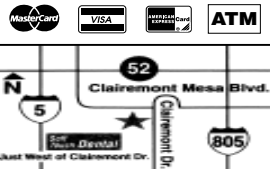
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his desk, continually tapping first the point of his pencil, then the eraser, on the book in front of him.

"She's a lesbian, all right," Joe said. "She and this other little item I got into. Laura Lee was feeling her up and kissing her, and when she saw me she looked at me like I was Jack the Ripper. Jesus!" He shook his head, hard. "But I know at least three guys that've got to her, and she and Marsh flog it dead about eight nights a week."

"She sounds pretty strange," Peter said.

"Maybe she's some kind of nympho that'll take on whatever's handy. Except I never could figure out what it is lesbians do."

"I don't know," Peter said.

"Well, it's driving Marsh nuts. Something about how she makes him do it all the time but it's like she hated him for doing it to her."

"Maybe she's trying not to be a lesbian," Peter said. He didn't look up. "Maybe she can't accept it so she goes as far the other way as she can."

"Why the hell doesn't she get rid of this Marilyn then?" He was watching Peter closely, feeling the monstrous suspicion again, as though he were an inquisitor trying to betray Peter into betraying himself.

"Maybe she can't," Peter said.

"What do you mean, she can't?"

"Maybe she just can't."

Joe grimaced and shoved his hands down in his pockets. He walked across the room and back and put his foot up on the bottom rung of Peter's chair. "To hell with it!" he said. With an effort he brought his hand out of his pocket and clapped Peter on the shoulder. "How about going out for a beer? Got time?"

"Sure," Peter said, but he sounded a little reluctant.

While Peter went down the hall to the bathroom Joe bent over the desk, reading the titles of the engineering books. On the desk were many sheets of graph paper covered with problems, the numbers and symbols in Peter's small, exact, printed-looking hand. One of the graph sheets had several lines of writing on it, the lines centered on

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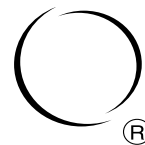
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the page so that it looked like poetry. He bent forward farther to read it:

Blue, the sea, like after
sunset sky, in happy
motion,
And at the beach laced
tossed and spread
along the sand.
The pier, stilt-legged;
waves surging, aging,
old,
White-headed, driving
past the mossy piles,
Like a boy with his stick,
along a picket fence.
Together there, belong-
ing there, the com-
pany of those
Whose heads would turn
away —

The last line was under-
scored, then there was a
diagonal line, arrow-
headed, pointed to:

Spell for me the darkest
sinlessness,
The guiltless guild
It must be written on my
own — tomb.
Together there, belong-
ing there — A (sprig)
from (Ralph)
(Waller)?
A (garland) from (John)
(Pettit) (Ishmael) (?)
To score the bleeding and
corrupted stone.

The lower six lines had a
wide red X drawn through
them, and at the bottom
of the page was scrawled
in red pencil, "A murrain
on non-poetic proper
names."
He heard Peter's steps
in the hall and backed away.
He hadn't known Peter
wrote poetry. But what was
wrong with that? The first
passage sounded like a

description of the beach
at Del Mar, and he remem-
bered that the waves did
come in along the piles of
the pier like a stick pulled
along a picket fence. But he
did not like the tone of the
second piece; he didn't
know what Ishmael, who
was a character in *Moby
Dick*, had to do with any-
thing, and he didn't know
who Ralph Waller and John
Pettit were. He didn't want
to know and, turning to
watch the tall door through
which Peter had disap-
peared, he felt very shaken.
"Queer" — he shaped the
word experimentally with
his lips. "Queer," he said
to himself and felt sick.
He and Peter went out
and had two beers, but it
was an uncomfortable and
silent time. He told Peter
what an ass he had made
of himself at George Davis's,
and they both laughed
about it, but beyond that
there was only small talk,

which took a terrific effort
on his part and was an
effort Peter did not even
make. At four o'clock he left
and hitched back to Berke-
ley. He felt miserably lonely
and disloyal, and his mind
winced and shied away
whenever he tried to think
of Peter. When he got back
to the fraternity house he
met Red Thornton in the
front hall.
"Hey, man," Red said.
"Some babe's been phon-
ing you all afternoon."
On the blackboard in
the phone booth someone
had written his name and
a number for him to call.
Joe erased the message,
deposited a nickel in the
phone, and dialed the num-
ber. He probed absently in
the coin-return chute.
"Hello?" a girl's voice
said.
"This is Joe Bailey. Did
someone there —"
"This is Laura Lee."
His hand tightened on the

receiver. "You haven't told
him," Laura Lee said.
He shook his head,
then said, "No." He stared
into the black rubber beak
of the phone, seeing Laura
Lee and Marilyn against
the perforated disk inside
it.
"Why?"
"It's no business of
mine." He could hear the
soft sound of the radio
playing in her apartment.
He couldn't make out the
tune. The wire was buzzing.
"Thanks," Laura Lee
said. "Because I think it
would hurt him so he -
couldn't stand it."
He didn't say anything.
"Thanks," Laura Lee
said again, the word dull —
a kind of hard, metallic
dullness.
He hung up and stood
motionless in the booth, his
hand still holding the
receiver in the cradle, star-
ing at the wall around the
phone box, where so many
names and numbers were
penciled. Suddenly he pitied
Laura Lee deeply, and he
whispered, "Oh, Jesus, Pete,

you poor bastard!" He felt
as though he had a cold in
his head, and when Dick
Minton came by looking
for a fourth for bridge he
accepted gratefully. He -
didn't want to be alone.
It was after eleven
when he got to bed, and
as he lay awake, half lis-
tening to Red and Norm
Holliday drowsily talking
in their double-decker bunk
at the far end of the sleep-
ing porch, he came to think
of Peter's being queer as a
certainty. He knew he
should be able to under-
stand it and accept it with-
out it affecting his feeling
for Peter, but he could not.
He was bound by too many
things. He swung his head
from side to side on the
pillow and tried to think
what it would be like, and
whispered again, "Oh, Pete,
you poor bastard, you poor
guy." But it did no good. ■

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'Some people who signed up for the last slam had never been to one, and I told them, 'If you're looking for a poetry reading, this isn't that,' says Robert O'Sullivan Schleith, who runs San Diego's only certified poetry slam.

"Certified" means that those who win points here may have a chance to compete in the National Poetry Slam, the so-called Super Bowl of the competitive performance-poetry scene. "We sent a team for the first time ever from San Diego last August. We competed in Seattle against 55 other cities. Some of them have been doing it for 15 years. So we didn't make the semifinals or anything like that. I had no expectations. We just went for the experience."

This year's team will compete in Minneapolis. They'll be chosen in a final competition on the night of Cinco de Mayo. Between now and then, there will be eight qualifying rounds. "We just had our first one," says Schleith, "and 20 people slammed."

Poets are scored by five judges chosen from the audience. Getting people to judge isn't easy: they may not relish being booed. "First, we ask for volunteers. We'll get maybe one. The last slam's winner is obligated to judge. So are those trying to qualify, because, in addition to earning points by performing, they have to have judged two slams. Part of the four-person team going to Minneapolis could end up being judges there, so they must prepare. To fill the other

slots, I say to people sitting alone, 'If you're going to hang out all evening, why not become part of the show?'"

The scoring runs from zero to ten, but, says Schleith, zeroes are rare. "You hardly see anything below a four." Is grade inflation a problem? "Yes. It's called 'score creep,' which I try to discourage."

The audience, on the other hand, is free to express its unofficial opinion hyperbolically, even while the poem is in progress. "I tell them to click their fingers as long as it doesn't interrupt the poem." The judges should ignore the lobbying. Still, says Schleith, "it puts out a message."

What if people bring an entourage? "So be it." There's no rule against it. "But the judges are smart. Somebody who doesn't captivate the room could have 50 friends there, and it won't make any difference."

Asked to define a "slam," Schleith says, "It's a poetry competition where entertainment and audience participation are the primary focus." The work must be original to the poet performing it. "There are lots of poetry readings around town, where you can just get up and read out of your little journal, with your face up against the page. A slam is good for poets who want to try writing in an extremely dramatic way that gets their message across to a large audience."

Schleith insists there is no such genre as slam poetry. Rather, it's a style of delivery. "You can slam anything. You can slam a sonnet. You can slam haiku! It's not about what you do as much as how you do it."

And you'd better do it fast: a maximum 3 minutes, 10 seconds is the national standard. No bell sounds. But go beyond the limit, and you lose points.

Schleith's own "slammin' with jennifer" goes in part:

she does the ghost of mr yeats proud,
she trods the ould sod/under moon
white flame
montrose of houston or by any other name,
this sunflower sutra of fate & fame has blossomed;
she treads a road of rhyme & gleam
she is the waking dream of mr james joyce
sushi-voice in a wilderness of fish-&-chips
a slipstream of consciousness..."



Jennifer Burton at the December Pajamaslam

Schleith has one piece of advice for would-be slammers: "Memorizing your work frees you to interact with the audience and engage them through eye contact. That will score high with the judges."

He also reviews the three taboos: "No props, no costumes, no accompaniment. If I'm the poet up at the mike, and I click my own fingers, maybe to put out a rhythm, that's okay. If I ask the audience to click their fingers or to bang on the tables, that becomes accompaniment, and it's disallowed."

Marc Smith, the acknowledged founder of the poetry slam — 17 years ago in Chicago — made those rules. "He knew that otherwise it would be all about showmanship and flash. And that's okay as long as it's within just that one human voice. He wanted the poem to stand on its own."

The 48-year-old Schleith's slams are open to everyone. "I've been running this from day one [three years

ago], and it will always be an all-ages venue," he says. "I love seeing the kids. We get lots of high school students. We had a 14-year-old girl slam; she brought her parents."

He suggests, however, that those who want a less intense slam experience or a less intimidating time to debut wait until September. By then, the national competition and all the local preparations leading up to it will be over.

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Spotlight Series, this Mainly Mozart-hosted series begins with a concert by the St. Petersburg String Quartet tonight, Thursday, January 24, at 8 p.m., at Restaurante Jardín del CECUT. Ensemble members include violinists Alla Aronovskaya and Ilya Teplyakov, violist Aleksey Koptev, and cellist Leonid Shukaev. Listen for Mozart's "String Quartet in E-Flat," "Three Novellettes" by Glazunov, and the "String Quartet No. 1" by Borodin.

Find the restaurant on Paseo de los Héroes Street in the Zona Río. Tickets are \$16. For reservations and information, call 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

"Mexican Books of the 20th Century" provide the topic when Carlos Monsiváis presents a lecture in the reading room at the Tijuana Cultural Center on Friday, January 25, 8 p.m. Admission is free. The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

"Los Rollos de Chava Flores," enjoy singing and guitar music by Mario Belmontes and Juan Taboada on Friday, January 25, at 8 p.m., at

the Casa de la Cultura (Avenida París #5, in Colonia Altamira). Tickets are \$6 U.S. For additional details (in Spanish), dial 011-52-664-687-2604. (TIJUANA)

Gentlemen, Start Your Motorcycles! The ZR Tecate Light Grand Prix is set for Sunday, January 27. The racing starts at 8 a.m. on La Rumorosa Road. For routes and other details, call 011-52-664-634-6330. (TIJUANA)

You're Getting Sleepy, hypnotist Taurus do Brasil performs through Sunday, February 3, at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Performances begin at 6 and 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and at 5 and 8 p.m. on Sunday.

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

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OUTDOORS

Acacias, festooned with myriad fluffy yellow blossoms, are beginning to bloom on streetsides, freeway embankments, and backyard gardens throughout the San Diego area. Although many acacias are native to subtropical regions, nearly all we see today in San Diego were introduced from Australia. Anza-Borrego’s native acacia is the notoriously thorny “catclaw,” known by early desert pioneers as “tear-blanket” and “wait-a-minute bush.”

Take in the Geologic Formations and desert landscapes at Boulder Creek with the Canyoneers on Saturday, January 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To reach the trailhead, take I-8 east past Jacumba to the Mountain Springs exit; turn left under the freeway and park in the open area on the right. Free. 619-232-3821 x203. (JACUMBA NATURAL AREA)

Where Is Oakoasis Preserve? Explore the area with docent Sanford Wolcott on Saturday, January 26, at 9 a.m. Participants will discover the oak woodland, travel past a 1936 log house, and enjoy scenic views of the San Vicente Reservoir. Bring drinking water and a snack. Find the park at 12620 Wildcat Canyon Road (just past mile marker four on Wildcat Canyon Road). Call 619-561-0580 to reserve a spot. Free. (LAKESIDE)

For the Birds, head out to Tecolote Canyon Open-Space Park on the fourth Saturday of each month, including January 26, for a one- to two-hour bird walk starting at 9 a.m. at

the Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Bring water and binoculars and wear comfortable shoes. Commonly seen species: red-tailed and Cooper’s hawks, Cassin’s kingbirds, and common yellowthroats. Free. For information, call 858-581-9961. (CLAIREMONT)

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is the job of Wildlife Assist volunteers, with two orientations planned on Saturday, January 26, at 2 p.m. Get the information at the Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street) and at the Tijuana Estuary visitors’ center (301 Caspian Way). Participants are involved in all aspects of the work. Free. Call 619-921-6044 for information. (ESCONDIDO, IMPERIAL BEACH)

Hawk Watch, the Wildlife Research Institute invites the public to join raptor-spotting hikes held every Saturday through February 9 and every Sunday 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 falcons, and Saker falcons. The Ramona grasslands are prime raptor territory; you might see any of 15 species, including golden eagles, ferruginous hawks, merlins, red-tailed hawks, prairie falcons, northern harriers, white-tailed kites, Cooper’s hawks, kestrels, and turkey vultures.

Bring binoculars or spotting scopes, if you have them. The jaunt includes hiking and driving portions, making frequent stops to point out the birds. At each stop the biologist will help beginners learn how to identify the various species. Only heavy, constant rain cancels the trips.

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)

See Flowers and Deer during a nature walk to the waterfall in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Saturday, January 26, starting at 3 p.m. at the kiosk at the intersection of Camino Ruiz and Park Village Drive. Bring insect repellent and water. 858-484-3219. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Winter Migrants have settled into their temporary homes at Daley Ranch, so bring your binoculars and take a 2.5-mile discovery walk on chaparral and oak-lined trails in search of these avian visitors with naturalist Vesta on Sunday, January 27. Meet the group at the La Honda Drive entrance at 11 a.m. Bring water and wear boots. 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Where Is Mule Hill? Learn about the ethnobotany and history of the area while hiking with docent Mike on this four-mile adventure along the Highland Valley Trail in San Dieguito River Park on Saturday, January 26, 9 a.m. For reservations and directions, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Trekking the Refuges, view the migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of the Otay Sweetwater National Wildlife Refuge when the series hosted by the Chula Vista Nature Center continues on Saturday, January 26, at 8:30 a.m. Free. To make

the required reservations and obtain directions, call 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Hike to Cowles Mountain from Santee with Hike Bike Kayak San Diego on Saturday, January 26, starting at 10 a.m. The hike is approximately 4.8 miles long. The \$25 fee includes guide, lunch, water, and snacks. To make the required reservations, call 858-551-9510. (SANTEE)

Native Grass Restoration is underway in the López Canyon area of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirt to help plant grasses on Sunday, January 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Old López Trailhead is found at the dead end of Pacific Mesa Boulevard. Free. For information, call 858-566-6489. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Find Giant Chitons and large black brittle stars under the big smooth rocks in the tidepools at False Point with a naturalist during the tidepooling expedition planned by the Birch Aquarium-Museum on Sunday, January 27, at 2 p.m. The fee is \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 6 to 13. Advance registration is required; to make reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Very Low Tides early next week coincide with optimum times of day for tidepooling: Sunday, January 27, at 2:48 p.m. (-1.5 feet); Monday at 3:27 p.m. (-1.7 feet); Tuesday at 4:06 p.m. (-1.7 feet); and Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. (-1.4 feet). Very high tides will also occur within that string of days, most notably on Monday at 8:22 a.m. (+6.9 feet) and on Tuesday at 9:06 a.m. (+6.9 feet).

The Full Moon on Monday, January 28, rises dramatically as the sun disappears below the western horizon. Watch the moon’s bubble-like disk materialize in the eastern sky as darkness gathers. If it’s clear the following morning, watch that same full moon fade in the glow of dawn while sinking into the Pacific. When the moon is seen near the horizon, it often seems to be larger than it really is. The effect, called the “moon illusion,” is purely psychological.

DANCE

Transplanted from New York City, Allyson Green Dance is now in residence at San Diego State University. Inaugural events feature a cast of 15 dancers from New York and San Diego and live music by Paul Dresher. The programs on January 24-26 includes a reflection on the plight of refugees entitled *In the Name and Three days*. Performances begin at 8 p.m. each night in San Diego State’s Smith Recital Hall. Tickets are \$15 general. For information, call 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

“Flatline” centers around three trash cans filled with water, representing wells of comfort and sadness. *Flatline* premieres when the Bridges Dance Company, directed by Lily Cattaneo, presents this show confronting “the fears of loneliness and the war between lovers” January 24-27 (and January 31-February 3) at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Tick-

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“Beings of Light” is the theme for the Sufi dancing event led by Toni Michael on Saturday, January 26, at 7:30 p.m., at the First Spiritualist Church (3777 42nd Street, at Wightman). The requested donation is \$5. Call 619-692-9542 for information. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Hoppe to Dance, the Frank Hoppe Band makes the tunes and Susan Michaels calls for the contradance on Saturday, January 26, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. For more information, dial 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

The Fourth Anniversary of the Art/Dance Academy is being celebrated when members of Raks el Anwar — including Cali Farrah, Miranda, Amirah, Renah Bayat, and Sophie — perform on Sunday, January 27, at 7 p.m., at Hajji Baba (1065 Fourth Avenue). For more information, call 760-757-4470. (DOWNTOWN)

Beginners' Square Dance classes are being offered by the Ruffles n' Beaus Square Dance Club on Sunday, January 27, from 6 to 7:45 p.m., in room 207 at the Casa del Prado. The fee is \$3 per person (first night free). For more information, call 619-469-4865 or 858-277-6621. This is the final night of open enrollment. (BALBOA PARK)

Swing and Jitterbug Dance Party, Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center hosts dancing on Sunday, January 27, for singles and couples of all ages. The DJ plays music for dancing from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Find the center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. Call 619-275-3533 for information. Admission is \$5; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

Scottish Country Dancing lessons are offered by the San Diego Royal Scottish Country Dance Association. Beginners may join up on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in room 203 of the Casa del Prado of Balboa Park and on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. at Pomerado Elementary School (12321 Ninth Street). A mixed-level class takes place each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Twin Oaks High School (158 Cassou Road). Fees are \$3 or \$4. For information, call 858-549-8879. (BALBOA PARK, POWAY, SAN MARCOS)

Patriotic Themes are on tap when the dance department of the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts presents its winter dance concert boasting a variety of styles Thursday and Friday, January 31 and February 1, at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets range from \$4 to \$6. Find the campus at 2425 Dusk Drive; call 619-470-0588 for information. (PARADISE HILLS)

FILM

Fine Wine Time, director Roderick Coover's *Burgundy and the Language*

of Wine is the result of a two-year study on winemakers and winemaking villages in Burgundy. This documentary screens with live orchestration on Friday, January 25, at 5:15 and 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. The director, composer, and musicians will conduct a brief discussion following each performance. Free. For more information, call 858-534-5994. (LA JOLLA)

A Gentle Fable about the value of dignity and the toll of individuality is offered in *Big Animal*, Jerzy Stuh's absurdist fairy tale screening for the Sunday Matinee at the San Diego Public Library on January 27, at 2 p.m. Find the library at 820 E Street. Free. 619-236-5810. In Polish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

How About a Provocative Meditation on Identity, nationality, and human rights? If this sounds interesting, head to the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library to see *A Refugee and Me* on Monday, January 28, at 6:30 p.m. In the film, director Kevin Leadingham journeys to Thailand and stumbles into a friendship with a Buddhist monk named Tway. Leadingham will be present for a discussion following the screening. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

“**Benny and Joon**,” the Creative Arts Consortium's film series continues on Wednesday, January 30, with this 1993 film starring Mary Stuart Mas-

terson and Johnny Depp. It screens at 1 p.m. in the auditorium of the San Diego Library, 820 E Street. Free. 858-481-7069. (DOWNTOWN)

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 screens through Friday, May 31.

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)

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“**What Will Happen to Your Cat If Something Happens to You?**” Ponder this question when Paul Dewey, owner of the Sunshine Home at This Old Cat conducts a seminar tonight, Thursday, January 24, at 7:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Mission Valley Stadium. Free. For space availability and reservations, call 585-229-4790. (MISSION VALLEY)

“**To Be or Not to Be: A Neanderthal**” is the topic when Renee Garcia from USD speaks on Friday, January 25, for the Archaeological Institute of America. Did genetic exchange occur? Find out at 7 p.m. at the Lemon Grove Community Center (3146 School Lane). Free. For information, call 619-465-3841. (LEMON GROVE)

“**Alaska — Birds** and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge” provide the subject when Betty Siegel speaks for the Audubon Society on Friday, January 25. Siegel has just returned from an Alaskan adventure. The talk starts at 7:30 p.m. (following socializing at 7 p.m.) at the Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. 619-275-0557. (CLAIREMONT)

What's Going on Down There? (Environmentally Speaking), a discussion of Mexico's environmental legislation and reform is promised when Carla García Zendejas speaks for the Sierra Club on Friday, January 25, at 7 p.m. Zendejas is a Mexican environmental attorney and activist.

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"Connections to Antiquity in Renaissance Art" is the topic when Ruth Capelle speaks for the docent guest lecture series at the San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, January 25, at 10 a.m. Capelle is an art history professor at Cal State Fullerton. Ad-

mission is \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

The Great Question of Body and Spirit will be explored by Dr. Bradley TePaske when he presents a slide-illustrated lecture of mythic imagery in Greek, Egyptian, and Christian Gnostic speculation contrasting geometric images of the self with the somatic images of the self. TePaske speaks for the Friends of Jung on Saturday, January 26, 7:30 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (334 14th Street). Admission is \$15 for non-members. For more details, dial 858-587-4651. (DEL MAR)

Get It from an Authority, John Garrett presents a workshop on Saturday, January 26, on sculptural and

experimental textile techniques with a variety of materials. The appearance is in conjunction with the "John Garrett Retrospective" opening on January 25 at the Oceanside Museum of Art.

The fee is \$65. The workshop runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the OMA School of Art, 219 North Coast Highway. For registration, call 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

"Rebuilding Afghanistan: The Role of Women and the U.N." is the subject for a panel discussion — by Afghan women! — slated for Saturday, January 26, at 1 p.m., at the Hall of Nations. Admission is free; an Afghan buffet lunch is served at noon for \$10. To RSVP for the lunch, call 619-233-3970. (BALBOA PARK)

Om for Par, an "Intro to Yoga for Golfers" interactive workshop is slated for Saturday, January 26, at 11:30 a.m., at the Center for Health and Wellbeing (3737 Moraga Avenue, suite A-305). The workshop "will aid in increasing clubhead speed, precision, performance, and decrease injury." The fee is \$45. To register, call 858-454-9771 x305. (CLAIREMONT MESA)

Canine Healing Touch, this class, slated for Saturday, January 26, focuses on "The Animal Energy Field and Energy Centers." The introductory class starts at 9 a.m., while level two commences at 11:30 a.m., at the San Diego Humane Society (887 Sherman Street). The fee for either

class is \$25. To register, dial 619-299-7012 x0. (LINDA VISTA)

Composting North and South, the season for planting must be approaching, as composting workshops are planned on Saturday, January 26. The Escondido Community Garden hosts a class staffed by master composters from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Participants will learn about the building and maintenance of a backyard compost pile and worm bin. Find the garden just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway (park in the park and ride parking lot). For information, dial 760-839-4818. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

The San Diego Master Composters also plan a workshop on Saturday, at the San Diego Zoo. Call 760-436-7986 for registration and details. (BALBOA PARK)

Has the Mystery of Amelia Earhart Been Solved? Ever since her disappearance over the Pacific Ocean in 1937, aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart's whereabouts have been an unresolved mystery. Archaeologist Thomas F. King presents a slide-illustrated lecture focusing on his archaeological discoveries on Nikumaroro Island on Saturday, January 26, at 6 p.m., in room 101 of the Casa del Prado. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 619-229-0648. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Irrational Roots of Rationality" is the subject when Ray Ashley, head curator and director of the San Diego Maritime Museum, speaks for

the San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry on Sunday, January 27. The meeting begins at 7 p.m., in the Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Admission: \$5. Dial 619-421-5844 for information. (LA JOLLA)

"Native Medicinal Herbs" are on tap when Larry Beezley, curator of Quail Botanical Gardens, speaks for the Lake Hodges Native Plant Club on Monday, January 28. The talk starts at 2 p.m. in the upstairs seminar room of the Rancho Bernardo Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). Free. 760-741-0829. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Blinded by Egypt's Treasures, Barry and Corinne Smedley's most recent travels took them to Egypt, the subject for their slide-illustrated travel show on Monday, January 28, at noon, at the San Diego Museum of Man. Tickets: \$6. Call 619-239-2001 for more information. (BALBOA PARK)

Meet the Corporate Person, learn all about "corporate personhood" when Jan Edwards, Molly Morgan, and San Diego "guerilla theater performers" host a meeting on Monday, January 28, at 7 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. Call 619-523-5587 for details. (HILLCREST)

"A Very Short Course in Middle Eastern History" is being offered by Hasan Kayali on Monday, January 28, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego State University Gateway Center (5250 Campanile Drive). Partici-

pants will learn about the Middle East's struggle with Western domination, modernity, and religious responses. The fee is \$26. Call 619-594-5664 for information. (SDSU)

"Dutch Painting in the Golden Age," the series at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library continues on Tuesday, January 29, at 7:30 p.m. John F.M. Stewart will discuss Johannes Vermeer, including the nature of his symbolism and recent scholarship on the artist. Find the library at 1008 Wall Street. Nonmember tickets: \$12. For information, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Health Resources on the Internet" will be explored during a class planned on Tuesday, January 29, at 2:30 p.m., in the second-floor computer lab at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). To reserve a spot, call 619-238-6621. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Conversations with the Rabbis, the series begins when Rabbis Ben Kamin, Moshe Leider, Ted Reiter, and Arnold Kopikis focus on "How Judaism Can Help You Survive These Troubled Times" on Tuesday, January 29, at noon, at Congregation Beth Israel (9001 Towne Center Drive). Kosher lunches are \$8; call 858-571-3444 for reservations. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

Quiet Your Inner Critic and write from the heart after Ken Carter leads "Write Now" on Tuesday, January 29, at 1 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Diego (1036 Solana Drive). The workshops will take place every second and fourth Tuesday. Free. Call 858-755-3162 for more information. (SOLANA BEACH)

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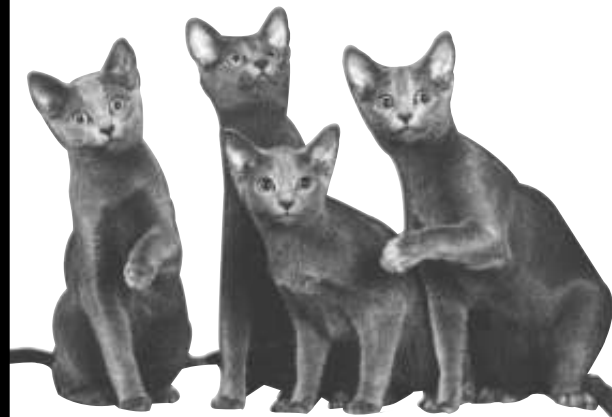
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“Perspectives on Art and Artists in Society,” artists and patrons are invited to share their opinions during this panel/open forum slated for Wednesday, January 30, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Art Institute (1439 El Prado). Panelists include Sandra Chanis, Richard Keeley, Diana Withee, and Mario Torero. For more information, call 619-236-0011. (BAL-BOA PARK)

“Afghanistan, Islam, and Recent Events: An Afghan Muslim Educator’s Perspective” may be heard when Abdul Raheem Yaseer speaks next Thursday, January 31, at 8 p.m., in UCSD’s Peterson Hall room 110. Yaseer is currently the director of the Center for Afghan Studies at the University of Nebraska. Free. 858-452-0285. (LA JOLLA)

Dialogues in Art and Architecture, this series hosted by the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library continues when landscape architect Walter Hood presents his urban landscape design work next Thursday, January 31, at 7:30 p.m., at Woodbury University’s School of Architecture (1060 Eighth Avenue). Admission is free. For information, call 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

Artists from Ariodante will participate in the Artists’ Round Table — an informal question-and-answer session — hosted by the San Diego Opera at 5:30 p.m. next Thursday, January 31, in the Beverly Sills Salon of the Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Admission is \$5. For information, call 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

More Talk About Buildings and Work, Robert Murase’s experiences in landscape design spans more than 34 years, 10 of which were spent working in Japan. He’ll speak for the lecture series co-sponsored by the American Institute of Architects and the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla at 7 p.m. next Thursday, January 31. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street; call 619-232-0109 for reservations. Admission is \$7 general. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

The Master Minstrel, head to the Carlsbad Village Theatre for a live acoustic performance by Harvey Reid on Friday, January 25, at 8 p.m. Reid recently released *The Great Sad River*, his 15th CD. Tickets are \$15. Find the theater at 2822 State Street. For information, call 760-729-0089. (CARLSBAD)

Noted Explorer, Historian, and photographer Harry Crosby will read from and discuss his new novel, *Portrait of Paloma*, on Friday, January 25, at 8 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). The book is described as “a complex moral and psychological odyssey.” Call 858-456-1800 for information. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Positive Messages of Hope and progress are hallmarks of the Watts Prophets, whose spoken/chanted/sung poems are described as shedding “light on the experiences of all people and races.” The group performs on Friday, January 25, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are \$12, \$17, and \$22. Call 619-440-2277 for reservations. (EL CAJON)

An Open Poetry Reading hosted by Poetry Unlimited Art and Music is set for Friday, January 25, at 6:30 p.m., at the La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). Free. 858-552-1658. (LA JOLLA)

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at 7:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday, January 25-27, at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). The requested donation is \$8 general, \$5 for seniors and students. For reservations, call 619-641-6103. (CITY HEIGHTS)

A Rethinking of Everything Christians have traditionally believed may be in order, according to Bishop John Shelby Spong, who has stepped up “his call for a new reformation of Christianity.”

Spong will discuss his latest book, *A New Christianity for a New World*, on Saturday, January 26, at 7 p.m., at the Church of Today (8999 Activity Road). He'll also lecture on Sunday, January 27, at 7 p.m., at the University Christian Church (3900 Cleveland Avenue). Book signings follow each talk. The requested donation is \$10. For more information, call 858-689-6500 or 619-295-4146. (MIRA MESA, HILLCREST)

German Artist Wolfgang Laib will discuss his work with curator Klaus Ottmann, in conjunction with the opening of his retrospective at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, on Saturday, January 26, at 7 p.m. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street and by calling 858-454-3541. Tickets are \$7 general (which includes admission to the members' preview). (LA JOLLA)

Command Performance, Academy Award-winner Red Buttons stars in a show featuring the Ink Spots, Fran Jeffries, and the Fabulous Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido on

Saturday, January 26, 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$18 to \$36. The center is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). For reservations, dial 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Jazz Improvisation is on tap when the Brooklyn Sax Quartet performs on Saturday, January 26, at 8 p.m., for the Fresh Sound Music Series at Spruce Street Forum (301 Spruce Street). Listen for “original works and arrangements that span the breadth of new music and harmonically rooted blues-based traditions.” Admission is \$20 general. Dial 619-295-0301 for additional details. (HILLCREST)

Close Harmonies and Smooth Arrangements — both are promised when Gemini performs for the San Diego Folk Heritage Society on Saturday, January 26. Duo members are Bruce Farwell and Renata. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Admission is \$10. For reservations, call 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Live at the Gospel Cafe, Sister Beverly Taylor performs soulful gospel music on Saturday, January 26, at 7:30 p.m., at the Gospel Cafe (5960 El Cajon Boulevard). Comedy is promised by “Doctor Funnybone,” a.k.a. Mr. Omega Spells. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door; kids up to ten years old pay \$5. For more information, call 619-582-5908. (COLLEGE AREA)

The Publication Party for the 2002 *Drift Wood Highway Poetry Anthology* is planned on Saturday, January 26, at 6:30 p.m., at Red's Espresso Gallery (1017 Rosecrans). This is *not* an open reading, but everyone is invited. Free. 619-523-5543. (POINT LOMA)

The a Cappella Group Vocals Only performs on Saturday, January 26, at 11 a.m., at the Mirage Coffee Company (1602 Front Street). Free. 619-231-6313. (DOWNTOWN)

The Play *Aisling* is being presented on Saturday, January 26, at 7 p.m., at the Lyceum Theater in Horton Plaza. General admission is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, with discounts for seniors, students, and families. For reservations and information, call 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

A Winter Concert is planned by the South Bay Community Chorale on Saturday, January 26, at 7 p.m., at the Ruth French Chapman Performing Arts Center. The 75-member chorale will perform a wide variety of music. Tickets are \$6 general. Find the center on the campus of EastLake High School, 1120 EastLake Parkway. 619-809-3452. (CHULA VISTA)

Sunday Slammin', the second of eight qualifying slams for the 2002 season is planned during the Last Sunday Poetry Slam scheduled for Sunday, January 27, at the Urban Grind (3797 Park Boulevard). Sign-ups start at 7 p.m., with slamming at 7:30 p.m. 619-294-2920. Free. (HILLCREST)

The Winter Jazz Series offered by the Carlsbad Library features the Carl Hoffman Band on Sunday, January 27, at 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane). The requested donation is \$5. Call 760-602-2026 for information. (CARLSBAD)

Start 2002 with a Bang, the San Carlos United Methodist Church music series gets underway when mezzo-soprano Katie Wilson and tenor Jayson Coleman perform selections encompassing classical music, Broadway musicals, jazz, and pop

music on Sunday, January 27. The concert begins at 4 p.m. at 6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard (at Navajo); 619-464-4331. An offering will be received. (SAN CARLOS)

La Paloma Winter Slam, the Full Moon Poets gather for this slam — consisting of three rounds in which a poet has three minutes or less to present original poems of any style — on Monday, January 28, at La Paloma Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101). Seventeen poets will be allowed to participate; sign-ups begin at 6:30 p.m., slamming starts at 7 p.m. For more information, call 760-632-9074. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Open Poetry, sign-ups begin at 7:30 p.m. and open readings run from 8 to 10 p.m., on Monday, January 28, at Twigg's Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Make It a Double-Double, learn all about our *Fast Food Nation* when author Eric Schlosser reads from and signs his work on Tuesday, January 29, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307). Free. Call 858-755-2707 for more information. (DEL MAR)

(Mind-Body) Medicine Man, Deepak Chopra, M.D., will discuss and sign his newest book, *The Deeper Wound*, on Tuesday, January 29, at 7:30 p.m., for the Distinguished Authors series at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Tickets are \$24 general, \$37.50 preferred. For reservations and information, call 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Poetic Brew, poets from the 2002 *Drift Wood Highway Poetry Anthology* will be featured during Poetic Brew, convening at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, at 7 p.m., at Claire

de Lune (2906 University Avenue). An extensive open reading both precedes and follows the featured reading. Free. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Local Authors Gregory J.P. Godek and Antoinette Kuritz celebrate the release of their book *1001 Ways to Celebrate America* with a party and signing on Wednesday, January 30, at 6:30 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). For details, call 619-295-2201. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

A Collection of Broadway Songs exploring the world of art may be enjoyed when the San Diego State Musical Theatre Program presents “Framing the American Musical” in conjunction with the current exhibit “The Frame in America: 1860-1960,” on Wednesday, January 30, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Call 619-696-1966 for reservations. Tickets are \$10 general. (BALBOA PARK)

History of Jazz Guitar II, head to the San Diego Museum of Art next Thursday, January 31, 7 p.m., for “Profiles in Jazz,” featuring Oscar Castro-Neves. Art Johnson explores the history of jazz guitar music in America during the program, with Castro-Neves discussing his life and musical experiences. Tickets are \$15 for nonmembers. Call 619-696-1966 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

SPORTS

Gulls Hockey, the San Diego Gulls host the Long Beach Ice Dogs on Friday, January 25, and the Fresno Falcons on Saturday, January 26. Both games begin at 7 p.m. at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$5 to \$17.50, available by call-

ing 619-224-4625. The games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

A New Year's Open House is planned on January 25 and 26 at Oom Yung Doe Martial Arts (1050 Rosecrans). Demonstrations begin at 6 p.m. on Friday; on Saturday, tai chi chung and stress-relief lessons begin at 9 a.m., women's self-defense starts at 10 a.m., and children's lessons get underway at 11 a.m. Free. To make the required reservations, call 619-226-2357. (POINT LOMA)

Wide to Wohlford, bicycle on a moderately paced 36-mile loop in areas north of Escondido with Sierra Club bicyclists on Saturday, January 26. The ride starts at 9 a.m. in the parking lot at Lawrence Welk Resort (take I-15, exit on Mountain Meadow/Deer Springs; take Champagne Boulevard north to the resort). Bring money for a snack stop at the nut farm. 858-452-6237. (ESCONDIDO)

Gray Whale Paddle, kayak just offshore to watch for spouts of migrating gray whales during an outing hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, January 26, from 8 a.m. to noon. Participants are likely to see harbor seals, sea lions, and dolphins. The adventure is best suited for intermediate-level kayakers. The fee is \$60 per person in double kayaks or \$80 per person in a single kayak. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (PACIFIC OCEAN)

Surf's Up, head to the north side of the Oceanside Pier when the NSSA Surf Contest takes place from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, January 26 and 27. Viewing is free for spectators. Call 714-536-0446 for more details. Find the pier at the western foot of Mission Boulevard. (OCEANSIDE)

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Foothill Frolic, explore the local foothills along a new route with Knickerbiker bicyclists on Sunday, January 27. The 35-mile ride for intermediates starts at 10 a.m. at the Carmel Valley park-and-ride (one block west of I-5 on Carmel Valley Road). Bring money for lunch. Call 858-259-8983 for more details. (CARMEL VALLEY)

SPECIAL

Take a Taste of 18th-Century Ship-board Life when the *Hawaiian Chieftain* and *Lady Washington* replica tall ships visit the Maritime Museum Thursday through Sunday, January 24-February 3. The “grand arrival” is slated for today, Thursday, January 24, at 2 p.m.; tours are free today from 3 to 6 p.m.

Tours are offered from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Tours are included in regular Maritime Museum admission (\$6 general, \$4 for seniors and those 13-17, \$2 for kids 6 to 12, free for those 5 and under).

Battle reenactment sailing with costumed crews take place from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The fee for these sailing adventures is \$40 for adults, \$20 for children. For reservations and information, call 800-200-5239. Find the museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street). (DOWNTOWN)

The Year of the Horse is being celebrated during the psychic fair planned Friday through Sunday, January 25-27, at Phoenix Phyre (282 North El Camino Real, suite G & H). The annual dragon dance will be presented. Admission is free. Hours are noon to 7 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For information, call 760-436-7740. (ENCINITAS)

May We Recommend the Haggis and Neeps? Yes, it’s time for the 25th annual Burns Supper honoring the memory of Scottish poet Robert Burns, on Saturday, January 26, at the Town and Country Hotel. Organizers promise the traditional Burns ceremony with “immortal memory,” poetry, music by the Stirling Bridge Pipe Band, traditional and modern highland dancing by Highland Fusion, and general dancing to the Sean McVicker Band.

Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m.; supper — boasting the aforementioned haggis and neeps — is served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45. Find the hotel at 500 Hotel Circle North. For information and space availability, call 619-234-3525. (MISSION VALLEY)

Buttoned Up, the San Diego Button Club’s sixth annual winter regional is slated for Saturday, January 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Fifteen California dealers will be offering their wares, with specimens ranging in age from the 18th Century to the late 1900s, during this antique button show. For details, dial 760-789-4133. Free. (LA JOLLA)

The “Food and Water Bowl XI,” the annual cat show hosted by the San Diego Cat Fanciers, is slated for January 26 and 27, at the San Diego Concourse (202 C Street). As many as 36 recognized breeds of cats will be on hand for the competition and viewing by the public. Along with the 560 pedigreed and household felines,

there will be vendors and performances by the Friskies Cat Team and appearances by the Fancy Feast Cat.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$7 general; \$5 for children, seniors, and military; free for kids under 6. For more information, call 619-267-0787. (DOWNTOWN)

Discuss *The Beast in the Jungle* by Henry James with the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group on Saturday, January 26, at 2 p.m., in

the third-floor conference room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers are welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Fill a Bag for a Buck (from 2 to 3 p.m.) when the Lemon Grove Library’s book sale takes place on Saturday, January 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All manner of books will be on offer. The library is found at 8073 Broadway; 619-463-9819. (LEMON GROVE)

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

Imported? Head to the Del Mar Fairgrounds for the Hot Import Nights car show on Saturday, Jan-

uary 26, from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Visitors will see import cars from all over California, DJs performing in a “fully interactive nightclub experience,” and more. Admission is \$25. For information, call 949-376-6942. (DEL MAR)

The 1850s Revenue Cutter *Californian* hosts public tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, January 26 and 27. The *Californian* is a 145-foot topsail wooden replica of the *Lawrence*, which was one of the

fastest of the cutter class and sailed along the California coast during the Gold Rush period. The *Californian* was the “nautical star” of Steven Spielberg’s movie *Amistad*.

Find the ship at Marina Parkway Pier, adjacent to the California Yacht Marina (accessed by taking the J Street/Marina Parkway exit from I-5 and turning right on Marina Parkway). Call 619-420-1607 for more details. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

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READING

Searching for Hassan: An American Family's Journey Home to Iran



Terence Ward

Houghton Mifflin, 2002; \$25; 322 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET: In 1998 Terence Ward and his family set out on a long-awaited pilgrimage back home — to the Islamic Republic of Iran, where they lived in the 1960s. Since the fall of the Shah, the country and their past had been effectively sealed off behind a veil of secrecy, and contact with one dear friend in particular, Hassan, had ceased. But memories of life in this enigmatic land — of cherry orchards

and Zoroastrian fire festivals, of the snow-capped Elburz Mountains and Hassan's magical fables — inspired the Wards to return.

Searching for Hassan is the story of the Wards' quixotic journey, ultimately rewarded by an emotional reunion with their lost friend. They travel into an unimaginably rich Persian past, to the very origins of civilization, and across the landscape of contemporary Iran, a surreal kaleidoscope of ancient traditions and Western pop culture. Ward creates a vivid portrait of Islam's unique imprint and explores the deep conflicts between

Iran and its Arab neighbors, anticipating the new "Great Game" now being played out in central Asia.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY: *Publishers Weekly:* A U.S. State Department warning is usually enough to deter most Americans from traveling to countries in turmoil. But when the mission of the trip was to find a long-lost Iranian named Hassan, not even the inability to obtain visas in the U.S. could stop the Ward family. In 1998, Ward, his parents, and three brothers returned to Iran to track down Hassan, a warm, thick-mustached chef and dispenser of folk wisdom who had looked after their family when they lived in Tehran during the 1960s. Ward skillfully draws readers into his family's state of heightened anticipation, especially since their only tip was the vaguely remembered name of Hassan's hometown. "Toodesht," Ward's mother remembered. "Well, just a minute.... Maybe it was... Tadoosht. Or... Qashtood." Aided by a 30-year-old photograph, the Wards traveled to Tudeshek and eventually found Hassan's mother-in-law, and later, Hassan's wife, Fatimeh, who is so taken aback that she dropped the receiver. Using the trip as his main narrative thread, Ward weaves Iranian history, culture, politics, and religion in and around it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Terence Ward was born in Boulder, Colorado, in 1955, and spent his childhood in Saudi Arabia and Iran. He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1980. He speaks Arabic, Italian, Greek, Indonesian, and Farsi, and has been a management consultant advising corporations and governments in the Islamic world. This is his first book.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: On the morning that we talked, Mr. Ward was in the Manhattan apartment that for many years has been his base of operations. I asked him how he came to learn so many languages.

In his particularly resonant voice and with English pronunciations that are more musical than the pronunciations of most native English speakers, Mr. Ward answered. "When you're scrambling around Italy and meet your wife," he said, "and she takes you off to the wilds of Indonesia and says, 'I want to build a house under a volcano,' where no one speaks a word of English, you

really don't have much of a choice but to learn Indonesian very quickly. I also went to the University of Cairo, so I learned to speak some Arabic there, and I lived in Greece for six years when I was consulting, so that's how I learned to speak Greek. By no means, though, am I ragingly academically fluent, but I certainly can get by in the marketplaces and in the homes in various parts of the world. Abroad, hospitality is so much a part of everyday life that being able to exchange pleasantries, being able to bring out the smile across the table from you, just means wonders to your hosts."

"In your seminars," I said, "that must be part of what you teach — the ways of hospitality."

"Or *civility*. Many of the seminars, what I try and share is this idea that diversity is actually a great strength. And unfortunately, those who continually wish to go to war speak of diversity as a threat. Actually it's the greatest strength, and we should draw on that instead of being fearful of it."

"Diversity," I said, "certainly makes a dinner party more fun."

"Doesn't it? And I found when you're in more traditional cultures, one can take five to ten minutes simply to say hello. In Farsi, there's a word called, *taarof*, which is descriptive of the Iranian host's all-consuming hospitality. And it's quite extraordinary, because you literally can stand in the doorway with someone else saying, 'After you,' for five minutes. So these ways are all coded in the cultural DNA. It makes life so much more interesting if you can participate knowingly in some of these customs, because it really brings out the true heart and soul of each of the different cultures. So that's probably what drove me to try and learn some of these languages."

"You had never written a book," I said. "How did you happen to decide to write a book about your family's adventure?"

"I had never written a book, true. When we began on the journey none of us — my three brothers and my mother and father and myself — imagined what would happen. After I returned to the States I felt as if there had been some invisible will that brought us together. And after we returned to the States, whenever I began to tell the story, I would light up with such excitement. Because here was the last thing anyone could imagine, that a mad Irish-

Listen and Learn, radio station KPBS-FM (89.5) brings San Diego Opera director Ian Campbell to the airwaves for discussions of the art

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Get a Creativity/Humor Workout and take in a "program of playful exercises designed to spark your humor and creativity" led by Jacquie Lowell at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, at the Radiance Studio (1618 West Lewis Street). 858-581-0050. Admission is \$15. (MISSION HILLS)

A Celebration of Water in Public Spaces, last summer the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California solicited nominations of public artworks celebrating Southern California's special relationship with water, using water as an element, subject, or theme. The artworks comprise fountains, sculptures, and paintings.

The 20 winning "Liquid Art" selections were captured by photographer Tom Bonner. An exhibition of these photos may be viewed weekdays (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) through Friday, February 15, at the Comerica Bank Building (600 B Street). For more information, call 800-225-5693 x6485. Viewing is free. (DOWNTOWN)

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

FOR KIDS

"Space Cadet," a new play for all ages by Thelma De Castro, will be presented by the Carlsbad Playreaders today, Thursday, January 24, at 4 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). In the play, a popular sixth grader at Rancho Kowabunga School learns how to survive on a hostile planet. Free. For information, call 760-729-3383. (CARLSBAD)

Celebrate the Chinese New Year when the Weaver's Tales present *Weaving of a Dream* through Sunday, January 27, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Enjoy *Pepper's Favorites* when Puppet Express performs January 30 through February 3.

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

Children's Discovery Museum of North County, Native American dancer Eric Runningpath and his ensemble will perform dances, drumming, and stories on Saturday, January 26, at 1 p.m. The performance is included in regular museum admission.

"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)

"Under the Big Top," it's the theme when the San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents a Carnival Concert

on Saturday, January 26, at 4 p.m., in the indoor activity center at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Listen for "The Circus March," "Circus Fantasy," "The Comedians Suite," "The Billboard March," "Circus Bee," "Baby Elephant Walk," and many others, with performances by clowns, dancers, singers, and narrated stories by the Marine Band of San Diego and the San Diego Pantomime Theatre.

Pre-concert activities start at 3:15 p.m., with an instrument petting zoo, face painting, and crafts. Tickets for the one-hour program are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. For reservations, call 888-848-7326 x7. (DEL MAR)

Avoid the Poison Apples when the San Diego Actors Theatre presents *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* for "Children's Classics" on Saturday, January 26, 11 a.m., at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). The program includes *Gertrude McFuzz*, poetry, and songs. Call 858-268-4494 for information. Admission is \$4 per person. (DEL MAR)

The Tale of a Mischievous Teakettle that can perform tricks and gets "into and out of hot water" may be enjoyed when the Japanese Friendship Garden hosts Momotaro preschool story time on Saturday, January 26, at 10:30 a.m. *The Magic Teakettle* is described as "one of the most famous children's stories of Japan." Afterwards, children will have rice cakes and tea (served from a nonmagical tea kettle). Children under six are free when accompanied by an adult (\$3 general). To make the required reservations, call 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

Seaside Stories, listen to Marcus Pfister's *Rainbow Fish and the Big Blue Whale* during an event for kids four years old through kindergarten (with an adult) on Saturday, January 26, at 9:30 a.m., at the Birch Aquarium-Museum. Participants will discover the difference between a fish and a whale, explore the ocean food web, and make a craft. The fee is \$20 (with adult free).



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American family would head off into the unknown, warned by everyone not to go, warned not to go by the CIA, by the State Department, and yet, with all that, we were able to bridge that gap, across the divide, to reunite with Hassan and his family and discover that all of these people that you had hoped desperately were still alive, were alive. And then, too, to see with how much love we were welcomed, to be the recipient of the great hospitality that was shown, was so powerful that I knew this was much more than just another traveler's story."

In *Searching for Hassan*, Mr. Ward writes that so many Iranians have made their home in Los Angeles that the city is often referred to as “Tehrangenes.” I said that reading Mr. Ward’s book, I thought about what a great difference often exists between the people who remain in a country and the people who leave. I asked Mr. Ward about that difference, in Iranians.

"Iranians," Mr. Ward said, "are unlike many immigrants that have come to this country in the past. Other immigrants, whether they be German or French or perhaps even the Irish, sort of shed their host country and really adopted America. But I think for the Iranian community, you would find to a person this desperate longing to return. There is such a profound sense of place and both physical and mental geography of that country. It's such a powerful incentive. So it's very rare that you would ever meet an Iranian who lives in America who is not torn by that separation. That said, I think perhaps the Iranian-American community could be divided into two groups. One that came before 1979 and that came as immigrants who wanted to really try the new world and were seduced by Americana and really came here for all the reasons that many other immigrants would have come. And then those who fled in the last days of 1979 [when Islamic fundamentalists, led by Ayatollah Khomeini, toppled the monarchy and forced the Shah into exile], that just arrived en masse. But I'll tell you, every single person, every Iranian that I ever speak to, when they start speaking about their country, their eyes gloss over. And there's just this tremendous sense of nostalgia, of separation and of pain, if they haven't been back in quite some years. And many Iranians in America have not been back."

“Can they go back?”

“Well, there are some that feel they cannot go back because

perhaps they have links, or their families had links, far too intimate with the Shah's regime. Others out of uncertainty, perhaps they were extremely wealthy families, until very recently would not have dreamt of coming back. The real watershed has been since President Khatami's election, when many have returned for the first time, maybe once, maybe a second time. [About Khatami, Mr. Ward writes that this black-turbaned president was elected with 70 percent of the vote in August 1997, that he carried a "Kennedy-like aura in Iran," and that he was wildly popular among women and young people.] Everybody I've talked to who has returned, they also have felt this tremendous release of anguish. They were able to reconnect with all those small, little details of life. The huge mountain right above Tehran, and the walks up the mountain into the little tea houses...ah. Everyone has his own set of memories that they're returning to seek. And actually one of the reasons I wrote the book is because I thought that for Iranian-Americans who have chosen not to return for their own particular reasons or the fact they disagree with the current regime, that there's such a pulsing humanity, there's such a strong sense of a much deeper culture there than what one has seen on television. And so part of the reason for writing this book was also to try and encourage Iranian-Americans to make that journey back home."

During the almost ten years that the Wards lived in Tehran, Hassan and his wife Fatimeh and their children lived in a house behind the Ward's house. Hassan served as an all-round major domo, chef, and grocery shopper and supervisor of employees for the Wards, and his wife cleaned, helped with cooking, and with the children. After the Wards left Iran in 1969, Hassan's family moved back to their native village. Hassan's wife, Fatimeh, an expert weaver, through her weaving earned money to build a house.

“She worked on the rugs for five years,” Mr. Ward said, “Night and day. Evidently, after we left, Hassan decided he’d never work for another family. He and Fatimeh felt, as he described it, that we became such a family they didn’t want to go back and start all over with someone else. It was too emotional for them. So they said, ‘We’ll go back and we’ll start fresh.’ With a little bit of money they bought a tiny piece of land in Isfahan. But they didn’t have any money to continue to build there. And so Hassan, unfortu-

nately, lost all his money trying to run a little grocery store in his village. He lost his money. And so he went off to the big city of Isfahan to work as a chef in one of the five-star hotels. But his wife could not come, because there was no place for them to stay.”

"What," I asked, "did they have by then, four children? Five?"

“Five children, and she worked for five years, night and day, night and day, weaving these carpets. And when she speaks about it, you can see her eyes just roll over, because of the suffering she had to go through and the children also helping her. And there were these very curious moments where Hassan would wax poetic about his village and his desire, now that he’s retired, to return there, and Fatimeh would just snap at him and say, ‘Impossible.’

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the women help fund the family.”

After the Wards left, when Hassan became a chef at the hotel, he often prepared the lemon meringue pie that, years earlier, Mrs. Ward had taught him to make. I said, "I'll bet there was a lot of lemon meringue pie eaten in Isfahan in those days."

“There was,” Mr. Ward said, going on to explain that “Iran is flooded with citrus, with lemons, with oranges. When we were there on this trip, Hassan came out on the last night with this

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The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Theater Arts Workshops for children four to nine years old are conducted by the San Diego Actors Theatre on the fourth Saturday of every

month, including January 26, at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino Del Mar). Workshops run from noon to 1 p.m.,

and reservations are required. The fee is \$10. Dial 858-268-4494 for registration. (DEL MAR)

Stringin' Along, learn to make and string simplified marionettes with master marionette creator Pat Platt on Saturday, January 26, at 3:30 p.m.,

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lemon meringue pie that he prepared for us that my mother had taught him how to cook. And, as you know, all you have to do is eat something that you haven't eaten in 30 years and the memories just flood back. I mean there were tears all around the table. It was very, very touching."

"Will Hassan's family read this book?"

"I am hoping that it will be translated into Farsi. I would really love for them to read it because that was another hope that I have,

that this could help build bridges between America and Iran. I would love for them to be able to read it. A friend of mine is trying to translate it now."

I said that the Iranian-Americans whom I knew always referred to the Shah as "Shah," not "the Shah." I asked Mr. Ward if he could explain this.

"You know how, when you hear English speak, and they say, 'She's gone to hospital'? See, it's the same thing. They just remove the word 'the' and just say, 'Shah did such and such,' or, 'Shah did this.' The word Shah means King. The title for the monarch of Iran has always been Shah.

"One thing that really is clear in Iran is that the people are so keen with this new sense of democracy, and this new sense of being able to vote, that there are very few people who want to turn the clock back and return to the monarchy. So the whole issue of the Shah, while it remains very dear to some Iranian-Americans, that is not so back in Iran. There, people truly want change; they are hoping for reforms and have really been inoculated against the monarchy. Very few would say, 'I can't wait for the Shah's son to come home.'"

I said that the Iranians that I knew were enthusiastic wine connoisseurs and that I could not imagine their being teetotalers.

"First of all," Mr. Ward assured me, "there's drinking that

takes place all over Iran. And it's done in secret. Everyone can get their little drinks here and there, should they wish. But when Mohammed actually made that decision, it's believed that the dietary laws provoked that decision, that palm wine in the middle of the Arabian desert can go bad really quickly. And so people can get really, really sick. Why pork is also outlawed is because trichinosis was a problem and was rampant. So those, as far as I understand, were dietary laws. Certainly, there is a long tradition of grape growing and wine cultivation. Remember the great Shiraz grape?"

I asked about the form of Islam practiced in Iran.

"There are a couple of different ways of looking at it. Unfortunately the hard-liners, who have control of the television and the radio and also have many of their figures in the mosques, sort of take the conservative line. But the faith itself has two sides. One is Shiite Islam, which is really in striking difference with Sunni Islam. There's this huge rivalry. That's much of the same rivalry also between the Arabs and Iranians. The Shiite faith separates Iran from all her Arab neighbors, for sure."

About the Sufi influence on Islam, as that mystical branch of Islam is practiced in Iran, Mr. Ward said, "It's in the poetry, it's in the culture. The Sufis would say, 'Don't look at the letter of the law, look at the path, follow the path.' So the conservatives who are going to the mosque every day and working with their code of law from the Koran, working with the *sharia*, which is the law, to them, the Sufis would say, 'No, no, no. Yes, one must know the law, the *sharia*, but you must also follow the heart, the path.'"

"A Grace not works distinction?" I asked.

"Yes," said Mr. Ward, "exactly. And what happens is that what we perceive to be a monolithic body called, say, 'Iranian Muslims,' actually has many different faces."

Iran shares a border with Afghanistan. I asked how the Taliban's Mullah Omar, were he to go to Iran, would be received.

"Well, the Iranians saw the Taliban as absolutely degenerate abusers of Islam. They gave Islam a terrible name. They consider the Taliban to be the most degenerate, radical, hard-liner, abusers of the faith. And what they did to the women, the Iranians were just absolutely horrified by. In fact, this is something that Hassan's daughter told me time and time again. That the Taliban and

bin Ladin were real terrorists, that they were giving Islam a bad name."

"The Taliban," I interrupted to ask, "are Sunni Muslims?"

"Yes," Mr. Ward said, "and the Sunnis are viewed by the Shiites as complete heretics. And what the Taliban did in Afghanistan is launch a genocidal war against all the Shiite Farsi speakers in Afghanistan. They massacred village after village. And the Iranians were furious with this. They realized that their brethren over in Afghanistan were being slaughtered only because of the fact they were Shiite. And so there was a lot of bad blood. And a couple of times Iran almost invaded Afghanistan over this type of treatment."

It seemed to me, I said, that many Iranians looked down on Muslims of the ilk of Mullah Omar and the Taliban.

"Exactly. And then you contrast with Iran that has this extraordinarily deep and profound history that's 2500 years old, where the young people really strive to go off to the university, where now women outnumber men at Tehran University, where there's really a great tradition of education, a real sense of trying to better one's self. It's truly a civilization. And then when the Iranians look at Mullah Omar, or the Saudis for that matter, what can we say? Perhaps the Iranians look at these people in the same way a New Yorker looks at someone from Idaho. But, informed by this extraordinary civilization. It's not just looking down one's nose, but it's *in contrast*. In Iran you have these beautiful domed mosques, you have these fountains, you have these wonderful gardens, you have this poetry, these incredible artisan traditions, and this extraordinary music. This extraordinary food. And what did they have, nothing? They're hillbillies."

I said to Mr. Ward that *Searching for Hassan* had been helpful to my limited knowledge of Islam.

"This was one of my goals, to try and give a different lens from which to view what's thought to be a monolithic world. And really show all its complexities and its diversities and so that one could really see all of those interesting differences. All too frequently, the media tries to sum things up in two-second soundbites. So," Mr. Ward laughed, "one's Iranian friends will come over to one and say, 'Why are they calling us Arabs?'"

— Judith Moore

619-230-9374 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

Explore the Rocky Shore at low tide when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts "Tidepooling for Kids" on Saturday, January 26. Participants will enjoy activities and marine life at Tecolote Park Nature Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and then take a field trip to Dike Rock in La Jolla from 2 to 4 p.m. The fee per child/adult pair is \$23. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (CLAIREMONT, LA JOLLA)

"If It Ain't Baroque... Why Fix It?"

This Classics for Kids concert is set for Sunday, January 27, at 2 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). The program includes selections by Handel, Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Joplin, and Gershwin; the Toy Piano Orchestra and maestro Scott Paulson will also perform.

Tickets range from \$7 to \$12 for children and \$15 to \$20 for adults, available by calling 619-435-9111 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Junior Waterfowl Hunt, hunters between the ages of 12 and 15 are eligible to hunt on Sunday, January 27, at Lake Cuyamaca. Experienced hunters will teach the juniors the "fine art of waterfowl hunting." For space availability and information, call 877-581-9904. (LAKE CUYAMACA)

Teens Tell Tales, teenagers from Escondido Union High School will read and tell folk and fairy tales, pose riddles, sing songs, wax poetic, and revel in good books during book programs for kids (in kindergarten and older) planned every Monday, at 3:30 p.m., from January 28 through the end of May at the Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. For information, dial 760-839-4837. (ESCONDIDO)

Learn About Critters Like Hermit Crabs, mussels, and sea anemones that thrive in the tidepools of La Jolla Shores when the Birch Aquarium hosts Tidepooling for Tots on Tuesday, January 29, at 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$12 per adult, \$8 per child (four through kindergarten). To make the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Transformed into a Lush Jungle Garden, the San Diego Sports Arena hosts Disney's "Jungle on Ice" January 30-February 3. Mowgli, Baloo, Tarzan, Timon, and Pumbaa are among the characters from *The Jungle Book*, *Tarzan*, and *The Lion King* included in the ice-skating show.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday; at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; and at 11 a.m., 3:30, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$13, \$15, and \$19, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

"Witzzy's Book of Words" by Suzy Spafford is on tap for the story time at Barnes and Noble Bookstore beginning at 10 a.m. next Thursday, January 31. The store is located at 10755 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

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 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)

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

Museum of History and Art, in an era before television, the poster provided a rapid and effective mechanism 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

Roam-O-Rama

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

Created by uplift of the sea floor roughly two million years ago, the Palos Verdes peninsula lay surrounded by the ocean for hundreds of thousands of years. Today a vast sheet of alluvium fills the Los Angeles Basin and connects Palos Verdes to the “mainland” — yet in a figurative sense Palos Verdes has never really lost its identity as an island.

Rimmed by an ocean of oil refineries, gritty industrial neighborhoods, and wall-to-wall people, the peninsula itself is dominated almost exclusively by opulent ranch-style homes and sprawling, lavishly landscaped estates. When the lowland cities of Torrance and Long Beach are cloaked by fog or brown haze, Palos Verdes often stands head and shoulders above the murk; ocean watchers might spot Santa Catalina Island

from there but fail to make out L.A. Harbor only a few miles away. Right now, however, the characteristically clear air of winter pre-ails, and good views extend in every direction, near and far.

At Del Cerro Park, on top of the Palos Verdes peninsula, you need only climb a small, grassy hill to take in a simply stunning ocean vista. With a bit more ambition, though, you can hoof it less than a mile to an even more panoramic view spot.

Del Cerro Park is easy to find — very near the southern terminus (dead end) of Crenshaw Boulevard, one of L.A.’s most prominent thoroughfares. Park next to the grassy hill or find a spot elsewhere on nearby residential streets. At Crenshaw’s dead end, step around the steel gate and follow the dirt fire road beyond. This road traces Crenshaw’s proposed extension down to Palos Verdes Drive South at Portuguese Bend, a project that will likely never be realized.

Soon you’re in a rare patch of open space surrounded by, but largely removed from, the curving avenues and palatial estates of Rancho Palos Verdes. Since the mid-1950s, when more than 100 houses were destroyed or seriously damaged by landslides in the Portuguese Bend area, most of the steep area above the bend has remained off limits to development.

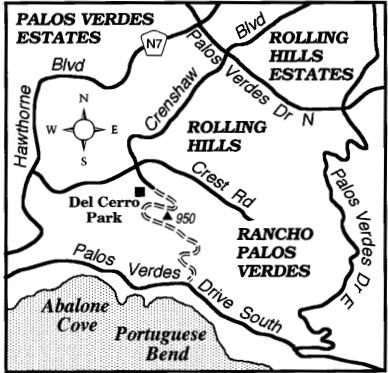
At 0.5 mile, stay right as roads branch left. Continue a curving descent until you reach a flat area about a quarter mile far-



Southerly view from the 905-foot knoll

ther. Leave the road there and make a bee-line for the top of a 950-foot knoll, dotted with planted pines, on the left. Atop this serene little overlook you’ll enjoy a 150-degree view of the ocean, with Santa Catalina Island sprawling at center stage in the south. If the marine air is very clear, try to spot San Nicolas Island, some 70 miles away to the southwest.

The knoll you’re standing on is a remnant of one of the 13 marine terraces that have made the Palos Verdes hills a textbook example familiar to geology students. The 13 terraces, rising like rounded and broken stairs from sea level to 1300 feet, are the result of wave erosion modified by uplift and fluctuating sea levels during the past 2 million years.



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 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 es-

tablished 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.

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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Why? Was it because of violinist-turned-conductor Peter Oundjian, who was obviously being vetted as replacement for the orchestra's current artistic director, Jung-Ho Pak? Was it because of young pianist Adam Neiman, who had enthused the much smaller Sherwood Auditorium audiences in his earlier appearances for the La Jolla Chamber Music Society? Was it because of the solid program of well-known masterpieces by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, and Vaughan-Williams?

Probably not. The chief reason was no doubt the sensational \$100 million endowment, which, rumor had it, Joan and Irwin Jacobs had just given to the Symphony (the official announcement was to come the following week). Always in financial trouble, only a few years ago in bankruptcy, in the opinion of many serious music-lovers artistically marginalized, suddenly the San Diego Symphony possessed one of the largest endowments of any orchestra in America! Everybody loves a winner. Money talks. So, all at once, hundreds of people who had never paid much attention to our beleaguered local orchestra had to rush downtown to hear this fabulous musical organization. (And, besides that, the house was massively papered — indeed, through a miscalculation by the management, grossly overpapered.)

Once the tumult had subsided and the musical portion of the event began (late), it was

immediately evident to everyone who had gotten a seat that the Jacobses — the most generous and the most discerning of San Diego's arts and education philanthropists — had put their money in the right place. The opening performance of the program, Vaughan-Williams's *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*, was of truly astounding beauty. One could hardly believe it was the San Diego Symphony one was hearing. Inspired by conductor Oundjian and by the golden glow of those \$100 million, the strings of the orchestra (never its strongest section) played with a precision, an intensity, a richness of sound, a suppleness of phrasing, and a sheer musicality that one scarcely expected to hear from them.

Much of the credit, of course, must go to Oundjian, whose experience as a brilliant string player himself doubtless enabled him to communicate with the orchestral strings in a particularly effective way. Moreover, the passion and lyrical expressiveness that had characterized the long years of his playing as first violinist in the Tokyo Quartet carried over splendidly into his conducting. The disposition of the three sonic forces on the stage of Symphony Hall — the main body of strings, the solo quartet, and the double-quartet-plus-bass (on the highest risers at the back) — brought out with great vividness the music's exquisite antiphonal effects (like Bach's Third Brandenburg Concerto or Monteverdi's *Vespers*, the *Tallis Fantasia* has got to be experienced in live performance to achieve its full impact). The solo quartet — notably concertmaster Nick Grant and principal violist Qing Liang — played ravishingly. If this is what the San Diego Symphony can sound like under the right conductor, it might well become what resident orchestras have traditionally been in other major metropolitan areas, the center of the city's musical life.

Oundjian also proved to be an expert collaborator with the soloist in the Rach-

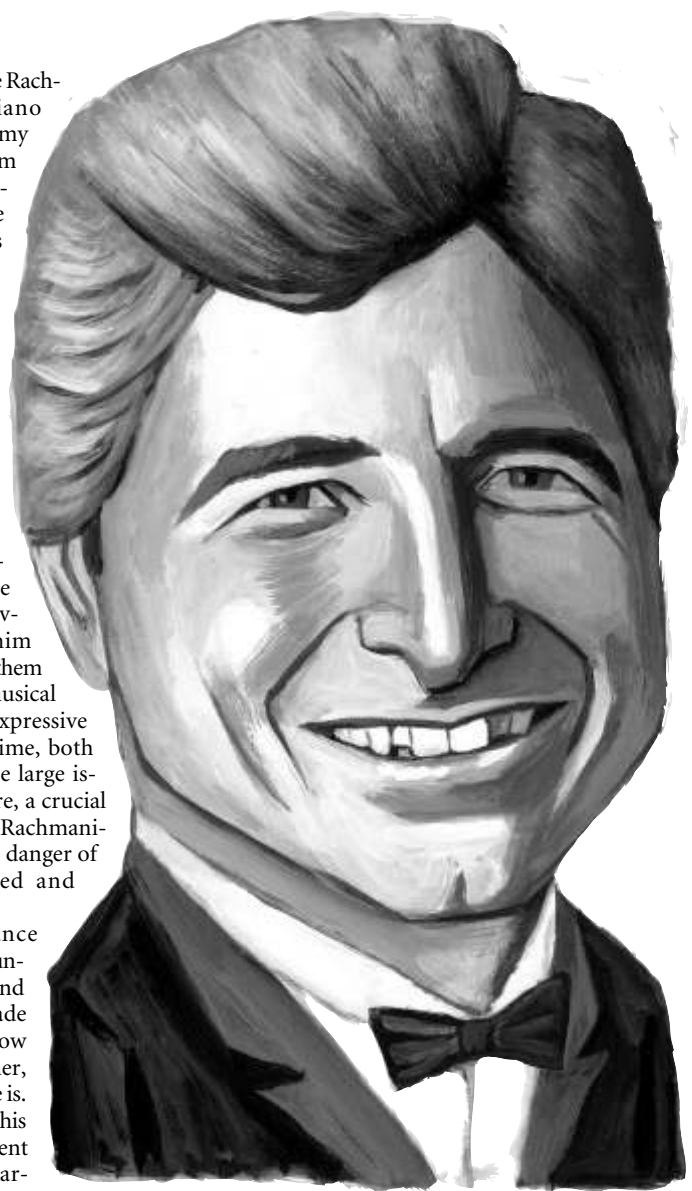
maninoff Second Piano Concerto. I have expressed my admiration for Adam Neiman's profound musicianship in his recitals here and on his few recordings (he is only 21, though he has been performing publicly since he was 8!), but this was the first time I had a chance to hear him in the concerto repertoire. His performance of the Rachmaninoff Two had the same grandeur, spontaneity, and emotional concentration that have characterized his recitals, enhanced by the close interpretive rapport that evidently existed between him and the conductor. Both of them go for the big, sweeping musical gesture and the delicate expressive nuance; but at the same time, both are vitally conscious of the large issues of musical architecture, a crucial virtue for performances of Rachmaninoff, which always run the danger of being over-emotionalized and sentimentalized.

This was a performance which, without in any way underplaying the loveliness and sensuality of the music, made the listener conscious of how inventively it is put together, how *interesting* its discourse is. Once again, the orchestra (this time with its full complement of instruments) played marvelously; and Neiman negotiated the demanding piano part with an effortless authority and intimate sense of poetry that called to mind Rubinstein, Janis, Richter, Kissin, and the composer himself (Rachmaninoff's own 1929 recording, in astonishingly good sound, remains the *nec plus ultra* for this work).

(I should note, by the way, that concertgoers seated under the overhang — the very worst part of Symphony Hall — complained about not be-

ing able to hear the piano when the orchestra was playing loudly. From the higher reaches of the balcony, where the cheapest and best seats in the house are to be found, the balance was

REVIEW JONATHAN SAVILLE



Peter Oundjian

San Diego Symphony; Peter Oundjian, conductor; Adam Neiman, piano Copley Symphony Hall

Vaughan-Williams, *Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis*; Rachmaninoff, *Concerto No. 2 in C Minor for Piano and Orchestra, Opus 18*; Beethoven, *Symphony No. 3 in E flat, Opus 55 "Eroica"*

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unexceptionable.)

The second half of the program was devoted to Beethoven's *Eroica*, certainly the most revealing challenge to the conductor's abilities. Oundjian once more demonstrated his musical intelligence and his complete command of the orchestra. He led the musicians, playing at the top of their form, in a performance of great vigor, drive, and clarity. But while appreciating those qualities, I have to say that I found Oundjian's reading as a whole deficient in depth and nobility, the result of a rather pedantic adherence to the currently fashionable style of "authentic" Beethoven conducting. Tempos were brisk — some would say too brisk. It was not the speed that I found damaging, however, but the more or less unyielding metrical rigidity. Along with Oundjian's refusal to stretch rhythms so as to adapt them to the music's inherent direction and meaning, there was also a refusal to underline expressive points with dynamic shadings not expressly indicated in the score.

Which score was it? The program notes gave no indication of this, but judging by various details of what I heard at the concert, I would suspect that Oundjian has adopted Jonathan Del Mar's new Bärenreiter "*Urtext*" edition of the Beethoven Symphonies, which claims to get back as closely as possible to what Beethoven originally wrote, eliminating later editorial accretions. (The claim is mere rhetoric, since there is in fact no "original text"; Del Mar is simply the latest in a long line of editors making personal decisions about how the music should sound.)

Whatever the source may have been, Oundjian's *Eroica* differed at numerous points from what we are used to, and the differences I detected were not improvements. Familiar dynamic emphases (as in the *poco andante* variation in the last movement) were suppressed or weakened. Wilhelm Furtwängler, Otto Klemperer, or Arturo Toscanini, none of them noted for inadequate interpretations of Beethoven, would not have recognized

many of the articulations (not to mention the overall approach). Most curious of all was the playing of measures 60–75 of the *Finale* as a solo string quartet, instead of by the full body of strings. I don't know what the editorial justification for this startling change may be, but I do know that it is musically WRONG WRONG WRONG. The structure of the music tells us unequivocally that the repetition of the theme with progressively greater elaboration is a way of working up to the climactic appearance of the countertheme (starting in measure 76). To pull back to the intimate sound of a string quartet just where the greatest excitement is needed is the sort of mistake the composer would never have made; and, in fact, the whole *concertino* device is completely uncharacteristic of Beethoven's orchestral music, then and at all other times in his career.

To conduct Beethoven like this seems an odd choice for Peter Oundjian, who never did anything comparable when playing Beethoven (or any other music) with the Tokyo Quartet. As a violinist, he has always allowed the inner sense of the music to dictate style and expression — which is precisely what he did, as a conductor, in the Vaughan-Williams and Rachmaninoff pieces on the Symphony Hall program. It was disappointing that in the Beethoven (which is a more important work than either of the others) he presumably decided to accept the pretentious claims of a musicologist instead of obeying his own sure instincts. ■

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Spotlight Series, this Mainly Mozart-hosted series hosts three concerts by the St. Petersburg String Quartet. Ensemble members include violinists Alla Aranovskaya and Ilya Teplyakov, violist Aleksey Koptev, and cellist Leonid Shukaev. Listen for Mozart's "String Quartet in E-Flat," "Three Novelettes" by Glazunov, and the "String Quartet No. 1" by Borodin.

Enjoy the concerts tonight, Thursday, January 24, at 8 p.m., at Restaurante Jardín del CECUT (on Paseo de los Héroes Street in the Zona Río); tickets are \$16. The quartet performs on Friday, January 25, at 8 p.m., at the Ruth French Chapman Performing Arts Center (located on the campus of EastLake High School, 1120 EastLake Parkway). Admission to this concert is \$15.

Finally, the St. Petersburg String Quartet presents a concert on Saturday, January 26, at 8 p.m., at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets are \$35. For reservations and information on any of these performances, dial 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA, CHULA VISTA, LA JOLLA)

Nights in Vienna, the San Diego Youth Symphony once again hosts "A Night in Vienna" on Friday and Saturday, January 25 and 26, at the Balboa Park Club, from 8 p.m. until midnight. Guests are treated to dancing and listening to Strauss waltzes and polkas. Complimentary light hors d'oeuvres and desserts are included in the \$40 tickets (or pay \$70 for both nights). For reservations, call 619-233-3232. Period and formal wear are encouraged. (BALBOA PARK)

Direct from France, the Parisii String Quartet will perform selections by Mozart, Tailleferre, and Bartók on Friday, January 25, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$20 general. Call 619-696-1966 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

A Chamber Music Concert with selections by Beethoven, Brahms, and the premiere of a new piece by Lowell Lieberman is promised when the Perlman/Nikkanen/Bailey Piano Trio performs on Friday, January 25, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets are \$42. Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

Recorder Players are invited to join the San Diego County Recorder Society for instruction and playing on Friday, January 25, at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center. Recorder basics begin at 6:30 p.m., with a guest conductor leading the group from 7:30 to 9:45 p.m.

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

One Man's Degenerate Lifestyle leads to the destruction of his one valued possession — his daughter — in Giuseppe Verdi's *Rigoletto*, described as "one of the most popular Italian operas of all time." Australian film director Bruce Beresford conceived this new production as a "story about the abuse of power and sexual dominance" and sets the opera in contemporary Hollywood. Performers include baritone Mark Rucker, tenor Frank Porretta, and soprano Maureen O'Flynn. The opera is performed in Italian with text projected in English above the stage.

Enjoy the production — conducted by Karen Keltner and directed by Christopher Harlan — at 8 p.m. on Friday, January 25, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 27, and at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30. Tickets range from \$33 to \$107. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. For reservations, dial 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

"Under the Big Top," it's the theme when the San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents a "carnival concert" on Saturday, January 26, at 4 p.m., in the indoor activity center at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Listen for "The Circus March," "Circus Fantasy," "The Comedians Suite," "The Billboard March," "Circus Bee," "Baby Elephant Walk," and many others, with performances by clowns, dancers, singers, and narrated stories by the Marine Band of San Diego and the San Diego Pantomime Theatre.

Pre-concert activities start at 3:15 p.m., with an instrument petting zoo, face painting, and crafts. Tickets for the one-hour program are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. For reservations, call 888-848-7326 x7. (DEL MAR)

"A Score Is Born," take a look at music's role at the movies during this San Diego Symphony Light Bulb Series concert on Saturday, January 26, at 8 p.m. Local composer Lawrence Groupé and conductor Jung-Ho Pak will illuminate how scores are brought to life and how they work as silent partners to create mood and environment. The program features selections from *Star Wars*, *Robin Hood*, *Gone with the Wind*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, and *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, among others.

Tickets range from \$10 to \$55. Find Copley Symphony Hall at 750 B Street. For reservations and other information, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

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The Tenor from Tijuana, Jose Plazola sings on Saturday, January 26, to raise funds for his trip to Havana. He's heading to Cuba to participate in the Mariana de Gonitch International Opera Competition. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at the Academy of Sound and Music (1495 C Street). Admission is by donation. 619-702-1495. (DOWNTOWN)

Saturday Night Chamber Music, the series continues with a concert by violinist Carrie Kennedy on January 26, who will present works by Grieg, Chausson, Bolcom, Bloch, Sarasate, and Vieuxtemps. She'll be accompanied by pianist Cheryl Lin. This concert begins at 8 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Tickets are \$10 general. For information, call 858-259-2503. (CARMEL VALLEY)

"If It Ain't Baroque...Why Fix It?" This Classics for Kids concert is set for Sunday, January 27, at 2 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). The program includes selections by Handel, Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Joplin, and Gershwin; the Toy Piano Orchestra and maestro Scott Paulson will also perform.

Tickets range from \$7 to \$12 for children and \$15 to \$20 for adults, available by calling 619-435-9111 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

St. Cecilia Evensong, the men's and girls' St. Cecilia Choir sings evensong at Saint Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, January 27, 5 p.m., using the Ralph Vaughan Williams setting for village choirs and singing the Edward Bairstow anthem "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence." Find the cathedral at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). An offering will be received. Call 619-298-7261 for details. (MIDTOWN)

Start 2002 with a Bang, the San Carlos United Methodist Church music series gets underway with mezzo-soprano Katie Wilson and tenor Jayson Coleman perform selections encompassing classical music, Broadway musicals, jazz, and pop music on Sunday, January 27. The concert begins at 4 p.m. at 6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard (at Navajo); 619-464-4331. An offering will be received. (SAN CARLOS)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents a concert on Sunday, January 27, at 2 p.m., in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For further infor-

mation, dial 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Music for Cathedrals in Mexico may be heard when Westwind Brass performs on Monday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m., for the spring chamber concert series at the Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Ensemble members Barry Perkins and John Wilds (trumpet), Brent Dutton (tuba), Barry Toombs (French horn), and Richard Gordon (trombone) will play compositions by J.S. Bach, P.D.Q. Bach, and Victor Ewald. Free. Call 619-691-5164 for more details. (CHULA VISTA)


May I Suggest Some Ugorski for Lunch? The Ugorski Trio performs for the San Diego Mini-Concert on Monday, January 28, at noon. Trio members Eugene Ugorski (described as a "12-year-old child prodigy" on violin), Valeri Ugorski (flute), and Luba Ugorski (piano) will play Mendelssohn's "Violin Concerto (First Movement)," the "Romance in F Major" by Beethoven, Mozart's "Violin Concerto No. 4 in D Major," "Three Romances for Flute and Piano" by Schumann, the "Melody for Flute and Piano" by Gluck, and Chopin's "Nocturne in C-Sharp Minor."

Admission is free. The music lasts approximately 50 minutes in the Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. For more details, call 619-236-1980. (DOWNTOWN)

A Variety of Renaissance and baroque music will be performed on period instruments in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center when the Early Music Ensemble performs on Tuesday, January 29, at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 general. Questions? Call 858-534-4830 for answers. (LA JOLLA)

"Inflections for Two Mobile Violinists" by UCSD composition student Luke Taylor may be heard when János Négyesy and Päivikki Nykter present a "Two Violins Recital" on Wednesday, January 30, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. The program includes "Morpheus" by Willem Jeths (1991), "Hay que caminar sonando" by Luigi Nono (1989), and Toru Takemitsu's "Rocking Mirror Daybreak." Tickets: \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Concert and Informal Conversation, both are promised when the Amelia Piano Trio performs next Thursday, January 31, at 7:30 p.m., at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Trio members include violinist Anthea Kreston, cellist Jason Duckles, and pianist Jonathan Yates. Admission is free, but tickets are required due to limited space. Call 858-362-1348 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)



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GALLERIES

Fostering a Strong Bond between the Oceanside Museum of Art, the artist, and the community is the mission of the Artist Alliance. The Artist Alliance Gallery opens with a reception (coinciding with the museum's "John Garrett Retrospective") on Friday, January 25, at 5 p.m.

Find the gallery in suite 212-D on

the Artist's Alley, located one-half block east of Coast Highway, between Mission Avenue and Pier View Way. Regular gallery hours 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays. For information, call 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

"Traces of the Past, Glimpses of the Present" — this exhibit of assemblages by Joan McKee is on exhibit through Sunday, February 17, at the San Diego Art Institute. The current regional artist show was judged by Herbert T. Olds. Meet the participating artists at a reception planned on Friday, January 25, at 6 p.m.

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 619-236-0011. Regular admission is \$3. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Michelangelo Project: A Double Biographical Artist's Book" by Jim Machacek is on view in the Seuss Room at Geisel Library at UCSD through Monday, February 25. The 30 panels weave biographies of Machacek and Michelangelo. Meet Machacek during the reception planned on Sunday, January 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. Dial 858-534-2533 for information and viewing hours. (LA JOLLA)

"Viewpoint Ceramics," this national ceramic competition jurored by David McFadden opens with a reception on Tuesday, January 29, at 7 p.m., in the Hyde Gallery at Grossmont College. The exhibit, featuring 26 works of

contemporary ceramics, concludes on Thursday, February 14.

Grossmont College is found at 8800 Grossmont College Drive. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. For information, call 619-644-7299. (EL CAJON)

"Site/Unseen: Museum Guards" is a photographic exhibition and installation about unseen people in public places. Artist Sheila Pinkel was "struck by the contrast between the trappings of wealth and class at the museum and the realities for the guards working there." Their "transparency in the workplace" is symbolized by the ghostlike images resulting from fast film and grainy images.

The show opens at San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery with a reception for the artist next Thursday, January 31, at 5 p.m. Pinkel presents a lecture following the reception at 7 p.m. in the LRC (library) room 435. Free.

The exhibit closes on Tuesday, February 26. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; noon to 8 p.m. Thursday; and Friday by appointment. For more information, call 619-388-2829. Find the campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, 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, see "Renovation and Expansion: MCA in Downtown San Diego, Gluckman Mayner Architects in Association with Architect Milford Wayne Donaldson," an exhibit including architectural drawings, models, and photographs of projects by those creating an architectural renovation plan for the museum's proposed new downtown location. Check out the ideas through Sunday, April 21.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, the progression of Wolfgang Laib's career over the past 28 years is traced in "Wolfgang Laib: A Retrospective," opening on Sunday, January 27. The exhibition includes 24 sculptures and installations as well as 26 drawings. Laib is an artist whose work is said to deal with the spirituality of everyday materials and objects. Laib lives in a remote area of Germany's Black Forest. In his art, "Laib has gathered pollen to create glowing floor installations, has built rooms and other architectural elements from beeswax (which allude to antiquity), and explored the shamanistic role of the contemporary artist." Interested? View the retrospective through Sunday, May 19.

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, testaments to courage, determination, hope, and love are on view in "Women First" and "The Children of Nyumbani," by photographer and public health physician Art Myers. "Women First" is a series of pho-

tographs of women from the United States, and "Children" focuses on residents of the Nyumbani orphanage in Kenya, all of whom are living with the HIV virus.

Concurrently, see "Double Vision: The Strauss Collection," offering the work of a diverse group of photographers. Consisting of 120 images selected by collectors and art historians Ted and Joyce Strauss, the traditional themes of portraiture and landscape by Man Ray and August Sander are seen alongside the radical postmodernism of Cindy Sherman and the eccentricity of Hans Bellmer.

Both exhibitions continue through Sunday, March 17. 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, known for the application of textile technologies and imagery to various materials, textile artist John Garrett has been pushing the boundaries of traditional fiber art and textiles for the past 25 years. Meet Garrett during a reception for the opening of the "John Garrett Retrospective" on Friday, January 25, at 5 p.m. This show continues through Sunday, March 17 at 704 Pier View Way. For more information, call 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, 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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Four Strikes

In her assault on Hollywood, Gomez made a crucial mistake: she assumed the industry had standards.

Marga Gomez says they're so diet-obsessed in L.A. that once when she ordered a two-olive martini, the waiter blurted, "That's a lot of food!"

A nationally acclaimed standup comic, and original member of Culture Clash, Gomez sought her fortune in Hollywood with four strikes against her: she's Latina, lesbian, she refuses to play stereotyped parts, and she doesn't drive. In spite of Hollywood's gringo-hetero leanings, Gomez knew she'd make it when she saw John Tesh's star on the Walk of Fame. "It made me feel," she says with an innocence masking armadas of irony, "that anything was possible."

Satire is rage put to good use. In *jaywalker*, Gomez recounts two "harrowing" years of auditions and makeovers in Hollywood. Her experiences would infuriate the most Prozac-ked of aspirants, yet she uses a moderate approach in the 90-minute piece. Her deliveries nudge more than slash. In doing so, Gomez re-creates the wide-eyed dreamer who went to "light up the sky like a flame. Fame!" — and became a kind of Dorothy, in a place far stranger than Oz.

jaywalker is a guided tour, on foot, through the L.A. scene. Gomez loves L.A., she says with that two-sided voice. "There are so many reasons: the culture, the surgery is unbelievable. The quality of life and the air are second only to Bombay and the caste system."

She takes us to a lesbian disco, where everyone's so femme-femme they call her "Daddy." We see life during TV "pilot season," which sounds like a convention for vacant brains, and learn what it takes to get "seen" in L.A. We also watch her status vault, overnight, from the basement to the stars. TBA — "the Big Agency" — courts her. They send her long-stemmed "American Beauty roses from Ecuador," daily. She's doing auditions and could become the next Jennifer Lopez who, we're assured, stole her look from Gomez. "Stole my moves too. When you watch *Selena*, you're watching me!"

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH

jaywalker would be just another tale, among thousands, of Tinseltown disillusionment if Gomez didn't get so close to the top. The Big Agency *really* woos her — limos, promises, the whole shot. She even lands an audition with her idol, Kathleen Turner. In mythology, this would be the moment when the quester has a vision of ultimate reality. But Turner doesn't want acting ability — or, to Gomez's chagrin, a lover. She wants a stereotyped Latina maid to mince two lines and get off the set.

The agency shows her the penthouse, then takes away the key. But for those who believe its actions couldn't be more bizarre, Gomez adds a program note: "What really happened was probably more surreal, and the talent agency that controlled me even more sinister, than I can legally express."

In her assault on Hollywood, Gomez made a crucial mistake, one numerous local actors have made in similar treks north: she assumed the industry had standards. She'd do it by the book, with integrity, and have a say in her career. "I believed that if I worked hard and played by the rules I could make a difference." Thus when she falls, Gomez loses more than hope. She loses trust.

She comes onstage, toughened by it all, in a black dress and road worker's Day-Glo safety vest. Her head bobs with attitude; her walk is a cool swagger. She's like a cartoon hero, "la jaywalker." And she's funny. Oh, is she funny! La jaywalker now breaks rules, walks against the light, and makes anarchic assertions. "I yield to no car," she shouts in defiance. You want to suggest that she's traded one delusion for another, but that's part of Gomez's charm: her character's retained a kind of innocence in spite of the ordeal.

She went to Hollywood, she claims, to become the first lesbian Latina on *Baywatch*. And in one of her funniest bits, Gomez imagines herself after five years on the series. She's dead bored, numb from no acting challenges. Suddenly sharks attack. Time to wax heroic. But

wait: the big fins are headed for her TBA agents and the desk clerk at her hotel who chortled when Gomez never got mail. Gosh. What to do?

They say the best revenge is living well. For Marga Gomez, the best revenge is *jaywalker*.

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James Baldwin wrote that "the purpose of art is to lay bare the questions that have been hidden by the answers." In *Angel in Between*, staged by the Fritz Theater, the answer is gender; the question is how many?

Mozart gave Cherubino, the young man in *The Marriage of Figaro*, music for a "woman's voice." The "pants role," in which women perform the part and question distinctions of gender, is an operatic tradition. Angel, played by Roseanne Ciparick, is a modern Cherubino: a woman stuck in a male role. S/he's accepted the harness and played "pretend," but it feels false. The only thing that holds her tight is pain. S/he needs to escape, but into what? The impulses fit neither gender. Some are "male," others "female," others resist all categories and fall somewhere "in between."

While *Angel* deconstructs strict notions of gender, the writing's often as blurry as its subject. Kate Kiminski's text feels like imitation Marguerite Duras. But while Duras can be dreamy, poetic, and



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clear — she puts you inside a feeling, looking out — Kimin-

ski's pseudo-poetry is just elusive.

Angel is a 70-minute, one-person "musical play." Ciparick sings everything from *Figaro's "Non So Più Cosa Son"* to Sondheim-like tunes. It's a vocal tour de force that passes through

musical genres the way Angel does genders. Her acting also resists labels, making quick mercurial shifts from one self to the next. It's a most engaging performance that, combined with the theme, makes the Fritz's show worth seeing. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Angel in Between

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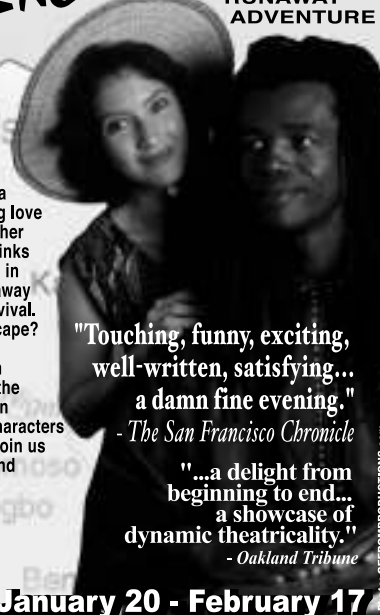
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Metal band Turam's lead singer, Ryan Peterson, says he has had enough of battle-of-the-bands competitions — even though Tu-

ram has won two battles and is in the finals of another one tomorrow.

ram means that the promoter made more than \$10,000. There had to be 1000 people there over the course of the day."

Turam's prize for winning was 21 hours of recording time at Track Star studios in La Mesa, which according to its owner is worth \$1,050 based on \$50 an hour.

off-hand."

Tomorrow Turam is one of seven bands playing in the finals at the Epicentre contest. Each band won the right to play in the finals by winning preliminary rounds held at Club Xanth in North Park. Admission to those preliminary rounds was \$8. This contest was organized by John Michalak's Sugarlight Productions of Sherman Oaks. Peterson said his band won their preliminary round based on crowd response.

"It was just this guy who came up to the stage and asks who the best band was," said Peterson about the judging. "It's like an applause-o-meter but without the applause-o-meter. We almost got into a fight because someone rushed the stage and said the whole thing was set up. We were scared for our equipment."

The winning band at tomorrow's contest gets \$500 and 20 hours of studio time. The final round of the San Diego Battle of the Bands is 7

p.m. to midnight tomorrow at the Epicentre with Turam, Slewfoot, Stolen, Offtrack,



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

APPLAUSE-O-METER LIKES TURAM

Center Fugue, Renaissance High, and Blue Spring. Admission is \$8.

— Ken Leighton

"I have signatures from gallery owners, artists, and museum curators. But [the owners] won't even look at it," says Richard Kenvin about losing his lease at 838 G Street.

A retail clothing boutique was downstairs; upstairs, the 838 Gallery would host art showings by Shephard Fairey, Jeremy Farson, and Peter Halasz, while DJs like Mark E. Quark or Jef Skot would spin music or live bands, like Square Circle, would play.

"It feels like we're running out of venues," says Todd A. Davidson, keyboardist/vocalist for Square Circle. Last Saturday his hip-hop band was the last live group to play at 838G.

Kenvin, who is the creator and co-owner of the Stoopid line of street wear (worn by Madonna and Jamiroquai), now designs and manufactures the 838 line of urban gear that he wholesales to hip clothing stores nationally.

In 1998 Kenvin surrendered the master lease to the Arts College International next door and started subleasing. He felt he had no other choice but to accept a sublease relationship in order to stay. "I was led to believe that...I would be secure until 2003."

Kenvin says he isn't sure what the Arts College International has planned for his space. A sponge-painted plastic chair and a funky "make peace not war" painting has been on display in the Arts College International front window for months, said one nearby tenant.

Kenvin says he doesn't see much schooling going on. "Attendance seems to be ex-

tremely light."

"We never saw the petition," says Arts College International co-owner and president Charles Mokiao. "Our door has never been closed to him. He could have walked right in and talked to us, but he didn't."

"A mediator tried to contact them," says Kenvin, "to which they responded they would not discuss any kind of deal that permitted me to



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838G GALLERY SAYS GOOD-BYE

stay in the space."

Regarding the alleged inactivity of the college, Mokiao says, "What business is it of his to be involved in our business? We have full classes.... He has verbally at-

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tacked our partners in various statements.... We wish him all the best, but he can't go about doing business the way he's been doing it."

"I never verbally attacked anybody at the arts college," says Kenvin, who has to be out by February 1.

"I'm giving up the gallery. I'm moving to a loft space on 15th Street between J and K. I'm going to focus on wholesale."

— Ken Leighton

"They canceled ten shows with us. We lost \$10,000."

David Patrone is a Frank Sinatra tribute artist. His band is booked every night of the week. But on September 6, Patrone lost three weeks of Sunday-Monday-Tuesday gigs at the Pala Casino.

"They fired us because a bartender was pissed off at me over something that I said that she misunderstood. When that got cleared up, she held a grudge against me."

Patrone said she filed a

second complaint over the use of the word "damn" in his act, and that resulted in the firing.

Although he's back up to seven nights a week, he said he couldn't find replacement gigs for those canceled September dates.

"You can't rebook at the drop of a hat."

Patrone wanted Pala to settle for half of the money he would have been paid. He sent a letter to Pala management saying he was prepared to go to small claims court.

Patrone's response from Sacramento attorney Mark Merin was completely unexpected. Pala's attorney wrote: "You may not realize that Pala Casino, as a wholly owned entity of the Pala band of Mission Indians, has sovereign immunity.... Should you file such an action, the Pala Casino will have it dismissed and recover its costs from you."

"If an Indian casino can simply renege on a legal and binding contract with a business professional in California, who's to say that they won't turn around and do the same thing to you if you win money on their land?" asked Patrone. "This impacts anybody who does business with Indian casinos."

Patrone wonders if the Sacramento attorney was blowing smoke to get him to go away. Local attorney Mike

Vallee doesn't think so.

"You are subjected to a whole different set of laws on reservations," said Vallee, who has also played in local bands for 20 years. "We played at Viejas once, but I swear I would never do it again. [Patrone's] only option is to bring it before the tribal court. And what do you think would happen there? Nothing."



WILL PATRONE TAKE PALA TO TRIBAL COURT?

Pala general manager David Fendrick did not return a request for comment. Howard Dickstein, another attorney representing Pala (of the law firm Dickstein & Merin), responded: "Signing a contract with a person in the state of California is completely different than signing one with an Indian tribe. [Patrone] assumes that an Indian tribe is the same as a

private citizen. This is a federally recognized Indian tribe. If he didn't know about it, I feel bad about it."

Dickstein said Patrone could have asked to go before the tribal court for relief.

"Neither Pala [management] or the lawyers ever mentioned to me that I had that option," said Patrone.

"I live in the [Pala] neighborhood," said Sandy Enriquez of Fallbrook. "I voted for the Indian gaming initiative like a lot of people, but I don't think California voters would have, if they knew they would be setting up businesses that didn't have to play by the same rules that everyone else has to abide by. Basically, the state of California granted them the right to practice unfair business practices."

"I will seek whatever recourse I will find to make me feel better," said Patrone.

David Patrone appears at Croce's on Thursdays, Monzu (in La Jolla) on Fridays, On Broadway on Saturdays, the Typhoon Saloon (in PB) on Sundays, Buffalo Joe's on Mondays, Martini Ranch in Encinitas on Tuesdays, and Martini Ranch downtown on Wednesdays.

— Ken Leighton

The latest Arbitron ratings show that longtime country powerhouse KSON just lost 20 percent of its audience in spite of an exten-

sive TV ad campaign. But Jason Mershon, who has owned the Cabrillo Dinner Theatre in Point Loma since 1997, thinks live country will work for him.

Since last summer he's presented *Heaven Rocks*, a musical featuring dead rock stars. But he's ready for something new.

"We're changing [Cabrillo] to the Cactus Rose Saloon, a great American country and western dance hall and steak house." It will be the only nightclub with live country music within the city limits of San Diego.

I ask if the market might be a little soft for country.

"Jerry Corbetta, lead singer of Sugarloaf [of 1970's 'Green-Eyed Lady' fame] ... said it's kind of tough now with country."

Still, Mershon thinks exclusivity could help him.

"The nearest place with live country music is Mulvaney's in Santee. Country is the one thing we haven't tried. Country fans are limited [in number], but they are faithful.... [And] we're in Point Loma, and there's a lot of military nearby."

Coyote Moon appears at the Cactus Rose Saloon February 1 and 2.

— Ken Leighton

"I was starting to ship to Japan, but then my wax guy moved and I was never able to get hold of him again. So many things were telling me to put it behind me," says Mar Dels doo-wop singer Kathy Ortega-Herington, explaining why she is taking a hiatus from the surf wax business.

Ortega-Herington went into the surf wax business three years ago, working under the theory that surfer girls deserved their own surf wax. "Girls want girl stuff," she says.

She found a mold and recruited a wax developer to create brightly colored wax with a fruity scent. Ortega-Herington's She Surfs Swell wax is seashell-shaped and packaged in a small plastic bag. In the beginning, it in-



MAR DELS CLEARLY TIRED OF WALKING

cluded a small seashell charm that Herington made herself.

"We learned it moved quicker without the charm," she says.

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The Mar Dels, an oldies rock band, have been playing together for 20 years. Ortega-Herington joined the band six years ago after she met founder Doug Allen while surfing.

Ortega-Herington plays tenor sax and sings, soloing on numbers like Diana Ross's "Upside Down" and Dusty Springfield's "Son of a Preacher Man."

The Mar Dels rarely play clubs, preferring to focus on the corporate party circuit, which can net \$6000 a night. The Mar Dels have entertained for Pepsi, Coca-Cola, and Hewlett-Packard.

"At the private events they always have dinner for us [and] a dressing room," she says. "In the clubs, sometimes you have to change in a corner by the kitchen with the other girl holding up a sheet."

The Mar Dels traveled to China to play events staged by one man, who first saw them at Jimmy Love's.

"He throws these outrageous parties for the rich and beautiful, and they come

from all over the world," she says. "Most of the parties have themes. One was the 'Gold and Gorgeous and Walking on Sunshine Party.' Everyone had to wear gold. It was like being in a James Bond movie. It was a hard party to play, though. We had to play 'Walking on Sunshine' over and over again all night."

— Kevin Brass

URL watching — Vinyl Communications<http://vinylcomm.com>

The homepage greeting at Vinyl Communications' website is too rude to print, but attitude should be expected from a record company whose motto is "That was punk, this is now." The Chula Vista-based label (distributed by Mordam Records) carries releases by several dozen acts that can be purchased online, and they invite demos from bands.

"We figure we may as well invite them because you're going to send them anyway."

If you're determined to get an earful of noise, the site invites you to join the VC Task Force. For \$150 they'll send you a year's worth of releases, at least 18 titles, including CDs by O.R.I., Electric Company, K.K. Null, Kid-606, ZipperSpy, Marumari, Bombardier, and the Spacewürm.

Bios posted on the "VC

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: OCEAN BEACH

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



Recording Artists" page are prefaced by a company credo describing the bands as "The few, the proud, the unpopular."

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"With every new release, the Haters implicate themselves as fetishists that celebrate entropy through noise. For the Haters, there couldn't be anything sexier or more life-affirming than rot and decay."

Now that's punk, today or any day.

(Those with or who know of sites created in San Diego or which focus on local music are encouraged to forward info/URL links to jas2669@aol.com.)

— Jay Allen Sanford

Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Orchestra, *Soundtrack to a B Movie*

Some good, some very good, some not-much.

The instrumental version of the title cut, which leads off the alb, is a very solid, very funky small-band realization of Palmer's own composition. She contributes some great percussive piano, Jonny Viau is as hot as I've ever heard him on tenor sax, and April West on trombone and Troy Jennings on baritone sax add texture, density, and oompah that help rock the fringing house down.

The vocal version of the same tune, which ends the alb, is no great shakes...a generic kiss-off number.

"The Boogie and the Blues" and "Deejha's Boogie" are fine — or fine enough.

The world probably didn't need another "hotcha"

reading of "Sunny Side of the Street," and I don't know for sure if it even wanted one, but the world has got one now...what the hey.

"Motel Mambo" and "Paris Metro Interlude" are sillysilly kitsch.

But then again, isn't the so-called "swing revival" kitsch to begin with?

Sue Palmer will be appearing at Bourbon Street (Park Boulevard near Madison Avenue) from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. with Candy Kane and Janice Edwards. The show is free.

— Richard Meltzer

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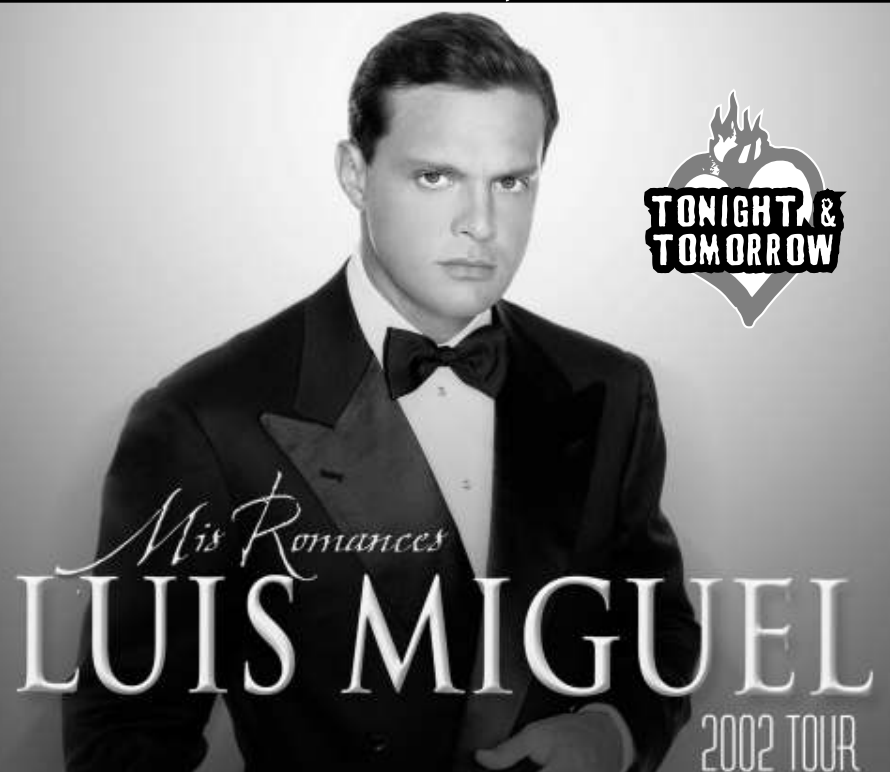
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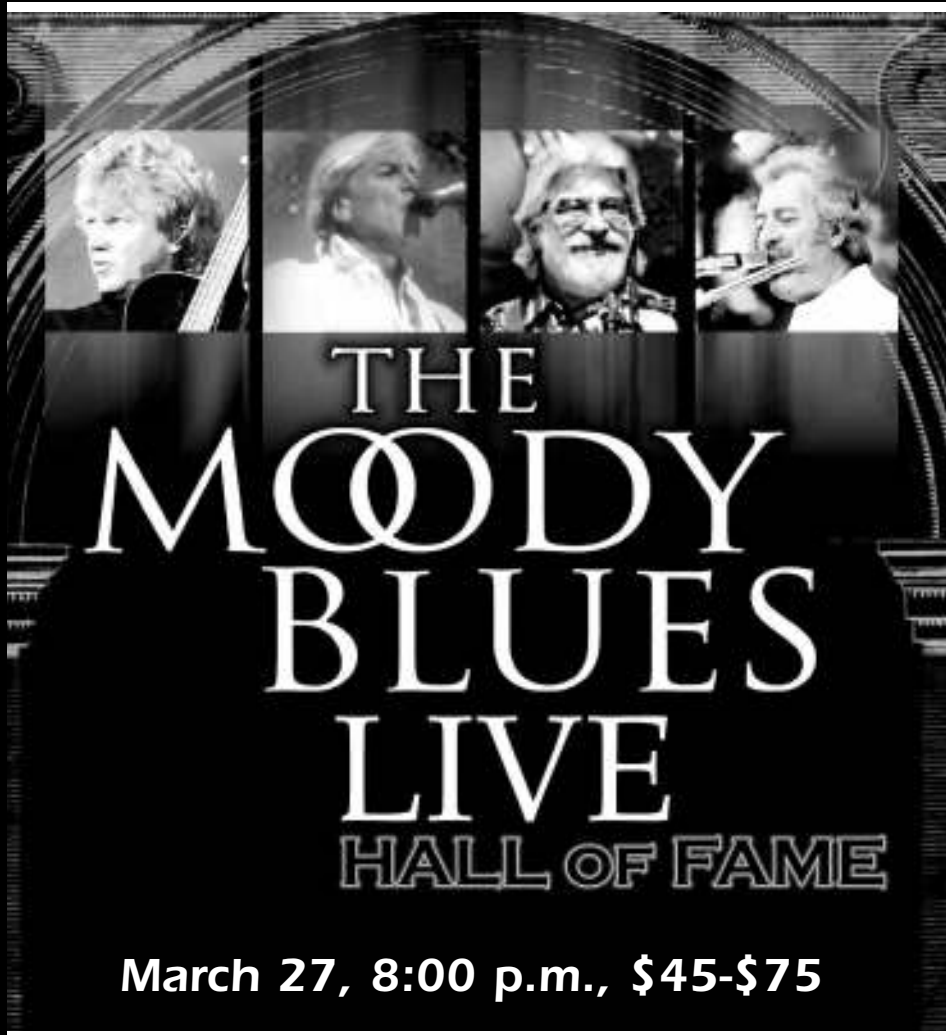
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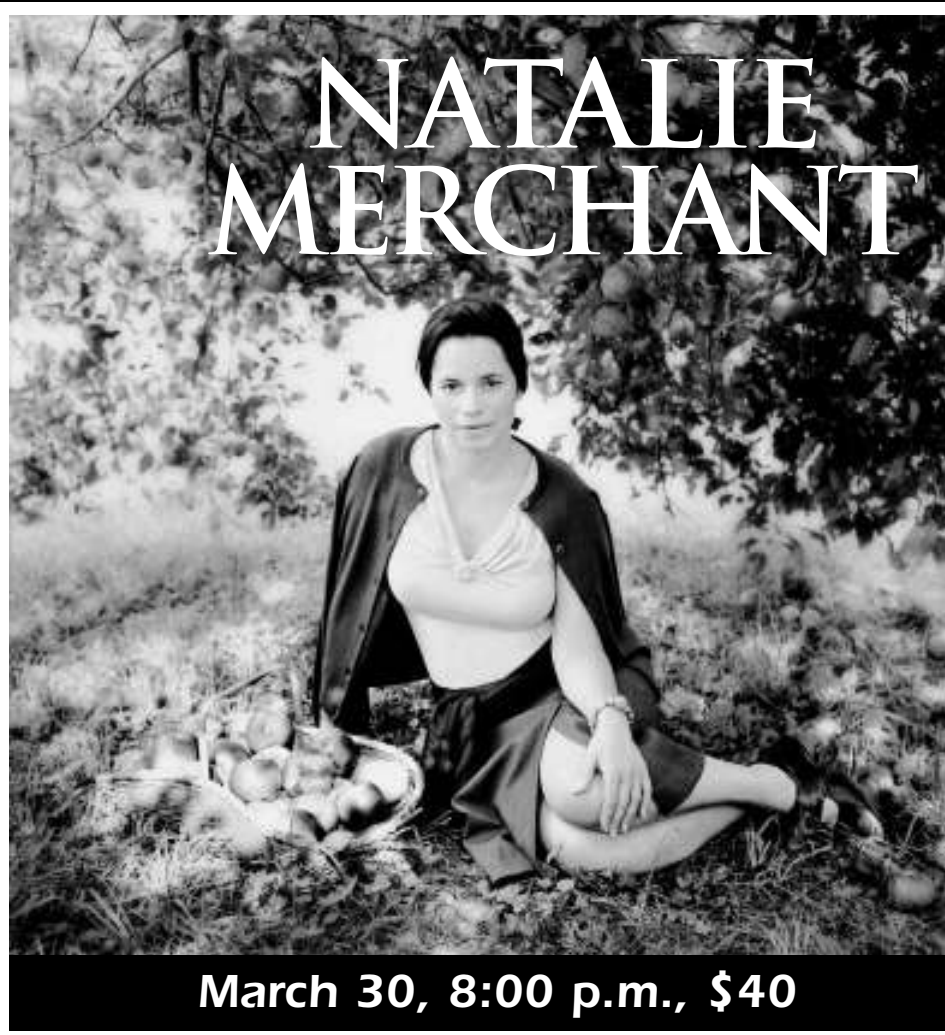
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Every weekend evening, thousands of people travel south across the San Ysidro—Puerta México port of entry. The majority will pass right by Plaza Viva Tijuana, a retail commercial center adjacent to the border station, and head straight for the nightclubs and bars along Avenida Revolución, the biggest *paseo* in town. That's "where *la patria* begins," according to a municipal motto posted at the Tijuana Tourist Terminal between Sixth and Seventh Streets. The party continues in bars and cantinas on parallel streets like Constitución, Agua Caliente, and Niños Héroes and doesn't end until nearly sunrise.

"No cover before 10 p.m.," "\$20 all-U-can-drink," and "2-fer-1" specials pull the throngs of pedestrians into disco-style bars such Club A, Baby Rock, El Jardin, Zka, Bacarat, Tequila Sunrise, and Safari's. These contemporary nightclubs have invested heavily in glitzy decors, elaborate lighting, and powerful sound systems designed to blast out norteño, tejano, conjunto, rock and roll, and techno music at decibel levels high enough to drown out conversation even among sidewalk passersby.

Inside, as whistles trill and onlookers hoot, it's common to see barhops moving through the crowd with tequila bottles, inviting patrons to hold their heads back while servers pour straight shots directly down their throats. Club employees are usually Tijuana residents (population nearly 2 million); many of them first- and second-generation immigrants from all parts of the republic — Jalisco, Sinaloa, Veracruz, Guanajuato, Puebla, Oaxaca, Chiapas, and every other state of the nation. Most are concerned with getting liquor into their clientele, but a few are on site to assist customers in ridding themselves of those same drinks.

"Just because this is Tijuana, and I work in a bathroom, I automatically get 'pity tips' from the Americans," says "Manuel," at first reluctant to answer questions until assured he and his employer won't be mentioned by name in print. "I have to expect [an American] newspaper to make a joke about me and what I do. Then I'd lose this job. But I'm proud to work here, proud to be working anywhere. Not everyone [in Tijuana] can say that." He describes his position as "volunteer," in that he isn't paid a salary or required to maintain a set schedule. "I choose when I work, which is only the weekend, maybe Thursday, and I pay the cost of my own combs,

colognes, mouthwash, everything except the [toilet] paper and mop bucket."

Whereas bathroom attendants are a rare commodity in the U.S., in Tijuana the position is a fixture as integral as the wall urinals for any club aspiring to provide at least a patina of high-class comfort.

"You shouldn't need a platinum [credit] card or a diamond pinky ring to get a little pampering, a little service," he says. "Why not fix up your hair, buff the shoes, or splash on a little cologne so you don't walk

out smelling like the burrito some guy just dumped into the toilet bowl next to yours. Everybody's gotta go some time, and everybody's equal when their pants are down around their knees."

Manuel says that much of the bar's clientele is made up of college students and military personnel. "Even though they don't make a lot of money, they tip very well. Many times, I make more [in tips] than the bartenders do. In the bar, one guy will buy drinks for five friends and tip a dollar. Nobody tips for someone else in the bathroom. They each have to walk past me, coming in and going out, and I get tips just because I keep [the bathroom] clean, with toilet paper in the stalls, and mop the floors."

Further down the street, a "\$10 All You Can Drink" cover charge has lured a mostly teenage, mostly American, mostly shit-faced crowd — most of them ignoring the Hispanic rock band playing cover tunes (sung in English).

The line for the men's room is long, and two multi-pierced youths shift back and forth on both feet, hands in pockets, shaking their baggy pants up and down nervously as they debate whether to run outside and urinate in the alley.

"Nah, I hear the cops down here sell kids like us to South American cocaine farms...not that that would be so bad."

When I finally reach the bathroom, the attendant, Sammy, doesn't look as if he's enjoying his job. "This night, they are not so generous. Usually, when bands play, [customers] drink very much alcohol and come into the bathroom all the time. Tonight, they come, [but] they don't tip me."

He explains that different events draw different patrons, with specific tipping patterns. "I thought tonight would be a beer crowd...they come to see bands play and drink beers. Beer drinkers piss all night, except they'll piss almost anywhere. If the toilets are full [occupied], they

will go in the sink right in from of me, two feet away, looking me right in the eye while it gets all over the counter. And those are the ones who probably won't tip me! I once lifted my mop up on the counter and wiped a man's piss up while he was still peeing [in the sink], and he didn't even thank me! So I shook the mop hard as he was walking out.... It splashed up all over his back, and he didn't even notice.

"There are DJ nights where they come to dance, and there are also...I would call them 'cocktail crowds.' [Cocktail crowds] come between dinner and 10 or 11. They wear nice clothes and ask for cloth towels. I keep the face cloths in plastic bags with [zipper] seals, so they look like hospital towels."

He says he makes no claims to customers that the towels are sterile or laundered between each use, though he admits that the sealed bags are intended to give this impression.

"When no one is in here, I rinse them in the sink, squeeze the water out, and dry them under the hand dryer." I ask if the face cloth I just saw him use to wipe down a stall door might ever end up being sink-washed and sealed into a customer bag on the same night. He smiles but does not say anything, and when I repeat the question, the smile becomes even wider as he shrugs his shoulders. Before the interview's end, I notice him casually tossing the small towel into a large toolbox full of other crumpled hand towels and toiletries that are kept in a locked cabinet underneath the sinks.

Sammy says that Ritmo Latina and Los Villanos are popular bands who draw large, hard-drinking rock-and-roll "beer" crowds.

"When there is only dancing, nobody cares who the DJ is — they are all too drunk. Many times the bartender [is] the DJ and changes his name every night...nobody notices."

I'd noticed the out-of-date sounds at other Revolución clubs, as if TJ's DJs seem to have stopped buying new house music in 1995. Sammy



Outside a Tijuana-nightclub bathroom

has a theory about this.

"The older songs were shorter, so that the customers will make more trips to the bar to buy drinks. I can hear the sounds through the walls, so as soon as a song ends and another begins, I have everything ready...because many people will come at once. If there has been much yelling and cheering [during the previous song], I have extra cologne and deodorant because I know [patrons] are sweating and don't want to smell bad for their dates."

An informal survey of patrons — asked how they rate the services in Tijuana's nightclub restrooms — reveals that not everyone feels pampered by the attendants.

"It feels like extortion sometimes," reveals one customer. "I don't need someone to work my zipper or hold my [penis] for me, and I know how to wipe my own ass, so why should I hand over a buck? I'm already getting ripped off at the hotel, with the exchange rate [average 8.8 pesos/\$1 U.S.], and half the time the reason I'm in

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the bathroom is [because] I got the runs from the sewage in the water they use to mix drinks. Besides, there aren't any women in there, so who am I trying to impress by tipping?"

A little further up the street,

could have negative effects. Juan says his income will drop by half if the nightclub is forced to close at 2 or 3 a.m., which is a looming likelihood.

Tijuana city officials have ceased issuing permits allowing nightclubs to remain open until 5 a.m. Further regulation has been hard to implement, however, according to Mariano Escobedo, head of Fondo Mixto, a trust fund established

"I have to expect [an American] newspaper to make a joke about me and what I do."

"Juan" is willing to discuss, anonymously, his gig in a nightclub men's room. Like Manuel, he isn't paid a salary.

"I don't mind because this gives me the incentive to make more [money]. We have a special permit from the town so that the bar can serve drinks until 5 a.m. Between 3 and 5, I would say that's when I make most of the money every night."

Juan usually starts his shift at 10 p.m. and works three to four nights each week. "I have a wife and two children, and this is enough [income] for us to eat, live, and to send our children to school. My wife works for [a U.S. machine manufacturer] five days and makes only 300 pesos [around \$40 U.S.] each week, which is not enough to live decently, but I can make that much in a single night. We have many poor friends with no money at all, so we feel very lucky."

No salary, however, means no benefits — and no protection under Mexican labor laws. The Mexican government recently reformed the country's social security laws, including provisions for employees who develop illnesses related to their jobs. The main benefit to employees is that the new laws provide companies with a great incentive to improve their workplace environments — premiums paid into a disability fund are calculated according to the number of accident or illness claims naming the company, so that the premiums increase drastically with each filing made against a particular employer.

Mexico's Federal Regulation on Safety, Health, and the Workplace (RFSH) outlines the country's safety and health standards and their enforcement. RFSH rules and procedures require employers to ensure that employees are as safe as possible from illness and accidents originating in the workplace, in accordance with the Federal Labor Law and international treaties ratified by Mexico. Articles 165–167 of Title Six provide fines for violations from 15 to 315 times the daily minimum wage.

While this legislation is meant to protect employees like Juan, other new reforms

in major Mexican cities to promote tourism. He says it's not unusual for the larger clubs to take in \$20,000 a night on weekends, and that translates into a lot of civic clout.

"We can't tell a bar owner he can't have free drinks for the ladies all night long, and we can't regulate \$10 all-you-can-drink cover charges, or stop them from staying open [late]," Escobedo says. "Between 2 and 5 in the morning, everyone is half drunk and totally out of control."

I witness some of this Wild West behavior on the east side of Avenida Constitución, just north of First Street. This Tijuana district, known as Zona Norte, is home to places like the Chicago Club, the Adelita bar, and the Hong Kong Bar — all which look, from the outside, identical to the clubs a few blocks away on Avenida Revolución. The same songs pour out the entrances, women are dressed in slinky clothes, and men are preening and swaggering.

On the other side of the leather curtains, prostitutes are practicing the world's oldest profession, which in this case is legal — licensed and regulated by the city. The clubs are open until nearly dawn and, on weekends, the bathrooms are staffed with attendants who agree that men who frequent these bars aren't worried about impressing a girl.

"If a guy has the right amount of money," an attendant at one club tells me, "he doesn't need cologne or hair gel or a shoeshine. Mostly, I give change for \$20 bills, so they can pay for a room or tip the girls, and they usually give me a dollar each time. Not everyone automatically does this, so [bar employees] come in every half hour and pretend to need change, just to make a big show, so men in here notice I have small bills..."

"I get tips when men ask questions [like] if Mexican condoms are safe.... They usually ask this after they've been to a hotel to use one. I keep a basket full of American [brand] condoms right here, but the men are so anxious to pick a girl that they don't think about anything else. I don't sell much [except] two-ply toilet paper



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and soft paper towels, [which] I tear off rolls. Most of the tips are because I answer questions about the girls — which girls don't make [the men] wear a condom, which girls do anal sex, and which are the youngest girls. They want to think the girl is only 13 or 14, even though they know that's illegal here. I just say 'I hear' or 'there's a rumor,' but I never say for sure. Especially since some club girls really are that young. Not at this club, of course," he adds, making me repeat my promise not to specify his name or the venue where our conversation takes place.

Answering my questions cost twice what I'd paid up-town — \$20 this time — which he demanded in advance when I told him I was a reporter.

My interview "tips" are higher at all the Zona Norte clubs. However, the restrooms in these noisy brothels, at least on the nights I visit, seem to be the cleanest in all of Tijuana, especially at Adelita, where the fixtures and floors are as spotless as those found in San Diego's more expensive hotels and restaurants.

Of course, it's only in Zona Norte where customers will find women casually walking into the men's rooms, sometimes even soliciting business within.

"It's more quiet in here, and already a lot of the women don't speak English well enough," I'm told.

"I explain to the men what the girl charges and what she does or tell her what the man wants from her. The man tips me when they leave, usually just a dollar, but the girl will come back and give me at least five dollars. If she doesn't, I will do my best for other girls instead and tell the men only about them, not her. Or I tell the men that she will rob them."

With so much liquor flowing, someone's inevitably going to get belligerent or combative, so Javier's job at a dance club in the Zona Norte sometimes requires him to double as mediator, referee, or even bouncer. According to a 53-page report on alcohol and drug abuse recently published by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, nearly half of the weekend clubbers returning to the United States are legally drunk, with a blood alcohol level of .08 percent or higher.

"I've been in the middle of some [very bad] fights. [Customers] have pulled knives on each other, usually because of a girl or because someone [got ripped off] for drugs. One time, I heard something metal drop.... I see a guy [has] dropped his gun on the floor [while] sitting on the toilet. Two other guys were doing their business at the wall [urinals] and ran out the door before they even pulled up their zippers. I was right behind them.... [That] seemed like a good time to take my break." ■

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Rouse gets a bad rap, in large measure out of ignorance on the part of his detractors.

Speaking of jazz rereleases, as I was last week, Columbia has been reissuing a raft of Monk sides recorded between 1962 and '68, with Monk in his mid-'40s and early '50s, at last with broad recognition after a 1964 *Time* magazine cover story and a solid working band behind him, featuring Charlie Rouse on tenor sax and either John Ore or Butch Warren on bass, and Francis Dunlop or Ben Riley on drums.

These Columbia sides, produced by Ted Macero (also Miles Davis's producer), have, over the years, been dismissed or maligned by assorted jazz aficionados as being less than top-of-the-line Monk or worse: lackadaisical, uninspired Monk, walking through old material with a mediocre band. At least part of this silly notion is rooted in the dearth of original compositions performed by Monk over this period, a credible enough objection given the extraordinary compositional output earlier in his career and with his prior record labels: Blue Note, Prestige, and Riverside. Another popular and misguided opinion is that Monk's working band of this era — in particular Charlie Rouse, who would devote the

prime of his career to Monk's music, much as the tenor player John Gilmore would devote his brilliant energies to Sun Ra — was second-rate.

Rouse gets a bad rap, in large measure out of ignorance on the part of his detractors. Before joining the Monk quartet in 1959, Rouse's abilities on tenor sax were formidable enough for him to have played under the leadership of Billy Eckstein, Dizzy Gillespie, Fats Navarro, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Clifford Brown, and Oscar Pettiford, among others. So excuse me, you go find someone with a more impressive pedigree. But Rouse also is given short shrift because of his more celebrated predecessors on tenor with Monk, Sonny Rollins and John Coltrane.

Johnny Griffin also performed some wonderful sides on tenor with Monk.

Rouse never enjoyed so powerfully distinctive a style as Rollins and Coltrane. I don't suppose anyone of that generation did, did they? But Rouse is a superb musician and a smart, supremely complementary one, a perfect fit for Monk. Monk, as a leader, was always difficult to follow, to anticipate. He had unique and revolutionary notions of time that incorporated strange, really unheard-of shifts in meter and key, paired with out-of-tempo theme statements, crazy discords, and a highly elliptical, angular attack that would, at any instant, veer suddenly into uncharted

musical terrain. Coltrane and Rollins, both of whom learned a world from Monk and acknowledged it, experienced difficulties, live and in recordings, trying to follow where the Monk was leading. Of course, on many occasions, the two great saxophonists succeeded magnificently, and their sessions with Monk

make up some of the finest moments in recorded jazz. But Monk and Rouse were to have a particular, even unique musical relationship over their years together, which was to result in a level of empathic musical interaction that Monk was to experience with no other musician, except perhaps with drummer Art Blakey. Should you be interested in listening to Rouse as a leader, post-Monk, try his *Soul Mates* disc on Uptown Records, which won't be easy to find, but which is the finest studio date of the era, with Claudio Roditi on trumpet and flugelhorn, Sahib Shihab on baritone sax, Walter Davis Jr. on piano (and playing his ass off), Santi Debriano on bass,

and Victor Lewis on drums. Rudy Van Gelder recorded the sextet in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, in July of 1988. The disc was released in '93.

But back to Columbia/Legacy and their reissues. Sony/Columbia has already released *Monk Alone: The Complete Solo Studio Recordings, 1962–1968*, a magnificent collection of sides I reviewed here over two years ago, sides that the aficionados also regarded as substandard Monk and that turned out to be a revelation. Likewise the complete, remastered, two-disc live recording from the It Club in L.A., recorded only a couple of weeks before the *Live at the Jazz Workshop* sessions. These recent re-releases of the *Jazz Workshop* and *Tokyo* concerts along with a three-disc selection of some of his finest work for Columbia for 1962–1968, all using 24-bit technology and providing previously edited or unissued material, give us an idea of the scale and genius of Monk's work on the Columbia label, at last.

The essential collections to have will be *Monk: The Columbia Years '62–'68*. Three CDs, 32 sides, including studio quartet, trio and solo; live big band, solo, quartet, and a legendary pairing with

Pee Wee Russell at the Newport Jazz Festival in 1965, a strange and wonderful episode in jazz that Monk brings to a halt before it gets too strange, with a most amusing reentrance before Russell has quite finished with his solo. This collection includes selected items from all the studio dates, some never before released or heard in original form. Also included are Monk's fascinating big-band adventures in

Stockholm, New York, and Los Angeles. And even a solo version of "Don't Blame Me" played in Pueblo, Mexico, in May of 1967. I have no idea what the Mad Monk was doing in Mexico or what they made of Monk south of the border. The selection was made by Orin Keepnews, jazz writer and Monk's producer at Riverside. Keepnews in his liner note explains that he has, where possible, given preference to performances that were originally passed over, so there is, in this

collection, a good deal of fresh material. If you think you know the Monk of the '60s, or have an *opinion* about Monk on Columbia, I think you'd better grab this collection, fast.

Both live concerts are excellent, but I think

I'll go with the *Jazz Workshop* discs. Perhaps because I heard these reissued sides while in Berlin earlier in the year, before they were released here in the States. A friend who writes for *Wired* magazine sent them along to me, and it was as if I'd never heard these sides before. They were electrifying. I had listened to them years ago on vinyl and liked them fine, but

with the unedited original tracks and 24-bit remastering, you can feel the electricity in the room.

The *Jazz Workshop* was in San Francisco. Monk, who didn't always travel well, liked San Francisco, even though the first night of his first gig in town in 1959 was a disaster. Monk turned up on time only to discover that he was the only one on the bandstand. The rest of his quartet never made it. But everything got sorted out in the end, and Monk did some of his finest work in S.F., including his peerless *Thelonious Alone in San Francisco* and the anomalous *At the Blackhawk*, where Monk is joined by Joe Gordon on trumpet and Harold Land on tenor, sharing duties on that instrument with Rouse: a good night all around.

The *Jazz Workshop* sessions came four years later. The band had just finished a successful gig at the It Club in L.A. and was very together. Monk liked the momma-poppa Italian joint in San Francisco, and I'll bet he liked that different kind of atmosphere and sense of time San Francisco has, alone among American cities. It's an odd town. Monk was an odd guy. He seems to have felt at home there. You can hear on this November 1964 visit with his quartet. ■

Thelonious Monk, *The Columbia Years '62–'68*

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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

THURSDAY

Loudon Wainwright III /842/: Belly Up Tavern, tonight, Thursday, January 24, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

"Jazz at the Athenaeum" with the **Bill Cunliffe Sextet**: Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, tonight, Thursday, January 24, 7:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

Monte Montgomery: Blind Melons, tonight, Thursday, January 24, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

Anya Marina /118/: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, tonight, Thursday, January 24, 9 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

Luis Miguel /601/: Cox Arena, tonight, Thursday, January 24, and Friday, January 25, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

Luis Miguel /601/: Cox Arena, Friday, January 25, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Sum 41 /188/, **Unwritten Law /261/**, and **gob /310/**: RIMAC Arena, Friday, January 25, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

The Temptations /966/: Pechanga Entertainment Center, Friday, January 25, 8 p.m., 45000 Pala Road, Temecula. 888-732-4264 or 619-220-8497.

The Watts Prophets: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, January 25,

7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 619-220-8497.

Eek-A-Mouse /734/ and **4th Ave. Jones**: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, January 25, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

The Word (featuring **John Medeski**, the **North Mississippi Allstars**, and **Robert Randolph**): Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, January 26, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Brooklyn Sax Quartet: Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, January 26, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

SUNDAY

Tha Liks, **Living Legends**, and **Defari**: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, January 27, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Wesley Willis /607/, **Grand Buffett**, and the **Bipeds**: The Casbah, Sunday, January 27, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

JANUARY

Jonatha Brooke /468/: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, January 31, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

"Jazz at the Athenaeum" with **Frank Morgan** and **Art Hillary**: Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, Thursday, January 31, 7:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

Anya Marina /118/ and **Mary Dolan /859/**: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Thursday, January 31, 9 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

FEBRUARY

Buddy Guy /910/ and **John Bonamassa**: 4th & B, Friday, February 1, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Baaba Maal /992/: Mandeville Auditorium, Friday, February 1, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Merl Saunders & His Funky Friends /512/, **Government Grown /426/**, and **Ten Pound Brown**: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, February 1, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Raw Materials: Spruce Street Forum, Friday, February 1, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

L.A. Guns, **Whiskey Starr**, **Acidnine**, **Center Fugue**, and **Cain**: Brick by Brick, Friday, February 1, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

Tre (formerly of Pharcyde), **Kim Hill** (of the Black Eyed Peas), and the **Icons**: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, February 2, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

The Strokes /104/, **Long Wave**, and **Har Mar Superstar**: 4th & B, Sunday, February 3, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

"Voices on the Verge" featuring **Jess Klein**, **Beth Amsel**, **Rose Polenzani**, and **Erin McKeown /851/**: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Sunday, February 3, 9 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

Jay Farrar (of Son Volt) and **Brian Henneman** (of the Bottle Rockets): Belly

Up Tavern, Monday, February 4, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Blue Oyster Cult /536/ and **Dama**: 4th & B, Wednesday, February 6, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

The Classified, **Larger Than Life**, **F.O.N.**, and **Rochelle, Rochelle**: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Wednesday, February 6, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Willie Nelson /783/: East County Performing Arts Center, Thursday, February 7, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 619-220-8497.

Phil Perry /675/ and **Paul Taylor /677/**: 4th & B, Thursday, February 7, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

"Jazz at the Athenaeum" with **Jessica Williams**: Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, Thursday, February 7, 7:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

"Tenth Annual Brazilian Carnaval" featuring **SensaSamba**: 4th & B, Friday, February 8, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

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Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys /343/ and the **Sleepwalkers /434/**: The Casbah, Friday, February 8, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

The Specials' Neville Staple, Dave Wakeling, and the **Untouchables /171/**: Viejas DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, February 9, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Nelly Furtado and **Citizen Cope**: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, February 9, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

The Mother Hips /419/ and **Kevin Salem /455/**: The Casbah, Saturday, February 9, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

The Paladins /962/ and **Ramsay Midwood**: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday,

February 9, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

H2O /281/, **Mest, Tsunami Bomb, Bigwig,** and **Parkside Drive**: The Epicentre, Saturday, February 9, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000.

Chuck Brodsky, Tim Flannery /828/, **Berkley Hart /880/**, and **Joel Rafael**: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Saturday, February 9, 9 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

Slayer /109/ and **Hatebreed**: 4th & B, Monday, February 11, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

4th Ave. Jones and **Square Circle**: The Casbah, Monday, February 11, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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Brad Paisley /781/: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, February 12, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Marcia Ball /934/ and **Larry McCray**: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 14, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby Caldwell: 4th & B, Friday, February 15, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Little Feat /435/: Cannibal Bar, Friday, February 15, Catamaran Resort Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-539-8650.

BeauSoleil /854/: Mandeville Auditorium, Friday, February 15,

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The Samples /449/: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 15, and Saturday, February 16, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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David Lindley /445/ and **Wally Ingram**: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 21, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby Short /654/: California Center for the Arts, Friday, February 22, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers /770/ and **Minibar**: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 22, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Desaparecidos, Kill Me Tomorrow, and **31 Knots /327/**: The Casbah, Friday, February 22, 8:30 p.m., 2501

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Linkin Park /400/, **Cypress Hill /153/**, and **Adema**: Cox Arena, Saturday, February 23, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Craig David and **Tweet**: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 23, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

"Gregory Page CD Release" /186/: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Saturday, February 23, 9 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

Busta Rhymes: 4th & B, Sunday, February 24, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Aaron Carter, Dream Street, and **Lindsay Pagano**: San Diego Sports Arena, Sunday, February 24, 4 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-220-8497.

"Earl Thomas CD Release": Winston's, Sunday, February 24, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822.

The Breeders /509/: The Casbah, Wednesday, February 27, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Death Cab for Cutie /392/ and the **Dismemberment Plan**: The Epicentre, Thursday, February 28, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000.

MARCH

Mary J. Blige: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, March 1, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Ryan Adams: 4th & B, Friday, March 1, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Zen Guerrilla /106/: The Casbah, Friday, March 1, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

The Wu-Tang Clan: 4th & B, Sunday, March 3, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

"Newport Jazz 2002" featuring **Joe Lovano /662/**, **Terrence Blanchard**, and **Cedar Walton**: 4th & B, Thursday, March 7, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Keller Williams /879/: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Dashboard Confessional and the **Anniversary /181/**: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, March 7, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Tish Hinojosa /855/: California Center for the Arts, Friday, March 8, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Lisle Ellis /525/ and **Paul Pimley**: Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, March 9, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

Alicia Keys /605/ and **Glenn Lewis**: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, March 10, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Wilco: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 12, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

John Scofield /658/: The Casbah, Wednesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

"Celtic Fiddle Festival" with **Kevin Burke**, **Johnny Cunningham**, and **Christian Lemaitre**: East County Performing Arts Center, Thursday, March 14, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Zombie /987/, the **Damned /502/**, and **Sinisstar**: Cox

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The Radiators /244/: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Burt Bacharach /603/: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, March 17, 2 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Flogging Molly /316/: 4th & B, Sunday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young /507/: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, March 27, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-220-8497.

The Moody Blues: California Center for the Arts, Wednesday, March 27, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Bad Religion /151/: Cox Arena, Thursday, March 28, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

John Hammond /961/ and **Charlie Musselwhite**: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 28, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Omara Portuondo: California Center for the Arts, Friday, March 29, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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Errol Duncley: The Scene
18 Boney: Brick By Brick
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 346 **Ghoulspoon:** The Casbah
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 200 **Jason & Jane:** Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain), Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)
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Tha Liks: 'Canes Bar and Grill
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 118 **Anya Marina:** Java Joe's Coffeehouse
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Midday Shadow: Brick By Brick
Minus the Bear: The Casbah
Misdirection: Dream Street
 190 **The Mix Mob:** Winstons
Mower: The Casbah
The Mud People: Brick By Brick
Noise Ratchet: Epicentre
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 138 **The Price of Dope:** Belly Up Tavern
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The Bellfuries: Tio Leo's Lounge
 485 **The Blazers:** Tio Leo's Lounge

Bone: Surf N' Saddle
Bottomline: Bear Cross'n
 498 **The Joey Bowen Band:** Moondoggies
Burning Star: Winstons
Captain Willie: Diamond Jim's Nightclub
Cornerstone: Second Wind (Santee)
Cryin' Blue Wine: Dream Street
 408 **Dick Dale:** Cannibal Bar
Detroit Underground: Humphrey's
Electric Mojo: Sham Rocks Shack
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
Electro Vibe: Blind Melons
Faze: Pal Joey's
 494 **The Fenians:** The Field
Footloose: Carvers
Fridgebuzz: Dream Street
Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub
 461 **Hera's Olive:** Dick's Last Resort
 547 **Hot Rod Lincoln:** Tio Leo's Lounge
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The Ideas: Dick's Last Resort
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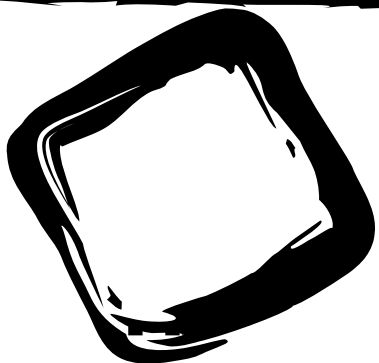
Monte Montgomery: Blind Melons
 404 **Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors:** The Kraken
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 489 **Private Domain:** Dick's Last Resort
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 410 **Eve Selis:** Humphrey's
Serious Guise: Second Wind (San Carlos)
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Sol Reel: Blind Melons
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 606 **Liquid Blue:** Fogerty's Pub
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703**John Cain:** Hotel del Coronado

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Diversiti: The Raintree

638**Glen Fisher con Alma:** Croce's

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684**Holly Hofmann & Friends:**

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718**Tim Maglione:** Imani's, Jimmy

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682**Quiet Storm:** Humphrey's

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978**The Mike Reilly Band:** Croce's

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Earth Ride: Henry's Pub

734**Eek-A-Mouse:** Belly Up Tavern

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740**Psydecar:** Winstons

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860**The Boxty Band:** The Field

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Blue Largo: Patrick's II
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952**Michele Lundeen:** Viejas Casino
947**The Bill Magee Blues Band:** Patrick's II, The Kraken
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921**Len Rainey & the Midnight Players:** Coyote Bar and Grill, 4th & B
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929**Theo & the Zydeco Patrol:** Coyote Bar and Grill
970**Billy Thompson:** Dizzy's
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Karen Giorgio: The Westgate Hotel
Patrick Hill: Ollie's Restaurant
994**Kjell Holmes:** House of Munich
Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado
983**Gordon Kohl:** House of Munich
La Palabra: Sevilla
999**Latin A Go-Go:** Juke Joint Cafe
Tony Lencioni: La Casa del Zorro
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Chive: Fridays, DJs Parallel Mechanics, downtempo music. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 558 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-4483; recorded information, 858-831-1820.

Club Dream: Tuesdays, DJ Golden Boy Mike spins trance and HiNRG; guest DJs weekly. No cover charge during Grand Opening month of January. Animation and ambient visuals on nine monitors and one huge video screen. Adult rave environment, upscale club, casual atmosphere. 10:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101; recorded information, 858-793-0515.

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.

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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.

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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. Sunday, February 17, Jammin' 'Z90 President's Day Jam. All ages; high school ID required for admittance. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

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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.

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BY DAVE GOOD

Don't make the mistake of going to **W.C. Clark** expecting to hear a lot of Stevie Ray Vaughan — you'll be disappointed. Clark and Vaughan were bandmates once, and they wrote more than a few songs together. It is also true that they both came up in Austin, in the Texas school of the blues, but the similarities stop there.

In his lifetime, Vaughan moved toward a leaner and stripped-down power trio that showcased his own virtuosity. On the other hand, Clark, known as the Godfather of Austin blues, still has the clean guitar and sweet voice, but he backs it with pure Stax-Volt soul. He can crank out sets of gritty roadhouse blues and shuffles, but Clark's strengths lie in performing the kinds of songs that Al Green or even Lightnin' Hopkins would feel comfortable roaming around in.

In the early '70s, Wesley Curley Clark put down his guitar and temporarily turned a wrench for a living. This came following the breakup of his Southern Feeling, a group that occasionally allowed the rookie Stevie Ray Vaughan stage time at whatever bar they happened to be playing. It was Vaughan, in fact, who coaxed Clark out of retirement. Together, they formed the Triple Threat Review with Mike Kindred, Freddie Pharaoh, and Lou Ann Barton. It was during this time that SRV classics like "Cold Shot" were written and perfected. Eventually, Vaughan went his way and Clark left to form the W.C. Clark Blues Review.

A 40-year veteran of the Austin scene, Clark got his start with T.D. Bell and the Cadillacacs in the late '50s. Clark comes from music; his dad played guitar, and most of Clark's family sang in churches. Along the way, he held down apprenticeships with Blues Boy Hubbard and producer/bandleader



W.C. CLARK

Joe Tex. Other than that, and with the exception of three fairly recent releases, Clark has remained a blues road warrior and sometime blues mentor.

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Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 7:30 pm, *Loudon Wainwright III* and *Lisa Sanders*. Friday, 9:15 pm, *Eek-A-Mouse* and *4th Avenue Jones*, reggae. Saturday, 9:15 pm, *John Medeski*, *the North Mississippi Allstars*, and *Robert Randolph*. Wednesday, 8:30 pm, *the Price of Dope*, acid jazz.

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Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Liquid Blue*, pop rock.

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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.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Satish*, folk. Saturday, *John Lowery*, folk.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

For more than 30 years, the **Watts Prophets** have been combining spoken word and music to make their own kind of energetic, politically charged art. They could be called the first rappers or proto-poetry slammers or possibly dramatists or performance artists, but they don't fit into any of those categories. Neither do they align themselves too strictly with any one political group or cause, preferring the independent spirit of artists to the alliance-building spirit of activists.

Richard Dedeaux, Father Amde Hamilton, and **Otis O'Solomon** met at the Watts Writers Workshop, a community center in South Central Los Angeles that was formed in response to the Watts riots of

1965 and helped launch the careers of a number of artists in the late '60s and early '70s. Unfortunately, like so many promises to that neighborhood, the workshop was destroyed — by a fire, reportedly an arson committed by an FBI informant.

The Prophets call the 1965 riots the Watts "rebellion," but it was a mostly failed rebellion. Nearly 30 years later, many of the injustices that contributed to the violence were worse and the neighborhood erupted again in 1992. This time the Watts Prophets were there to document the horror and give voice to the rage and despair behind it.

Dedeaux, Hamilton, and O'Solomon still live in South Central L.A. and continue to perform at schools and concert halls there and around the country. The 60-something Prophets speak to diverse audiences, but it's



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clear their priority is youth and giving disadvantaged students the inspiration and language to express themselves.

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Blasto, alternative. Saturday, *Bone*, rock.

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.

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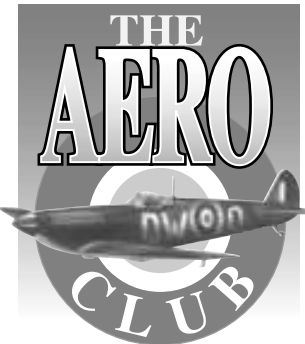
Friday, *Sol Reel* and *Wonka Bar*, rock. Saturday, *Carlos Washington's Giant People* and *Electro Vibe*. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *Joey Fender & the 55's*, blues, 8:30 pm, *the Drag Kings*, alternative. Tuesday, L.A. Jones, blues. Wednesday, *Killing Bird*, *Son of American*, and *Hurricane Jenny*, rock.

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1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Abuse*, *VIII Fraud*, *Undeclared*, *Loadermilk*, and *Pig Iron*. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, *tha Liks*, *the Living Legends*, and *Defari*.

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Galoka, 5660 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, *Christopher Adler Trio*. Friday, *Perfektomat*. Saturday, *Planet Ape*. Sunday, call club for information.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 619-454-5101. Call club for information.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, *the O'Brien Brothers*, Irish folk. Monday, 9 pm, open mike.

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Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *the Joey Bowen Band*, rock and soul.

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 through Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Larry Moore*, piano and vocals.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Club Tremors, call club for information.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Jack Pollack*, piano. Wednesday, *Stephen Knight*.

The Tavern, 1200 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-6066. Sunday, *Rad Bones*, rock, swing.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *Honey Bucket*, alternative. Saturday, *Crucial*, reggae. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open-mike night.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *One Blood*, reggae. Friday, *Ten Pound Brown, Jr*, and *One Of Many*, rock. Saturday, *the Mix Mob*, *Honey Bucket*, and *Rad Bones*. Sunday, *the Blues Ambassadors* and *Burning Star*. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*. Tuesday, *Herb'n Root*, hip-hop. Wednesday, *Psydecar*, reggae, funk.

San Diego

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 pm. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 7 pm, *Yves Vincent*, acoustic. Saturday, 7 pm, *Jason & Jane*, acoustic pop.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Midday Shadow*, *the Mud People*, *Stout*, and *Slump Buster*. Saturday, *the Thought Experiment*, 18 *Bonez*, *Malachi Crunch*, and *Brotherhood*. Wednesday, *Stretcher*, *Swan*, and *G-13*.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Session*, *Three Against One*, *One Step Further*, *Hippocampus*, and *Straight No Chaser*. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Rufio*, *Lucky 7*, *Longfellow*, *Noise Ratchet*, and *Lance's Hero*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday and Saturday, 9 pm, *the Top Dogs*, CD-release party, with *6one9*, rock and roll. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *the Blues Invaders*.

Four Points Hotel/Sheraton San Diego, 8110 Aero Drive, San Diego. 858-277-8888. Skies Lounge: Friday and Saturday, disco, funk, pop, and Latin music. Sunday and Wednesday, *Ray Correa*, variety.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *the Loma Tones*, blues. Saturday, *the Boogiemens*, blues, soul.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Steal Dawn*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Stilettes*, rock. Wednesday, *Earth Ride*, reggae.

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, *Detroit*

Underground, rock and soul. Saturday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *W.C. Clark*, 9:30 pm, *Eve Selis*, rock and roll. Sunday, *Reel to Real*, jazz. Monday, *Big Band*. Wednesday, *Un Solo Son*.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

The Inn at the Park, 3167 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-296-0057. Music is piano/vocals. Thursday, *Karen Giorgio*. Friday, *Kenny Ard*. Saturdy, *Carol Curtis*. Monday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, vocals. Tuesday, *Kristi Rickert*. Wednesday, *Andy Anderson* and *Ron Council*.

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Friday, *Evans*, acoustic. Saturday, live music. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Coupe de Ville*, blues. Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*.

Ollie's Restaurant, 10789 Tierrasanta Boulevard, San Diego. 858-560-6677. Thursday, *Patrick Hill*. Friday and Saturday, *Ray and Lainie Correa*. Wednesday, *Ray Correa*, solo piano.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Brax*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Faze*, classic rock.

Sante, 7811 Herschel, La Jolla. 858-454-1315. Friday and Saturday, *Bill Beyer*, variety, jazz.

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Thursday, *Tiltwheel*, *Notice*, and *Watch It Burn*, alternative. Friday, *Errol Duncley*, reggae. Saturday, *Enraged*, *Warface*, *Tea-Bag*, and *Scare Tactic*, alternative.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *the Bellfuries*. Friday, *the Blazers*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Suka Samoa*, Island sounds. Wednesday, *Vinyl Element*.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet*.

Urban Grind, 3797 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-294-2920. Friday, *Randi Phillips*, folk.

Downtown

Buffalo Joe's, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *the 80z All-Stars*. Saturday, *the Joey Bowen*

Band and the Disco Pimps. Sunday, *Whitey Conwell & the Tone Kings*, blues. Wednesday, *the Revelations*.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Goodbye Blue Monday*, *Minus the Bear*, and *Pleaseasaur*. Friday, *Deadbolt*, *Throwrag*, *Electrocrypt*, and *Red Eye Gravy*. Saturday, *Ghoulspoon*, *Swan*, *Elemental*, and *Mower*. Sunday, *Wesley Wilis*, *Grand Buffet*, *Die Goldenen Zitronen*, and *the Bipeds*. Tuesday, *the Day After*, *Filth Juggernaut*, and *USA ISA Monster*. Wednesday, *Les Sans Culottes*, *GT350*, and *Lot 13*.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Thursday, *David Patrone*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, *Primo*, Latin jazz. Sunday and Monday, *Glen Fisher con Alma*, Latin and traditional jazz. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*, jazz. Wednesday, *the Jorge Camberos Quintet*, Latin jazz.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Sue Palmer*, jazz, swing. Saturday, *the Mike Reilly Band*, jazz.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Bands start at 8 pm. Thursday, *the Ideas*, rock. Friday, *NRG*, high-energy dance. Saturday, *the Four Kings*, blues. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*, rock. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Private Domain*.

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Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Friday, *the O'Brien Brothers*, Irish folk. Sunday, *Kitchenfire*, modern Celtic. Monday, *Amon Carol*, Irish folk. Wednesday, *Heel Stone*, Irish folk.

The Field, 544 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-9840. Thursday, 8 pm, *the Fenians*, Irish folk. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Cobblestone and the Boxty Band*, Irish folk. Tuesday, live traditional Irish music.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Sunday, *Walter Trout*

and the *Radicals*, *Lafayette & the Leasebreakers*, *Lady Star & the Bustin' Loose Blues Band*, and *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*, R&B.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, *X-Cel*, pop. Friday and Tuesday, *Mystique*, jazz, funk, R&B. Saturday, *NRG*, high-energy dance. Sunday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Jazzmag* featuring *Tim Maglione*. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, *the Edge*.

Juke Joint Cafe, 327 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-SOUL. Bistro: Thursday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *the Gilbert Castellanos Quartet*, Latin jazz. Friday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Sue Palmer and the Boogie Woogie Duo*, swing. Sunday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz.

Kinda Blue Room: Friday, *Shelle*, blues. Saturday, *Latin A Go-Go*, jazz.

Lilo's, 1125 Sixth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-1969. Sunday, 11 am to 2 pm, *the Rob Thorsen Trio*, jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*. Friday, *Joey Fender & the 55's*. Saturday, *Family Style*. Sunday, *Blue Largo*. Monday, *Small Town Heroes*. Tuesday, *Aunt Kizzy's Boyz*. Wednesday, *the Bayou Brothers*.

Redfish, 731 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-234-7226. Friday and Saturday, live blues.

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Roger's on 5th, 835 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-702-0444. Saturday, 6 pm to 11 pm, also, Friday and Wednesday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Robberecht the Pianoman*.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Music is Latin. Thursday, *Orquesta 8.8*. Tuesday, *Primo*. Wednesday, *La Palabra*.

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The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Thursday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Leslie Gold*. Friday, Monday, and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Robberecht the Pianoman*. Also Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 pm, *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Monday, 8 pm, *Julio de la Huerta*, guitar and vocals. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 pm, *Karen Giorgio*, piano and vocals.

The Wyndham Emerald Plaza, 400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. The Sidebar Lounge: Thursday and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Joe Tarrantino*, jazz piano, solo. Friday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Carrie Landsgaard* and *Joe Tarrantino*. Saturday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Stellita* and *Joe Tarrantino*, contemporary.

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Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz. Palm Court: Thursday through Saturday, 5:30 pm to 12:30 am, *James Parrish*. Sunday through Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *John Cain*. Prince of Wales: Thursday, Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Daniel Jackson*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Jim Trousdale*.

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Bravo Brava!

“Do you like paella?” my friend Ed asked in a recent e-mail.

“Sure,” I answered, “Why do you ask?”

“A few days ago in Tijuana, I nearly had to eat some,” he said, “and I can’t stand the stuff!”

“Really? Why?”

“Because I’ve never had a paella that didn’t end up feeling like I’d stuffed myself with polyester polyps from Mail Boxes Etc.,” he wrote. “I want so much to love it, if it’d just speak back to me. One word.”

“Ah, you’ve probably never had a good paella, made fresh to order,” I said. “Let me tell you about Costa Brava.”

Last summer, Costa Brava opened in Pacific Beach — a community that’s generally better known for surfers and saloons than for good grub. Given the P.B. context, I was actually somewhat alarmed by the Hemingway quote in the restaurant’s ads: “If you want to learn about a culture, spend a night in its bars.” (Gee, do I hafta?) Happily, Costa Brava proves to be not just another PB pub but a real restaurant, with fresh paella, tasty tapas, good Spanish wines to sip — and good vibes from owner/host Javier Gonzalez, a handsome, extroverted Spaniard with a long, thick ponytail and a repertory of his mother’s tasty recipes.

The front of the restaurant looks like a large, private home in training to be Sleeping Beauty’s castle, with riotous ivy covering not only the front fences, but even the banisters of the short staircase to the front terrace, where you can lunch under the shade of huge palms. The easier way to enter is from the parking lot in back. Inside, there’s a bar with a long plank table for dedicated tapas eaters, and an airy dining room with white walls and dark wood trim, tables napped in white linen, and original paintings by P.B. artist Diego Diaz, along with some requisite bullfight posters.

The menu lists 26 tapas, equally divided between hot and cold dishes. I’d read somewhere that you could get one of my favorites, *piquillo* peppers with anchovies. It was what sent me here in the first place, since other local tapas bars don’t offer it. It wasn’t on the menu, so I asked the waiter, “Wuzzup?” He strolled to the wall behind the bar, removed a tattered piece of paper tacked there with a push-pin, and returned with a semi-legible handwritten list of “specials,” which he handed over for us to read. Indeed, it included not only this dish, but anchovy-stuffed green olives, another favorite. Now, *piquillos* are similar to roasted



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red bell peppers, but they’re a sweeter, zestier variety that’s unavailable in the U.S., except in pricey, imported cans from Spain — the likely reason why other local tapas bars don’t serve them. (In Javier’s case, his mom sends care packages of the cans.) The peppers proved as gorgeous as I remembered, while the *boquerones* (Spanish anchovies) were a fiercely briny brand, so be warned that you’ll need an extra beverage to quench the thirst they rouse. The *piquillos* soon reappeared as a garnish for *champiñones à la vina-greta*, plump marinated mushrooms, sweet with balsamic vinegar and slivers of garlic.

Sherry is the official drink for tapas, but I prefer white wines with salty fare and thoroughly enjoyed a glass of Vino de Aguja Petillant Reynal from the Penedes region — slightly sweet and naturally a bit bubbly (with no aid from the Champagne process), resembling some fizzy Vou-vrays. Later, I moved on to a glass of crisp, unoaked Pinord chardonnay, resembling some of the better Chilean chards.

“Ah, you ordered the *piquillos* and *boquerones*,” said Javier, visiting our table. “That’s a tapa from

my own hometown, Santander,” he said, “the capital of Cantabria, up in the far north on the Bay of Biscay.” Although Javier’s tapas cover all of Spain, it’s the pragmatic simplicity and precision of Cantabrian cooking that seems to dominate the kitchen. “Spanish tapas are a lot of fast food,” Javier volunteered. “The right ingredients are perfect straight from the can. And even the cooked things — people don’t believe how easy it is to make a *tortilla español*. You just have to know how to cook things exactly the right way.”

Take Costa Brava’s *ailoli*, Spain’s version of garlic mayonnaise, here as light and tart as good yogurt. “It’s a secret recipe my mother taught me,” said Javier, and proceeded, unprompted, to give away Mom’s mysteries: It’s Spanish bottled mayo with garlic that’s been tamed by marination in vinegar. You can use it as a dip or dressing for any number of the tapas, as well as spreading it on the house-made bread — chubby short baguettes with an airy interior texture, closer to Italian bread than to the more typical doughy loaves of Spain.

From the hot tapas list, *empanadillas de atun*

Costa Brava

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CUISINE AND WINE: Spanish tapas and entrées; fresh and interesting list of Spanish wines.

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proved to be airy little puff-paste envelopes filled with (again) chopped *piquillo* peppers and tuna — canned tuna from Spain, not from Starkist, proving moister and noticeably mellower than American brands. *Patatas à la brava* were potatoes in a deliciously spicy *ailoli*-based sauce with unexpected multiculti ingredients — the pink tint comes from a touch of Asian Sri Racha sauce and a tiny touch of ketchup. *Pinchos morunos* is a dish of mini-kebabs that Spain borrowed from the Arab world. Originally, the meat was lamb, but most Spaniards now use exceedingly non-Hallal pork. The savory little char-broiled hunks were swathed in a hearty brick-red *pimentón* sauce. Chicken croquettes, greaseless mini-torpedoes, reminded me of my life-long secret addiction, Mrs. Paul’s Crab Cakes, with their richly seasoned, gooey centers, even with minced chicken in place of crab. (As the weather warms, we may see additional croquette fillings, including shrimp and

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Octopus morsels were startlingly tender, simply dressed with hot paprika and olive oil in *pulpo a la Gallega*. Paradoxically, the octopi used here are eight-pound hulks caught in the deep water off Campeche (in southern Mexico), not those one-pound Asian sylphs you see in local markets. “These aren’t the lazy, shallow-water octopus from Indonesia,” Javier said. “These are muscular ones from 1200 feet deep, where they have to fight the water to move. Contrary to popular belief, the muscular ones are more tender than the lazy ones.”

The entrées include *zarzuela*, a Spanish cousin to France’s *bouillabaisse*. Javier’s distinctive *zarzuela* is quite unlike any I’ve ever had, with an intensely fishy, lemony broth, based on a strong, house-made seafood stock that includes trimmings of salmon as well as whitefish and shrimp shells. (Many restaurants settle for bottled clam juice in lieu of stock.) Touched with a bit of tomato and a modicum of green bell pepper slices, its seafood component included tiny, tender bay scallops, heads-on shrimp (for richer flavor than peeled ones), a few clams and overcooked mussels, and whitefish—black-striped sea bass from Campeche, standing in for the Atlantic cod of Javier’s birthplace. “It’s the only Pacific fish I’ve found that is firm but doesn’t leach out its oil during simmering, so that it stands up to the broth,” he says. (Like *bouillabaisse* with its *rouille*,

the *zarzuela* can be dressed with a spoonful of ailoli, if you like.)

Finally, we come to paella. The only good paella is made-to-order paella, with at least a 25-minute wait for it. (Isn’t that a great excuse to eat tapas? To fill your tummy and thrill your taste-buds while the paella is cooking?) Unlike jambalaya, its moist and sturdy New Iberia descendant, old Iberia’s delicate paella indeed shrivels to dry grit if it’s held in a warming tray or reheated—all the worse if the shellfish has already gone into the pot, where it’s magically transformed into yesterday’s bubble-gum on the half-shell. Unfortunately, all the other local Spanish restaurants I’ve tried apparently reheat or partly pre-cook their paella, so little wonder that friend Ed scorns the dish.

At Costa Brava, the paella goes into the pan after (not before) you order it and is served to you right out of the paellera, a wok-like implement dedicated to this single dish. “Made with love!” Javier says as he places it on the table. At dinner, paella comes in portions sized for either two or four people (\$25 or \$37), but at Sunday brunch, you can get a reasonable-size portion for \$12.50. (All other brunch dishes are served with double-size portions for the price of one.) The flavors are fresh and clean, based on the house-made fish broth gently amended with saffron, garlic, and tomato. Atop the moist rice (garnished with tender green pepper strips, green peas, and minced *piquillos*) are tender clams and bay scallops, slightly tough green-lip mussels, and whole, heads-on shrimp. The prawns keep every bit of their flavor cooked in the

shell, and they’re fun to eat: You break ’em in half, easily slip the meat portion out of the shell, and as they say about crawfish in New Iberia, “Suck the heads!” In the center of the pan is a chicken leg that’s tender enough to melt. (Sorry, food fans, I forgot to ask that particular cooking secret.)

After the huge brunch (including some tapas) at an hour when I’m normally in slumberland, dreaming of last night’s rarebit, I didn’t even want to think about dessert. The persuasive Javier insisted, “You need a sweet to clean your palate of the strong tastes, the garlic and saffron.” And we found ourselves facing a flan. “I hate flan,” my sweetie said. “Reminds me of the overcooked custards my mother would make when one of us kids was sick. You could bounce them off a wall.” But hark, what light in yonder tureen breaks? The syrup is not brown but golden as the sun. You taste it and suddenly realize that what’s hateful about the average flan is the burned edge to the syrup. Not this flan. The custard itself is light, creamy rather than eggy, with a touch of vanilla and less sugar than normal. Mace powders the rim of the plate and is the focal spice note. We left not a speck of the custard and suddenly felt ten pounds lighter. So here is a dietary tip from sunny Spain: Sometimes, no matter how it pains you at first, you must eat dessert.

ABOUT THE OWNER

“I was always good at talking,” says Javier Gonzalez. “The hospitality industry was what I did to get through school. I love being with people—some people don’t

like being in crowds, being with humanity all the time, but I find it very rewarding.” He first came to San Diego 15 years ago for his senior year of high school. Staying on to attend the university, he majored in international business and public relations. “When I graduated, I tried to give the corporate world a shot, but they just wanted to cut my hair. And being in an office, the computer just wasn’t that much company. I was starting to miss the food, to miss the ambience and the human contact. So I worked for eight years, front of the house, at Pacific Beach Bar and Grill and some other clubs owned by the same family, the Lees.”

Eventually, he noticed an unmet local need: “In San Diego, other cultures are able to find their own products both in restaurants and in retail stores, like in Little Italy or Chinatown, but the Spanish community here doesn’t have a place to just go, drink wine, eat, watch soccer, feel at home. So I just came up with the idea to open a Spanish restaurant.” Although he’s from Santander, the capital of Cantabria on Spain’s northern Atlantic coast, he named his restaurant for the balmier Costa Brava on the Mediterranean. “I named it for the feeling of serenity I got from the building when I got it—the light, the arches, the white walls. If I’d gotten a cave, it would be more like Cantabria.

“My food is simple, the cooking precise,” he says. “There’s no big secret, it’s all the way you cook it.” He learned to cook from his mother—after he’d already left Spain. “When I first moved here, I gained about 120 pounds, so

when I went back home I told my mom I really needed help with that—and with laundry. She taught me the basics of the Spanish food—all the stuff that we grew up on. She learned from my grandmother, who was a very good cook.” Whenever he went back to visit his family, he’d take some extra time to explore the rest of Spain: “The rest of my recipes, I’ve gathered in my travels through the tapas bars of Spain learning about the country’s many regional cuisines. My last trip, in December, I finally got to Valenciana for the first time, to eat the famous paella there. It’s made with products that grow only in Valencia, including a special bean, while the rest of Spain uses peas. At Costa Brava, we make a *paella española*, and we don’t call it *paella Valenciana*—the only place in the world that has that is Valencia, Spain.”

In his own paella, he scorns such standard restaurant-kitchen corner-cutting as partial pre-cooking or the use of bottled clam juice in place of fish stock. “We do it only for two or for four, because the pots fit on the stove. Anything bigger than that, we do it by reservation only. It’s such a special dish—it requires a special pan, special burners, and time to do it. You can’t mess with paella.” The only compromise he’s made: “We don’t add any pork or chorizo except if you call ahead and ask for it. People here are not accustomed to eating seafood and pork cooked together—but that’s the true flavor of the paella. I haven’t altered my food, but I’ve adapted it to the market because I don’t want to scare anybody. Little by little, as people learn to trust the cuisine, I’ll be fea-

turing more intense flavors. And people here are great to cook for, because they do want to learn.”

Although he has a chef to do the actual cooking, most of the recipes are his. “My cooking is regional, depending on the weather. We’ve been featuring the dishes of northern Spain during the winter, dishes like *fabada* [fava bean stew]. We’ll soon be doing a lot more *pinxos* [Basque tapas]—I have a lot of recipes from my travels in San Sebastian. During the summer we’ll be doing more dishes from the coast and the southern part of Spain. In northern Spain, the cuisine is made for colder weather—heavier sauces, about 3000 calories per serving. I can’t really feature that year-round in San Diego. Spain is such a big place that we have to do it in sections.” Diners should be sure to ask about the specials that aren’t printed on the menu, as they’re changing constantly and seasonally: For instance, soon there’ll be a filet mignon sauced with a rare, imported artisan cheese, Queso Tres Viso, from the lush green mountains of Javier’s own Cantabria.

“My next project is, hopefully by summer, I’d like to adjunct a store to the restaurant, to sell all of our Spanish products to the customers—the cheeses, ham, chorizo, anchovies, and wines, at a retail price. Everybody in the Spanish community seems excited about it—you know how we Spaniards are; if there’s good wine, we’re all right. I want to give people here the Spanish experience. I think people in California have to stop eating while they’re driving. That’s the sacrilege. Treat every meal like it’s your last meal.” ■



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I wanted to make a wish for these kids. They're the homeless pupils of Monarch High School, and I'd just had lunch at their eatery. I thought I had problems. Some of these kids have everyday crises, like where to sleep tonight or what to feed the younger ones while Mom comes off her crack high.

Their place, the Cabo Café, looks like a cross between a taco joint and a Starbucks, with a patio. I'd seen it gradually come together every time I went by on the trolley. Last October, green metal tables and chairs started filling the courtyard, climbing bougainvillea appeared, the fountain started gurgling, and people sat out under the umbrellas. Here you can sit, eat, and watch the world go by.

And the world does go by: trolleys, trains, ships, buses.... Like, right now. "BAAARP!" It's the double-decker Amtrak Superliner train coming by, right beside the tables at the edge of the patio.

They have a lunch special on the sandwich board outside. "Cabo Classic Torta, chips, and medium soda, \$4.99." Inside it's bright and cheery with a big mural of seals and porpoises and crayfish. There are real flagstones on the floor and stylish cork and maroon tables. A decorated surf-

board hangs on one wall. A proclamation by the City of San Diego and a bunch of paintings hang on another.

"Cabo Café and Grill is a special place," says the menu. "It was created by a partnership between Rubio's Baja Grill and the Monarch School Project.... Our goal was to create a restaurant that would provide an educational opportunity for the students of Monarch School to learn 'hands on' about the restaurant business."

"This was Ralph Rubio's dream," says the gal at the cash register, Stacy Coughlin, the manager. "He helped raise a million dollars for the new school and this restaurant. He doesn't run it, but he comes by two or three times a week and makes sure everything's going okay. He's a lovely guy."

The only thing they have taken from Rubio's is its fish taco, says Stacy. "And me. I'm here to help make this happen. The rest is theirs. They help with cooking, cash register, the name... this mural is theirs. And Fridays they provide live lunch music with their steel band."

I see they have breakfast burritos on the menu, like the chorizo with scrambled eggs (\$2.99), or full-sized burritos for lunch, like the "Cabo Café grilled burrito" (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted jack cheese "in a warm

flour tortilla," \$4.39), or the same thing in a corn tortilla taco for \$2.35. The Rubio's fish taco (with "crispy beer-battered fish," shredded cabbage, salsa, and white sauce) is \$1.95, and a "Cabo Chicken Caesar" — grilled chicken, Romaine lettuce, and tortilla chips — is \$4.49. There's even a grilled steak quesadilla (\$3.79).

Nothing's over five bucks. Oh. One thing. Nachos Grande with chicken or steak is \$5.25.

"What's gonna fill me most?" I ask Stacy.

"Probably the Cabo Maestro Bowl," she says. "Plenty of meat and beans."

I'd missed that. "Your choice of marinated grilled chicken or steak served in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, salsa fresca, Jack cheese, guacamole, shredded cabbage, creamy ancho chile sauce, and sprinkled with Mexican cheese, \$4.49."

"Fine. That and a 12-ounce coffee [\$1.45]," I say.

The patio outside is buzzing with bureaucrat talk. Seems like everybody here crossed Pacific Highway from the county building. I set out my black plastic bowl of Maestro and start chomping. It's a nice mix of rice and cabbage and chunks of chicken and black beans. Good, nutty, probably really nutritious.

"I feel I have a vested interest in this place," says Elaine, seated next to me. She got the "torta and soda" special. Torta looks good, a kind of sandwich with steak, lettuce, cheese in a baked *bolillo* roll. Elaine and her friend Bette work in the county assessor's office. "We have a cafeteria — and I use that term loosely — in the county building, but this place is changing lives, as long as we come and keep it going. And it's not a chore. Food here's always good and fresh."

Cheerful kid named Tina comes to wipe down the table next door. "Is everything okay?" She says she's been homeless. "I ran away from home. Problems with my parents. But now I'm with a guardian. I'm learning a lot here."

The ladies leave. Me, I settle back to watch the trains. And here's a monster! BNSF. Burlington North Santa Fe. Heading north. Three ginormous diesel locos. They groan at the load. Their air horns blast the winter air. Man! Their wagons must stretch back down to Mexico. Seems like 15 minutes later its freight cars are still rattling along beside us. You can see the drivers waiting on Cedar Street banging their steering wheels. "Come on! Come on!"

"Relax!" I want to yell. "Think you've got problems?!" ■

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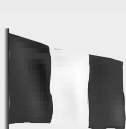
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"We saw a lot of people that I had been tired of seeing each week, but they brought all kinds of new stuff in for us."

Last week, I recounted how the Bird Rock Café's chef-owner Chuck Samuelson decided to shut down his comfortably established restaurant; revamp the menu to "track the seasons" with monthly changes and an emphasis on fresh local produce; and make the wines — especially blended wines — an integral part of the dining experience. The result, Cuvee, opened in November of last year, and the restaurant's treatment of wine is nothing short of remarkable.

Standard varietal selections — often interesting and/or coveted, such as Solitude's Rochioli Vineyard Pinot Noir and the DeLoach OFS Merlot — are still available, but the blends and the oddities shine. Consider the Fanucci Trousseau Gris out of Sonoma's Russian River Valley, a grape I had never heard of, much less tasted. So pale as to be near-colorless, a more delicately floral nose than Viognier. On the palate, all the clean mineral flavors of Pinot Gris, but overlaid with a front-of-the-tongue honeyed sweetness. Marvelous.

Former Bird Rock general manager Roderick Michener, who worked with Samuelson to assemble the list, would pair the Fanucci with the Red Curry Mussels. Samuelson matches it to the Warm Brussels Sprout Slaw: "We take the sprouts and shred them with a knife and then sauté them with a little butter and olive oil and salt and pepper. Then, right before they go out, you squirt vinegar in there and toss it. There's nice acid in the [Trousseau Gris] that will stand up to the vinegar, and brussels sprouts are just a little bit spicy," a quality that complements the perceived sweetness in the wine.

Michener and Samuelson performed similar deliberations throughout the list's assembly. "Some of the wines we already had on our old list," recalls Michener, "but everything else, we tasted over a six-week period. We probably went through a thousand wines, not only finding wines that we liked but also deciding, 'What is the dish for this

wine?' " Tasting the red blend of Cabernet, Tempranillo, and Sangiovese from Parador, Samuelson might have suggested "black fruit with venison."

"Figs."

"Yeah, but not fresh figs — dried figs, so they're concentrated and raisiny."

"When we were done," concludes Michener, "not only did we have this great list, but we also had a [food] idea for every single wine on the list."

They had help from the suppliers. Says Michener, "The reason a lot of these California blends got

on the list is I let suppliers know we were looking for blends, and I think a lot of times, these were wines they didn't really have a market for. Normally, if you had brought the Turnbull Old Bull and said, 'Do you want to taste this?' I would have looked at the blend" — Carignan, Petite Sirah, Nebbiolo, Mourvedre, and Primitivo — "and said no. Normally I would say, 'Oh, that's where they put all their leftovers.' No, indeed; it's an incredibly neat little wine. We saw a lot of people that I had been tired of seeing each week, but they brought all kinds of new stuff in for us. It was actually kind of fun. It was probably fun for them too, to look through their book and find stuff they hadn't seen before."

Word got around. Says Michener, "We had some people come in who we didn't normally see with Bird Rock Café. We're selling the Chateau Montelena Riesling, which is available only at the winery and here — they don't make very much of it. The Ridge Geyserville" — an increasingly rare and expensive blend of Zinfandel, Carignan, and Petite Sirah — is another instance of a wine's being "offered to us because they felt it would be nice to have on our list. I think we got a whole two cases of it, but we still have it."

And here comes the kicker: the suggested retail price on the Geyserville is \$30; that's the same price you'll pay to drink it at the restaurant. The wine is listed at \$22; Cuvee adds \$8 corkage to any bottle — off the list or brought in — consumed

in the restaurant. In an age when list prices regularly triple retail, this is an astonishing policy. Explains Samuelson, "It's really basic: Restaurateurs have charged so much for wines all these years because they can. I've been saying for years that the first person that [makes this policy change] in San Diego is going to be mobbed and then gone on doing the same thing I've always done. We were already moving in this direction, but we were moving there slowly. I think it's the coming thing; we wanted to be — as I think we are with the menu — ahead of the curve."

Samuelson grants that he has an advantage in that he owns his own restaurant, isn't paying Prospect rents in La Jolla, and has a pizza-pasta spot (Boulevard) next door to help allow for "greater flexibility in the dining room." He's not crusading for universal price reduction. "It won't hurt [other restaurants]. They're not me; I'm not them. All we want to do is get people coming out more often, and we think our price point will do it. Come for the wine, stay for the food." So far, "The percentage of wine sold hasn't changed at all. It was 25 percent of sales, and it is still 25 percent of sales. People are buying a lot more wine, which is exactly what we hoped would happen."

Advantage number two to a list full of blends and little-knowns is that a wine like the Geyserville comes in on the expensive side of things. "We were really quite surprised at how many great wines we found at \$20 or less," marvels Samuelson. (Some bargain gems, like the Cline Cotes d'Oakley white [Marsanne, Riesling, Roussanne, Viognier] and the Laurel Glen Reds [Carignan, Mourvedre, Zinfandel] come in under \$10, plus the \$8 corkage.) "It wasn't intentional. It was terrific for me as an owner — it was nice to be able to put \$10,000 or \$12,000



Chuck Samuelson

into my list and have it be vastly better, instead of having to put \$30,000 or \$40,000 into it. And the wine list had to be in parity with the menu," which, thanks to its emphasis on seasonal produce, rarely approaches \$20 per entrée.

Wines like the Reds helped determine the corkage fee. "It was actually pretty simple. We originally decided on \$10, but when we finalized the list, we saw we had a number of wines at \$8 or \$9 a bottle. You couldn't ask somebody to pay \$10 to open an \$8 bottle of wine." The restaurant has also recently acquired an off-sale license, and many wines are available to take home, sans corkage.

"I'm not ashamed to call it the best list in San Diego," he concludes. "It's certainly not the most extensive, and it's not the most expensive by a long shot, but it's perfect for what we're doing here. In that regard, it's the best." ■



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RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

ANTHONY’S FISH GROTTO For its fresh seafood salads, its fish and chips, and its daily fresh fish specials, Anthony’s still goes to the head of the class for stability of product, good-sized portions, time-honored preparation, and low cost. Open daily, lunch through dinner. No reservations. Inexpensive to expensive. Locations: 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368; 11666 Avena Place (off Bernardo Center Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-2070. — E.W.

BULLY’S NORTH 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Especially during summer, this branch is the most colorful and is jammed with the sporting crowd, which makes the place exciting. Food is the same as at other Bully’s, but the high intensity carries it. Steak, prime rib, hamburgers, fries, and fresh fish are favorites. Open daily. Moderate. Other locations: 5755 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla, 858-459-2768; 2401 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2685. — E.W.

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN Here’s a good family restaurant where you can take your children and grandchildren for salads, pasta, or pizza. There are 28 pizzas. The chicken tequila with spinach fettuccine is great, as are vegetarian sandwiches. Same menu, lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; La Jolla Village Square, 3363 Nobel Drive, 858-457-4222; and Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, 858-675-4424. — E.W.

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 super-markets’, 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 ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps) but the food’s not bad. One tasty starter is “crabioli,” fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese (“crab Rangoon” by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies) or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin’, raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. — N.W. (5/01)

KARL STRAUSS’ OLD COLUMBIA BREWERY AND GRILL 1157 Columbia Street (between B and C Streets), downtown, 619-234-2739. The star attractions here are the ales and beers brewed on the premises. Up to a dozen beers may be available. Food includes burgers, pastas, soup and salad, fish and chips, grilled sausage. During weekends the noise can be shattering, but it’s fun. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. Call for hours. — E.W.

ROCKIN’ BAJA LOBSTER 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. At the birthplace of San Diego’s Rockin’ Baja Lobster restaurant chain, the decor is Puerto Nuevo lobster house. All palm frond thatch, green wood-slat bar, support poles with green painted iguanas climbing them, signs on the ceiling joists like “Viva Bonita!” and “Work is for people who don’t surf.” The menu’s big draw is the “big Baja bucket” (stuffed with slipper lobster tails, marinated chicken, grilled *carne asada*, and Baja-style shrimp) plus beans, rice, tortillas, and a Caesar salad. And wraps are great. Try the Chinese chicken wrap: grilled chicken, salad greens, crispy noodles, scallions, orange pieces, and oriental dressing in a “cilantro tortilla.” Open seven days. Friday happy hour free buffet 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. Other locations: 310 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-6333; 3890 Twiggs, Old Town, 619-260-0305; 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos, 760-744-7550; 258 Harbor Drive South, Oceanside, 760-967-6199. — E.B. (9/01)

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 District, 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.

STAR OF INDIA 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-459-3355; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It’s the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Ask owner Kulbir about his 14-year-old yogurt culture and its health benefits. Seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

UNO CHICAGO BAR AND GRILL The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more up-standing. 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

BISTRO SOLEIL 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. Most French food in Encinitas is of the weighty cream-and-*demi-glace* traditional genre. Soleil offers an alternative, with a seasonal menu of light, herbal Provençal specialties. The emphasis is on seafood, and on olive products instead of dairy. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays; call about lunch

(suspended during road construction). Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

BUBBY’S GELATO Lumberyard, 937 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The “gourmet sandwiches” really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that’s your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch

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THE ENCINITAS CAFE 531 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-0919. This American café serves breakfast from opening to closing, with egg dishes, biscuits, and gravy for breakfast, sandwiches and salads for lunch, and American entrées for dinner. Fast, excellent service. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.W.

IL FORNAIO CUCINA ITALIANA 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio offers a stunning, unobstructed view and its outdoor and indoor seating are gorgeous. The grilled items tend to be uneven, but the stuffed focaccia, angel-hair pasta, soups, and salads are always good. Always crowded. Lunch and dinner daily. Another location at Coronado Ferry Landing, 619-437-4911. Moderate to low expensive. — E.W.

JUANITA'S TACO SHOP ESTILO TEPATITLAN 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed gua-

camole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

KEALANI'S 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding "Kailua pig," zesty, smoky shreds of Imu-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

LA BONNE BOUFFE Town and Country Shopping Center, 471 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-436-3081. Boeuf Bourguignon, rack of lamb, frog legs (when available), duck in peppercorn sauce, and Dover sole in lemon-butter sauce are the staples of this French provincial restaurant. Dinners are à la carte. Charming room and sensitive wine list. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Reservations for weekend dinners advised. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

NOBU JAPANESE RESTAURANT 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-0113. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

PAMPLEMOUSSE GRILLE 514 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative

cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cap-pucini* soup, and *tarte tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly. Lunch Wednesday through Friday. Dinners expensive. — E.W.

PAPA GUS 698 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-944-916. Healthful Cuban food is the specialty at this tiny, hard-to-find café with a pleasant sheltered patio. (It's just north of La Especial Norte, but the doorway may be half-hidden by hanging T-shirts from the shop next door.) The lively dishes are full o' beans — savory black beans, Cuba's staple dish, cooked with no animal products. There's no red meat on the menu; tuna and turkey are the furthest Papa goes with critters. The "Cuban Black Bean Soup Deluxe," rightly subtitled "a meal in itself," is a cauldron of thick beans (more stew than soup) with melted cheese, onions, avocado, a dash of sour cream and a daub of sprightly fresh *salsita*. Don't miss the cooked plantains, fully ripe and as sweet as candied bananas. The menu also offers some Mexican dishes styled with a Cuban accent, an odd-tasting ground-turkey *picadillo* (Cuban hash), plus salads, sandwiches, and smoothies made to order with whole fresh fruit. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

PAUL'S PLACE 3671 Mission, Ocean-side, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonalds or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu holds a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

SAKURA BANA 1031 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the most friendly eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where everybody knows your name (or acts like they do). The chefs love to whip up special dishes for the many regulars

at the counter, so if you're a newbie, keep an eye out for what your neighbors are eating. A blackboard lists the specials, guiding you to the day's freshest catch. Should you spot pompano on the list, get *two* orders — with two orders (but not if you just order one), after you've consumed the delicate raw fillets, the chefs will deep-fry the skeleton to a lacy crunchiness. If you don't feel like sushi, there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

SAMURAI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts "the largest California sushi bar," as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts (\$60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. — E.W.

SCALINI 3790 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-259-9944. A handsome dining room offers northern Italian specialties with at least ten pasta dishes. All items on menu, which includes fresh fish and seafood, are tempting and well prepared. Imposing surroundings and excellent service. One of the best Italian restaurants in North County. Open for dinner nightly. Reserve for weekends. High moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — E.W.

ST. GERMAIN'S CAFE 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including

some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

ST. TROPEZ 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love "continental breakfast," this bright café with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or a chicken-filled vol-au-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

TIP TOP MEATS 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "*Es ist Wunderbar!*" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences, so generous portions are second nature. And weekends after 4:00 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

TRATTORIA POSITANO (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA) 2171 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, 16 pastas; wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials; excellent lamb. Very loving management. A treasure. Same menu lunch and dinner. Call for hours and directions. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (6/98)

VIGILUCCI'S 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning: That's Italian. The pastas are luscious — try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing — and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Additional (smaller) branches in Carmel and

Solana Beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

WHEN IN ROME 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations of chicken, fish, and meat. Gorgeous presentation; loving service. A winner. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

NORTH INLAND

ASHOKA THE GREAT 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

CHIEU-ANH VIETNAMESE CUISINE 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. Gourmet Vietnamese food is available here from a lengthy menu, including many items showing French influence. Good bets are chicken crepe, fresh fish with lemon grass, tangy-and-sour soup, egg rolls, and filet mignon beef. Chiêu-Anh enhances the selection of fine dining rooms in Rancho Bernardo. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

EL GALEON 503 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter, and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well-treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *al-bóndigas* soup (lime it up, too.) Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (5/01)

EL TAQUITO MARISCOS 500 North Escondido Boulevard (Felix Plaza, next to Pool King), 760-739-8204. Also 503 North Grande Avenue (Centre City Parkway), 760-735-5819. At this sparkling, airy *taqueria*, a semi-open kitchen wafts out the alluring aroma of fresh corn tortillas. You can get breakfast right through lunch hour, fill up on huge combo plates, or create your own assortment of Baja-style mini-tacos (of *asado*, *cabeza*, *pastor*, *carnitas*, etc.) for pennies. The refried beans are as good as they get. But seafood is the focus, occupying a whole menu page offering gargantuan cocktails, soups, salads, *antojitos*, and hot and cold platters featuring shrimp, *langostinos*, *tilapia*, snapper, crab, etc. They're beautifully seasoned, if a tad overcooked. Try the lively *levanta muerta* ("raise the dead") seafood soup and rise again. Open daily, breakfast until late. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (5/01)

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THE FRENCH MARKET GRILLE 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway at Pomerado Road, Ralphs Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. Don’t miss this small but chic French restaurant. The chef/co-owner, originally from Brittany, produces superb nouvelle cuisine, with a menu of fresh dishes changing seasonally. Breakfast served Sunday; lunch and dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Expensive. — E.W.

GOLDEN EGG OMELET HOUSE 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This morning treasure-house is large but Swiss-style cute, its brick walls festooned with knickknacks (for sale), and silent wind chimes hanging from every wooden rafter. This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, huge burgers and sandwiches, and a dozen-odd potato casseroles. Whatever you choose will carry you deliciously through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. Open daily, breakfast-lunch (until 2 p.m.). Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

ISLAND BOY GRILLE 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard, Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. If you’ve been searching for Hawaiian and South Pacific food, you’ll love the cooking here. Best bets: Kalua pig, Kahuna shrimp, mahi mahi, lumpia. Open daily for lunch. Inexpensive. — E.W.

LUNGREN BROTHER’S PIZZA AND KARAOKE 29,000 Lilac Road, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 760-749-2346. This way-out-in-the-tulies Italian restaurant is a great place to sing karaoke because 1) nobody

knows you and 2) this is country. Just suck up your spaghetti and relax with the locals. Check out the Bay of Naples *trompe l’oeil*, which owner Bob painted from a picture on a place mat. It’s all so cozy you don’t care that this restaurant was once the cooler room of a turkey farm. The combo of spaghetti with eggplant parmigiana (around \$6) is excellent, generous, and includes garlic bread and soup or salad. Wash it down with the house’s gutsy red wine. Other specialties include meatball sandwiches, lasagna with spaghetti, and mini pizzas. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

VALENTINO’S 11828 Rancho Bernardo Road, New Mercado, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-3200. Located in a shopping center that will remind you of Beverly Hills, Valentino’s has a lovely interior, good salads and pastas, and fine entrées which include chicken Vesuvio and homemade cannelloni. A separate room holds a pizzeria. Lunch, Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — E.W.

LA JOLLA

ALFONSO’S OF LA JOLLA 1251 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-2232. Both the patio and the dining room are lively, crowded, noisy, and festive. The house specialty is *carne asada*, and the quesadilla Mercedes (shrimp over a quesadilla) is outstanding. Extensive menu offers combination plates, *chiles rellenos*, *sopes*, and *flautas*. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

COME ON IN! 1030 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Delightful 30-seat restaurant in mini-mall serves excellent Euro-bistro food. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The dinners are best bets with first-rate soups, pasta dishes, fresh fish. Try the daily fresh fish or gnocchi in Bolognese sauce. Or select nightly soup plus salad. Open all day Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W. (1/00)

HARRY’S COFFEE SHOP 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. This landmark coffee shop is noted for its breakfasts, served from opening to closing. The buttermilk pancakes, varieties of waffles made from scratch, and egg combinations are all generous and well prepared. One of the few places where you can still get hot oatmeal or cream of wheat, Harry’s also serves freshly squeezed orange juice and entire carafes of freshly ground Kona coffee, as well as specialty coffee drinks. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, from 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

INDIA PALACE 7514 Girard Avenue (at Pearl, across parking lot from Von’s), Suite 10, La Jolla, 8 5 8 - 5 5 1 - 5 1 3 3 ,

www.diningsandiego.com/cyber67.htm. In one of the best (and prettiest) Indian restaurants in the area, the refined cuisine of the north is served in a curvacious, serene room with a domed ceiling. Most dishes are gently spicy, but you can specify your preferred hot-ness. Stunningly tender tandoori seabass (and a rich, slightly-sweet stew made from it, fish *masala*) is a house specialty. Vegetable entrées are also outstanding, particularly the sprightly *navrattan korma*, mixed veggies in a luscious nutty, creamy yogurt sauce. Other fine choices include tandoori lamb dishes, stir-fried prawns *karahi*, lamb *pasanda*, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, however, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is overcooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don’t miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango *kulfi* (Indian ice milk). Reserve for weekends. Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la carte also available). Service is competent and cordial. Dinners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. — N.W. (6/01)

LA TERRAZZA 8008 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-459-9750. This pleasant Italian café provides a loving and festive atmosphere. The pastas are delightful and so are the salads. A good place for casual dining. Same menu lunch and dinner except for nightly specials. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

MANHATTAN OF LA JOLLA Empress Hotel, 7766 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-459-0700. If you’re searching for a restaurant that provides a sense of gaiety as well as good New York-style Italian food, then try Manhattan of La Jolla. Of the many tantalizing à la carte dishes, some of the best are rack of lamb, superb steaks, and “Seafood Mediterranean.” Cannelloni is the best in San Diego. Very New York atmosphere. Lunch and dinner daily. Reserve for weekend dinners. Expensive. — E.W.

OCEAN KITCHEN 5525 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-3993. The dishes at this Mandarin and Cantonese restaurant contain no MSG, nor are there starches in the sauces. Very lively cooking with many unique recipes. The dinner menu is available from opening to closing. This remains one of our best natural Chinese food restaurants. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

P.F. CHANG’S CHINA BISTRO 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambience carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

PIATTI RISTORANTE 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. This country-style Italian restaurant serves admirable

Italian dishes with light sauces and moderate prices. Not-to-be-missed items are the daily soups, rotisserie chicken and garlic mashed potatoes, vegetarian lasagne with zucchini, and ravioli with lemon sauce. Saturday and Sunday à la carte brunch offers 11 items, including pizza. Patio dining for all meals. Superb service. Arrive early for more leisurely dining. Very crowded weekends. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

SHABU SHABU JIN SANG 7614 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-4545. Shabu shabu is a style of Japanese cuisine in which the ingredients are cooked in boiling water and then dipped into sauces. The liquid becomes a soup, which you drink last. This gorgeous restaurant offers an excellent selection of shabu shabu entrées, electric cookers, patient servers, and an exotic appetizer list. Food is low calorie, low fat. Portions small, but aesthetic. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — E.W.

TORREYANA GRILL Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Best seafood buffet in city, served Friday nights, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. At least 21 items, most of them fresh seafood and fish plus New York cut beef and chicken. Price is \$28.95, \$10.95 for children. Add \$10.00 for one and a quarter pound fresh Maine lobster steamed to order. Excellent value for the money. Friday night only. Expensive. — E.W. (6/99)

THE WHALING BAR La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. Now open after extensive renovation with an expanded menu. They offer their usual specialites, including paella. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

ZENBU 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaureteur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don’t miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most

weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

CLAIREMONT & KEARNY MESA

ANDRES’ PATIO RESTAURANT 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* (“old clothes”): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch Monday to Thursday, lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (8/01)

THE BEST LITTLE RIB HOUSE 4706 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (Diane/Ross Center), 858-581-9444. It’s small, modest, and lost in a meandering mall, but this little rib house delivers on taste. You get nine basic rib choices of chicken, beef ribs, pork ribs, or different combos. They also do pulled meat, taken off the bone, on the plate or in sandwiches. First time, take the number 7 sampler: beef rib, pork rib, and chicken, along with cornbread and two sides such as wedge country fries or macaroni salad. The stand out is the pork. Some customers swear by Good-Time Charlie’s sauce — a BBQ elixir that Gail’s pappy Charlie Coyle perfected 65 years ago. The chipotle, molasses, and mustard seeds will kick

your taste buds awake. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

BISTRO YANG 4705-G Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Town Square, Clairemont, 619-483-6893. A sister restaurant to Fortune Cookie, this elegant bistro will charm gourmet Chinese food lovers with its curried salmon, sea bass, Yang’s chicken, spicy spring rolls, and other delights. Standard dishes also available. Outstanding gourmet preparations. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

BOLSA VIETNAMESE CUISINE RESTAURANT 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Suite 118, Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. Try this fine Vietnamese café with an enormous menu. Especially jolly weekends. Open daily for three meals with continuous service, same menu. Inexpensive. — E.W.

HUNGRY STICK 4664 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 619-272-1412. “Life’s too short to drink cheap beer,” says the sign. They must mean it. At Happy Hour (weekdays 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.), a 24-ounce glass of Guinness is as cheap as a Bud. Which is nice because it goes great with this pool bar’s greatest hit: “San Diego’s Famous 1/2-lb. Steerburger.” The burger bun is crisp, the big slab of meat’s crunchy-grilled, and the tomato, lettuce and raw onion are fresh. The small menu also includes chicken breast on a bun, patty melt, and hot wings. They boast 24 beers on tap, and, of course, dozens of giant-screen sports TVs. Open seven days, until late. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

LORNA’S ITALIAN KITCHEN 3945 Governor Drive, Vons shopping center, University City, 619-452-0661. Twenty pasta dishes are prepared here, all from scratch, as well as hot sandwiches and pizza. Fine place for families. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

NIJIYA MARKET 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you’re not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest,

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THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. If it hasn't already, the "apple pancake," which is really an enormous, puffy soufflé prepared with cinnamon sugar and apples, should win a prize. Its ability to satisfy all that is soft, sweet, and wonderful can't be duplicated anywhere. The recipes for the apple pancake, the Swedish pancakes, and the flapjacks are from the original restaurant in Oregon. Omelets that cover the entire plate are accompanied by pancakes, coffee is served with whipping cream, and you'll need someone to help you out the door if you let your instincts go wild. Dream breakfast food includes fresh seasonal fruit with cream. Open daily, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

PAMPAS ARGENTINE GRILL 8690 Aero Drive at Montgomery Field, 858-278-5971. Argentine favorites, steaks, parrillada or mixed grill, empanadas, Italian-style Argentine items, fish, and chicken provide a wide range of choices. Lively atmosphere and good service. Since the grill is very hot, order all items cooked medium or rare, else the beef, listed as organic without hormones or pesticides, arrives overcooked. Closed Sunday. Open lunch and dinner, Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (8/00)*

SEOUL B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-505-0038. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Ko-

rean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gwi*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous, go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — *M.N. (12/99)*

TOFU HOUSE 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-576-6433. Also at 3805 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-4406. This stylish little pair of eateries is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom), with raw egg drop you drop yourself, and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (2/99)*

THE BEACHES

CHINA INN 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand streets), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. At least 118 items appear on the menu, which offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties and includes sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. Simple setting; outstanding food. The dinner is always preferable when Andy Kam, the chef/owner, is there. Ask his advice about dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

CUCINA FRESCA 1851 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9490 or 619-224-9470. Here's a good place for very tasty Italian food at low cost. The lasagne Florentine is especially good and so are the chicken dishes. At least ten dishes available. Open for lunch Tuesday through Friday. Dinner

nightly. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

THE FISHERY 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Half fish market, half casual fish menu, it offers fine fish and chips, salads, and fish sandwiches. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

FRENCH GOURMET 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. This pleasant, airy dining room serves French food with California influences. It's light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch are served simultaneously. Ravishing desserts and bakery at one end of the restaurant. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

FRONTEIRA BRAZILIAN BBQ 3778 Ingraham (at La Playa), Pacific Beach, 858-581-0200. Live large at this pleasantly plain-looking Brazilian *rodizio*, addressing a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end blue-green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, numerous cuts of beef, even shrimp. (Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade.) The gargantuan spread also includes a U-shaped buffet with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as beef with okra or oxtails with plantains, with exotic but oddly homey flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce from the ledge above the salad buffet). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Arrive relatively early for dinner (some buffet items run out by 8 p.m.). Call for weekend reservations or to request a vegetarian meal. Open daily. Low moderate, a steal for the quantity and quality. — *N.W. (8/01)*

KARINYA THAI RESTAURANT 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach,

858-270-5050. The impressive menu boasts 80 items, of which 21 are appetizers. There's also a room with floor seating. Best bets here are firecracker shrimp, spicy fish cakes, stuffed chicken wings, and any item from the list of house specialties. Stunning presentation and excellent preparation. On weekends arrive early to avoid waiting for tables. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LOTSA PASTA 1762 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-581-6777. This family Italian American restaurant seats 160 people. It offers a menu where you can select your own pasta and your own sauces (12 pastas, 18 sauces). Best bets: dinner specialties with dinner salad \$8.95. Only restaurant to offer *timpano* (from the movie *Big Night*). Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

THE MISSION CAFE AND COFFEE HOUSE 3795 Mission Boulevard at San Jose Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

RANCHOS COCINA 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: Zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try —

anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

TIN FISH Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414, www.thetinfish.net. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (7/01)*

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

BERTA'S LATIN AMERICAN RESTAURANT 3928 Twigg's Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve.

Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

BLUE FIN GRILL 3770 Hancock Street (near Kurtz), Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. This blue and white cinder-block place hides out near the parking lot of the Sports Arena. It's crowded on Swap Meet weekends, peaceful during the week. The inside is cheery blue, white, and woody, with a huge stuffed marlin on the wall. Try breakfast specials like hamburger steak with two eggs, home fries, and toast. Or nice light buttermilk hotcakes, two sausage links, and an egg. But the big draw is fresh Icelandic cod. You'll see the crew filleting the fish every morning for their lunchtime special: fish and chips with salad. Grandma, who started the Blue Fin over 30 years ago, created the "secret" way of cooking them. Breakfast and lunch only, closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

CAFE PACIFICA 2414 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-291-6666. Superior standards always prevail here. The cooking is clean to the palate and bursting with freshness. For appetizers: Dungeness crab cakes or mussels steamed in chardonnay. For entrées, daily fresh fish, lamb chops, pasta. Everything is memorable. Not to be missed. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

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the world (it belonged to the USS *Dolphin*). The sub-like interior is dark, with walls painted camouflage blue-black. Snacks include mozzarella sticks, fried mushrooms, onion rings, chicken nuggets, and wings. If you're hungry, the flop-over-the-edge steaks and burgers with fries are generous. Not that it matters. What you're really digesting is the atmosphere. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (3/01)

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

ANTONIO'S HACIENDA 700 N. Johnson (corner of Arnelo), El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Fine place for children, parents, grandparents. The food is not regional or gourmet, but standard items are fresh, generous in size, and inexpensive. Sopapillas, a deep-fried confection served with honey, are complimentary with meal. Open daily, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

GRINGO'S BREW HOUSE 40601 Old Highway 80, Boulevard. 619-766-4030. The signs outside read "American-owned" and "Check guns at the register." We're out in border-country here, folks. But just ask for Elizabeth, a spunky black-haired Italian-American, who explains that the signs are "a joke for the Border Patrol." For dinner, try the house-rolled ravioli or lasagna. At breakfast, play "stuff-your-own omelet" with onions, peppers, tomatoes, mushrooms, ham, sausage, bacon, or cheese. Pool tables and a smoking room add to the rustic charm. You can now camp overnight in their yard, or park your RV. Inexpensive, open daily. — *E.B.* (10/00)

J-K'S GREEK CAFE 7749 University Avenue, La Mesa, 619-464-1915. This recently remodeled restaurant is a find for tasty, fresh, home-style Greek cooking. The marinated half-chicken, the moussaka, the *pastitsio*, and the *souvlaki* are authentically prepared, as are the hummus and ground beef and lamb. A Feast, for two people, includes moussaka, *pastitsio*, *dolmades*, gyros,

pita, and Greek salad. Desserts — baklava, *kataifi*, and custard pie — are prepared on the premises. Takeouts available. Lunch and dinner, Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

JIMMY'S 9635 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hot cakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Or later in the day, the New York strip and sirloin steaks with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with sultanas and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

LA MESA OCEAN GRILLE AND SEAFOOD MARKET 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-463-1548. This spot is really three restaurants in one. One is a basic fish house with encyclopedic fish posters and paper placemats, serving seafood sandwiches, tacos, and various simple fish preparations (fried, blackened, etc.). Another is an old-style seafood restaurant, with lace curtains, tablecloths, and some richer fish dishes (e.g., with hollandaise). The third is a slightly hip Italian eatery with a charcoal-gray track-lit ceiling and black-background fish upholstery, serving standards (scaloppini, *piccata*, etc.) plus nightly specials. Fish here is very fresh and properly cooked, although there are occasional missteps — too much salt in the blackening, a hollandaise that tastes of lemony mayo. Salads are fresh but iceberg-standard; hot rolls are delicious sourdough, and the halibut ceviche is a treat — cool, refreshing and slightly tart. Baked Maryland-style crab cakes in a thick red-pepper sauce are gooey-

rich and tasty. Moderate. — *A.M.* (5/01)

MARIO'S DE LA MESA 8425 La Mesa Boulevard, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *A.M.* (7/01)

PEARLS OF THE SEA Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. In a quiet refuge from the bustle of the casino, you'll find refined Hong Kong versions of Chinese classics, skillfully prepared in the light Cantonese style. The menu ranges from low-priced noodle bowls (including a dynamite Cantonese take on Filipino *pansit*) up to live Maine lobster and excellent Peking Duck served with beautiful little Mandarin buns. The rear of the restaurant boasts live tanks, and if you love good seafood, do step back to choose your fish, which can be sensitively steamed, pan-fried, or deep-fried — your option. (BTW, a whole fish to feed a tableful runs less than a skimpy fillet at any fancy restaurant.) Since most gamblers want to gobble and run, tell the server immediately if you want your meal served in leisurely courses (as the food deserves). No alcohol. Reserve for weekends or large groups. Inexpensive, with a few large dishes and specialties at moderate prices. — *N.W.* (6/01)

PHO HOACALI 4126 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-284-2620. This place isn't glamorous, but there's an

ease about it I like. And the kitchen is dependable, *consistently* good. Try their complex, clean-tasting chicken noodle soup or the light, intricate *bungio*, a bowl of rice noodles and spring rolls with spicy dipping sauce. The chicken in lemon grass with hot pepper is also particularly good. Their menu lists 24 beverages, which are simple, but artfully made. I'm partial to their limeade. Pho Hoacali is a lesson in how the plainest ingredients, intelligently balanced, can produce something unforgettable. — *M.N.* (6/99)

POTRERO'S CAFE 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2694. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in 10-gallon hats gather here. The menu's non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and gravy to a mountain of hot cakes or the famous mushroom and onions hamburger with baked beans. Great family country drive destination. Open for breakfast and lunch. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

SHMOOZERS KOSHER DAIRY RESTAURANT 6366 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises "all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients." Everything is prepared under the supervision of the "Va'd Harabbonim of San Diego" — meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Fefafel, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Open Saturday from one hour after sunset to 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon-8:30 p.m.; closed Fridays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/01)

VALLEY HOUSE RESTAURANT 10767 Woodside Avenue, Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-

speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded port tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/01)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ANTIQUE ROW CAFE 3002 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate with skins-on breakfast potatoes doing the in-filling. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. And conversation? The fun's in the buzz you overhear from antique dealers in nearby booths. Seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

CHICKEN PIE SHOP OF SAN DIEGO 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a

roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

MAMA'S BAKERY AND LEBANESE DELI 4237 Alabama, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made *sajji* (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of *fool mudamas*, or slow-cooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and *baba ghanoush* (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (1/99)

OLD MILL CAFE 3949 Ohio Street, North Park, 619-294-3804. The best-kept secret in North Park looks like a Swiss chalet inside, but serves 1950s American eats in big platefuls. Breakfast buffs should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three sausage links rolled in hot cakes with powdered sugar). The lunch and dinner menu is also good and cheap — for instance, golden fried chicken with vegetables and rice or baked potato. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

TRIEU CHAU RESTAURANT 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the



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day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy (“*koitiow bahat sai kho*”). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

VESUVIO GOURMET 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-282-7040. Wonderful Southern and regional Italian food is served here. The interior is gorgeous, the service swift, and the servings huge and tempting. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

UPTOWN

THE ABBEY CAFE 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311, www.theabbeycafe.com. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pew, metal chalice, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna New Orleans style (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (12/01)*

CAFFE ON PARK 3831 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Seven days. Expect a line on weekends. — *E.B. (10/01)*

CALIFORNIA CUISINE 1027 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. This Hillcrest restaurant has been around forever, has a durable reputation and an established clientele. Perhaps the flawless waitstaff working their sleek, calm dining room is the reason why. The menu is sensible, but the preparations uneven. The appetizers are interesting, but don't live up to their promise. It is California Cuisine's classic entrées that endure despite their menu's excessive range. I recommend the New York steak or lamb loin, accompanied by one of their clever salads. If you appreciate life's finer things,

California Cuisine is a place for a good meal. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (5/99)*

EL INDIO MEXICAN RESTAURANT 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, “the god of Mexican food,” presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, *machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the *carnitas verdes*, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (11/01)*

THE GATHERING 902 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who enjoys entertaining his diners. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable and the oblong bar at the center of the room seems straight out of *Cheers*. For Sunday brunch, it's a toss-up between the “Mission Hills Omelet” (snow crab sautéed in butter, sherry, and tarragon, with diluted hollandaise sauce) and the “Goldfinch Omelet” (Canadian bacon with sautéed mushrooms, onions, and hollandaise sauce). Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

GULF COAST GRILL 4130 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-2244. www.gulfcoastgrill.com. Like its food — “Sassy southern and southwest cuisine” — the place has a brassy, planky, bollardy, pelicany, ropey, cozy, jokey Jimmy Buffet feel. And you can either eat rich (“Mississippi mustard catfish,” “New-Orleans style BBQ shrimp,” “Cajun Strip”) or poor — if you hit the place during Happy Hour. Baja clam chowder, grilled vegetable quesadilla, cornmeal crusted brie cheese, fried oysters, and the BBQ baby back ribs are all great sunset bargains. Best Happy Hour seats: patio or bar. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

HAMBURGER MARY'S 308 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles, like the “I'm Sooo Bleu” burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the “Two Tons Of Fun,” a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

HOB NOB HILL 2271 First Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and

a half-wall of wine. You're thinking “business class,” but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. Dinners (slightly more expensive) are also generous. Try chilled gazpacho, then pork chops, baked potatoes, and a dessert of mince pie with mock brandy topping, all part of the deal. Also good: Sunday's roast leg of lamb. Open seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

JOE'S GRILL 3537 Fifth Avenue (inside Nunu's Cocktail Lounge), uptown, 619-295-2878. Nunu's is a bar with a history. It has always been a tuna fishermen's hangout. You still hear Italian and Portuguese in the mornings. But evenings, the neighborhood shows up, along with chefs and maitre d's from the Gaslamp, and the theater crowd — directors, actors, disciples. Most end up going to the hole in the back where Joe serves up his solid, no-nonsense nosh, from meat loaf to his half-pound mushroom-and-bacon cheeseburger to his much-loved pot roast. You won't leave hungry — unless you're timid. You have to shout good and loud through that cubbyhole. Joe's got a lot of noise back there. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

KEMO SABE 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802, www.kemosabesandiego.com. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chilpotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered “jerk” chicken or the signature “Skirts On Fire,” a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

MIXX RESTAURANT 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. A meal here resembles an informal dinner party at the home of a good, well-traveled cook. Fitly, the dining room resembles a bohemian living room on steroids, with moody decor, rump-sprung Naugahyde banquettes, and witty paintings on the walls. The menu is an international hodgepodge of whatever chef-owner Deborah Helm fancies cooking: touristic Fisherman's Wharf crab-and-artichoke fondu in hollowed sourdough may cohabit with haute-Mex cremini mushroom quesadillas, “Indonesian” battered shrimp, or duck ragout with pasta sheets. Desserts (by Danielle Helm) carry through the “loving hands at home” theme — the most popular is a gooey peanut butter pie. A mainly California wine list is easy on both palate and wallet, with ample selections by the glass. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

MONTANAS AMERICAN GRILL 1421 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-297-0722. At this Southwestern American café you can easily make a meal from the first courses plus one of several salads. Pasta dishes are good choices. Smoked or grilled items in-

clude barbecue salmon, ribs, and skewered lamb. Venison chili or steak sandwich always a good bet. Pleasant atmosphere. Excellent service. Open daily. Lunch Monday through Friday. Dinners nightly. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

ONO SUSHI AND PACIFIC SPICE 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (11/98)*

PARALLEL 33 741 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — the 33rd parallel. This new ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for their shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just “fusion food.” Try the mango and ahi appetizer, one of the best I've ever eaten. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or steak strips over mashed potato and caramelized onion show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, thinks with her mouth. — *M.N. (10/99)*

TERRA 3900 Vermont (Uptown Center), Hillcrest, 619-293-7088, www.terrasd.com. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, et al.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday “blues and barbecue” during the summer). Open daily for lunch or brunch, snacks, dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

TRATTORIA POSITANO 142 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. Sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty Italian food but also for loving atmosphere. Sixteen pasta dishes; many salads and entrées. A treat. Try seabass, salmon, any pasta. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (5/99)*

THE VEGETARIAN ZONE 2949 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-7302. The V-Zone's motto is “in harmony with the earth.” So, sorry — no meat, no bleached white flour, white or brown sugar, or iceberg lettuce. On the other hand, you can be sure what you eat is “free from chemical preservatives or dyes.” Spinach mushroom lasagna and sesame mock chicken are — surprise! — great. Even desserts can be yummy, including a three-layer carrot cake and a cocomint pudding. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

DOWNTOWN

ACQUA AL 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-230-0382, www.acquaal2.it. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu, while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there, and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. “Tastings” of salads, cheeses and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

ATHENS MARKET 109 West F Street, downtown, 619-234-1955. Surely the finest Greek restaurant in San Diego, and it's ideal before or after a cultural event. Lentil soup, Greek appetizers, salads, chicken, fish, and lamb dishes are first-rate and so are the desserts. It's festive for late-night dining. Open for lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Separate dining rooms for parties. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

BANDAR FINE PERSIAN CUISINE 825 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-238-0101. The best Persian food in the city is prepared here. It's sensuous, low fat, and a blessing to the sight as well as the palate. Try stuffed grape leaves, yogurt, eggplant, charbroiled filet mignon, lamb, or chicken. Order all three kinds of rice. Enchanting interior, wonderful service. Not to be missed. Open daily, same menu lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BAY CAFE 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bay view terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely “have it your way” — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, breakfast to pre-dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

BAYOU BAR AND GRILL 329 Market Street (at Third Street), Gaslamp District, 619-696-8747. Bayou has the most expansive (and expensive) Louisiana-style menu in the Gaslamp. Their best dishes are terrific — for instance, their red beans and rice (the washday treat) is the area's sole authentic version, meaty and with a rich, deep heat. Eggplant dishes shine, too, as do seafood pastas and a huge pork chop with dressing. Alas, though, too many dishes are faux-Paul Prudhomme, with incoherent spicing and, at times, too much cayenne added too late in the

cooking to cozy up to other flavors. Desserts are frankly, fabulously revisionist, including pecan pie and bread pudding half as heavy and twice and good as their Creole models. Reservations advisable. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

CANDELAS 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here: Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in “*la nueva cocina Mexicana*,” a luxurious, inventive update of traditional Mexican fare, combining French techniques and Latin ingredients into a sophisticated new cuisine that you've never tasted before but will want to taste again. In a romantic Spanish-style dining room with extremely gracious service, you'll find a menu that emphasizes seafood, including jumbo prawns flamed with three tequilas, sea bass with *huilacoche* (“corn fungus,” but think of it as a mushroom), and a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Meat-lovers will also enjoy several dishes, including a thick veal chop with a rosemary-spiked update of traditional *mole* sauce. Reservations advised, slightly dressy. Expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

DOBSON'S 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, cutlotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

EDGEWATER GRILL 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581, www.edgewatergrill.com. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to “graze” on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner, entrées high moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

GEN LAI SEN HAKKA SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The “chef recommend sizzle plates,” the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially “house

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special rice noodles”), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

GRAND CENTRAL CAFE YMCA, 500 West Broadway, downtown, 619-234-2233. A nice Broadway surprise — who'd expect the "Y" to have terrific meals? But Grand Central tries hard. The breakfasts are big and filling, and the lunch chili with salad and cheese toast is a tasty bargain. So is the veggie-burger with fries, coleslaw, soup, or salad. Plus you can look down onto Broadway and check when your boss is returning to work. Breakfast/lunch weekdays, breakfast only weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

HARBOR HOUSE 831 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-1141. The two-level building and the view of the harbor are major attractions. Fish and seafood predominate but chicken, pasta, and steak are also available. The dining room seats 250, so don't expect intimacy. Preparations are wholesome but not original. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

JUKE JOINT CAFE 327 Fourth Avenue (across from Cost Plus), Gaslamp District, 619-323-7685, www.jukejoint-cafe.com. This is the closest we've got to a good, funky jazz club in New Orleans' Uptown neighborhood (but the Gaslamp is lots safer). They call their cooking "West Coast Soul Food," but it's still mighty South Coast, too, including a just-about perfect file gumbo, thick and rich, flavored with genuine Louisiana sausage. Good jambalaya, fried foods (try fried pickles and gizzards for a down-home treat), huge steaks, and live music for a hip crowd make this a tasty scene. Full bar. Reservations strongly advised. No cover charge with dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/01)

LA CASITA 1247 C Street (corner of 13th and C), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the lil' old blue and white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come here to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas, or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). — E.B. (11/00)

LEE'S CAFE 738 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-239-1621. This beautiful place is a thorn between two roses. Located mid-Gaslamp with luxury Euro-*restaurantes* on either side — heh heh — here a big plate of baked chicken, or chicken-fried steak, or baked ham, with gravy, potatoes, veggies, rice, salad, bread and butter — and macaroni and egg flower soup go for almost nothing. Breakfast is a bargain too, offering sausages, eggs, hash browns, and all the coffee you want. “Uncle Lee started 40 years ago,” says Lily, who runs it. God bless Uncle Lee. Open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

NAPA VALLEY GRILLE 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp District, 619-238-5440. This new restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals, and the food is very, very good. I suggest the calamari plate, and the rotisserie-roasted chicken or pork are both moist and delicious. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant hominess to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.* (3/00)

OSTERIA PANEVINO 722 Fifth Avenue (Fifth and G), Gaslamp District, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce.

The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

REDFISH 731 Fifth Avenue (Fifth and G), Gaslamp District, 619-234-7226, www.redfishamerica.com/sandiego.html. At this sprawling New Orleans-style restaurant/nightclub (one of a small national chain), the varied music playing over the speakers before showtime is consistently tasty. Alas, one can't say the same for the cooking, so order with care. Best dishes include a rich, smoky crawfish etouffée, interesting okra gumbo, and mainly-decent salads and appetizers. But authenticity and taste go blazing in a tomatoey jambalaya with the flavor of bottled spaghetti sauce, and in several dishes (BBQ shrimp, dirty rice, etc.) so fiercely spicy, the kitchen might be catering a frat hazing. Smartly (given this impetus to chug-a-lug), they make their tasty Hurricane cocktails a little weak. Moderate, plus evening cover charge. — N.W. (3/01)

SALLY'S RESTAURANT One Market Place, rear of Hyatt Regency Hotel, Gaslamp District, 619-687-6080. You'll get great fish here as well as free-range chicken, lobster, and beef. Try Arctic char, loin of tuna, swordfish. Side dishes tend to be elaborate. Dinners for 6 to 12 served at chef's table in the kitchen. Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

SICILIAN VILLAGE DELI 895 Fourth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp District, 619-234-4002. This was located in the Farmer's Bazaar in East Village until the ballpark knocked them out of left field. Now they're one of the best values in the Gaslamp. Though the owners aren't Sicilian, two of their most delicious dishes carry the flag: the Sicilian Sandwich (tuna, olive oil, capers, tomatoes, onions) and the Chicken Siciliana (chicken breasts sautéed in a brandy sauce with soup or salad, garlic bread, and a choice of fries, rice, or spaghetti). Eating outside is interesting for people-watching — a reality-check after Horton Plaza. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

SIXTH AVENUE BISTRO 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters, good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if *chialbasa* proves a lame substitute for *kaierba* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8:00 p.m.). Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/01)

SPICE HOUSE CAFE 1401 Ninth Street (at Ash), downtown, 619-239-8510. When your “head feels like an old potato” and your “tongue like a button hook” (to quote Kipling), Spice House’s answer is their Hang-Over Omelet. We don’t know if it’s the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

TRATTORIA PORTOBELLO 715
Fourth Avenue (at G), Gaslamp Dis-
trict, 619-232-4440. The owners of
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petizers. The pastas are the best bets.
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Expensive. — *E.W.*

UNCLE'S CREOLE SOUL CAFE 815 C Street (at Eighth), downtown, 619-238-FOOD. This tiny blue-and-white café with a small street-patio in front offers a healthier version of Louisiana Creole and soul food, with pork products replaced by lean beef sausage. There are just a few entrées — a thin, tasty gumbo, well-balanced jambalaya, fried chicken wings in a savory

batter, barbecued brisket sandwiches, and Creole spaghetti — plus Southern side dishes and a delicious cobbler for dessert. Lunches and early dinners (before 7:00 p.m. weeknights), no alcohol, no reservations. Due to catering operations, hours may vary unexpectedly, so call before you go. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

WILDSIDE CAFE & REBEL JUICE BAR 1048 Seventh Avenue, downtown, 619-696-1466. Now here's a place that actually makes healthy food seem cool. Partly it's the names: "lunatic lentil soup," sandwiches like "turkey tantrum" (roast turkey with salsa), "tuna scandal" (tuna mushed with egg whites and no-fat mayo), or our two favorites, "veggies on a bike" (cucumbers, spinach leaf, tomatoes, red onion) and "bagel without a cause" (bagel, cream cheese, fresh fruit). Actually all come with fresh fruit. And do like the local lofties: take your daily shot of fresh-squeezed wheat grass juice with a chaser of strawberries or pineapple chunks. Open Monday through Friday. Hours vary seasonally. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

CHEZ LOMA 1132 Loma Avenue (at Orange), Coronado, 619-435-0661. The historic aura of this cute period bungalow remains seductive, but the "French" menu is mired in the more recent past, circa 1970. Some appetizers are sprightly, but entrées are inconsistent and can be indifferently executed with subpar ingredients, e.g., a cassoulet de mer may pair undercooked white beans with overcooked seafood of questionable quality. Some best bets are Irvine's signature dishes of salmon with a mild barbecue sauce and roast duck with a trio of sauces. Veggie accompaniments (swampy reheated-tasting rice, limp carrots, soggy sugar-snaps) bear an eerie resemblance to Lean Cuisine. Early bird bargain-priced dinners. Reservations advised. Fairly expensive but not dressy. — *N.W. (6/01)*

THE FAMILY HOUSE OF PAN-CAKES 562 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its "Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only; 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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ISLAND PASTA 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant has somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. The spaghetti pesto sauce is rich, too, with basil, pine nuts, and cheese, but all the standard Italian pasta and pizza dishes are reliable. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions and olives over spaghetti. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

L'ESCALE Coronado Island Marriott Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. This is the casual dining room that faces the pool at this first-rate hotel. Menus are constantly changing, so call to discover what type of cuisine is available. Jazz night on Friday and Saturday evening, with dinner specials. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

PRIMAVERA 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This stand-out in Coronado's culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera's accomplished staff takes unpretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. — *M.N. (11/98)*

RHINOCEROS 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-

theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Reservations advised for weekends, pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (7/01)*

SPIRO'S GYROS Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlakia chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

STRETCH'S CAFE 943 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-8886. Stretch got his name in World War II when he was 6'1" and 135 pounds. Now he wants to get back to that — and he wants you to, too, so he serves strictly nuts and twigs. His menu includes veggie salad, chicken breast and beans over brown rice, or a plate frankly named "Steamed Veggies," featuring carrots, zucchini, broccoli, mushrooms, and melted cheese on brown rice. You'll come out feeling so proud that you resisted the greasy Slamburger at Danny's bar next door. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

TANGO GRILLE ARGENTINE STEAK HOUSE 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play gaucho and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly-decorated bistro

about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs) and the savory sausages are flown in from Buenos Aires. You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

TOMATOES PLUS: A CALIFORNIA BISTRO 4346 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-8494. Here's a low-cost California-cuisine restaurant with very friendly atmosphere, very good preparations for the money, and a menu that offers 15 entrée salads, 15 pasta entrées, and nightly specials. You can make a meal from chili or homemade soup served in a bowl made from bread, or any of the excellent salads. Pasta dishes arrive with soup or salad. The home-style soup is a knockout. Nonfat or low-fat oils used in cooking. Great fun. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

TIJUANA

(The prefix for all Tijuana numbers is 011-52-664. From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.)

BIRRIERIA GUANAJUATO Avenida Abraham González 102, Colonia Francisco Villa, Tijuana, 630-7070. At this clean, family-style restaurant high in the Tijuana hills about three miles southwest of the border crossing, the food is in the style of Guanajuato (in central Mexico), and the menu consists solely of pot-roasted baby goat (*cabrito*) in a Mexican barbecue sauce and melted-cheese pancakes (*gorditas*). It's authentic, tasty, fresh, and unbeliev-

ably affordable. Be sure to arrive early, since the food sometimes runs out. It's worth the out-of-the-way drive to enjoy these delicacies. Take the downtown off-ramp to Third Street and continue for exactly 11 blocks to H Street/Colón. Turn left (south) on H at the "SuperLub" for one block, then turn right on 4th Street (Diaz Mirón/Rampa Altamira). Turn right again at the stop sign by the Pemex gas station. Go all the way up the hill (Rampa Altamira) and veer right after the large "Universidad de Tijuana" sign. A few feet further, turn left onto Avenida Paris and go four blocks until the street veers right into Calle Roma. One more block, turn left onto Avenida Londres, continue for three blocks, then turn right onto Emetrio González for one block. Turn left at the orange-painted dry cleaners and go uphill on Avenida Rio de la Plata to the top (about six blocks), where the road turns right onto Calle Manuel W. González. Continue one block, then turn left at the Calimex market onto Avenida Abraham González. Go four more blocks and the restaurant is on the right side of the street. Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/00)*

CAFE LA ESPECIAL 718 Avenida Revolución, between Calle 3 and Calle 4, Tijuana, 685-6654. Robust tacos, enchiladas, *chiles rellenos*, tamales, egg dishes, and steak have been prepared at this unpretentious but good café for decades. La Especial is a favorite for families who want to eat at low cost. The stairway leading down to the dining room opens on Revolución, and the covered bazaar that extends beyond is a prime tourist attraction. Open Sunday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

EL FARO DE MAZATLAN 9542 Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, Plaza Financiera, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone, squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster. The atmosphere and service are lovely, but the fish may be too dry. The style of cuisine will appeal to those who prefer simple preparations. The price of the main course includes an appetizer

(fried fish plus ceviche), seafood soup, and Mexican rolls. Open daily, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., same menu for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Moderate. — *E.W.*

LA FONDA ROBERTO'S La Sierra Motel, Old Road to Ensenada, Avenida Cuahutemoc #2800, Tijuana, 686-4687. Unusual regional specialties are found here. Beef tongue in sesame seed sauce, spicy shredded pork with artichoke seeds, two preparations of chicken, a half dozen of steak. Don't miss the soups or *chile en nogada*. Portions are small, so two people may order three entrées. Take Avenida Revolución all the way to Agua Caliente Blvd. At Calimax, make a right; go up two blocks and make a left. After one block, make another left. Roberto's is in the motel just after the road veers right. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LONCHERIA LA POCA LUCHA Municipal Market, 105 Avenida Niños Héroes, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado*, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach Loncheria La Poca Lucha, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*, *bistec ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. *Pescado frito* (fried fish), *milanesa con papas* (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

MR. FISH 6000 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-3603. It's fun to eat in this restaurant with its thatched roof and its wide variety of fish and seafood. Don't overlook the whole fish, either steamed or fried, the filet in garlic butter, or, for those who'd like a smorgasbord, the "Combination Mr. Fish," which supplies fresh lobster, shrimp, squid, and a filet of fish. The half-dozen preparations of crêpes are wild — there's even a Mexican version of

blintzes. Open Sunday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Follow Revolución until it bends to the left and becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers. Mr. Fish is on the right-hand side of the road, just before the country club. Moderate. — *E.W.*

RICA TORTA Niños Heroes Avenue, No. 890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado... it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

UABC CAFETERIA 246 Autonomous University of Baja California cafeteria, 2580 Tecnológico Avenue, Tijuana, 607-1047 (for Tortas y Burritos Tonka). This cafeteria on the new campus near Tijuana's airport is always *abuzz* — the students set it alight. The difference from, say, SDSU? Everyone's well-dressed, with lots of ties and careful make-up (not on the same person, of course). Several concessions, including Tortas y Burritos Tonka, Armando's, and Panaderia Diego deliver cheap, standard Amero-Mexican. But come for the sound of 600 people like you, all chatting like crazy (in Spanish). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

VALLARTA NATURAL 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-1560. Vallarta Natural makes travel to Tijuana appetizing, serving only the healthiest, freshest ingredients. The kitchen makes its own bread and rolls, soy chorizo, vegetable stock, and gluten daily. Recommended are goblets of fresh juice, *caldo Tlalpeño* soup, *taquitos panzones* (soft tacos) filled with sautéed mushrooms or soy chorizo, tostadas, and especially *milanesa*. The *milanesa* is made from fresh gluten and is almost indistinguishable from veal: breaded, fried, it is delicious. Cool, clean, pleasant atmosphere. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (9/98)*



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It happens every year. With the glut of Christmas releases and the *Reader's* holiday hiatus, there are always movies that fall between the cracks. When I was catching up with

The Lord of the Rings (although the feeling was not so much of catching up as of staying several steps ahead),

I had an awareness that here would have been a chance to chew over some simmering thoughts about the importance, the prominence, the pre-eminence of myth in modern movie-making, to reach out and draw *Harry Potter* and *the Sorcerer's Stone* into the discussion, to look back to the original *Star Wars* as a kind of milestone or kind of polestar, and to look forward to the next installment this coming summer.

But by now (already!) the movie has grown dim in my mind. The arc of the narrative, the incidents along the way, the characters and their Scrabble-tray monickers (a happy hunting ground for What-to-Name-the-Baby: now that Frodo has been taken, maybe Dorfo or Orfod or Frood, though not Fodor, taken already, too, as the signature on a series of travel books) —

it's all a big mush. Then again, the whole thing seemed a bit dim even as I was watching it. It earns the distinction of the year's movie that pushed me closest to the Land of Nod. And not

just because it was three hours long, either: it not only pushed me closest, it pushed me soonest. But that, after

all, would have been part of my point. So perhaps now that the Christmas glut has sorted itself out, and we're down to *Snow Dogs* and *Kung Pow: Enter the Fist*, I can go ahead and chew over a couple of thoughts anyway. They will simply have to fight shy of the specific and gravitate to the general.

The first of these thoughts would be that the academic influence on the screen's storytellers — the popular exegesis of the mythological underpinnings in all narrative, the enthronement of Joseph Campbell as backseat guru, the advent of *Star Wars* as the official model for box-office magic if no other sort of magic — has been a bad thing. A stultifying, a sterilizing thing. Obviously it could not be said that Dr. Tolkien's original "Ring" trilogy (whatever might be said of Peter Jackson's film of it) was copy-



The Lord of the Rings

ing *Star Wars*. Quite the opposite. The Oxford don was one of those academics — C.S. Lewis, a fellow Oxford don, was another — who in the mid-Fifties laid the groundwork for George Lucas: one of the pathfinders, one of the pace-setters, one of the manufacturers of new mythologies based on scholarly analysis of the old. It was

Lucas's generation, in particular, that elevated the book to the status of a cult ("Frodo Lives!"), a thing for the *au courant* collegian to get in on. The date of Ralph Bakshi's animated treatment of the story — 1978, or one year after *Star Wars* — seems just about right. Maybe, if anything, a tad tardy. Jackson's current, and forthcoming,

version inevitably seems awfully slow. As slow on the uptake as in narrative pace.

Of course the predictable retort to my contention that the new *Lord* is dry, pedantic, and boring would be the cold hard box-office receipts. How can I argue with success? Well, one way I could argue with it would be to



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Second thought: the basic truth that storytellers cannot help but to fall into patterns, to tell essentially the same stories over and over again, to reduplicate the universal myths and archetypes, has led to the fallacy that the way to tell a good story is by learning and by consciously copying the patterns. This puts the cart before the horse. Or better, it puts forth the cart and forgets the horse altogether. Or to try out a different image: it gives us

A good storyteller, to put the cart where it belongs, will tell a good story, and let the pattern take care of itself. He does not need to be a good scholar; he does not need to be his own best analyst, either psychological or critical. His proper line of procedure is not first to figure out the pattern and then to tell that instead. He can, and should, leave that to the critics and academics. And the critics and academics, in keeping with their natures, will go their various ways with it. The basic truth that stories fall into patterns, are underpinned by myth, and so forth, is of limited use in matters of taste. Hypothetically, as a scholastic exercise, you could take any story and trace it back to its mythic roots. (You could, anyhow, if you are better at it than I

I could agree, for example, that a movie such as *Kiss Me Deadly*, from a more innocent, less self-conscious age, acquires some depth and resonance and whatnot from its foundation stones of the quest myth, the redemption myth, and explicitly the Pandora myth, but it would not reap those benefits if it were not saying something substantial about postwar American society, nuclear anxiety, eternal greed, the romanticized figure of the private detective, etc. And all the questing and redeeming going on, more recently, more self-consciously, in *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* are so well disguised in a particular time and place — the Deep South in Deep Depression — as to make the screen-

Myth guarantees nothing. Anybody can, whether consciously or not, drink from that trough. And the fairy-tale themes of *The Lord of the Rings* and/or *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* — good vs. evil, filial fear of abandonment, passage into manhood, and the like — are all very timeless and universal. But the adult, or even the precocious child, in order to keep his eyelids up, wants some ambiguity, some moral tension, some human flesh on the bare bones, some signs of life. This might be felt to contaminate the purity of the myth. But the adult wants that, too. Exactly that. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 poohbah 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.

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Black Hawk Down — Faithful re-enactment of a 1993 incident in Somalia: the eighteen-hour urban firefight that ensues when an intended neat, clean, in-and-out raid into the heart of Mogadishu (colloquially called “the Mogue,” or just “Mogue”) goes bad. It delivers a mixed experience, even, you might say, a mixed message: harrowing yet spectacular action, unglamorous yet gorgeous, rugged yet slick. The director is Ridley Scott (*Alien*, *Blade Runner*, and on down through *G.I. Jane* and *Gladiator*), so

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the spectacular, the gorgeous, the slick are given; the harrowing, the unglamorous, and the rugged must be counted as bonuses, neither to be taken for granted nor taken lightly. (The damage done to the bodies of some of the soldiers goes well beyond indignity.) Though some of the faces — Josh Hartnett, William Fichtner, Ewan McGregor, Ron Eldard, and that latter-day Aldo Ray, Tom Sizemore — are more familiar than others, there has been a concerted effort to steer clear of big stars, and to spread the dramatic interest evenly among the sizable cast: no one-man-armies, no centers-of-the-universe, no empathy-magnets, in this group. There is individual courage on display, and competence, and selflessness, but there is no villainy or cowardice deeper than the inevitable snafu. The soldiers are just that and no more: followers of orders. The virtual and inexplicable absence of blacks among them — the total absence among the principal ones — perhaps creates an unwanted and unfortunate *Zulu*-like image of a handful of civilized whites holding the line against hordes of savage blacks. But there appears to be no conscious point of view apart from the dizzying spectacle of it all, the sensory overload, the nonstop assault on eye and ear, the swirl of dust and bits of paper beneath the churning blades of the helicopters, the trails of smoke, the explosions, the spray of debris — in sum, the big wow. Yet there are moments of genuine power, not to mention genuine skill. So, yes — a mixed experience, but an intense one, an exhausting one, and, most importantly, a lingering one. 2001.

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Brotherhood of the Wolf — There might be a presumption of seriousness about a ravaging-monster movie in which the monster stays off screen for the first hour, and comes freighted with political symbolism. (To say nothing of the English subtitles! Or of the venerable presences of Jacques Perrin and Edith Scob!) But there is plenty of ridiculousness in refutation: from the *Matrix*-y camera moves and abrupt changes of speed, to the Hong Kong brand of martial arts practiced by an 18th-century French naturalist and his Mohawk Iroquois sidekick. The monster's first appearance, at least, is good cheesy fun, till spoiled by a rational, albeit incomprehensible, "explanation." Samuel Le Bihan, Mark Dacascos, Vincent Cassel, Emilie Dequenne, Monica Bellucci; directed by Christophe Gans. 2001.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Charlotte Gray — The title is colorless on purpose. 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. The Australian director, Gillian Armstrong, brings the proverbial woman's touch to this feminist adventure story, this internal odyssey, this journey of self-discovery. (She never dwells on the physical action, the

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sporadic violence. She is much more interested in choices and consequences.) 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 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. With Cate Blanchett, Billy Crudup, Michael Gambon, Rupert Penry-Jones. 2001. ★★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Count of Monte Cristo — Somewhat rushed retelling of the Dumas revenge story. Granted, there’s a good deal of story to be gotten through, and the speed might be hoped to counteract the snags: the details of the tunneling in the Chateau d’If are not altogether credible (the dirt is disposed of in the chamber pots?); and a neatly trimmed beard, along with the passage of sixteen years, seems an insufficient excuse for a man’s oldest friend to fail to recognize him — especially when the man speaks as strangely, as haltingly, as gulpingly, as Jim Caviezel. With Guy Pearce, James Frain, Dagmara Dominczyk, Luis Guzman, Michael Wincott, Richard Harris; directed by Kevin Reynolds. 2002. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-

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The Debut — Filipino-American coming-of-age tale, with Danté Basco, Joy Bisco, and Eddie Garcia, written and directed by Gene Cajayon. (OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 1/25)

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, THROUGH 1/24)

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.



Brotherhood of the Wolf

Two arduous years in a painless hour and a half. 2001. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 1/24)

The Fluffer — Richard Glatzer’s and Wash West’s dark comedy about a heterosexual male at work as a gay porn star; with Scott Gurney, Roxanne Day, Deborah Harry.

(KEN, 1/25 THROUGH 31)

Gosford Park — From Robert Altman, 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.) The director’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. 2001. ★★ (COVE; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; OCEANSIDE 16; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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

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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.

★ (OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

I Am Sam — Sean Penn as a mentally impaired father in a custody fight for his daughter; with Michelle Pfeiffer and Dakota Fanning; directed by Jessie Nelson. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/25)

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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.

● (PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Kandahar — Timely exposé of the plight of women under the Taliban. The narrative peg — an exiled Afghan journalist sneaking back into the country to reach her sister before the latter's pre-announced suicide in concert with the final eclipse of the 20th Century — may be overly contrived and corny, and the acting might often be stiff and awkward, and the first-person English narration a little rudimentary and remedial, but the glimpses of the people and their culture reveal the eye of an artist, namely the eye of Iranian filmmaker Mohsen Makhmalbaf: the classroom where young boys are drilled simultaneously in the Koran and in weaponry; the communal clothes-washing by veiled women around a village well; the examination room in which a doctor and his female patients are separated by a blanket with a silver-dollar-sized hole in it (the African-American doctor, a figure of compassionate liberalism on screen, is in real life, you might have heard, an accused Islamic assassin); and the Red Cross outpost where land-mine victims line up, after a year's wait in some cases, for their prosthetic limbs. The capper to this last scene: the crowd of impatient patients hopping and hobbling on crutches to catch up with the sets of false legs lowered to earth on parachute strings. One could only wish Buñuel had lived to see it. 2001.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Kate and Leopold — Time-travel romance (or in the words of the whiz-kid Cupid who makes it happen, "a 4-D pretzel of kismet 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, ditzzy, 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.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

K-PAX — No, not an easy-listening radio station, and not a merger of Kotex and Tampax, but an undiscovered planet in the constellation Lyra — or so says Kevin Spacey, who is either a bona fide spaceman (the early evidence, apart from the actor's surname, is all on that side) or else a mere lunatic (some late evidence for that, without negating the early evidence). Either way, he is given carte blanche for his smirky superiority. Jeff Bridges, as a doctor at the mixed-nuts facility of the Psychiatric Institute of Manhattan, keeps peeling the glasses off his face in exasperation. The syrupy photography by John Mathieson is meant, presumably, to convey the special relationship of the alien/inmate to the realm of light, especially as a mode of interstellar travel. It's sticky all the same. With Mary McCormack and Alfre Woodard; directed by Iain Softley. 2001.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 1/25)

Kung Pow: Enter the Fist — Director-star Steve Oedekerk mixes new footage into an old Hong Kong action film. (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; LA

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Lantana — Three sour marriages in the Land Down Under. Director Ray Lawrence and writer Andrew Bovell (whose screenplay is adapted from his own stage play) seem to be going for something deep, something fundamental about relationships. But the degree of coincidence in the multiple path-crossings surpasses the im-

probable. Eye-catching work from Kerry Armstrong and Leah Purcell, respectively, as a cop's wife and cop's partner. The cop is a cop only in order to keep the movie busy. Anthony LaPaglia, Geoffrey Rush, Barbara Hershey, Rachael Blake. 2002.

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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 hours of his *Green Mile*. With Martin Landau, Laurie Holden, David Ogden Stiers, James Whitmore, Bob Balaban, Ron Rifkin. 2001.

● (HARBOR DRIVE IN)

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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 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.

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coon enlists a lowly waiter to be his personal taster, ostensibly to protect him from fish and cheese. But what’s his real game? Vaguely intriguing psychological thriller, never very believable but never truly tiresome. With Jean-Pierre Lorit, Bernard Giraudau, Florence Thomassin, Charles Berling, Jean-Pierre Léaud; directed by Bernard Rapp. 2000.
★ (KEN, THROUGH 1/24)

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.
★ (PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

The Mothman Prophecies — Occult thriller with Richard Gere, Laura Linney,

Will Patton, and Alan Bates; directed by Mark Pellington.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/25)

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.
● (PALM PROMENADE 24; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

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 *Traf-fic*. 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.
● (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Orange County — Confused-teen-crazy-world comedy, fairly formulaic (a gallery of stereotypes, a splash of gross-out, a dab of sentiment, an instructive moral), notwithstanding the genuflections to Fine Literature. Agile comic turns by Jack Black, Catherine O’Hara, Lily Tomlin, and John Lithgow. But the romantic leads, Colin Hanks and Schuyler Fisk, bear so strong a resemblance to their real-life thespian parents — Tom Hanks and Sissy Spacek, respectively — that they have a hard time staking their own claim. The director, Jake Kasdan, is the son of the director of *The Big Chill*, *Silverado*, *I Love You to Death*, *Grand Canyon*, *French Kiss*, etc., but outside of an uncredited token appearance by Kevin Kline, the resemblance is not so apparent. 2002.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 detracts 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; 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 over-complicate 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.
● (VOGUE)

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A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:20, 3:35, 7:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 1:30 (4:30) 7:25, 10:20; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri. 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (5:05) 7:45, 10:25; **Behind Enemy Lines** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:05, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. 2:05, 7:20; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri. 12:30, 3:10, 3:50, 6:30, 7:05, 9:45, 10:25; Sat. 11:45, 12:30, 3:10, 3:50, 6:30, 7:05, 9:45, 10:25; Sun. 11:45, 12:30, 3:10, 3:50, 6:30, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:25, 2:15 (4:50) 6:35, 8:15, 9:45; **Brotherhood of the Wolf** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 3:20, 6:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:40 (5:20) 8:30; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:20 (4:20) 7:15, 10:15; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:15, 3:40, 7:10, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. 1:55 (5:10) 8:20; **How High** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (5:00) 9:55; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri. 1:35, 4:40, 7:40, 10:45; Sat. 11:00, 1:35, 4:40, 7:40, 10:45; Sun. 11:00, 1:35, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. 1:15 (4:10) 7:05, 10:00; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri. 1:50, 4:10; Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 1:50, 4:10; Mon.-Thu. 2:20 (4:35); **K-PAX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:45; **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:55, 7:45, 10:35; Sun. 4:55, 7:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri. 1:05, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 1:05, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:10 (5:25) 7:35, 9:40; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 7:05, 10:45; Sat. 11:10, 3:00, 7:05, 10:45; Sun. 11:10, 3:00, 7:05, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. 1:15 (4:55) 8:35; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri. 2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:40; Sat. 11:35, 2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:40; Sun. 11:35, 2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. 1:35 (5:00) 7:50, 10:30; **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:55, 4:35, 7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 1:55 (4:40) 7:15, 9:55; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:40, 2:55, 5:20, 7:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 2:25 (5:35) 7:40, 9:50; **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:40, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:50 (5:15) 7:55, 10:25; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 3:25, 5:50, 8:15, 10:40; Sun. 1:00, 3:25, 5:50, 8:15, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. 2:30 (5:20) 7:40, 10:10; **Vanilla Sky** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:20, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. 7:00, 10:05

Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-291-7777)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri. 12:20 (4:10) 7:05, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. 12:20, 4:10, 7:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 12:20 (4:10) 7:05, 10:05; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri. 12:05, 2:25 (4:45) 7:30, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 12:05, 2:25 (4:45) 7:30, 9:50; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri. 12:25 (4:00) 7:10, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 12:25, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:25 (4:00) 7:10, 10:15; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri. 12:30 (4:15) 7:20, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 4:15, 7:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 12:30 (4:15) 7:20, 10:10; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri. 12:00 (4:05) 7:45; Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 4:05, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:00 (4:05) 7:45; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri. 12:15 (4:20) 7:15,

10:00; Sat.-Sun. 12:15, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:15 (4:20) 7:15, 10:00; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri. 12:10, 2:20 (4:30) 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:10, 2:20 (4:30) 7:00, 9:45

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
A Walk to Remember (PG); **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13); **I Am Sam** (PG-13); **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist**; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13); **Black Hawk Down** (R); **Snow Dogs** (PG); **Orange County** (PG-13); **Brotherhood of the Wolf** (R); **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R); **Vanilla Sky** (R); **Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13); **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring**; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13); **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:50) 7:30, 10:20; Sun.-Thu. (1:05, 3:50) 7:30; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:20, 7:10, 10:10; Sun. (1:30) 4:35, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:35) 7:40; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:25, 7:05, 10:00; Sun. (1:20) 4:25, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:25) 7:35; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:05) 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; Sun. (1:10, 3:05) 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:05, 5:15) 7:45; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:45, 8:15; Sun. (1:00) 4:30, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:30) 7:50; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 10:05; Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 7:55

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
The Fluffer (Not Rated) Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
Amelie (R) Fri. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:35) 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; Wed. (1:25) 4:25, 10:10; Thu. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; **Charlotte Gray** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:25) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 9:55; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **Kandahar** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 9:50; **Lantana** (R) Fri. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:05

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
House of Bamboo, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Friday, 9 p.m.; **The True Story of Jesse James**, Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; **Some Like It Hot**, Tuesday, 7 p.m., and next Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; **Sunset Boulevard**, Wednesday, 7 p.m., and next Friday, 9:20 p.m.

ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; 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)

Some Like It Hot — In the later stage of Billy Wilder’s career, there is an evident pull toward the romantic and euphoric (*Love in the Afternoon*, *Irma La Douce*, *Avanti*), and there is an opposing pull toward the caustic and raucous (*One Two Three*, *The Fortune Cookie*, the Ray Walston-Cliff Osmond bits, particularly, in *Kiss Me, Stupid*). This one belongs at the head of the second batch, for the impression made by Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis in drag (among other things) is unhappily deeper, stronger, and longer-lasting than the impression made, in spots, by Marilyn Monroe. Curtis’s Cary Grant impression, when out of drag, isn’t bad, but why would someone be doing a Cary Grant impression in a 1920s setting? 1960.

★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS. 1/29, 7 P.M.)

Sunset Boulevard — Typically trashy Hollywood “expose” about a gullible, cor-

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.-Thu. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **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.-Sat. 8:00; Sun.-Thu. 6:00

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; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10) 7:50, 10:20; **Behind Enemy Lines** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:45, 10:25; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 12:45, 3:30, 4:15) 6:50, 7:30, 10:00, 10:45; **Count Me Out** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:50) 7:20, 10:30; **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:20) 7:30, 10:40; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:45, 4:50) 7:15, 9:30; **Joe Somebody** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:45, 5:15); **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:25) 7:10, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (4:25) 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:25) 7:10, 10:00; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:05) 7:25, 9:40; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:30, 4:15) 6:30, 8:00, 10:15; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 1:20, 4:10, 4:40) 7:00, 7:35, 9:50, 10:30; **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; **The Peony Pavilion** (Not Rated) Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:10); **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 5:00) 7:40, 10:10; **Vanilla Sky** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:40) 7:05, 10:25

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
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LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:15, 7:45, 10:40; Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:15, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:15) 7:15, 10:05; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:15, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:25) 7:35, 9:55; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:20, 7:30, 10:35; Sun. (1:00) 4:05, 7:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:05) 7:05, 10:10; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05) 4:25, 7:25, 10:20; Sun. (1:05) 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:25, 10:10; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:55) 4:10, 7:10, 10:15; Sun. (12:55) 4:10, 7:10, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:10

ruptible writer who is snared by a movie queen, a quarter-century past her prime, hidden away with her delusions and her loyal butler in a Gothic mausoleum. As ir-resistible as gossip. With Gloria Swanson, William Holden, Erich Von Stroheim; di-rected by Billy Wilder. 1950.
★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 1/30, 7 P.M.)

Vanilla Sky — Cameron Crowe follows up his most “personal” work, the semi-au-tobiographical *Almost Famous*, with the umpteenth Hollywood remake of an art-house import, Alejandro Amenábar’s sci-ence-fiction brain-twister, *Open Your Eyes*. The most personal ingredient here, aside from the selection of oldies on the sound-track, 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-get-ting 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 ob-scurities: the commentative and mood-set-ting pop songs; illustrative cutaways to help explain and emphasize; continual repeti-



Snow Dogs

tion to allow slowpokes to keep pace; much overacting. (How does Penelope Cruz,

reprising her role from the Spanish origi-nal, feel about her first kiss from Tom? Per-

haps there’s a clue in her bouncing up and down on the couch after his departure, her

(PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:25, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:25) 7:40, 9:50; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:45) 7:20, 9:40

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Black Hawk Down (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:40) 7:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 5:20) 8:25; **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:55); Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:15); **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:45) 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:25) 8:10; **Jimmy Neu-tron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:25) 4:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:45); **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. 8:20; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:50) 7:45; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 6:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. 7:40; **Ocean’s Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:30, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:35) 8:05; **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:35) 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:30) 8:15; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:40) 7:50

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Black Hawk Down (R); **Not Another Teen Movie**; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellow-ship of the Ring**; **A Walk to Remember** (PG)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
555 Broadway (619-338-4214)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 1:00, 4:15) 7:30, 10:45; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **How High** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 9:45; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:00; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fel-lowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 3:30) 7:15; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; **Or-ange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
A Walk to Remember (PG); **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13); **I Am Sam** (PG-13); **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist**; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13); **The Debut** (Not Rated); **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R); **Black Hawk Down** (R); **Snow Dogs** (PG); **Orange County** (PG-13); **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13); **Vanilla Sky** (R); **Not Another Teen Movie**; **Ocean’s Eleven** (PG-13); **Harry Potter and the Sor-cerer’s Stone** (PG); **Monsters, Inc.** (G); **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring**; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G); **How High** (R); **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16
1025 Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)

A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:20) 7:25, 10:20; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:05) 7:40, 10:25; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 12:10, 3:05, 3:30) 6:55, 7:20, 10:10, 10:30; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:10) 7:30, 10:30; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:10) 7:10, 10:10; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:40, 4:45); **Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:25); **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:00, 4:25) 7:05, 9:35; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:30, 4:15) 6:15, 7:50, 9:55; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:20) 7:15, 10:05; **Ocean’s Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:00) 6:50, 9:40; **Or-ange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:25, 4:35) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 9:50; **The Royal Tenen-baums** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 10:00; **Vanilla Sky** (R) Fri.-Thu. 6:45, 9:45

Vogue
226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)
Monsters, Inc. (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 3:45, 7:30; **Shallow Hal** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:35, 5:30, 9:30

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado (619-423-2727)
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NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In
32nd and D (619-477-1392)
Behind **Enemy Lines** (PG-13); **The Majestic** (PG)

Sweetwater 9
1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; Sun. (1:35) 4:20, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:15) 8:15; **A Walk to Re-member** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:20, 10:30; Sun. (1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:40, 5:50) 8:20; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 10:05; Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:00) 8:00; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:30, 7:20, 10:15; Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:20) 8:10, 7:20, 10:05; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:25) 5:35, 7:40, 9:45; Sun. (1:15, 3:25) 5:35, 7:40, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:25, 5:35) 7:40; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fel-lowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 5:00, 8:30; Sun. (1:30) 5:00, 8:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:25) 7:50; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 5:10, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (2:20) 5:10, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:10) 7:55; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50, 7:30) 5:55, 8:10, 10:10; Sun. (1:50, 3:50) 5:55, 8:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:50, 5:55) 8:05; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:15, 5:25) 7:30

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6
Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)
A Beautiful Mind (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; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:15) 7:30, 10:45; Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:15) 7:30, 10:45; Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:15) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:15) 7:30; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sat. (10:30, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sun. (10:30, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:00) 7:00; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **The Mothman Prophe-cies** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15; Sat. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15; Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:15

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:20, 10:20; Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:05) 7:00, 9:50; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri. (12:35, 2:55) 5:05, 7:25, 9:45; Sat. (12:10, 2:30) 4:55, 7:25, 9:45; Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:55, 7:25, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:25) 7:25, 9:35; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:50) 5:00, 7:15, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. (1:30, 3:50) 5:00, 7:05, 8:05, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:10, 5:00) 7:05, 8:05, 10:00; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:45) 7:00, 9:55; Sun. (12:50, 3:45) 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:15) 7:15, 9:55; **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone** (PG) Fri. (12:45); Sat.-Sun. (12:30); Mon.-Thu. (1:00); **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:30, 7:30, 10:35; Sun. (1:00) 4:25, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:10, 10:05; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40, 3:40) 5:45, 8:00, 10:10; Sun. (1:40, 3:40) 5:45, 8:00, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:40, 5:45) 8:00, 9:55; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40) 4:20, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:35) 8:10; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 3:00) 5:25, 7:55, 10:25; Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:55, 10:25; Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:05, 7:45, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:30) 7:30, 9:50; **Or-ange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05, 10:15; Sun. (1:20, 3:30) 5:50, 7:50, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:30, 5:50) 7:50, 9:45; **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) Fri. (1:45) 5:10, 7:45, 10:10; Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:35, 10:00; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri. (12:30, 2:40) 4:55, 7:10, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30

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; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (10:30, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:15) 7:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (10:00, 1:00, 4:15) 7:30; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. (10:15, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist**

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626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
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San Marcos 18
West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (760-599-8221)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:15) 7:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (10:00, 1:00, 4:15) 7:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 3:15) 7:00; **Snow Dogs** (PG) 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

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri. 3:20, 6:30, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 3:20, 6:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 4:30, 7:30; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri. 3:30, 6:45, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. 12:15, 3:30, 6:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 4:40, 7:40; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri. 5:20, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 5:15, 7:50; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri. 4:45, 7:15, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 8:00

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
12905 El Camino Real (858-646-9420)
A Walk to Remember (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:15) 7:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (10:00, 1:00, 4:15) 7:30; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. (10:15, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 3:30) 7:15; **Or-ange 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; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15

squealing like a teenager at a Beatles conc-ert, her running-in-place at sprint speed.) At bottom — and at the root of Holly-wood’s ongoing plunder of European cin-ema — this is for people who need Tom Cruise and no subtitles in order to sit through a foreign film. Cameron Diaz, Ja-son Lee, Kurt Russell. 2001.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

A Walk to Remember — Young love with pop singer Mandy Moore and Shane West, directed by Adam Shankman. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZ-ARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/25)

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; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **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

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:40, 4:20, 7:30, 10:25; Sun. 12:40, 4:20, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:40 (4:25) 7:30; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:30, 4:00, 7:20, 10:30; Sun. 12:30, 4:00, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. 12:30 (4:15) 7:25; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:50, 4:10, 7:50, 10:45; Sun. 12:50, 4:10, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. 12:20 (4:15) 8:00; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:15, 5:00, 7:55, 10:10; Sun. 1:15, 5:00, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. 12:25 (5:00) 7:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:45, 4:30, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:15 (4:00) 7:45; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:55, 4:35, 7:40, 10:35; Sun. 12:55, 4:35, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. 12:50 (4:40) 7:40; **Ocean’s Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:15; Sun. 1:05, 4:45, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. 12:35 (4:10) 7:10; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:10, 4:50, 8:05, 10:20; Sun. 1:10, 4:50, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. 1:00 (4:50) 7:50

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
The Man Who Wasn’t There (R) Fri. 6:30, 9:00; Sat. 4:00, 6:30, 9:00; Sun.-Wed. 6:30, 9:00; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00

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Oceanside 16
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
I Am Sam (PG-13); **A Walk to Remember** (PG); **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13); **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist**; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13); **Gosford Park** (R); **The Debut** (Not Rated); **Black Hawk Down** (R); **Snow Dogs** (PG); **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R); **Orange County** (PG-13); **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13); **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring**; **Ocean’s Eleven** (PG-13); **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone** (PG); **Kate and Leopold**

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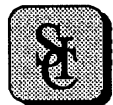
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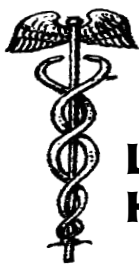


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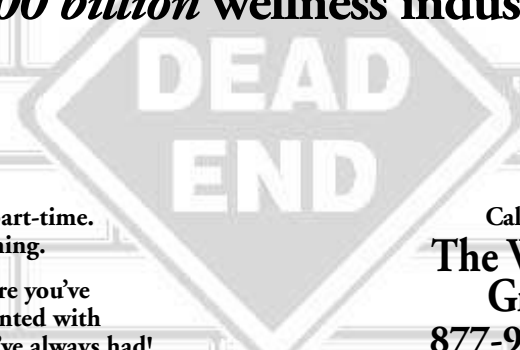
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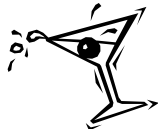
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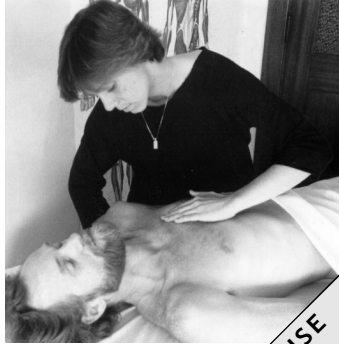
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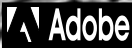
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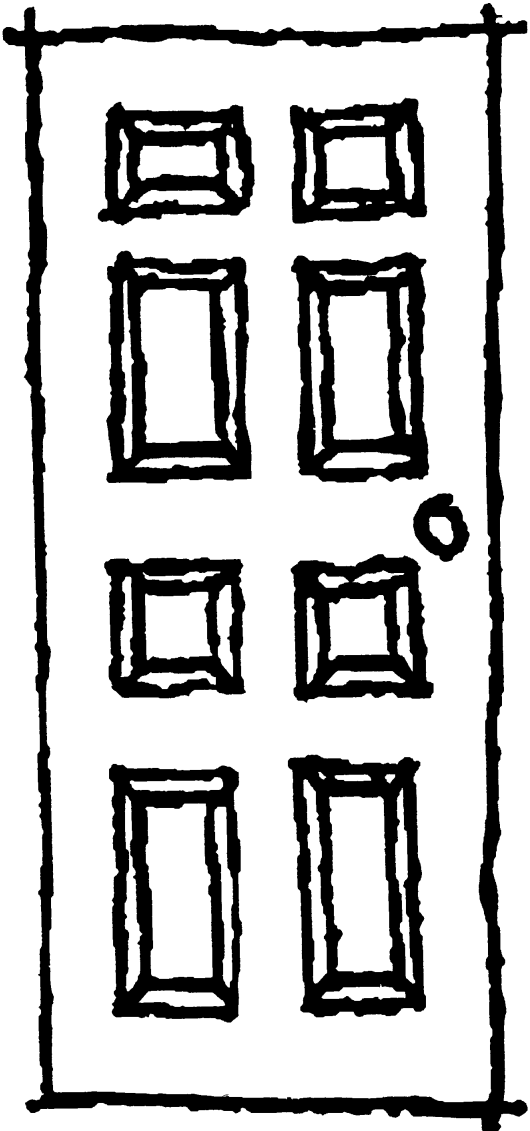
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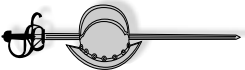
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EXOTIC, LOVELY, HOPELESS romantic, peace, joy in life; mentally stable, 5'8", long black hair, healthy, fit, 45+, seeks intelligent, good looking, tall, kind, funny, happy, healthy, no excess baggage, stable. (2/6) ☎90849

MORE THAN WORDS! Still sexy and sweet, tall, black, attractive, nonsmoker, articulate 50ish looking for Caucasian with good qualities. Like intellectual types. San Diego. (2/6) ☎90848

SEEKING OLDER MAN TO SPOIL me. I am intelligent, attractive, curvy black woman. You are well-off and sophisti-

cated, 40-60, white and handsome. (2/6) ☎90807

HIPPISH, TALL, BEAUTIFUL, entrepreneurial blonde seeking similar male (not necessarily blonde), 34 to 40, for committed, passionate relationship. Genuine, natural and happy. How about you? (2/6) ☎90815

ORIENTAL PAMELA ANDERSON, fun, adventurous, humorous, intelligent, loving, caring, loyal, passionate, sensual, seeks handsome, fit, affectionate, well-educated 37-48, intelligent, smart, faithful, witty, caring, generous. (1/30) ☎90738

ATTRACTIVE, HISPANIC LADY, 40s, independent, physically fit, tall, slim, old-fashioned values, seeking independent, well-grounded man for romance, golf, bicycling, movies. (1/30) ☎90747

COMPASSIONATE LADY, 54, petite, slender, RN, Latina ancestry, American. Eclectic interests, outgoing, very intelligent, no-nonsense lady. Nonsmoker, nondrinker. Seeking emotionally mature, nonsmoking gentleman, relationship. (2/6) ☎90798

SWEET, BEAUTIFUL, devoted, intellectual lady seeks authentic, emotionally available, kind, bright, affectionate, accomplished professional, 50-60, to share the joys of loving, giving, intimacy and partnership. (2/6) ☎90824

CLASSY, PROFESSIONAL, European lady, 47, slim, 5'8", very outgoing, seeking professional, classy, African-American gentleman, 45+, for friendship, maybe more. (1/30) ☎90756

ADVENTUROUS, WORLDLY, athletic, slim, tall, Jewish female. Nonsmoker. Seeking tall, 38-48, fit, compassionate, humorous, Jewish man of integrity. Enjoy sports, culture and travel. Let's talk. (2/6) ☎90822

VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, great legs, easygoing, wants to meet very attractive guy, 38-49, healthy, financially secure, nonsmoker, no drugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (2/6) ☎90836

NO FALSE ADVERTISING here. 36, blonde mom, hardworking, fun and happy, looking for someone the same, friends first, secure within, ready and available. (2/6) ☎90827

FORMER MODEL, SMITH graduate, 52, seeks multifaceted match with attractiveness, depth, intelligence and an interesting mind. Protectiveness and warmth prized, 48-62 years. Varied interests. (2/6) ☎90838

COOL, INTELLIGENT, genuine lady for a man who has already found himself and knows what he wants in his life. (1/30) ☎90766

JEWISH, CASUAL sophisticate with class, 42, attractive, slender, smart, kind, sensitive, seeks male counterpart for healthy relationship. Friends first. Let's explore our roots together. (2/6) ☎90851

GRINGA EVANGELICA profesional busca equivalente caballeroso. Que tenga 26-34 anos, sea generoso, honesto, humilde, ambicioso, chistoso, romantico, culto, bilingue. Soy rubia, alta/delgada, ojos azules. (2/6) ☎90857

Dare To Dream

I'm a one-man, caring, passionate, fun-loving woman. I'm 36, 5'8", brown hair, hazel/gold eyes and weigh about 230lbs. You: Between 35-45, humorous, love the outdoors, animals. You are someone who works hard, loves what he does, but still has time for fun. Children OK. Have old-fashioned values. (2/6) ☎90833

ASIAN, SEXY, SULTRY, sensational, exotic, healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs., childless homeowner. You're fit,

successful, nonsmoker, generous white professional, 35-53. Let's enjoy food, music and more... (1/30) ☎90788

ATHLETIC, BEAUTIFUL and brainy scientist mom, 40, enjoys road and mountain biking, snowboarding, triathlons. Seeking tall, handsome, intelligent man with similar interests. Coastal North County. (2/6) ☎90801

50ISH, LIVELY, INTELLIGENT, full-figured, brunette beauty. Looking for stimulating conversation and friendship. Interests include: working in my yard, horticulture, animals, nature, carpentry, psychology, laughter. (2/6) ☎90847

WOMAN TO WISH FOR. Beautiful, friendly, upbeat personality. Seeking attractive, nice, kind gentleman with great, friendly, outgoing personality, for friendship first. You won't be sorry! (1/30) ☎90784

HUSBAND, 28-48. Financially secure. Listener, emotionally aware, liberal. No smoking, alcohol, drugs, pets, children. Dancing. Laughing. Petite, playful, peaceful, honest, vegetarian. Want/give a lot. (1/30) ☎90768

SICK SENSE OF HUMOR. 34, no boundaries, limits, fear. Just desire. Seeking Mexican/American for good conversation and more. Must love animals and kids. (2/6) ☎90860

JEWISH, 62, DARK BLONDE, long hair, green eyes, very feminine shape, 5'2", 125lbs., look 40s, M.A. degree. Interests are arts, Judaism, travel, movies, dining out. (1/30) ☎90739

FORMER CINDERELLA who finally gets it! Seeking white professional, humorous, compassionate, gentle, loving, 50+ male. Be 6'+, enjoy and respect life. I'm ready and waiting. (1/30) ☎90780.

AMPLE, VOLUPTUOUS BEAUTY, 35, 5'8", seeks adventurous male, 25-45, for romance, travel, moonlit walks, hard kisses and more. Relationship oriented. Let's explore life's possibilities. (2/6) ☎90845

OTHERS SAY ATTRACTIVE, successful, intelligent, sophisticated. Inside lives a small blonde, 50-something going on 7, seeking man for all seasons, 55+. (2/6) ☎90844

LOOKING FOR A NONSMOKER, affectionate, attractive, caring, honest, fit, romantic gentleman. Me: Hispanic single mom, 5'7", 147lbs., brown eyes, blonde hair. No games. (1/30) ☎90779

NEED SOMEONE TO LOVE YOU? Let me be the one. I have lots of love for you. Plus-size brunette, nonsmoker, very romantic. (2/6) ☎90793

CUTE BLONDE, energetic, fun. Positive attitude a must. Beach, dancing, jazz, martinis, surf or GQ, relationship. Nonsmoker. 36-42. (2/6) ☎90797

JEWISH, 49 YEARS OLD, attractive lady, divorced, looking for a sincere gentleman for a serious relationship. Enjoy cooking, movies, dining out, walks and intimate moments. (1/30) ☎90735

SINCERE FEMALE, JEWISH, nonsmoker, 50s, 5'6", slender, attractive, seeking similar man who is honest, outgoing and humorous, for companionship. Enjoy long walks, movies, theatre, outdoors. (2/6) ☎90799

WHITE, ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, 5'1", successful, stable, brown/brown, unencumbered. Looking for white, single, reliable, caring, honest, good-looking gentleman, 45-60, to share quality times. (1/30) ☎90783

WHERE ARE YOU? You're black, tall, easygoing, stable, 45-55, nonsmoker. No games. Me: Latin cutie, 45, secure, ready, willing, able to pursue life's amazing possibilities. (1/30) ☎90740

EUROPEAN-EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, stylish, trusting, loyal, truthful, passionate, monogamous, compassionate, spiritual/nonreligious op-

timist; friendship, sports, no previous kids, 36-46, 5'9"-6'1". No Republicans. (2/6) ☎90812

SAY GOODBYE TO BORING and hello to very attractive, nice-looking, sexy lady if you are 55+, tall, retired or semiretired with time for fun. (2/6) ☎90796

ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS are blue. White, full-figured, attractive single parent seeks white male, 30-40. Must like kids. Ready for serious relationship, serious minded. (2/6) ☎90791

FUN, VIVACIOUS, GOOD SENSE of humor, gorgeous eyes, great skin, pretty, 40s blonde seeks 40s-early 50s pal; chatting, dining, dancing, adventure, great times. (1/30) ☎90730

SUCCESSFUL SCANDINAVIAN, blonde/blue, 5'5", 125lbs., professional, seeks successful, secure gentleman, 48-60, for possible future. I like the good things life has to offer. No smoke. Must be well groomed. (2/6) ☎90816

ONE DIEGO LADY WANTS one Diego guy. I am intelligent, funny and independent with a nice body, big brown eyes, chocolate complexion and great smile. (1/30) ☎90773

HOMESICK IN BOISE... 5'10", 30 years, active beauty looking for a dog-loving, successful professional, 25-40, family oriented and full of love. (2/6) ☎90802

WHITE MALE PROFESSIONAL, 30-37, is sought by attractive black female, 30, for long-term relationship. My interests are movies, amusement parks, fine dining, travel. (1/30) ☎90772

BABY BOOMER WANTED for beach and cat gal. Seeking long-term commitment. I am 5'3", brown eyes, auburn hair, 115lbs. Love outdoors and traveling. (2/6) ☎90814

TEXAS GAL, white, 50, searching for white male, 45 to 60, energetic, open, honest, romantic, passionate; music, dances, outdoors, travel, sunsets and moonlight. Smoker. (2/6) ☎90823

LOVELY, EDUCATED, 46-year-old desires attractive, spontaneous gentleman. Enjoy sports, outdoors and movies. No smoking. (1/30) ☎90753

ACCOMPLISHED, ATTRACTIVE woman, 61, 5'6", seeks partner, 50-70. Me: adventurous, intelligent, humorous, fit, nonsmoker. Love bikes, boats, water, nature, dogs. You: Same but taller. (2/6) ☎90858

VALENTINE, BE MINE! 57-year-young Caucasian wants valentine for outdoors, photography, museums, cuddling, travel. Nonsmoker. Honest, loving, humorous. 5'4", brown/hazel. La Jolla area. (2/6) ☎90803

LOOKING FOR SEXY, FUNNY and adventurous guy, ages 26 and older. Latin is my preference but if you can make me laugh, then you're it! (1/30) ☎90748

32, SINGLE MOM LOOKING FOR a nice gentleman to date. I am a loving and understanding person with a great heart. (2/6) ☎90813

LIFE IS GOOD, Shapely, active, cuddler, 40s, 5'8". Seeking tall, hairy, romantic rogue, funny, kind, gallant, genuine, strong, seasoned, active, fit, adventurous, articulate, adorable, solvent. (1/30) ☎90782

33, HISPANIC FEMALE seeking a new boyfriend. Be 5'10" or taller. I don't ask for much. Just be nice and I will give you the same respect back. (1/30) ☎90759

BROWN-EYED GIRL, full-figured, 44, sincere, honest, thoughtful, funny. Love music, adventure, shows, culture, romance and more. Seeking similar male capable of commitment. (2/6) ☎90832

SINGLE ASIAN FEMALE looking for a caring, mature, intelligent and open-minded man. Must be at least 23 and younger than 26. (2/6) ☎90808

SCANDINAVIAN BORN, passionate, bright, 41, beautiful, active, inquisitive, cultured, selective, well educated, sincere, a definite winner seeks comparable counterpart. (2/6) ☎90854

ABSOLUTELY ATTRACTIVE, golfer, oriental, 5'5", 115lbs., fun, eclectic, humorous, intelligent, loving, caring, passionate, sensual, seeks 5'8"+, 38-48, fit, loving, handsome, caring, sensitive, very successful, relationship. (2/6) ☎90821

CLASSY, ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC, sexy, fit, intelligent, educated, financially/emotionally secure lady, professional, seeks tall, healthy, handsome, educated, financially/emotionally secure, white man, 43-53, relationship. (1/30) ☎90758

TALL, BLONDE. Interests: Sports, cooking, walking the beaches. Looking for a tall guy that is fun, honest; knows what he wants. No more head games. (2/6) ☎90859

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CUPID NEEDS HELP. Wanted: Relationship-minded, jeans-to-tux gentleman who's loving, humorous and has integrity. Reward: Feminine, attractive, upbeat, athletic, educated, loving woman, 36. (2/6) ☎90809

SEMICUTE, SEMISWEET, semismart. All woman! 5'2", 110lbs. Educated, principled, not religious. Seeking friendly, fit 60+. (2/6) ☎90820

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE professional, 5'8", 125lbs., 52, seeking intelligent, enjoyable, comfortable, handsome, wonderful guy. Single dad? Terrific! Asking a lot? How about just a wonderful guy? (1/30) ☎90789

HIPPIE, GYPSY. BRUNETTE, 32, 5'9", medium build. Dig: Joplin, Floyd, Jim Carey, Coen Brothers, animals, nature, unpretentious people. You similar? Smoker OK. Can you dig? (1/30) ☎90755

SOCIABLE, FUN, FIT, adventuresome, pretty, late 30s (looks late 20s) seeking honorable, mindful gentleman for friendship/relationship. Self-confident, trustworthy, relaxed, reasonably happy, soulful, appreciative. (1/30) ☎90721

READY? SET? LEAP! Attractive, funny 41 seeks male, 40+, to take a leap of faith. No parachute needed; baby steps taken to portal of forever. (2/6) ☎90811

SEARCHING FOR MR. RIGHT. Sense of humor with same interest, loving, enjoyable, fun to be with, nonsmoker, 65-70. If you're the one, let's get together. (1/30) ☎90723

WARMING UP FOR A SPRING fling, no drama, just fun, 35 years old, attractive, no children. (2/6) ☎90846

JUST ANOTHER AD. Slim, devilish, fun-loving blonde wants to meet you. For possible friendship, maybe more. You be 37-47, happy and honest. Coffee? (1/30) ☎90778

ME: SINGLE, WHITE FEMALE, 40, pretty, independent, unencumbered. Seeking companionship and laughs, dressed up or down, indoors or out. You: Employed, hip, with a clue. (1/30) ☎90744

ATTRACTIVE WHITE FEMALE, 46, looking for an attractive white male for dating. I like movies, dancing, camping, walks, bike riding and more. If interested, call. (1/30) ☎90722

APPEALING, SLIM, SHAPELY, 47, 5'4", blonde hair, blue eyes, 110lbs., down-to-earth, busy professional, seeks tall, 5'10"+, intelligent, ambitious, confident counterpart. (1/30) ☎90742

EIGHTIES MUSIC? Good movies? Bira-cial female (black/white), 29, seeks white male, 25-32, interested in same. (1/30) ☎90770

HISPANIC LOOKING FOR 32-38, brown/blue, college grad who's financially stable and loves animals, Baja camping, sushi, outdoors. Nonsmoker, never married, no children for now. (2/6) ☎20841

WHOLE WOMAN LOOKING TO complement whole man. Adventure through life's journey as support partners, companions. Upbeat, warmhearted, tall, 38-55, educated, romantic, artsy, outdoorsy, passionate. (2/6) ☎90837

CHRISTIAN, PATRIOTIC, active, humorous, alert, redheaded, blue-eyed, young 70ish lady trying to locate same qualities in a gentleman. Chocolate lovers a plus. (2/6) ☎90829

Educated, Beautiful Brown-Eyed 40s

Very sexy black woman, creative, medium built, loves music, plays, dancing, reading, walks, more; seeks very attractive, educated, tall, no smoking/drugs/drinking, black male. (2/6) ☎90842

CHOCOLATE BACHELORETTE, 5'5", 41, single, childless, athletic, real hair/nails.

You: Single, independent, spontaneous, employed, 36-46, 5'8"+, fit, well-groomed, smoke/drug-free, drama-free. (1/30) ☎90762

COME FROM THE HEART. Share quality time, play music for fun, nature lover, traveler, span of interests. Signed: Petite, educated, semiretired, fit, attractive, youthful, 50s. (2/6) ☎90850

WILLING TO TRY AGAIN. Sensuous, attractive, petite woman seeking successful, loyal, truthful, passionate, sense of humor, decisive, compassionate man, 54+. Call me. (2/6) ☎90817

SENSUAL, ADVENTURE-LOVING, white lady, 5'6", trim, attractive, no dependents, enjoys cooking, outdoors; seeks tall, healthy, 55-63 who wants to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (1/30) ☎90765

ADVENTURESOME, CREATIVE brunette, 36, down to earth, loving, humorous. Enjoy travel, music, theatre, gourmet cooking. Seeking kind, intelligent, expressive, professional, family-oriented man of integrity, 38-45. (1/30) ☎90736

BEACH LOVER LOOKING FOR another white professional, nonsmoker, childless; beach walks, bonfires, barbecues, movies; easygoing. Let's not stay home alone another night. Friends or more. (1/30) ☎90731

SUPER NICE GAL, tall, slim, fit, educated, caring, widow, enjoys outdoor/cultured activities, travel; seeks tall, honest gentleman, 60+, for friendship, quality relationship. (2/6) ☎90830

911 FOR MR. RIGHT. You: 27-32, nonsmoker, cute, honest, romantic, no kids, never married, with good sense of humor. Me: 27, like karaoke, love sports. (2/6) ☎90828

LOOKING FOR A REAL MAN, not afraid of commitment. 31, auburn hair, 5'1", 140lbs. Mom of great kids. Love outside. Love time with/without kids. (1/30) ☎90751

HAWAIIAN PRINCESS! Selective beauty queen model, artist, dancer, gourmet cook, educated, high morals, true class, never married, seeks baggage-free, handsome, quality gentleman, officer, 37-49. (2/6) ☎90839

HAPPY, ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, 43, white, seeks well-adjusted white man with a job, a brain and a spine. Kids OK. Are you there? North County. (1/30) ☎90760

RUGGED MOTORCYCLE adventurer, 6'+ wanted. Smart, attractive, active, healthy, entrepreneurial lady seeks wonderful rider. Kind, warm, athletic. Friendship and then long term possible. Laughter essential. (2/6) ☎90852

FEMALE, 38, SPIRITUAL, nonsmoker, single mom, seeking male, 40-49. Like to share dinner, movies and music. If you share the same interest, let's talk. (2/6) ☎20840

LEFTIST, 47, 5'9", son (13). Seeking progressive, under 50ish, comely, mellow co-alpha to train puppy. Leash-free parks, beach, hikes, camping, wild moon howling. (1/30) ☎90785

STUNNING FEMALE, ECLECTIC, playful, unique, likes cozy times with someone special; seeks handsome, romantic, warm, honest, daring, knightly male for close relationship. (2/6) ☎90792

APARTMENT MANAGER, bored, seeking smoker, 57+, beard, boots, nondrinker, flexible. I'm 57, 190lbs., widowed smoker. Like country music, talking, kick-back attitude, spontaneous, weekends. Coffee? (1/30) ☎90777

GOOD-LOOKING ASIAN, intelligent, fit, financially secure, selective, loves animals, golf, sports. Seeking handsome, successful white male, honest, fun and other similar qualities. 5'8"+, 36-47. (2/6) ☎90794

LOVELY LATINA, ATTRACTIVE, 40, 5'1", seeking a good man, honest, financially secure, 34-42, who enjoys movies, jazz, coffeehouses, quality time. (2/6) ☎90819

LOVE TO LAUGH! 30, cute brunette with pretty green eyes ready to connect. Seeking someone special for friendship and romance. Just missing you. Let's play! (2/6) ☎90861

YES, LIFE IS EXTRAORDINARY! 43, attractive, curvaceous, 5'7". Share love, authentic communication, fitness, community, nature, fun, endless possibilities! Share life with me, friend/life partner. (1/30) ☎90776

MOORISH-AMERICAN woman, 47, compassionate, Scorpio, voluptuous, seeks affectionate gentleman with secured lifestyle of Cristal Champagne, 4-star dining; wanting exclusive monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. (1/30) ☎90749

ART LOVER! JOYOUS, emotionally mature, woman-of-depth, 5'4", 165lbs., classy brunette, 49, enjoys spiritual growth, communication, easygoing, stability. Seeking male counterpart, age 45-55. (1/30) ☎90757

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KEEPS GETTING BETTER! Passionate, blonde, 44, 5'2", 125lbs., fit, petite professional. Seeking 6', sincere, stable, dashing, witty rogue. Bring laughter, love, live lustfully ever after. (1/30) ☎90771

I DON'T HEAR YOU KNOCKING on my door, so I'll wait for your call! I'm 49, funny, attractive, fit, happy, easygoing, professional. You? (2/6) ☎90805

ATTRACTIVE, SEXY, SMALL black female seeks white male for dating who's not balding; 5'8"+, 30-45, honest, attractive, affectionate, healthy, outgoing, attentive, eclectic. I am same. (2/6) ☎90795

NONDISTRESSED DAMSEL, 39, 5'8", seeks chivalrous, fit, stable prince, 6'+, with good oral hygiene. Pretty, outdoorsy tomboy enjoys cycling, hiking, films, dining, cats. See Internet. (1/30) ☎90769

HAPPY, ACTIVE, RETIRED designer desires to meet retired gentleman. Golf, dining, music, theatre, walks, travel, 5'3", blonde, green eyes. (1/30) ☎90733

ATTRACTIVE SINGLE PARENT, North County, active, financially secure, light brown hair, blue eyes, 31, seeking male, attractive, good job, affectionate, thoughtful, likes to communicate. 27-41. (1/30) ☎90737

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HANDSOME, SMART, STABLE, confident, unencumbered successful Del-Martian (approximately 6', 180lbs., 45) seeks slender, refined, educated, nurturing Venusian (30-42); healthy, balanced long-term relationship and? (2/6) ☎20757

SUCCESSFUL EUROPEAN, intellectual, handsome, charming and emotionally stable, wishes to make happy a sensitive, attractive and educated lady in her 30s. (1/30) ☎20669

44, EX-PROFESSIONAL soccer player and runner wants to meet active lady in UTC/La Jolla area to run, etc., and have fun. Let's get together. (2/6) ☎20777

CHRISTIAN, TALL, WARM, cuddler, young senior. Hear my message love. Call soon (619). Merry Christmas. All welcome. Tall, redhead a plus. Curious? (1/30) ☎20657

MUSICIAN, SONGWRITER, southern, 6'2", 185lbs., rock 'n' roll, blues, country, nature, lover, RV travel, comedy, positive, passionate, homeowner, dance, campfires, Arizona, growth, Hot Springs. (2/6) ☎20744

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LOVABLE, CUTE, financially secure, 5'10", physically fit and slightly compulsive, North County guy seeks unencumbered, attractive woman, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. (1/30) ☎20670

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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. (1/30) ☎20654

HONEST, SINCERE, VERY active, fit, fun-loving, caring guy, early 40s, financially/emotionally stable, without baggage, looking for fit, honest gal with same qualities. (2/6) ☎20764

ASIAN LADY, 25-35, attractive, affectionate, loving, wanted for long-term relationship. Me: 43, 5'11", 165lbs., attractive, athletic, scientist, family-minded, homeowner. No baggage. (2/6) ☎20770

Seeking Career Woman

Attorney, 41, sincere, generous, 6'2", thin. Seeking slim, attractive, sincere, kind woman. Dinners, movies, outdoors. Looking for a nice guy? Call this ad! (2/6) ☎20810

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BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 51, participatory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, homeowner, social, Midwest values. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (2/6) ☎20749

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, SHY GUY, 26, seeks attractive, open, outgoing woman, 21-?, for fun times, weekend trips, romantic dinners. Be my valentine? (2/6) ☎20778

WHITE MALE, 41, blond/green, 5'7", 160lbs., self-employed, in great shape, seeks North County lady for quiet times. (1/30) ☎20685

SPIRITUAL, ATTRACTIVE, blue-eyed computer scientist, artist, poet, philosopher, 51, 5'8", 165lbs., loves sci-fi, rock, hiking, sports, seeks younger, slender, pretty kindred spirit for bonding. (2/6) ☎20807

ECLECTIC, FUN, SMART, athletic, 5'10", 180lbs., 40, hazel eyes, brown hair, seeks up beat, curvaceous, 30-40 woman for good times. (1/30) ☎20667

STYLISH DAD; fresh out of a long-term relationship, good looking, fit and adventurous world traveler. Enjoy dressing fashionably and going to happy hour. (1/30) ☎20659

6'3", 36, PASSIONATE about life, art, travel, helping others, very fit, easygoing, smile a lot. In search of sensitive, confident woman who likes adventures. (2/6) ☎20741

ACTOR, CARPENTER, 52, 5'7", 235lbs. and all muscle. Talent, brains, emotionally awake, fun, spiritual, Fallbrook. Financially secure. Homeowner. Let's go dancing! (1/30) ☎20707

LAST GENTLEMAN IN SAN DIEGO: 34, fit as a whip and a hip wit, seeks lass with intellectual pulse, happy dancing feet and warm eyes. (1/30) ☎20732

EASYGOING, FUNNY GUY looking to meet a girlie. Me: 28. You: 21-28. I'm 6'4", 175ish pounds, anorexic, smoker. Must like Pearl Jam and KISS. (1/30) ☎20736

LOVELY, LOVING LATINA sought by Latino-Caucasian gentleman for relationship. 43, loving, honest, generous, handsome, fit, devoted, single father, sense of humor. Want to dance? (1/30) ☎20739

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MALE, YOUNG, 40s, semiretired, seeks female, 30s-40s, for mutual affection, activity and travel. Slender, independent, highly intelligent, honest, with a positive attitude and smile. (1/30) ☎20731

STRONG ENOUGH TO BE YOUR man. Gentle enough to care. Smile sweetheart, but beware. You might get what you wished for. Me: 43, happy, fun. (2/6) ☎20756

ALL-AMERICAN SINGLE daddy, 45, considerate and responsible, seeks an all-American lady with the goal of developing a partnership. (1/30) ☎20684

ASIAN FEMALE SOUGHT, ages 30-55. Must be pretty, nonsmoker, employed, friendly. I am white male, 47, nonsmoker, nondrinker, stable, employed, physically fit, open. (1/30) ☎20728

TIRED OF FOOTBALL! Let's get out and explore San Diego. North County homeowner, 50, enjoys cooking, day trips, movies, and more. Lunch at Croce's? (1/30) ☎20650

FIT, 50 AND FINANCIALLY solvent! Seeking older, larger, voluptuous and bawdy for commitment, caring and relaxed communication. Love nature, music, fine arts and good food! (2/6) ☎20824

AFFECTIONATE, CREATIVE, funny, handsome graduate student, 27, seeks passionate, unique counterpart. Film, travel, culture, Balboa Park, coastlines, rainy days, guitar serenades. We're adventurous life connoisseurs. (2/6) ☎20839

HANDSOME, SECURE, 51, brown/brown, East County, outdoors, bicycle, water sports, old cars, camping, off-roading, cooking, hiking, fishing, dining, drive-ins, books. You: 42-52, secure adventurer, nonsmoker. (2/6) ☎20820

PRETTY WOMAN! Please come my way... Tall, handsome professional awaiting. Healthy lifestyle, smokeless, sensual, uninhibited, playful! Very nice, warm-hearted, ideal man, 30s. It's here! (1/30) ☎20729

GOLF PROFESSIONAL ready to settle down but not settle. 38, 5'11" 170lbs., great shape, no baggage, attractive, fun. You: Attractive, great shape, 24-36, fun. (1/30) ☎20698

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. (2/6) ☎20538

HELLO, IT'S ME... Mature, African-American male seeks loving Latina, 35-45, for serious relationship; not into bar scene. Good conversation, quality time together. Let's talk. (1/30) ☎20680

IT'S ALL ABOUT CHEMISTRY. I'll memorize everything you do to me so I can

teach it when it comes my turn. (1/30) ☎20679

ACTIVE, ATHLETIC OUTDOOR type. 49, 5'11", 170lbs., divorced. Want travel pal for Germany trip April/May. Dating first. Wine, dine. No smoke. Must go dutch. (2/6) ☎20771

SEEKING SPORTY FEMALE for beach, travel, sports, fitness, movies; for 37, white male for possible long-term relationship. Let's have fun. (1/30) ☎90774

A WANNA-BE DAD SEEKS attractive, thick, wanna-be mom, multiracial Latina, Asian or black lady. Me: 30s, handsome, black, 5'9", athletic build, childless, homeowner. (1/30) ☎20689

COME WITH ME. 47, intelligent, playful, adventurous professional wants to share the journey. You: 37-50, witty, communicative, attractive, fun. Maybe you're the one. (1/30) ☎20690

DESPERATE DOCTOR, 38, handsome, fit, blue eyes, Jewish, guitarist, pianist, isn't meeting any intelligent, sensitive females at the laundromat. Help! I'm sensitive, polite and available. (2/6) ☎20825

WELL PRESERVED. Look 35, really 51, 5'10", 165lbs., easygoing, sincere, passionate, humorous gentleman. You: 40-50s, nonsmoker, physically trim and fit body, soul and mind. (1/30) ☎20714

TENNIS, HAPPY HOURS, biking in park. Me: Happy, handsome, 5'10", 180lbs., 40. Seeking fun, upbeat, mid-size, curvaceous, 30-40, semiathletic, smart woman. (2/6) ☎20829

MALE, 52, LOOKING for that special lady to share life. And who likes to receive flowers. Are you that special lady. Let's get together. (2/6) ☎20742

AHOY! NEED FIRST MATE. Trips to Catalina, Mexico, Costa Rica. Me: 47, brown/blue, trim, sensitive, sexy. You: 30-50 cutie, adventurous, sexy. Lifestyles. (2/6) ☎20772

IF YOU ARE INTELLECTUALLY brilliant, looking to have some fun and laughs, especially motivated by strong, independent and positive inspiration, let's do lunch and connect. (1/30) ☎20710

ROMANTIC FRIENDSHIP, equal sharing. You're over past relationships brave venture on, try new ideas. I'm 45, decent looks, usual dating stuff. Open to age. (1/30) ☎20711

NORTH COUNTY, HAPPILY retired professional, white, seeks sensuous, sexy soul mate for companionship, fun, frolic and? Nonsmoker, emotionally and financially secure. European-American. (2/6) ☎20740

GOT LOVE? Me: 55, 6'1", college graduate, no smoke or drugs, light drinker, employed; believe in equality, empathy, affection, connection and eventual commitment. You too? (2/6) ☎20795

LONG DRIVES ALONG THE coast and good blues. Coffee and good conversation. Enjoy doing things as a team. If race

is important, Caucasian. Age 49. (2/6) ☎20767

CLASSY SENIOR GOLFER seeks senior lady with empty nest. Willing to share expenses. Good sense of humor. Romance not required. Life is not a rehearsal. (2/6) ☎20798

FIREMAN, 49, 185LBS., 6', financially secure, college degree, seeking passionate female, 35 to 49, loves adventure, dancing. No smokers or hang-ups. Asian a plus! (1/30) ☎20676

LOOKING FOR A PUNK rock girl. (2/6) ☎20835

I'M A LOVER NOT A FIGHTER. Distinguished gentleman, AA, MBA, athletic, baby face, nice smile, seeks fit companion for long walks, fine dining, race open. (2/6) ☎20775

HUGGABLE AND FIT, SLIM, 5'8", 40s, college graduate, many interests. Seeking sweetheart, kind, caring, sincere. (1/30) ☎20662

YOU ARE SLENDER, 28-39; marriage/kids to live happily-ever-after. I'm 42, gentleman, teddy bear, great catch. Are you emotionally/financially ready, sincere, respectful? (2/6) ☎20751

OVERWORKED EXECUTIVE seeks soul mate! Playful, mischievous, communicative, affectionate, loyal professional, 54, seeks slender, attractive, secure, nurturing professional, 40+, committed relationship. Healthy, fit; children OK. (2/6) ☎20761

HANDSOME, CHARMING, successful executive, 50s, centered, romantic, jeans to tux, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking, classy, sophisticated, stylish, sensual, passionate, well-educated, fit lady, professional. 35-55. (1/30) ☎20704

BELL-BRED WHITE BREAD, 43, employed and in good shape, wants skinny black woman, early 30s, for hiking, travel, spooning—the normal boy/girl stuff. (1/30) ☎20648

MOUNTAIN MAN SEEKING Wrangler Jane. Must enjoy tent camping, motorcycle, hiking, Western exploration. Be semi-fit and fun. I'm 39, childless, quiet but adventurous, parrothead. (1/30) ☎20701

DEL MAR. You: 48-55, slender, attractive authentic, financially secure, exerciser. Me: Compassionate, communicator, educated, sensual, financial freedom, nurturing, good looking, physically fit, 5'10", 178lbs., 58. (2/6) ☎20750

HONEST, CARING, 5'9", slender, very fit, happy, positive composer/songwriter loves life, walking, movies, dancing, culture, fun; seeks cute, slender, fit, similar female. 35-45. (2/6) ☎20783

HELP, HELP! White male, 48, 5'6", 140lbs., brown/brown, seeks attractive, open-minded, passionate 30-45. Canned heat a plus! Possible long-term relationship. East County. (1/30) ☎20664

ATTRACTIVE TEDDY BEAR, 42, financially and emotionally secure, witty, responsible, homeowner, seeking pretty, fun, nonsmoking female that appreciates communication, commitment and future goals. Call me! (2/6) ☎20822

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. (2/6) ☎20752

ASIAN-AMERICAN LOOKING for a confident, fun-loving, spontaneous woman, 25-35. Preferably Asian with a great sense of humor and positive outlook on life. (1/30) ☎20699

PROFESSIONAL GUY, 43, educated, genuine, successful, who enjoys the outdoors, traveling, country music, dogs, dining, seeks down-to-earth, genuine woman for relationship. (2/6) ☎20797

AMPLE, VOLUPTUOUS, full-figured, open-minded lady sought by mature male, 60s, for walks, movies, short trips, relaxed romantic evenings. Good kisser, 55-70. (1/30) ☎20695

36, PROFESSIONAL, HUMOROUS, athletic, Jewish background, white, all my hair, no warts, good feet; hiking, cooking, rollerblade, bike, ski, dance, art. 165lbs., 5'11", Hillcrest. (1/30) ☎20706

SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE girl, 4 years. 45 years, 5'10", 170lbs., blond/blue, Chula Vista. Seeking lasting relationship with loving, caring, easygoing thin woman. (2/6) ☎20802

HONEST, SINCERE, intelligent, single black male, 42, 5'8". Seeking honest, attractive, physically fit lady, 35-45, for movies, dancing, dining, friendship, fun, possible relationship. Race open. (2/6) ☎20834

MALE, 47, HAS TWO TICKETS for Riverdance (for Sunday, March 3). Seeking nice, attractive female to accompany me. Nothing beyond that expected. (1/30) ☎20726

DO YOU LIKE ACOUSTIC guitars, coffee shops, reading, hiking, cycling, road trips? 37, seeking optimistic, bright, adventurous, faithful companion; age insignificant. Describe you? Please call. (2/6) ☎20831

IS THERE A SMART, SEXY, beautiful woman out there that's not in a relationship? Because there's a smart, sexy, beautiful guy looking for her. (2/6) ☎20812

FUN-LOVING, AFFECTIONATE, educated, 5'8", athletic gentleman, looking for nonsmoker/nondrinker, slim, medium build, passionate, 49-50, Caucasian for conversation, outings, beaches, music, movies, home, love? (2/6) ☎20755

SUPER WONDERFUL, HUMOROUS guy, divorced, 52, professional. Seeking 35-55 with varied interests. Let's compromise our interests and enjoy life. Possible long-term relationship. Call; e-mail. (1/30) ☎20737

NORTH COUNTY COASTAL, white male, 5'8", nonsmoker, seeking youthful-looking/acting, white female, 50-65; share travel, movies, quiet evenings, romantic beach walks along my beach. (2/6) ☎20763

FRIENDLY GREEK STATUE, 5'10", 170lbs., 49, brown/blue. Want Big Sur/ Morro Bay-type personality; feminine, approximately proportionate, sunbeam and rain, blue sky and clouds, calm and windy, hot and cold; breathe, see, walk, talk, wine, dine, live, Frodo would go there. Meet, talk, notice the feel of things. (Quietly exult.) (1/30) ☎20709

MARRIAGE IN MIND: Hispanic, 40, young, college educated, homeowner, stable, loyal, honest, seeking gal, 24-30, for commitment. No baggage, family oriented, old values; Hispanic/white preferred. (1/30) ☎20696

SINGLE DAD, 44, energetic, positive, spontaneous and caring. Enjoy life each day. Seeking woman, 30-45, who enjoys outdoor activities; emotionally balanced and good self-esteem. (1/30) ☎20681

LET'S GET IN SHAPE. 31, 6'5", 265lbs. I'm easygoing, open-minded, nature-loving person who's spiritual and shares my emotions. Like crazy adventures, cool culture, watching cartoons or indie films. Anything outdoors, coffee conversations or cooking with my dog and maybe you. Let's explore life's mysteries together. (1/30) ☎20646

HAVE IT ALL! We both should. Successful, fit, 41, white, business owner. San Diego native. You: 27-40, slender, witty, beautiful, centered, ready for life/love. (2/6) ☎20754

GOOD HEART. I am a handsome 24-year-old, 6', 180lbs. New to San Diego. I am re-

spectful, well traveled, loving. Prefer conversation to TV. (2/6) ☎20776

LOVE MUSIC? ARTS? Financially secure, advanced degree, fit, semiretired, excellent health, handsome, affectionate, sensual, passionate, seeking trim, passionate, touching, feeling, affectionate, 45+ female. Very selective. (2/6) ☎20781

SHREWD WHITE/HISPANIC male, 24, 5'9", seeking an attractive, sensitive, respectful and amenable, white or Hispanic female, 18-28, without children. Serious commitments and values. (2/6) ☎20823

LET ME PUT SOME excitement into your week! Professional Latino, 35, fit, attractive too! Let's do the town and see where it goes. Any race. (2/6) ☎20836

DASHING, NO CHILDREN, 5'10", 49, sense of humor, secure, successful, affectionate, good listener, seeking 40-48, slender, intelligent professional for dining, barbecues, music, golf, friendship, romance. (1/30) ☎20691

MALE, 26, SEEKING SPECIAL female, 23-33, for coffee, conversation and/or cure for lonely nights. Me: 6'3", big build, brown hair, blue eyes. (2/6) ☎20762

INTENSITY AND SOFTNESS; emotionally up-front, handsome, fit businessman, 5'8", intelligent backpacker, intuitive tennis, complex jazz, gut-level mediator, sensual yoga. Seeking similar professional, 34-46. (1/30) ☎20694

SEXY LATINO, 42. I'm very affectionate, passionate, loving, romantic, humorous, fun, young-at-heart, 5'8", 160lbs., financially secure. Seeking you. (2/6) ☎20780

50, TALL, SLENDER. Seeking in-shape, single female for hiking different trails of Cowles Mountain on weekends. (1/30) ☎20693

KIND, FIT, CLEAN CUT, 33, 5'7", brown/blue, affectionate, happy, professional. Longing for sincere, cute Filipina, family oriented, to share quiet evenings, walks on beach. (2/6) ☎20765

LIKABLE, 43, MALE looking for female companion who enjoys sports, movies, walks, children. Looking for friendship with possible relationship in the future. (1/30) ☎90775

WANTED: THE WOMAN FOR THE man who is always asked "why don't you have a girlfriend?": I work and school, am late 30s, 6', blond. (2/6) ☎20768

HANDSOME, PROFESSIONAL Latin, college grad, 35, never married, no kids, fun, romantic, nice, honest. Love to travel. Seeking attractive 18-32, no kids, who's fun/nice. (2/6) ☎20809

SWEET, LOVING, PASSIONATE guy seeking sweet-tempered, sensual, silly, slender, serious woman, 30-40, for spontaneous adventure, weekend getaways, quiet times, deep passionate hugs and kisses. (1/30) ☎20663

LONGHAIRED HIPPIE, 40, handsome, mellow, bearded, educated homeowner. Love hiking, music, animals, photography and computers. Seeking similar, petite, childless, vibrant lady with diverse interests. Clairemont. (2/6) ☎20817

BE MY VALENTINE. Mexican male, 31, romantic, handsome, degreed, financially secure. Seeking female, 25-33, to share rest of my life with. Are you the one? (2/6) ☎20793

LIKE COUNTRY LIVING? Artistic? Are you looking for a real man? Seeking adventurous, fit, natural beauty; share peaceful life. Build future together. Let's be happy. (1/30) ☎20715

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE 51, very cute, slim, sweet, affectionate. Love movies, arts, nature. Seeking very attractive female, 40-55, slender side, well-proportioned, beautiful person. (1/30) ☎20649

30-SOMETHING, ACTIVE professional with a fair amount of free time. Sports fan, kayaker, runner, reader; homebody, mellow, on-the-town eater. (2/6) ☎20837

ATTORNEY, 50, WHITE, nonsmoker, non-right-winger, unmarried, seeks a good woman with great smile, playful hijinks, good conversation, warm, considerate, employed, real. (2/6) ☎20819

I NEED YOU. Do you ever feel like you are the only one without someone? Me too. Let's fix it— together. (2/6) ☎20796

TEAM PLAYER, attractive, educated professional, 33, 6'3", emotional, stable, adventurous, seeking attractive, fit, outgoing, animal lover; enjoys weekend getaways; 5'4"+. Children OK. Race open. (2/6) ☎20816

RARE, SUCCESSFUL, HANDSOME sailor, never married, 39, 5'8", 165lbs., hair on head, brain inside, seeks attractive, petite female for sailing, adventure, friendship, more? (2/6) ☎20790

SINGLE BLACK MALE, down to earth, seeks the same in a female. Enjoy jazz, culinary, walks on the beach. I'm 6'4", medium build and bald. (2/6) ☎20838

CHEMISTRY, CHEMISTRY, chemistry. Seeking lab partner with shapely legs for research on human relationships/compatibility. Must be open/honest. Blonde/a little chubby is great. (2/6) ☎20773

EASYGOING, HUMOROUS, DOWN-to-earth, tall, fit, professional, 38, likes movies, beach, sports, Disneyland; seeks active, attractive lady, 25-45, with good sense of humor. (1/30) ☎20700

SOUTH BAY AREA OR CLOSE BY please. Woman sought— friendship, walks, talks, beach, Baja, outdoors. 38, 5'10", brown/blue, attractive, good guy, safe, not picky. (1/30) ☎20708

FUN, ATTRACTIVE, VERY FIT single dad, 41, looks 30, loves outdoor and indoor games. Seeking single mom for night and daytime fun and hopefully more. (2/6) ☎20758

I MAY BE OLD numerically (75), but sedentary is not in my vocabulary. I'm more active today than 20 years ago. Try me and see. (1/30) ☎20651

LEO SEEKS ARIES. Tall, handsome, financially secure, never married lion seeks lioness. Me: 36, fit, athletic, healthy, happy... Are you out there? (2/6) ☎20760

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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. (2/6) ☎20785

HAPPY, HUMOROUS, HEALTHY, fit, active, North County professional seeking gregarious, attractive, proportionate, sen-

suous 50-63 nonsmoker; gives good kisses; for fun, music, laughter, travel, friendship, relationship. (1/30) ☎20658

WAITING FOR YOU! Accomplished, introspective, tall professional, no vices, no kids. Seeking kind female counterpart, 35-50, with nice smile, Integrity, intellect, beauty, all equally important. (1/30) ☎20686

MY DOG MUST APPROVE. 34, independent, intelligent, attractive, responsible, pilot, homeowner, secular, childfree. Seeking similar, nonsmoking, smart, confident, funny, strong, sensual, natural beauty. Got life? (2/6) ☎20804

BODY BY PITT, smile by Dreyfuss, heart by Peck, funnybone by Cleese, c'est moi. You: Angie's warmth, Joan's zaniness, Helen's heart, Katherine's passion. Or? (1/30) ☎20713

WHITE MALE, 63, YOUNG, looking for white lady, late 40 or 50, for a friend to share intimate moments, conversations,

walks and good times. Nonsmoker. (2/6) ☎20743

CREATIVE, SENSITIVE SOUL, attractive, tall/thin, 40s, former corporate executive, musician, surfer, Christian, no smoke/drugs, weekend dad, seeks petite, attractive, 30-42 for monogamous relationship. (1/30) ☎20674

SOBER, SOLVENT, SINGLE white male, 50s, blue eyes, 6', bookish. Dinners, movies, culture, but enjoys walks with friendly partner. (1/30) ☎20655

COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE EYES, affectionate, attractive, unencumbered, degreed professional, 38, 6'1", 210lbs., German-Irish Catholic, brown hair, clean-cut, conservative appearance, seeks monogamous relationship with warmhearted, unencumbered female, 22-34, possessing exceptional inner and outer beauty. (2/6) ☎20747

BIG, TALL, 41-YEAR-OLD white male. Quiet, perceptive and loyal. Interested in

attractive, fit woman for possible long-term relationship. (1/30) ☎20697

ASIAN LADY, 20-31, HONEST, loving, strong willed, likes holding hands; loves sports. Me: 30, preschool teacher, loving, honest,, likes holding hands; loves sports. (2/6) ☎20782

EXPERIENCED JOKESTER, good-time creator, 46, 5'11", fit, nice looking, self-employed, communicative. Seeking attractive, fit, fun, open, happy, available, nonvegetarian. Be from Planet Earth. (2/6) ☎20753

LONELY, TALL, HANDSOME, conservative, old-fashioned father, very romantic, passionate, sexy, loves, kissing, touching, hugging; seeks intimate, romantic dates with sensuous, passionate, stylish, shapely woman. (2/6) ☎20815

ARE YOU A MEXICAN LADY between 35 and 45 years old looking for friendship, dating, dining and romance? Call me and leave a message. (1/30) ☎20724

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BAY PARK. \$1400. 3 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs unit. Recently renovated. Washer and dryer inside unit. Off-street parking. Small complex. Great location. Available approximately 2/12. 5601 Mildred Street. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

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CITY HEIGHTS. \$600. 1 bedroom, on-site laundry. Parking. 4146 Menlo. 619-281-4698.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$595. Downstairs 1 bedroom in gated building. Large closets. Lots of light. Laundry. Cat OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$625. 1 bedroom, 1 bath available now. Upgraded units with new carpets, paint, tiled kitchen and baths. On-site laundry included. Close to all. 3864 35th Street (off University). No pets. Manager, 619-255-2008.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$595. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated community. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. Available now. 3848 42nd Street. Call Chris 619-640-0722.

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FASHION VALLEY. \$800 rent. Deposit \$500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No pets. 5550 Mildred Street #5. 619-692-4022.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1000 rent. Deposit \$500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse apartment. No pets. 5550 Mildred Street #22. 619-692-4022.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1400. Excellent 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 2-car parking, pool, jacuzzi, refrigerator, washer/dryer, near Fashion Valley mall and USD. 858-571-8559.

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GASLAMP DISTRICT. \$1875. 3rd and K Street. New 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Parking. Third floor. 24-hour recorded message, call toll free 800-530-1482 x2882.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$1000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, completely renovated in fourplex. Ceramic tile, hardwood floors. Private yard for your dog. Laundry on site. Off-street parking. 30th and A. 619-282-5954.

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HILLCREST. Park East Apartments. 1 bedrooms, \$850/up. 2 bedrooms, \$1200/up. Canyon views! Clubhouse, gym, pool, sauna, air conditioning, dishwasher. Ceramic tile. Verticals. Laundry facilities. Covered, assigned parking. Locked bicycle storage. No pets. 111 West Pennsylvania. 619-298-3225. Photo, floor plans, directions, see website: www.sreader.com/rent/1006.

HILLCREST. \$775. studio. 600 square feet. Hardwood floors. 1920s Spanish charm, upper corner unit, view. Arbor at Fifth (4185-1/2). Quiet canyon area. 619-294-8737.

HILLCREST. \$595. Large studio furnished, senior complex. All utilities paid. Newly decorated. No pets. 619-286-8487; 619-293-7544.

HILLCREST. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment completely remodeled with all new appliances, tile and carpet flooring, new kitchen, bath, lighting etc. You must see this beautiful unit in the heart of Hillcrest. Walking distance to everything. Near 3rd and University. 619-297-3511. www.flot.com.

HILLCREST. \$1100-\$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath located in the heart of Hillcrest! 9-foot ceilings, central air. Fireplaces, balconies in some units. Gated parking and entry. Skytop Jacuzzi, laundry. Small pet upon approval. 4050 Third Avenue. Janine, 619-295-2500.

HILLCREST. \$750. 1-bedroom small cottage, completely refurbished, near Balboa Park. Off-street covered parking. 400 square feet. Holds twin, double bed only, microwave. Nonsmoking, no pets. 619-295-8063.

HILLCREST. \$825-\$875. Gorgeous 1 bedroom in the heart of Hillcrest. Hardwood floors, laundry, gated. 3523-1/2 6th Avenue. 858-270-5500.

HILLCREST. \$750-\$1195. Large studio and 2 bedroom in gorgeous Mediterranean-style community. Controlled access, laundry, barbecue. No dogs. 3967 Centre Street. 619-299-4666.

HILLCREST. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Top floor, extra windows, light and bright. Washer/dryer, covered parking, pool, spa, weight room. Walk to Hillcrest's best. 619-296-2787.

HILLCREST. \$950. Spacious, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Lower, end unit. Granite counters, limestone floors, crown molding. Small courtyard complex. Assigned parking, security, laundry. Steve 619-235-9836.

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HILLCREST. \$1950. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath with panoramic view of harbor. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, extra large private balcony with views galore, coin laundry, parking, entry intercom, eleventh floor unit on Second at Maple. Ask about pets. Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

HILLCREST. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Charming Spanish-style unit. Stove, refrigerator. Near all. Nice shared lawn area. 3761 Fourth Ave. Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

HILLCREST. \$1225. 3776 First Avenue. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1200 square feet, like new, very bright penthouse apartment. Parking, gated, intercom. No pets. Information, 619-294-2206.

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HILLCREST. \$725. Studio in clean, quiet security building with your own private balcony/patio. 1/2 block to beautiful Balboa Park. Drive by 3560 Sixth Avenue, then call 619-447-6556.

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HILLCREST. \$845+. 1 and 2 bedrooms available. Off-street parking, pool, sauna, rec rooms. Near downtown, shopping, freeways. No pets. Swiss Village, 4250 4th. 619-297-3801.

HILLCREST. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath in the heart of Hillcrest. Attractive building, dishwasher, small patio, laundry, parking, fireplace. No pets/smoking. 727 Robinson (at 7th). 619-294-9434.

HILLCREST. \$795. 1 bedroom apartment. Just one-half block to Balboa Park. Private, with new carpet and refrigerator, laundry. Street parking. 3533 Sixth Avenue #4. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

HILLCREST. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 1 bath completely remodeled. Yard and deck. Hardwood floors, laundry, appliances. Prime location. Pet OK. 1 block from Balboa Park. 619-200-5447.

HILLCREST. \$745. Studio. Hilltop Terrace. Great location in quiet area. Off-street parking. Laundry. Pool. 4166 4th Avenue. Les, 619-298-7868.

HILLCREST. \$645. Studio available. Best location, hardwood floors, laundry. Free utilities, Kitchenette, parking. Charge. 858-571-1078.

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HILLCREST. \$825/\$800 deposit. Charming 1 bedrooms with hardwood floors close to downtown. 3677 Park Blvd and 1735 Cypress. 858-549-3000; page 619-999-9884.

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HILLCREST. \$875/month. 1 bedroom. Cat welcome! Quiet duplex. Small yard, washer/dryer, dishwasher, nonsmoking. 1646 Monroe. 619-269-4314.

HILLCREST. \$1125-\$1195. Nice, unfurnished large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace. Balcony. Full-size appliances. Gated building/parking. Quiet. Great location. No pets. 1756 Essex. 619-298-4256.

HILLCREST. \$1250. First month 1/2 off! Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Over 1000 square feet. Canyon views. Balcony. Gated building/parking. Quiet. Pets OK with deposit. Available now. 4053 8th Avenue. 619-297-0269.

HILLCREST. \$840. 1 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs end unit. Completely renovated with carpet, ceramic tile, new paint, blinds, appliances. Parking and laundry available. Central location. Cat OK. Available now. 3952 9th Avenue #3. 619-794-5300.

HILLCREST. \$1895. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Craftsman-style house. Parking, laundry. Small, well-trained pet OK. Open house, Saturday/Sunday, 10am-12noon. 4062 First Ave. 619-843-8168.

HILLCREST. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, Craftsman-style house. Parking, laundry. Small, well-trained pet OK. Open house, Saturday/Sunday 10am-12noon. 4064 First Ave. 619-843-8168.

HILLCREST. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Parking, laundry. Small, well-trained pet OK. Open house Saturday/ Sunday, 10am-12noon. 4062-1/2 First Ave. 619-843-8168.

HILLCREST. \$800. Newer 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Dishwasher, balcony. Near Mercy Hospital. Security gated entrance/parking. 4110 3rd Avenue. Call for viewing times. 619-884-5022.

HILLCREST. Desirable vintage 1 bedroom at the celebrated Casa Grande, 1751 University, \$800. Hardwood floors, high ceilings, laundry, community room, controlled access, cat OK. Open house Monday to Saturday, 12-1pm. 619-299-7727. For photos, floor plans, directions, see website: www.sreader.com/rent/1015.

HILLCREST. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Great location. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. 4043 First Avenue. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

HILLCREST. Move-in special, \$200 off first month's rent. \$925. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet. Ceiling fan. Walk-in closet. Gated community. Lots of storage. Blinds. Ceramic-tiled kitchen. 548 University Avenue. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

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HILLCREST. \$1095. Spacious 2 bedroom apartment with formal dining room. View of Balboa Park. Completely remodeled. Parking. Washer/dryer. 3119 Fifth Avenue #4. XILA, 619-683-7638.

HILLCREST. Fabulous, old-world 2000-square-foot, 2 bedroom, 2 bath penthouse, hardwood floors, 15-foot ceilings, huge terrace, \$2200, 1751 University Avenue. Pet OK. By appointment, 619-299-7727.

HILLCREST/DOWNTOWN. \$550. Studio. Available now. \$1395. 1 bedroom apartment. 650 and 1200 square feet. Available now. Premier location! Laundry. Courtyard. Close to freeways, entertainment, dining, shopping, bus, Balboa Park. Walking distance to downtown. Pets OK. Park Boulevard Apartments, 3525 Park Blvd. For appointment, 619-692-0461. Visit: www.sreader.com/rent/1087.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. Studios, \$775. Beautiful location beside lush canyon. Elevator. Pool. Laundry. Intercom. No pets. Park View Apartments. 3700 Tenth Avenue. 619-298-6768.

HILLCREST/DOWNTOWN. \$675. Studios. Utilities paid. Security building. Laundry. 2142 5th Avenue. Agent, 619-260-1368.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$875. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 850 square feet. Downstairs corner unit, quiet courtyard, laundry, storage. No dogs. See 4025 Alabama, vacant. 619-294-8737.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1795. Stunning, huge (approximately 1500 square feet) vintage Craftsman 2 bedroom nonsmoking duplex. Hardwood floors. Formal dining room. Balcony.

Courtyard. Laundry. No dogs please. 619-299-4769.

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HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$700. Spacious new studio. hardwood floor. All new appliances. Central location. Walk to everything. Columbia Street and Chalmer. 619-692-3255.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$825/up. Large 1 bedrooms. Small gated courtyard complex. Laundry. Off-street parking. Cat OK. 4009 Georgia. Open 2/2 and 2/3, 11-1. 619-255-5614.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$825. Recently remodeled, quiet, 1 bedroom apartment, bright, hardwood floors, centrally located, laundry, large garage included. Cat OK. Nonsmoking. 4621 Campus Avenue. 619-269-4314; 619-741-7011.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious apartment. Ceiling fan. Gated community. Parking/laundry. Close to bus, shopping. Quiet street. 1276 Essex Street. 619-686-3700.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN DISTRICT. \$1125. Desirable large studio with loft. All new carpet, paint, small deck, pool, exercise room. No pets, no smoke. 1270 Cleveland Avenue. Agent, 619-686-8950.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. \$1100. Large 2 bedroom, carpet, verticals, appliances, balcony, split level courtyard, underground parking. On-site laundry, access entry. Quiet. No pets. 619-295-0656.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$595, including utilities. Spacious one bedroom/studio apartment. Vintage charm. Separate kitchen, walk-in closet, full-size bathtub, off-street parking. Please call 619-501-5109.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$775. Spacious, upstairs, 1 bedroom apartment in 8-unit complex. Ceramic tile kitchen/bath, generous closets, off-street parking, laundry room. 619-298-0982.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 1 bath Craftsman house. Easy walk to Uptown area, storage garage, fireplace, parking, laundry hookups. 1404 Tyler Avenue. 619-297-4262.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$525. Utilities included. Cozy studio apartment in Victorian home. High ceilings. Laundry. Long term. Nonsmoking. No pets. 858-492-8744.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$895. Victorian 1 bedroom. Hardwood floors including kitchen. High ceilings. Built-ins. Private deck. Storage. Nonsmoking. Long term. No pets. 858-492-8745.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$825/month includes utilities. Old-world charm in this 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 302 Thorn Street. Joe Carta Realty, 619-280-1800.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1200. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer hookup. Near ocean. Available February 1st. Low deposit. Fee: 858-581-1290.

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MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$725. Furnished studio. Steps to ocean. No pets. Agent, 858-270-7071.

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MISSION HILLS. Something special! \$1095. Italian tile floor. Throw your vacuum away. New granite kitchen and bath. Spacious nonsmoking 1 bedroom duplex. Covered parking. Laundry. No dogs please. 619-299-4769.

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MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Hardwood floors. Top area. Beautiful setting. Available now. 1 cat/small dog OK. 831 Sutter. 619-295-7570.

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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.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$850. 1 bedroom, dishwasher, air conditioning, new paint, 680 square feet, parking space, quiet, off-ground. Rancho Mission Road. 619-563-3579.

MISSION VALLEY. Near I-5. \$900. Large 1 bedroom. New carpet/paint, fully furnished. Pool, jacuzzi, sauna, tennis, basketball, gym, 2 parking, security, central location, near everything! 619-571-0911.

MISSION VALLEY. \$2100. Stonecrest. 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 bath, newer home. 2-car garage. Tile. Patio. Refrigerator, washer/dryer. Community pool, spa, tennis, gym, clubhouse. 858-467-9157.

MISSION VALLEY, WEST. \$685. Studio. Pool, jacuzzi, tennis courts, gym, cable. Furnished or unfurnished. Great location, I-815. 858-277-7689.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1395. Riverscene. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Third floor corner unit overlooking River Walk. Fireplace, all amenities, security building, pool, gym. 619-447-6593.

MISSION VALLEY, EAST. \$900. Condo, 1 bedroom large, clean, upgraded end unit. Balcony, view, air, pool, spa, garage, laundry on site. Close to everything. 760-445-5355.

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.

MISSION VALLEY, EAST. \$750. Condo-quality 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Fireplace, air conditioning, dishwasher. Utilities included. Keyed entry. Garage, \$100. 6755 Mission Gorge Road. 619-723-1282.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1000. Nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpeting, 2-car garage, fireplace, parking. Open house Saturday/Sunday, 1pm-2pm. 4625 Texas Street. 619-595-0060.

MISSION VALLEY. \$950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Upper unit. Newer appliances, pool, spa, laundry room, parking. Quiet location. Available 2/1. 619-888-1700.

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. Stonecrest. \$2050. House. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car garage. Washer/dryer, community pool/gym/fitness classes included. No pets/smoking. 858-336-3618.

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NATIONAL CITY. \$700. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath, fenced yard, pet nego-

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$695. 1 bedrooms. Gated complex with laundry. No pets allowed. \$500 deposit. Available now. 4342 Idaho. 619-243-4000.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow-style house. Everything new: Carpet, tile, kitchen, more. Fireplace, yard, parking. Nice, safe street. View at www.pride-properties.com. 619-255-6444.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$675. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Very nice. Quiet gated community. 4530 40th Street. 619-284-8575.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1450/\$1000 deposit. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath house. Hardwood floors, quiet dead-end street, large carport, washer/dryer hookups. 3623 Eugene Place. 619-504-1476 or 619-563-1386.

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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. \$875. 2 bedroom. Upstairs. Nice and quiet. Kansas Street. Agent, 619-260-1368.

NORTH PARK. \$900. Near Hillcrest. Delightful, large 2 bedroom upper corner with view, privacy. Small gated complex with charming garden courtyard. 3975 Mississppi. 619-297-1286.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 2 bedroom apartment. Large bedrooms. Stove, refrigerator, new carpets. No pets. 4141 Wabash. Available now. 619-284-1332, 619-286-8467.

NORTH PARK. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$925. Underground parking, balcony, microwave, dishwasher. Near I-805. Cats OK. 3928 Illinois. 858-967-0687.

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NORTH PARK. \$650. Very nice, newly remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath in-law apartment. New appliances, new carpet, private yard, very quite. 619-282-8917.

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NORTH PARK. \$1200/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath home. Very large, recent repainted, new carpet, new appliances. 619-280-2658.

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NORTH PARK. \$675. 1 bedroom cottage, refurbished. Convenient to freeway/bus/shopping. North of El Cajon Blvd. 4368 Iowa Street. 619-234-1199 or 619-296-8338.

NORTH PARK. \$650. Handcrafted studio set in serene courtyard with trees, vines and flowers. Refinished hardwood floors! Kitty is welcome. 3949 Kansas Street #4. 619-223-5278.

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NORTH PARK. \$1200/\$1200 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with large yard, 3-car garage. Pets OK. Month to month lease. 3959 Louisiana Street. Tammy 619-226-8264.

NORTH PARK. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 1000 square feet, fireplace, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, 2-car garage. 4516 32nd Street. Call 619-850-8136 or 619-528-4200.

NORTH PARK. \$650. 1 bedroom. Gated. Laundry. Small pet OK. 4146 Swift Avenue. Call for appointment, 619-563-0189.

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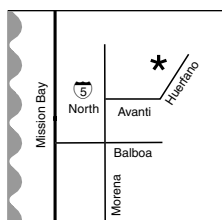
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PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Will consider a dog. Why so cheap? It's on the market for sale. Month-to-month tenancy. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer hookup, fireplace. 985 Agate. Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

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PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1100. Recently remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Garage. Will consider small dog with extra deposit. 5132 Mission Blvd. www.delsolpm.com or Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator. Pool. Coin laundry. New carpet. 1433 Oliver Avenue. www.delsolpm.com or Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071.

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PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath in quiet premiere building. Laundry, jacuzzi, parking. No pets. 1530 Chalcedony. Manager, 858-270-5847.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$1500. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath with 1-car garage and 1 space. Includes washer/dryer, microwave, fireplace. 1840 Diamond. By appointment only. 858-488-1580.

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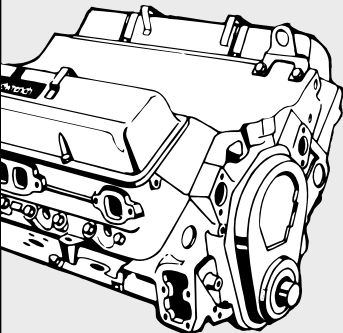
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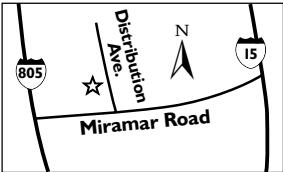
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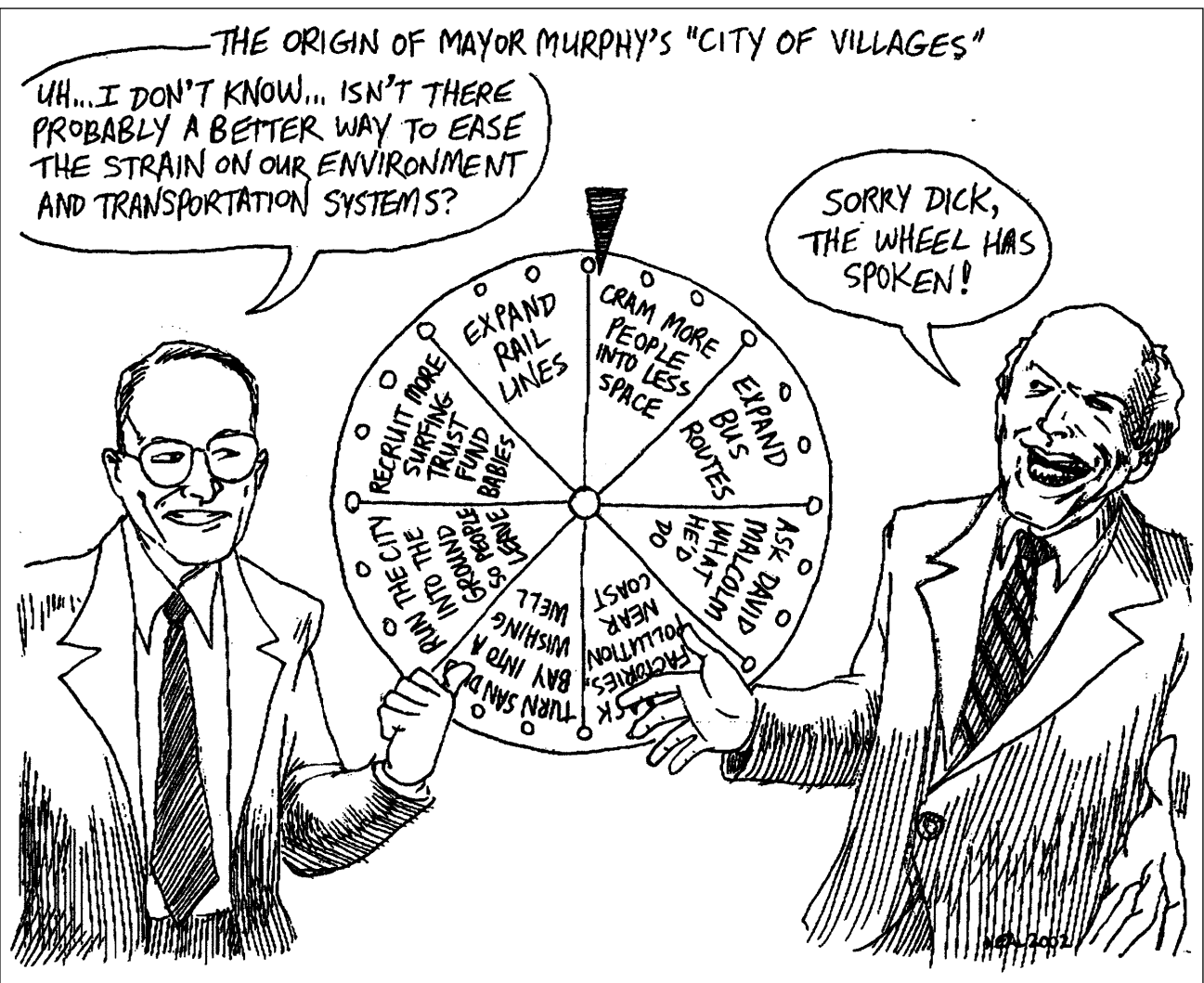
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It seemed to me the kind of place everyone would drink in on the planet Ronald Reagan.

By John Brizzolara

For almost two and a half years I have tried avoiding the obvious, but there comes a time when shying from or, in the case at hand, cowering from the thing becomes a character defect. So the time has come to include in this column the place actually called TGI Friday's. If I was going to do this, I figured I'd get there about 1 a.m., just at last call, when humanity is at its most vulnerable, pathetic, obnoxious, and meanly comic. But if commenting, much less expounding, on the obvious is a tiresome and unoriginal misdemeanor, shooting fish in a barrel is certainly closer to a felony.

What I found on a recent Friday night was not what I expected, although it is unclear even to me what that might have been (sloppy swinging singles?) — and that is almost always a relief.

I got to the franchise location on Fifth Avenue in the Gaslamp around 8 p.m. It was a reasonable time, I thought, just past happy hour, well into dinner, and a while before anyone was likely to be too loopy. I had never been in one of the places before and, ordering a Diet Coke at the sparsely populated bar, I was mentally reaching, with highly compromised memory cells, of what it was exactly the place reminded me of. It came to me. My son's seventh birthday at Farrell's ice cream parlor. TGI Friday's has a similar feel, but with a liquor license. The decor has a turn-of-the-century/barbershop quartet/Burma Shave signs and five-cent Cokes vibe to it. Near the door is

an antique gas pump with the company name across the illuminated globe atop the device — the kind Gatsby would pass on the road in his Excalibur. In short, it seemed to me the kind of place everyone would drink in on the planet Ronald Reagan.

Yes, Farrell's. I could almost see the clowny dressed staff, rouged cheeks, painted grins, red rubber noses, and floppy shoes, singing "Happy Birthday" accompanied by a player piano. Instead of carrying a conventional cake, they would be toting a 151 proof rum pastry with Bailey's Irish Cream frosting, "Happy Birthday Bob" lettered in green Jägermeister and crème de menthe, and instead of candles, little pony glasses of flaming Sambuca. (The corporation may feel free to contact me about this happy marketing concept.)

Mike Estes is a bartender in his 20s (I'm guessing...I forgot to ask him) who works Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. "We're pretty slow tonight because of the holidays, but we're expecting a bigger pop later tonight because of the ball game. A lot of people are either watching it on TV or at the stadium, so once the game is out, we should get a crowd. Probably by 11 o'clock we'll be busy. Last call is one o'clock, but we don't make people actually leave until two."

During my own career as a bartender that meant desperadoes ordering "backups" (multiple drinks), doubles, etc., until nothing could pry them off the barstool, except to turn up the lights as fiercely as possible, allowing the patrons to catch sight of themselves in the bar mirror: pasty and bloated, insensible, drooling zombies. But somehow I couldn't quite picture that here.

Estes has worked at this location for a year and a half. He had previously worked at TGI Fridays in New Hampshire and Florida. He is financing his education in biomedical engineering at City College.

"If the biomed thing doesn't work out, then you could theoretically travel around the country on the corporate reciprocal hiring deal?"

He thinks. "Yeah. Bartending is a great job, but it isn't a career. It's the best job I've ever had. The great thing about being behind the bar is that people give you more respect as a bartender." As for handling problem customers, Estes says, "Generally it's tourists here, and people know that Friday's is a corporate restaurant and people know they can't get drunk and misbehave. We won't tolerate it. We don't get a lot of belligerent drinkers. People know this isn't just a little dive bar around the corner."

"You ever feel guilty about the fact that you are systematically destroying people's brain cells?"

"No. Alcohol is a drug, but at Friday's we control it. People can go get a bottle of Jägermeister and take it home and chug the whole thing with their friends,



Mike Estes

but here we don't let people do that. Some bars do."

Another bartender comes over, a young lady named Lynn, to check on my Diet Coke. She has worked at Friday's for almost three years and is planning a career as an elementary school teacher. Dealing with adults on alcohol and then children: amoral, unpredictable, difficult, affectionate, ecstatic, or throwing tantrums strikes me as similar to a baseball player warming up with three bats before stepping up to the plate with one.

Lynn tells me that \$100 a night is the very least she makes in tips.

Down the bar, a couple have seated themselves. They are relaxed and friendly with each other; neither an old couple with nothing left to say to each other nor young lovers in the throes of nervous and desperate lust. Jennifer and Gary have been together for six years and have two kids at home, aged three and four. When asked how long it's been since they had a night to themselves, Jennifer says, "It's been months." Having hired a baby-sitter, the couple has settled at the bar studying the menu and eyeing a plate of chicken wings two customers down. Later they will go to a movie. When asked why they chose Friday's for dinner, Gary says, "We got a gift certificate for Christmas."

Something in the way he says it, offhandedly maybe, sounds like he may be talking about a gift certificate to Baskin-Robbins, Howard Johnson's, Stuckey's, Chuck E. Cheese — or Farrell's.

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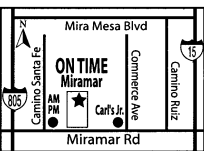
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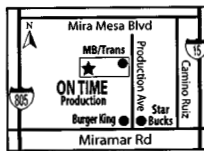
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My Nanna was a fantastic weather forecaster, rather the bunion on her right foot was. Tinglyng and throbbing in the bunion warned Nanna that rain was coming. Never one to be held back, she proudly showed off her bunion by cutting a hole in her white nurse shoes to alleviate the constriction. Her feet were quite a sight.

My husband Patrick's Grandmum is coming to stay with us for a few months to escape the harsh East Coast winter. She has been complaining about her feet and I suspect it is a bunion or corn. She hates doctors so I need to obtain some pre-visit ammo to convince her to have it checked out.

"Bunions are a deformity of the big-toe joint," explained Dr. David Terry, DPM, "and it is due to an imbalance of the muscles and tendons which causes the bone of the big-toe joint to stick out and the big toe to start being crooked and pushed inward. That creates instability of the big-toe joint. You can get pain from the shoe pressure, which presses on the nerves and the soft-tissue structures, and eventually you can develop arthritis in that joint."

Dr. Terry continued, "Bunions can be controlled conservatively as long as they continue to not hurt. If they become painful to the point where they interfere with your quality of life, that is a good time to fix them. They can be accommodated with different types of pads over the counter and by wearing shoes that fit the foot properly for that particular deformity and don't put pressure on that area of the big-toe joint. You can also make an



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insert device to control the foot, which will help control the imbalance and help alleviate the symptoms that are caused by bunions."

When the pain can't be managed and you just want your bunion-free life back, Dr. Terry says, "The only thing that is going to take away a bunion is surgery. When it gets to that point, there are several different types of bunion surgery, depending on the type of bunion and the degree of deformity. All bunions are not created equal. The patient should not have to come back if the surgery is done properly. With the proper procedure, if you realign and rebalance the big-toe joint properly, they should not come

back. Now, if you don't do the procedure correctly and you just take the bump off, then you will need to have a second surgery. I have seen people who have come to me who have had the procedure done in the past by someone else and they have come back to have it done correctly."

Dr. Melchior Vallone, DPM, further enlightened me on the subject. "A bunion is an enlargement usually of the big-toe joint, which is often caused by an enlargement or a displacement of the metatarsal, which is the long bone that extends from the knuckle of the big toe into the arch of the foot. A bunion is a deformity of bone. Anybody can get this. If your grandmother had it, you can have it. It tends to be inherited. We see it as young as 12 or 13 years old. As it grows, the joint of the big toe becomes misaligned and that may cause



pain. Then as the bunion enlarges, it obviously won't fit into a shoe and it becomes a focus of irritation. So your problems become that shoes don't fit or they hurt or your joint hurts when you walk. So what's done? You don't want to have a shoe or even a stocking pressing on it causing irritation. It may help to protect the bunion from irritation with pads. However, these are really just first-aid measures. Either you are going to get away with a Band-Aid like that or you are going to have it fixed. There is no conservative cure for a bunion. A hundred little gadgets are sold in magazines and newspapers, and they are all essentially worthless for any type of significant bunion."

What is the surgery like?

"A bunion is a combination of several components, so before a surgery is planned, it must be analyzed. There is not one procedure, there are a dozen procedures that might be used, and they are matched to the degree of dislocation. So the more advanced the problem is, the more complicated the surgery is. For anybody who gets it in a reasonable amount of time, it is an in-and-out, one-day surgery."

Are corns the same as a bunion?

"A corn is basically a toe that either has a growth of extra bone or it is crooked, like what we call a hammer toe, which is a contracted or bunched-up toe. Now, when the top of the knuckle of that toe hits the shoe, it becomes irritated. And much like what we were talking about with the bunion, when that irritation persists over and over again, the skin thickens and it begins to form what we call a corn. Now, the corn is a symptom, it is not the problem. It is the external manifestation of the crooked or contracted toe.

"Most shoes are made on a general pattern and that shape is not particularly relevant to the shape of a person's foot. If a person was to draw or trace the outline of their foot

and cut it out on a piece of cardboard and compare it to the shape of their shoes, you can almost always point out where their feet are going to hurt. Some people's little toes are going to stick out past the shoe, some people's big toes will stick out past the shoe. What is good in a shoe is what is comfortable and what is comfortable is what fits your particular pattern of how you are built and what you do. What is good for a person that sits at a desk all day is not good for a guy who delivers water and is on his feet during the day."

I asked Dr. Vallone if there was any truth to my Nanna's insistence that she could predict the weather with her bunion. "That is absolutely true," he answered. "That has a lot to do with any time there is arthritis in a joint. A joint is a closed structure, it has like a membrane around the entire joint and there is fluid inside of the joint that actually stabilizes like a drum at a certain pressure. So when it



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Johnny likes country music. Oddly enough, so do I. If you had told me when I was in my 20s that I would someday listen to country music, I would have laughed. I listened to rock. I listened to jazz. I listened to musicals and classical. On the rare occasion that my radio dial accidentally landed on a country-music station, I would listen for a moment, as though receiving signals from another planet. “How do people listen to this?” I would ask myself amid the twanging and wailing before I promptly switched the station.

During the past ten years, I’ve been busy being pregnant and raising children. I’m afraid I didn’t listen to much music. Sure, we listened to kids’ tapes.

When now-nine-year-old Rebecca was a baby and I was pregnant with her sister Angela, Rebecca liked to listen to a nursery rhyme and lullaby tape. Every day at Rebecca’s naptime, I would pop the tape in the stereo. Rebecca and I would lie on the couch together and doze while a man with a Walter Brennan voice sang “London Bridge Is Falling Down.” To this day, I can’t listen to that tape without feeling nauseous and sleepy and like I need to put my head down.

While my family grew and we drove our ever-larger vehicles to doctor’s appointments and the grocery store and preschool, I listened to talk radio. Rebecca and Angela were followed by Lucy, Johnny, and Benjamin. As the kids got older, I turned the volume on Dr. Laura lower and lower. I was just waiting for the day when Lucy would ask me, “Mommy, what does ‘shack up’ mean?” Even the news breaks held potential for disaster. I didn’t think Rebecca needed to hear about the Monica Lewinsky situation before she could read.

Every now and then, I did switch the radio from AM to FM just to see what was out there. I didn’t like what I heard. I never got rap. I’m not supposed to get rap. I’m a 39-year-old white woman. Even the rock and Top 40 stations left me behind. “I can’t understand what they’re saying,” I told my husband Jack. “They mumble and whine. And the music all sounds the same.”

Then one day last fall, I was driving three-year-old Johnny and one-year-old Ben home after dropping the girls at school and preschool. I got sick of listening to ads on AM and switched the radio to FM. As I scanned through the stations, I paused when I heard a man’s voice singing. “What’s this?” I asked myself. “He’s not whining.” I listened a while longer. “I can understand the lyrics. And there’s a discernible melody.” The man sang about trying to be the best man and husband and father he could be. “Did he just say ‘God’?” I wondered. When he got to the last verse about holding his newborn baby girl in his arms, I started bawling.

From the far back seat, Johnny called out, “Turn it up, Mommy. I want to hear the music.” I switched on the speakers in the back and turned up the volume. Johnny listened for a few moments. His head bobbed to the music. He closed his eyes and pretended to sing along. When the song ended, I wiped my eyes. Johnny called out, “I like that song, Mommy.”

“So do I, buddy,” I answered.

We listened some more. The next song started with some fast fiddle music. I watched in the rear-view mirror as Johnny’s face lit up with a smile. “That sounds like Christopher,” he said. Last summer, we went to a family reunion with Jack’s family in Ohio. While we were there, Jack’s nephew Christopher played his fiddle for the family a few times. Johnny loved Christopher’s playing.

“You’re right,” I answered. “What’s the man on the radio playing?”

“A fiddle,” Johnny said.

“You’re right.”

That night when Jack got home from work, Johnny told him, “Mommy and I heard a man on the radio today who sounded like Christopher.”

“That’s great, Johnny,” Jack said. He looked at me for an explanation. I told Jack about finding the country-music station.

After dinner, Jack got out his guitar. For years before we met, Jack played in folk groups at church. He and his brother played guitars and sang in coffeehouses when they were in college. Jack can play virtually any song ever written by Dan Fogelberg, James Taylor, America, or the Eagles. When we go to parties, I call Jack the Human Jukebox.

Jack played a few countryish songs for Johnny. Johnny ran to the kitchen and grabbed the wooden spoons he uses to drum on the arm of our couch. For the next 20 minutes, Johnny and Jack played together. “He’s really got a talent,” Jack told me. “Did you see how he keeps the beat?”

Now whenever we get in the car, Johnny listens to the music. He explains to five-year-old Lucy, “That song sounds cool because it has guitar and drums and fiddles.” When his favorite songs come on, he calls out, “Turn it up, Mommy.”

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